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QUEEN'S YEAR FOR CERVICAL CARE

LET'S CREATE A
CANCER FREE
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OUR GIRLS



Editor's Note

Dearest Rotarians,

The moment in your life is an occasion where your life's path has undeniably changed. It could be something that changes within yourself. Maybe you experience an injury or illness that changes your perspective in life. Or it could be an external factor like a career or relationship change. Or it could be extremely beautiful, enjoyable, or unusual so that you remember it for a long time.

Life in Rotary gives you many such moments where one understands others' needs and has a greater impact on one life. We get to know different perceptions, learn unknown things, look into a different world, wonder about a beautiful mind, and it goes on and on....these moments have a greater impact on us, wanting to give more, understand more, and grow into a better person than yesterday.

Missing events and projects stops our knowledge and growth. Though technology takes us into the rotary world, moments are created not by going through but by being a part of things and witnessing the act. As Rotarians, I believe everyone understands the same, and let's promise ourselves to play an active part in our club to the fullest possible. Let's never give in and grow towards a better self.

“Memories are Special Moments that tell Our Story”



Aarthy Mukesh,
Editor,

Rotary Club of Queencity Dindigul.

RI Presidential Address-Toward a greater vision

The Magic of Rotary is belonging, and it's a feeling that can appear when you least expect it.

Earlier this year, I was in Slovakia serving as a president's representative during a six-week trip through Europe. When I wrote to Katarina Cechova, governor of District 2240 at the time, I mentioned that my grandmother Veronica Zilka grew up in a small village in the area before settling in the U.S.

It wasn't long before Cechova tracked down my grandmother's village, Jakubova Vol'a. She even organized a visit for me, where I received an unforgettable Slovakian welcome.

When I entered the community center of Jakubova Vol'a, a small crowd of people dressed in traditional Slovakian clothing greeted me. They sang with beautiful and powerful Central European voices that reminded me of my grandmother.

A lot of families play cards or games when they get together. When I was young, my father would pick up his accordion and lead my family in song. My grandmother would sing along with her impressive voice.

When I walked into the community center and heard traditional music from my childhood — when I saw a woman play the accordion the way my dad played — I suddenly felt like a little girl sitting at my grandmother's house in Monessen, Pennsylvania. I burst into tears of joy at the memories.

But the magic didn't stop there. District Governor Cechova really outdid herself. A local genealogist worked with a videographer to make a short film about my grandmother. We watched the video together in the community center.

When the video ended, I turned around and saw a man standing in the back of the room. I quickly learned that this stranger, Frantisek Zilka, was my second cousin. His grandmother and mine had been sisters. I felt like I had been struck by lightning.

I visited my newfound cousin's home, which happens to be the home where my grandmother was born. There, he shared old photographs I had never seen of my dad, my uncle, and my grandmother.

Since then, I can't stop thinking about my family of Rotary. When I refer to you as my family, I'm not just being kind. I really think of everyone in Rotary as my family. But I never would have imagined that my Rotary family would introduce me to long-lost personal family.

Sitting in that community center listening to traditional Slovakian music from my childhood filled me with joy and a profound sense of belonging. I am so grateful to District Governor Cechova and everyone who helped create that magical experience.

As members of Rotary, we have a unique opportunity to share the same magic with each other and with the world. I encourage you to consider how you can help spread that magic and ensure other members of your club — other members of our Rotary family — feel like they truly belong.



Rtn. Stephanie Urchick

RI President 2024-25

Presidential Address

இனிய நட்புக்களுக்கு, வணக்கம்.

