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LEAD 25—AIM HIGH : ROTARY INDIA LEADERSHIP CONCLAVE @ CHENNAI TRADE CENTRE



The Lead 25 Conference held in Chennai on 23-24 Aug, 2025, was conducted on par with international standards. Eight of us proudly represented the Rotary Club of Madurai Metro Heritage.



The event was exceptionally well-organized with a thoughtfully curated agenda that featured eminent speakers, renowned musicians and talented artists. The ambience was vibrant and the food was truly delightful.



The conference saw participation from 13 countries, making it a truly global gathering. Distinguished personalities such as world-renowned actor Kamal Haasan and Deputy Chief Minister Mr. Udhayanidhi Stalin graced the occasion, along with RI President Rtn. Francesco Arezzo.

This remarkable event was brilliantly organized by Rotary International Director Rtn. AKS. Er. Muruganantham M 2025–2027 and it was a one-of-a-kind experience.

- President **Rtn. Vikram N. Malli**



WATER WARRIOR AWARD - SAMAYANALLUR POND RESTORATION

Proud moment for the Rotary Club of Madurai Metro Heritage!

We have been honored with the Bronze Water Warrior Award 2024–25 by Rotary International District 3000 for restoring a water body and showcasing the true Magic of Rotary. Special appreciation to IPP Rtn. Arunkumar Amarnath for driving and completing this project.



First Bulletin Launch

As co-editor of the Bulletin, I've gained valuable insights into the activities of the Rotary Club of Madurai Metro Heritage. Thank you all for the enthusiastic responses to the Quadra Connections and Intruder Hunt puzzles.

It's inspiring to see the passion and commitment Rotarians bring to every initiative, despite busy schedules. This role has also given me the chance to interact with members and present events meaningfully in the bulletin.

Heartful thanks to our President for this opportunity and trust.

- **Ann Nandini Shiyam**

MESSAGE FROM CO EDITOR



COMMUNITY SERVICE

PUBLIC IMAGE

Umbrella Donation Drive in Sivagangai, Madurai & Thiruparankundram

Our club organized an Umbrella Donation Drive, extending support to roadside vendors in Sivagangai, Madurai and Thiruparankundram. Branded umbrellas, featuring both our Club logo and the sponsors logo were distributed to three vendors on 22nd August, with four more distributions scheduled in the coming days. The beneficiaries expressed heartfelt gratitude, making the occasion both meaningful and memorable. This initiative not only offered much-needed protection from the weather but also strengthened Rotary's visibility and presence within the community. Special appreciation is extended to Rtn. Alpesh, Rtn. Dr. Vijay, Rtn. Aravind and Rtn. Dr. Kirushnakumar for their generous sponsorship in support of this cause.



INSPIRING YOUNG MINDS -MOU SIGNED BETWEEN KALAINAR LIBRARY AND SEV SCHOOL



Our Club has initiated an MoU between SEV School and Kalaignar Library. Special appreciation goes to Rtn. Aladi Arun and Rtn. Shahul for making this possible.



KALAIVANI MADHAR SANGAM CULTURAL EVENT FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN



This is an annual event and our club contributed Rs.25000 and our Senior member Rtn. Anand generously added Rs.5000 to this noble cause.

DROPS FOR OCEAN – AUGUST PROJECT



Our Monthly District Project Drops for Ocean for the month of August was beautifully executed by our Interactors at SEV School.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

DOG REHABILITATION

Rtn. Madhav Muthiah and IPP Rtn. Arunkumar Amarnath have each contributed Rs. 5,000 in support of dog rehabilitation, extending their generosity towards this noble cause.



NEW MEMBER INDUCTION



Let's welcome our new member to our family
Mr. Chetan Babu and Mrs. Deepthitha Chetan Babu.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICES - FLAG EXCHANGE



As the First Lady of Rotary Club of Metro Heritage and International Service Director of Rotary Club of Madurai Blossom I had the privilege of meeting with the Rotary Club of Hartamas on their special gala fundraising night!

During the event, I had the opportunity to meet a few PDGs from Malaysia and numerous other club members. As the First Lady for Rotary Club of Metro Heritage I exchanged flags with Rotary Club of Hartamas.

On August 24th, I received an invitation to another Installation and Fundraising event hosted by the E-Club of Kuala Lumpur. Thirty-one clubs participated in the event and I was honored to be one of them.

I had the chance to interact with Rotarians not only from KL but also from Hong Kong and Japan.

Special thanks to Rtn. Dr. Shimi, the Vice President of RC Hartamas. Rtn. Teresa Benedict, President of the Rotary E-Club of One KL, for ensuring our participation in the events.

