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பிறகுடன் மகிழ்ச்சியாகப் பழகும் பண்பு அற்றவர்கள், இருள் பகல் இரண்டும் சூழும் பெருஞாலத்தில் இருளை மட்டுமே காண்பர்.

Bereft of courteous smiles, one sees only darkness  
in the universe, unaware of its brighter side

## FROM THE PRESIDENT DESK

Dear Probians,

In the first place, I place on record our sorrow on the passing away of Probian

Dr. G.V. Rao last month. He was 90 years. Though he was formerly working as a Senior Executive in G.E.C., Ernakulum, he had settled in Chennai. Having joined Probus Club of Chennai in 2004, he took keen interest in Probus activities. Some of you might have seen him acting as a model in various T.V. Advertisement. May his soul rest in peace.

Turning to business, our break-fast meeting on 25th May went off well. New members are joining our Club in a steady flow and let me take this opportunity to welcome them in our fold. It is noteworthy that they are all coming with rich experience and good back ground.

As for the guest speaker in May 2019, the topic " Dementia : How to avoid and handle" was handled well by Mrs.Merita Joseph of Dignity Foundation. Her lecture was indeed useful and interesting.

Our AGM is round the corner with just a few days away. Our accounts work and administrative matters are going on in full swing. I must thank our external auditor Shri A.Mohan for his cooperation and for completing the exercise in right time.

Likewise, I am sure that our office bearers, E.C. members and others will contribute their best to ensure that the AGM is held successfully and purposefully. Most importantly, I wish that our members attend the AGM meeting in good number.

Please note that 'Kalaimagal' magazine has published an article and a picture on Probus Club's Drama Event and Book Release function in its May issue. It gives me great pleasure to thank the Editor Shri Kizhambur Sankarasubramanian for his kind gesture.

Every Probian will wish that Probus Club should progress more and more. For that to happen, come, let us all put our shoulders to the wheel.

With regards,  
Yours sincerely

**S. Gopalakrishnan**

President – Probus Club of Chennai



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Probians,

Loving Greetings to you and your family members.

We paid homage to the departed soul of Late Rao G.V. ex-Vice Present by standing for two minutes in silence in the Breakfast Meeting on 25th May, 2019. It was decided in EC meeting held on 11th May, '19, henceforth homage would be paid to the demised Probians and their spouses only.

Four new Life Members were admitted to the Club, viz., (i) Sri R.V. Ravishankar (dob: 28.04.1949), ex U.I.I.C & Past President, Rotary Club, Chennai IT City; (ii) Sri R. Venkataraman (dob: 30.08.1949), ex Senior Manager, PNB; (iii) Sri G. Krishna Rathnam (dob:16.09.1941), ex-AGM, SBI (all three introduced by Pn Sadagopan G); and (iv) Sri J. Sivarajan (dob 29.12.1940), ex VSNL, Tata Communications introduced by Pn Pandian P.M. Of the four, only Probian Sivarajan could attend the Breakfast Meeting. I take this opportunity to appeal to those of you who have not joined the 'PROBUS FRIENDS' (Whatsap group) to do so at the earliest so that friendship with fellow Probians and sharing of information and ideas is possible.

The EC also approved the appointment of an Accounts Assistant for a compensation of Rs.1,000/- per month for keeping the accounts of the club in Tally and providing necessary reports. In order to encourage more Probians to become volunteers to the functions events organised by the Club, the EC decided to recognise the Volunteers of the various functions with token gifts in the subsequent Breakfast Meetings instead of in the Event / Function itself.

You might be aware that the Probus GV Memorial Walkathon Corpus Fund was instituted with contribution from Pn. George Mathew Brig and his bridge Partner Probians. During the month, Sri

H.M. Sharda, ex-Chief General Manager of Pune who took 100 nos. of Happy Ageing and Healthy Living Book published by the Club, also donated Rs.15,000/- to the Probus GVM Walkathon Fund. Probian Radhakrishnan S, Dr., EC Member announced a donation of Rs.10,000/- in the EC to the Probus GV Memorial Walkathon Fund. Walking is the best exercise for Seniors. Keeping this in mind, I would appeal to all of you to contribute to this Walkathon Corpus Fund to enable your club to organise the Walkathon every year.

