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From the Editor's Desk: Weaving Words, Building Service

~Ann. Jayashree Parasuram



"Laughter, learning, and legacy in one month!"

August was truly a month filled with celebrations and memorable moments.

We began with the Ann's Meet, followed by the lively Ann's Picnic with Lady Rotarians joining us — a wonderful time of bonding, laughter, and fellowship.

We also organized impactful Health Camps and Awareness Programs, furthering our service to the community. The inspiring speaker meeting by Maj. Gen. Indra Balan set the perfect mood for Independence Day. On this proud occasion, we came together to reaffirm our commitment to the nation, especially through the dedicated service being carried out by the CP Unit at RCA Hospital, as well as the ongoing efforts with students at both the TV Nagar School and the After-School Learning Centre. Another proud moment was our Charter Night, which reminded us of our rich legacy, our strong foundation, and the milestones that continue to shape our journey.

Each event — whether in fellowship, patriotism, or service — added richly to our accomplishments and left us with cherished memories.

In a nutshell, August was a perfect blend of camaraderie, joy, patriotism, and service — beautifully reflecting the spirit of our Rotary family.

If you have stories, experiences, or insights to share, please contribute to (rca.jayashree@gmail.com)!

CHARTER NIGHT - RCA

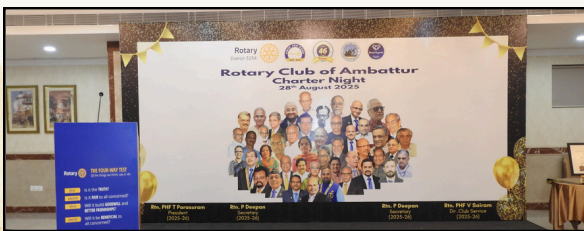
August 28th 2025

~Rtn. PP Vasanthi Ranganathan

Charter Night of RC Ambattur is always special, and this year it was even more exciting.

The evening began with an invocation to Lord Vinayaka by Ann Mala. Our club is now led by **Rtn. Parasuram, the 46th President**, a proud second-generation Rotarian and son of Rtn. Thiru, who introduced *Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW)* to our club and many districts. First Lady **Jayashree**, who began her Rotary journey as a Rotaractor, actively participates in club activities and also serves as Secretary of TV Nagar School – one of our long-term projects. Our Secretary, **Rtn. Deepan**, too started as a Rotaractor of Ambattur, carrying forward our tradition of youth leadership.

It was heart-warming to see four charter members in their 80s still with us, celebrating this milestone. Annette Apoorva designed a beautiful backdrop showcasing all 45 past presidents – a reminder of the care, love, and commitment every president has contributed to our long-term projects since charter days.





The evening was punctual — soup was served at 8 PM sharp, and the program concluded on time. During the celebrations, **three Rotaractors were inducted**, taking our strength to 50 members, and bringing the average age of the club down to just 28!

Our **Chief Guest, DGE Suresh Jain**, who will serve as DG in 2026–27, came well-prepared, knowing our projects, our members, and our impact. He lauded our **four long-term projects**, with crores spent in operational costs, executed with meticulous planning, audited trust, and strong support from Ambatturians and their families.



The **ladies of RC Ambattur** – our Anns – remain the backbone of our club. Not only are they present at every meeting, they run their own projects such as the Micro Credit Program and the upcoming **Dandiya Fundraiser (27.9.25)**. Their fellowship is strong, with monthly Ann meetings and two signature projects every year. Our Charter Ann, **PDG Rekha Shetty**, made us proud as the first lady DG in Asia.

This year, for the first time, **our Anns and gentlemen** were both formally appreciated and felicitated.



Speeches added to the evening's charm. **Rtn. Jai Shetty, Rtn. P. Sridharan, and I** had the privilege of speaking. For me, RC Ambattur has been my foundation since 1983, when I entered Rotary as an ambassadorial scholar. Today, as BEL TC TRF for a three-year term across 540+ Rotary districts, Rotary Peace Activator – Asia Cohort, evaluator for peace applicants, and learning facilitator for RAGFP India, I continue to trace all my beginnings back to RC Ambattur.



Our President spoke not just about past accomplishments, but about **futuristic plans** – the upcoming **Vocational Skill Center** at TV Nagar School, expansion of our hospital with a first floor, and the dream of reaching **55 members**.

The celebrations concluded with a touching **Vote of Thanks** by **Rtn. Winston**, followed by cake-cutting and fellowship, truly embodying the spirit of RCA.



August Journeys: Club Highlights & Happenings

August 05th 2025 - Speaker Meeting

~ Rtn. Dr. Winston Noronha

The **Weekly Speaker meeting** was held at the **Upper Deck** at the **Madras Gymkhana Club** on **August 5th** and addressed by **Retd Maj Gen Indra Balan**, a much decorated ex Serviceman. He was introduced by Rtn. Gita Menon and his many achievements both during Service and afterwards in Civilian life were noted.