These events have been a great experience for me and I am thankful for the opportunities that Rotary provides for us to connect with other clubs and make a difference in the world.

Rtn. Krupa Dyanesh

First Lady, Rotary Club of Madurai Metro Heritage

METRO CONNECT



Rtn. Shiyam - Ann. Nandini wishing
Rtn. Murali Babu - Ann. Aparna



Rtn. Dr. Vijay - Ann. Dr. Vidhya wishing
Rtn. Sudhir - Ann. Reshma

Jewel One Showroom Opening



The grand opening of Jewel One at West Masi Street was a glittering occasion, graced by the presence of our members. Rtn.Premalatha had the honour of lighting the kuthuvilakku, marking the auspicious beginning of the event. A few of our Anns also joined the celebration, adding warmth and charm to the memorable evening.



FROM IDEAS TO ACTION – LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

The Sports Committee came together on **9th September 2025** for an energetic and idea-packed meet-up. Members brainstormed exciting plans for the upcoming sports season, from tournaments and practice sessions to fun fitness initiatives that will get more members involved. The discussions were filled with enthusiasm, teamwork, and a shared passion for promoting sportsmanship. With fresh ideas and a renewed spirit, the committee left the meet-up ready to kick-start an action-filled year of games and glory!

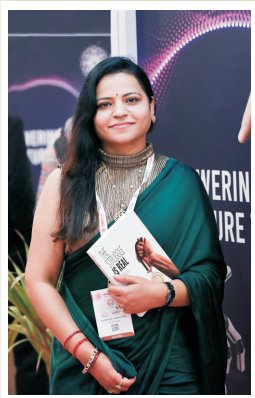
SPEAKER MEET

On 29th August, a Speaker Meet was held on the topic "How to Use AI Effectively in Daily Life." Our club member, Rtn. C. R. Venkatesh, delivered an excellent presentation, highlighting various aspects of Artificial Intelligence and practical tools for its effective use.



| AI Tool | Description | Use It For |
|----------------------|---|---|
| ChatGPT | All-round productivity partner and conversational AI | Drafting communication, summarizing documents, research, creative writing |
| Gamma | AI-powered presentations and documentation | Business presentations, sales decks, investor reports |
| Perplexity AI | AI-based research assistant with real-time references | In-depth research, fact-checking, quick information retrieval |
| Notion AI | Productivity and note-taking powered by AI | Meeting notes, project planning, task management |
| Runway | Creative AI tool for video and multimedia | Video editing, image generation, visual storytelling |
| ElevenLabs | Advanced AI voice synthesis | Voiceovers, narration, content localization |
| MidJourney | AI image generation tool | Creative visuals, design concepts, branding |

The session was highly engaging and informative, offering members a practical understanding of how AI can simplify tasks, boost productivity and open new creative possibilities.



INSPIRING LEADERSHIP, GLOBAL RECOGNITION

We are proud to extend our heartfelt congratulations to our **Ann. Poornima Venkatesh**, for her remarkable achievement in representing at the **G20 Summit held in South Africa from September 16-20, 2025**.

Her presence at this prestigious global platform is a matter of great pride and inspiration for all of us. Through her leadership, vision and dedication, she continues to make a meaningful impact and bring honor to our community.

We celebrate her success and wish her many more milestones in her journey of excellence!

LEADER SPEAKS

GUIDING WITH VISION: DR. KK'S PERSPECTIVE



Leadership is not just about holding a position or having authority-it's about inspiring, guiding, and motivating a team toward a shared vision. A great leader must be honest, transparent, and capable of making effective decisions. Here are some of the key qualities I believe are necessary to become a great leader:

1. Clarity of Goals

We must first understand the goal clearly -why we are doing something, what we want to achieve and when it needs to be done.

2. Clear Communication

It is crucial to ensure that the team also understands the goal. Communication is one of the most important aspects of leadership.

3. Emotional Connection

A good leader understands each team member individually and builds a strong emotional connection with them.

4. Interpersonal Relationships

Building and maintaining good interpersonal relationships within the team is vital for collaboration and trust.

5. Honesty and Transparency

Being honest, ethical, and transparent with the team is essential. Trust is built through consistent and genuine actions.

6. Motivation

A leader must constantly motivate the team and keep them focused on the goal, especially during challenging times.

7. Delegation and Supervision

Entrust responsibilities to team members and monitor progress. If things go off track, the leader should help realign the efforts.

8. Problem Solving

Solving problems that arise during the journey toward the goal is one of the core responsibilities of a leader.

9. Accountability

A leader must take responsibility for any issues that occur within the team, without placing blame.

