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From President's Desk

Hi Friends.

In the month of December Tamil Nadu faced natural disaster; Chennai and its surroundings experienced unprecedented rain and most of the areas were affected by stagnant water. We had done projects to mitigate the sufferings of the flood affected people. We will be having our Governor's Official Visit (GOV) in the third week of January 2024.

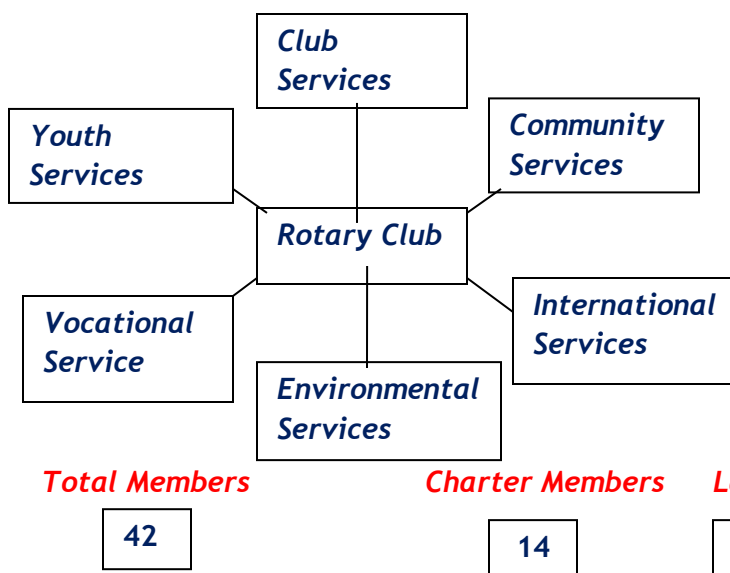
Rotary Club of Chennai Hallmark

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

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Rtn. SRAVANAKANYA SARANGAPANI

Reiki Grand Master

Secretary

Rtn. MEENAKSHI SESHADRI, Carnatic Singer

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Rtn. NARAYANAN Y, Chartered Accountant

Owner : Sukrutham Financial Services

Imm Past President

Rtn. B EKAMBRUM, Management Consultant

Club Advisor / Chairman The Rotary Foundation

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Owner: RHAMA & CO

Club Trainer

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CEO, SRM Nanganallur

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President Nominee 2025-26

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Destination

Director Community Dev Services/Chairman

HCMC Season 5

Rtn. GANESH GOPALAN

Mirra Virtual CFO Services

CFO Hindu Mission Hospital Tambaram

Director Club Services

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Director Community Services Health

Rtn. Dr ARUNA CAN, Managing Director,

Jeevarakshai Trust & Jeevarakshai Mental Health

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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

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Chairman Polio Plus

Rtn. ASHOKAN

WIPRO Technologies

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

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Chairman Rotaract/Interact

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

Chairman Women Empowerment

Rtn Nalini T, Union Bank

Chairman Family Participation

Rtn Manivannan, Sree Travel and Tourism

Rotary will continue to grow as long as we have leaders who will it their best- Paul Harris

Source – Rotarian Minute Group

Rotary at COP 28

Rotary experts are actively participating in the 28th United Nations Climate Conference (COP28) in Dubai, addressing the intersection of a changing climate with health, poverty, and other factors.

Rotary International President R. Gordon R. McNally emphasizes the mental health effects of climate-linked disasters, citing record global temperatures and their impact on mental distress and violence.

Rotary sponsors 12 youth volunteers to amplify young voices in climate discussions.

Sessions cover diverse topics, including biodiversity loss, community-led watershed protection, and the role of artificial intelligence in energy, agriculture, and disaster resilience.

Rotary's commitment extends to environmental projects, such as planting 50,000 mangrove trees in the UAE to protect coastlines and marine life.

With a delegation including Trustee Chair Barry Rassin, Rotary fosters partnerships and initiatives to address climate challenges globally.

The Rotary Foundation has allocated over US\$23.7 million for environmental projects led by Rotary members worldwide.



Source – Rotarian Minute Group

Annadhanam

On 1st December 2023 Annadhanam was organized by RC Chennai Hallmark, at Vallal Illam, Velachery Link Road. The Annadhanam was sponsored on behalf of the members and Annettes whose birthday falls in the month of December. The event was sponsored by Rtn M Sarangapani, Rtn Ganesh and Rtn Nalini. At Vallal Illam daily annadhanam is provided to needy people on all the three times viz Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. Anandhanam is open to all; hence anybody who is hungry is given food there. Club President Rtn Sravanakanya, Club Trainer Rtn M sarangapani, and Club Advisor Rtn Rhama participated in the Annadhanam and served food to the people. It was really satisfying when we served the food.





