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ROTA

A Monthly Newsletter



WEST

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Best West Rotarians,

August was an eventful month with lot of activities. Being a designated month for membership development, we have made all efforts towards sponsoring a new club under the West Banner. The new club shall be launched very soon. Apart from that this month had District Seminars, launch of eye camp in association with Aravind Eye Hospital, Tree plantation and a joint speaker meeting. The flag hoisting followed by tree plantation at Carmel Garden Public School was very fulfilling. And the Independence Day celebration along with the inmates of Madurai Verran Thittu was soul satisfying. I am thankful to all the Chairman and Project Coordinators who made the month colourful with activities.

Looking forward for more activities in the months to come.

Warm regards

Rtn. T. Goodwin Saravana Raja
President



EDITOR'S DESK

Friends,

The RI President Rtn Shekar Mehta has given the theme "Serve to Change Lives". This means, as a Rotarian, we have an important role to play in the multitude activities of Rotary. It is by engaging and immersing oneself in programs and projects along with fellow Rotarians that a bond of fellowship and camaraderie will develop. When we, as Rotarians share the passion, goal and culture of Rotary, the change envisioned will automatically follow.

The editorial team - Rtn Rajagopal, Rtn Asha and myself are enjoying the pleasant task of creating every page of the bulletin, with the sincere intention of making it an interesting read.

Rota West is the face of our club and we request you to give us your feedback. We would love to hear from you.

Yours in Rotary
Veena Pathy



AUGUST IS



**MEMBERSHIP
&
NEW CLUB
DEVELOPMENT
MONTH**

**Each One...
Bring One...**



Editorial Team:

Rtn Veena Pathy

Rtn Rajagopal

Rtn Asha Devadas



CLUB SERVICE

SPEAKER MEETING

Rotary Club of Coimbatore Spectrum along with RCC WEST, RCC SATELLITE, RCC GREEN CITY, RCC MIDTOWN. Invites you for a Joint Speaker Meeting.

Topic: Purpose of Life

11th August, 2021 Wednesday
Time: 6.30 pm

Meeting ID: 892 1108 9575
Pass Code: ROTARY

Guest Speaker: Mr. Harish Rao FCA, ACFE

Co Hosts:
Rtn. Bhavik Momaya, President
Rtn. D. Murali Balakrishnan, Secretary

Co Hosts List:
Rotary Club of Coimbatore West: Rtn. T. Geedvin Sarason Raja, President; Rtn. V. Chandrasekar, Secretary
Rotary Club of Coimbatore Satellite: Rtn. Dr. P. Sivaprosadh, President; Rtn. S. Tivraj, Secretary
Rotary Club of Coimbatore Green City: Rtn. V. Kalyanasravan, President; Rtn. S.J. Jayakumar, Secretary
Rotary Club of Coimbatore Midtown: Rtn. R. Krishnakumar, President; Rtn. C.V. Sriram, Secretary

**11TH AUGUST
PURPOSE OF LIFE**

Rotary Club of Coimbatore INVITES

"Social Commitment"

Presented by Mr. V. Chandrasekar. B.E., Apex member - Siruthuli

Date: 19.08.21, Thursday @ 6.15 pm

You're Invited!

Chair - Ganesh Prasad - South
Hosts - P. Geedvin Sarason Raja - West
Chair - Ganesh Prasad - West
Hosts - R. Krishnakumar - Midtown

**19TH AUGUST
SOCIAL COMMITMENT**



MILESTONES REACHED...

- 20+ Miyawaki urban forests created around the city
- 0.7 Million+ 0.7 million trees planted in and around Coimbatore

As per a study conducted at Anna University, Coimbatore where 85,000 trees have been planted, the following observations were made:

- 21 micro fauna including reptiles, butterflies, amphibians and soil insects were found.
- The average temperature within the campus was found to be 4 deg C lesser than the surroundings.

CLUB SERVICE

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Benefaction of Prosthetic Limb to Mr Arvind



