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It is impossible for any one to conquer him by intrigue who possesses  
power of speech, and is neither faulty nor timid.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT DESK



Dear Probians,

Greetings to you all.

I trust that you and your family are doing fine. I request you to continue to stay safe by adhering to the safety norms prescribed by Central and State Governments.

By the time this issue of PROBUZZ newsletter reaches you, you would have joyfully celebrated Pongal festival.

As you are aware, the much awaited AGM 2019-20 took place on 26th December 2020 via ZOOM application. The meeting went off well. The attendance was fairly well in as much as over 85 Probians joined the ZOOM meeting. I thank all of them and also all Probians for their co-operation.

Now we have to hold the elections for electing the

office bearers and executive committee members. The time frame for the same is 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. The election date will be duly announced by the election officer IPP R.T.Namasivayam taking into account the prevailing conditions. The election will be in Physical form.

The current E.C's term is extended upto 31.3.2021 and accordingly the new team will take charge 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021.

I take this opportunity to make an earnest appeal to you in an important matter. The Probus club connected WhatsApp groups are meant for exchange of thoughts and information which promote friendship amongst the club members. It is not for hurting the feelings of fellow Probians. We must avoid personal attacks or insinuations against fellow Probians. Let us create an atmosphere of friendship and shun animosity. We should also avoid political and religious matters in our groups. Please

take this in the right spirit. Come, let us join hands and enhance the image of our club!

Looking forward to meeting you in person soon.

With regards,  
Yours sincerely,

**S. Gopalakrishnan**

*President – Probus Club of Chennai*

## SECRETARY'S REPORT



Dear Probian,

Loving Greetings to you and your family members.

The online Annual General Meeting (AGM) of our Club was held on Saturday, the 26<sup>th</sup>

December, '20. The quorum required the presence of 121 members (1/3rd of Total Membership of 363 as on 31.3.20). As our one host Zoom License will permit only 100 persons, the assistance of 'HelpAge India' was taken for organising the AGM through ZOOM. When the AGM started, only 47 members were logged in and for want of quorum, the AGM had to be adjourned for thirty minutes.

During this adjournment time, the President, PF Gopalakrishnan S, introduced Pn Kalaimamani Ervadi Rathakrishnan S, Guest Speaker, who is also a well known Kavignar, ex-Banker (SBI Officer) as well as founder and editor of "Kavidai Uravu," a regular magazine for Tamil poets and literary activities. Pn Kalaimamani Ervadi Rathakrishnan spoke in pure Tamil for more than 30 minutes on the topic, "Irundum Illamal." He stressed the need for 'thinking as Not available, the things which are actually easily accessible to us' for our own good. He gave the

example of sweets and diabetic patients. His speech enchanted the audience, who listened with silence as if it was drinking water for a parched throat or raindrops swallowed by a dry land. The Secretary thanked him for the well appreciated talk in flowing simple Tamizh.

The AGM started after more than 30 minutes postponement, with two minutes silent homage for the departed souls of Probian, viz., Late Pn Anusuya M. Devaki (L-307; Dod: 21 Nov 2020); Late Pn. V.S. Viswanathan (A-325; Dod:11 Dec 20); Late Pn S. Srinivasan (A-132; Dod-06 Dec 2020); Late Pn Rasool S.N. (L-034; Dod-07 Dec 20) & Late Pn Venkatakrishnan S (A-374; Dod- 23 Nov 2019).

The number of members who attended the Zoom increased to about 85 with progress of time (in some two members were seen in one screen. After the talk by the Guest Speaker, the AGM began with the President taking the Probus Insignia as Garland. Pn Damodharan recited the Universal Prayer. The Probus Anthem was played through mobile. The President welcomed the Members and spoke about the performance of the Club in the last two years. The Secretary's Annual Report was posted to members on 21st Dec. and soft copy was also circulated in

## EDITOR'S COLUMN

Dear Probn,

My hearty Greetings for a very Happy New Year To You. I shall try to include one or two articles written by me before my term as Editor comes to an end in March, 2021. Obituary about Dr. Shanta of Cancer Institute and Congratulations to Ms. Kamala Harris for her election as Vice-President of USA are in this issue. Let us pray that she would be India friendly and become First Lady President of USA after Mr. Joe Biden's term.

