Love, modesty, benignness, fostership and truth are the five pillars sustaining sublimity.
World Elders Abuse Awareness Day observed by World Health Organisation, Campaigned by Dr. V.S.Natarajan Geriatric Foundation and supported by Tamil Nadu Government was observed on 14th June 2018. After making prior arrangements our club has participated in the event in three schools viz. Ganapathy Iyer Girls HS Gopalapuram Boys HSS and M.P. Aanandh MHSS in good number. Past President Probian K. Venkatachari, IPP R.T. Namasivayam, the undersigned, Vice President Dr. K. Panchalan, Editor and Web-Incharge Probian Ram Mohan, Joint Secretary Probian V. Balchandar, Joint Secretary (Charitable Funds) M. Annadhurai and Dr. K. Ramalingam have divided themselves into three groups and participated in the aforesaid schools and administered the pledge to the students “Let us respect Elders”.

Thereafter IPP Probian R.T. Namasivayam and the undersigned participated in another event organised by HelpAge at Vepery. The highlight of that function is Senior Officials of State Govt. took part.

Before I conclude, I heartily congratulate Mr. Ram Mohan who has just taken over as Editor and Web In-charge and wish him All the Best. All of you are requested to extend your cooperation to the new Editor.

With regards,
Yours sincerely
S.Gopalakrishnan
President

Secretary’s Report

In the aftermath of the successful conduct of elections end-May a new team of office bearers and committee members under the dynamic and indefatigable leadership of Probus fellow and President Sri S. Gopalakrishnan took shape. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the ongoing and unflinching advice of our mentor and immediate past President Sri R.T. Namasivayam. Words are inadequate in praise of his yeomen service to the club.

23rd of June was a momentous day for the club as the new team of office bearers and committee members were formally installed into office. The day saw a galaxy of invitees from the Rotary Club namely Asst. Governor, R.I. District 3232, Rtn.Yadav Sankaran, President elect (2018-2019) RCM Rtn. Dr Vijayabharati Rangarajan, Secretary-RCM Rtn. Mr. Nikhil Raj, President - Inner Wheel Club Ann. Anuradha Uberoi, Regional Manager-Helpage India Foundation Mr. Sivakumar, President, Federation of Senior Citizens of Tamil Nadu Mr. D. Rajasekaran, President – Gopalapuram Educational Society Mr. G. Subramaniam, President - Probus Club of Cheyyar Mr. Shivagnanam. The President in his address welcomed each one of them and highlighted the contributions of the Immediate Past President, the success of the Silver Jubilee function, the vision he had for the further enhancement of the scholarship distribution program, year on year going forward. He also made mention about the ongoing process to bring out the senior citizen medical benefit fund shortly.

The invitees in their responses had good words of praise for the club and wished well for the success of the scholarship program.

Two new members joined the club as life members. One of them Mrs. M.R. Vijayalakshmi was not able to be present. The other life member Sri K.V. Sundaram has indicated that he would contribute towards the scholarship scheme. Probians whose birthdays fell in June, were presented mementoes by the President. It will be our endeavour to collectively translate our action plan to achieve goals ahead of us with a sense of purpose/dedication/positive approach. We are confident of eliciting the cooperation of our membership in this regard.

PF V. Balachander,
Joint Secretary

EDITOR’S COLUMN

This month is my maiden one for my responsibility as Editor of our PROBUZZ... News Letter. I have laid a few objectives for this responsibility such as (1) Bring out our News Letter at the earliest time, (2) Make it a tone of the elders reflecting their well-being, happiness or even their problems with possible solutions. Hence the priority will be given for Articles/Photos/Jokes/Kavidhai which are connected to elders in some way or the other and that too preferably by our members or their spouses. After accommodating all these, if space is available, others also will be tried. All of you can help me achieve my first objective, by keeping the cut-off date as 1st of the month. Announcements, Appeals, Change of address can be considered, only if it is routed through President/Secretary. However, you can mark CC of the same to gain time. Please feel free to give your feedback to me.