அடிப்படைக் கல்வி மற்றும் எழுத்தறிவு மாதத்தில் உங்களை சந்திப்பதில் மகிழ்வடைகிறேன். “மம்மர் அறுக்கும் மருந்தாம்” கல்வியைக் கொடுப்பதை விட வேறென்ன சேவை சிறப்பானதாக இருந்திட முடியும்? ஒரு மனிதனின் வாழ்க்கையில் கல்வியை விட வேறெது மாற்றத்தைக் கொண்டு வர முடியும்? பாடத்திட்டங்கள் தாண்டிய அறிவை வளரிளம் மாணவர்களுக்கு கொடுத்திட வேண்டும். தன்னம்பிக்கையும் தெளியும் இருக்கும் பிள்ளைகளால் தான் அதே தைரியத்தையும் தெளிவான அறிவையும் அடுத்தத் தலைமுறைக்கு எடுத்துச் செல்ல முடியும். கல்வியோடு ரோட்டரியையும் மனத்தில் விதைப்போம். சென்ற வருடம் துவங்கப்பட்ட புத்தக சிறகுகள் அழகாக ஒரு ராஜாளியாய் பறக்கத் துவங்கியிருக்கிறது. வரும் வருடங்களில் நிறைய கதை சொல்லி மாணவர்களை உருவாக்குவோம் என்று நம்பிக்கை துளிர்க்கிறது.

ஆத்தூர் ஊராட்சி பள்ளி ஒன்றில் ‘ரொம்ப ரொம்ப தேங்க்ஸ்’ என்று சொன்ன ஒரு சிறுமியின் சிரிப்பு ஓடுவதற்கு பெரும் ஊக்க சக்தி கொடுத்திருக்கிறது.

நட்பு தினத்தில் துவங்கிய ஆகஸ்ட் மாதம் கனவுகளை நனவாக்கும் மாதமாய் அழகாய் மலர்ந்திருக்கிறது. ரக்ஷாபந்தன் கயிறு ரோட்டேரியன்களை நட்பை தாண்டி சகோதரர்கள் ஆக்கித் தந்திருக்கிறது.

நமது பூமிக்கு தேவையான முதன்மையானத் திட்டம் நீர் மேலாண்மை. இதற்கு குளம் தூர்வார வேண்டும் என்று வரும் பொழுது செய்து விடுவோமா? செய்துவிட முடியுமா? என்று இருந்த தயக்கங்கள், துணிந்தவனுக்கு சமுத்திரம் முழங்கால் மட்டும் என்பது போல் எப்படியாவது செய்து விட வேண்டும் முன்னெடுக்கும் பொழுது நிறைவேறியது. மழைக்காலத்தில் வருங்காலத்தில் நிச்சயமாக குளம் நிரம்பத் தான் போகிறது. அதற்கு முன்னர் இப்பொழுதே எங்கள் அனைவரின் மகிழ்ச்சியால் ததும்பிக் கொண்டிருக்கிறது.

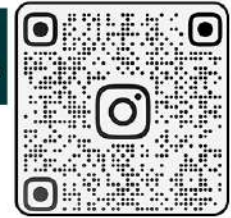
ஒரு நட்பு என்ன செய்யும்? விதையாக உறைந்து கிடக்கும் ஒரு கனவினை துளிர்க்கச் செய்யும். அவ்வகையில் கர்ப்பப்பை வாய் புற்று நோய்க்கு எதிரான குயின் சிட்டியின் செர்வி கியூர் திட்டம் காவேரி மருத்துவமனையுடன் இணைந்து நிறைவேற இருக்கிறது. மகிழ்வில் பொங்கி வரும் காங்கையான மனம் கணினியின் வேகத்திற்கு திட்டமிட்டுக் கொண்டிருக்கிறது.

அடுத்த திங்களின் முதல் வாரத்தில் நின்று கொண்டிருக்கிறோம் நாடு விட்டு நாடு தாண்டி நட்பினால் இணைய இந்நோனேசியா செல்ல இருக்கிறோம். இதோ வாசித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கும் உங்களை சந்திக்கும் புள்ளி ஒன்றும் இன்னும் அதிகம் இல்லை. உலகமும் ரோட்டரி நாமும் சுழன்று கொண்டே தான் இருக்கிறோம். காலம் நம்மை தாங்கிக் கொண்டிருக்கிறது.



