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“Persons that cannot utter even a few words of sense
Would desire to blabber copiously without substance”

FROM THE PRESIDENT DESK



Dear Probian,

Greetings to you all.

I trust that you and your family members are doing well. I request you, once again to stay safe by adhering to the safety norms as far as possible and as long as possible. Exceptions should be rare such as attending meetings of PROBUS CLUB. I am glad that the much-delayed election took place on 27th Feb, 2021. I profusely thank the election officer IPP Probian R.T.Namasivayam for fulfilling his very difficult task creditably. I also thank the expert Probian who assisted the election officer. I wholeheartedly congratulate the Probian who won the election. I am sure that Probian B.Ranganathan and his able team will certainly measure upto the high expectations of all Probian. Their vast experience, zeal and enthusiasm will stand in good

stead, no doubt, in taking our club to new heights. I wish them all success in their new assignments.

In the same breath, I hasten to wish our other colleagues who missed the chance, better luck next time. I sincerely request our friends not to take to heart. In a race always there are winners and runners up. After all failure is the stepping stone to success. What is more important, all the PROBIANS' talent, experience and expertise should be put into use in the development of our beloved PROBUS CLUB OF CHENNAI. So that success story of our club continues as ever. I take this opportunity to thank all our past presidents, present vice-presidents, secretary and all office bearers and E.C members and in short all probians for their kind co-operation and consideration shown to me during my tenure as President. I thank the officials of R.C.S.C., Rotary Club of Madras, Inner wheel club, Gopalapuram Boys High School, Sri Ganapathy Iyer Girls High School, Thakkar Baba Vidyalaya, Sri B.Saravanan, owner of

our Library premises and all those who lent me a helping hand for the successful conduct of PROBUS CLUB OF CHENNAI'

May our PROBUS CLUB TRIBE GROW!

Looking forward to meeting you in person soon.

With regards,
Yours sincerely,

S. Gopalakrishnan

President – Probus Club of Chennai

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Dear Probians,

Loving Greetings to you and your family members.

A Big Thanks To All Probians Who Have Reposed Faith In Me And Elected Me As The New President from 01st April, 2021.

All of you actively participated in the Elections held on 27 Feb 2021 at the Sri Balaji Kalyana Mandapam, Near Agasthiar Koil, T.Nagar, Chennai-600 017. Members in wheel chair, with walker, etc. enthusiastically came along and voted. For the first time, there was a record turnout and a total of 179 votes were polled. Truly, such a big turnout was a surprise. We had arranged for Breakfast for 170 Probians as the past highest turnout was 158 Probians. I am really sorry that some Probians including me have to go without breakfast. However, as many Probians left after voting, there was no

shortage of packed lunches. Pn Ponnuswamy S Dr. has sponsored the Breakfast. EC Members also contributed for the Breakfast and Election Expenses. Lunch is sponsored by ex-SBI Probians. I thank all of them for this generous gesture.

As for observing SOP for Corona prevention, we had taken care to sanitise the Venue anti-Corona Sanitising spray by the Corporation Authorities on the previous day to the elections. Sanitisers and masks were kept along with the Attendance Register. It was gratifying to find that all Probians wore the mask.

The Elections concluded at 10.30 a.m. on that day and polling was peaceful. Immediately thereafter the ballot boxes were sealed and taken to the Dining Hall for counting. Counting of votes was also done peacefully. As there were 32 EC candidates, the counting of EC Member ballot papers took time. There was demand for recount of President's ballot paper by Pn Panchalan K, Dr. Though it was late in the evening, IPP Namasivayam R.T., Election Officer agreed and the votes were recounted in the manner

Dear Probus brothers and sisters,

I extend my hearty Tamil new year greetings to you well in advance.

The bygone year SARVARI remained a notorious year when the entire year was covered by COVID 19 and corresponding infection. However, our country managed the crisis very well and proved itself a mighty one by delivering powerful vaccines to countries all over the world. Even Pakistan and China, our declared enemy countries are not exempted from this. Perhaps all of us may well remember India was importing milk powder under the PL480 scheme from the U.S.A for feeding millions of poor children. Now things have changed quite contrary and several foreign countries are expecting our drugs to be exported to them to prevent the spread of CORONA. Let us hope that the incoming year 'Pilava' will bring happiness to all in our country.

Our club witnessed the most toughly fought election. Nowadays all elections are fought with vigor and force only. Our club election is no exception to that. Let us congratulate all the winning members wholeheartedly and wish the best of luck to the members who lost. Our gratitude goes to PROBN R.T.Namasivayam, who conducted the election in a systematic way.

