

ROTARACT CLUB

President: Siddarth C.

Secretary: Jayanth Nathan S.

As the youth, we the members of the Rotaract of Club of Loyola are bubbling with ideas and innovations to better not only our own lives, but the world around us. As it is not always possible to achieve goals alone, our initiative this academic year is to encourage each other to dream big and to support those dreams whenever assistance is required. In order to stress the importance of the power of a dream and the great potential it possesses in the advancement of life, we have chosen our Club's theme to be:

“Making Dreams Come True”.

IMPORTANT PROJECTS

1. BLOOD DONATION

Blood Donations is one the clubs most important projects. The Club donates on a daily basis with more than 400 units donated in the last six months alone.

2. VANDALUR ZOO PROGRAMME

This program has been run by the club for more than 10 years now. Vandalur Zoo is maintained as a plastic free zone. Our volunteers help the zoo rangers in maintaining the zoo clean and eco-friendly. Around 25 volunteers help organise the program at Vandalur Zoo on Saturdays and Sundays.

3. DONATIONS

The club contributes to non-teaching staff (in college), cancer patients and to people in need. Till date Rs. 40,500 has been donated.

PROJECTS FOR THIS YEAR

1. RTR. SIDDARTH C. IN WASHINGTON

The newly elected Club President, Rtr. Siddarth C. participated as a guest speaker at The Rotaract Club of Washington D.C on the 30th of May, 2007 at the Salvation Army Building, Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington D.C. The meeting was presided over by the President Elect of the Rotaract Club of Washington D.C., Rtr. Stephen Earl Anderson. The meeting was held in order to create a liaison between the Washington based club and its counterparts in India. Rtr. Siddarth spoke on the functioning of the Rotaract clubs in India and stressed

on the need to encourage and build international relationships for the promotion of global welfare programmes.

2. RTR. ROHAN IN AUSTRALIA

While partaking in his one semester at Bond University, Queensland, Australia, Rtr. Rohan, Director of International Service has been a frequent audience to the General Body meetings of the Bond University Rotaract Club and has taken the initiative to establish an international partnership with the same. The Club has intimated its interest in joint ventures with our club and possible programmes are currently being discussed.

3. VOLUNTEERS FOR THE ISHA FOUNDATION

The Rotaract Club of Loyola together with The Rotaract Clubs of G.N.C and S.R.M Easwari helped The Rotary District 3230 by handling their stall for the Isha Foundation (An NGO promoting Afforestation) and gave away free saplings to visitors on the 8th of July, 2007 during the “Come On Kids!” programme at Nandambakkam Chennai City Trade Center.

4. INSTALLATION OF THE BOARD FOR '07-'08

Led by the chief guest Rtn. Indra Subramanyam (President, Rotary Club of Madras), Rtr. Siddarth C., was installed as the president along with his team of office bearers on the 27th of July 2007. ,

- Rtn. Mahendra J. Ahluwalia (Youth Service Director, Rotary Club of Madras), Rtn. Aditya Agarwal (Rotarcat Chairman, Rotary Club of Madras), Rtn. George B. Cherian, graced the occasion.

- Rtr. P.P. Krishnakumar Narayanan (D.R.R. of Dist. R. I. 3230) was the guest of honour.

- Rev. Fr. A. Albert Muthumalai S.J. (Principal), Rev. Dr. S. Peter S. J. (Secretary) blessed the occasion.

- Prof. K. S. Antony Samy (Dean of Students) and Dr. V. David Jeyabalan (Faculty Advisor) made the occasion more momentous.

At this ceremony, the Club Secretary Rtr. Jayanth Nathan was presented with a duplicate charter by Rtn. Aditya Agarwal. We are very grateful to our Guests for their words of advice, their encouragement, their suggestions and plentiful wishes.

5. SALE OF FRIENDSHIP BANDS

The Rotaract Club of Loyola helped the Editorial Board of the District Rotaract Council by selling over 1250 friendship bands on their behalf. The proceeds

collected will go towards the projects planned by the Editorial Board. The Club received a word of appreciation for their efforts at the District Rotaract Assembly.

6. BLOOD DONATION SEMINAR - AUGUST 23RD, 2007.

The Rotaract Club of Loyola conducted a seminar on Blood Donation in association with the Lions Club of Greater Chennai and its Secretary, Mr. Gopinath Goswami. Mr. Gurukrishnamurthy, the speaker, gave - the 120 students who participated an insight on different aspects of blood donation. The programme was conducted at J.D Hall, Loyola College.