He being very conversant with and involved in Drone technology, spoke on use of Drones in today's warfare especially in the context of **Operation Sindoor**. India is making rapid strides in introducing Drones into the Armed forces in recent years.

Drones have played a great part in the recent wars be it the Israel- Iran conflict or the Ukraine- Russia war. He showed the example of a video showing a senior Officer being served Tea at Siachen by a drone which evoked criticism online, but when the narrative was changed, it evoked admiration. Drones which cost very little can be used to destroy an Aircraft which is very expensive.

Majority of the parts of the Drones are imported as Completely knocked down kits and only assembled in India. For some, the outer shell and wings are manufactured locally. The danger of this is that the Computerised chips in the motherboard installed in the Drone can be remotely controlled. We need to have a proper control as thousands of these drones can go rogue if not properly regulated. Our Industry has to develop to make the basic circuits so that we are not at the mercy of others. In another 5-10 years India will hopefully have the capability to produce all the components of a drone.

This was followed by a lively discussion where the members were enlightened on the pros and cons of Modern warfare. He also mentioned that he is co ordinating a Play in Tamil on a Sunday i.e. 23rd August on India's greatest wartime victory i.e. the Bangladesh liberation War and would like children to attend and it was decided to sponsor children from the TV Nagar school for the same.

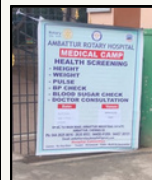
The meeting ended with the Secretary's announcements and Vote of Thanks



Attendee's: 26
Rtn :15 | Ann :5 | Guest :6



The 10th Standard students of T.V. Nagar School attended a play on the 1971 War at Narada Gana Sabha on August 24th. Thank you Rtn. Dr. Winston, Rtn. Jai Shetty, Rtn. Ashok Rao and Rtn. Gita Menon for making this happen.



Medical Camp Health Screening held on 5th August at Mogappair West Corporation Park



7 RCA members participated in the RI Presidential dinner on 24th August at Hyatt Regency. The members got a chance to interact with the RI President Rtn. Francesco Arezzo.



As part of Breastfeeding Week, celebrated in the first week of August, our club organized a meaningful service project on **August 7th, 2025**, at **GBR Fertility Clinic**. As part of the initiative, feeding kits were distributed to women in need, providing them with essential support and encouragement during this crucial stage of motherhood. The program highlighted the Rotary commitment towards maternal and child health, one of Rotary's key areas of focus, and was met with gratitude and appreciation by the beneficiaries.



A very heartwarming project was carried out in collaboration with Rotary Club of Thiruvannmiyur, where an **awareness program** on **POSHitive Workplace - Safety with Respect** was conducted for the students of SA College of Arts and Science on **12th August**. The session aimed at sensitizing young minds about creating safe, respectful, and inclusive workplaces, reinforcing the importance of gender equality and dignity at work."

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The **Ann's Special Meet** held on **August 4, 2025**, was truly a memorable occasion, graced by a large and enthusiastic gathering of Anns and Lady Rotarians. A warm welcome was extended to our **Incoming First Lady, Ann Jayashree Parasuram 2025-2026**, and Ann Dr. Veena was thanked for her effort in filling in for the absence of the first lady for the year 2024-2025.

The event was meticulously organized by Ann. Vijayalakshmi Hariprasad and Ann. Mano Singh, whose efforts ensured that everything went on seamlessly and beautifully. Special thanks to Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Hariprasad, who thoughtfully presented lovely bouquets and gifts to both Ann Jayashree and Ann Veena.

To add joy and fun to the occasion, everyone participated in a lively game of Tambola by Ann Mano, which brought smiles, laughter, and cheer across the room. The event concluded with a sumptuous and delicious lunch, offering not just flavors to relish but also moments of togetherness that will remain cherished in our hearts.

The Ann's Meet of August 4th was a perfect blend of warmth, camaraderie, service, and celebration — an occasion that beautifully reflected the spirit of fellowship among the Anns.

~ Ann. Hema Jayakumar



Ann's Picnic at Atulya Farms

The much-anticipated picnic at Atulya Farms was beautifully organized by the First Lady of RCA, Ann. Jayashree, on the 23rd of August. Set in a serene and scenic environment, it turned out to be a delightful staycation that brought members together for a refreshing getaway.

The drive to the venue in smaller groups set the cheerful tone for the day—filled with laughter, bonding, and picturesque views. Upon arrival, participants were welcomed with flawless arrangements, including a sumptuous spread of lunch, snacks, and dinner.

The day unfolded with enriching and engaging activities. An interactive discussion led by Ann. Vasanthi sparked thought-provoking conversations, while Ann. Jayashree added a personal touch with thoughtful gifts and fun-filled games. Ann. Ajitha's light yoga session provided a rejuvenating pause, promoting wellness and relaxation.