The EC sanctioned Medical Aid from the Silver Jubilee Senior Citizen Medical Benefit Fund (SJCSCMBF) to two persons, viz., (i) Balachandran M for medicines for diabetic foot surgery recommended by the Secretary; and (ii) Karkala Kondala Rao for medicines for paralytic treatment recommended by IPP Namasivayam R.T.

Smt. Merita Joseph, MSW of Dignity Foundation gave the guest lecture on "DEMENTIA- HOW TO AVOID & HANDLE" and also a small video clip on Dementia was screened. She stressed the need for the caretakers not to leave sight of the elders affected by Dementia to ensure their welfare.

As you are aware, the 27th Annual General Meeting of the Club (AGM) is scheduled for Saturday, 22nd June, 2019. Both Breakfast and Lunch would be provided to attendees.

I request all the Probians to make it convenient to attend the AGM positively. Those of you who have not given your Father's Name, please do so in the AGM as the information needs to be furnished to the Registrar of Societies.

Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy, Peaceful Living and fellowship,

**B. Ranganathan**  
*Secretary*

## EDITOR'S COLUMN

1. Probn. PP Dr.M.Singaraja started conducting sessions on "Robust Health and Efficient Mind" to Probus Members from BF Meet of 25-05-2019. This will continue for 8 more sessions (BF Meet of 8 more months). Practical sessions will start from the ensuing BF Meet only. Hand outs of first session will be sent by email.
2. N.Rammohan's report on his visit to Rotary Dinner Meet on 14.05.2019 is available in Page-3.
3. Application Form for receiving the benefit from our Probus SJCSCMBF is given in the site, thus enabling our members to download the form, when they recommend the needy cases.

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

# REPORT ON PROBIANS VISIT TO ROTARY MEET ON MAY 11 2019

Meet was attended by PP R.T.Namasivayam and Probn. N.Rammohan

Susmita Mohanty, born in Orissa, brought up in Gujarat among the famous scientists of India like Vikram Sarabai, with easy access to space connected research and operation areas like Thumba, Thiruvananthapuram, continue to have a passion for SPACE, is not a wonder. She was the speaker on the 11-05-2019, last meet of Rotary 90th year. The whole audience was proud to hear the many accolades of the speaker of Indian origin with Global & Terrestrial experience, who wants to contribute to her motherland by making ISRO's rich experience in Space sector, a commercial establishment by executing launching of Satellites of various countries like USA.

Just to have a glimpse of her accolades, I have given a few. As a co-founder and CEO of EARTH2ORBIT, India's first private space start-up, co-founder and Director two other companies, MOONFRONT in San Francisco [2001-2007] and LIQUIFER in Vienna [2004-ongoing], she became the only entrepreneur in the world who has started space companies on 3 different continents. Susmita worked in business development for the International Space Station program at Boeing in California. She also worked on Shuttle-Mir missions at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. Since 1998, Susmita has worked with the Americans, Japanese, Europeans, Russians and Indians in various capacities, as employee, consultant, contractor, entrepreneur and advisor. In 2017, she was featured on the cover of Fortune Magazine. In 2012, she was voted into Financial Times' list of "25 Indians to Watch". In 2016, she was nominated to the World Economic Forum (WEF) Global Future Council for Space Technologies. In 2005, Susmita was honoured on Capitol Hill [ Washington DC ] with the International Achievement Award for promoting international cooperation through entrepreneurial space ventures. She happen to be the only one who had visited on invitation, both Arctic and Antarctic regions.

