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Love, modesty, benignness, fostership and truth are the five pillars sustaining sublimity

From the President Desk



Dear Probians,

t is heartening to note that the Breakfast Meeting on 23rd June 2018 which included installation of the new Team went off well. Dignitaries from Rotary Club, Inner Wheel Club, Federation of Senior Citizens Association, HelpAge India,

and our good friends like Mr. G. Subramaniam, President, Gopalapuram Educational Society, Mr. Sivagnanam, President, Probus Club of Cheyyar and others attended the meeting.

Mr. Mikhail Gorbatov, Vice Counsel & Director, Russian Centre for Science and Culture could not make it due to unavoidable circumstance. Similarly, Ms. Amutha Aanand of M.P. Aanand Matriculation HSS also could not attend, though she very much wanted to attend.

All invitees spoke well and the same was appreciated by one and all. We thank them once again for their continued support.

You may recall that in my earlier column, I had mentioned that preparation of a Manual of Procedure was in advanced stages. Now I am glad to inform you that our immediate Past President Probian R.T.Namasivayam has already handed over the manual to our Probian Veteran S.Ranganatha Rao for giving it finishing touches. It can be expected that the Manual will take its final shape early. While on the subject, I must thank Probian Ram Mohan who had done the spade work for the Manual.

It has been the cherished desire of the club to have its own Anthem for using it in the beginning of our meetings and functions. The Anthem that was so nicely created by Mrs. Kalpagam Srinivasamurti on the eve of our Silver Jubilee last year needs to be set to suitable tune and technologically made ready for being used. Incidentally this is the brain child of Mr. R.T. Namasivayam. We should now complete the job as quickly as possible.

The Scholarship distribution function is scheduled for 30th and 31st August 2018. We have to start the work in full swing. I am sure the work would have already begun by the time this issue comes out. The work has two components: one is to increase the number of scholarship beneficiaries as per new target; two, the function on both days should go on like a well-oiled machine without any snag. I am glad to see that many Probians are already at it enthusiastically. I am sure it will be a good show.

An appeal has recently been issued to all members of Probus Club of Chennai on Scholarship for the current year seeking their generous contribution. You will agree, personal level follow up is also essential. As you know, one time donation of ₹1000/- for each unit of scholarship and donation of ₹15,000/- as permanent fund, both are to be mobilised. World Elders Abuse Awareness Day observed by World Health Organisation, Campaigned by Dr. V.S.Natarajan Geriatric Foundation and supported by Tamil Nadu Government was observed on 14th June 2018. After making prior arrangements our club has participated in the event in three schools viz. Ganapathy Iyer Girls HS Gopalapuram Boys HSS and M.P. Aanandh MHSS in good number. Past President Probian K. Venkatachari, IPP R.T. Namasivayam, the undersigned, Vice President Dr. K. Panchalan, Editor and Web-Incharge Probian Ram Mohan, Joint Secretary Probian V. Balchandar, Joint Secretary (Charitable Funds) M. Annadhurai and Dr. K. Ramalingam have divided themselves into three groups and participated in the aforesaid schools and administered the pledge to the students "Let us respect Elders".

Thereafter IPP Probian R.T. Namasivayam and the undersigned participated in another event organised by HelpAge at Vepery. The highlight of that function is Senior Officials of State Govt. took part.

Before I conclude, I heartily congratulate Mr. Ram Mohan who has just taken over as Editor and Web In-charge and wish him All the Best. All of you are requested to extend your cooperation to the new Editor.

> With regards, Yours sincerely **S.Gopalakrishnan** *President*

Secretary's Report



n the aftermath of the successful conduct of elections end-May a new team of office bearers and committee members under the dynamic and indefatigable leadership of Probus fellow and President Sri S. Gopalakrishnan took shape. I

take this opportunity to acknowledge the ongoing and unflinching advice of our mentor and immediate past President Sri R.T. Namasivayam. Words are inadequate in praise of his yeomen service to the club.

23rd of June was a momentous day for the club as the new team of office bearers and committee members were formally installed into office. The day saw a galaxy of invitees from the Rotary Club namely Asst. Governor, R.I. District 3232, Rtn. Yadav Sankaran, President elect (2018-2019) RCM Rtn. Dr Vijayabharati Rangarajan, Secretary-RCM Rtn. Mr. Nikhil Raj, President - Inner Wheel Club Ann. Anuradha Uberoi, Regional Manager-Helpage India Foundation Mr. Sivakumar, President, Federation of Senior Citizens of Tamil Nadu Mr. D. Rajasekaran, President – Gopalapuram Educational Society Mr. G. Subramaniam, President - Probus Club of Cheyyar Mr. Shivagnanam. The President in his address welcomed each one of them and highlighted the contributions of the Immediate Past President, the success of the Silver Jubilee function, the vision he had for the further enhancement of the scholarship distribution program, year on year going forward. He also made mention about the ongoing process to bring out the senior citizen medical benefit fund shortly.

