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

~Ann. Jayashree Parasuram



As summer slowly set in and the days grew warmer, the spirit of our RCAians—the "never say never" tribe—remained as vibrant as ever. The month began on an intellectually stimulating note with a speaker meeting on ***Vedic astrology***. The session sparked immense curiosity, leaving us with numerous questions and plenty of "homework" as we delved into understanding the various houses of astrology.

Celebrations followed soon after, as we came together for a traditional Sadhya to mark ***Tamil New Year's Day and Vishu***. The joy of sharing a festive meal added warmth and togetherness to the occasion.

Adding to the momentum, another speaker meeting featured an engaging brainstorming session on ***Madras you do not know***—its heritage, evolution, and enduring charm—making it a truly enriching experience for all.

TAMIL NEW YEAR & VISHU CELEBRATIONS





The **Tamil New Year and Vishu** were celebrated with a traditional **Sadhya** at the **Clubhouse, Metrozone** on **19th April 2026**.

The program commenced with the **collaring of the President by Rtn. G. Ravishankar**, followed by an **invocation by Ann. Mala**. The **Welcome Address** was delivered by **President Rtn. T. Parasuram**.

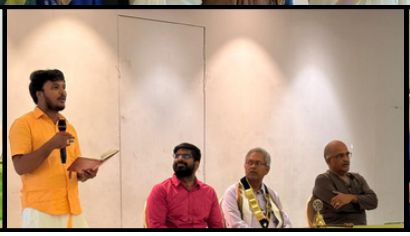
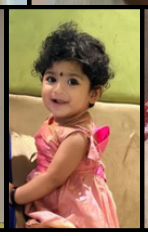
The afternoon was enriched with meaningful and informative talks. **Rtn. Sudharshankrishna** spoke about the significance of **Tamil New Year (Puthandu)**, highlighting it as a time of renewal, gratitude, and new beginnings. He touched upon traditional practices, the reading of the Panchangam, and the cultural values associated with the festival. He also shared a PDF with members, which served as an engaging and insightful resource.

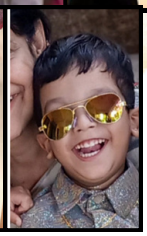
Ann. Tara Rao shared insightful reflections on **Vishu**, elaborating on the tradition of Vishukkani—the auspicious arrangement of items that symbolize prosperity and abundance. She brought out the spirit of the festival as one of positivity, hope, and renewal, emphasizing the importance of beginning the year on a positive and meaningful note.

The event concluded with the **Secretary's announcements and the Vote of Thanks by Rtn. Deepan** followed by an elaborate ***Sadhya***.







The presence of the Young Annettes Dhriti, Niranjana and Vishveshwaran added vibrancy to the celebrations

April 7th 2026 - Speaker Meeting

~ Ann. Nikhila Vikram

Vedic Astrology

The evening of **7th April** commenced with the **collaring of the President by Rtn. G.V.R.S. Sarma**, followed by the **4 way test by Rtn. Anuradha**. The **Welcome Address** was then delivered by **President Rtn. T. Parasuram**.

The distinguished **speaker** was introduced by **First Lady Ann Jayashree Parasuram**. The programme was further enriched by an insightful session led by **Rtn. Kamala Selvam, the speaker of the day**. She spoke on astrology, shedding light on predictions and their significance in a person's life. Her engaging and easy-to-understand approach made the session both informative and thought-provoking.

She elaborated on the nine houses of astrology, explaining what each signifies and how they influence an individual's character and life journey. To make the concepts more relatable, she shared the horoscopes of Lord Rama and Rajinikanth, helping the audience gain a clearer understanding. She also interspersed her talk with interesting anecdotes from her personal experiences, keeping everyone thoroughly engaged.

The meeting concluded with the **Secretary's announcements by Rtn. Deepan**, followed by a **Vote of Thanks proposed by Rtn. Col. Bhupinder Singh**.

The evening, held over a delightful ***hi-tea***, witnessed a full house—reflecting the keen interest and enthusiasm of our members.









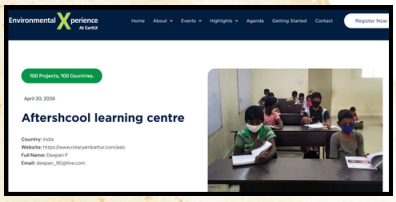


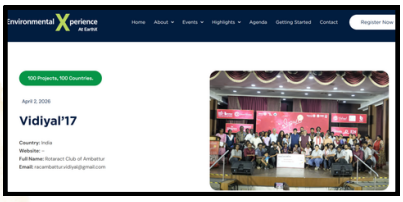



Congratulations
Ann. Viji Hariprasad !!!

Rtn. Viji Hariprasad, a Rotarian of Madras Temple City for **37 years**, received the recognition for selfless service to the community through Rotary.







Ayapakkam After School Learning Center and the Rotaract Club of Ambattur's Project Vidiyal'17 proudly featured in 100 projects 100 countries.



Programs Committee Meeting - April 5th 2026 at the Residence of Rtn. Sarma and Ann. Lata.

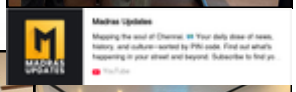
April Journeys: Club Highlights & Happenings

April 28th 2026 - Speaker Meeting

~ Rtn. T Parasuram







The speaker meeting held on **28th April** commenced with the collaring of the President by **Rtn. G. Viswanathan**, followed by an **invocation by Ann. Vijaya Sairam**. The **Welcome Address** was delivered by **President Rtn. T. Parasuram**, who also had the honor of **introducing the distinguished speaker** for the evening.

