

ROTARY CLUB OF JAFFNA

"CHAKKARAM"

RI DISTRICT 3220 SRI LANKA



"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

Chartered On - 08.04.1941

Charter No. - 5369

347, Kasthuriar Road, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

**Meetings held at Conference Hall Uthayan
Every Thursday 3.30p.m**

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VIVE LA ROTARY

Let every good knight lift his
Helmet and glove
Vive la Rotary
To carry our message of service and love
Vive la Rotary

CHORUS

Vive la Vive la Rotary
Vive la Vive la Rotary

Truth is our right, love our is might
Vive la Rotary
When something is wrong
Let us straighten it out
Vive la Rotary
For nothing is worse than a
Fear or a doubt
Veve la Rotary

CHORUS

The Grooming of man is a
Duty we claim
Vive la Rotary
Let's carry on business with
Fame to our name
Vive la Rotary

CHORUS

The man with a smile is the
Fellow we need
Vive la Rotary
Who loses Himself in the
Shaming of greed
Vive la Rotrary



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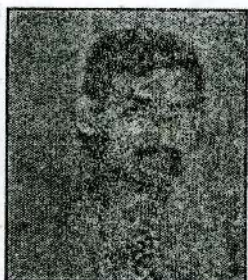


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FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

ROTARY CLUB OF JAFFNA

Dear Rotarians,



Once again, after a few months lapse "The Chakkaram" - monthly bulletin of our Club makes its appearance. It is, of course, a significant occasion for all of us as the magazine reflects on our past activities and achievements and reminds us of our onerous tasks ahead.

In the midst of sorry state of affairs in our country today, I hope that this magazine would, as in the past try in its own way to promote peace and harmony among different communities.

I wish to place on record our deep appreciation of the advice and guidance provided by our past Presidents, senior members and many other well wishers, without their cooperation this would not have seen the light of day.

Thanking you

Yours in service
Rtn. L. THUSHIKARAN

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Rtn.A.Panchalingam

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Rtn. T.Vamadevan

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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(2004 - 2005)



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It has been my honour and privilege to serve the Rotary Club of Jaffna as its President for a Second Term. When I look around and behold our past record of service and the ambitious future programme of work, it gives me a sense of satisfaction.

I take this opportunity to thank sincerely everyone of our Club and their family members for their unstinted support and co-operation in pursuing our Club works in the past and this I hope will continue in future too.

I also wish to congratulate our young Rotaractors and the Interact Club Members who are actively engaged in various ways, serving the community. The Rotaractors in the hour of the calamity that engulfed our people and the country in the guise of the terrible Tsunami Tidel waves, their initiative and enthusiasm to serve our people is notable. As ours, is a service oriented organisation, our new programmes must include new service projects, health care, education, peace and conflict study, etc. But let us not forget the onerous task and duty before us today to work in co-operation in whatever possible manner to help and assist our brothers and sisters of the land who are faced with untold hardships in the Tsunami hit areas.

We have to continue sowing the seeds of love, as we lend a hand, keeping with the Rotary Motto.

Let us work towards the upliftment of our brothers and sisters.

E. SARAVANAPAVAN

President.

OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

1941 - 1942	M. Prassoad
1942 - 1943	M. Prassoad
1943 - 1944	R.R. Nalliah
1944 - 1945	R.R. Nalliah
1945 - 1946	T. Muthusamipillai
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1958 - 1959	P.M.Sangarapillai.
1959 - 1960	C.S.A.Namasivayam Chettiar.
1960 - 1961	V.Sathiananthan
1961 - 1962	V.Sathiananthan
1962 - 1963	Dr.G.Chelvadoray
1963 - 1964	Villiam Mather
1964 - 1965	Dr.M.Saravanabalasooriyar.
1965 - 1966	D.Doulatram-----
1966 - 1967	B.S.Joseph
1967 - 1968	D.Doulatram-----
1968 - 1969	Dr.S.Rajasooriyar.
1969 - 1970	S.Kanagaratnam.
1970 - 1971	S.Kanagaratnam.
1971 - 1972	R.Rajalingam.
1972 - 1973	R.Rajalingam
1973 - 1974	Dr.A.Ponnampalam.
1974 - 1975	S.Rajendram.
1975 - 1976	R.Arasaratnam.
1976 - 1977	James. S. Sivaratnan



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1979 - 1980	S.Kanagaratnam.
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1983 - 1984	S.Sathiyamoorthy
1984 - 1985	S.Balendra.
1985 - 1986	T.S.Mahendran.
1986 - 1987	V.K.Rabindrasothy.
1987 - 1988	T.S.Mahendran.
1988 - 1989	Dr.R.Sundaralingam.
1989 - 1990	P.Selvanathan.
1990 - 1991	V.T.Sivalingam.
1991 - 1992	K.Sivaraj
1992 - 1993	V.T.Sivalingam.
1993 - 1994	P.Selvanathan.
1994 - 1995	E.Saravanapavan.
1995 - 1996	K.Kesavan.
1996 - 1997	S.E.Mariathas.
1997 - 1998	S.Sothilingam.
1998 - 1999	A.Panchalingam.
1999 - 2000	K.Sripathy.
2000 - 2001	A.Panchalingam.
2001 - 2002	C.N.Vithiyatharan.
2002 - 2003	C.N.Vithiyatharan.
2003 - 2004	K.Surendran.
2004 - 2005	Rtn. PP. PHF. E.Saravanapavan.

