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SECRETARY'S REPORT

DECEMBER — 1994

Membership

Membership rose to 34 with the induction of four new members.

1. Mr. I. Mariathasan — Human Rights Activist.
2. Swami Chithrubananda — Hinduism
3. A. Gnanasegaran — Screen Printing
4. S. Velauham — Education — Plan Implementation.

Attendance

The average attendance for the month of December, was 76.43%

Year End Luncheon Meeting:

This meeting was held on 31st December, 1994, at Dr. T. W. Jeyakularajah's residence — No. 10, Old Park Road, Jaffna. The lunch was jointly hosted by Rotarians K. Sripathy, A. Kugamoorthy, S. Baskaran, Dr. T. W. Jeyakularajah, R. Karthigeyan and Rev. Fr. Francis Joseph.

Four Members were inducted at this function.

President gave away gifts for those who have put 100% during the first half and 2nd quarter of 1994/1995.

Rtn. T. Thirunanthakumar
Secretary

CLUB SERVICE



Dinner Meeting:

Five Club Meetings were held during this month. December 15th meeting was a Dinner Meeting held at President Sara's residence. President Sara hosted a dinner for Rotarians and guests as he celebrated his birthday on that day.

The distinguished guests attended the function include Mr. K. Ponnambalam (Government Agent Jaffna), Prof. S. Sivagnanasunderam (Formerly Dean/Medicine, University of Jaffna), Dr. S. Nachchinarkiniyan (Senior Lecturer, University of Jaffna), Dr. K. Sivarajah (Head/Department of Community Medicine, University of Jaffna) and Mr. S. Devakalala (Former A. C. L. G., Jaffna and Deputy Secretary designate, Provincial Ministry of Education, North-East).

PP P. Selvanathan briefed on the Ladies Forum and Inner Wheel Club that existed in Jaffna, some years back.

Rtn Dr. T. W. Jeyakularajah spoke on the 4 way Test and the application of it in day to day life. The Four Way Test Bill Boards (Tamil and English) donated by Crown Marketing Ltd., and brought by the President were distributed to all members and guests.

The Inner Wheel Club of Jaffna was formerly inaugurated. During Fellowship, glimpses on Interact Conference was shown.

K. Kumarathasan

Director - Club service.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Arrangements have been made to distribute the books donated by Interact Clubs towards Governor Mel's Books Sense Programme.

A committee has been set up to carry out the distribution of large number of clothes brought down by President Sara, among the needy in January, 1995.

Due to certain reasons beyond our control, the Cataract Surgery Camp could not be held. President Sara is in touch with Dr. S. Kugathan, Consultant, Eye Surgeon of the General Hospital and the members of the medical team. It is hoped to have the next camp during second weekend. More than forty patients who have already been screened are awaiting surgery.

On the request of Dr. (Mrs) V. M. Karunakaran (Paediatric Consultant, Medical Faculty, Jaffna) the Director, Community Services is making arrangements to print out hand bills on preventing common Paediatric problems. The materials have already been prepared.

Dr. K. Viveganandan,
Director,
Community Service.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE



Vocational Excellence Award Ceremony:

The Vocational Excellence Awards Ceremony (1994) was held on 24th December 1994 at Navalar Cultural Hall, Jaffna. The following personalities received their Vocational Excellence Awards.

1. Mr. Muthukumar Kannan (Music Director)
2. Mr. A. Gnanasekaram (Artist, Screen Painting Specialist)
3. Ms. A. Sinnathamby (Teacher of Visually Handicapped Children)
4. Mr. M. Atputhathovan (Mayavan)
(Printing Mechanic)

The following nurses attached to the Teaching Hospital, Jaffna received their Service Awards for their outstanding services rendered.

1. Ms. N. Thayanithy (Medical Section)
2. Mr. T. Sivalingam (Surgical Section)
3. Mrs. L. M. J. Rangitham (Intensive Care Unit and Emergency Unit)
4. Ms. N. Murchuladevi (Operation Theatre)
5. Mrs. A. Kanapathy (Gynaecology, Obstetric and Paediatric Sections)
6. Mr. M. Navaratnarajah (Eye, ENT, Ortho, Skin and Blood Bank Sections)

Miss Tharsini Subramaniam of the Urumpirai East RVC received the Youth Merit Award for her outstanding services rendered to the RVC Programmes. A Souvenir containing the details of the Award recipients was published. The interesting feature of it is that the cover of the Souvenir was done by Mr. A. Gnanasegaram, one of the Award recipient.