Rtn. Kavitha Senthil Kumar,
President,
Rotary club of Queencity, Dindigul.

Spectacular moments of September 2024.



August 5th, Donating Benches and Desk

Gandhigram Sevikashram School serves as our Interact School. The School has various needs, and one such is desks and benches. Initially, Queens planned to donate the same in two years, but our member, Rtn.Malliga, a philanthropist who always takes greater care of the needy, donated 20 benches and desks worth Rs.1,18,000/-. Governor Rtn.Raja Govindasamy, with the first lady, graced the occasion by donating the desks and benches along with the Queens.



August 5th, Board Meet

At City Square, a Budget was prepared for each project in the presence of Board Members, Past presidents, and members of Queencity. A careful analysis of cost was done. Everyone participated, and innovative suggestions from new members were taken.



Trivia

1910 – At the first Rotary Convention in Chicago, some delegates make the first attempt at official sanction of “women’s auxiliaries.” It is rejected overwhelmingly.

August 5th, Friendship Day Celebrations

Queens always have a close bond with each other, and the same was felt as we celebrated Friendship Day at City Square. There was no limit to fun, food, and celebrations. The day was special as we kindled our friendship and togetherness. The children of the members also got along and had a great time.



August 7th, Breast Feeding Week



Breastfeeding is one of the most effective ways to ensure a child's health and survival. Inappropriate marketing of breast milk substitutes continues to undermine efforts to improve breastfeeding rates and duration worldwide. Queens, along with RC of Dindigul West, actively promoted breastfeeding as the best source of nourishment for infants and young children at Government Hospital, Dindigul. The breast pump was donated to the Dindigul Breast Milk Bank. Clothes, towels, and health mix were also distributed to 85 young mothers and their babies



Trivia

1914 – Wives of Rotarians receive the title, "Rotary Ann's."

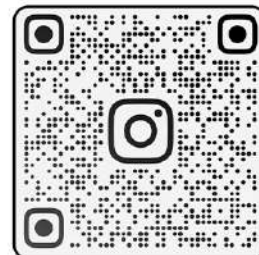
August 7th, Football Tournament

The great thing about football tournaments is that whether you win or lose, you'll always learn and gain some thing new from your teammates. This was emphasized as Queens, along with RC of Dindigul West, organized a football tournament for schools in Dindigul at St.Mary's Boys Higher Secondary School. Annai Valankanni Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Batlagundu emerged as runners while ST. Mary's Hr. Sec. School, Dindigul emerged as winners in the girls' Team. JRC High School, Jambliampatti emerged as runners, and Anguvilas Hr. sec. School, Dindigul, were winners in the boys' Team.



August 13th, புத்தக சீறகுகள்

Reading books will extend so far beyond academic enrichment that it provides student growth, an important role in empathy and morality, expands vocabulary, promotes social interaction, and cultivates compassion. The same was seen as the students had a group discussion about the books they read for the event. Rtn.Kavingar Pandimanikandan graced the occasion and marked how the reading of the children should be practiced. Later, he gave the prizes to the student participants. TPKN School emerged as the winner, and Omshanthi School bagged the runner-up title.



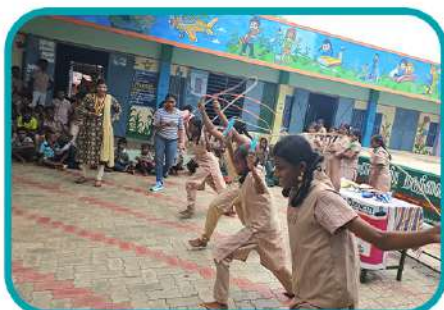
August 12th, New Interact and Early Act Orientation

Singara Kottai High School expressed their interest in introducing the Interact club at their school. Hence their interest was honored, and the school now has early Act status. Students were also given an orientation regarding the same. Students showed much interest and have initiated participating in various events proposed by the Club. Cervical Cancer Awareness was also given to the students as a part of our "Cervi Cure" project.