The invitees in their responses had good words of praise for the club and wished well for the success of the scholarship program.

Two new members joined the club as life members. One of them Mrs. M.R. Vijayalakshmi was not able to be present. The other life member Sri K.V. Sundaram has indicated that he would contribute towards the scholarship scheme. Probians whose birthdays fell in June, were presented mementoes by the President. It will be our endeavour to collectively translate our action plan to achieve goals ahead of us with a sense of purpose/dedication/positive approach. We are confident of eliciting the cooperation of our membership in this regard.

PF V. Balachander,

Joint Secretary



This month is my maiden one for my responsibility as Editor of our **PROBUZZ...** News Letter. I have laid a few objectives for this responsibility such as (1) Bring out our News Letter at the earliest time, (2) Make it a tone of the elders reflecting their well-being, happiness or even their problems with possible solutions. Hence the priority will be given for Articles/ Photos/Jokes/Kavidhai which are connected to elders in some way or the other and that too preferably by our members or their spouses. After accommodating all these, if space is available, others also will be tried. All of you can help me achieve my first objective, by keeping the cut-off date as 1st of the month. Announcements, Appeals, Change of address can be considered, only if it is routed through President/Secretary. However, you can mark CC of the same to gain time. Please feel free to give your feedback to me.

> **N. Rammohan** Editor - PROBUZZ. . . News-Letter & Web-in-Charge

Appeal for Articles for ANNUAL PUBLICATION

FOR THE YEAR 2018

Probus Club of Chennai will be bringing out the annual publication to coincide with the celebration of International Day of Elderly on 1st October, 2018. The Publication Committee invites contributions of article from Probians and others. The guidelines in this regard are given below:

- Articles in CD or neatly typed in A4 Size sheets on one side only not exceeding 4 pages in letters of font Size 10 should reach Probian. Dr. K. Panchalan, No. 31 Kaveri Nagar Beach 5th Street, Chennai – 600 041 on or before 20.08.2018. Original articles and CDs will not be returned on any account.
- 2. Articles will be edited or abridged when found suitable for publication.
- 3. No reason for rejection or acceptance of

contribution will be communicated to the contributors.

- 4. Hand written articles and late receipts are likely to be rejected.
- 5. Please avoid downloading from Google or any other websites.
- 6. Suggestions are welcome for the title of the current year publication. Suitable attractive and appreciable colour photo depicting elder's expectations are welcome for front cover page.
- 7. Contributions already published elsewhere earlier may be avoided.
- 8. More than two articles by any one contributor are likely to be rejected.
- 9. Kindly help us to help you.

We request your support and cooperation.

Regards Dr. K. Panchalan, (94457 77600) Convenor, Publication Committee

Appeal to Members of Probus Club of Chennai on SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE YEAR 2018

Dear Major Donors/Probus fellows/Probians, Members who joined our club before August 2017 are aware of our flagship scholarship project. As a reminder to old members and information to new members I am writing this communication to get support for our scholarship project.

Last year we gave scholarship to 310 students at ₹1000 each. This was given out from the interest accrued on permanent endowment donation of ₹15000 each (Total of ₹39,07,452 as per balance sheet for the year 2017-2018) and one time donation of ₹1000 each (given every year).

On behalf of Executive Committee, I appeal to you and your friends to consider giving one time donation of ₹1000 for each unit of scholarship so that we can increase the number of scholarships. Members and their friend can give any amount, multiple of ₹1000. This amount will be utilised in this year itself.

Members who want to give ₹15000 as permanent amount, that can also be given but only after one year from the date of receipt of the amount, scholarship can be disbursed. All these donations are eligible for 80 G Income tax concession as per IT Act.

Scholarship can be given in your name or your relations/friends names. But this must be made clear while sending the amount.

The donation by Cheque in favour of "Probus Club of Chennai" may please be sent to Probn. M. Annadhurai, Joint Secretary (Charitable Fund) before 10th August 2018 to his home address: Flat 3, Bhavani Apartments, 19/45, Basha street, Choolaimedu, Chennai – 600 094. His E-Mail ID:annadhuraimk@yahoo.com. His mobile no.-89393 13156.

