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## OUR 40th LEADER IS INSTALLED



On 4th July 2011, all of America seemed to be celebrating the installation of Rtn SP Chintamani as RCMM's 40th President as he took over from Rtn PS Praveen, in the presence of our DG Rtn Sampath Kumar, who said he was officiating for the first time as DG after his own installation and that too, at the club of his mentor Dr.CSR.

After a crisp invocation by Ann Neeraja Nagarajan, the lighting of the lamp and welcome by Pres Praveen, it was time for the Secretary's report highlighting the year gone by, supplemented by a colourful hand-out.

Then came the moment of the evening. Rtn Venky introduced Rtn Chintamani with a brief bio-data. After the traditional exchange of Collars between Presidents and the Charter between Secretaries, it was time for the Jumbo Cabinet – an impressive line-up of Midtown officers pinned by the Governor and the AG.

Rtn Chinta was dignified in his acceptance speech where he highlighted plans for his pet-project – Midtown's Medical Relief Foundation. After a few projects like release of the roster, bulletin, unveiling of the Dr.CSR Platinum Debating Trophy for Rotaractors, contributions USD4000/- were pledged by club members to TRF.

To a standing ovation, our own Rtn. CD Jagadisan presented a cheque for Rs 1,00,000/- towards the Bharathi Jagadisan Memorial Fund and the interest from this fund to be used towards development of girl children, as requested by the family.

A Joint project with RC of Madras and Marg saw the donation of a cheque towards a modified scooty to a physically challenged person. Donation of a hearing aid worth Rs.35,000/-, educational assistance of Rs.10,000/- each, donated by Rtns Arumugam, Karthik and Jaishankar Unnithan to three needy students,

a wheelchair tricycle donation by Rtn. Ilangumaran and on behalf of our Cancer Foundation, Rtn Kailashmull Dugar gave a cheque of Rs. 1,00,000/- to the parent of a youth suffering from cancer, with a promise of continued support, were projects worthy of mention.

Do we have better examples of 'giving' mothers than Mrs. Yamuna Devi Varadanarayanan, mother of Rtn. Krishna Routhu who donated a cheque for Rs.5000/- to the DG and Mrs. C. Rajasulochana, mother of Ann Devi Krishna who gave Pres. Chintamani a cheque for Rs.15,000/- towards club projects!

Our dynamic AG Rtn S N Balasubramaniam felicitated Rtn Chinta before introducing the DG in a very novel way, citing unusual personal glimpses in his life. Rtn DG Sampath Kumar, in his usual sincere style spoke about his goals for the year for the Presidential Citation. After felicitations from Rtn Pres.Nandita Krishna of RCM and IWC Midtown President Sujatha Panju, Emcees Nandini Arun and Usha Kumar wound up the proceedings for the National Anthem.

**Rtn PP M Keshav**

### Sujatha Panju heralds in the New Year of IWC Madras Midtown!

The evening of the 11th July 2011, was a riot of colours marking the installation of the new Board and Sujatha Panju as the 36th President of the Inner Wheel Club of Madras Midtown. A trail-blazing power-point presentation of activities for the year gone by from Maheshwari Azhal and short, crisp reports from Secretary Kamalalakshmi and Treasurer Kamala Selvam, set the tone for the installation. Introduced by Maheshwari, President Sujatha in all humility promised to continue the good work carried out by her predecessors and enlisted the support of all the members.

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Chief Guest Dr.Kamala Selvaraj who made history when she delivered South India's first test-tube baby in 1990, congratulated Sujatha and told her to work with love in her heart for success to follow.

Projects - Philanthropy, thy name is IWC Midtown! Educational loans, fees to deserving students, donations of 11 wheel chairs, books worth Rs.4000/- to two blind students in MCC, Rs.5000/- towards the purchase of 200 cloth bags at RS school, Tambaram and an on-the-spot donation by Maheshwari, you name it and we have done it! Not surprising that Rtn Chintamani looked slightly baffled, not only at the quantum of donations, but also at the attendance ( in fact he even suggested joint meetings with IWC, considering the record turn-out of Rotarians!) and the very professional manner in which our Emcees Nandini Arun and Usha Kumar took charge of the proceedings!

District Chair Latha Mahalingam wished Sujatha well and told us all to focus on the environment and animal welfare. With the induction of three new members and the release of the club bulletin Midtown Circle and the roster, the formal agenda for the meeting came an end, followed by felicitations by Rtn Chintamani, President of RCMM and Vice-Chair Vasanthi Marimuthu.

**Ann Uma Keshav**

### Rotary Info

- During 2009-10, Health, Hunger, and Humanity (3-H) Grants were phased out, one year earlier than initially anticipated under the Future Vision Plan, due to the decrease in available World Funds. In the absence of 3-H Grants, The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees increased the maximum Matching Grant award from US\$150,000 to \$200,000, effective 1 July 2010. This allows clubs and districts to undertake larger projects than previously possible with Matching Grants.

- The Changemaker Award will accompany the Presidential Citation during the Rotary year of 2011-12. The award will encourage Rotarians to focus on change and will recognize clubs that make an extraordinary impact through their work in the Avenues of Service.



