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From President's Desk

Hi Friends. New Rotary Year has started from 1st July 2023. Hope you all enjoyed the grand installation held at Gandhi Nagar Club Adayar on 17th July 27, 2023. From this issue onwards we will share the projects done/ events conducted during the current year for the benefit of our members to cherish the events and other clubs and district to know about our activities

Rotary International

Rotary International is one of the largest service organizations in the world. Its stated mission is to "provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through [the] fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders". There are 46.000+ clubs around the world in more than 200 countries.

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Message from RI President Rtn Gordon R. McInally

Extracts from the message of RI President

"This year, we're prioritizing projects to support mental health.

The spirit of connection and purpose should inspire every Rotary member. When club leaders focus on offering an excellent club experience, we retain more members and attract more prospective members. We must make our clubs as welcoming and as engaging as we can.

Let us build peace within and spread it freely. Let us create belonging and imagine the future of Rotary afresh. Let us work together joyously and Create Hope in the World."

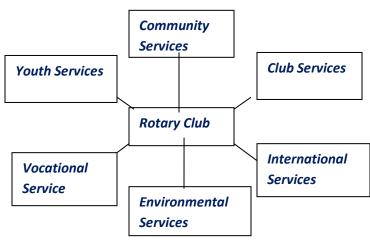
Rotary Club of Chennai Hallmark

Rotary Club of Chennai Hallmark is one of the vibrant and active clubs of Rotary Dist 3232. The club was chartered on 18th January 2019. From its inception the club has earned a name amongst public and Rotary Dist 3232 for its valuable projects benefitting the public and underprivileged. Our Motto is "Service above Self"

Our area of focus is -

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economies
- Protect the environment

Our avenues of Services are:



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Hope Team 2023-24

President

Rtn. SRAVANAKANYA SARANGAPANI Reiki Grand Master

Secretary

Rtn. MEENAKSHI SESHADRI, Carnatic Singer

Treasurer

Rtn. NARAYANAN Y, Charted Accountant Owner: Sukrutham Financial Services

Imm Past President

Rtn. B EKAMBRUM, Management Consultant

Club Advisor / Chairman The Rotary Foundation Rtn RHAMA SHANAKR, Chartered Accountant Owner: RHAMA & CO

Club Trainer

Rtn M SARANGAPANI, General Manager (ATM)-Rtd, Airports Authority of India

President Elect 2024-25

Rtn.Dr SRINIVASAN KRISHNAN CEO, SRM Nanganallur

Chairman Membership Development/
President Nominee 2025-26

Rtn. SWARNA REKHA, Trinity Global

Destination

Director Community Dev Services/Chairman HCMC Season 5

Rtn. GANESH GOPALAN Mirra Virtual CFO Services CFO Hindu Mission Hospital Tambaram

Director Club Services

Rtn. VAIJAYANTHIMALA K, Trupthi caterers

Director Community Services Health

Rtn. Dr ARUNA CAN, Managing Director, Jeevarakshai Trust & Jeevarakshai Mental Health wellness centre

Director Vocational Services

Rtn. RAVI PADMANABHAN
IT Professional / Gramiyum.in

Director Youth services

Rtn. GURUMOORTHY

Automobile Manufacturing Company

Director International Services

Rtn. ALAGIRI G Kotak Life Insurance

Sergeant at Arms

Rtn. PREMAVATHI SUNDARARAJAN New India Insurance (Rtd)

Chairman Polio Plus

Rtn. ASHOKAN
WIPRO Technogies

Chairman DEI

Rtn. SURESH K, Chief Manager, Indian Bank

Chairman Public Image

Rtn. ANIL KUMAR S, IT Professional

Chairman POSH 2023-24

Rtn. JUSTIN KARUNAKARAN, IT Professional

Chairman Literacy

RTN SELVAM SUBRAMANI for Parker Hannifin Corporation USA

Chairman, Disaster Management

RTN G K SANKAR, Jt GM (CNS) –Rtd Airports Authority of India

Chairman HCVC

RTN SRIKRISHNA, ICICI Bank Chairman Rotaract/Interact

RTN K RAJU, CEO M/S Verifitech Info Pvt ltd

Chairman Women Empowerment

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Rtn Manivannan, Sree Travel and Tourism

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July 2023

On 1st July itself RC Chennai Hallmark executed three projects.