Vocational Services Director delivered the welcome address.

Club Services Director Rtn. K. Kumarathan introduced the Recipients of the Vocational Excellence Awards, while Rtn. A. Kugamorthy, member of the Vocational Service Committee introduced the recipients of Service Awards and Youth Merit Award.

The keynote address was delivered by Mr. S. Velautham, Deputy Director of Education, Jaffna Zone II. Dr. K. Kanagarajah of Milkwhite and others felicitated the recipients of Awards. Mr. A. Gnanasegaram thanked the Club on behalf of the recipients.

Secretary Rtn Thiru in his Vote of Thanks highly commended PP P. Selvanathan and his team for the excellent arrangements and the way in which the function was organised. PP P. Selvanathan had put his heart and soul to make this function a unique one. Secretary also thanked the Director of Teaching Hospital, Physicians and Surgeons who had responded positively to select the efficient nurses from various sections in the hospital.

PP P. Selvanathan,
Director, Vocational Service.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

It was decided to equally distribute \$ 164 available with the Club Account in the Rotary Foundation to the first eight members who would like to become PHSM by paying the balance.

PHF / PHSM details:

PHF 02

PHSM 11

Rtn S. Sothilingam
Director, International Service.

WORDS TO REMEMBER

ON 27 JANUARY

Just before his death on 27 January 1947, founder Paul Harris spoke these words in his last Rotary (42nd) Anniversary message:

"I would like to think that the pioneering days of Rotary have only just begun. There are just as many new things to be done as ever there were. Rotary must certainly continue to pioneer or be left in the rear of progress".

YOUTH SERVICE

Interact:

The Monthly Interact Leaders Meeting was held on 7-12-1994 at Jaffna Hindu College. Youth Services Director presided over the meeting which was attended by the President Rtn. Sara.

Interact Club of Jaffna Hindu Ladies College visited the Home for Elders at Kaithady and did Sramadana on 21-12-1994. It was a full day programme for them.

Rotaract:

Able led by the energetic President Selvendira, Rotaract Club of Jaffna Mid-Town has successfully conducted a two day Karate show at the University Grounds from 18-12-94. The purpose was to raise fund for the construction of the meeting hall. With the money collected, the Mid-Town Rotaractors are working hard to complete the construction of the hall which is scheduled to be declared open on January 16.

Rotaract Club of Jaffna had a Guest Speakers' Day on 2nd December, 1994 at Kokuvil Hindu College. Mr. M. Thirunavukkarasu, Political Science Lecturer, University of Jaffna was Guest Speaker. He spoke on Economics and Politics.

Rotaract Club of Jaffna had their Christmas get-together on 28th December at Canagaretnam M. M. V. Mr. K. Manikkam Principal of Canagaretnam M. M. V. graced the function as Chief Guest. About twenty children all of them are from Mannar and presently living in a Children's Home at Venbadi Road, Jaffna were specially invited for this function. They also had X'mas Carol during the festive season.

Dr. K. Srirathnakumar,
Director, Youth Services.

ENVIRONMENT

Surroundings as affecting people's lives, conditions or circumstances of living, pertaining to day to day existence, particularly under the fast changing life style in our part of the country is assuming an essentially important role.

That which was yesterday is not there today. What might have been will be only a dream. Unlike in heavily industrialised regions, our problems are comparatively simple. Control of our environmental conditions is well within our hands. Adherence to the principles of normal clean living is easy. An awareness of routine modes of living as has been practised by the generations before us is sufficient for our needs. The knowledge, that pockets of stagnant water, whether they be in holes in the surrounding land or in carelessly discarded receptacles such empty tins, coconut shells or tyres are potential breeding places for disease carrying mosquitos; and indiscriminate heaping of household and other refuse become the birthplace of the house fly - the carrier of many diseases - is worth many lives.

Keep your surroundings clean.

Editor.

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விடயங்களைப் பரீட்சிக்கும் நான்கு வழிகள்

- ★ அது தான் உண்மையா?
- ★ சம்பந்தப்பட்ட அனைவர்க்கும் அது நியாயமானதா?
- ★ நல்லெண்ணத்தையும் சிறந்த நட்புறவையும்
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- ★ சம்பந்தப்பட்ட அனைவருக்கும் அது
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