10. Decision-Making

Timely and effective decision-making is critical. A leader should be confident, yet thoughtful, in making decisions.

11. Humility

A good leader remains humble, acknowledges the contributions of others, and always keeps their ears open to feedback.

12. Openness to Ideas

Leaders should always be open to listening to team members' ideas with an open and unbiased mind.

Leadership is a dynamic process that requires continuous learning, self-awareness, and adaptability. Different situations call for different approaches, and not every challenge can be solved the same way. The key lies in understanding the goal, assessing the situation, recognizing the problems, and guiding the team toward effective solutions.

-Rtn. Dr.Kirushna Kumar

A LEADER WHO INSPIRES, AN INFLUENCER WHO MATTERS!



It was a moment of immense pride as our PP. Rtn.**C.R.Venkatesh** was recognized with the prestigious **Global Influencer Award at the World AI Summit**. This honor highlights CRV's outstanding contributions, thought leadership and impactful presence in the field of Artificial Intelligence on the global stage.

The recognition not only celebrates CRV's professional excellence but also serves as an inspiration for many, proving that dedication and innovation can leave a lasting mark across industries and communities worldwide. This milestone stands as a testament to CRV's vision, hard work and ability to influence positive change, making it a proud moment for all who share in this achievement.

A HUGE CONGRATS - GRAND OPENING

AJ TYRES



AJ Tyres Grand Opening Congrats
Rtn. Arun Amarnath & Rtn.Beboy John



WESMARC



WESMARC - Super Doors Grand Opening – a new milestone in the journey of innovation and excellence. Congrats JP and Manasa for the new collaboration...



FAMILY EVENTS

Beer & Biryani—An Evening at Anwar’s Farm



On 8th August, Rotarians gathered at Rtn. Anwar's farm for a delightful fellowship evening. Members enjoyed a refreshing time by the pool, accompanied by cheerful camaraderie. The highlight of the evening was the sumptuous biryani, which was relished by all, making the occasion both enjoyable and memorable.

The Family Meet, themed on Squid Game, was an amazing event filled with fun and excitement for everyone!



The games were engaging and thoroughly enjoyed by all. A special thanks to our wonderful hosts, led by Rtn. Aravind Solamalai & IPP Rtn. Arunkumar Amarnath for organizing the event to perfection - from the dress code and food to the fun-filled activities.

First Lady Rtn. Krupa’s dad 80th Birthday Jubilee Celebration



The 80th Birthday Sathabhishekam Celebration of our First Lady Rtn.Krupa Dynaesh’s father was held with grandeur.



Movie Event Coolie



On 14th August, members enjoyed a full-house screening of Coolie (No.5821), coordinated by Ann.Subha. The film delivered Rajini's trademark energy, with cameos from stars across India adding flavor. Popcorn, Pepsi and shared laughter made the evening a memorable fellowship. A specially designed Metro welcome banner and health awareness slide were screened prior to the start of the movie.

FAMILY EVENTS

STEP UP ANNS



Metro Heritage members enjoyed an energetic evening with the exclusive **ABCD (Any Body Can Dance)** session on 06/09/2025, at D's dance school. The program encouraged everyone to step onto the floor and experience the joy of movement. Guided by professional trainers, the session proved that dance is not just about technique, but about expression, fitness and fun. Members grooved to lively beats, shared laughter and built stronger bonds as a community. The event turned out to be a refreshing break, leaving participants energized, cheerful and reminded that truly, *anybody can dance!*

CHERISHING TRADITION



The festive spirit of Navaratri was beautifully celebrated at the residence of Ann. Vinothini, where members gathered to witness the traditional Golu display.

FOOD TRAIL & TEMPLE RUN



Temple Run : A Journey of Faith and Fellowship

The evening of our much-awaited "Temple Run" began with the assembling of enthusiastic participants at the historic **Mariamman Temple** on 05/09/2025 at 5:30 pm. The atmosphere was filled with devotion, excitement and the promise of a meaningful journey ahead. Our first stop was the **Teppakulam Mariamman Temple**, where the serene ambiance of the temple tank added a spiritual charm to the visit. With prayers and quiet moments of reflection, we soaked in the beauty of tradition and faith. The next halt took us to the **Bairavar Temple**, where the energy of the shrine was both powerful and humbling. The collective chanting and offerings created a deep sense of connection among the group. From there, we moved on to the **Mukthieshwarar Temple**, a place that resonated with peace and tranquility. The centuries-old architecture and divine aura reminded us of the rich cultural heritage preserved within these sacred walls. To bring the spiritual journey to a heartwarming close, we treated ourselves to a delightful **street food dinner**. From piping hot snacks to flavorful sweets, the lively streets offered the perfect setting for laughter, conversations and bonding after a soulful evening.