Let me thank our President and secretary for their un-stinted support and co-operation in bringing out these issues. Whenever problems arose, they stood firm in solving them with good stead and made that the issue hit the tables in time.

Election results are enclosed in another page. Let me, as editor of PROBUZZ congratulate our secretary Pn B.Ranganathan who has become the President, who has the necessary grit in bringing out the monthly newsletter, in time.

I also thank all Probians who attended the election in a large number and voted for new office bearers

Until then, Good bye.

EDITOR (*b.sathyanarayanan@gmail.com*)

EDITOR'S
COLUMN

as insisted by Pn Panchalan. The Election Results were read out after the recounting after 6.00 p.m. by the Election Officer. The detailed Election Results are published elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter.

I really thank the Election Officer, IPP Namasivayam R.T. and his team of volunteers for the patience and enthusiasm shown in conducting the Elections in a smooth, free and fair manner. Kudos and three cheers to them.

The February, '21 Monthly Meeting was held after conclusion of the polling at the same Elections Venue while the counting of votes was in progress in the adjacent Dining Hall. As a mark of respect and condolence to the departed souls of three late Probians, viz. Major Donor Pn Lakshminarayanan N, Pn Geetha Sundararajan and Pn Venkateswaran M.N., all the members present paid Anjali with flowers to their photos. PPP Ramaswamy T.S. Dr. garlanded the President, PF Gopalakrishnan S with Probus Insignia. Pn Damodharan read the Universal Prayer in Tamil. Pn Vijayalakshmi T.V. Pulavar sang Prayer Song on Lord Ganesha. President delivered the welcome address. While welcoming all, he said that Mrs. Chamoondeswari, IPS is also Veena student of our Pn Vijayalakshmi and about her guru bhakthi. Pn Vijayalakshmi T.V. Pulavar presented the shawl to the Guest Speaker and introduced **Mrs. Chamoondeswari, IPS & DIG of Police, Kancheepuram Zone**, who was the Chief Guest. Mrs. Chamoondeswari, IPS delivered her lecture on **Safety for Senior Citizens**. She narrated many incidents from her life and how seniors should be vigilant and safe. She said food itself is Medicine and seniors should spend time in appreciating and living in tune with nature. President honoured the Guest Speaker a memento. Pn Lakshmi Natarajan, Vice-President presented a shawl to the President as this was the last Monthly Meeting for him. Then President presented the Birthday Babies with a token memento. The

Meeting ended with vote of thanks by the Secretary.

In the EC Meeting held on 13th Feb., '21, the application for Life Membership of Sri S. NATARAJAN, (s/o E. Subramanyam, DoB: 15-06-1950; Ex-Professor of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar introduced by Pn S. Ravi, L-261) was approved. Also, Conversion of Annual to Life Membership requested by Pn Arumugam P.S., (A-396) was also approved.

The current issue of *Probuzz* Newsletter is sponsored by Pn Viswa Kumar K. 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.

I thank from the bottom of my heart, Rtn Vijaya Bharathi Rangarajan, Past President of the Rotary Club of Madras for offering to administer the Covid19 vaccine FREE to Probians at the Sundaram Medical Foundation. About 10 probians availed the facility. The need to get vaccinated and the details of the vaccination centres were informed to you through our WhatsApp groups. CURI Hospital, Apollo Hospital, Fortis Malar Hospital and Kauvery Hospital are some of them. Many had their vaccines in Public Health Centres / GH free of cost. However, most of them collected only the Govt., fixed cost of ₹250/- per person. Photos of probians taking the vaccine were also posted in the WhatsApp groups. I am sure all of you would have taken the vaccine by now. If not kindly come forward and get vaccinated, if necessary, after consulting your family doctor and friends. Now, we all are ready for the second dose after 28 days of the first dose of vaccination. I wish you all Good Luck, Good Health and Happy times.

B. Ranganathan
Secretary

PROBUZZ regrets to inform the demise of following members on the dates mentioned there against:

- (i) Pn Venkateswaran M.N. (A-157) aged 83 years, died on the 14th Aug 2020.
- (ii) Pn Geetha Sundararajan (L-115) aged 81 years, died on the 06th Sep 2020.
- (iii) Pn Lakshminarayanan N. (L-268) aged 86 years, died on the 19th Feb 2021.

They are all our very senior members and we express our deep-felt sorrow over their demise. Sri Lakshminarayanan N was our major donor.