She explained about her experience with the help of 5 video clips. She compared an inspiring bunch of ISRO pioneers to the Apollo guys at NASA, whom

she considers as pioneers of the American space program. She said some of these ISRO pioneers actively mentored and encouraged her to pursue her crazy ideas when she was in school and college. She explained on her simulation experiments for Mars mission, conducted in Spain where Red sand is available. She mentioned about her simulation experiments in the under-water in Antarctica region for Moons Mission. She diverted her attention on the Arts side (Dance in Space in weightlessness situation). As part of her gratitude to ISRO, she wanted to get ISRO rocket launching to be made commercial across globe. She was instrumental and achieved the same through her diplomatic affluence with NASA & Washington Diplomats by getting an order from NASA to place around 88 American Satellites (out of 104 satellites launched in one go using PSLV C37 Rocket) launched on that day.

She also added that in 2017, the honourable Chief Minister of Odisha (India) appointed Susmita as the Chairperson of "Mo School" in the rank of an honorary Minister of State. "Mo School" is a unique citizen-government partnership that covers over 65,000 schools and 7 million children. It is a philanthropic platform for alumni to connect, collaborate and contribute to revamping the government school ecosystem in Odisha.

She had come in an ECO-friendly attire and said that she wants to push this ECO-friendly dresses as fashion. At the end of her speech, she asked the audience whether any of them have watched the Trace of Rocket launching at ISRO, Sriharikota, which will be visible at Chennai. We, Mr.R.T.Namasivayam and myself N.Rammohan, were the 2 persons who have witnessed this for every launch. We said that every time we used to see not only the trace of smoke of the rocket, but the rocket itself as a spec spearheading the movement..

Incidentally, ISRO, Sriharikota has built viewers gallery and inaugurated the same on 21 April 2019 during latest rocket launching.

**N. Rammohan**

## NEWS AND PHOTOS



Dignitaries on the dais



PP Capt Dr.M.Singaraja garlands President with Probud Insignia



Madhavamurthy receives BD Gift



Ervadi Radhakrishnan receives BD gift



Sakthivel Raja-receives-BD-gift



J. Sivarajan receives Life Member Certificate



Merita Joseph speaks on Dementia avoid it and handle it



Guest Speaker Merita Joseph receives memento



Jagannathan receives BD gift



50th Wedding Anniversary of Sivarajan J



50th Wedding Anniversary of Sivarajan J at Thiruvadanthai



SJSCMBF Treasurer Ravi hands over cheque to Kakarla Kondala Rao SJSMF Beneficiary

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

1. TANSECA's AGM to take place on June 16, 2019
2. FOSCATAN'S AGM took place on June 7, 2019
3. Senior Citizen Bureau AGM took place on June 15, 2019.
4. Chennai Urology & Robotics Institute Hospital conducted a session for "Support Group for Dialysis Patients on June 1, 2019 at their hospital at Okkiyam, Thoraipakkam.

PROBUS CLUB OF CHENNAI LIST OF DONATION FOR MAY 2019		
S.No.	Name	Amount
<b>A</b>	<b>AGM-EC Member Breakfast</b>	
1	Anandakrishnan K	400.00
2	Annadhurai M	400.00
3	Balambal V Dr.	400.00
4	Gopalakrishnan S	400.00
5	Jagannadhan V	400.00
6	Keertivanan K Dr	400.00
7	Lakshmi Natarajan	400.00
8	Namasivayam R.T.	500.00
9	NEFT-V BALACHANDER	400.00
10	Panchalan K	500.00
11	Rajarampandian	400.00
12	Ramanathan N	400.00
13	Ranganathan B	400.00
14	Ravi S	400.00
15	Sadagopan G	400.00
16	Sakthivelraja	400.00
17	Singaraja M Capt	400.00
18	Sundera Gopalan	400.00
19	Venkatachari K	400.00
<b>B</b>	<b>AGM-GIFT</b>	
20	Keertivanan K Dr	5,000.00
21	Madavamoorthy D	1,000.00
22	Sundera Gopalan	10,000.00
<b>C</b>	<b>AGM-LUNCH (exSBI Pns)</b>	
23	Ashok Kumar R	1,000.00
24	Chelladurai S	1,000.00
25	Gopinath V	1,000.00
26	Jaishankar K	1,000.00
27	Mahadevan A	1,000.00
28	Mirza Ismail	1,000.00
29	Natarajan S	1,000.00
30	NEFT-V BALACHANDER	1,000.00
31	Parthasarathy K	1,000.00
32	Radhakrishnan S Ervadi	1,000.00
33	Rajarampandian	1,000.00
34	Ramaiah D.S.	1,000.00
35	Ramanan N	1,000.00
36	Ramesh K	1,000.00
37	Ranganathan B	1,000.00
38	Sadagopan G	1,000.00
39	Sampath N.R.	1,000.00
40	Sreenivas V	1,000.00
41	Venkateswara Rao M	1,000.00
42	Vijaya Kumar A	1,000.00