ROTARY CLUB OF CHENNAI HALLMARK
Chartered on 18 Jan 2019 Club No.89797 RI District 3232

Cordially invites you and your family to

ANNADHANAM

 **VALLAL ILLAM**
அருட்பெருஞ்ஜோதி தனிப்பெருங்கருணை

#4, 100 FEET ROAD (NR.PILLAR 82)
ADAMBAKKAM,CHENNAI-88

 **01 Dec 23 (Fri) @ 12:45PM**

Sponsored by :
Rtn Sarangapani
Rtn Ganesh Gopalan
Rtn Nalini

Rtn.SRAVANAKANYA S
Club President

Rtn.MEENAKSHI SESHADRI
Club Secretary

Rtn.GANESH GOPALAN
Director - Community Service





Flood Relief Work

On 4th December evening RC Chennai Hallmark received a request from Chengalpet District collector to feed 150 families, evicted to Annai Anjugam Nagar Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board Apartments, Periyar Nagar Bus Stop, near Sai Gas Agency. Kannada Palayam, Tambaram to Kishkinda Road.

On humanitarian grounds, the club decided to do the needful. Food was prepared the next day for 500 people. On 5th December Chartered President Rtn Rhama, President Rtn Sravanakanya and President Elect Rtn Dr Krishnan went along with the food to Kannada Palayam, Tambaram- Kishkindha Road and distributed the food by boat. They served in areas surrounded by water. After serving food there, the team went to Karayambedu Village, Nandhi Varam - Guduvanjari area and distributed food to the



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Irular community living there. The members, though tired, were very happy that they could serve the needy people in time.



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CORDIALLY INVITE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FOR THE

DISTRIBUTION OF FLOOD RELIEF MATERIALS TO
Affected people in Indira Nagar
Nanganallur

VENUE
GB MARUTHATHBAJAM 23, 2ND MAIN ROAD
RAM NAGAR, NANGANALLUR, CHENNAI 61

DATE: 14/12/2023
TIME: 11:30 AM

Rtn S Sravanakanya
PRESIDENT

Rtn Meenakshi Seshadri
SECRETARY

Rtn Ganesh Gopalan
DIRECTOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RC Chennai Hallmark decided to help the worst affected people of Cyclone Michaung in the nearby area. Our Club coordinated with the district authorities in RI Dist 3232, to get the relief materials sent by RC Dindigul.

A comprehensive survey was conducted by President Rtn Sravanakanya, Club Advisor Rtn Rhama, Club Secretary Rtn Meenakshi and Club Trainer Rtn Sarangapani around Indira Nagar, Nanganallur, areas around Dharmalingeswarar Temple Nanganallur and Madipakkam area and identified around 25 families.

The relief bags, distributed by the club included essential items such as 10 Kg of Rice, Sambar Powder, Turmeric Powder, Semia packet, Sugar, Crystal Salt, Thoor Dal, Tamarind, 200 ml Gingely Oil, 2 pads of sanitary napkin, one single bed sheet and one plastic sleeping mat.

On 13th December 2023 each family was given two kit bags along with one single bed sheet and one plastic sleeping mat. The bed sheets were sponsored by Rtn Sarangapani and the plastic bed sheets by Rtn Rhama.

Rtn Sravanakanya, Rtn Rhama, Rtn Meenakshi, Rtn Premavathi, Rtn Rajmekala, Rtn Bharathi, Rtn Vijayantimala and Rtn Sarangapani participated in the project and distributed the relief materials. All the beneficiaries expressed their gratitude and happiness to receive the kits. This was one of the most satisfying projects.





Annual General Body Meeting and Election of office bearers for the Rotary Year 2024-25

The fifth annual general body meeting (AGM) of RC Chennai hallmark was held on 17th December @ Funden, Lakshmi Nagar Main Road, Nanganallur, Chennai -61. The main agenda were to adopt the audited accounts of the Rotary Year 2022-23 and conduct election for the Rotary Year 2024-25. The AGM was presided over by Club President Rtn Sravanakanya. Since Rtn Ganesh Gopalan, Treasurer 2022-23 could not attend; Club

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Advisor Rtn Rhama presented the audited accounts for the year 2022-23. After discussion, the AGM approved the audited account for the Rotary Year 2022-23.

Rtn Sravanakanya had reached PHF+1 level due to her own contribution to the Rotary Foundation. She was decorated with the PHF+1 pin by Rtn Rhama, the Chartered President in the presence of Past President Rtn Meenakshi and President Elect Rtn Dr Krishnan.