The Metro Heritage members enjoyed a delightful Food Trail to Bell Jumbo on 24/09/2025, exploring a rich variety of flavors that beautifully combined tradition with modern cuisine. The day was marked by warm camaraderie, engaging conversations, and a shared appreciation for fine dining, making it a truly memorable experience for all.

INK THE EXPERIENCE

USA TO INDIA : HOMECOMING



A journey of love, family and finding balance between two worlds. In 2008, I left India for the United States, landing in Gaithersburg, Maryland, to begin my career. What started as a professional milestone soon became the foundation of an entirely new life. The U.S. welcomed me with open arms and over the years it gave me far more than just a career-it gave me a family and countless memories to cherish.

In 2012, I married Premalatha. She was from Madurai, I was from Trichy two neighboring cities, two families bound by tradition, yet brought together across continents. Our engagement was unique: while our families gathered in India, I joined virtually from the U.S. through Skype. At that time, it felt unusual, but it became a story we would always smile about.

An year later, in 2013, our son Prithiv was born and suddenly life shifted to diapers, laughter and tiny footsteps. By 2015, we had purchased our first home in Brambleton, Virginia-a moment that felt like the American dream realized. That same year, our daughter Nakshatra arrived, completing our world.

We built a comfortable life in the U.S. - good schools, safe neighborhoods, every convenience within reach. And yet, something was missing. Grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins lived only through video calls. Festivals that should have been filled

with noise, color and community were often quiet affairs. We longed for our children to grow up not just with opportunities, but also with roots-with family stories, traditions and the warmth of a larger family circle.

By 2019, we made the decision to return to India. It wasn't easy. I gave up my Green Card-a symbol of stability that many hold on to tightly. But for us, the choice was about more than geography. It was about identity, belonging and raising our children in an environment where family wasn't on a screen but just a street away.

We could have chosen a Tier-1 city like Chennai or Bengaluru, where career prospects and infrastructure were stronger. But instead, we chose Madurai-Premalatha's hometown-because it offered something even more valuable: a strong support system. Here, our children could grow up surrounded by cousins, celebrate festivals as we once had, and experience the richness of an interconnected life.

The move was bittersweet. Leaving behind friends, our Brambleton home and the lifestyle we had grown used to was difficult. Yet the joy of watching our kids run into their grandparents' arms, share meals with family and absorbing the traditions of our land reminded us why we made this choice.

The U.S. gave us stability, but India gave us belonging. Looking back, I realize we didn't give up a life-we expanded it. Between two worlds, we found balance. And in Madurai, we found home.

Rtn. Deepan Chakaravarthy

CONGRATULATIONS



Our member **Rtn. Rajesh Kanna** was recognized with the Best of Heritage Award for Andril Heritage Art Gallery at Botfluence Southscape 2025.



Congratulations

Rtn. Dr. Kirushnakumar & Rtn. Dr. Mithran for featuring in Outlook as Best Doctors South 2025.



Our **Ann.Poornima** participated in the Clean Madurai Campaign at Meenakshi Amman Temple with Madurai Dist.Collector, Commissioner & Minister Mr. Moorthi

ANN'S CHRONICLES

PETALS OF MEMORY



Onam always takes me back to the carefree days of childhood. I remember running around our garden, plucking flowers to make the pookolam, each petal carefully placed with laughter and chatter around. Dad's side of the family would gather together and the men would take charge of the cooking, a rare but delightful sight! The night would stretch into dawn with laughter, songs and stories, moments etched forever in my heart.

As a married girl, Onam found me in a new city, embraced by a joint family that spanned four generations. The tradition of the pookolam continued, though the flowers now came from bustling markets. The elaborate Sadhya was lovingly prepared and the house would be filled not just with family but also with friends who joined in to celebrate. I felt a comforting continuity of old traditions weaving seamlessly into my new life.



@ Ann. Reshma

Today, Onam is gentler yet just as precious. We return to my hometown most years, spending the day with my siblings and cousins who I grew up with and all our kids. The sadhya may be store-bought, but the laughter, games and togetherness remain priceless.

New clothes, pookolams and endless joy! Through every season of life, Onam has been a beautiful reminder of love, family and belonging.

- Ann. Reshma

On Thiruvonam everybody will dress up in traditional outfit and enjoy a grand feast of Onamsadya. True spirit of every celebration is when the entire family come together have fun to strengthen bonds and preserve tradition and culture. Here I've shared some of my Onam celebration pictures with you. Hope you had a glimpse of our Onam.