> S. Gopalakrishnan President



Mrs.Balachander receives Super MOM Award

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WRLD ELDER ABUSE [©] AWARENESS DAY [©]_№

Elder abuse is a global social issue which affects millions of older persons around the world, and an issue which deserves the attention of the international community.

The United Nations General Assembly, in its resolution 66/127, designated June 15 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. It represents the one day in the year when the whole world voices its opposition to the abuse and suffering inflicted to some of our older generations.

June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). The Administration on Aging proclaims, "The purpose of WEAAD is to provide an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older persons by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect. In addition, WEAAD is in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action acknowledging the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue. WEAAD serves as a call-to-action for individuals, organizations, and communities to raise awareness about elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation."

The theme this year is "Moving from Awareness to Action through a Human Rights based approach". On the occasion of the Day, a special event will take place on 14 June at UN Headquarters in New York in conference room 9 from 1.15 to 2.30pm. The event is co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Argentina, the Programme on Ageing (Division for Inclusive Social Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs) and the NGO Committee on Ageing. The elder abuse is happening not only in under developed countries but also in developed countries.

In India, this awareness programme was initiated by HelpAge India, in Chennai, Senior Citizen Bureau started this programme and they continue to do it. For the last two years Dr. VSN Geriatric Foundation moved the matter through Government of Tamil Nadu and got approval to make the students to take oath in schools.

In 2018, they conducted WEAAD in Anna Nagar and other schools. HelpAge conducted WEAAD in Bentick Higher Secondary School on 14th June 2018 in which Probians S. Gopalakrishnan, Dr. Singaraja, C.N. Prasad and R.T. Namasivayam attended. HelpAge released a report on Elder abuse in Tamil Nadu. According to the report, the elder abuse in TN exceeds national average! Various forms of elder abuse are 59% reporting disrespect, 56% reporting verbal abuse, 20.5 reporting physical abuse, and 28% reporting economic exploitation. The main perpetrators of elder abuse, according to the report, are sons (56%) and daughter's-in-law (34%).

Probus Club of Chennai had conducted this WEAAD programme in three schools on 14/06/2018 as given below.

- M.P. Aanandh MHSS By Probians K.V. Chari, Dr. K. Ramalingam, Dr. K.Panchalan, V. Balachander and M. Annadhurai
- 2. Gopalapuram Boys' HSS By Probn N. Rammohan
- 3. Ganapathy Iyer Girls' High school By Probians S. Gopalakrishnan and R.T. Namasivayam

"TECHNICAL TIMES" SPECIAL ISSUE FOR PROBUS CLUB

Our Probian Sadasivam, Prof. Er., retired as Prof. of Anna University 25 years ago, is the Editor of *Technical Times*, which had released its Golden Jubilee issue. Prof. Sadasivam is proposing to bring out a Special Issue for Probus Club. He has requested Probians / their children to send in good, original and short articles on any subject in about 1,000 words (+/- 250) on any good topic dealt with by them in their service, which would be a goldmine, useful and interesting to the readers of the *Technical Times* within 3 to 4 weeks, along with the writers' brief bio-data. Those interested may contact Probian Prof. Sadasivam over 044-2440 4317 or mobile 94443-24317.



Mr. Sivakumar and Muthukrishnan of HelpAge India felicitating PF S. Gopalakrishnan and Probn. R.T. Namasivayam.



Members of Probus Club of Cheyyar.



PF S. Gopalakrishnan participates in Panel Discussion in Podhigai TV on 19-06-2018





New Office-bearers and EC Members

Probus club of chennai donation list for the month of June 2018					
S.No					
A	ANNUAL BOOKLET 2017	AMOUNT			
1	M. Prabakar	120			
Р	Breakfast Meeting				
В	Sponsors				
2	K. Gopal	4000			
3	Sunderagopalan	4000			
4	B. Parthasarthy	4000			
С	E C MEETING EXPENSES				
5	V. Srinivas	1000			
6	Sunderagopalan	500			
D	LIFE MEMBERSHIP				
	FEE-CONVERSION				
7	Dr. M. Sarada menon	5000			
8	K. Gopal	5000			
E	SUNSHINE FUND				
9	Sunderagopalan	2000			
10	K. Venkatachari	500			
11	D. Rajasekaran, President,	1000			
	Foscatan				
12	M. Annadurai	500			
13	S. Natarajan	500			
14	Sunderagopalan	500			
14A	P.C.P. Radhakrishnan	1000			
	EDUCATION				
F	SCHOLARSHIP				
Г	SCHEME-OT				
15	P.T. Veeraiyan	1000			
10		1000			
	EDUCATION				
G	SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME				
16	S. Radhakrishnan	10000			
17	M. Prabakar	10000			
18	P. Anandakrishnan	15000			
10		10000			
	TOTAL	65620			

