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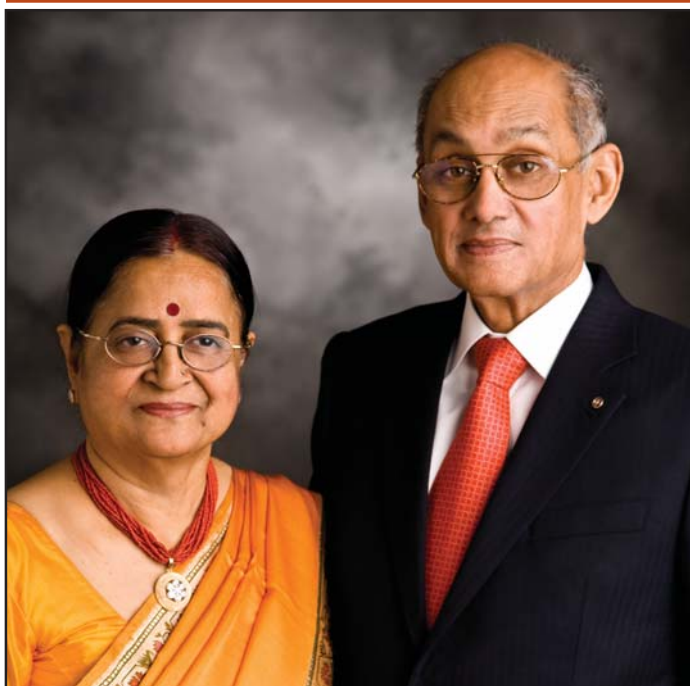
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## An Indian leads Rotary as it's 101st President



On 1st July 2011, the beginning of the calendar year for Rotary International, Kalyan Banerjee, a businessman from Gujarat, India and a member of Rotary Club of Vapi since 1972, has assumed office as the third President from India.

Kalyan Banerjee is a director of United Phosphorus Limited, the largest Indian agrochemical manufacturer and the Chair of United Phosphorus (Bangladesh) Limited. He is a member of the Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers and the American Chemical Society, a past president of Vapi Industries Association, and former chair of the Gujarat chapter of the Confederation of Indian Industry. He earned a degree in chemical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur. Banerjee and his wife Binota, have two children and four grandchildren.

I am honored to lead Rotary as its 101 st president," said Banerjee, as he stood beside his wife, Binota.

He asked Rotarians to go back to their communities and think of "new and different ways" to take on the challenges of today.

"We are the doers of our communities, the leaders, the ones who are most involved, who see the problems and have the means to find the solutions. I am asking you to reach within and unleash your inner power and then use it to embrace everything and everyone around you."

Rotarians should be guided by three emphases -- the family, continuity, and change -- as they work to support the 2011-12 RI theme - Reach Within to Embrace Humanity, he said.

Family is the first emphasis, he said, because it the starting point for everything Rotary is trying to accomplish. "It's our partner who helps us as a companion, softening some of the sharper corners, providing the tranquility when needed and inspiration to meet the challenges when we face them. Go on, hold their hands. You will make a great team. At the same time, it will mean much to Rotary."

"Continuity involves continuing to do those things we are doing well and which must be done, and changing those things that need to be changed, starting with ourselves when needed."

"If we want to really achieve the impossible, we have to have not only persistence, but vision. We have to be looking past what we are doing now, at what we can and should be doing in the days and years to come." Banerjee encouraged all Rotarians to self-reflect and to serve generously.

*In India, when we meet another person, we greet him or her by folding our hands like this, and saying namaskaram, which in the ancient language of Sanskrit means "I greet the divine in you." There is divinity in each one of us.*

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## Meet our DG Rtn. A. Sampath Kumar



**Rtn. Arumugam Sampath Kumar**, a Civil Engineering graduate with distinction from Bangalore University, started his career as a Charter Engineer for property valuation for banks and National Insurance companies at Thiruvannamalai.

He is the proprietor of Sampath Engineering Corporation, one of the largest dealers of Plastic and other building materials in Tamilnadu representing big names in the industry like SINTEX, CERA, HINDUSTAN.

Rtn. Sampath Kumar is the Charter Member of Rotary Club of Thiruvannamalai. During his year as President in 2000-01, the club won the silver RAT trophy. He won the Best President Award in 2000-2001, Best Assistant Governor Award in 2003-2004, District Chairman for Community Services - Development in 2004-05, District Chairman for Community Services-Healthcare in 2006-07 and District Chairman for Youth Services in the Rotary year 2007-08. He was also instrumental in forming two new clubs in the district - R C Polur and R C Chengam.