May their souls rest in peace.

DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Pn Ranganatha Rao, Mrs R.Meera Bai got married on 09.03.1961 thereby completed 60 years of married life on 09.03.21.

A Couple's 60th Wedding Anniversary is a remarkable achievement known as Diamond Anniversary. It is a Milestone, few manage to meet. That is why whenever a couple manages such amazing accomplishment, celebration is very much in order. A Very Happy 60th Anniversary.

All Wedding Anniversaries are special and this one is extraordinary you are such Wonderful Couple and we Probians, Senior Citizen Bureau, Tanseca, Foswleans and U3A Bangalore and other Senior Citizen Assns, Dignitarians, Members are proud to be part of your family.

Happy Diamond, Diamond, Diamond Anniversary
Wellness Wisher Happiness And Health Brother

VERY SHORT STORY by Sambandam Jayakumar

Son decides to admit his rich father in the Old Age home as desired by his loving wife... he brings his father in his car to an Orphanage cum Old Age home run by a priest.

The receptionist gives different choices A/C room, TV, Phone, Diet of his choice, special helper etc., father says a big no to all extra comforts.

Son goes out to bring luggage of his father himself happily, the wife calls up her husband whether everything is fine as planned. And also insists that father need not come home even for visits or festivals since she will not be able to manage her well-paying job more than her husband's salary

with additional responsibility of husband's father staying with them in OldAge.

On his return with luggage of his father in his hand son found his father in sort of serious conversation.

Son wonders and asks the priest whether he knows his father before as they seemed to talk quite intimately as though they knew each other... For years.

Priest tells the son "yes he came here 30 years back and took with him an orphan boy for adoption. He has maintained frequent contact with me and with the orphanage since then"

The Son Stands Shocked.

“Lifetime Achievement Award” for a Geriatrician: and A PROBUS ACTIVE WELL-WISHER

The Global Congress of Physicians of Indian Origin was conducted online on 27th & 28th February 2021. More than 50 Indian and International speakers delivered their lectures at this program. Delegates from 50 countries participated in this Congress. 35 papers were presented and 6 Physicians were conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Awards.

Lifetime Achievement Award was conferred on Senior Geriatrician, Padma Shri Dr.V.S. Natarajan for his exemplary service in the field of Geriatrics for more than 40 years. A trophy, citation and a cheque for ₹1 lakh was presented to him, which he donated to Dr. V.S. Natarajan Geriatric Foundation.

A TRIBUTE TO A MAJOR DONOR

On the occasion of death of Probn N.Lakshminarayanan, Our president has conveyed the following message:

"Late Probian N. Lakshminarayanan was a Major Donor in our club having donated a sum of ₹2.5 lacs for Educational Scholarships. He was honoured in our Breakfast Meeting in February, 2020 for his sustained charitable disposition and philanthropic actions. He has donated ₹12 lacs to Harvard University Tamil Chair and ₹13 lacs to Sevalaya. He had also donated to Agaram Foundation, World Tamil Research Organisation and many other deserving institutions in a big way. His absence is a great loss to not only the Probus Club of Chennai but also to many human welfare institutions."

From

R.T.Namasivayam

Elections Officer

Elections-2021-Probud Club of Chennai

To

Mr. S.Gopalakrishnan,

President,

Probud Club of Chennai.

Dear Sir,

Sub: Election Results on the elections held on 27th February 2021.

I am pleased to give below the results of Probud Club of Chennai, on the elections for various posts held on 27th February 2021.

Details of Votes received by candidates and final results

Post	Votes received	Results	Remarks
President - Vacancy 1 no.			
Panchalan.K. Dr.	81		
Ranganathan.B	93	Elected	1
Vice President - Vacancy 3 nos			
Badri.C	103	Elected	1
Chandramohan.V.R.Dr.	21		
Jayakumar.S	68		
Nirmala Thyagarajan.D.Mrs.	91	Elected	2
Parthasarathy.K	70		
Ramanathan.N	89	Elected	3
Tharaka Ram.G.N.	70		
Secretary - Vacancy 1 no.			
Annadhurai.M	101	Elected	1
Kartik Datattri Dore	73		
Jt. Secretary - Vacancy 1 no.			
Sadagopan.G	95	Elected	1
Varadarajan.R	13		
Velumani.S	63		
Jt. Secretary (Charitable Funds) - Vacancy 1 no.			
Chelladurai.S	98	Elected	1
Rajaram Pandian.K	77		
Treasurer - Vacancy 1 no.			
Balachander.V	98	Elected	1
Rangaramunujam.K	73		
Jt. Treasurer - Vacancy 1 no.			
Prabhakar.M	100	Elected	1
Vivekanandan.M	72		