Tree Plantation

Tree Plantation was organized at Valluavr Gurukulam, Tmabaram with the support of VALLUVAR GURUKULAM MANAGEMENT

Tree saplings of koyya (guava), nelli (amla), pala nahalingam, (jackfruit), vilvam, sarakondrai, madhulam (pomegranate) etc were planted. Preisdent Rtn Sravanakanya, Club Advisor Rtn Rhama, Club Secretary Rtn Meenakshi Seshadri. Director Development services Ganesh Community Rtn Gopalan, Rtn Kuberan and Club Trainer Rtn M Sarangapani participated in the project. Teachers and students of Valluvar Gurukulam also enthusiastically participated in the tree plantation.

RC Chennai Hallmark is very grateful to Mr. DK Srinivasan for the hospitality showed to us and for allotting space for the trees. We appreciate their magnanimity.















Annadhanam and Donation of Groceries

Our second project on 1st July was providing lunch to ANNAI ANBALAYA inmates [around 80 senior ladies and gentlemen) and donation of Groceries to them. The project was executed very well with full satisfaction of the inmates.





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President Rtn Sravanakanya, Secretary Rtn Meenakshi, Director, Community Development Services Rtn Ganesh, Club Trainer Rtn M Sarangaapni, Immediate Past President Rtn Ekambrum and Rtn Prema Sundararajan participated in the project.

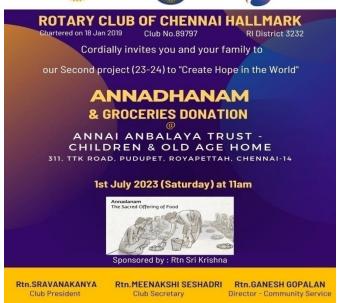
Rtn. Sri krishna, Ann. Charumathi Kubendran, Rtn. Ekambaram, Rtn. Gurumoorthy and Rtn. Ramkumar were the sponsors for lunch.















Donation of Laptop

On 1st July as our third project we donated a LAPTOP to Ms P Mohanapriya, a freelance Event Coordinator, under women empowerment. Charter President Rtn Rhama was the Chief Guest.

President Rtn Sravanakanya, Secretary Rtn Meenakshi, Director, Community Development Services Rtn Ganesh, Club Trainer Rtn M Sarangaapni, Immediate Past President Rtn Ekambrum and Rtn Prema Sundhararajan participated in the project.

Secretary Rtn Meenakshi Seshadri was the sponsor for the project.



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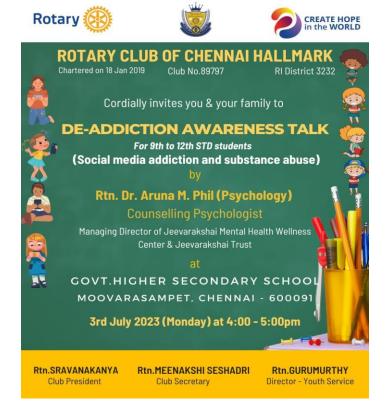






De -Addiction Awareness Talk

On 3rd July 2023 RC Chennai Hallmark organized a deaddiction awareness talk on social media addiction and substance misuse at the Govt Hr Secondary School Moovarasanpet, Chennai 91. Rtn Dr Aruna, M Phil, Counseling Psychologist, Managing Director of Jeevarakshai Trust, addressed the students of 9,10,11 & 12th Std students. In an interactive session she discussed the dangers of social media addiction and drug abuse. More than 200 students participated in the program. The headmistress of the school requested the Rotary Club to conduct a similar program in future also. President Rtn Sravanakanya, IPP Rtn Ekambrum, Club Club Advisor Rtn Rhama. Trainer Sarangapani, Secretary Rtn Meenakshi and Rtn Premavathi Sundararajan attended the program.