"I have never been prouder to be a Rotarian.
Every person we encounter has a chance for a bet-
ter life. We must continue to find the courage to
make a difference"

BHICHAIRATTAKUL
Rotary Int. President

BRIEF HISTORY OF ROTARY

The first Rotary Club in the World was organized in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A on 23rd February 1905 by Paul Peter Harris, a young lawyer, who gathered together in a spirit of friendship and understanding a group of men, each of whom was engaged in a different form of service to the public at large. That basis of membership - one man from each business and profession in the community - still exists in Rotary. At first, the members of the new club met in rotation at various places of business of the members and this suggested the name "Rotary".

ORIGIN OF ROTARY IN JAFFNA

In pursuance of an irresistible request made by Jaffna Rotary Diamond Jubilee Souvenir Committee spearheaded by the young and energetic Rotarian AJG Jeyachandra, I undertook the task of tracing and writing about the origin of Rotary in Jaffna. But before that let me delve into the birth of Rotary in Asia.

The unwritten will of the greatest visionary of Rotary, Paul Harris, had its impact through the valiant efforts of James Wheeler Davidson in the history and development of Rotary in Asia. Mr. Davidson, a Rotarian and a dedicated member of the Rotary Club of Calgary, Canada, devoted a significant part of his life to spread the message of Rotary in the Orient. Commissioned by Rotary International, he started on a mission in 1928 accompanied by his wife Lilian and daughter Marjory to organize Rotary Clubs in the Middle East and the Orient. It took almost three years and quarter million dollars of his own funds to execute the project.

He succeeded in introducing Rotary in 22 countries in the Orient. In the very last article, Paul Harris wrote and published in "The Rotarian" of February 1947, he has paid rich tributes to this Rotary's early ambassador by saying



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that "he is one who should be credited with having planted the seeds of Rotary far and wide and having thus brought about the establishment of Rotary as a world wide movement."

Rotary made it's first great jump from the country of it's birth to Asia in 1919. The first Asian Rotary Club was formed in Manilla, the capital of Philippines. Shanghai, Kolkata and Tokyo followed it a few months later. These four Clubs remained lonely outposts for a considerable period. During the World War II many Asian Rotary Clubs including the Manilla went underground.

The birth of Rotary in Sri Lanka dates back to 1929. Past district Governor Park Nadesan in his article to souvenir issued on the occasion of the first conference of Rotary International held in Colombo in April 1985, recalls with happy memories of the halcyon days when his father the illustrious Sir Sangarapillai Pararajasingham was one of the charter members of the Rotary Club of Colombo.

True to the ideals of Rotary, which still exists in the formation of Rotary Clubs, a new Club could be brought into existence only through the courtesy of a sponsoring Rotary Club. The Rotary Club of Colombo which came into existence in July 5, 1929, was the sponsor of the Rotary Club of Jaffna. Thanks to the efforts of Rotarian Abraham Gardiner who was while being a member of Rotary Club of Colombo was also the District Governor. The district at that time included the whole of India and Sri Lanka.

In the Ides of November 1940, District Governor Abraham Gardiner visited Jaffna and while being here, discovered that there were excellent scope for a Rotary Club in the city. He therefore, approached the leading men of the locality and very shortly a preliminary meeting was held and a decision to organise a club made. A provisional committee under the leadership of Rotarian, M.Prasad, the then

Government Agent of Jaffna went into the forming of a Club. The charter list was closed on 7th December and the Club was duly organized as a provisional Club. The Club was assigned Charter No. 5369 and was admitted to membership in Rotary International on the 8th of April 1941, and received its Charter on Saturday the 20th September 1941. The first Charter president of the Rotary Club of Jaffna was the distinguished Government Agent, M.Prasad. The Colonial Governor of Sri Lanka, Sir Andrew Caldcot in felicitating the Club sent the following message. *"A Rotary club if it is Healthy, is it's own encouragement. Once the Club gets the push of its first results it will surely progress on its own momentum. I feel certain that you of the Jaffna Club have already began to feel that push and that my message to you may therefore be one of congratulation rather than exhortation."*

The Jaffna Rotary Club started with twenty members initially, and grew in numbers year after year. Today we stand on the shoulders of the Rotary giants of the past. Let us have them see farther, because they stand on the shoulders of Rotarians of this decade, who are doing their level best to improve the quality of life where ever it may be. Out of all those who carried the everlasting torch of Rotary, the following held the position of presidentship in our Club:

Rtn. K.SRIPATHY
President 1999/2000



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PROJECTS 2004 / 2005 COMMUNITY SERVICE

1. Literacy Month - July. Honouring three volunteers engaged in literacy work in IDP camps.
2. Periapokkanai Project - Overall upliftment of the village.
 - i. (a) Provision of 10 toilets
 - (b) Provision of 2 wells
 - (c) Provision of solar lights for 35 houses.
 - (d) Provision of health centre.with funds provided by Colombo West Rotary and Green Town Rotary (Malaysia)
- ii. Renovating pre schools and providing amenities.
- iii. Providing nutritious food to pre school children (daily) and provision of utensils
- iv. See vocational service (iii)
- v. Construction of 25 houses.
- vi. Donation of one sewing machine.
- vii. Provision of Community Hall.