<b>D</b>	<b>BREAKFAST SPONSORS</b>	
43	Rangabashyam P.G.	4,000.00
44	Vijaya Kumar A	4,000.00
45	Vasanth M.C.	4,000.00
<b>E</b>	<b>BYELAW BOOKLET</b>	
46	Mrs. Geetha Viswakumar	10.00
47	Ramaraj V	10.00
48	Singaraja M Capt	10.00
49	Viswakumar K	10.00
<b>F</b>	<b>EDUCATIONAL SCH SCHEME</b>	
50	Chockalingam V Dr	15,000.00
<b>G</b>	<b>HAHL BOOK</b>	
51	Mohan A	50.00
52	Sharda H.M. Dr	5,000.00
53	Viswakumar K	800.00
<b>H</b>	<b>ID CARD</b>	
54	Mrs. Geetha Viswakumar	100.00
55	Ramaraj V	100.00
56	Viswakumar K	100.00
<b>I</b>	<b>MEMORABILIA CUP</b>	
57	Mohan A	150.00
<b>J</b>	<b>WALKATHON CORPUS FUND</b>	
58	George Mathew Brig	3,000.00
59	Sharda H.M. Dr	15,000.00
60	Tharaka Ram G.N.	2,000.00
<b>K</b>	<b>PROBUZZ ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION</b>	
61	Mirza Ismail	100.00
<b>L</b>	<b>PROBUZZ CORPUS FUND</b>	
62	Mrs. Geetha Viswakumar	500.00
63	Ramaraj V	500.00
64	Venkataraman S	500.00
65	Viswakumar K	500.00
<b>M</b>	<b>PROBUZZ STRIP ADVT.</b>	
66	Mrs. Geetha Viswakumar	800.00
67	Viswakumar K	800.00
<b>N</b>	<b>PCF-DRAMA DONOR PASS</b>	
68	Balambal V Dr.	500.00
<b>O</b>	<b>LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE</b>	
69	Mrs. Geetha Viswakumar	5,000.00
70	Ramaraj V	5,000.00
71	Viswakumar K	5,000.00
<b>P</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP ADMISSION FEE</b>	
72	Mrs. Geetha Viswakumar	100.00
73	Ramaraj V	100.00
74	Viswakumar K	100.00
<b>Q</b>	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>116,640.00</b>

**WE WISH A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR  
ALL PROBIANS HAVING BIRTHDAYS IN JULY 2019**

L102	2 -7-1935	Madhava Rao A G	A142	15-7-1935	Subramanian V (Ch-41)
L105	5-7-1949	Krishnamurthy K	L104	16-7-1937	Gnanaraj P Dr.
A336	5-7-1935	Ranganathan P V	A331	16-7-1924	Kamala Anantram
A038	9-7-1935	James A	L274	18-7-1959	Jayashree kishore
L025	9-7-1937	Prasad C S Dr.	L073	19-7-1937	Arunachalam M
L007	11-7-1941	Vasanth K N	A230	22-7-1940	Jayaraman N
L194	14-7-1953	Geetha Subramaniam Dr.	L216	22-7-1940	Mohan Doss.R
L233	15-7-1954	Ananda Krishnan P	A192	22-7-1938	Sampath S
L247	15-7-1951	Krishnamurthi,N.R.	L148	24-7-1946	Sarada Nambi Arroran Dr.
L144	15-7-1942	Ramachandran N	L161	27-7-1945	Chockalingam V Dr.
PF07	15-7-1945	Sreenivas V PF			

**A VERY HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ALL PROBIANS WHO  
HAVE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES DURING THIS PERIOD**