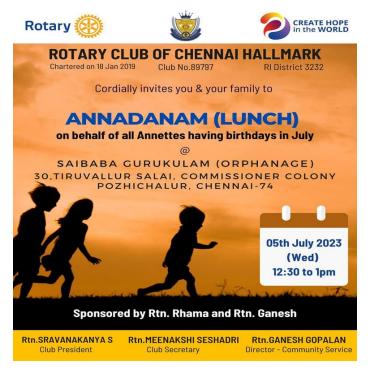


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Annadhanam at Sai Baba Gurukulam

On 5th July 2023 Annadhanam was arranged by RC Chennai Hallmark for the inmates of Sai Baba Gurukulam, Pozhichalur. The Annadhanam was sponsored by Rtn Ganesh and Rhama and on behalf of the Annettes, whose birthday fell in the month of July. Members of the club Rtn Sravanakanya, Rtn Rhama, Rtn Ganesh, Rtn Meenakshi, Rtn Sarangapani and prospective member Smt Rajmekala Krishnakumar participated in the program and served lunch to the inmates. Overall it was a satisfying program.







5th Installation Program of Rotary Club of Chennai Hallmark

On 17th July 2023 Rtn S Sravanakanya took over as President of Rotary Club of Chennai Hallmark along with Rtn Meenakshi Seshadri as Secretary and other team members for the Rotary Year 2023-24. The Immediate Past President Rtn Ekambrum handed over the baton in a glittering ceremony. Rtn AKS Ravi Raman, District Governor RI Dist 3232 was the Chief Guest. Guest of Honor Honble Minister Thiru T M Anbarasan could not come due to an urgent assignment; he had conveyed his wishes through his PA.

PDGs Rtn C R Raju, Rtn J Sridhar, DGE Rtn Saravanan, DGN Rtn Vinod Sarogi, District Officials, Co Presidents, Members of Rotary Club of Chennai Hallmark, friends and relatives participated enthusiastically in the Installation program. In her acceptance speech President Sravanakanya said that this year's focus will be on the development of the Irular community. She further said that there are many projects in the pipeline and assured that action will speak better than words. DG Rtn Ravi Raman, in his speech appreciated the excellent work done by Imm Past President Rtn Ekambrum and his team during 2022-23. In his characteristic style, he interacted with the incoming President and other board members regarding their plan on membership growth, DEI and other projects. He urged the club to go in for Global Grant Project and advised the club to approach the Distract for any help in this regard. President Rtn Sravanakanya said that the club is planning for a Global Grant for Transgender



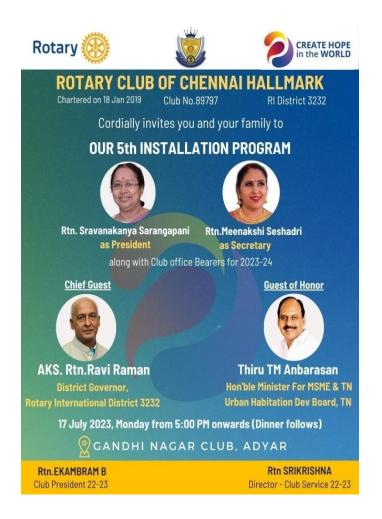


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and will definitely approach Dist for necessary help; she further added that Charter President Rtn Rhama will be the project coordinator.

Installation committee was formed under the chairmanship of Rtn S Rhama, Charter President. The committee worked for the past two months to make the function a grand success. Kudos to Installation Committee chairman Rtn S Rhama and other members Rtn Sravanaaknya, Rtn Meenakshi, Rtn Ganesh Gopalan, Rtn M Sarangapani, Rtn Anil Kumar for all the arrangements. The entire program was anchored by Rtn Srikrishna and Rtn Meenakshi with technical support by Rtn Anil Kumar.



















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Project of the Day

On the Installation Day itself, RC Chennai Hallmark did a novel public image project, as per the wish of President Rtn Sravanakanya.. All members of our club were given a Name Plate having our Club name prominently with a request to display the same at their residence. This is expected to give more visibility to our club in the neighborhood.