Independence day Flag Hoisting at Carmel Garden School and Madurai Veeran Thittu



Mohan's Academy - Intra Club Championship

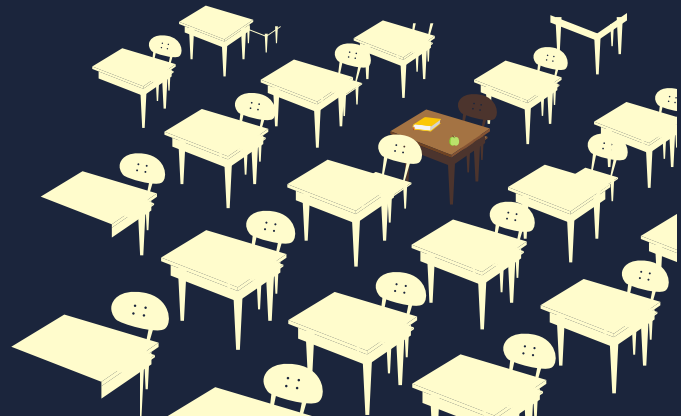
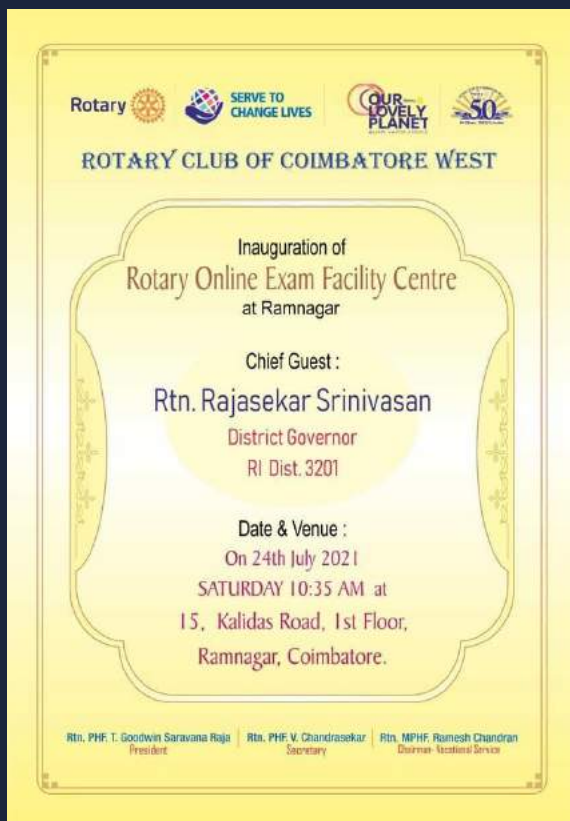
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COMMUNITY SERVICE - ONLINE EXAMINATION FACILITY



Our Rotary Coimbatore West has come up with a thoughtful initiative - "Online exam facility centre" located at Ramnagar for the underprivileged students wherein students can visit and write their online exams. This has been initiated by our Past President PP Subramanian.

Facilities such as comfortable table, chair and uninterrupted internet through LAN will be provided at a nominal cost per exam.

MEET AND GREET ORGANIZED BY FIRST LADY SHANTHI RAJASEKAR

A SPECIAL EXPERIENCE BY FIRST LADY NITYA GOODWIN



First Lady Shanthi Rajasekar invited all the First Ladies of Coimbatore, Lady Presidents, Lady District Officers and past First Ladies of the District. Our Club Editor and past first Lady Veena Pathy was there as one of the speakers for the event, along with past First Lady - Daisy Kuriachen. It was held at Ratna Regent and we had a good opportunity to interact with everyone. First Lady Shanthi had organized very good interactive sessions, some fun filled games, a project for the blind girls - they were presented with good systems adapted for their working and finally we had a sumptuous tea. I felt so comfortable and at ease with the entire group and made a few friends too. This experience made me feel proud to be part of the Rotary fraternity.

Thanks to Coimbatore West !!

**Nithya Goodwin,
First Lady 2021-22**

DISTRICT PRIORITIES

TREE PLANTATION AT CARMEL GARDEN SCHOOL



GRANTS MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

The Grant Management Seminar for the district was held on August 1, 2021 on a virtual platform. DG Rajasekhar Srinivasan, District trainer PDG AV Pathy, and Jayasankar DRFCC addressed the audience. Rtn Gulam Vahanvaty was the chief guest for this occasion. The participant members of the district clubs were highly benefitted from the proceedings of the seminar.



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THE GRANT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3201

District Governor Rajasekhar Srinivasan,
District Trainer AV Pathy,
District Rotary Foundation Committee
& the District Secretariat
cordially invite you to
The Grants Management Seminar

The event details are as below:

Online Zoom Platform
August 01, 2021, Sunday
06:00 pm to 08:30 pm

Chief Guest
Rtn Gulam Vahanvaty
Rotary Foundation Trustee

Participation for President, President Elect
and TRF Chair is mandatory.

CLUB OFFICERS TRAINING SEMINAR

Club officers Training Seminar (COTS) was held on. 23rd August on a virtual platform to enhance the knowledge of club officers about Rotary functioning with emphasis on the priorities of current year by our District and RI.

