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President's Desk



DEAR FELLOW ROTARIANS,

I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. February is an important month in the Rotary calendar as we celebrate Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month. This reminds us of our shared commitment to fostering understanding, dialogue, and goodwill in our communities and beyond.

As we step into this month, let us reflect on how we can contribute to peace—whether through community projects, supporting local initiatives, or simply promoting kindness and respect in our daily interactions. Rotary's mission has always been about service above self, and peace begins with each of us.

We have several exciting events and projects lined up this month, and I encourage everyone to get involved. Your participation makes a difference, and together, we can continue creating a positive impact.

Let's keep the Rotary spirit alive and work towards a world that embraces peace, unity, and service.

Thank you for your dedication, and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings and service activities!

Your Pride Your Club



RTN. SATHISH R

President
2024-25

Rotary



The Four-Way Test

of what we think, say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Strengthening Bonds Through Service and Fellowship

The Rotary Club of Nanganallur Elite, under the leadership of President Rtn. Sathish Rajasekar, continues its journey of service and camaraderie, welcoming new members into our fold. Their enthusiasm and commitment add to the strength of our club, reinforcing our dedication to making a meaningful impact in our community.

In our ongoing mission to serve those in need, we recently organized a healthcare project at Little Drops, a home for orphans and the elderly. Through this initiative, we provided essential supplements, medicines, and clothing, directly benefiting 360 inmates. This project reflects our unwavering commitment to health and well-being, ensuring that the most vulnerable among us receive the care and support they deserve.

Beyond service, Rotary is also about fostering meaningful connections. In a unique celebration of our shared love for knowledge, we embraced the fellowship of book reading by visiting the Chennai Book Fair 2025 as a team. This gathering was more than just an exploration of literature; it was an opportunity to engage in insightful discussions, exchange book recommendations, and experience the joy of togetherness.

As we continue our journey, we aim to enhance family participation in our activities, ensuring that our loved ones also experience the joy of service and fellowship. Under the leadership of President Rtn. Sathish Rajasekar, our club remains committed to keeping the Rotary spirit alive, strengthening bonds, and making a lasting impact on our community and beyond.



RTN. SIVASHANMUGAM R

Secretary
2024-25

CELEBRATE EVERY MOMENT: JOYFUL WISHES FOR BIRTHDAYS



January 1 - Rtn Kannan Azhagirisamy



January 19 - Rtn A.G. Krishna Prasad

January 27 - Rtn. K.S. Chithra

Empowering Change, Enriching Lives

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we step into this new month, let us reflect on the power of collective action and community service. At Rotary, we believe that even the smallest acts of kindness can have a profound impact on someone's life.

This month, let us recommit ourselves to our core values of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership. Let us strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those around us, whether it's through volunteering our time, donating to a worthy cause, or simply being a source of support and encouragement to someone in need.

As we move forward, let us draw inspiration from the selfless examples of our fellow Rotarians, who embody the spirit of service above self. Let us celebrate our successes, learn from our setbacks, and continue to push ourselves to be forces for good in our communities.

Together, let us empower change and enrich lives. Let us show the world what it means to be a Rotarian.

Happy Rotary!



RTN. KANNAN A.
EDITOR
ELITE'S CHRONICLE

மனிதம்

காயை கனியாக்கி
மொட்டை மலராக்கி
துகளை மலையாக்கி
துரும்பை இரும்பாக்கி
இறைவன் சமைத்த
அற்புதங்களில் தலையாயது
கருவில் உருவாக்கிய மனித இனம்!!



Poem By
Ann Shanthi Gopalkrishnan

மனிதம் போற்றுவோம் - இறை புனிதம் போற்றுவோம்!!!!

Japanese from Scratch

Japanese is one of the oldest surviving languages which dates 1200 years ago. Also 2nd hardest language to learn but if we learn it from the Indian languages it is much easier as Indian languages and Japanese share similar type of grammar.



Annette Keerthivasan
S/O Rtn. Mythili

Scripts:

In the beginning, Japanese was just a communicable language. It didn't have its own script so they borrowed a script from Chinese which is known as KANJI. It's basically a pictorial representation of the word. There are more than 2000 kanji. Then, they created their own script HIRAGANA. They were also very concerned about their language so to ensure Japanese language's purity they invented another script KATAKANA to write foreign words.