Details of Votes received by candidates and final results

Post	Votes received	Results	Remarks
EC Members - Vacancy 16 nos.			
Balasubramanian N	75		
Bhavani.A. Dr.Mrs.	99	Elected	1
Deivasigamani.N	72		
Dhakshinamoorthy.C.M	74		
Dhanasekaran.D. Dr.	85	Elected	2
Geetha Viswakumar.Mrs.	89	Elected	3
Geetha Viswanathan.Mrs.	84	Elected	4
Jayamani.C.Ms.	72		
Jayashree Kishore.Mrs	86	Elected	5
John N. G.	70		
Jyothikumar.J	74		
Kalyanasundaram.R	70		
Kumar.N	69		
Lakshmi Natrajan.Mrs.	100	Elected	6
Maala Venkatram.Ms.	88	Elected	7
Manoharan.S	77		
Mohanam.T.	83	Elected	8
Narendran.C.C.	68		
Ramanathan.S	72		
Ramaraj.V	82	Elected	9
Ramaraju.S	63		
Sankar.B.	88	Elected	10
Sappani Pillai.M	81	Elected	11
Sathyanarayanan.B	79	Elected	12
Somasundaram.M	65		
Srinivasan.S	72		
Srithar.M	68		
Sukumar.S.	80	Elected	13
Venkataraman.S.	79	Elected	14
Venkoba Rao.	87	Elected	15
Viswakumar.K	71		
Vivekanandan R	84	Elected	16

Please take note of the results for various posts for necessary action.

R.T.Namasivayam

Date: 1st March 2021

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

S.No.	DOB	Name	Mem No.
1	01/04/35	Venkataraman S.	A-156
2	01/04/37	Venkateswaran C.N.	L-197
3	01/04/48	Ramalingam K. Dr. PF	PF-10
4	04/04/38	Nagendra Babu B.	A-389
5	05/04/23	Sarada Menon M.	L-292
6	06/04/36	Abdul Khader M.M.	L-086
7	07/04/24	Lakshminarayanan N.	L-268
8	07/04/50	Srinivasan S.	L-321
9	11/04/28	Ambrose S.P.	L-002
10	11/04/33	Rangabashyam P.G.	L-146A
11	12/04/43	Rama Prabhakaran Dr.	L-060
12	15/04/38	Venkatesan R.	L-222
13	15/04/40	Venkatasubramanian S.	L-064
14	15/04/41	Sampath N.R.	L-165
15	18/04/32	Ramachandran C.	L-003
16	18/04/47	Raghavendra Rao J.	L-187
17	19/04/39	Ramakrishnan V.	A-211
18	19/04/52	Manoharan S.	L-259
19	20/04/44	Harihara Sarma R. Prof.	L-111
20	20/04/47	Sundararajan R.	A-330
21	21/04/41	Lakshminarayanan S.	L-193
22	22/04/38	Balambal V. Prof Dr. Mrs.	L-005
23	24/04/34	Rajagopalan T.	A-274
24	24/04/44	Rajagopal V.	L-170
25	25/04/39	Kishore R.B.	L-019
26	28/04/49	Ravishankar R.V.	L-313
27	28/04/51	Ashok Kumar S	L-327

PF Vivekanandan R receiving Honorary Doctor certificate



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

Wed Dt	Name	Spouse
04/04/1976	Chidambaram M. PF	Mrs. Rajareka
06/04/1973	Srinivasan T.R.	Mrs. M.S. Shantha
07/04/1961	Ramasubramanian S.	Mrs. R. Jayalakshmi
11/04/1955	Srinivasan T.G.	Mrs. Rajeswari Srinivasan
15/04/1973	Mohan Sundar Pandian	Mrs. Padmavathy Pandian
15th April	Doraiswamy P.K.	Mrs. Uma Doraiswamy
15/04/1960	Uma Doraiswamy	Pn P.K. Doraiswamy
20/04/1972	Lakshmi Natrajan Mrs.	Mr. S. Natrajan
20th April	Ramesh K.	Mrs. Lalitha Ramesh
21/04/1973	Damodharan A.	Mrs.D.Vijayalakshmi
23/04/1962	Sundaram G. Dr. (IAS-retd)	Mrs. Lakshmi Sundaram
24/04/1958	Nagendra Prasad C	Mrs. C. Poshpalatha Prasad
27/04/1956	Divakaran S. Dr.	Late Bharati Divakaran
28/04/1967	Rajendra Kumar Jalan	Mrs. Anila Jalan
28/04/1975	Venkataraman R	Mrs. Lalitha Venkataraman
29/04/1963	Venkataraman S.	Mrs. Bageerathi Venkatraman
30/04/1979	Madavamoorthy D	Mrs. M. Comady