Then the proceedings were handed over to the Election Officer Rtn M Saranagani to conduct the annual elections. He was assisted by Rtn Rhama in conducting the elections. The election officer announced the gathering that as per By Laws of the club, notice for the annual election was issued 21 days prior along with the nomination forms to all the members. Then he read out the nominations received for various positions as indicated in the notice and asked whether anybody else want to contest for any of the posts. Since there was no response, it was announced that all the nominations were accepted and the nominees were declared elected unanimously. Following is the list of members elected for the posts for the Rotary year 2024-25:

President Elect	- Rtn Dr Krishnan
President Nominee 2025-26	- Rtn Swarnarekha
President Nominee Designate 2026-27	- Rtn Ravi Padmanabhan
Secretary	- Rtn Bharathi Swamy
Secretary Elect 2025-26	- Rtn Ravi Padmanabhan
Treasurer	- Rtn Y Narayanaan
Director Club services	- Rtn Vijayanthimala
Director Community Services Development	- Rtn Meeankshi Seshadhri
Director Community services Health	- Rtn Ravi Padamnabhan
Director Vocational services	- Rtn K K Raman
Director Youth Services	- Rtn Manivannan
Director International Services	- Rtn Swarnarekha
Chairman, TRF	- Rtn Ganesh Gopalan
Chairman Membership Development	- Rtn Sri Krishna
Sergeant at Arms	- Rtn Gurumurthy


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CORDIALLY INVITE ALL MEMBERS FOR THE

Fifth Annual General Body Meeting &

Election of Office Bearers for the

Rotary Year 2024-25

Venue **FUNDEN** **Date**
Opposite of BSNL office 17th December 2023
1st Floor, No 45, Main Road 11:30 am
Lakshmi Nagar, Nanganallur

Rtn S Sravanakanya **Rtn Meenakshi Seshadri**
PRESIDENT **SECRETARY**

Rtn Vijayantimala
DIRECTOR CLUB SERVICES



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Family Tour cum Industrial Visit

It was decided to go on a family trip to Pondichery for two days and make a visit to Gramium Oil Factory at Tavalakkuppam, Pondichery. Though response was little poor, it was decided to proceed. Hence around 10 members visited Pondy and Pitchavaram on 23rd and 24th Dec. Transport was by carpooling.

Auroville& Pichavaram

On 23rd Dec early morning we all left by 6 am; had our breakfast en-route and reached Auroville. We spent around two hours visiting different locations and taking snaps. Everyone in the group enjoyed.



Later we went to Grami Café Tavalakkuppam and had our lunch at Gramium cafe. Lunch was authentic organic and delicious.



Later we went to Prince Park Resort and spent our night. Children enjoyed the swimming pool.



On 24th Dec morning we visited the famous Manakkula Vinayagar Temple and then the Ashram. Ashram is a divine place to visit; you engross yourself in meditation on reaching there. Then we returned to the resort and enjoyed delicious buffet breakfast.



Thereafter we started for Pitcahvaram mangrove forest; to our dismay there was light rain; crowd was too much as it happened to be a long week end. We waited for an hour or so; since there was no improvement in weather and boat services were cancelled, we started our return journey.



Factory Visit

In the evening we visited Gramium Oil factory around 6 pm. Rtn Ravi Padmanabhan explained the process of oil extraction using wooden Sekku and how much they are careful in selecting the ingredients. We observed the oil production live. They produce naturally extracted cold-pressed oil i.e., Marachekku Gingelly Oil , Groundnut oil, Coconut oil. Homemade ghee. The Gramiyum in Pondicherry is known to satisfactorily cater to the demands of its customer base. The business strives to make for a positive experience through its offerings.

Their restaurant uses products of the factory with an aim to provide good food all. They have retail shops in Chennai and also export their items to other countries. Special thanks to Rtn Ravi and his brother for arranging the visit. Both



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are doing a nice and admirable service with an idea of bringing back our old food systems. Later we had our dinner thier café itself; enjoyed organic based eatables prepared using items manufactured at Gramiyum. Over all it was a memorable and enjoyable trip. Kudos to Rtn Rhama and Rtn Ravi for taking all efforts, in arranging the trip.



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Birthdays

Rotarian

Name Of the Person	MemberName	DOB & DOA	Mobile
Dr V Sriram	Dr V Sriram	3/Jan	8105970705
Kuberan S S	Kuberan S S	25/Jan	8939922955
Anil Kumar S	Anil Kumar S	30/Jan	9491073633

Anns

Annettes

Name Of the Person	MemberName	DOB & DOA	Mobile
E VINOD KAUSHIK	B Ekambram	6/Jan	9962236060
S Mughilneelan	T Nalini	8/Jan	7810010093

Wedding Anniversaries

Parameswari	R Manivannan	17/Jan	9840574945
S Anuradha	T S Swaminathan	23/Jan	9600045867
MC Anuradha	Dr Sridhar Nilakantan	27/Jan	9840376980

Upcoming Projects and events

Anandhanam for Pavement Dwellers

District Pongal Vizha

Governor's Official Visit/Club Chartered Day Celebration

New Member Induction

- 1st Jan 2024

- 7th Jan 2024

- 21st Jan 2024

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