N. Rammohan
Editor - PROBUZZ... News-Letter & Web-in-Charge
APPEAL FOR ARTICLES FOR ANNUAL PUBLICATION FOR THE YEAR 2018

Probos Club of Chennai will be bringing out the annual publication to coincide with the celebration of International Day of Elderly on 1st October, 2018. The Publication Committee invites contributions of article from Probians and others. The guidelines in this regard are given below:

1. Articles in CD or neatly typed in A4 Size sheets on one side only not exceeding 4 pages in letters of font Size 10 should reach Probian. Dr. K. Panchalan, No. 31 Kaveri Nagar Beach 5th Street, Chennai – 600 041 on or before 20.08.2018. Original articles and CDs will not be returned on any account.

2. Articles will be edited or abridged when found suitable for publication.

3. No reason for rejection or acceptance of contribution will be communicated to the contributors.

4. Hand written articles and late receipts are likely to be rejected.

5. Please avoid downloading from Google or any other websites.

6. Suggestions are welcome for the title of the current year publication. Suitable attractive and appreciable colour photo depicting elder’s expectations are welcome for front cover page.

7. Contributions already published elsewhere earlier may be avoided.

8. More than two articles by any one contributor are likely to be rejected.


We request your support and cooperation.

Regards
Dr. K. Panchalan, (94457 77600)
Convenor, Publication Committee

Appeal to Members of Probus Club of Chennai on SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE YEAR 2018

Dear Major Donors/Probus fellows/Probians,

Members who joined our club before August 2017 are aware of our flagship scholarship project. As a reminder to old members and information to new members I am writing this communication to get support for our scholarship project.

Last year we gave scholarship to 310 students at ₹1000 each. This was given out from the interest accrued on permanent endowment donation of ₹15000 each (Total of ₹39,07,452 as per balance sheet for the year 2017-2018) and one time donation of ₹1000 each (given every year).

On behalf of Executive Committee, I appeal to you and your friends to consider giving one time donation of ₹1000 for each unit of scholarship so that we can increase the number of scholarships. Members and their friend can give any amount, multiple of ₹1000. This amount will be utilised in this year itself.

Members who want to give ₹15000 as permanent amount, that can also be given but only after one year from the date of receipt of the amount, scholarship can be disbursed.

All these donations are eligible for 80 G Income tax concession as per IT Act.

Scholarship can be given in your name or your relations/friends names. But this must be made clear while sending the amount.

The donation by Cheque in favour of “Probos Club of Chennai” may please be sent to Probn. M. Annadhurai, Joint Secretary (Charitable Fund) before 10th August 2018 to his home address: Flat 3, Bhavani Apartments, 19/45, Basha street, Choolaimedu, Chennai – 600 094. His E-Mail ID:annadhuraimk@yahoo.com. His mobile no.-89393 13156.

S. Gopalakrishnan
President

Mrs. Balachander receives Super MOM Award
Elder abuse is a global social issue which affects millions of older persons around the world, and an issue which deserves the attention of the international community.

The United Nations General Assembly, in its resolution 66/127, designated June 15 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. It represents the one day in the year when the whole world voices its opposition to the abuse and suffering inflicted to some of our older generations.

June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). The Administration on Aging proclaims, “The purpose of WEAAD is to provide an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older persons by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect. In addition, WEAAD is in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action acknowledging the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue. WEAAD serves as a call-to-action for individuals, organizations, and communities to raise awareness about elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.”

The theme this year is “Moving from Awareness to Action through a Human Rights based approach”. On the occasion of the Day, a special event will take place on 14 June at UN Headquarters in New York in conference room 9 from 1.15 to 2.30pm. The event is co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Argentina, the Programme on Ageing (Division for Inclusive Social Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs) and the NGO Committee on Ageing.

The elder abuse is happening not only in underdeveloped countries but also in developed countries. In India, this awareness programme was initiated by HelpAge India, in Chennai, Senior Citizen Bureau started this programme and they continue to do it. For the last two years Dr. VSN Geriatric Foundation moved the matter through Government of Tamil Nadu and got approval to make the students to take oath in schools.

In 2018, they conducted WEAAD in Anna Nagar and other schools. HelpAge conducted WEAAD in Bentick Higher Secondary School on 14th June 2018 in which Probians S. Gopalakrishnan, Dr. Singaraja, C.N. Prasad and R.T. Namasiyavam attended. HelpAge released a report on Elder abuse in Tamil Nadu. According to the report, the elder abuse in TN exceeds national average! Various forms of elder abuse are 59% reporting disrespect, 56% reporting verbal abuse, 20.5 reporting physical abuse, and 28% reporting economic exploitation. The main perpetrators of elder abuse, according to the report, are sons (56%) and daughter’s-in-law (34%).

