

## RCI Artificial Limb Camp- Thirty one beneficiaries..

RCI conducted an artificial limb camp in which thirty one deserving people from different walks of life benefited.

The camp began on January 20, with all the beneficiaries attending, when the possibility of fitting an artificial limb for each was explored and the measurements were taken.



Deputy Mayor Mani Sankar inaugurated the valedictory function on January 26. In his speech, deputy mayor lauded the efforts of Rotary in fulfilling the commitment towards society. Councillor

& Health & Education Standing Committee Chairman Mr. Mani, AG Dr. Prakash Chandran, President Aby and Community Services Director Dr. Sudheer spoke on the occasion.

Mr. Subbu & Mr. Ramu from RC Coimbatore Midtown were working tirelessly for one week to make this happen. As a token of our appreciation, President gave mementos to them.



The beneficiaries included a ten year old boy from Home of Faith and a lady who had both her legs replaced by artificial limbs. Their spirit towards life and the gratitude shown to us make us more humble and drives to continue living the theme of Rotary, Service above Self.

## RC Cochin North wins RCI Super Six Challenge Trophy

RC Cochin North won the third RCI Super Six Challenge tournament, defeating RC Cochin Knights in a tight final match, on Jan 6 at SH College grounds.

Earlier DG Rtn. Narayanaswamy inaugurated the tournament. The other participating teams were RC Greater Cochin, RC Cochin Downtown, RC Cochin Midtown and RC Metropolis. The second Runner-up trophy was shared by Greater Cochin and Metropolis.



The Individual awards were won by Dr.Rajesh Kotooran of Cochin knights (Best Batsman), Mr.Aravind of Cochin North(Best Bowler), Mr.Rajesh Ramachandran of Greater Cochin (Best Catch), Mr.George Varghese of Cochin North (Player of the Tournament) and Mr.Aravind of Cochin North (Player of the Final).

District Governor nominee Rtn. G Viswanath gave away the prizes. The passionate and professional conduct of this tournament has made it a permanent fixture in the Sports Calendar of the City Clubs.



**Rtn.MPHF**  
**L.Narayanaswamy**  
Dist.Governor



**Rtn. W. J. Wilkinson**  
RI President

## Prez' Voice..

Dear RCI family members,

January was one month where I really felt happy and proud to be the president of this wonderful club. Thanks one and all for all the support, cooperation and participation for ensuring the success of all our activities in this month.



Three cheers to the Project Chairmen for Super Six and Bhavana 2008, Mathew and Prashanth respectively, for the wonderful execution of these two projects. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate Falu for being the driving force for Bhavana, both in terms of ensuring the participation of the entire RCI family and making sure funds flowed in.

The artificial limb camp was one project which was really worth doing. The prayers and wishes of the thirty one beneficiaries and relatives will take us a long way in our future activities.

Our annettes won the award of " The Most Talented Club" for RCI in the Youth festival. We are really proud of each one of you, our dear annettes. We will have a family dinner on 09<sup>th</sup> Feb. to celebrate this success.

We have some more interesting projects and speaker meetings scheduled for February. Looking forward to the continued support from all.

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## editor's thoughts.

the first month of the new year was not just eventful, but gratifying too.. let's hope the whole year would be a reflection of January, for RCI .

valentine greetings..

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## Double Wicket Tournament

We had two teams participating in the annual Double Wicket tournament conducted by RC Cochin Midtown. Aby & Madan crashed out in the quarter finals while bad luck stopped Ravi & Navin in the first round.

## Congratulations



**Rtn. Abdul Salaam**  
Vice President,  
All Kerala Marble & Granite Dealers' Association

## Events in February

Talk by Sashi Tharoor  
Family Dinner  
Speaker Meet  
Wheel Chair Distribution



## RCI Jr @ Youth Festival for Annettes..

Rtn. Falguni Madan, Director-New Generation 26 January 2008 was a day which all of us at RCI will remember for not one but many reasons. The artificial limb camp was held on this day and made all of us feel a sense of pride .

Other reason being our annettes who participated and won awards in various events in the Youth festival conducted by RC Cochin Downtown, at Toc H school. We had 33 Annettes from our club who had participated in various events- like fancy dress, instrumental music, quiz, dumb charades, story telling, elocution, dance , light & classical music and ad spoof.

The registration started at morning 8.30 am and the events began by 9.00am.

Annettes who participated in various events are Ann, Aditya, Anisha, Aishwarya, Ashwathy, Anagha, Ayushi , Deepthi, Divya , Elizabeth, Farhan, Gopika, Juliet , Karthik, Kevin, Keshav, Manav, Marlyn, Meera, Merin, Nihal, Nevin, Nimisha, Pooja, Prithvi, Rithik, Rohit, Shalini, Thanush , Tharun, Vandana, Varun and Vishal.

The Rotarians and Annes were present in large numbers to motivate the juniors.

We got two Overall Awards, The Most Talented Club, (Ever Rolling Trophy) and the Club with the Maximum Participation (Dinner for the entire RCI family). Hats off to the Annettes who made this possible.