**PROBUS CLUB MONTHLY
MEETING PHOTOS 2021**



LIST OF DONATION FOR FEBRUARY 2021		
S.No.	Name	Amount
A.	Byelaw Booklet	
1	Arumugam P.S.	10.00
2	Lakshmanan R	20.00
3	Rao B.S.	10.00
B.	ECM BF & Election Exps	
4	Arunachalam M	500.00
5	Keerthivanan K Dr	500.00
6	Mohan M	500.00
7	Panchalan K Dr	500.00
8	Parthasarathy B Dr	500.00
9	Radhakrishnan S	1,000.00
10	Sundera Gopalan	500.00
C.	ELECTION EXPENSES + LUNCH	
11	Balachander V PF	1,000.00
12	Dhanasekaran D	1,000.00
13	Jaishankar K	1,000.00
14	Natarajan S	1,000.00
15	Sampath N.R.	1,000.00
16	Sreenivas V	1,000.00
D.	ELECTION EXPENSES-GIFT	
17	Krishnamoorthy N.R.	25,000.00
E.	EDL. SCH. SCHEME (ESS)	
18	Sridharan P PF	15,000.00
F.	ESS-DEFICIT	
19	Srinivasan V	3,000.00
G.	ID CARD	
20	Arumugam P.S.	100.00

21	Lakshmanan R	100.00
22	Rao B.S.	100.00
H.	PROBUZZ ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	
23	Krishnamoorthy S	100.00
24	Lourdusamy P.M.	300.00
25	Rao B.S.	100.00
26	Rengasamy PM	200.00
27	Srinivasan V	100.00
I.	PROBUZZ CORPUS FUND	
28	Arumugam P.S.	500.00
29	Krishnamoorthy N Capt	500.00
30	Lakshmanan R	500.00
31	Ramaswamy T.S. Dr.	5,000.00
32	Rao B.S.	500.00
J.	PROBUZZ STRIP ADVT.	
33	Arumugam P.S.	800.00
34	Lakshmanan R	800.00
35	Natarajan S New	800.00
36	Sridharan P PF	1,600.00
37	Sundararajan M.S.	1,000.00
K.	LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE	
38	Arumugam P.S.	5,000.00
39	Lakshmanan R	5,000.00
40	Rao B.S.	5,000.00
L.	MEMBERSHIP ADMISSION FEE	
41	Arumugam P.S.	100.00
42	Lakshmanan R	100.00
43	Rao B.S.	100.00
GRAND TOTAL		81,440.00

DATES TO REMEMBER : MARCH 2021

Breakfast Meeting: As the **Russian Cultural Centre** is yet to open for Public Meetings, this month **4th Saturday Breakfast Meeting** will be held as under:

MONTHLY MEETING Fourth Saturday, 27th March, 2021. 8.45 AM onwards on
Venue: **Kalyana Nagar Welfare Association**, #29, West Circular Road, Mandavelipakkam, Chennai-28.
There will be Installation Ceremony of the Newly Elected President, Office Bearers and EC Members.
All are requested to attend.

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

What is the story of PONNIYIN SELVAN?

This is the story of Raja Raja Chozhan and his two princely brothers Adhiththa Karikalan Chozhan and cousin Uththama Chozhan. Uththama Chozhan has the legal right to occupy the throne. But Adithya Karikalan was mighty enough to usurp the throne. But he was murdered under mysterious circumstances. Till date nobody knew who did it. Everybody was expecting Raja Raja Chozhan will occupy the throne but on the day of his crowning, he gives the throne to Uththama Chozhan. As per history, he occupies the throne on a later day and becomes the mightiest Tamil king. Along with this real story, Kalki added several real-life heroes and imaginary circumstances added with

love, comedy, fights, mystery, etc to make the story most interesting and the best historical story in Tamil running to 5 parts.

This is the central idea of the magnum-opus produced by Manirathinam in which almost all leading Tamil stars take part. The expense involved is around 600 crores.

Let us wait for the day when we shall see the magnum-opus.

(A small article published by the editor in QUORA PLUS an e-magazine)

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