Japanese vowels

Hiragana:

あ い う え お
ah ie uu eh oh

Katakana:

ア イ ウ エ オ
ah ie uu eh oh

Some words using only the vowels

あい (ai) - love
うえ (ue) - up, above
おい (oi) - hey!
えい (ei) - English
いえ (ie) - house

Some Kanji

一 - ichi - 1
二 - ni - 2
三 - san - 3
四 - shi or yon - 4
五 - go - 5

Lost in the concrete Jungle

I recall that day, some 5 years back, when me and my wife had planned for our first long distance abroad trip, to visit my son in USA. We had been eagerly waiting for this day. The tickets were booked 3 months back, taking advantage of concessional pricing of a package, by which me and my wife will have to change flight in Dubai to reach San Francisco. I had heard of Dubai airport and its size and fortunately the itinerary was such that we had a stopover time of 5 hours in Dubai. The bookings were by a popular middle-east airline, which had plenty of flights to USA through Dubai.



Rtn. Natarajan
Club Advisor

We both equipped ourselves to suit the USA weather and when we reached the airport, we were already weighing 5 kgs. more, since we were wearing a winter coat. Luckily, airlines do not mind the weight of the passengers, as they have restrictions on the luggage. But we were feeling good, inside us and glanced at ourselves and rejoiced, when we saw our images in the airport terminal glass door. The “Nike” shoes added style to our appearance and for once, we felt that we both looked gorgeous. We were on cloud nine.

The travel screening formalities at Chennai were easy. When the gate was announced, we could take the escalators and marching past the fewer shops, we reached the gate within 5 minutes. We were thankful that we did not have to walk for long to reach the gate. We boarded the flight, when the announcement came on the public address system. We were comfortably seated in the aircraft and the takeoff was smooth, nevertheless, it sent butterflies in the stomach. Even though, both of us were convent educated and our fluency in English was quite good, there was little difficulty in understanding the announcements made by the Captain. The same was the case, when we tried to talk to the air-hostess, for our needs. Even though, they hailed from various places in India, there was a deliberate tinge of Foreignism in their language. It appeared that their tongues were trained to speak only like that. This was one way, through which they can avoid giving extra services to the passengers. Naturally, we would not be willing to talk to them, as we will not be comfortable with their language. Somehow, we managed a smile when we left the aircraft at Dubai. From the moment the flight's door was opened, they had an everlasting smile on their face, whereas, we smiled only instantly, when we saw them.

Lost in the concrete Jungle...

Dubai, was awaiting our arrival. We were taken in a low-floor bus to the airport terminal. This journey took nearly 10 minutes and we were anxious that we should go to the correct terminal. They dropped us at a gate and we started walking inside the building. My son had rehearsed with me about reaching the transit terminal. But those rehearsals were not enough and our first challenge was to reach that terminal. There were no announcements and the airport was silent, which we came to know later, that Dubai is a non-speaking airport. Only displays about flights were there. Since it is a major transit airport, the display board was continuously moving and we were able to locate our gate number. But the terminal was in a different building. Even though, the airlines ground staff were ever smiling, like the airhostess, we had to literally pull out words from their mouth. Their tone was very soft, feeble but polite. Somehow, I read the lip moments of the ground staff girl and succeeded in finding out, how to reach the terminal. I punched a fist in the air and felt elated. My wife watched at me suspiciously, as to why I was looking at that girl for so long. We had to take the shuttle bus to reach that terminal. It took another 30 minutes for us to reach the terminal.

Shopping in Dubai airport is like shopping on heaven. The bright illuminations, attractive displays and more attractive sales girls enthralled me. We were moving around with our hand baggage only. My wife wanted to buy few things and when we looked at the price tags, we smiled off and left the shop. My Banker's mind immediately flashed the foreign exchange rates and the value in Indian Rupees. Thank God, I am fast at calculating the exchange value in mind at rapid speed, as I had worked in the Bank, during pre-computerization period. So we decided that we will do window shopping. We were careful not to cross the door. By not buying anything, I could save considerable foreign exchange to our motherland. I felt proud about it.