7. DIST. ROT. ASSEMBLY, 26/08/2007.

The Club submitted 100 registrations at the Assembly and 5 volunteers helped in organizing the programme which was conducted at Madras Veterinary College, Vepery.

8. FLIPPER FEST - SEPT. 1ST & 2ND, 2007

25 volunteers from the Rotaract Clubs of Loyola, S.R.M Arts & Science, Guru Nanak College and Anna Adarsh helped in organizing this event held at Loyola College. The volunteers were given certificates of appreciation.

9. RTR. ROHAN RETURNS FROM AUSTRALIA

Our Director of International Services, Rtr.Rohan has returned from Australia and re joined Loyola College. While at Bond University in Queensland, Australia, he made the Vice-Chancellors List for Academic Merit for obtaining a high distinction of marks. He was also able to sign an agreement for the purpose of intent of partnership with the Rotaract Club of Bond University. He received a certificate of goodwill for acting as an excellent ambassador for India and the Rotaract Club of Loyola.

10. AUGUST 30TH, 31ST & SEPTEMBER 1ST - VOLUNTEER WORK FOR A GUINNESS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT.

While T. Muralidharan, a 3rd year Tamil Literature student of our college was attempting to make a Guinness World Record, 40 volunteers from our Club assisted him in terms of Medical Aid, Make- Up, managing backstage activities and most importantly, providing him with moral support. This was held at M.R.F Auditorium at Loyola College.

11. BIHAR FLOODS AID COLLECTION.

The Rotaract Club of Loyola, along with the AICUF and the Students Union, collected funds for aid and relief work during the Bihar Floods, the collection was forwarded to the college management for distribution.

12. SEPT. - 9TH BANYAN FOUNDATION.

30 volunteers from the club helped The Banyan Foundation conduct a survey on cancer awareness in and around Choolaimedu.

13. SEPTEMBER 16TH - PARTICIPATION IN THE COASTAL CLEAN-UP PROJECT.

Being International Coastal Clean-Up Day, 80 volunteers from the Rotaract Club of Loyola reported at Marina Beach at 7.30 am and helped in the initiative to clean it. The efforts of the club were commended in the Valedictory Ceremony, which was presided over by the Tamil Nadu Governor Mr. Surj ith Singh Barnala. *Kindly Note:*

The Rotaract Club of Loyola has received a letter of appreciation and a memento from the Indian Coast Guard for the work put in by the club for International Coastal Cleanup Day at Marina Beach, Chennai.

14. PARTICIPATION IN A HUMAN CHAIN.

125 volunteers from the club joined hands along with the participants from other clubs in Loyola, at the main entrance to Loyola College at 9 am to support the recommendations made by the Mishra Commission on the issue of Dalit Christians.

15. SEPTEMBER 21 ST & 22ND - VOLUNTEER WORK AT 'OVATIONS'.

5 volunteers from the club assisted the Student's Union by volunteering their services for 12 hour shifts, at the College's Inter-Departmental Cultural Festival 'Ovations'.

16. 25TH SEPTEMBER - SEMINAR ON CHILD LABOUR AWARENESS.

The Rotaract Club of Loyola organized a seminar on Child Labour at 12 30 pm at J.D Block in Loyola College. Dr. Bernard D' Sami was the guest speaker. Ritangshu B. was the student speaker who addressed child labour from a student's perspective. 100 members participated.

17. 27TH SEPTEMBER - PARTICIPATION IN POLIO RALLY.

10 members from the club attended the Polio Rally conducted by the Rotaract Clubs of A. M. Jain College and S.D.N.B Vaishnav College held at Besant Nagar Beach at 3 30 pm.

18. SALE OF TICKETS FOR SISTER CLUB.

Our Club helped The Rotaract Clubs of Presidency Candles and Stella Maris by selling 90 tickets for a cultural programme 'Hearts' which is to be organized by them. As this is a fundraiser, proceeds from the ticket sales will be going towards the Cancer Institute.

19. SEPT. 29TH & 30TH - RYLA.

5 members from the club took active part in RYLA 2007. Our Club's Asst. Dir. - Rtr. Inder was one of the Masters of Ceremony.

20. SEPT. 29TH & 30TH -ROTOCUP.

An eight membered team from our club reached the pre-final round of the Rotocup conducted by the Rotaract Club of Vishwahitta.

21. CRICKET TOURNAMENT

On the 10th of October 2007, a team of eleven rotaractors took part in the 'J.R Samyuktha' cricket tournament conducted by the Rotaract Club of Madras Central. Our team beat The Rotaract Club of S.R.M Arts and Sciences in the first match.