Wishing you all the best for the year ahead.

Until then, Good bye.

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email as well as WhatsApp to members. After the Secretary's announcements, the agenda items were taken item-wise, one by one, and after detailed discussions, all the items were approved. President allowed the tabling of two Table resolutions moved by PPP Dr. Singaraja on (i) Using a single receipt book for both IT80G and non-80G and (ii) Keeping the Newsletter above politics, religion, caste or creed. These were also discussed and referred to EC for taking a decision based on the consideration of the views by the Finance Sub-Committee and Editorial Committee of *Probuzz* Newsletter respectively. At the end, the secretary rendered the Vote of Thanks with special thanks to Pn. Padma Bhushan Sarada Menon Dr., 97 years old, who asked for the link from him and attended the AGM.

The recorded proceedings of the AGM will be submitted to the Registrar of Societies along with necessary forms for compliance.

The EC approved Shri M. Shekar, Investment advisor as the Guest Speaker for the ZOOM Monthly Meeting on 23rd Jan., '21 but as he suddenly expressed his inability to come on that date as approved by the EC, in his place **Shri T.R.Arulrajhan, CEO, ECTRA (Equity, Commodity, Training and Research Academy)** would be the Guest Speaker and the Topic for his Guest Speech would be "Financial Liberation and Celebration."

As you are aware, the Elections are delinked from the online AGM and it has been decided by IPP Namasivayam, R.T. that the **physical elections will be held on Saturday, the 27th Feb.'21**. As Russian Centre is not available upto 31st March, the elections would be **held in the Sri Balaji Kalyana Mandapam, #2, Sundaram Street, near Agasthiar Koil, T.Nagar, Chennai-600017**. The details of the posts for which elections will be held, the venue, timing and eligibility

criteria, the last dates for various activities are printed in this issue of *Probuzz* Newsletter elsewhere.

All of you would have received the December, '20 issue of the *Probuzz* Newsletter. The January issue is sponsored by Pn Hariharan V (L-087), ex-Treasurer of our club, who celebrated his 50th year of Marriage on 23rd November. Pn Prabhakar M, EC Member and Pn Viswakumar K have agreed to sponsor the Feb. & Mar. '21 issues respectively. I thank all of them for this generous gesture.

I appeal to all Probians to consider sponsoring the *Probuzz* Newsletter Strip Advertisement by contributing ₹800/- for inner Page and ₹1,000/- for first and last Page. You can also consider sponsoring *Probuzz* Issues by donating ₹5,000/- to the *Probuzz* Corpus Fund to make it self-sustaining.

Once again, I request those of you who have completed 75 years, 80 years and 90 years of age and 50 years of wedded life in the preceding one year of 01st October, 2020 to send their photo to me to enable us to prepare the mementos.

As I close my report, with heavy sad heart, I have to inform you the sad demise of Probian Panduranga Rao (L-307; Dod: 08 Jan. 21) and both the President and I have conveyed our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Lakshmi Kumari, his wife.

There is news of administration of the Covid19 vaccine after Pongal onwards and with this, I think slowly we can muster the courage to come out and attend selected meetings, of course with SMS, viz., Sanitiser, Mask and Social distancing. Hence, **I appeal to all of you to mark the date, Saturday, the 27th February,'21 in your calendar and ensure your presence and cast your vote on that day positively.**

**B. Ranganathan**  
Secretary

**Dr Shanta**, ADYAR CANCER INSTITUTE. died on Jan 19, 2021. She was associated with Adyar Cancer Institute since 1955, and held several positions, including that of the director of the institute, between 1980 and 1997. She served as a member of several national and international committees on health and medicine, including the World Health Organization's Advisory Committee on Health.





