



BHAVANA SUCCEZZZ...



Rotary Cochin International (RCI) conducted the 2007 edition of BHAVANA in a grand manner and it's yet another feather in their cap. The Arts festival for the mentally and physically challenged children - BHAVANA 2007, was conducted very well on Saturday 13 Jan, 2007 at Karolil Auditorium, Thamannam, Kochi. Around 350 students participated for the festival. They were accompanied by their parents and teachers. So we had a gathering of 600 for the event.

The festival was inaugurated by Rotary Dist Gov. Babu Joseph. Film stars Nadirsha and Vijaykumar were present. Nadirsha sang a song for the kids (ente khalbile vennilavu nee nalla paattukaara) and half way through the song the kids joined him.

The competitions started at 10 am at three venues. The competitions were held in two categories- mentally challenged and physically challenged. In each category there were separate competitions for Senior, Junior and Sub-junior. The items in which competitions were held were music solo, group music, solo dance, group dance, fancy dress, mimicry, monoact, pencil drawing, painting.

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THE PREZ BUZZZ...

Dear Members

We stepped into the New Year with renewed vigour and aims to do very important projects which are very close to all of us, Bhavana and Cricket. We knew it's going to be very demanding on each of us but at the end of the month we feel immensely satisfied of making all our projects highly successful.

Bhavana was appreciated by one and all and congratulatory messages came from many Rotarians from the city.

We won the six a side cricket tournament. Aby and Naveen did us proud by winning the double wicket tournament. The surprise of the month was winning the football tournament. I feel deeply hurt when Vivek got injured during the football tournament. I wish him speedy recovery. I am sure he will bounce back with full of energy very soon.

We have made 100% registration for the district conference to be held from 16th to 18th at Cochin. Request all members to come and participate in the conference which I am sure will be one of the best ever we would have attended.

Love is in the air as Valentines day is approaching. Recently I heard in a meeting when the speaker said "choose love before success and money and both will follow".

Truly, **Chandru**





a youth fest for special children

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The valedictory function was attended by film star Harisree Ashokan. District Gov Nominee, Rtn Baby Joseph gave away the awards along with Regional Secretary Rtn D Shylagen, Dist Director Rtn K N Shastri and President Chandrashekheran.

Home of Faith, Chittethukara, Kakkanad won the overall championship and Nirmala Sadan Muvattupuzha were the runner-up.

The participants as well as the quality of the programmes showed an improvement this year. The kids enjoyed the show and most of them were given a prize and certificate. When they returned at 6:30 pm, all the participants were given a tiffin box with a curry vessel and a spoon. Moreover they were provided Tea and biscuits in the morning, Veg biriyani for lunch, and tea, banana fry and laddu in the afternoon for all present in the hall.

As our secretary Reji said "Bhavana has made all the participants their parents and teachers happier. All of us, who worked for the event to happen, were a contented lot as the curtains drew. We once again tasted the joy of giving. We were happy when we saw the children performing on the stage, we were happy when we saw that they enjoyed each and every moment of the day, we were happy when we saw them rush to get their respective trophies, and above all we had no words when we saw all of them applaud the winner whether they were their schoolmates or not."

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RCI - FUTSAL WINNERZZZ...

RCI has won the Football tournament conducted by Rotary Club of Cochin East. On a Hot Friday when the nation celebrated Republic day RCI against all odds lifted the cup defeating Rotary club of greater Cochin 1-0 in the finals. The RCI football team members are Madan, SR, Prashanth, Rajeev Nair, Manoj Madav, Naveen, Vivek and Chandru.

Prashanth was given the Player of the Tournament award.

The tournament had 9 Rotary club teams from the city participating with two pools of 4 team and 5 teams each. RCI was in the second pool.