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Rotary Clubs Of Coimbatore
Textcity | Cotton City | Elite | Legends | Ikons | New Gen
West | North | Uptown | Monarks | CyberCity

President & Secretary's Invites you to
Club Officers Training Seminar
on 23rd August 2021

Rtn PP Lakshmanan
Topic: Membership Development & Service Projects

Rtn Chella K Ragavendra
Topic: The Rotary Foundation

Rtn RS Maruthi
Topic: Public Image

Program
Fellowship : 6:15 pm | Event : 6:30 pm
Zoom Meeting ID: 859 4652 6017 - Passcode: 659105

Rtn K K CHUGH Assistant Governor
Rtn N Krishnakumar Assistant Governor

Rtn T.Neel | Rtn Anandam | Rtn Thilakhanani | Rtn. Satish | Rtn. Shiva
CGP CGP CGP CGP CGP

District trainers Rtn PP Lakshmanan, Rtn Chella Raghavendra and Rtn Maruti enlightened the participants on Membership Development, Fellowship & Friendship in Rotary, Devices through Rotary and TRF and its benefits. The program was well attended with participation from our club and sister clubs. This was organized by Assistant Governors Rtn Krishnakumar & Rtn Chugh.



Invite you to our
" Club Officers Training Seminar "
Trainers and Topics

Rtn P.P. Lakshmanan
Topic: Membership Development and Retention

Rtn Chella K Raghavendra
Topic: The Rotary Foundation

Rtn Maruti
Topic: Rotary Community Corps.

Wed, 28 July 21 | 6:30 PM | Via ZOOM | Meeting ID : 925 284 0424 | Passcode: TeemSACCs

Club	RC COIMBATORE Askruithi	RC COIMBATORE	RC COIMBATORE Coimbatol	RC COIMBATORE Spectravu	RC COIMBATORE Saicily
President	Rtn. Kavitha Gopalakrishnan	Rtn. Swaminathan.S	Rtn. Pannarselvam.S	Rtn. Bhavik K Mema	Rtn. Gopinath Arsanachan
Secretary	Rtn. Sagna Chajed	Rtn.Dr. Mahanandaram.K	Rtn. Shivarasrayana.P	Rtn. Murali Balakrishnan	Rtn. Suresh Kumar

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR



To spread the message of 'Each one Bring one' Rotary Club Coimbatore Metropolis hosted the Membership Development Seminar "Abhivreddhi" on August 29, 2021 on a virtual platform.

Eminent panelists Rtn Gurdip Singh (Round Table India), Prof DG Subramanian (Jaycees), PDG Rtn Kamlesh Raheja (RI) and Dr Nityanandan Devaraaj(CMA) moderated by PDG Rtn Sunil Zacchariah, discussed how various associations are focusing on membership development. IPRD Rtn Kamal Sanghvi was the chief Guest of the occasion.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3201
AND
ROTARY CLUB OF COIMBATORE METROPOLIS Presents

ABHIVREDDHI 2021

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR
Sunday, 29th August 2021 - Time : 9:15 am

Rtn Shekhar Mehta
RI President

Rtn Rajeskar Srinivasan
District Secretary

Chief Guest
IPRID Rtn Kamal Sanghvi
Chairman, RI Membership Devt.

PDG Rtn K.S. Sankaranarayanan
IPC Member's Secretary - 2015

FACULTY

PDG Rtn K8 Sankaranarayanan

PDG Rtn Sunil Zacchariah

PDG Rtn Kamlesh Raheja

PDG Rtn Jose Chacko

PDG Rtn AV Pathy

Rtn H Maragan

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Rtn K. Polanappan
Rot. Club President

Rtn CA M. Bhaskar
Rot. Club Secretary

Rtn KK Chugh
District Secretary

Rtn CT Manojan
District Secretary

EACH ONE BRING ONE

Zoom | 875 3677 8534 | metropolis

ABOUT OUR ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Born in 1959 at Kolkata, Rtn Shekar Mehta is the Rotary International President 2021-2022! What grabs our attention is that he is the 4th Indian in 115 years, who has become President of Rotary International!

Master in Commerce, he is a Chartered Accountant, a Company Secretary and a Cost accountant, all rolled into one. He heads a real estate company named Skyline Group which operates in different parts of India. This multifaceted person is part of several cultural, professional and charitable organisations !



Year 1985 saw the start of his successful Rotary journey!

Through his Rotary journey he was Chairman of

- Rotary India Literacy Mission.
- Rotary Foundation India.
- Rotary India Centennial Celebrations.
- Rotary India Humanity Foundation

A man with a keen eye for service, Rtn Shekar Mehta spearheaded many worthy service projects !