22. SEMINAR ON HIGH PERFORMANCE TEAM BUILDING SKILLS.

On the 27th of November, The Rotaract Club of Loyola organized a seminar in association with 'People First' at MRF Hall at Loyola College. About 100 rotaractors participated.

23. VOLUNTEERING FOR THE COLLEGE

The club sent 6 volunteers to attend an AIDS awareness seminar conducted by Loyola College on December 1st, 2007.

24. SHALOM REVIVED DECEMBER 1ST, 2007.

The Rotaract Club of Loyola conducted a Competition for School Children aged between 10 and 15, on the theme "Peace". In order to kindle their thought process on the issue of global peace. At the cost of Rs.20, the event received 406 registrations from 16 schools. The amount received by registrations was divided amongst different social causes. Rs.3000 was presented to the TEAM 2 Project conducted by the District Rotaract Council; Rs.2500 was presented to the Rotary

Foundation. From the remaining amount, 54 toiletry's kits consisting of Rin soap, Bathing Soap, Shampoo sachets, tooth paste and brush all with an attractive pouch for the orphans at Arunaimai Illam situated in Egmore. Rtn.Aditya Agarwal, Rotaract Chairman for the Rotary Club of Madras and Rtr. K. Krishnakumar D.R.R presided over the Inauguration function along with Rev. Fr. Peter Xavier, Secretary of Loyola College. Rtn.Vaidhyanathan Dist. Rotaract Chair. (R.I. 3230) and Rev.Fr. A. Albert Muthumalai, Principal of Loyola College presided over the Valedictory.

25. RAISING FUNDS

Through the sale of tickets for Shalom 2007 and the Tree Project, Funds have been collected for social work

26. CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

On December 6, 2007 our club celebrated Christmas at an orphanage in Broadway; ten rotaractors participated in this program. A small message was given about Christmas during this program and then snacks & cakes for nearly 120 children were distributed. Also Educational kits were distributed during the program.

27. STOP CHILDREN FROM BEGGING

A rally was held in Marina Beach by the Department of Social Work, Loyola College, to raise awareness about the impact of children "begging" on 10th December, 2007. 89 Rotaractors participated during this program.

28. GOVERNOR'S PROGRAMME

There was a program conducted by, His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu Thiru Surjit Singh Barnala. He flagged off the Platinum Jubilee Uniting Hearts Yatra at the Inauguration of Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of Tamil Nadu Branch

Harijan Sevak Sangh at Gandhi Mandapam, Chennai on 13.12.2007. Ms. Nirmala Deshpande, M.P., All India Harijan Sevak Sangh was present. Around 90 Rotaractors took part in this program.

29. MULTI-DISTRICT CONFERENCE - WAVES' 07 - HOLIDAY RESORTS, PURI'

The club represented by Rtr. Inder Kumar, Rtr. Sanjay and Rtr. Vikram, exchanged letterheads with six clubs and, a few clubs and individuals are mentioned below: Rotaract Club of Karur, R.I. 3000; Rotaract Club of Calicut East, R.I. 3260;D.R.R. of Dist. 3220, Sri Lanka

30. PEOPLE'S FIRST SEMINAR

A seminar on Leadership Skills was conducted in Bertram Hall, Loyola College on 19th December, 2007 by the Rotaract Club. The program was held by the organization People's First. 60 Rotaractors attended this program

31. CLUB LETTER HEAD EXCHANGE.

Rtr. Usha, Rotaract Club of Manipal University, exchanged letter heads with the club at Hotel Dharmashala on December, 28, 2007. Our club was represented by Rtr. Inder Kumar.

32. NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

The Rotaract Club celebrated New Year and the birthday of our Chief of Directors, Rtr. Ankit at Little Sisters of The Poor, on Harrington Road, the Club provided supper for all the inmates the institution on December 30th, 2007.

33. TREE NAMING PROJECT

All the trees at important visible locations in Loyola College are going to be named with their family name, biological name etc... The total cost of this project is Rs. 13,000. Around Rs. 10,000 has been raised by selling tickets to the Rotaractors. This project is going to be completed by Pongal, 2008.

34. VANDALUR ZOO PROJECTS

The Vandalur Zoo and Blood Donation Projects are going on as usual. 30 units of blood were donated in the last one month. A special Vandalur Zoo Program was conducted during the Pongal Vacations where more than 50 Rotaractors worked to make the Zoo eco-friendly. Around 10,000 people visited the Zoo during this period and the Rotaract Club of Loyola was instrumental in limiting the use of plastics.