## **ELECTION NOTICE OF PROBUS CLUB OF CHENNAI FOR THE PERIOD 2021-2023**

To

All members of Probus Club of Chennai

Dear Probians,

As decided in the Executive Committee meeting held on 14/03/2020 at Gopalapuram Boys' Higher Secondary School, Chennai, confirming the appointment of the undersigned as Election Officer, it is hereby notified that elections for **Probus Club of Chennai, will be held on 27/02/2021 for the period 2021-2023 at Sri Balaji Kalyana Mandapam, 2, Sundaram Street, near Agasthiar Koil, Off Pondy Bazaar, T.Nagar, Chennai-600 017 (Ph: 044 2432 4960)**

### **POSTS FOR WHICH ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD:**

PRESIDENT – ONE

VICE PRESIDENT – THREE

SECRETARY – ONE

JOINT SECRETARY – ONE

JOINT SECRETARY (Charitable Funds) – ONE

TREASURER – ONE

JOINT TREASURER – ONE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS – SIXTEEN

### **Elections Timings on 27-02-2021 – 8.45 AM to 10.30 AM**

All Probians are requested to take note of the latest amendment to our Bye-Law, approved by the AGM and Registrar of Societies, as indicated below.

### **“Election to Office bearers and Executive Committee:**

**(1) A member should have completed two years of membership for contesting any post of the Office-Bearer of the Probus Club of Chennai (No bar on EC member post).**

**(2) No member should hold the same post on an Office-Bearer including the EC member, for more than one term. However, after a gap of one term, the member can contest again for the same post.**

Those desiring to file nomination may obtain prescribed **Nomination Forms** from the undersigned in writing or in **person or through E-Mail, from 30/01/2021 to 17/02/2021**, (Between 11am and 12 noon after contacting over phone), at my residence address given at the bottom, well in advance, so as to adhere to the following time schedule. **(The candidate can collect nomination forms through any other Probian with due Authorisation letter).**

<b>Last date of filing nominations</b>	18/02/2021	10 AM to 4 PM
<b>Scrutiny and acceptance</b>	19/02/2021	11 AM
<b>Withdrawal date</b>	20/02/2021	10 AM to 4 PM
<b>Election date</b>	27/02/2021	
<b>Voting time</b>	8.45 AM to 10.30 AM	

Please note that the candidate, members who propose and second the candidate(s) and members voting on 27/02/2021 should not have arrears of club annual subscription as on date.

Nomination Forms are to be submitted in person. However due to COVID-19 problems, the candidate can submit the Nomination Forms duly filled and signed, through any other Probian, with Authorisation letter. For the same reason it is advised that not more than one person can accompany the candidate or the bearer while submitting the Nomination Forms. The acknowledgement for the receipt of the Nomination Form will be given to the candidate or the bearer as the case may be.

All should strictly follow the protocol for COVID-19 such as wearing masks, sanitizing the hands and maintaining the minimum distance of 1 meter on the Election Day as well as when the Probians come to my house for collecting/submitted nomination forms. I need your cooperation on this.



**Probn R.T.Namasivayam**

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Date: 18/01/2021



*Pre AGM Guest Speaker,  
Kalaimamani Ervadi S. Rathakrishnan Pn*



*Secretary giving Cheque to Sri Kakarla  
Koteswara Rao, SJSCMBF beneficiary*



*Secretary handing over cheque to  
SJSCMBF Beneficiary Sri Balachandran*



*Smt. Aruna Subramaniam, Managing  
Trustee, Bhoomika, Guest Speaker*



*Handing over Cheque for Corona Relief to  
Smt Rajeswari Radhakrishnan Trust for  
Blind girls*



