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We look forward to receiving more photographs from
you all for our “Capture the Moment” series.

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn. Sunita Suresh



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Minutes of the Meeting held on August 8th, 2023

Sgt-at-arms Rtn. Dr. Parkavi collared President Rtn. Ravi Sundaresan.

President Rtn. Ravi Sundaresan called the meeting to order, followed by a moment of silence. The minutes of the 6th RCM meeting confirmed.

The President extended a warm welcome to visiting Rotarians, Spouses, guests, RCMers, and Probus Club members.

Mr. Ridham Desai, Managing Director of Morgan Stanley for last 25 years, speaking on the topic 'Why this is India's Decade' & summarized the Big change in energy, Big change in Risk taking & Macro Stability & Massive Digital Transformation & Huge social Change.

Rtn Rakesh Jaiswal, Boys Town Chairman, spoke about the Independence Day celebration at Rotary Nagar with Boys Town children.

IPP Jayshree Sridhar announced that the 16th August, RCM medical camp at Chandra cricket boys school club 9am to 1pm and that she had the pleasure of meeting Shree Vardhini President of the newly formed Interact club of A.M. Jain school installed on August 5th. AM Jain will carry out worthwhile projects like Adai Dhanam Samrakshana.

Rtn. Ravi made announcements regarding Tata class edge digital class room projects in govt schools.

Rtn Sesha Sai made announcements about Birthday & Anniversaries.

Presented memento & Timeless legacy to our speaker of the day Mr Ridham Desai.

The secretary announced the next session after the Independence Day celebration i.e August 22th afternoon, with next speaker Kiran Khalap.

Kiran Khalap juggles three passions and a career (Brand consulting). His passions include writing, rock climbing & spiritual



evolution. He was the winner of the Asian Age Indo UK short story competition in 1995.

This was followed by a vote of thanks by Rtn Ravi who thanked speaker Mr. Ridham Desai who enlightened everyone with invaluable wisdom. He thanked Rtn Govind Parikh who helped to bring Mr Ridham Desai to the Rotary Club of Madras.

The Meeting was Adjourned.

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Rtn. Gordon McNally

RI President 2024

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WHY THIS IS INDIA'S DECADE?

Ridham Desai, Managing Director of Morgan Stanley, holds the belief that India has made significant strides in recent years, especially in the last 4-5 years. He observes a remarkable increase in interest from multinational corporations, private enterprises, and investments, which he deems the highest in his 30-year career. Desai is optimistic about India's resurgence within emerging markets and anticipates a rise in investment inflows. He attributes this surge in global attention to improved policies, consistent growth despite global inflation challenges, and an uptick in consumer activity in the Indian market. He draws a comparison between India's current growth phase and China's dominance in 2008.

The Aadhaar unique identification system has played a crucial role in fostering trust and confidence between individuals and systems. It has empowered individuals to verify their identities, particularly benefiting marginalized communities by granting access to subsidies, advantages, and job opportunities. The "Know Your Customer" (KYC) concept, facilitated by initiatives like Jan Dhan Yojana, has promoted financial inclusion, making it easier for people to access banking and mobile services.

The COVID-19 pandemic had a positive outcome for India as global CEOs became more open to remote work and operations in the country. This has led to a surge in the establishment of global in-house captive centers, resulting in a significant rise in employment in this sector. India's share of the global services trade has also increased, and



the nation is projected to witness substantial growth in offshoring jobs and an upswing in global spending on outsourcing by 2030, according to estimates.



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Desai expressed that India's commitment to achieving net zero emissions has paved the way for major renewable plans for the next decade.

Desai's Q&A session was well-articulated, infused with humor, and demonstrated his unwavering belief in India's need for growth.

MEDICAL CAMP at HIS and HER place

The Rotary Club of Madras, in association with the Sundaram Medical Foundation, organised a free medical camp at His/Her place, T. Nagar on July 27, 2023 between 2.30 p.m to 6:00 p.m. CBG, HB, BP & General screening were done.