August 14th, Sports Meet @ Singara Kottai High School

Outdoor play helps children learn skills, develop physical strength, and benefit mental well-being. Time outdoors can also provide an opportunity to make friends. Hence, Independence Day was celebrated ahead with competitions like lemon and spoon, sac race, skipping, etc. for children from Classes 1 to 8 at Singara Kottai High School. All the children participated and enjoyed thoroughly and expressed their wish to play more and asked us to conduct more competitions in the future. Winners were awarded.



August 14th, புத்தக சிறகுகள் @ Singara Kottai High School

Books increase the knowledge of students, improve their intellect, and make students aware of the various societies and civilizations across the globe. Reading books enhances imagination and creativity in the student's mind. As a part of Queens புத்தக சிறகுகள் Event, Books were distributed to the children at Singara Kottai High School. The benefits of reading and the rules and regulations of the event were briefed to the students.



August 14th, Nehruji Memorial Dindigul Corporation Hr Sec School.



Awards are an investment in our students' futures and well-being. They encourage young scholars to perform better in academic and extracurricular areas. Students in Primary School at Nehruji Memorial School were awarded for their proficiency using funds donated by GS Ayya. Young Children were also motivated to become a better person and values were taught to them.



Trivia

1916-17 – R.I. Board of Directors agreed that there is no objection to the formation of an auxiliary composed of wives, mothers, sisters, and daughters of Rotarians to be known as the Ladies'

August 15th, Independence Day at St.Antony's College



Rotaract Club of St.Antony's College for Women organized the Independence Day celebrations at their college, and the young Rotarians marked the event with a sense of pride, unity, and respect for the nation. The college Students displayed disciplined March Past. The sacrifices of freedom fighters and the significance of Independence Day were emphasized to the students. Queens witnessed the growing leaders of the Rotaract Club and students at the college displaying great respect and pride for being an Indian.



August 18th, Raksha Bandhan Celebration



Raksha Bandhan, the festival, symbolizes the eternal love of brother-sister relationship, which does not mean just blood relationships only. Queens, along with RC of Dindigul West and RC of Dindigul Fort, joined together and celebrated Raksha Bandhan at Bhrama Kumari Sakthi meditation center. Raj yogini B.K.Asha Sister B.K. Ranii and Rtn.Alli Rani Balaji, Dist Secretary, Women Empowerment (RID 3000), graced the occasion. Raksha Bandhan was celebrated as per traditions and customs. Learning our traditions was overwhelming. Rotary friendship was rekindled more meaningfully.



August 19th, நிலா முற்றம்

நிலா முற்றம் is always a valuable tool for personal growth, empathy building and community building. This month நிலா முற்றம் was hosted at Rtn.Parkavee Santhosh started with Prayer. Queens were struck with the informative story shared by Rtn.Kavitha about salt.We all parted after pot dinner from the queens.



August 18th, New Member Orientation

Every year new member orientation is designed to help new members feel welcome and understand how to get the most out of their membership. Our new members were received warmly and Rtn.V.T. Nagarajan addressed the queens and spoke about women entered Rotary after various struggles and about Queencity's pioneer move into Rotary.



Trivia

1914-15 – Rotary International Executive Committee approves the policy to discourage the formation of Women's Rotary Clubs.

August 20th, Inter District Meet for Cervi Cure



Rotary Club of Thamirabarani and Kavery Hospital, Trichy visited us at RKG Hall giving in their support for our Project Cervi Cure. The importance of cervie cure project was highlighted and various plans of actions were finalised at the meeting. Kavery Hospital, Trichy have given their word to give free vaccinations as per our need and will be guiding us as we give vaccinations to the Children. They have also promised to provide free Pap smear tests for women aged above 40 along with Mammogram and ultrasound through mobile Mammogram bus. The Queens were also given an organised visit of the mobile Mammogram unit brought by the Kavery Hospital team.. RC of Thamirabarani has given our word to start Cervi Cure project at Thirunelveli with our name as recognition for bring forth the project which is the need of the hour for better India. Team Queencity is Thankful for the help and initiative by RC of thamirabarani.