One of the highlights was the playful dip at the waterfront, which brought out the child in everyone and created moments of pure joy. As evening set in, the fellowship grew livelier—a graceful dance performance by Ann. Sheela, joined by Ann. Mala and Ann. Surekha to a popular Bollywood number, enthralled everyone. The day concluded with heartwarming conversations that paved the way for a cozy and memorable dinner.

Overall, the outing was perfectly curated—blending joy, relaxation, and togetherness, and leaving behind cherished memories of camaraderie and fellowship.

~ Ann. Mano Singh

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Independence Day Celebrations at Rotary Club of Ambattur



The **79th Independence Day** was celebrated with great pride and patriotism on **August 15th, 2025**, at the **Ambattur Rotary Hospital**. The National Flag was hoisted by **Rtn. Ravi Varman**, continuing the Rotary Club of Ambattur's tradition of honoring the nation every year at our flagship project located in the Ambattur Industrial Estate. The event was graced by members from the District as well as visiting Rotarians, making it a truly memorable occasion.

A highlight of the program was the enthusiastic participation of our **Cerebral Palsy students**, who dressed up as freedom fighters and the national bird. Their spirited performances and talent showcase were met with heartfelt appreciation from everyone present, adding a special charm to the celebration.

Parallely, the **T.V. Nagar Educational School** also marked the occasion with a flag hoisting ceremony at the school premises. The chief guests for the event were President of RCA, Rtn. T. Parasuram, and Ann. Jayashree Girisan. The students impressed the gathering with inspiring speeches delivered in both Tamil and English, reflecting their love for the nation.

The celebrations concluded with a delightful fellowship lunch at **Aachi Restaurant**, where Rotarians came together to share camaraderie and joy over a scrumptious meal.

The **Ayappakkam After School Learning Center** marked the celebrations of Janmashtami and Independence Day on August 11th at its premises. The occasion was filled with enthusiasm as children showcased their talents through a series of engaging events, including fancy dress, drama, speeches, dance, and storytelling. The program not only highlighted the festive spirit but also provided the children with an opportunity to express their creativity and confidence.



Rotary District 3234
INDEPENDENCE DAY & JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATION
On 11th August 2025, 5 pm - 7 pm

- Fancy Dress Parade
- Creative Chart Display
- Drama on the Birth of Krishna
- Independence Day Speech
- Patriotic Dance Performance
- Storytelling Session
- Independence Day Mime
- Patriotic Group Song
- Rally & Community Awareness Drive

RCA After School Learning Centre
Ganesh nagar, 3rd Street,
Ayappakkam.



Installation of our Rotaract and Interact Clubs



Rotaract Club of Ambattur
July 6th



Rotaract Club of S.A College of
Arts and Science - July 31st



Interact Club of T.V Nagar
School - Aug 7th



Interact Club of Bhaktavatsalam
Vidyashram School - Aug 3rd

Recent Awards for our Club



From Life's First Cheers to Forever Together
Celebrating You Always!

Birthdays

September 03	Annette Naveen	Vijayakumaran V
September 05	Ann Dr.Veena	Dr. Winston Noronha
September 06	Annette R. Nandana	Flt Lt L Ramesh
September 06	Rtn. Vasanthi Ranganathan	
September 10	Rtn. A David	
September 17	Annette Keerthi Prasad	A S Hari Prasad
September 18	Rtn. Anjula Bhatia	G Viswanathan
September 18	Ann V Aruna	G Ravishankar
September 19	Annette Subhiksha	Ajitha Balan
September 20	Mr. T Balan	
September 23	Rtn. Jayashree Girisan	
September 24	Rtn. Ashish Coelho	
September 25	Rtn. Gita Menon	
September 25	Annette Meghna Sarma	G VRS Sarma
September 26	Annette Arachana Ramesh	Mohan Sasikumar
September 29	Annette R Ravishankar	Vasanthi Ranganathan

Anniversary

September 01	Rtn. P N Ramachandran & Mala
September 05	Rtn. Vikram Sarathy & Nikhila
September 09	Rtn. Flt. Lt. L Ramesh & Dr. G Buvaneswari
September 16	Rtn. Vijayakumaran & Rajeswari
September 18	Rtn. G Aravind & Gayathri

Mark your Calendar! - Upcoming Events

Sept 07
(Sun)
11.00 a.m

Teacher's Day and
Onam Celebrations
PRC Centenary Hall,
T Nagar

Sept 16
(Tues)
6.30 p.m

Speaker Meeting
(Hi-Tea)
Pearl, The Presidency
Club, Egmore

Sept 27
(Sat)
7.00 p.m

Dandiya Darbar
2025
The Madras
Ballroom, Le Royal
Méri dien, Guindy

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