L162	1-7-1974	Ramaswami P P Dr.	Mrs.Nagamani Ramswami
L073	2-7-1958	Arunachalam M	Mrs.A.Sundari
L268	3-7-1957	Lakshminarayanan.N	Mrs.Suvedha
L211	3-7-1968	Urmila Vaidyanathan Mrs.	Mr.Vaidyanathan.V.R.
L200A	3-7-1968	Vaidyanathan V R	Mrs.Urmila Vaidyanathan
L263	3-7-1977	Sankar,B	Mrs>Vijayalakshmi
A350	5-7-1955	Govindasamy N	Mrs.G.Radha
A372	5-7-1968	Jagannathan V (Ch-78)	Mrs.Vijayalakshmi
A369	5-7-1965	Rajamohan B	Mrs.R.Kannamma
L072	7-7-1971	Unnikrishnan P Variyath	Mrs.Vimala Unnikrishnan
A021	8-7-1965	Durai S	Mrs.Bhami Durai
A196	10-7-1960	Ramakrishnan V, IAS (Retd.)	Mrs.Brahada Ramakrishnan
L042	10-7-1966	Venkatachari K	Mrs.Hemavathy
L132	13-7-1956	Ramaswamy T S Dr.	Mrs.Lakshmi Ramaswamy
L161	14-7-1971	Chockalingam V Dr.	Dr.Mrs.A.Senthamarai
L032	14-7-1971	Senthamarai A Dr.	Dr.V.Chockalingam
228	15-7-1979	Annadurai,M	Mrs.A.Lakshmi
L225	15-7-1979	Shankar.M	Mrs.S.Seethalakshmi
L108	22-7-1969	Pranab K Basu	Mrs.Sunipa Basu

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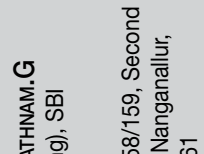
Life Member	: L309	WEF	: -
Date of Birth	: 27.05.1932	Blood Group	: B +ve
Wedding Date	: 17.06.1956	Phone	: 044-2451-0682
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		E-mail	: -



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Date of Birth	: 28.04.1949	Blood Group	: A +ve
Wedding Date	: 06.05.....	Phone	: -
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Date of Birth	: 10.03.1954	Blood Group	: B-ve
Wedding Date	: 09.02.....	Phone	: 044-2258-2288
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Life Member	: L314	WEF	: -
Date of Birth	: 30.08.1949	Blood Group	: O +ve
Wedding Date	: 28.04.1975	Phone	: 044-2493 8116
Spouse	: Lalitha	Mobile	: 94441-91403
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# DATES TO REMEMBER : JULY 2019

## ROTARY MEET:

Two Probus members are invited to attend the 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.

- ✦ 13.07.2019 – EC Meeting : 10.30 AM at Gopalapuram Boys High School, Chennai 86
- ✦ 20.07.2019 – Probus Theosophy Meeting : Is suspended till such time new premises is identified (Please contact Probn.V.L.Aiyer at 98403 32948)
- ✦ 27.07.2019 – Break-fast Meet: 8.30 AM at the Russian Centre for Science and Culture.

## ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING ON 22-06-2019

AGM meeting : 10 AM at the Exhibition Hall in Russian Centre for Science and Culture. Proceedings will be as per the Agenda, already circulated. Sponsored Break-fast and Lunch will be provided prior and after the AGM.

## OBITUARY

Probn.Dr.G.V.Rao died on 15.05.2019. On behalf of all of us, I pray to Almighty for his soul to rest in peace. His family could be contacted 93810-31566, 92821-02499.

## LIST OF PROBIANS WHO ATTENDED ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS MEETINGS IN THE MONTH OF MAY 2019

Probian R.T.Namasivayam  
Probian N.Ram mohan  
  
Probian Mangudi Sridharan  
Probian S.L.Sakthivel Raja  
  
Probian D.S.Ramaiah  
Probian R.Varadarajan

There were no meetings of the RCM on 7th and 14th of May 2019 respectively.

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