August 27th, Club Meet

Club meet was organised and effectively took place at RKG hall. Discussions were made and Plans were finalised regarding various projects.



Pond Restoration

Karattalagan Patti Adiyanooththu Village pond measuring 1 hector was identified and Restoration of the same was started with Boomi pooja on 21st August in the presence of Regional Co-ordinator Rtn.Bhavanj Patel, Regional Secretary for water rejuvenation, Rtn.Shanmugam and Panjayat leaders of the Village. We are thankful to Rtn.Shanmugam who sponcered Rs. 10,000/- . Restoration work took place for days before it was opened by District Governor Rtn.R. Raja Govindaswamy on 28th august in the presence of Rtn Sashi kumar Forma, District Secretary Service Projects, Rtn.Pon Ravichandran, district Chairman Water Body Rejuvenation, Rtn Shanmugam, Regional sectary, water body rejuvenation Rtn Bhanvanji Patel Regional Co-Ordinator The Panjayat leaders and people of the village expressed their gratitude for the amazing work done not only in the pond but also in the water passage(strait).



August 28th, Menstrual Hygiene

Menstrual Hygiene awareness was given to girls at KKAG Matriculation School by Dr.Balasundari. Dr.Balasundari explained to the girls in a very simple and understandable way. The element of surprise was the questions put forth by the students at the school. The event brought out the need for awareness as well as this generations mindset.



August 29th, Tie up with Kavery Hospital

It is a biggest breakthrough in the history of Queencity as the MOU was signed with Kavery Hospital, Tirunelveli with regards to Cervi Cure project. This special day marks a start of a greater service made possible to the women in our community. The key points included in the MOU was providing free Vaccinations for girls as and when needed at the Club and free Pap smear tests for women over age 40 along with ultrasound and Mammogram.



August 29th, Trash to trees at TPKN School

Trash to Trees marked the start as children bought waste plastics from home and gave the same at School for recycling. Rtn.Aarthi Senthilkumar started the event conferring about the importance of the project. The cash generated from the waste recycling is in the process of setting herbal garden at School.



Trivia

1916-17 – R.I. Board of Directors agreed that there is no objection to the formation of an auxiliary composed of wives, mothers, sisters, and daughters of Rotarians to be known as the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Rotary Club.

August 30th, Queen's Jaunt

Queens Jaunt was organised to Thirumayam Temple and Avudaiyar Temple. The jaunt gave an insight to the rich temples history, its uniqueness, architecture and so many things. It was a memorable day with lots learned from our culture and History.



All Thursdays ClubFoot

Clubfoot activities are actively done at Government Hospital Dindigul every thursday. Shoes for Clubfoot sponsored by Queen Rtn.Malliga were delivered at the hospital on August 7th. Ms.Geetha, worker for clubfoot also took initiative to promote about Cervi Cure project in the areas she visits every week for identifying clubfoot children.



BRILLIANCE FROM QUEEN'S FAMILY

Team Queencity is proud to share the achievements from our family and wish every one to a greater success.

Artistic Skating Open Nationals

Uthrah Rajaan, Daughter Queen Rtn.Sujana Pandiyarajaan, represented Tamilnadu in the 2nd India skate games held at Pollachi from 8-8-2024 to 12-08-2024. Skater Uthrah, bagged silver in Quad Free skating and silver in Solo Dance events. Participants from over 7 different States and Union Territories with over 150 skaters participated the event.