- Ann. Tinu

@ Ann. Tinu

Honoring the Messenger of Peace



Milad-un-Nabi, also known as Mawlid, is observed on the 12th day of Rabi' al-Awwal, the third month of the Islamic lunar calendar. This sacred occasion commemorates the birth anniversary of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), whose life and teachings continue to inspire millions across the world. Across the globe, Milad-un-Nabi is marked by congregational prayers, sermons, and recitations from the Holy Qur'an. Religious scholars highlight the Prophet's exemplary character, his message of mercy, and his guidance for humanity. Acts of kindness,

distribution of food, and support for the underprivileged reflect the Prophet's enduring legacy of compassion. On this day, we involve in spiritual gatherings, participate in cultural programs where various competitions will be organized on the significance of this day and also in processions which add to the solemn yet festive atmosphere, allowing people of all ages to engage in the remembrance of the Prophet. More than a celebration, it is a guiding light that calls us to live with dignity, humility and purpose.



Ann. S.M. Nilofer Fathima

Try, Send & Win Gifts

FROM THE CHEF'S KITCHEN

ASOKA HALWA



Ingredients

- Green gram dal (Lightly roasted) 1 cup
- Wheat flour 2 tsp
- Sugar 1 1/2 cup
- Ghee 1/4 cup
- Cashew nut 25 grms
- Food colour few drops

Method

- Cook the green gram with two cups of water
- Fry the wheat flour with little ghee
- In a frypan place wheat flour and cooked and mashed gram dhal Add colour and sugar Mix it
- Cook for a few minutes add the ghee little by little
- When it reaches Halwa consistency put off the stove add fried cashew nuts and cardamom powder.



Diwali



Home Chef
AATHILAKSHMI

Courtyard by
Marriott, Madurai

Grandparents Through The Eyes of Our Annets

Grandparents hold a very special place in a child's heart. To celebrate this bond, we asked our Annets a few simple questions about their grandparents. Their innocent and heartfelt answers beautifully capture the love, care and memories they share.

Let's hear it directly from our little ones...



RHEAA & DISHA

SANA MARWA

SRIRAM MUTHAIAH

Rheaa : They play with me and Disha.

Disha : They buy me chocolates and gifts.

I love my grandparents as they are so sweet with us, get us what all we ask & accompanies us

Even though you carried me inside, avva only takes care of me every day!

1 Why do you love your grandparents?

Rheaa: Going out with them for parties.

Disha: Day out with them at the Mango Festival.

Times when she share her childhood experiences & stories about her family

Playing in the terrace.

2 What is your favorite memory with them?

Rheaa : Grandmother makes sandwiches (bread and butter) for me.

Disha : Grandfather / Grandmother reads books to me.

She teaches how to make simple things better, maintain the garden.

They make me eat healthy and tell me stories.

3 What special thing does your grandfather / grandmother do for you?

Rheaa & Disha:
Pooja Prasadham

She makes yummy potato fry & bakes cake well.

Biryani

4 What's your favorite dish your grandmother makes?

Rheaa : A bag
Disha : A coffee mug

I would present her a nice saree and a mobile phone

A card or something I make

5 If you could give one gift to your grandparents, what would it be?

4th Annette Club Installation & Fun Evening at Irish Café

INSTALLATION WITH PURPOSE, SERVICE WITH PRIDE



The **4th Installation Ceremony of the Annette Club** was held on **20th September 2025**, marking yet another milestone in the club's journey. The event witnessed the induction of new members and office bearers, reaffirming the spirit of service, fellowship, and youthful energy. Following the formal proceedings, members unwound with vibrant fun sessions at the Irish Café, filled with laughter, games, and cheerful conversations. The evening perfectly blended tradition with togetherness, leaving everyone with fond memories and a renewed zeal to take the club forward.

BAKE, DANCE, PLAY - THE ANNETTE WAY!



On 20th September 2025, the Annettes gathered for an unforgettable evening at the Irish Café, filled with creativity, fitness, and fun. The event began with a delightful cake baking session, where members showcased their culinary talents and teamwork, adding a sweet touch to the celebrations.

Next came the high-energy Zumba session, which had everyone dancing to lively beats, proving that fitness can be as enjoyable as it is refreshing. The evening wrapped up with engaging games, sparking laughter, friendly competition, and plenty of bonding moments.

The blend of baking, dancing and games created a perfect balance of joy and togetherness, making it a truly memorable evening for the Annettes.



THROW BACK PUZZLE



Every Grown up has a story - can you name these little stars?

PUZZLE HALL OF FAME



Quadra Connections



Ann.Indu Subbu



Ann.Reshma Sudhir

Intruder Hunt



Ann. Reshma Sudhir

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