In the First round robin Match RCI defeated Rotary club of Cochin knights by 3-0
 In the Second round robin match RCI defeated Rotary club of Midtown by 2-0
 In the third round robin match RCI drew its match with Rotary club of Cochin 0-0
 In the fourth Round robin Match RCI defeated Rotary club of Cochin south 2-0

By winning 3 match and drawing one RCI emerged top in its pool by 10 points followed by Rotary club of Cochin with 8 points. Teams in the other pool were Rotary club of Greater Cochin, Cochin Harbor, Cochin Global, and Down Town. Greater Cochin finished

top in the pool followed by Harbor as runner up. In the Semi finals RCI defeated Rotary Club of Cochin Harbor 6-0

One unfortunate incident was a knee injury to Vivek during the second match. Apart from the sad incident, there were wonder full performances in the front by Naveen, Madan, Prashanth, good defense by Rajeev Nair, Manoj Madhav and SR and some decent goal keeping by Chandru helped RCI to achieve this wonderful victory. RCI scored 14 goals and did not concede single goal in the entire tournament. The Goal scores were Naveen - 6 Prashanth - 5 Madan - 2 and Rajeev - 1.



RCI - DOUBLE WICKET WINNERZZZ...

RCI has won one more trophy by winning the Double wicket tournament conducted by Rotary Club of Midtown. RCI fielded three teams. A - Ravi and Madan, B - Aby and Navin and C - Chandru and Pradeep.

The other participating teams were Global, Midtown A, Midtown B, Aluva, East, North A, North B, Downtown A, Downtown B, Beachside, Metro, Knights and Cochin.

In the first round all the three teams from Rotary Cochin International (RCI) beat their opponents to get into the quarterfinals. RCI-A beat Aluva, RCI-B beat Metro and RCI-C beat Downtown A. In the quarterfinal, RCI-A beat Midtown A and RCI-B beat North A to get into the semifinals. RCI-C lost to East.

In the semis RCI-B beat Midtown and RCI-A lost to East.

In the finals RCI-B beat East to lift the trophy.

The other Trophies that RCI won were:

Man of the Finals - Navin,
 Man of the Tournament - Aby and
 Best Batsman - Aby.



THE EDZZZ...

This ROCOINT is really a special one for me, and I am sure that it is going to be the same for many of us. The reason is that this edition highlights one of our dear project, Bhavana. I know a single page is not enough to describe the event and photos I can show, but with whatever space limitations, I think I highlighted the events properly.

And of course, we need more space for describing our other achievements for the month of January. Super Six is the dear project for our cricket lovers and I know I am not doing justice to them, by limiting the photos published.

This edition highlights our success in Football and Double Wicket tournament.

I am sure you will be really "MAD" if I miss my regular column on our Animal Farm. To minimize the "madness" I am profiling our cute little creative designer – The Beaver – even though he dreams and builds mainly on "water – thanni"

I also use this column to thank all Rotarians who helped us in all the activities during January and help me to come out with a "happy" edition of rocoint.

With lov,

Cinu



THE MADZZZ...



Some call him "Mad", and some think he is mad. This crazy animal lives on "water", engages itself in building castles on water, with an old world charm. It is a Generation Next Animal.

This story is that of an amphibious, broad tailed Rodent, otherwise called as Beaver. The strength of the Beaver is his teeth and using the same, it can cut down even big trees. Is our Beaver too teathy? Whom do we ask? Will the Gujju Ben tell?

14th of January 1971 was a normal day for many but not for the Jerome family in Trivandrum where all were busy receiving MADan into the glorious mother earth as the third and youngest son. Our hero does not remember anything during his school days other than the fact that he was initiated into the eldest brother. He went and State in under 15 Cricket was 20 years back, our hero to some extent. To the boring time. A la John Snow very close to the boundary.



back, we had seen his close buddy dropping a midwicket catch off his ball and when asked about it he said that he got so bored of waiting for the delivery of the ball and dozed off in between!

not remember anything days other than the fact sketching and cricket by on to represent the District competitions. Thought it still continues his cricketing fraternity, his run up is a of England, his start up is Even as late as 2 weeks

From a close perspective, one gets a deep impression that our hero's hero is his late dad. His eyes lights up whenever he speaks of his dad and he is in awe that in spite all the deviations that he had taken in his life, his dad stood by him. Rotarians, that's a fantastic feeling. Don't worry, we have another one in the making, because it is a matter of genes. Prithvi's hero is none other than his dad.