### Remembering Ches Perry. . . .

When John Hewko takes office on 1 July, he will be the 12th person to serve as Rotary's General Secretary.

The first was Chesley Reynolds Perry, a Spanish-American War veteran and former Chicago Public Library employee. In August 1910, the newly formed National Association of Rotary Clubs unanimously selected Perry for the role, then known as secretary. He accepted the part-time position at \$100 per month, with an agreement that the amount of time he would devote would remain unspecified.

By 1912, the job had evolved into a full-time executive role, and the Board of Directors agreed to increase Perry's salary. His office on LaSalle Street in Chicago served as the first headquarters of the National Association. In 1911, Rotary established an office in the First National Bank Building at Dearborn and Monroe streets.

Perry served in the position longer than any of his successors. He also served as editor and business manager of The Rotarian from 1911 to 1928, and he opened Rotary's first international office in Zurich, in February 1925. During his final year in office in 1941-42, the position's title was changed to general secretary.

In 1940, when Perry announced his plans to retire, he agreed to remain in his post while the organization trained his replacement, Philip C. Lovejoy. A number of clubs sought to nominate Perry for RI president in 1942-43, but he declined, saying, "I am gratefully conscious of the high compliment thereby being paid to me."

After retiring, Perry remained a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago, and served as its president in 1944-45. In 1954, Rotary offered him the title "Secretary Emeritus" to honor his years of service, but he again declined, preferring the role of ordinary Rotarian.

Perry died on 21 February 1960 at the age of 87.

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### Rotary from Far and Near

RC Bombay Bayview, RI Dt.3140 donated a dialysis machine costing Rs.5,61,000 to The Muslim Ambulance Society which offers dialysis services at a subsidized rate for financially weak patients.

RC Panvel Industrial Town, RI Dt.3131 installed safe drinking water units in seven schools around Panvel town at a cost of Rs.6,91,000. This project was in collaboration with RC Hubbard, RI Dt.6650, USA.

Legendary Sri Lankan spin wizard Muttiah Muralidharan pledged his eyes at the Rotary Rajan Eye Bank in Chennai.

### Annets' Club Installation

The 18th of July was a meeting of a group of youngsters for the youngsters by the youngsters. And they ran it very well, with the ease that comes with confidence, independence and faith in oneself. Introduced by Rtn Keshav, Annet Vijayalakshmi Chintamani was duly installed as President, taking over from Annet Kavya Praveen, in a ceremony which saw a whole lot of annets, watching with enthusiasm writ large on their faces. Annet Subramaniam Chintamani was chosen Secretary, while the Treasurer was Annet Vindhya. The perfect foil for her President, the coffers started filling up even while Viji was giving her acceptance speech. Vindhya took her job very seriously and collected close to Rs 8000/- on the floor, much to the amusement of the indulgent Rotarians.

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RCMM has always had the most enviable line of Chief Guests, because only the best is good enough for us! The annets were not far behind! They could not have asked for a more brilliant Chief Guest than RJ Ajay Titus of Radio Mirchi. An icon who has blazed a trail for so many others to follow, regaled the audience with an account of how sheer chance made a Professor teaching Hotel Management in the Anna University into an RJ who has won awards for the best radio show and chosen as the best RJ for 2010.

Reading eight newspapers before a 7am show to discuss socially relevant issues live, presenting it in a light-hearted manner without preaching, not treading on any toes, but constantly needing to re-invent and re-create, to stay at the top, makes this 'galeej thamizh' in his own words RJ Ajay truly inspiring to the young and not-so-young. Of course, he does not dare to talk in his natural trade-mark accent, out of the studios, "for fear of getting beaten".

A potpourri of positivity, charm and humour, he makes the audience realize that the very endearing RJ that you hear is the very Ajay that you meet.

This delightful evening, emceed by Krishna uncle, came to end with a neat and crisp Vote of Thanks by Annet Keerthana Unnithan.

**Annet Ashrita Keshav**

### RI President Rtn Kalyan Banerjee visits Chennai

On a scheduled visit to Chennai on the 14th of July, 2011, for the first time since he assumed his post, RI President Rtn Kalyan Banerjee reiterated in his meeting with DG Sampath Kumar, District Secretary Rtn Babu Peram and a host of other committed Rotarians, that eradication of polio from the planet would be top priority and commended the efforts of the TN Govt. for being a polio-free state. RI would render more financial support to the countries that were polio-endemic, he said. He also pointed out that Rotary was working closely with the Govt. in promoting rain water conservation.

He announced that Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa had agreed to inaugurate the three-day South Asia Summit of Cooperation and Development being held in Colombo from 4th September, aimed at bringing countries in the region closer.

He felt proud to mention that India was one of the stronger Rotary countries and amongst the fastest growing ones. He even thought that RI Head Quarters might shift out of Evanston, Illinois, where it is now based.

As a contribution to TRF, RI District 3230 presented him with a cheque for Rs. One crore.