Total number of beneficiaries was 108. We distributed medicine worth Rs. 3200 to needy people.

President Rtn. Ravi Sundaresan, PP Rtn. Dr. Vijaya Bharathi Rangarajan, Rtn. Bharat Pujara, Rtn. Jagdish A Bhatia, Rtn. Palaniappan, Rtn. Jayant Hemdev, Rtn. Chella Krishna, Rtn. Dr. Sangeetha & Rtn. Dr. Sharon Ravi visited the camp.

Thank you to all the Rotarians for dropping by to encourage the medical camp.

Our profound thanks to the Medical Team from SMF:

Dr. Nishanth (Family Medicine)
Dr. Suganthi (General Medicine)
Ms. Sridevi & Ms. Karthika (Nurse)
Ms. Selvam (Volunteer)
Mr. Karthikeyan & Ms. Maya (Social Workers)
Ms. Neeraja (Social Work Trainee)

- Dr. Sangeetha Viswanathan.





CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CAMP at Rotary Nagar

One of RCMs most impactful programmes, medical camp for the children of Rotary Nagar was held on 29th July 2023. Inaugurated by President Rtn. Ravi Sundaresan, and curated by the Medical Services Team, led by Director Rtn. Bharat Pujara and Chairman Rtn. Dr. Sangeetha Viswanathan, the camp saw participation of over 117 children from the Rotary Nagar area. The Medical partners for this camp included the Kanchi Kamakoti Child Trust (KKCT) Hospital (general medical check-up and screening), Yash Dental (Dental Health screening camp) and VHS Multi Speciality Hospital (Eye Screening Camp).

The Medical camp was held at the Rotary Nagar Facility with local volunteers and RCM secretariat helped in the set-up, administration by guiding the beneficiary children participating in the camp. A “production line” was set up with the children first attending the Registration desk where they were issued with a card listing the name and other details. They then moved to the General Check-up conducted by KKCT Hospital, where their heights and weights were measured, medical history recorded and general check-up done. Next up was the Dental Screening by Yash Dental and finally a comprehensive Eye Check up by VHS. All attending children were provided with some tonic and refreshments. As the word spread their friends and siblings got incentivized to join the camp. Tiny tots were accompanied by their mothers and elder siblings.





Children being children were not the least self-conscious and approached the whole process with amusement, boredom and in a few cases with a high decibel disapproval. One seven-year-old had to be assured that no injection was planned for him today. All children and their parents were advised on follow-up as needed. The camp achieved its objective of screening to detect any abnormalities early. The beneficiaries of the camp got professional consultation from dedicated doctors. All this was arranged by RCM in keeping with Rotary's objectives and themes.

Outcomes from the camp were as follows:

38 children were identified to have vision problems. These children will need a detailed check which VHS has kindly offered to do and possibly require spectacles.

Alarming only 15 children had healthy teeth. The majority needed filling, extraction

or cleaning. Rtn Dr. Yashwanth has kindly offered to do this free of cost at his dental clinics.

Several children were noted to be malnourished and some had pre-existing neurological issues under medical treatment.

Moving forward we hope to explore more long-term healthcare solutions at Rotary Nagar which has been a legacy project of our club and proudly bears our name.

Our thanks to the medical teams:

From Kanchi Kamakoti Childs Trust Hospital:

Dr. Haritha, Dr. Vimala, SN Ms. Vani,
SN Ms. Ankita Kumari, ambulance driver
Mr. Ramamoorthy, MarkeLng Manager D. Vinothkumar

From Yash Dental: Dr. Zeenath, Dr. Rithika,
SN Vetriselvi, SN Meena, Mr. Ramesh

From VHS: 8-member team of optometrists under the guidance of coordinator Mr. Murali.