*Padma Bhushan Dr. Sarada Menon  
in AGM*



**A Very Happy Anniversary To All Probians  
Who Have Wedding Anniversaries  
During This Period**

S.No.	Wed Dt	Name	Spouse
1	2/2/1987	Anantharaman V.V. Dr.	Dr. Chitra
2	2/3/1963	Iqbal M.K.	Mrs. Mumtaz
3	2/23/1970	Ravindran S.	Mrs. R. Vasumathy
4	2/3/1985	Balasubramanian N	Mrs. B. Ranjanan
5	2/4/1966	Krishnamoorthy N. Cpt	Mrs. Bhuvanewari
6	2/5/1968	Chandrasekaran K.P.	Mrs. Savithri
7	2/7/1982	Soorian V.S. Dr.	Mrs. Rajeswari Soorian
8	2/7/1960	Chidambaram S.	Mrs. C. Shanthakumari
9	2/7/1977	Sivaraman K.R.	Mrs. K. Parvathy
10	2/7/1969	Parthasarathy B. Dr.	Mrs. B. Santhasarathy
11	2/7/1965	Ranganathan S.	Mrs. Vasantha Kumari Ranganathan
12	2/7/1958	Gopalakrishnan S.	Mrs. Radha Gopalakrishnan
13	2/8/1980	Bhavani A Dr.	Pn Ashok Kumar S
14	2/8/1980	Ashok Kumar S	Pn Bhavani A Dr.
15	09 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Narendran C.C.	Mrs. C.N. Kamala
16	2/9/1979	Ravindran G. Dr.	Dr. Padma L. Ravindran, MBBS, MD
17	2/9/1979	Ramaraju S. Er.	Mrs. R. Prabavathy
18	2/9/1973	Deviprasad M.C.	Mrs. D.Jayalakshmi
19	2/9/1973	Subramanian S.	Mrs. Shantha Subramanian
20	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Geetha Viswakumar	Pn Viswakumar K
21	2/10/1960	Byravan N.	Mrs. Parvathy Byravan
22	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Viswakumar K	Mrs. Geetha Viswakumar
23	2/11/1963	Srinivasan G.	Mrs. Padma Srinivasan
24	2/11/1963	Krishnan C.	Mrs. Jaya Krishnan
25	2/15/1973	Vaidyanathan T.S.	Mrs. Padmini
26	2/16/1972	Nagendra Babu B.	Mrs. B. Nagaraja Kumari
27	2/21/1967	Arumugam M	Mrs. A. Rajammal
28	2/22/1973	Jayashree K. Dr.	Mr. R. Surayya
29	2/24/1964	Balasubramanian G	Mrs. B. Devika

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S.No.	Name	Amount
<b>A.</b>	<b>EDUCATIONAL SCH. SCHEME</b>	
1	Sadagopan G	15,000.00
<b>B.</b>	<b>PROBUS FELLOW FEE</b>	
2	Sadagopan G	15,000.00
<b>C.</b>	<b>PROBUZZ ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION</b>	
3	Lakshmipathy K	100.00
4	Mohd Ismail	100.00
5	Ramaiah D.S.	100.00
6	Sadasivam M	200.00
<b>D.</b>	<b>PROBUZZ CORPUS FUND (Sponsors of Newsletter)</b>	
7	Ramaswami P.P. Dr	1,500.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>32,000.00</b>

**A GOOD NEWS  
KAMALA HARRIS**



We are really glad to inform that **Smt Kamala Harris**, a U.S born Indian has taken charge as the first woman vice-president of U.S. Also she is the first Vice-President from non whites. There are all the possibilities that she may become President of U.S when Biden completes his term.

**We Wish A Very Happy Birthday To All Probians having Birthdays in February 2021**

S.No.	DOB	Name	Mem No.	S.No.	DOB	Name	Mem No.
1	2/2/1939	Geetha Sundararajan	L-115	13	2/15/1946	Parthasarathy K	L-284
2	2/2/1939	Lakshmipathi K.	A-302	14	2/15/1940	Venugopal Reddy S.	L-264
3	2/2/1937	Rajalakshmi S.	L-243	15	2/16/1945	Ramanathan N.	L-183
4	2/2/1931	Ramachandran S.	A-087	16	2/17/1933	Doraiswamy P.K.	L-113
5	2/2/1944	Venkataraman S. Dr.	L-041	17	2/17/1952	Muthuswamy Prabhakar	L-277
6	2/3/1945	Ravindran S.	L-055	18	2/22/1932	Rengarajan K.	L-145
7	2/5/1949	Jayashree K. Dr.	A-261	19	2/24/1935	Trivedi Sadasiva Viswanatha	L-175
8	2/7/1940	Arumugam P.S.	A-396	20	2/26/1928	Ponnuswamy S. Dr.	L-071
9	2/7/1949	Geetha Viswanathan	A-256	21	2/27/1947	Ramanathan S.	L-204
10	2/7/1947	Vaidyanathan T.S.	L-242	22	2/27/1955	Sadagopan G.	L-256
11	2/15/1932	Gunasekaran G.	L-254	23	2/29/1936	Dhakshinamoorthy C.M.	L-173
12	2/15/1946	Kalyanasundaram R	L-332				

# 12 Simple Decisions to Make 2021 Better than 2020 by Joshua Becker

*(This article has been forwarded by Probn Dr Captain Singaraja)*

It's about time to turn the page on 2020. And thankfully so.