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We Wish Very Happy Birthday for all Probians having Birthdays in August 2018

A225	01/08/51	Deivasigamanai N	L143	17/08/31	Sridharan G N
A155	02/08/37	Venkataraman Hari	A367	19/08/34	Veeraraghavan K V
L265	04/08/48	Nirmala Prasad.K	L124	21/08/37	Krishnan G
L083	05/08/38	Nirmala Thiagarajan Mrs.	L079	22/08/30	Narayanan V
L223	05/08/50	Veeraiyan P.T.	L069	22/08/30	Rao G V Dr.
A224	08/08/36	Srinivasan T G	L210	23/08/51	Chelladurai S
L044	13/08/33	Venkatesan R IA & AS (Retd.)	A154	23/08/28	Venkatakrishnan A
A197	15/08/34	Subramanian R	L258	26/08/43	Uma Doraiswamy Mrs.
L244	16/08/48	Damodharan A	L011	27/08/34	Gomathi Narayanan
L236	17/08/41	Anantharaman T V	L065	28/08/40	Augustine B
L162	17/08/39	Ramaswami P P Dr.	L021	29/08/34	Chidambaram S
A108	17/08/38	Sathi Thomas	L142	29/08/27	Raghavan B S IAS (Retd.)

A Very Happy Anniversary to all Probians who have Wedding Anniversaries during this period

L172	08/08/73	Chandramohan V R Dr. & Mrs.N. Kausalya
L045	15/08/73	Vijendra Rao V & Mrs. V. Padmini
L177	17/08/80	Kailash G S Dr. & Mrs. Dr. Chithra Kailash
L286	20/08/79	Srinivasan V & Mrs. S. Rajalakshmi
L014	21/08/59	Hariharan V (Ch-102) & Mrs. Sulochana
L121	21/08/85	Sridhar R & Mrs. S. Latha
L259	21/08/78	Mnoharan S & Mrs. Kopperundevi
L273	24/08/64	Ramalingam K. Dr. & Dr. C. Chndra Bai
L027	25/08/60	Radhakrishnan P C P & Mrs.R.Mangaiyarkarasi
L153	26/08/73	Chandrasekaran P & Mrs.C.Mahalakshmi
L184	26/08/77	Panchalan K Dr. & Dr. V. Seethalakshmi
A391	26/08/77	Sakthivel Rajaa S L & Mrs. S. Jeyalakshmi
L276	26/08/77	Sappany Pillai M & Mrs. S. Jayalakshmi
L287	27/08/78	Rajan S & Mrs. Masathial
A064	29/08/74	Narasimhan K & Mrs. Anusuya
L270	29/08/57	Nathella AnjaneyuluChetty & Mrs. N.A. Swarna
L291	29/08/74	Sundaram K V & Mrs. K.V. Vijauakumari
L232	30/08/78	Rama Kumar Sankaran & Mrs. Sushila
PF03	30/08/67	Sridharan P PF & Mrs. Asha Sridharan
A141	31/08/69	Subramanian V (Ch-28) & Mrs. S. Seetha

The following are the news in brief about our net-working Senior Citizen Organizations:

- 1. TamilNadu Senior Citizen Association (TANSECA) held their 31st AGM on10th June 2018 when it was mentioned to take up with Government to publish the policy and also announce the projects soon for the benefit of senior citizens.
- 2. Senior Citizen Bureau celebrated commemoration of 13th World Elder Abuse Awareness Day & 4th World Yoga Day on 29th June, 2018 at the Ethiraj College Auditorium, like every year
- 3. Dignity Foundation celebrated a Musical Extravaganza on June 24, 2018 at Indian Officers Association