Happy School Project

This year RC Chennai Hallmark's focus is on Irular community welfare. As part of that, on 26th July 2023 Rotary Club of Chennai Hallmark donated 35 Chairs, 2 big tables for group study of 1st & 2nd Std students, benches and desks to the higher class students, Desktop Computer with table (to enable students to study computer science), Mixie and Vessels (for the Sathunavukoodam) to the Panchayat Union Middle School , Keerappakkam , Chengalpattu . Most of the students studying in the school are from the Irular community.. It was a very satisfying project as we could see the smile on school children's faces. Sri Rajendran, Special Tahsildar Chengalpattu graced the occasion and appreciated the efforts of Chennai Hallmark. The meeting was presided over by Rtn Sravanakanya. In her speech she advised the children to study well and earn a good name for the school. She thanked all members of RC Chennai Hallmark who made it possible.

Rtn M Sarangapani, Trainer, Rtn Rhama, Club Advisor cum project coordinator, Rtn Meenakshi, Club Secretary, Rtn Ganesh Gopalan Director Community Development Services, Rtn Vaijayantimala, Director Club Services and Rtn S Preamvathi, Sergeant at Arms attended the program School Headmistress Smt Vasanthi profusely thanked Chennai Hallmark for donating all the items as requested by them; she further added that though her earlier attempts failed, she was happy that Rotary Club of Chennai Hallmark kindly came forward and accepted her request. Overall the project gave happiness to both the Rotarians as well as to the school children. Indeed it is a Happy School Project.





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RI District 3232 Awards Function

Rotary Club of Chennai Hallmark bagged seven awards in the District "Sunandham Awards 2023" function held on 22nd July 2023 at Green Park, Vadapalani, Chennai. IPP Rtn B Ekambrum and Rtn Srikrishna participated in the function and received the awards on behalf of the club.



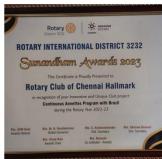














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Rotaract Club of Madras Millennium

3rd installation of Rotaract Club of Madras Millennium

On 16th July 2023 the third installation program of Rotaract Club of Madras Millennium (sponsored by RC Chennai Hallmark) was organized at Govt Secondary School, Velacheri. Rtr Abhita took over as President of Madras Millennium along with her board members. Immt Past President Rtr Piyush handed over the baton to Rtr Abhita.

Rtn. Sravanaaknya, President RC Chennai Hallmark was the Chief Guest. PP Rtn. Dhaneraj, Dist Rotaract Chairman and Rtn. Gurumoorthy, Director Youth Services RC Chennai hallmark were Guests of Honor. In her address Rtn. Sravanakanya appreciated the excellent work done by Past President Rtr. Piyush and wished the incoming President Rtr. Abhita and her team all the best for their tenure. Members of RC Chennai Hallmark Rtn M Sarangapani, Rtn Sri Krishna (mentor of Madras Millenium) and family members attended the installation program. Annette Srikavya Lakshmi, d/o Rtn Sri Krishna joined Madras Millenium as a green member of the club.









Annettes Club of Chennai Hallmark

4th Installation of Annettes Club of Chennai Hallmark

On 17th July 2023 4th Installation of Annettes Club of Chennai Hallmark was organized along with the installation program of RC Chennai hallmark. District Annettes Club Chairman Rtn Devi Krishna, District Annette Representative Ant Athira Rajesh graced the occasion. Ant Ashwin Tejaswi, s/o Rtn Anil Kumar, took over as Annettes Club President along with Ant P Vishal, s/o Rtn Aruna as Club Secretary and other board members. Immediate Past President Ant Srikavya Lakshmi, d/o Rtn Srikrishna handed over the baton to the incoming president. District Officials lauded the performance of Annettes Club of Chennai Hallmark and their achievements. On the same day morning the Annettes planted tree saplings near Velachery – Perungudi MRTS.





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Upcoming Projects and events

Annadhanam at Aanikumkarangal, Madipakkam on 1st Aug

Speaker Meeting on 6th August , 2023

Dedication of Outdoor plays items at the Primary School, K Paramathi Village, Karur on 15th August, 2023

Membership induction on 20th August, 2023

District Membership Seminar on 3rd Sep, 2023

