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The power in act of men renowned and great, With king acceptance finds and fame through all the state.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear Probians,

Loving Greetings to you and your family members.

The Probus-Kavithai Uravu
Tamil Poetry Competition
Prize Distribution cum
"Mudhumai ennum
Muzhumai Tamil Poetry
collections Book Release
was held on 05<sup>th</sup> November,

'22 at the Kaviko Mandram in CIT Colony, Mylapore. Sri Lakshmikanthan Bharathy, Freedom Fighter and Retd. IAS, aged 96 was the Chief Guest and he released the Book. The first copy was received by PPP Venkatachari K. The First and Second Prize Winners were given Porkizhi of Ten Rupee coins worth Rs.5,000/- and Rs.3,000/- respectively. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Winner from Coimbatore could not participate in the function. The Judges were also given Porkizhi with Ten Rupee Coins worth Rs.1,000/-. I thank the Judges, viz., Pn Kalaimamani Ervadi Rathakrishnan, Pulavar Mathiazhagan K, Pn Vijayalakshmi T.V. Pulavar, Sri Amutha Bharathy, a Tamil Poet and Ms. Kalpagam Srinivasamurthy, spouse of our late PPP Srinivasamurti, T.T. All those who attended the function were given a copy of the Book free

and a small handy cash bag. The Function went off well. Special Thanks to Pn. Kalaimamani Ervadi Rathakrishnan for conducting the competition and studiously going through with critical eye, the flood of more than 350 Tamizh Kavithaigal received along with the judges.

For the Children Day Function, as an intraschool competition, about 121 schools were asked to conduct Essay and a Drawing Competition in their schools and send the first prize winner details to the Secretary. Also, on 19th November, '22, inter-school Oratorical competitions in Tamil and English as well as music competition were also held at the Thakkar Bapa Vidayalaya, T.Nagar. The Winners of both intraschool and inter-school competitions were invited to the Children Day Function was combined with the Monthly Breakfast Meeting and was held at the Vinobha Hall of Thakkar Bapa Vidyalay on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, '22. At the function, as usual, a Fancy Dress Competition for children was held. Dr. Shanthi, Principal, Anna Adarsh College for Women, Anna Nagar, Chennai was the Chief Guest. She was also the judge for the Fancy Dress Competition. The winners of the Fancy Dress Competition as the Winners of the Intra and inter-school competitions were awarded Prizes by the Chief Guest. Dr Shanthi

R, Chief Guest presented mementos and prizes to the **All-Rounder Dr U.P.Sanajana** for her prowess in the field of Archery, Probus Excellence Awards to Kumari A. Padmasri for her skills in Silambam, Yoga Studies & the Best Sports Person Awards to Kumari P.Sanjana for her long-distance swimming skills at the young age of ten years and Miss A. Ramya for Silambam. Cash awards were also presented by the Chief Guest to Miss Swetha M, Miss Nandhitha Gandhi and Miss Menaka K Students who secured the 1st,2nd, and 3rd highest marks among Chennai Corporation Schools in X Std. Board Exam. out of Late Pn CR Vaidyanathan's endowment. A small Silambam demonstration was also held before the starting of the function. All the children were given an attractive Book titled "ABC of Devis," donated by Gayathri Ramachandran (I.A.S.) from Hyderabad, niece of our late PPP Srinivasamurti **T.T**. and handed over by his spouse, Ms. Kalpagam Srinivasamurti. The Book contained 26 names of Devis starting with alphabets A to Z e.g., A for Abhirami, B for Balambal, C for Chanmundeswari, etc. Apart from photos, a small video taken on the function was released in WhatsApp group as well as YouTube. I thank Dr. Amutha Balakrishnan, Industrialist who donated Rs. 10,000/- for the Children's Day Function. The Function was enjoyed and appreciated by all.

The Probus-Kalaimagal Short Story Competition's Prize Distribution and Book Release function as well as the "Bharathiar Padalgal," By Pn. Kalaimamani T.K.S. Kalaivanan, a Music function for completion of the three decades of the Probus Club of Chennai are due to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec., '22 and 11<sup>th</sup> December, '22 (Bharathiar's 140<sup>th</sup> Birthday). You will be sent the invitations and I am sure that all of you would make the functions a grand success.

We are also Welcoming the New Year 2023 with

a Cultural Meet combined with the Monthly Meeting on Sat., 24<sup>th</sup> December, '22 along with release of the Monthly sheet calendar for 2023. Hope all of you would attend the meeting and participate in the many games we are organising for the function.