To mention a few here-

- Construction of 500 homes for Tsunami survivors at Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- Shelter Kit program where more than 15,000 Shelter Kits were distributed across 20 disasters with 75,000 beneficiaries
- Instrumental in setting up 15 Eye Hospitals across India serving nearly 50,000 needy people!



A speaker par excellence, his motivational skills are well known among the Rotary fraternity across the globe.

This exceptional Rotarian has won several awards like ,

- (i) "Service Above Self Award"
- (ii) "The Meritorious Service Award"
- (iii) "Distinguished Service Award".

from Rotary International & The Rotary Foundation.



Happily married to a social worker and a stage artist, Rashi Mehta, Rtn Shekar Mehta believes that "Service is the rent that we pay for the space we occupy on this earth".

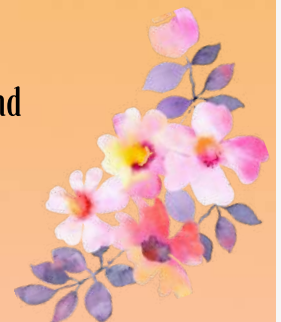
BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST



P.Kasthuri - Aug 3rd
M.Alagiriswamy - Aug 5th
Rajendran Ponnambalam - Aug 7th
J.C.Bhojani - Aug 8th
Ninan Vargis - Aug 11th
R.Ravichandran - Aug 20th
V.Shankaranayanan - Aug 21st
Navaneethakrishnan - Aug 27th

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

Gopala Krishnan D.H - Aug 14th
Veena Pathy - Aug 22nd
A.Venkatachalapathy - Aug 22nd
Mahadevan - Aug 27th
P.P.Subramaian - Aug 28th
C.Mohana Sundaram - Aug 31st



MR GOPINATH- An Ardent Social Worker & Blood Donor

- "My prime duty is to help the needy"

Translation by Rtn Rajagopal

Vanakkam.

My name is Gopinath. I am 34 years old. I grew up in a very poor family. I completed my schooling in a government school and did a diploma in a private college while helping my father's business. Then began my life in a low-level job in a private company.

While finishing school, I always used to feel that I must do something for those families like ours, who were struggling in life. So, I started doing what I could to help them. I have been doing my best to help those on the roadside with one meal a week, helping a poor child going to school with pens, pencils, and donating food to ashrams, to the extent of my ability.

It was at that time that I happened to meet my school friends Suresh, Yuvraj, Prakash and Ravikumar at a function. Only then did I realize that they were also doing social service like me. From that day on we came together to do this work. As the saying goes, the sound when several hands clapping together is far greater than one hand. Many other kind hearted souls extended help to us. We could do many services with such help.

Then in 2011, following the advice of elders, we registered an organisation under the name "Sri Annai Karangal Nala Sangam", so as to systematically operate these services

Four years later, saddened by witnessing the untimely death of a patient for want of blood in a government hospital, we began to donate as much blood as we could.

Since then, we have worked towards creating awareness of blood donation among the people and today we have about 6000 blood donors all over Tamil Nadu. However, our major services of blood donation are in Coimbatore district.

There are a large number of good people who want to help others, but many don't come forward since they don't know the procedures and sometimes, they have apprehensions of their help reaching the right beneficiary. Due to this many in need of a help are left without help. I appeal to all the kind souls to rise up to the occasion and save lives.

Today I have many responsibilities of looking after my family and children. However, I still feel my prime duty is to help the needy.

Let us extend all possible help to those who are wanting.

Please do visit the following YouTube page to know more about Sri Annai Karangal

- <https://youtu.be/LWnFbYzlpUs>



Dear fellow Rotarians,

August was an eventful month for our Club and the district. While we all rejoiced the spirit of Independent India on the 75th independence day, heralding the Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav, the district conducted several seminars to boost the spirit of Rotary.

Our club conducted several events including two speaker meetings, an eye camp and the Independence day.

We present you this month's bulletin which we are sure, will delight you.

Rtn Rajagopal



Cheerful Rotary Greetings!

As we celebrate Independence Day and Freedom of India, let us keep in mind the profound words of Dr BR Ambedkar "**Freedom of mind is the real freedom. One whose mind is not free though alive, is no better than dead. Freedom of the mind is the proof of one's existence**".

This issue has been put together with great enthusiasm by our editorial team, with inputs from our President and Secretary!

Fueled and powered by activities of fellow Rotarians, I am sure it is a great read!

Continue your support!
Be in this moment!

Rtn Asha Devadas