Dr. Saiprasanna Sampath Kumar an active Rotarian, has been in the District Committees, was an accomplished Bulletin editor and is the CMO of the family-run 30-bedded Vasantha Nursing home. Their two children - Kanishka and Puvi - are both budding Doctors.

## No 'Chinta' all 'money' Our Humanity President Rtn Chintamani...

The Man with the 'Midas' touch, whether it comes to business, family, service or fellowship, SP Chintamani has been a self-made entrepreneur with diversified experience and a solid commitment to social upliftment. His dream project is forming a social network for pointing people with poor

resources towards credible sources of charity in affordable health-care.

Chinta started his academic life as a bright young student in Lawrence School, Lovedale and graduated in mechanical engineering from NIT, Trichy. Early life saw him go to Japan on a Hindu-Hitachi scholarship to learn Ceramic Engineering.

Restoring family business and charting his own course in Infrastructure Construction, Chinta has completed more than three and a half decades in the construction industry.

Chinta joined RC South East in '92-'93 and after a hiatus joined RC Madras Midtown in 2008.

Apart from two major Matching Grant Projects that include twenty low-cost shelters and a major toilet-sanitation project executed as a builder, Chinta has also re-built the Billakuppam centre last year.

He was the main contributor to utilise the Free Pediatric Heart Surgery through Rotary's Tebrau Heart Fund.

Midtown's First family is made up of the gracious and intelligent home-maker Ann Muthu, who has been an ideal foil for Chinta in business and family. They have three lovely children - Divya married and settled with her two children in Trichy, Vijayalakshmi, a budding final year architect from the Madras University, and tall but lanky Subramaniam in his Plus Two from Padma Seshadri.

***Chinta is Midtown's "yehi hai right choice baby!"***

## We take great pride in presenting the RCMM team for 2011-12



**President : SP. Chintamani**

**Secretary : Krishna Routhu** - A no-nonsense, ever-efficient, never deceptive man with a golden axe when it comes to work. "vettu onnu, thundu rendu". That's Krishna, our cool Secretary who blends humanity with high-performance.



**IPP : PS Praveen** - Dashing Praveen, our IPP, can help Chinta manoeuvre road blocks more than any one else. The telecom techie had a fruitful year building communities and bridging continents, while Ann Sayee Priya and annets Kavya and Varsha cemented friendships.

**Pres.Elect : P Saravanan** - Dapper looks and daring business acumen make this Midtowner a president to wait for. 'Touch Wood', Viji and Sara would boost RCMM's great tradition for fellowship and fun.



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**Pres. Nominee : S Saravanan** – 'Que Sara Sara', the Midtowners will ask when a second Saravanan takes over as the second president from now. This soft-spoken light engineering expert believes in the spirit of service.

**Treasurer : G Sudhakar** – Methodical head of The Bliss group of Companies, Sudhakar takes pride in protecting the Midtown coffers like every true Rotarian and businessman should.



**Polio Plus : Sachidev Kumar** – Another true Rotarian at heart and a veteran with diverse organizational experience, SK could be our IPL Polio fair-play champion.



**Vocational Service : K Rajkumar** - A big man with a big heart and a big business to match, he really believes that 'vocational' service does not stop with 'occasional' service.



## Directors



**Club Service : M Keshav** – This attitude consultant would love to club Midtown's bonhomie with matching attendance week after week. His net-working will ensure the best speakers impact the Midtown podium.

**Comm.Service-Health : V Karthik** – 'Commitment' is another name for Karthik who derives great satisfaction from mobilizing enough Vitamin M – Money for social health.



**Comm.Service- Dvlp : S Venkateshwaran** – Venky, youthfully exuberant and usefully sensitive, combines an easy style with an effective sincerity towards all-round development of the community.

**International Service : Jaishankar Unnithan** – Globally wired in terms of contacts and ideas, Jai is a go-getter. He can make 'Jai Ho' an international tune again for RCMM.



**New Gen : Vikram Jindal** – Pleasantly persistent, Past Secretary Immediate is a positive influence to youth as our Rotaractors and Interactors will soon find out.

**Vocational Service : S Saravanan**



**Membership : M Manickavasagam** – The chartered accountant who moved to Madras Midtown after leading Salem Midtown, is an expert with a proven record whether it comes to numbers, members or number of members.



**Bulletin : Uma Keshav** – Ever-reliable and deeply committed to her task of making the best of the Midtown Bulletin, this is one Ann that President after President, would love to call in a crisis and recall with a smile.



**Fellowship : KR Vijayaraghavan** - The man who brought in a fresh spurt of new young blood into Midtown, will now take up the job of fellowship and fun with the same intensity that he brings to family and business.