What should we expect for 2021? Well, my guess is everything will start to feel a bit more normal—especially as the vaccine continues to roll out. But I'm not in control of the world, so how would I know for sure?

I am not in control of the world, however I am in control of myself... and you are in control of yourself. So even though we can't control everything around us, we can control some things.

At the very least, we can control how we interact with the world around us. And many times, that makes all the difference.

To that end, in an effort to make 2021 a better year for everyone, here are 12 decisions we can all make as the new year begins:

## **1. Smile more.**

I think we all miss seeing smiles in public spaces. Once the masks are off, decide to show more of those pearly whites every chance you get.

## **2. Complain less.**

2020 was a year of dealing with life-and-death issues on an almost daily basis. In some ways, all the things we used to complain about seem so small now. So let's decide to no longer complain about the small stuff.

## **3. Appreciate more.**

I thought 2020 would be the year I got everything I wanted. Now I know 2020 was the year to appreciate everything I have. Decide now to carry that forward into 2021 and appreciate all the good around us in a more intentional way.

## **4. Connect more.**

In 2020, we lost the ability to connect with others in-person—at coffee shops, churches, restaurants, concerts, sporting events, and even some family gatherings. Let's never overlook the opportunity to connect with others again.

## **5. Own less.**

When everything is taken away, we see what is most important. When it comes to recognizing what activities contribute to quality of life, accumulating physical stuff pales in comparison to the actual life-giving pursuits we are being forced to go without. Decide now to own less in 2021.

## **6. Encourage more.**

2020 was a hard year for everyone! And all of us needed encouragement from time-to-time. Let's give it freely in 2021—whether people ask for it or not.

## **7. Waste less.**

Seems like we all learned the value of another day and another opportunity—because too many had their last one taken from them in 2020. Let's decide now to not waste any day, any moment, or any amount of energy remaining.

## **8. Thank more.**

Decide now to say “thank you” more often. You will be blessed, and the recipient will be blessed. Win-win.

## **9. Compete less.**

One thing is for sure—we're all in this world together. As a result, it's too easy to see the world as competition against one another. Instead, let's remember we're on the same team, all trying to be the best versions of ourselves. If you want to compete, compete against who you were yesterday rather than the stranger down the street.

## **10. Understand more.**

Not only was 2020 marked with a global pandemic and economic downturn, in many parts of the world (including my own) it was a year of political strife and division where a difference in opinion was often regarded as a difference in principle. It rarely is. Everyone will benefit—both sides—if we decide now to argue less and understand more.

## **11. Save more.**

With the overnight shutdown/collapse of many businesses and worldwide economy, 2020 showed the importance of having some financial savings in reserve. If you haven't made saving a priority, decide to do it now. Here are some helpful steps to get there.

## **12. Love more.**

Love your spouse. Love your kids. Love your friends. Love your co-workers. Love your neighbor. Love. The world needs more of it.

What does 2021 hold? I have no idea.

But with these 12 decisions as my resolutions for 2020, I'm ready for just about anything. Because life is more than the circumstances surrounding me.

# DATES TO REMEMBER : JANUARY 2021

Breakfast Meeting: As gatherings are banned and RCSC or any others did not allow meetings in their premises, the Monthly Meeting for January, 2021 will also be held via ZOOM App on **Saturday, the 23rd January 2021** (Virtual Video meeting with no Breakfast).

**MONTHLY MEETING** Fourth Saturday, 23th January, 2021. 11.00 AM onwards

Topic: **FINANCIAL LIBERATION AND CELEBRATION**

Guest Speaker: **T.R.Arulrajhan**

CEO, ECTRA (Equity, Commodity, Training and Research Academy)

All are requested to Participate via **ZOOM APP**, which will be shared by WhatsApp group

**NOTE:** Letters to PROBUZZ on matters relating to PROBUZZ may kindly be addressed only to the editor.

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**Probn V.Hariharan (L 087)** towards completion of 50 years of married life.

## We regret to record the demise of

Pn Panduranga N (L -138) aged 82 years, on 8th Jan, 2021.

The condolence messages may be conveyed to his wife, Mrs Laksmikumari.

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