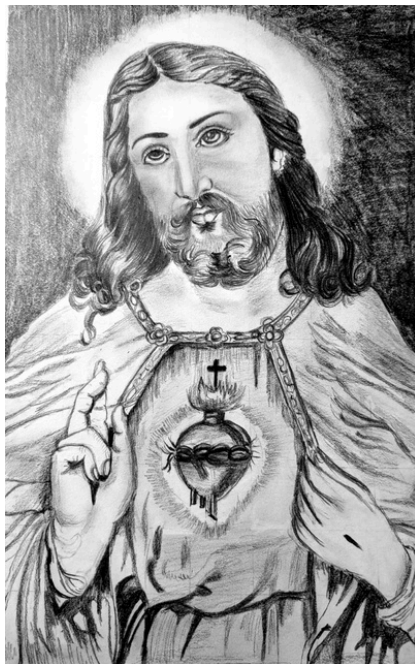
Just at that moment, we saw a uniformed small girl running around the shops and was frantically searching for someone. We had still not taken our eyes off silver jewellery, which I promised my wife, that I would get for her, during our return journey. That girl approached the shop, where we were standing and walked straight to us. She called my name very fast, this time, she was very audible also. "We have been looking for you. Your SFO flight is ready for boarding. This is your last chance to go to USA. If you come along, I will take you to your gate.". Without waiting for our reply, she started running towards the gate. We both had to follow her hastily. It looked like running a cross-country marathon, to reach the gate. From the distance, I could see that the airline staff was closing the gate.

Lost in the concrete Jungle...

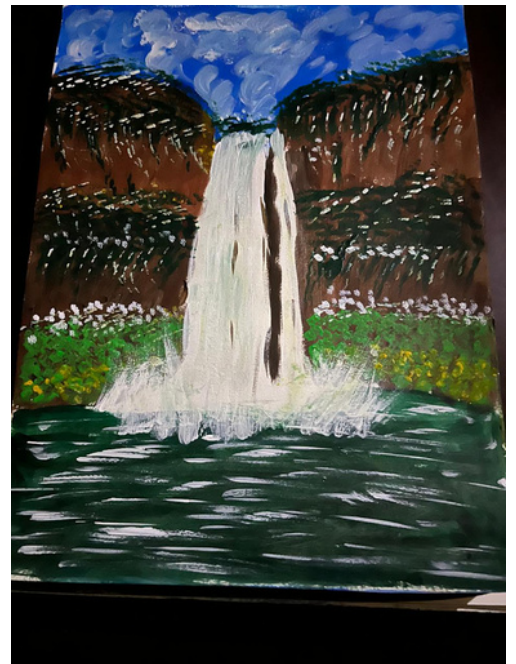
I pleaded with her to accommodate us and suddenly I realized that I was talking in Tamil. For requesting to someone or yelling at someone, our vernacular is the best. Then I apologized and said in English, that I will have to board this flight. She checked with the captain of the aircraft and when he accorded permission, the captain appeared like our Kula Dheivam to us. With a scornful look, she opened the aero bridge gate. We had never run so fast in our life and the moment we entered the aircraft and fastened our seatbelts, the Boeing 747 was taxiing for takeoff. It looked like; we were out of a huge jungle... a huge concrete jungle. We thanked our stars and prepared ourselves mentally for the next 16 hours of non-stop flight to San Francisco.



Annette Sai Sabarish
S/O Rtn. Sathish



Ann Shanthi Nagarajan



Ann Raji Natarajan



Annette Sandra
D/O Rtn. Punitha Victor



HARMONY FOR HUMANITY PROJECTS - JANUARY 2025

We Donated 20 Pen Drives to THiyagasudars Visually Challenged College Boys. Which in turn helps to store some audiobooks that support their studies. IPP Rtn Sivakumar initiated this Project.



We Participated in the Clean Rivers Third Awareness Programme organised by Clean River Avenue of RI District 3234.

We Participated in the Celebration of Magizhchi Pongal Thiruvizha organised by the Community Service Development Team of RI District 3234. Chief Guest: Rtn NS Saravanan, District Governor, RI District 3234. The Event was conducted for the benefit of Differently Abled.



PROJECTS - JANUARY 2025

Conducted 3rd Interschool Girls Netball Tournament as a Participating Club. This Event was organised by Women Empowerment Team of RI District 3234 in Association with THOZHAMA. Chief Guests: Mrs. A S Kumari, Chairperson, TamilNadu State Women Commision, Mrs Vanitha Sambath IPS, ADGP (R), Guest of Honor: Rtn N S Saravanan, DG, RI District 3234.



We undertook a compassionate initiative to support the 360 inmates of Little Drops Orphanage Home, managed by Little Drops Public Charitable Trust on 10th January 2025 at 3:30 PM. This project was particularly moving as all the inmates of the home are orphans, many of whom are elderly and battling severe illnesses, with a few tragically counting their final days. Understanding the critical need, we provided clothes worth ₹40,000 and multivitamins and health supplements valued at ₹14,16,340 to help improve the inmates quality of life and provide them with much-needed relief. This initiative is a testament to the our unwavering commitment to serving the underprivileged, extending a helping hand to some of the most vulnerable members of society, and creating a lasting impact on their lives.