I thank Pn Venkateswara Rao, the Breakfast Sponsor for the November, '22 combined Breakfast Meeting and Children's Day Celebrations.

The Souvenir released on the International Day of the Elderly Function has been despatched to all members who could not attend the function. The Member Directory is under print, and we are striving to bring it out before the Pongal Day, next Year.

I am constrained to point out that no member has come forward to sponsor this Probuzz issue. Only the names of New Life Members who contributed Probuzz strip Advt. have been included in this issue. Hence, I appeal to all the members to come forward and sponsor full issue or place a Strip Advt. in "Probuzz," our Club's Newsletter to make it self-sustaining. Also, I request all Members to contribute at least Rs.100/- for the Probuzz Newsletter Annual Subscription to bolster the Probuzz Corpus Fund.

I request all Annual Members who have not paid their Subscription, to send their Annual Subscription of Rs.1,000/- along with Rs.100/- for the Probuzz Newsletter Annual Subscription at the earliest.

Wishing you all a Peaceful, Prosperous and Happy New Year and Christmas,

I remain

With regards, Yours sincerely,

Ranganathan B

President - Probus Club of Chennai

Dear Probus brothers and sisters, Greetings to all my fellow Probians.

We trust you enjoyed going through the November 2022 issue of Probuzz with selected photos of the Month's Breakfast Meeting held at the Kalyan Nagar Association premises. In this issue we bring you the photos of the Poetry Competition and Award of Prizes conducted

by Probus Club of Chennai and Kavithai Uravu Function on 5 Nov 2022; the Children's Day Celebration held on held on 19 Nov 2022; and the Bharathiyar Padalgal Function (the final program in the 3-Decades of Probus Club of Chennai celebrations) held on 11 Dec 2022.

Obviously given the size limitations of Probuzz, we are unable to include as many photos of the memorable events as we would like to. However, we have carefully selected the limited set of photos to help you relive and relish the three events.

As the year 2022 winds down to a close, let us hope the New Year ushers in more health and happiness to all of us and also to everyone around us. We wish you a Great New Year ahead.

We would once again seek your active cooperation in making the Probuzz issues more interesting and useful. We invite our members to contribute more articles and other contributions.

Wish you Happy Probuzz reading,

**EDITOR** (vijisbi@gmail.com)



### SECRETARY'S REPORT



Dear Probians,

Greetings to you, your family, and your friend,

Nov 2022 EC Committee meeting was held at Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya, Venkatanarayana Road, T Nagar, Chennai, on Saturday,

Nov 12th, 2022, at 10.35 am. A lack of quorum prompted the meeting to begin at 11.05 am. Pn Sappani Pillai recited the Universal Prayer. Attendees were welcomed by the president, Pn Ranganathan B. PF V Balachander read the Treasurer's report. Pn Annadhurai M proposed the vote of thanks

We had arranged a **Zoom meeting with Award Committee members** on 17th Nov 2022 to discuss the selection of All Rounder and Probus Award of Excellence and Best Sports person awardees for the Children's Day function. The Members present were Coordinator IPP PF Gopalakrishnan, Convenor Pulavar T.V. Vijayalakshmi, President Pn Ranganathan, PPP R.T. Namasivayam, VP Ramanathan N, VP PF, Badri C, Secretary Annadhurai M, Treasurer PF Balachander V and Pn Ramaraj V. After very good deliberations with available entries, we have selected the Awardees.

The Children's Day Function was conducted on **26th November 2022 at** Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya, T. Nagar, Chennai coinciding with the **November** Monthly Meeting day. Prior to staging the event, letters were sent to 100 odd schools asking them to hold intra-school essay competitions in both English and Tamizh and send them to the club for evaluation at the club's end. Likewise, Elocution competitions in English and Tamizh and Music competitions were held in Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya classrooms on 19th Nov. Besides this, nominations were called for Allrounder and Probus Excellence Awards in sports and community affairs. Furthermore, names of students from schools who had secured maximum marks in the annual exams were called. EC Member Pn V. Ramaraj was entrusted with the Job of collecting Intra school Essays & Drawing papers and nominated lists from schools for Inter School competitions. He was a Judge in the Drawing competition. IPP PF S. Gopalkrishnan, Pn TV Vijayalakshmi, and Pn Maala Venkatram were Judges for Intra-school Tamizh and English essays. Pn Pulavar Karuppasamy S, Pn Sugandhi Premkumar, Kavignar Mathiazhagan, IPP PF Gopalakrishnan S, PF V. Balachander and Pn Maala Venkatram and Pn Vijayalakshmi Masilamani & Mrs. Saroja Veeraraghavan were Judges for Tamizh & English Oratorical and Music Competitions..