## The winners in various events:

### Sub Junior

Thanush - First, Fancy dress  
Karthik - Second, Fancy dress

### Junior

Aditya- First, Elocution  
Aditya & Nimisha- First, Quiz  
Kevin- First, Instrumental Music (Guitar)  
Aishwarya, Gopika & Deepthi- First, Dumb Charades

### Seniors

Anagha, Kevin & Vandana- First, Dumb Charades  
Anagha, Kevin & Vandana- Second, Ad Spoof  
Anagha & Manav- Second, Quiz  
Tharun- First, Instrumental Music ( Keyboard)  
Tharun—First, Instrumental Music (Guitar)

## Celebration, Musically..

After working tirelessly for more than two months for Bhavana, we decided to let our hair down for a while. We had a family 'Thanksgiving' dinner on Jan 19, at Hotel Yuvarani Residency where we reminisced the experiences of Bhavana. Bhavana Chairman



Prasanth and PP Hari along with

the President Aby, shared their feelings and comments and congratulated all the members on this passionate effort.

A special issue on RocoInt was released by Past Presidents Hari & Chandru. The birthday and anniversary gifts were given away. We also celebrated the birthday of Anne Binu

which fell on the same day.

Wine, Cocktails & Mocktails kept the spirits soaring. The musical 'melee' had all our regular numbers and regular singers, invariably. But the find of the day was Annie & Sunil Haridas who really caught most of us unawares.



# This month in Rotary history..

The first Rotary club meeting was held on 23 February 1905 in Chicago. Throughout the years, Rotarians have continued to celebrate on 23 February. During the first Rotary club meeting on 23 February 1905 in Chicago, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Hiram Shorey, and Silvester Schiele met to talk about their personal experiences. Harris then unfolded his general plan for their club meetings.



The first four Rotarians: (left to right) Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul Harris.

This was the simple beginning of the world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago. It was created because of Harris' wish to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices. Rotarians continue to take pride in their history. In honor of that first club, Rotarians have preserved its original meeting place, Room 711 in Chicago's Unity Building, by re-creating the office as it existed in 1905. In 1989, when the building was scheduled to be demolished, the club carefully dismantled the office and salvaged the interior, including doors and radiators. In 1993, the RI Board of Directors set aside a permanent home for the restored Room 711 at RI World Headquarters in the Chicago suburb of Evanston.

## Snapshot of Bhavana 2008

Bhavana 2008, the annual arts festival for Mentally and Physically Challenged children took place on 12 Jan, 2008 at the Ernakulam District Co-operative Bank Hall at Kakkanadu. This is the fifth year Bhavana is being conducted by Rotary Cochin International. DLF supported RCI in this mega event this year.



The event was inaugurated by PDG Rtn. KC Philip. Lt. Gen Girish of DLF felicitated and TV personality Tiny Tom graced the function and entertained the children.

Five hundred and fifty students participated from nearly thirty schools from Ernakulam and neighbouring districts. Competitions were held in Pencil Drawing, Painting, Mimicry, Fancy Dress, Song (Solo & Group) and Dance (Solo &

Group), for both MC and PC categories. The participants were divided into three age groups, Sub Junior, Junior and Senior. The competitions were held in five different venues simultaneously.

Film actors Lalu Alex and Vineeth visited us at the venue and interacted with the children. District officials and sister club officials also visited us at the venue.

The valedictory function took place in the evening with PDG, Rtn. Babu Joseph, AG Dr. Prakash Chandran, DLF Chief Marketing Manager Shri. James Joseph and GGR Harikrishnan along with club officials, giving away the prizes. TV personalities Nadirsha, Aby and Shan charmed



and entertained the audience. SR was the mainstay of the function.

Home of Faith, Chittethukara and Nirmala Sadan, Muvattupuzha were the Overall Champions in the PC and MC categories respectively. Adarsh Special School, Thripunithura and Alphons Sadan, Angamaly were the Runners Up.

Entire RCI family toiled for more than three months to make this event happen. And the smiling faces of the participants and the words of appreciation from the parents and teachers will inspire us to go on.



Black & White

This small calm boy sitting on the chair has now become quite ruthless and refuses to sit anywhere settled; equally at home in the jungles of Kerala and under the Queen's throne. Who is he?

Answer to B&W January : Ravi Karollil

## Birthdays

- 05 Tanvi d/o Sanjay Bhat
- 05 Adithya s/o Sanjay Bhat
- 05 Ann w/o Mathew george
- 06 Lincy W/o Cinu Thomas
- 17 Thomas s/o Cinu Thomas
- 18 Manoj K Menon
- 24 Preethi W/o Ravi K
- 28 Navin Bose

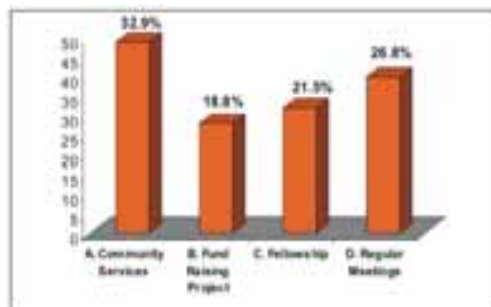


## Anniversaries

- 06 S R Nair & Shaleena
- 15 Mathew George & Ann

Celebrations (February)

## RCI Votes! Opinion Poll# 8



This Rotary Year has five more months to go. What should be our area of focus?

- A. Community Projects
- B. Fund Raising Projects
- C. Fellowship
- D. Regular Meetings