- Rtn. Dr. Sangeetha Viswanathan

Mário César Martins de Camargo of Brazil selected to be 2025-26 Rotary International President

Mário César Martins de Camargo, a member of the Rotary Club of Santo André, São Paulo, Brazil, is the selection of Nominating Committee for President to become Rotary International's president for 2025-26. He will officially become the nominee on 15 September if no other candidates challenge him.

De Camargo plans to boost Rotary's public image by working from the top down.

"Rotary today has strong competition for members and funds," he says. "We need to rejuvenate the brand, especially in some zones. We should utilize post-pandemic meeting tools ... to allow the president to address Rotarians all over the globe. We also need to develop more long-term partnerships with political, community, and business leaders. Let's emphasize our greatest asset: 1.4 million volunteers."

He also hopes to improve Rotary's process for appointments and governance.

"Rotary should adopt a more transparent system to appoint volunteers for positions, with clear criteria and data-based evaluation of results," he says.

De Camargo was president of Gráfica Bandeirantes and has been a consultant to the print industry in Brazil. He has also served as president and chair of several printing and graphics trade associations, including the Brazilian Association of Graphic Technology and ABIGRAF, the Brazilian Printing Industry Association.

He has served on the board of Casa da Esperança (House of Hope), a hospital sponsored by his Rotary club that serves 150,000 children with disabilities every year.

De Camargo studied in the U.S. and Germany and holds degrees from EAESP-Fundação Getulio Vargas in business administration and Faculdade de Direito de São Bernardo do Campo in law.

A Rotarian since 1980, de Camargo has served Rotary as director, trustee, RI learning facilitator, committee member and chair, and task force member.

De Camargo and his wife, Denise, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation.

To learn more about de Camargo, read his interview and vision statement, which outline his goals for Rotary. ■



The members of the Nominating Committee for the 2025-26 President of Rotary International are:

- Larry A. Lunsford (chair)**, Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza, Missouri, USA.
- Mary Beth Growney Selene (secretary)**, Rotary Club of Madison West Middleton, Wisconsin, USA.
- Şafak Alpaz**, Rotary Club of Istanbul-Sisli, Turkey.
- Ann-Britt Åsebol**, Rotary Club of Falun-Kopparvågen, Sweden.
- James Anthony Black**, Rotary Club of Dunoon, Argyll, Scotland.
- Basker Chockalingam**, Rotary Club of Karur, Tamil Nadu, India.
- Celia Cruz de Giay**, Rotary Club of Arrecifes, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Susan C. Howe**, Rotary Club of Space Center (Houston), Texas, USA.
- Masahiro Kuroda**, Rotary Club of Hachinohe South, Aomori, Japan.
- Roger Lhors**, Rotary Club of Pont-Audemer, Eure, France.
- Frederick Hsiu-Ming Lin**, Rotary Club of Taipei Tungteh, Taiwan.
- Anne L. Matthews**, Rotary Club of Columbia East, South Carolina, USA.
- Akira Miki**, Rotary Club of Himeji, Hyogo, Japan.
- Eun-Soo Moon**, Rotary Club of Cheonan-Dosol, Chungcheongnam, Korea.
- Ekkehart Pandel**, Rotary Club of Bückeburg, Germany.
- Sambasiva Rao Patibandla**, Rotary Club of Jubilee Hills, Telangana, India.
- Steven Snyder**, Rotary Club of Auburn, California, USA.

Our Goodwill Ambassador

We are delighted to report that our Rotarian Suresh Amirapu, during a recent visit to the UK, met with the members of the Rotary Club of London, (RCL), who normally meet every Monday at Chesterfield Hotel in Mayfair, London. Initial attempts for a meeting proved difficult since many UK Clubs observe August as a holiday month and no formal meetings are normally held. Luckily, Rotarian Shika Dhiyani, council member of RCL



invited Suresh for an informal meeting that the club was having.

A very pleasant meeting followed with Rotarian Ian Balcomb IPP, Rotarian Shika and other RCL members. Club flags were exchanged and RCL was presented with a copy of our club's "Timeless Legacy."