The meeting commenced with Thamizh Thai vazhthu and universal prayer rendered by Pn Pulavar TV Vijayalakshmi and Pn Vijayalakshmi Masilamani. Dr R. Shanthi Principal of Anna Adarsh college for women was the Chief Guest. President Pn B Ranganathan welcomed the gathering. PF V.

Balachander introduced the Chief guest to the Audience. Dr R. Shanthi gave a very good speech to the students and the gatherings. PF V Balachander and Pn Maala Venkatram read the citations for the Awardees. On the occasion, Dr Shanthi R presented mementoes and prizes to the All-Rounder Dr U.P.Sanjana for her brilliant prowess in the field of Archery, Probus Excellence Awards to Kumari A. Padmasri for her skills in Silambam, Yoga & Studies and the Best Sports Person Awards to Kumari P.Sanjana for her long-distance swimming skills at the young age of ten years and Miss A. Ramya for Silambam. The Toppers Miss Swetha M. Miss Nandhitha Gandhi and Miss Menaka K, Students with proficiency in studies and securing 1st,2nd, and 3rd highest marks among Chennai Corporation Schools in the annual exams, were given cash awards. We had arranged a Fancy Dress competition for Children aged 8 and below. This attracted 17 Tiny Tots entries and prizes were given to the most imaginative outfits & presentations. Consolation prizes were given to all other tiny tots who participated on that day. The compering was done by Probian CC Narendran. The meeting ended with the secretary of the club proposing a vote of thanks.

The Poetry Competition's Prize Distribution and Book release Function was held at the Kavikko Mandram, CIT Colony, Mylapore, Chennai on Saturday, the 05th of Nov., '22. Tamizh Thai Vazhthu & Universal Prayer were performed by Dr Lalitha Mohan, Pn Pulavar TV Vijayalakshmi. Sri Lakshmikanthan Bharathi, aged 96 years, Retd IAS was the Chief Guest. Unfortunately, the Rotary Club President was unable to attend. President Pn B. Ranganathan welcomed the gathering. Pn Kalaimamani Ervadi Rathakrishnan, Editor, Kavithai Uravu who conducted the competition explained about how the competition was conducted and the winners were selected. It was an arduous task to choose the winners from more than 350 Tamizh Kavithaigal. During the judges' meeting, it was also decided to give certificates to about 6 consolation prize winners. The prize-winning and other Kavithais about 50 in number, were included in the Book released by the Chief Guest titled "Mudhumai Ennum Muzhumai." And the first copy was received by PPP Venkatachari K. Thiru V. Muralidharan Founder and Managing Trustee of Sevalaya introduced the Chief Guest. The speech given by Sri Lakshmikanthan Bharathi was excellent. Porkizhi(Cash Bag with Rs.10/- coins Rs.5,000/- first prize, Rs.3,000/- second Prize for and Rs.2,000/- third prize) was given to the Poetry Competition winners namely Thiru Padmanabhan K, Thiru Mathivanan and Thiru Manoor Pugazhendhi who secured First, second and third Prizes. The 5 Judges, viz., Pn Kalaimamani Ervadi Rathakrishnan S, Pn Vijayalakshmi T.V. Pulavar, Pulavar Mathiazhagan S, Kavignar Amudha Bharathi & Ms Kalpagam Srinivasamurti (who could not come due to health reasons) have done a wonderful job and a porkizhi with Rs.1,000/- (Rs.10 coins) was also given to the

judges. The Chief Guest, the Guest of Honours, Prize Winners, and singers were honoured with shawls, mementos, and gifts. All participants received a small "Cash Handbag" and Muthumai Ennum Muzhumai Book as Gifts. The comperer for the meeting was Kavignar Punitha Jyothi who did the compering exceptionally well. Secretary Pn M. Annadhurai proposed a vote of thanks..

On the Obituary front, I am deeply sorry to inform you that we have lost a distinguished Probian P Shanmugam a Retd. Judge, High court of Madras,80 years of age on 13th December 2022, (A 348). I talked to his daughter Ms Ponmani. He was ill for some time and attained the Lotus feet on the 13th. We pray for his Soul to Rest in Peace. Om Shanti

You can sponsor the entire Probuzz Newsletter by donating Rs.5,000/- or at least contribute to

the advertisements by donating Rs.800/- for the inner pages and Rs.1,000/- for the first and last pages. Please send us articles, jokes, or home events if you would like them to be included in our PROBUZZ newsletter. My sincere thanks to **Pn M. Venkateswara Rao** for his contribution to the Breakfast for November Month Breakfast Meeting cum Children's Day Function.