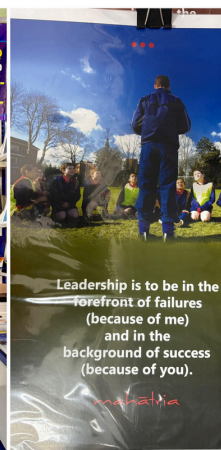


MEETING & EVENTS

We Conducted a Speaker Meeting at Funden on 18th January 2025, 06:30 PM. Speaker: Rtn V S Gopalakrishnan, Topic: **Art of Giving**. Many of our Members Actively Participated in this Meeting.



We conducted a Walk around at the 48th Chennai Book Fair 2025 on 12th January 2025. Our Club members actively Participated in the Fun-Filled, Good Motived, Fellowship. We chose books and bought few with reviews and recommendations from our fellow Rotarians.



MEETING & EVENTS

Rtn. Kannan and Rtn. Natarajan has attended DTLS and AGLS session at Bangalore



Rtn. Gopalakrishnan (President Elect), Ann. Shanthi, Rtn Kannan and Rtn. Sowmiya attended Pre-PELS



Rtn. Meena Sathish (Secretary Elect), Rtn Kannan and Rtn. Sivakumar attended Pre-SELS



KNOW YOUR



Name: RTN V. NATARAJAN

Native Place: MAYILADUDURAI

Profession: Banker

Brief about yourself: At present my interest is to develop friendships through Rotary and other organisations I associate with.

I'm a retired bank executive

My qualification: B.Sc,CAIIB

After retirement, my lifestyle is:

Morning service through spiritual activities

Daytime public service through health care services

Evening service through educational sector

& public service through Rotary activities.

Present position:

Honorary Joint Secretary at Hindu Mission Hospital

District officer in Rotary

Board member in Modern school

Trustee in Dharmalingeswarar Temple



Brief about family: My wife Rajeswari is a retired government staff. Have two sons, both settled in US and have two grand children.

Hobbies: Visiting US and other countries, attending clubs, conventions, spending time with family
Public services along with friends

KNOW YOUR



Name: RTN PUNITHA VICTOR

Native Place: Chennai

Profession: Working in Private sector (Maersk logistics) and Beautician

Brief about yourself: I have completed my PG on 2014 @Madras University in Chennai. Totally i have 13+ yrs experience in Accounts Payables and Supply chain management. Still I am working in same line.

My passion is want to become an entrepreneur. I am very much interested in beautician work. Also i have completed my advance beautician course at Lakme Academy Chennai. Got certified international beautician and professional makeup artist. Currently I am managing both my profession and my passion (beautician work).

Brief about family: I am married and have 2 beautiful kids. My elder daughter name is Sandra VP and my younger son name is Abraham Keshav VP. As a working women managing both my profession and my family.

Hobbies: Reading books, hand craft and aari work



KNOW YOUR



Name: RTN MURALI MOHAMBARI

Native Place: VILLUPURAM

Profession: E publisher

Brief about yourself: I am originally from Villupuram and moved to Chennai in 2000. I completed two post-graduate degrees, one in Physics and the other in Computer Science. I began my career as a technical editor in Scientific Publishing Solutions and later worked with several publishing houses. Currently, I have been appointed as the Director of three publishing companies.

Achievement: I am at the beginning of an exciting journey in my career, with a significant milestone being my first step into a directorial role. While there's still much to achieve.



Brief about family:

I am blessed with a loving wife, Rukmani, who undoubtedly brings warmth and care to my home. My son, Kiruthik pursues his 12th grade studies and my daughter, Deeksa, is thriving in her 8th grade.

Hobbies: Travelling, cycling etc.



FEBRUARY IS PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH

AS A HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION, PEACE IS A CORNERSTONE OF OUR MISSION. WE BELIEVE WHEN PEOPLE WORK TO CREATE PEACE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, THAT CHANGE CAN HAVE A GLOBAL EFFECT.

EDITORIAL TEAM



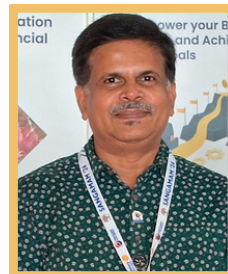
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