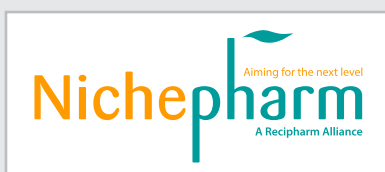
Rotarian Ian Balcomb shared the history of RCL, a premier Club in Great Britain and the first Rotary Club which was chartered outside North America in 1911. He also gave a brief overview of the activities which RCL participates in and encourages. By a happy coincidence another visiting Rotarian, Engin Dogan of the Rotary Club of Akcakoca (Turkey) was also visiting it was delightful to see the international reach of Rotary and the enthusiasm of its members to connect with each other.

Both Rotarian Ian and Rotarian Engin expressed interest in and appreciation for the activities of RCM.

As part of international relations, we encourage members to visit Rotary Clubs in the vicinity of the country they may be visiting and try and maintain contacts with such Rotary Clubs upon their return. This would go a long way in fostering goodwill and friendship, an important touchstone of the Rotary movement.

Rtn. Bhaswar Mukherjee

International Relations Committee: 2023-24. ■



Thanks to the efforts of Rtn.Krishnamurthy Vijayan (Mentor - CSR), we have received Rs.16,82,250 from Computer Age Management Services Limited (CAMS) towards Rotary Nagar project from their CSR budget. We place our sincere thanks to CAMS for supporting RCM's projects.

Responding to the appeal from the CSR Committee, our own Rtn.N.K.Bhatia introduced his friend's company Nichepharm Lifesciences Private Limited who have been kind enough to donate Rs.5 lakhs towards our projects.



BIRTHDAYS

- 9th Aug - Rtn. PP Srikanth S.N.
- 11th Aug - Rtn. Chidambaram
- 13th Aug - Rtn. Hemu Ramaiah
- 14th Aug - Rtn. Harish Dhingra 14 th August
- 15th Aug - Rtn. Baba Shankar 15 th August
- 15th Aug - Rtn. Balakrishna 15 th August
- 15th Aug - Rtn. Chella Krishna 15 th August
- 15th Aug - Rtn. Nitesh Jain Dt. 15 th August
- 12th Aug - Ann. Lalita (Spouse of M. Balasubramanian)
- 12th Aug - Ann. Chandrika (Spouse of M.Ct.P. Chidambaram)
- 14th Aug - Ann. Sheetal (Spouse of Rajit Mhetras)
- 14th Aug - Ann. Pratyusha (Spouse of Lakshmanan Ramanathan)
- 15th Aug - Ann. Rekha (Spouse of Ramachandran. N)
- 15th Aug - Ann. Rupal (Spouse of Sanjay V. Parikh)
- 16th Aug - Ann. Sitamahalakshmi (Spouse of Ranjit Pendurthi)
- 16th Aug - Ann. Gayathri (Spouse of Mukund Subramanian)
- 16th Aug - Ann. Saloni (Spouse of Prasad P.B)

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 9th Aug - Rtn.Ashok Bajaj & Ann. Jyothi
- 10th Aug - Rtn. L Gopinath & Ann. Anitha
- 15th Aug - Rtn. Iqbal Sait & Ann. Mahvash





DISTRICT PUBLIC IMAGE TEAM -2023-24



Rtn. AKS. Raviraman
Dist Governor 2022-24
RI Dist 3232



Rtn. C. Muthusamy
Public Image Chairman
2023-24



Rtn. Satyan Bhatt
Public Image Advisor
2023-24



Rtn. Gordon R. McNally
RI President 2023-24



Rtn. PP Satyan Bhatt

has the unique distinction of once again being nominated to the top post of District Advisor, Public Image for the current Rotary year. In the past he has held several important positions in the area of public Image and publicity for the District 3232 in the last few years. We at RCM are delighted at this appointment. Best Wishes!

Happy
Independence
Day