Though dad was very keen on the St. Stephens route for his dearest son with an option of being the Armed Forces, MADan had other designs because of his affinity to designs. So, very consciously he stayed away from all the entrance exams and went to Delhi in 1988 for Architecture. Though he failed in the first attempt, it was an eye opener for him to see the different options in institutions. At home, pressure was to join Civil Engg. stream which was supposed to be same as architecture (?). In 1989 disguised as one of those trips to the hostel in Karnataka, our Beaver boarded a train to Ahmedabad.

This time the choice was between four institutions and the first one was School of Architecture, Ahmedabad and he decided about it then and there. Called up home to get permission to switch courses between Civil Engg. in Karnataka and Architecture at Ahmedabad. After a lot of persuasion (and queries), dad accepted the switch.



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During college, after one those group study trips to villages, a team member Gujju Ben had to really chase this lethargic malloo to get the study submission done. The submission got over and but it started off something which was to go a long way. Architecture became truly romantic for MADan. In between he got into serious photography and kept at it for some time. There were times he seriously thought of leaving architecture in favour of photography. One is not sure whether it is the pull of Gujju Ben or the advice of Border Security Forces at Assam, Architecture prevailed. For our Beaver, studying was all about learning and not undergoing certification. Thus, he left Ahmedabad in 1995 on completion of the course.



In 1996, our hero and the Gujju Ben enacted a true Hindi flick in real life. It contained all the elements of the melodrama. Angry family, *Veettu thadankal*, *Pyar, pyar*, running away, missing flight, stranger helping, landing in wrong place and in the end *MILAN* and living happily thereafter. Who says not, Gujju's are brave people, particularly the female variety!

MADan initially started working in Trivandrum as Graphic designer, then went into designing furniture, tried small retail interiors and in the process, three years went off. Trivandrum was not gelling for him and then he got a couple of projects at Cochin and found out that it's a better base to shift. Packers and movers came in 1998.

Our hero the Beaver admits that life had changed completely thereafter. In the totally new place, he realized that money had to be EARNED in a consistent manner to make a living. For the cooking to continue, Falu the Architect Gujju Ben, started going to office. By 1999, the first mixed breed - Gujju-mal gene- came out (Prithvi). Gujju-mal # 2 (Ayushi) happened in August 2002.



Things are better now and MADan can do **any design**. Falu exclusively designs for the Americans. Close buddy is the partner. Ladies & Gents, announcing the true arrival of MADan the Beaver.

SUPER SIX SUCCEZZZ...

The Second edition of Super Six; six-a-side cricket tournament was held this Sunday (07-01-07) at SH College Ground, Thevara. The tournament was inaugurated by AG PHF Rtn M S Nair at 9:30 AM by handing over a cricket ball to the umpire. Six teams had registered for the tournament. (Cochin, Cochin East, Cochin North, Cochin Midtown and Cochin Downtown Combined, Fort Cochin and Knights Combined, and RCI)



The teams were grouped into two pools by draw of lots by PP Rtn George Varghese of Cochin North. The first match began at 9:30 am. RCI Topped Pool A by beating Cochin East by 22 runs and Midtown Downtown Combined by 56 runs in this five over a match tournament!



Rotary Club of Cochin topped Pool B by beating Fort Cochin Knights combined by 39 runs and Cochin North by three wickets in 4.4 overs. In the finals RCI beat Cochin by 31 runs to retain the trophy. In the loser's final Cochin North beat Cochin East by 38 runs.

RCI Team - Aby, Madan, Ravi, Chandru, Prashanth, Sanjay and "manager" Pradeep

Regional Secretary MPFH D Shylagen gave away the winner's trophy and AG PHF MS Nair and Rotary club of Cochin's President Rtn Krishna Sreedharan gave away the other awards.



FEBRUARY

THE WISHEZZZ...

BIRTHDAYS

- 05 Adithya s/o Sanjay
- 05 Tanvi d/o Sanjay
- 06 Lincy w/o Cinu
- 17 Thomas s/o Cinu
- 24 Preethi w/o Ravi

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- 06 S R & Shaleena