3. Student Entrepreneur of the North - 2005 Award.
Creating true to life companies.
4. Providing midday meal to preschool children in poverty stricken areas jointly with Dr. Benjamin.
5. Tree planting - Planting shady trees and presenting awards for last year's participants.
6. Providing 10 wheel chairs to the needy.
7. Construction of water tank and providing drinking water at Jaffna Bus Stand.
8. Cultural show to celebrate the International year of the child at Urumpiray Hindu College. 8 pre schools participated prizes awarded.
9. Awarding merit certificates to a few persons doing Community Service.

SERVICE

I was Sleeping and dreamt
That life was pure joy,
I a wakened to see
That life was more servece,
Then I served and saw
That Serving was joy.

-Rabindranath Tagore



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PROJECTS 2004 / 2005

1. Vocational Service.

- i. Recognizing vocations - October.
- ii. Arrangement for training in aluminium fittings in Colombo for 25 Youths.
- iii. Mushroom production - providing financial support, know how and starting a project at Periyapokkanai.
- iv. Career Guidance.

2. Club Service.

- i. Monthly Guest speakers day.
- ii. Membership drive.
- iii. Inter - City meeting with Kilinochchi Club.

3. New Generation.

- i. Increase present number of clubs by two.
- ii. Leadership seminars.
- iii. Presentation of awards.
- iv. Sponsoring two more Rotaract Clubs.
- v. Organising Inter Club tournaments.
 - a. Quiz contest
 - b. Essay writing.

3. Finance Commitee

Conducting folk dance and drama festival in October to raise funds.

INTERACT CLUBS

Sponsored by
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Interact Club of

1. St John's College, Jaffna.
2. Chundikuli Girls College, Jaffna.
3. St. Patrick's College, Jaffna.
4. Vembadi Girls High School Jaffna.
5. Canagaratnam M.M.V. Jaffna.
6. Kokuvil Hindu College, Kokuvil.
7. Holy Family Convent, Jaffna.
8. Jaffna Hindu College, Jaffna.
9. Uduvil Girls' College, Uduvil.
10. Jaffna Central College, Jaffna.
11. Jaffna. Hindu Ladies' College, Jaffna.
12. Manipay Hindu College, Manipay.
13. Vasavilan M.M.V.
14. Ramanathan College, Chunnakam.
15. Manipay Ladies' College, Manipay.
16. Vaitheeswara College, Jaffna.
17. Periyapulam Maha Vidyalaya, Kokuvil.
18. Kopay Christian College Kopay.
19. Chankanai Sivapragasam Vid.

"There was only one Rotarian who was not proposed for membership by another Rotarian - the founder paul harris"

Michael D. Barker - U.S.A



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A warming reception Was accorded to the visiting District Governor Rtn. Gamini Jayawardena by the Rotary Club of Jaffna.



Seated Left to right

Rtn. P.P.A. Panchalingam Rtn.PP.Saravanapavan (President 2003/2004) Rtn.K.Surendran, District Governor Rtn.Gamini Jeyawardena, Governor's aid Rtn.Sunil Wekadapola, Rtn.PP.PHE.E.Saravanapavan, Secretary Rtn.T.Vamadevan.

Standing Left to Right.

Rtn.L.Thusikaran, Rtn.K.Karthigeyan, Rtn.S.Nathasorupan, Rtn.K.Raviharan, Rtn.Mrs.N.Gunaratnam (PHF), Rtn.Mrs.S.Radhakrishnan, Rtn.Mrs.N.Tharmakulasingam, Rtn.PP.PHSM.K.Sripathy, Rtn.Mrs.U.Kugarajan, Rtn.R.Mahendran.



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Welcome address by Rtn.PHF. E.Saravanapavan.



Members of Rotary Club, Colombo and Rotary Club of Jaffna at a party.



Welcoming the past district Governor Rtn. Krish Rajendran during the opening ceremony of children park at Hindu College Road, Jaffna. close to "Saiva Paripalana Sabai Mandapam."



Guest of Honour Dr.RushdijKhan presenting a shield to the secretary of Rotaract Club of Nallur.



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Rotaract Club of Manipay in Action. The president of Rotaract club of Manipay donating blood at Jaffna General Hospital.



Interactor A.Thananjeyan welcoming the new President Interactor G.Karunatharan at the session 2003/2004, at Kopay Christian College.



Rotarians being received by Nallur Rotaractors on 26-10-2004 at the ceremony for the installation of the New President.



Literacy Day 2004 being celebrated at Sabapahipillai Refugee Camp.



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