35. TAMIL DEPARTMENT PROGRAMME

Between Jan 10-12th, the Tamil Dept. of Loyola College conducted a seminar. Around 50 Rotaractors (on each day) helped to organise this program. Our work during this program was greatly appreciated.

36. CHILD LABOUR CAMPAIGN & STREET PLAY

A street play on the issue of Child Labour was conducted at Loyola College on the 11th of January at 11 a.m. Pamphlets were distributed during this program highlighting the various negatives of Child Labour and ways to combat it. Also posters have been put up around Loyola College.

37. ZONAL ROTARACT CONVENTION

On Jan 12^h, 2008, the Rotaract club of Loyola presented a powerpoint show on the various facets of our club- our history and our projects. The Rotaractors who participated had great fun. We would like to thank the District and the co-host, RCEG for a truly wonderful show. Hundred Rotaractors from Loyola had registered for the event.

38. INTER DISTRICT YOUTH EXCHANGE

On Jan 15th, 2007 a team from District R.I. 3230 visited Bangalore for an Inter District Youth Exchange - happening for the first time in past few years. Our Associate Director of International Service, Rtr. Inder Kumar was part of the team and we wish to congratulate him for his wonderful achievement. This was truly a great Rotaraction Experience.

39. TREE PLANTATIONS

On January 15th, 2008 - 75 Saplings were planted by the club at Kosapur, a village near Madhavaram in Chennai.

40. VISION 2020:

On 7th February 2008, around 10 Rotaractors from our club were delegates at 'Vision 2020' a seminar organized by Meenakshi College, Chennai. The seminar enlightened our Rotaractors on the future of our Nation.

41. BORN 2 WIN:

Our Parent Club has always helped us to build great leaders through their constant support and encouragement. One such initiative was Born 2 Win - a Series of 4 sessions on inter-personal skills development for 25 Gifted Rotaractors. The Session has built leaders. It helped every student to believe in themselves and developed a lot of positivism and 'I Can' attitude. People emerged as true winners at the end of the fourth session when students presented about the road map they designed to make Loyola College - Best in the Nation. Rtn.Aditya Agarwal's Presence elated the morale of the people.

42. ANNUAL DISTRICT ROTARACT CONFERENCE:

'Chasing Dreams...' - Annual District Rotaract Conference was held on February 16th and 17th at Paramadevi Goyal Auditorium, Anna Adarsh College. Our club actively took part in the event by marking our presence in the Back Stage, Programs and Discipline Committee. Also, we submitted 175

Registrations, highest by any club. We also Sponsored Rs.10, 000 towards Hi-Tea for a evening.

43. ROTARY CONFERENCE - VANAVIL:

On 23rd & 24^h February the annual Conference of Rotary International R.I.Dist. 3230 was held at Chennai Trade Centre. Around 5 Volunteers from club were actively involved in back stage committee on both the days.

44. TICKET SALES - GLITZ:

Our Club sold 100 Tickets for the carnival event of Rotaract Club of Chennai - Glitz which took place on 24^h February at YMCA, Royapettah. All the Rotaractors who participated had a great deal of fun. We wish RCC good luck for their future projects.

45. TICKET SALES - SARGAM:

To add to the support we have been offering to our fellow clubs, we are actively engaged in the ticket sales for the Musical Event of RC East Coast and Pachaipappas's College 'Sargam'. We have so far Sold 100 Tickets. We wish all the very best to the host clubs for a successful event.

46. YOUTH SERVICE VALEDICTORY OF ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS:

Sivagami Petachi Auditorium at the MC.T.M. School was filled with young, bubbly and enthusiastic Rotaractors and Interactors from clubs sponsored by Rotary Club of Madras. 29^h February marked the valedictory of the Youth Service Team of our Parent club. Our club presented our Annual Report and also a presentation on 'Making the Commerce Department of Loyola College the best in India' which was an outcome of the Born 2 Win program. We also had an opportunity to meet the GSE team from Mexico.

47. SPREADING GREENERY IN THE COLLEGE - GARDEN NEAR CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT:

The Club has Donated Rs.2000 towards building a garden near the Department of Chemistry. It is a well known fact that Nungambakam is called the 'Lungs of Chennai' and Loyola's Eco-Friendly Campus is one of the main reasons. We are now taking initiatives to spread the greenery in our college. After successfully planting a few saplings and naming few trees we are now all set to build a garden. On March 13th 2008 during the World Rotaract Week the Saplings would be planted.