## Go Green

### Mc Donald's goes green!

Facilitated by the Dubai government, McDonalds UAE and Dubai-based Neutral Fuels LLC have formed a venture to make biodiesel from recycled vegetable oil from McDonalds outlets in the UAE from the 20,000 litres of vegetable oil McDonald's uses annually to cook french fries and other foods. This will power a logistics fleet covering 90 restaurants in the UAE.

Biodiesel is made from renewable resources such as vegetable oil, animal fat and algae. Compared to diesel, fuel from vegetable oil and animal fat produce 67 percent fewer hydrocarbons, and 48 percent less carbon monoxide.

The announcement comes less than a week after Dutch carrier KLM began powering some of its flights with biodiesel made from used cooking oil from factories and hotels.

[go-green.ae](http://go-green.ae)

## Embracing Humanity

Before Hurricane Katrina, Pass Christian, Mississippi, USA, had a population of 6,300. That number has since dropped to about 1,000.

After she levelled the yacht club where the Rotary Club of Pass Christian gathered each week, members wondered if they would ever meet together again. The 2005 hurricane destroyed nearly all other buildings in town, but the club was unwilling to give up: It began meeting a couple of weeks later on an outdoor concrete slab at an abandoned gas station. After the hurricane, Short resolved to help Pass Christian rebuild. "Our town was devastated, but our Rotary spirit survived the storm," he said in 2006.

At his own expense, Short, whose home was wiped out by Katrina, began a two-year odyssey across North America and the Caribbean, visiting more than 150 clubs to ask for their assistance. Their donations and others helped restore 39 homes for Pass Christian's low-income families, purchase two dump trucks for about \$75,000 each, reconstruct 20,000 feet of sewer lines in the city's historical center and rebuild the library, complete with new sections for children and adults with disabilities.

Today, the members are back at the yacht club, carrying on the mission of their 2005-06 President, D.H. Short, who died in 2008.

**Interactive**

Sakuji Tanaka, a member of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, Japan, was elected President of Rotary International for 2012-13.

## Condolence

We offer our heart-felt condolences to the families of Rtn CD Jagadisan for the demise of **Ann Bharathi Jagadisan** and Ann Amutha Arun for the demise of our dear **Rtn S Arunagiri**. We pray that God gives them the strength to overcome this irreparable loss.

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## Secretary's Announcements

- ★ **01 Aug'11** - Mr. Karthik Bhat on 'Gujaratis of Madras' at 6.30pm - Hotel Vivanta Connemara.
- ★ **08 Aug'11** - Rtn PP Hari Ratan on 'A Slice of Life in Madras' at 6.30pm - Hotel Vivanta Connemara.
- ★ **15 Aug'11** - Independence Day- Flag hoisting at Nungambakkam Corporation Boys School at 9am, followed by Installation of their Interact Club's team for 2011-12.  
  
Raksha Bandhan fellowship jointly celebrated with our Inner Wheel Club at Hotel Palmgrove, 6pm onwards
- ★ **20 Aug'11** - Saturday - Medical Camp - Seminar for students at Sree Kanyaka Parameswari Arts & Science College for Women, Sowcarpet, Chennai.
- ★ **22 Aug'11** - Rotary Extension month celebrations with inductions of new members.
- ★ **29 Aug'11** - Grand Joint Meeting with a Celebrity panel on 'Indian Judiciary System' at 6.30pm - Hotel Vivanta Connemara.



### BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST

01	ANNETTE S.S. ARUNADITHYA	A/O RTN. S. SARAVANAN
02	ANN. ASHA PRIYA	W/O RTN. K.B. SRIDHAR
04	ANNETTE POOJA K. SHENOY	A/O RTN. B.K. SHENOY
05	ANNETTE V. VINAYAK	A/O RTN. K.R. VIJAYARAGHAVAN
05	ANNETTE SUBRAMANI	A/O RTN. SP. CHINTAMANI
06	ANNETTE KEERTHANA UNNITHAN	A/O RTN. JAISHANKAR UNNITHAN
10	RTN. S. NARAYANAN (SWASTIK)	
10	ANNETTE NANDA VISAKAN	A/O RTN. K.S. RAVICHANDRAN
14	ANNETTE PRAGUN	A/O RTN. VIKRAM JINDAL
17	ANN. DR. KAMALA LAKSHMI	W/O RTN. N.M. ILANGUMARAN
26	ANN. PHF SUNITHA	W/O RTN. K.B. NARASIMHA PRASAD
29	RTN. K.R. VIJAYARAGHAVAN	
29	ANNETTE AVINASH	A/O RTN. PP M.S. ARUN
30	ANNETTE ABHINAV	A/O RTN. PHF P. SARAVANAN
30	ANNETTE NIMISHA	A/O RTN. PHF PP P.S. PRAVEEN

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR AUGUST

22	RTN. & ANN. K.B. NARASIMHA PRASAD & SUNITHA
22	RTN. & ANN. S. SARAVANAN & MEKHALA
24	RTN. & ANN. R. RAMACHANDRAN & VIDYA PRIYA
25	RTN. & ANN. K.B. SRIDHAR & ASHA PRIYA
26	RTN. & ANN. ASHOK KUMAR SHETTY & SHARATH
30	RTN. & ANN. K.S. RAVICHANDRAN & KALAVATHI

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