

ROTARACT CLUB

The Club of 2008-09 decided to start the new academic session with a complete overhaul of the Club Office.

The Club hosted a group of 25 students from the Rotaract Club of Chun-Chi College, Hong Kong. They gave a presentation on their culture and traditions and Rtr. Aditya Mohan gave the same on Indian culture.

On the first working day of the new academic session, the inaugural meeting of the Board of Directors for the year 2008-09 was held in the club premises.

JUNE 29TH, 2008 - SHURUVADH FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Realizing the importance of the proper training and orientation of the Board of Directors in order to take the Club to greater heights, an orientation programme named 'Shuruvadh' was conducted for them at Hotel Vestin Park, Egmore on the 29th of June 2008. The session was chaired by Rtr. Manoj Koundinya of the Rotaract Club of Akash.

JULY 1ST, 2008 - CORPORATION SCHOOL EDUTAINMENT PROGRAM

We conducted a special session for 53 students (up to Class VI) at the Dharmapuram Corporation School at Kodambakkam, drawing competition, distributed notebooks, screened a cartoon film, and also made a 13 ft. long banner, imprinted with the handprints of the students, on the theme 'Help Us Study'.

PARTICIPATION IN INSTALLATION OF ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS

On behalf of the Rotaract Club of Loyola College, Rotaractors Inder Kumar and Roger Francis Jose attended the installation ceremony of the 80th President of our parent Rotary Club of Madras (Dist. 3230), Rtn. P.H.F. Govindacharya at Hotel Taj Connemara. New Year greeting cards were also distributed to a 100 Rotarians.

The President-Elect of the Club, Rtr. Inder Kumar and the Secretary-Elect Rtr. Siddharth Prasanna participated in the Presidents Elect Training Seminar (PETS) and the Secretary Elect Training Seminar (SETS) held at the P.S. Senior Secondary School, Mylapore.

The Board of Directors of the Club attended the District Awards Ceremony 2007-08 and the installation of the DRR and DRS of 2008-09, held at the D.G. Vaishnav College. The Rotaract Club of Loyola College was proud to receive a number of very prestigious awards, viz.

- The R.I. Presidential Citation Award
- The Most Supportive Club Award
- Best Ongoing Project Award (Nature Crusaders)
- Star of Rotaract Award (Rtr. Inder Kumar)

The Club conducted an orientation program for the 463 Green Rotaractors who have joined the club this year. The program was also historic because it comprised of the launches of the Club Spectrum for 2008-09, the new club website and The Legatus -the inaugural newsletter of the Rotaract Club of Loyola College. The dignitaries were Dr. K.S. Antonysamy, Dean of Student Affairs, Loyola College

- Dr. David Jeyabalan, Faculty Advisor, Rotaract Club of Loyola College
- Rtr. PP Prasanna, District Rotaract Representative (2008-09)
- Rtr. David Rayell, District Rotaract Secretary (2008-09)

A group of 55 Rotaractors, led by Rtrs. Tara, Jeevan, Valan, Paul Chandy and Praveen visited the 'Mercy Home' in Kilpauk from 8.30 am to 12 noon to spend some quality time with the 250-odd inmates, most of whom have been abandoned by their children and forsaken by their families.

The Rotaract Club of Loyola College, in collaboration with the Rotary club of Madras & Satyam Foundation, organised a medical camp for approximately 170 boys belonging to Government Boys Home.

A similar camp was conducted at the Govt. Home for Girls, Kellys for the 234 girls residing there as well as 64 boys (aged 18-21) who live in an annexe. The camp was comprehensive covering 4 major specializations viz. ENT (by KKR Hospital), Eye (by Uma Eye Clinic), Dental (by Meenakshi Ammal Dental College) & General Health (by Dr. Vijayalakshmi) check up. The Club also celebrated the World Tomato Day.

As a mark of peaceful protest against the communal clashes in Orissa, the Rotaract Club of Loyola College, in collaboration with the other Service Units of the college and the management of Loyola College participated in a human chain formation in support of secularism, non-violence and religious tolerance.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE MONTH - SEPTEMBER 2008

The Rotaract Club of Loyola College declared the month of September as the month of International Service with the major focus on projects in this arena. The initiative was planned with the view of having an incoming and outgoing ICYE team every weekend. The teams from Loyola visited Rotaract Club of Bangalore and Rotaract Club of Jothi Nivas College, Bengaluru, RI Dist 3190, Rotaract Club of Erode Central, RI Dist 3202, Rotaract Club of Malligai, RI Dist 3000. RCB headed by Rtr. Siddharth Chitur hosted the ICYE team and a joint community service project was executed. The two ICYE teams in Bengaluru met at the Inter City General Forum (ICGF) on Youth Service organized by RI District.