**Fund-raising : Jaishankar Unnithan**

**Go Green : Faheem Ahmed** – Suave expert on net-working websites for business developments, Faheem is the right man for evangelizing the Go Green initiative which was a jewel in the Midtown crown last year at the District awards.



**Digital Literacy : KB Sridhar** – KB, the digital literacy man has made waves in the District and created a thirst in society that only he can quench with his deft touch and deep commitment.



## Sergeants-at-arms



**H.Radhakrishnan CD Mohanasundaram**  
Discipline and dedication towards decorum and dignity at RCMM will sum up the soft power of our Sergeants-at-arms.



**Club Trainer : R Ramachandran** – Club trainer with a heart that beats for RCMM and matches every mood of the club, RR would be the perfect friend, philosopher and guide for Chinta every step of the way in discovering that we need to reach within to embrace humanity.



## Chairmen

**Public Relations : Javeed Ghatala** – This pleasant power-house of amiability and strength will be the right face of diplomacy and desire to achieve targets for Chinta through impeccable Public relations to retain our pristine image.



**TRF : Ashok Kumar Shetty** – Leading by example in terms of pride in donating to the Foundation, AKS will be the ideal motivator for Midtowners to take TRF more seriously.

## Advisory Committee



Rtn PDG Dr.CS Ramachandran



Rtn JH Asher



Rtn AK Shetty



Rtn MB Nirmal

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## ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS MIDTOWN

Board 2011 - 2012

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9840989701

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9840039568

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Rtn. P S Praveen  
9840036655

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Rtn. P. Saravanan  
9840098234

President Nominee

Rtn. S. Saravanan  
9840721328

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9840289897

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9840241929

Director - Comm Svc Health

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9840097637

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9840939497

Chairman Voc Svc

Rtn. K. Rajkumar  
9840023877

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9443248940

Chairman Bulletin

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9884044553

Chairman Fellowship

Rtn. K.R. Vijayaraghavan  
9841021903

Chairman Fund Raising

Rtn. Jaishankar Unniithan  
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Chairman Go Green

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Chairman Dig Literacy

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Rtn. R. Ramachandran  
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Rtn. PDG Dr. C S Ramachandran

Rtn. Ashok Kumar Shetty

Rtn. J H Asher

Rtn. M B Nirmal



## Secretary's Announcements

- ★ **4th July** - Installation Ceremony of the President and Board Members for 2011-12 at Hotel Green Park, Vadapalani. RI District 3230 Governor, Rtn. A Sampath Kumar will officiate the proceedings - 7pm onwards.
- ★ **11th July** - Installation of the President and team of IWC Madras Midtown at Hotel Taj Connemara - 6.30pm onwards.
- ★ **18th July** - Installation Ceremony of the President and team of the Annets Club of Madras Midtown at Hotel Taj Connemara. Chief guest will be RJ Ajay of Radio Mirchi - 7pm onwards.
- ★ **25th July** - Closed Door Meeting at Hotel Taj Connemara to discuss how Midtowners can Reach within to embrace humanity - 7pm onwards.



## Greetings!



### BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

02	ANN SHARATH	W/O RTN. ASHOK KUMAR SHETTY
07	ANNETTE MOTIRAM	A/O RTN. K.B. NARASIMHA PRASAD
07	ANNETTE ASHRITA	A/O RTN. M. KESHAV
11	ANNETTE K.R. MANOJ KUMAR	A/O RTN. H. RADHAKRISHNAN
14	ANN PRASAN	W/O RTN. V. LALIT MARDIA
16	ANNETTE S.NANDAKUMAR	A/O RTN. K.B. SRIDHAR
17	ANN SUPRIYA	W/O RTN. K.R. VIJAYARAGHAVAN
17	ANN JEEVARATHNAM	W/O RTN. M. MANICKAVASAGAM
19	ANN LALITHA	W/O RTN. MAHAVEER BHANDARI
20	ANN SHANTHALA	W/O RTN. SACHIDEV KUMAR
25	ANNETTE DIVYA	A/O RTN. SP. CHINTAMANI
26	ANN POORNIMA	W/O RTN. B.K. SHENOY
27	ANN DEVI	W/O RTN. KRISHNA V ROUTHU
27	RTN. GEETA MENON	
28	DR.V. KAMARAJA	H/O RTN. DR. RAJESWARI

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR JULY

02	RTN. & ANN KAILASHMULL DUGAR & PAVITRA
02	RTN. & ANN K.S. NAGARAJAN & NEERAJA
04	RTN. & ANN SP. CHINTAMANI & MUTHU
12	RTN. GEETA MENON & Mr. MOHANDAS J MENON



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