The programme was further enriched by an engaging and insightful session led by **Mr. Venkatesh Ramakrishnan**. His talk, titled ***"The Madras You Do Not Know,"*** took the audience on a captivating journey through the layered history and cultural evolution of the city. He concentrated on ***Egmore***, the area of our venue for the meeting, ***the Presidency Club***. He brought to light lesser-known stories, forgotten landmarks, and intriguing anecdotes that revealed a side of Madras often overlooked in mainstream narratives. From hidden architectural gems and historic neighborhoods to the lives and contributions of unsung individuals, the session offered a fresh and nuanced perspective on the city's identity. .His passionate storytelling, enriched with vivid details and thoughtful reflections, sparked curiosity and a deeper appreciation for the heritage and spirit of Madras among the audience. For further reading, go to Madras Updates.

The meeting concluded with the **Secretary's announcements by Rtn. Deepan**, followed by a heartfelt **Vote of Thanks proposed by Rtn. Winston Noronha**.

The evening, complemented by a delightful hi-tea, witnessed a full house—reflecting the keen interest, enthusiasm, and active participation of our members.

Summer Camp at Ayappakam After School Learning Center

(April 10th to 16th 2026)

The summer camp was a lively and engaging program with around 70 students participating each day, along with a few parents. The first few days focused on creative, hands-on activities using simple and recycled materials. Children enjoyed making crafts such as balloon lights, robots, dream catchers, photo frames, and more—encouraging imagination and sustainability. A dedicated day featured a refreshing yoga session conducted by Sky Yoga Center, introducing students to breathing techniques, basic asanas, and the importance of mindfulness. The final days were filled with fun games and team activities that promoted coordination, concentration, and teamwork. Overall, the camp offered a wonderful blend of creativity, wellness, and fun, leaving the children with joyful memories and new skills.





Advancing Patient Care: New Equipment at Ambattur Rotary Hospital

~ Rtn. Udaya Bhanu

We are delighted to share that three new medical machines have been received at our hospital, of which two have already been installed and will be made operational very soon.

This has been made possible through the support of **M/s. SGB Transformers India Pvt. Ltd.** We extend our heartfelt thanks for their valuable contribution of **Rs. 33,25,000/-** towards strengthening healthcare services.

We also place on record our sincere appreciation to **Rtn. P. N. Ramachandran**, whose consistent efforts have facilitated this sponsorship.

Details of the machines:

- **Upper GI Endoscopy Machine** – Enables visualization of the esophagus and stomach for diagnostic purposes.
- **Phaco Machine** – Used for modern, minimally invasive cataract surgery using ultrasonic technology.
- **C-Arm Machine** – Provides real-time X-ray imaging during surgeries, improving accuracy and reducing procedure time.

We thank the sponsor and all involved for their valuable contribution to our hospital and its service to the community.

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

Birthdays

May 04	Annette Abhilash Balan	Ajitha Balan
May 07	Annette Joshua	Ashish Coelho
May 09	Annette Dhriti	P Deepan
May 09	Annette Yashitha	Vijayakumaran V
May 10	Ann Mano Singh	Col Bhupinder Singh
May 12	Ann Lata	GVRS Sarma
May 12	Ann Darsi Anuradha	D Sambasiva
May 14	Annette Anuradha Mathi	Vasanthi Ranganathan
May 15	Rtn. GVRS Sarma	
May 18	Rtn. Flt Lt L Ramesh	
May 19	Rtn. M Viswanathan	
May 21	Rtn. Dr. J David Samson	
May 24	Annette Mukund Viswanathan	G Vishwanathan
May 25	Annette M Deepak	Mahaveerchand Dugar
May 26	Annette Dr. Suresh Sridharan	P Sridharan
May 27	Rtn. Mangayarkrasi Tamilselvan	
May 27	Annette. R Lakshana	Flt Lt Ramesh
May 27	Annette. Supriya Suresh	K Suresh Babu
May 27	Ann Renuka Kumar	Mohan Sasikumar
May 28	Mr. M K Menon	Gita Menon
May 29	Annette Menaka Rao	Ashok Rao
May 29	Rtn. Upendra Bhatia	
May 29	Annette Lakshitha	D Sambasiva
May 29	Annette Vasanth Kumar	Mangayarkrasi

Anniversary

May 01	Rtn. Gita & M.K. Menon
May 14	Rtn. Rema Sakunthala & Ramesh Kumar KN
May 16	Rtn. T Parasuram & Jayashree Parasuram
May 24	Rtn. Kavithaa Narasimhan & Sivasubramanian TK
May 25	Rtn. K. Suresh Babu & Sureka Suresh



Serving AG Rtn. Usha Ajith Prasad, Rtn. Dhanasekar, and Rtn. Inban visited ARH, accompanied by Rtn. Vasanthi. During their visit, they made donations in kind and expressed their willingness to procure additional items, should we identify the specific needs

Mark your Calendar! - Upcoming Events

May 09 (Sat) 6.45 p.m	Annette Dhriti's (D/O Rtn. Deepan & Ann. Uma) 1st Birthday Party Lake View Party Hall (Eco Park), Chetpet, Chennai.
May 19 (Tues) (Hi-Tea)	Speaker Meeting Rtn. Dr. Madheena Saleem "Brain Mapping" (Invite to follow) Presidency Club, Egmore
May 26 (Tues)	Meeting Details to be announced

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