It is my pleasure to acknowledge **Pn Ranganatha Rao's** contribution to **Probuzz Newsletter.** This month, I would also like to thank all Probians for their donations to our Club's various events and endowments.

It is greatly appreciated that you continue to support us. Wishing you all the best in the days to come

M. Annadhurai, Secretary

#### LIST OF DONATIONS RECEIVED IN NOVEMBER, '22

S.No.	Name	Amount	
A.	3DofPCCfns (Three Decades of Probus Club of		
	Chennai Functions)		
1	Deivasigamani N	3,000.00	
2	Shriram Properties	49,000.00	
3	Veeraiyan P.T.	2,000.00	
B.	BF Sponsor		
4	Venkateswara Rao M	18,000.00	
C.	Byelaw, Book sales		
5	Various Probians	840.00	
D.	Calendar 2023 Sponsor		
6	Balachander V	3,000.00	

S.No.	Name	Amount
7	Sampath N.R.	5,000.00
E.	Childrens Day	
8	Amutha Balakrishnan	10,000.00
F.	Donation-General	
9	Namasivayam R.T.	270.00
G.	Probuzz AS	
10	Balakrishnan T.S.	100.00
H.	Sunshine Fund	
11	Manonmani	1,000.00
l.	GRAND TOTAL	92,210.00

## We Wish A Very Happy Birthday To All Probians having Birthdays in January 2023

S.No.	Title	Name	Mem No.	DOB
1	Probian	Keerthivanan K Dr.	L-282	01 Jan.
2	Probian	Gopinatha Rao C.H.	L-076	01 Jan.
3	Probian	Pranab K. Basu	L-108	01 Jan.
4	Probian	Ramamurthy G.V.	L-061	03 Jan.
5	Probian	Raman K.V. Dr.	A-221	03 Jan.
6	Probian	Srinivasan T.R.	L-047	04 Jan.
7	Probian	Sundaram S.V.	A-346	04 Jan.
8	Probian	Sathyanarayanan B. Dr.	L-033	05 Jan.
9	Probian	Namasivayam R.T.	L-054	05 Jan.
10	Probian	Mohan Sundar Pandian	L-035	06 Jan.
11	Probian	Sundaram K.V.	L-291	09 Jan.
12	Probian	Bhavani A Dr.	L-326	10 Jan.
13	Probian	Suresh Yagneswar B	L-337	10 Jan.
14	Probian	Premkumar Commodore	L-026	12 Jan.
15	Probian	Balagangadharan S	L-298	13 Jan.
16	Probian	Kalaimamani TKS Kalaivanan	L-334	15 Jan.
17	Probian	Jaishankar K.	L-141	15 Jan.

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S.No.	Title	Name	Mem No.	DOB
18	Probian	Soorian V.S. Dr.	L-212	15 Jan.
19	Probian	Singaraja M. Dr. (Capt) SM C. Eng.	L-051	15 Jan.
20	Probian	Shankar M.	L-224	16 Jan.
21	Probian	Ramavadhani J.	A-244	16 Jan.
22	Probian	Balasubramanian G	L-120	17 Jan.
23	Probian	Ramakrishnan V.	L-023	17 Jan.
24	Probian	Swaminatha Pillai S	L-317	20 Jan.
25	Probian	Chandrasekaran K.P.	L-058	20 Jan.
26	Probian	Badrinath P Ln	L-156	20 Jan.
27	Probian	Balakrishnan T.S.	A-284	22 Jan.
28	Probian	Lourdusamy P.M.	A-356	25 Jan.
29	Probian	Jambulingam A.R.	L-220	26 Jan.
30	PF	Sridharan P.	PF 03	29 Jan.
31	PF	Balachander V	PF 09	30 Jan.
32	Probian	Geetha Viswakumar	L-319	31 Jan.
33	Probian	Vittal N.	L-118	31 Jan.
34	Probian	Jayakumar G.	L-198	31 Jan.