48. DONATIONS TO MERITORIOUS AND DESERVING STUDENTS:

In the month of February a sum of Rs.4000 has been donated to the deserving meritorious school children. We have received a great response from the families of the children. In fact, the performance of these Children has improved to a greater extent from the Quarterly to Half yearly Exams.

49. DONATIONS TO CANCER PATIENTS:

A sum of Rs.3000 has been contributed towards recovery of cancer affected Patients. This event marked our annual cash contribution cross Rs.40,000.

50. IDYE - HOST:

The Club Hosted Rotaract Club of Mumbai Borivilli from R.I.Dist 3140 (Mumbai) on 1st March 2008. We hosted a lunch for the team at Vestin Park, Egmore. Few of our Club members were Present. They were later taken to our college and they had fun in playing the Treasure hunt to locate the prominent spots at Loyola College. We also had a meeting at our club office where we displayed our projects and letter heads, newsletters were exchanged.

51. BEASANT NAGAR BEACH MEETING

On 2nd March 2008 at 3.00 p.m., around 100 Rotaractors from our club met at the Beasant Nagar Beach for a fellowship session. This was a great session of Rotaraction, most of the participants enjoyed their time in beach after a hot simmering day.

52. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES SEMINAR

Our Parent Club has always helped us with their constant support and encouragement. One such initiative was the communicable diseases seminar. Rtn. Dr. Ramasundaram was the guest speaker. He spoke on simple things we can do keep ourselves healthy. This was an interactive session and most of the students got a professional view on the various health issues surrounding us today. Rtn.Aditya Agarwal's Presence elated the morale of the people.

53. SANGARSH AND IGNITE - TICKET SALES

'Sangarsh', is a programme organized by the Rotaract Club of CEG. The club is helping with sale of tickets amounting to Rs. 7500. Ignite is being organized by the Loyola College Students Union on the 24th of March in the Loyola College Campus. The club worked actively with the sale of tickets for this program.

54. T-SHIRTS FOR CANCER AND BLOOD DONATION AWARENESS

The Club has sold t-shirts to raise awareness on Cancer and Blood Awareness. These T-Shirts are also a major factor in promoting Rotaract among students in the Loyola College Campus.

55. 323 PROJECTS WITH DISTRICT

The Club has conducted 24 Projects within 54 minutes on March 13th, 2008, on World Rotaract Day, the list of programs conducted are mentioned below. This is part of the District

ATTEMPT TO PERFORM 323 PROJECTS IN 3230 SECONDS.

1. Birthday Celebration @ Balwadi (Home for Kids)
2. Blood Donation
3. Cash Donation to the NonTeaching Staff
4. Child Labour Awareness Program - Distribution of 323 Pamphlets
5. Cleaning of College Campus
6. Club Bulletin Launch
7. Competitions for Corporation School Children
8. Cultural Exchange Program with Foreign Students at our college
9. Donation of Bags to Students 10. Donation of Note Books
11. Donation of Stationery to Corporation School
12. Garden in front of Chemistry Dept.
13. Indoor games for Differently Abled People
14. Interactn- Rotaract Joint Meeting
15. Leadership Seminar for Corporation Hr. Sec. School
16. Letter Head Exchange
17. Mail to 323 People on AntiSmoking Campaign
18. Membership Promotion
19. Naming of 323 Trees at the College Campus
20. Signature Campaign on Road Safety - 323 Signatures
21. SMS Campaign on Alcohol - 323 Messages
22. T-Shirt Sale Launch
23. Volunteering work for 'IGNITE'
24. Wish Cards to Social Workers:

56. WORLD ROTARACT WEEK RECOGNITION

On the 11th of March; Rtr. Arun Venugopal from our club attended the meeting of the Rotary Club of Madras. This was a part of the World Rotaract

WEEK PROJECTS TO BE EXECUTED BY THE CLUB.

57. POLIO VACCINATION CAMP

6^h January 2008 and 10th February 2008. Choolaimedu - 11 booths were volunteered by club members. Total of 50 students helped organize. Around 5000 children were vaccinated on these two days.

58. VALEDICTORY FUNCTION OF THE CLUB

On the 14th of March, 2008, the club had its Valedictory Function in the Yeddanapalli Hall in the Chemistry block. This function highlighted on the various projects performed by the club this academic year. The board members who have actively helped the club were honored during this program. Rtn. Govindachari was the chief guest and Rtr. Solomon Victor was the guest of honour.

The club would like to thank all those board members who have helped with effective functioning of the club. Also we would to thank the college management , the parent Rotary Club for all their support. And last but the least the club wouldn't have done so many projects without the motivation of the faculty advisor Dr. David Jeyabalan.