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Probus Club of Chennai	Ravita Rita Valentine, Mrs. PG Formerly: Old No.8, New No.19, Thiruvidaiyan street, Gopalapuram, Chennai - 600 086	Life Member L283 WEF : 09.12.2017 Date of Birth : 21.03.1965 Blood Group : A2B+ve Wedding Date : Phone : 86818 : 60824 Spouse : : 86818 : 608224 : Mobile : 86818 : 608224 Spouse : : E-mail : kavitarvalentine@hotmail.com : E-mail : kavitarvalentine@hotmail.com	Parthasarathy K B.A. Formerly: Chief Manager, SBI	I.C.C, 19, Ground Floor, B-Sector, 6 th Street, Anna Nagar West Extension, Chennai - 600 101	Life Member : L284 WEF : 09.12.2017 Date of Birth : 15.02.1946 Blood Group : A+ve Wedding Date : 12.06.1976 Phone : 044-2654 8484 Spouse : Meenalosani,P Mobile : 98412 98189 E-mail : kparthsarathy25@yahoo.com	Manonmani K. Ms M.A. (English Literature) Formerly: Special Grade, Assistant, Chemical Testing Lab., Ind.& Comm. Dept. SB,II Flr., "Abirami Coral View", 30, City Link Rd, Maduvankarai, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032	Life Member : L285 WEF : 27.01.2018 Date of Birth : 26.11.1958 Blood Group : 0+ve Wedding Date : Phone : 044-2255 : 2559 Spouse : : Mobile : 91760 : 85518
Probus Club of Chennai	Palamalai L.B.Com (Hons), B.L., MBA, I.A.S.(Retd) Formerly: MD, TVAD Board # A-47, SUNNYVALE, 351, Konnur High Road, Ayanavaram, Chennai - 600 023	Life Member : L280 WEF : 09.12.2017 Date of Birth : 20.03.1940 Blood Group : B+ve Wedding Date : 08.09.1967 Phone : 044-2674 7444 Spouse : P.Indira Mobile : 94448 11066 E-mail : elpalamalai@gmail.com	B.E. (Civil) Formerly: ED, CMWSSB	# 4, Second Main Road, Indira Nagar, Adyar, Chennai - 600 020	Life Member L281 WEF : 09.12.2017 Date of Birth : 07.05.1951 Blood Group : Wedding Date : 30.04.1979 Phone : 044-2440 Spouse : M.Comady Mobile : 94459 : 50167	Keerthivanan K. Dr. M.V.Sc.,D.P.M Formerly: Addnl.Director - Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services SB,II FIL, "Abirami Coral View", 30, City Link Rd, Maduvankarai, Guindv, Chennai - 600 032	Life Member :L282 WEF :09.12.2017 Date of Birth :01.01.1952 Blood Group :0+ve Wedding Date :044-2255 :044-2255 Spouse :08844 :0733 E-mail :drkeerthi123@gmail.com

DATES TO REMEMBER : AUGUST 2018

Rotary Meet:

Two Probus Members are invited to attend weekly Rotary Meeting held on every Tuesday at **HYATT Regency at Teynampet** as observers. Those who desire to represent **PROBUS CLUB** of Chennai are requested to contact probn **V. Balachander** and get confirmation **Contact 99629 01964**. Those who attended may send confirmation to the Secretary / Editor

- + 12.08.2018 EC Meeting : 10.30 AM at Gopalapuram Boys Higher Sec School, Chennai
- + 19.08.2018 Probus Thesophy Meeting: 3.30 P.M. MP Aanandh MHS School, Chennai 600 004. (Please Contact Probn. V.L. Aiyer at 98403 32948)
- + 26.08.2018 Breakfast meeting 8.30 AM at Russian Science and Cultural Centre.

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret we announce the sudden demise of PP T.T. Srinivasamurti on June 1, 2018 at 1.40 pm. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter. His family could be contacted at New No. 3 / Old No. 2, 3rd Street, Kasturi Estate, Chennai – 600 086. Landline : 2499-0967, Mobile : 98400-30126

BREAKFAST MEETING

July 2018 breakfast Meeting to be held on 29.07.2018 at Russian Science and Cultural Centre and Probus Cultural Programme.

LIST OF PROBIANS WHO ATTENDED ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS MEETINGS IN THE MONTH OF JUNE 2018

Probn. Mrs. LAKSHMI NATARAJAN Probn. Mrs. SUNDERA GOPALAN Probn. M. SRITHAR Probn. M. PRABHAKAR Probn. S. CHELLADURAI Probn. R.T. NAMASIVYAM Probn. K. RANGARAMANUJAM Probn. D. MADAVAMOORTHY Probn. R. VARADARAJAN

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