### A Very Happy Anniversary To All Probians Who Have Wedding Anniversaries in January 2023

S.No.	Title	Probian Name	Mem No.	WedDt	Spouse Name
1	Probian	Somasundaram T.	L-181	01 Jan.	Mrs. Savithri Somasundaram
2	Probian	Mohan D. Menon	L-199B	17 Jan.	Mrs. Madhuri Menon
3	Probian	Dhanaraj A.	A-373	18 Jan.	Mrs. D. Arockia Mary
4	Probian	Sahasranaman K	A-229	21 Jan.	Mrs. R.S. Lakshmi
5	Probian	Subramanian V.	L-302 (Old A-142)	21 Jan.	Mrs. S. Usha
6	Probian	Aiyer V.L.	A-208	25 Jan.	Mrs. L. Shanta
7	Probian	Jaishankar K.	L-141	26 Jan.	Mrs. Prema Jaishankar
8	Probian	Vasanth K.N.	L-007	29 Jan.	Mrs. Vanjula Vasanth
9	Probian	Santhanam S.	L-176	29 Jan.	Mrs. Rajalakshmi Santhanam
10	Probian	Kumaresan M Dr.	L-252	31 Jan.	Mrs.Chandralekha

#### PARTICIPATION IN ROTARY CLUB WEEKLY MEETINGS

Meeting Date	Name of Probian	
15/11/22 Pn Dr Keerthi vanan K		
15/11/22	Pn Rajaram Pandian K	
22/11/22	Pn Sakthivel Raja SL	
22/11/22 Pn Ramalingam K		
29/11/22	Pn Sugandhi Premkumar	

Meeting Date	e Name of Probian	
29/11/22	Pn Jayamani C	
06/12/22	Pn Kalyanasundaram R	
06/12/22	Pn Muralikrishnan S	
11/12/22	Pn B Ranganathan	

### **CHEYYARU PROBUS CLUB - NOVEMBER 2022**

(Received be Email from Mr. Sivagnanam Sundaram)

செய்யாறு புரோபஸ் கிளப்பின் 2022 நவம்பர் மாதக் கூட்டம் துணைத்தலைவர் T. குப்பன் தலைமையில் 19.11.2022 அன்று காலை 10.30 மணிக்கு குறிஞ்சி குகன் நிலையத்தில் நடைபெற்றது. இணைச் செயலர் கன்னியாகுமரி இறை வணக்கம் பாடினார். செயலர் புகழேந்தி அனைவரையும் வரவேற்று சென்ற மாதக் கூட்ட அறிக்கையை வாசித்தார். நவம்பர் மாத சிறப்புகளை K. V. முனுசாமி எடுத்துக் கூறினார். முன்னாள் தலைவர் M. பூங்கோதை இம் திருக்குறள்களை இன்பத்துப் பாலில் தேடி அற்புதமான குறள் களைக் கூறி பொருள் விளக்கம் அளித்தார்.

சிறப்பு விருந்தினராக செய்யாறு இன்னர்வீல் சங்கப் பொறுப்பாளர் சரஸ்வதி சோமசுந்தரம் கலந்து கொண்டு மூத்தோர் மகிழ்ச்சி என்ற தலைப்பில் பேசி உறுப்பினர்களை மகிழ்வித்தார்.



இம்மாதம் பிறந்தநாள் மற்றும் திருமண நாள் காண்பவர்களுக்கு பாராட்டுதல்களையும் வாழ்த்துக்களையும் தெரிவித்து பரிசுகள் வழங்கப்பட்டன. முன்னாள் தலைவர் M. சண்முகம் தனது வழக்கமான பேச்சாற்றல் மூலம் மன்ற உறுப்பினர்களை சிரிப்பலைகளில் மூழ்க வைத்தார். பொருளர் K. கந்தசாமி வரவு செலவு அறிக்கை வாசித்து நன்றி உரை கூறினார். இம்மாதம் திருமண நாள் காணும் V. ஸ்ரீ தர் மற்றும் முன்னாள் செயலர் E. ஜெகதீசன் இணைந்து அனைத்து உறுப்பினர்களுக்கும் அறுசுவை மதிய உணவு வழங்கி சிறப்பித்தனர்.

# **Probus Mementos Presented**

# **Childrens Day Competitions**













Probus Bharathiyar Padalgal Function on 11 Dec. 2022 at Sanskrit College Mylapore, Chennai.



























# Poetry Competition and Award of Prizes conducted by Probus Club of Chennai and kavithai Uravu Function on 5 Nov 2022 at Kavikko Convention Centre, CIT Colony, Chennai



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## **DATE TO REMEMBER: 24 DEC 2022**

### **Cultural Function and Breakfast Meeting**

will be held on Saturday the 24th of December 2022 from 08:45 a.m.

### Venue: Seminar Hall of the Alumni Association Block,

College of Engineering, Guindy (AACEG) (Anna University),

Gandhi Mandapam Road, Chennai.

(Opp. B.M. Birla Planetarium (on Sardar Patel Road), (near IIT Madras)

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