Probus Club of Chennai had conducted this WEAAD programme in three schools on 14/06/2018 as given below.

1. M.P. Aanandh MHSS - By Probians K.V. Chari, Dr. K. Ramalingam, Dr. K.Panchalan, V. Balachander and M. Annadhurai
2. Gopalapuram Boys’ HSS - By Probn N. Rammohan

“TECHNICAL TIMES” SPECIAL ISSUE FOR PROBUS CLUB

Our Probian Sadasivam, Prof. Er., retired as Prof. of Anna University 25 years ago, is the Editor of Technical Times, which had released its Golden Jubilee issue. Prof. Sadasivam is proposing to bring out a Special Issue for Probus Club. He has requested Probians / their children to send in good, original and short articles on any subject in about 1,000 words (+/- 250) on any good topic dealt with by them in their service, which would be a goldmine, useful and interesting to the readers of the Technical Times within 3 to 4 weeks, along with the writers’ brief bio-data. Those interested may contact Probian Prof. Sadasivam over 044-2440 4317 or mobile 94443-24317.
Mr. Sivakumar and Muthukrishnan of HelpAge India felicitating PF S. Gopalakrishnan and Probn. R.T. Namasiyam.

New Office-bearers and EC Members

Members of Probus Club of Cheyyar.

PF S. Gopalakrishnan participates in Panel Discussion in Podhigai TV on 19-06-2018

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We Wish Very Happy Birthday
for all Probians having Birthdays in August 2018

A Very Happy Anniversary to all Probians
who have Wedding Anniversaries during this period

The following are the news in brief about our net-working Senior Citizen Organizations:

1. TamilNadu Senior Citizen Association (TANSECA) held their 31st AGM on 10th June 2018 when it was mentioned to take up with Government to publish the policy and also announce the projects soon for the benefit of senior citizens.

2. Senior Citizen Bureau celebrated commemoration of 13th World Elder Abuse Awareness Day & 4th World Yoga Day on 29th June, 2018 at the Ethiraj College Auditorium, like every year.

3. Dignity Foundation celebrated a Musical Extravaganza on June 24, 2018 at Indian Officers Association
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DATES TO REMEMBER : AUGUST 2018

OBITUARY
It is with deep regret we announce the sudden demise of PP T.T. Srinivasamurti on June 1, 2018 at 1.40 pm. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter. His family could be contacted at New No. 3 / Old No. 2, 3rd Street, Kasturi Estate, Chennai – 600 086. Landline : 2499-0967, Mobile : 98400-30126

LIST OF PROBIANS WHO ATTENDED ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS MEETINGS IN THE MONTH OF JUNE 2018
Probn. Mrs. LAKSHMI NATARAJAN
Probn. Mrs. SUNDERA GOPALAN
Probn. M. SRITHAR
Probn. M. PRABHAKAR
Probn. S. CHELLADURAI
Probn. R.T. NAMASIVYAM
Probn. K. RANGARAMANUJAM
Probn. D. MADAVAMOORTHY
Probn. R. VARADARAJAN

BREAKFAST MEETING
July 2018 breakfast Meeting to be held on 29.07.2018 at Russian Science and Cultural Centre and Probus Cultural Programme.

Rotary Meet:
Two Probus Members are invited to attend weekly Rotary Meeting held on every Tuesday at HYATT Regency at Teynampet as observers. Those who desire to represent PROBUS CLUB of Chennai are requested to contact probn V. Balachander and get confirmation Contact 99629 01964. Those who attended may send confirmation to the Secretary / Editor

✦ 12.08.2018 - EC Meeting : 10.30 AM at Gopalapuram Boys Higher Sec School, Chennai
✦ 19.08.2018 - Probus Thesophy Meeting : 3.30 P.M. MP Aanandh MHS School, Chennai - 600 004. (Please Contact Probn. V.L. Aiyer at 98403 32948)
✦ 26.08.2018 - Breakfast meeting 8.30 AM at Russian Science and Cultural Centre.