Yoga Competition

S.Sahana, a Yoga Enthusiast, Daughter of Queen Rtn.N.Hemalatha, won 1st place in District level yoga competition held at indoor Stadium, Dindigul. She then represented Dindigul District at Chennai and won 1st place in the same and is now getting ready to represent Tamilnadu at the National Level yoga Competition to be held at Haryana in October.

Feathers Shuttle Competition

Feathers Badminton Academy organised inter-school shuttle Competition and Queens family were also a part of the same. S.Sahana, Daughter of Queen Rtn.N.Hemalatha participated in under 13 girl's singles category. M.Ishaan Karthik, Son of Queen Rtn.Aarthi Mukesh, won 3rd place in under 17 boy's single category and participated in under 17 boy's doubles category. Queen Rtn.Sujana Pandiyarajaan with her partner Ms.Nithya Manikandan won in women's doubles category.

Geniuses in Education

Master Shraavan and Ms Subiksha ,children of Rtn.Aarthi Senthilkumar and Rtn.Kalaiselvi excelled in academics at School, now have been admitted into Trichy Medical College and SRM Medical College, Trichy.

Trivia

1914-15 – Rotary International Executive Committee approves the policy to discourage the formation of Women's Rotary Clubs.

Trivia

1915-16 – Rotary International Board of Directors disapproves the formation of Women's Auxiliary Rotary or Women's Independent Rotary Clubs using the Rotary name.

New Members to Our Queen's Team

RTN. AMSA PANDIMANIKANDAN, Entrepreneur, Director, S Properties. Married to Rtn.Kavinger. Pandimanikandan. Energetic and enthusiastic loves cooking and dancing. She explores spirituality, relaxes with words on positive thoughts. The need to know about people and finding new friends have brought her into Rotary.



RTN.DR.R.RANI CHANDRIKA, Assistant Professor at GTN College hails from Aravankurchi, Karur Dt. Married to businessman N.Ravi and has 2 daughters, Vinisha shri and Vishmiga shree. Loves cooking and helping others. Passionate towards her job. Guides student not only in the subject but also supports them morally and emotionally. Added to that she gives importance to values and makes sure she imprints the same to her students and community. She looks forward to service more with Rotary as she believes we have the platform which can be used to reach the needy for a greater cause.

RTN. SARANYA SIVAKUMAR, MD, Viswa biriyani, Dindigul. Born in Chinnalapatti is an MBA graduate. Married to Business man Siva Kumar and has two sons Dheeraj and Vidith Vishnu. Passionate in gardening and decorating her home. Enjoys cooking and reading. Loves her family and had been dedicating her time towards her family. As the children are grown up she wants to give her time to service and hence Rotary was chosen to serve the community.

RTN. SHAKTHI SRI, Assistant Professor at GTN College brought up in Madurai, Currently pursuing her Doctorate. Married to Dhanushkodi and have a son Barath and daughter Yaadhvie. Very energetic, friendly, loves cooking and learn new things every day. Looks forward to connect with people and get to know new things at Rotary.



Upcoming Events

| DATE | EVENTS |
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| Sept 5 | Speaker Meet At St Antony's College |
| Sept 9 | Trash to Trees |
| Sept 10 | Suicide Awareness Day |
| Sept 14 | Cervi Cure Project |
| Sept 17- 23 | International Meet |
| Sept 22 | Youth Seminar |
| Sept 26 | Dhronacharya |
| Sept 27- 29 | District Ryla @ Kodaikanal |
| Sept 30 | Queen's Jaunt |
| All Thursdays | Clubfoot, Cervi cure Project Awareness |

We Wish Beautiful Queens Remembering their Birthdays & Anniverseries

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QUEEN'S YEAR FOR CERVI CURE

**LET'S CREATE A
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**VACCINATE
OUR GIRLS**



Pic: Cervi cure project approved and signed by RI President

To Secure Tomorrow's Women, Vaccinate Today's Girls.

**Let's Join Hands this Year to
Create Awareness & Fight Against Cervical Cancer**

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