As part of our Professional Service endeavour, the Club organized a Professional Development Seminar on 'Interview - Tips and Tricks.' The session was handled by Mr. Balaji Ilamparuthi, Education & Career Consultant, Raffles Education Group (World Education Council-Singapore) and also IT Head, Prabha Engineers & Timelinks.

FUSION -OF ENERGIZED MINDS '08: THE ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)

The Rotaract Club of Loyola College was immensely honoured to be given the privilege of hosting a RYLA, in conjunction with two major powers, the District Rotaract Council 0809 and the Rotary Club of Madras. It was aptly titled "Fusion of Energized Minds".

The RYLA officially began at 4.00 PM with the formal Inauguration Ceremony. Rtn. W.E. Anand and Mr. P.V.R. Murthy served as the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour respectively. Rtn. Mahendra Ahluwalia, Youth Service Director of Rotary Club of Madras, Rtn. Omprakash, District Rotaract Chairman, Rtn.Seshadri, Rtn. Lakshmanan, Rtn. Vijay Sambrani also graced the ceremony with their august presence.

With the RYLA declared open, it was then time for the first educational session on Communication skills handled effectively by Commodore Sekar who explained the need & importance of communication in the modern globalised world.

Day 2 began with the session handled by Mr.Sai Shankar from PSMJ Events, an event management firm. Mr. Kapilan, Managing Partner from M/s Antilla Events handled the next session.

The last session of Fusion '08 was handled by Prof. George Fernandez from Loyola College. He elucidated effectively on the various aspects of Leadership by taking examples of great leaders. The session that lasted for about an hour was attended by every member with a lot of energy and focus.

The valedictory ceremony served as the perfect grand finale to Fusion '08 with Rtn. Olivannan, DG Nominee and Mr. Mahadevan, CEO, Wealth Advisors being the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively. Rtn. Satish Swaroop, -Rotary Club of Madras, Rtr. IPDRR. PP. Krishna Kumar, RI Representative was other guests present at the event.

Finally, as all good things ultimately came to an end, this RYLA too concluded with a final high-tea after which the delegates were safely dropped off into the city. Admittedly, there was a bit of sadness tinged with the fact that it had all ended, but it is hope that all the RYLarians carried back with them fond memories of Fusion'08.

CLUB FUND RAISER

The Club came up with the innovative idea of raising funds for the Club by organizing a special screening of the movies Varanam Aiyaram and Dostana for the club members at Sathyam Cinemas.

SEMINAR ON CHILD ABUSE

The Rotaract Club of Loyola College held a seminar on Child Abuse as part of the Month of international Services programme on the 8th of December, 2008. The Guest of honour for the day was Dr. P Manorama who is an acclaimed personality in the field of Rehabilitation of children who have been victims of Child Abuse. The seminar was held in

the backdrop of the efforts of The Rotaract Club in bringing about a general awareness on Child Abuse and Child Labour within the college campus. As a result of this, Dr. Manorama also unveiled a poster designed by the Rotaract that would serve in the cause. Dr. Manorama spoke to the audience about the nuances of Child Abuse, broke myths regarding the same and elucidated the gathering on the ways and means by which rehabilitation is carried out for the victims of Child Abuse. The seminar benefited a large section of the students who were gathered and served to bring about a greater sense of awareness and education on one of the greatest social evils plaguing society today.

RENDEZVOUS WITH HIV-AFFECTED CHILDREN

Continuing in Community Service agenda, a group of 5 Rotaractors from the Club, led by Rtr. Praveen, in collaboration with the Rotaract Club of Akash visited, a home for children affected by HIV. With the help of buses organized by the Corporate Social Responsibility wing of Satyam Foundation, 75 such children were taken to Dakshin Chitra, where they were shown a scintillating art gallery, a puppet show bullock cart race, as well as some pottery making. They were also treated to a wholesome lunch, followed by snacks in the evening. While parting, they were given gifts for the New Years.

PONGAL @ VANDALUR ZOO

Our award winning Arignar Anna Zoological Park project had its most crucial phase in the year during the Pongal holidays from January 12th to 16th. A group of 225 Rotaractors manned the Zoo entrances, checking the 1,50,000 people who visited during these days, checking for cigarette, pan, beer and polythene bags. A total of 1575 man hours were provided.

BORN 2 WIN PROGRAM

Reverting the focus to the Professional Service dimension, the Club decided to kick off the New Year on a career-oriented note, through the Born 2 Win professional development program. A group of 25 Rotaractors attended sessions of half a day each, chaired by Ms. Sheela Sanjeevi from Born 2 Win Learning Services. The seminar was conducted in collaboration with our parent club, the Rotary Club of Madras.

WORLD ROTARACT DAY CELEBRATIONS

As a part of the District's celebration of world Rotaract Day, the club successfully executed 65 activities within a span of 323 minutes.