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PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR - CALM, COMPOSED AND COMMITTED Rtn ANTONY KUMAR (ANTO)

Rtn. Antony Kumar R.C., affectionately known as Anto, is an accomplished former Rotaractor from Loyola College. Having joined the Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna in 2023, he is poised to steer the club as President during the 2025–26 Rotary Year.



A Chennai native, Anto completed his Bachelor's degree in Commerce from Loyola College, followed by an MBA from LIBA. To deepen his understanding of human dynamics, he pursued postgraduate studies in Psychology, reflecting his fascination with behavioural science. With

nearly 28 years of experience in Human Resources and Management Consulting, Anto now serves as Head of HR at ImageGrafix Software Solutions, a leading tech firm. Previously, he held senior HR leadership roles at renowned multinationals including ATOS, Guardian India, FSS, and CSC, where he championed strategic HR initiatives and organisational transformation.

As a seasoned management consultant, Anto has guided various global corporations in refining their sales methodologies, human capital practices, and organisational frameworks. Demonstrating his entrepreneurial spirit, he founded and directed Job Cookies India Pvt. Ltd., a respected IT staffing and recruitment venture. Under his leadership, the firm flourished and was later acquired by a major US-based staffing enterprise—an important milestone in his career.

Beyond his corporate achievements, Anto has been steadfastly committed to social welfare. Between 1997 and 2019, he generously donated over 60 units of blood, partnering with the Lions Club and leading blood banks. He continues to leverage his network to promote employment opportunities for the underprivileged, providing career guidance that has empowered countless individuals to build sustainable livelihoods. Anto is creative to the core.

Until 2016, he endeared himself to listeners as a radio jockey for “Rajaangam,” a radio show on Aahaa FM celebrating composer Ilayaraja's musical legacy. Additionally, he has lent his voice to advertisements and Tamil cinema as a voice-over artist. As an enthusiastic member of FMLR (Fellowship of Music Loving Rotarians), he actively supports their vibrant musical initiatives.

At home, Anto is devoted to his family. He is married to Mariaselvi, a passionate educator and language specialist, teaching Tamil to senior students at Alagappa Schools. Fluent also in Hindi, she is respected for her engaging teaching and commitment to her pupils' progress. They are proud parents to Annette Jessica Caroline (12th standard) and Annette Jeffrey Davis (11th standard).

With his unique blend of professional acumen, civic dedication, and artistic flair, Anto is ready to lead with empathy, innovation, and impact as President of the Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna in 2025–26. We look forward to a year of commitment and camaraderie as Rtn Anto leads our club to glory!

- Ann Sukanya Sriraam



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Board Members 25-26



Rtn. SENTHANAMUTHAN – SECRETARY

A silent yet efficient person, Amuthan is a team player. He is an avid swimmer who runs two businesses of Event Management called Master Crafts and a travel business in the name of Impressario Tours & Travels. He is balanced in his approach to any situation and with his contacts he can multitask and work efficiently to build the image of our club. Married to Vanitha the couple are blessed with two children, daughter Shivani has completed her masters in the US and son Harishwa is doing his Engineering in Chennai.



IPP Rtn. KARTHIKEYAN

Someone who can now relax and get back to his role as CEO of Reka Exports to focus more into work and time for family. Karthikeyan hangs his boots in style after having had a good year as President. Kudos to Revathy who was the perfect First Lady who built strong bonds with the Anns bringing about a lot of fun and camaraderie making it an unforgettable year for all with Annette Kavya chipping in to support every time! We wish them joy and happiness as they continue to be part of all the fun and fellowship in the coming year.



Rtn. PARESH KHATRI - TREASURER & CHAIRMAN MEMBERSHIP

Rtn. Paresh P Khatri embarked on his journey with Rotary in 2008, driven by a passion for community service and philanthropy. Armed with an MBA in Finance from LIBA, he has for long has been handling the kitty of the club. Paresh is married to Khushi and is blessed with delightful twin daughters, Saisha and Sufi, who are six years old. Paresh is an avid cricketer, badminton player, a foodie and loves to travel. As club Treasurer Paresh will certainly give his best to the President, ensuring that the Finance of the club is strong with proper planning and the Accounts are maintained perfectly.



Rtn. RAMAJAYAM - TREASURER - TRUST

This AI admirer, committed Chartered Accountant and a man for all seasons, Ramajayam will do his role as the Treasurer of the Trust with a lot of commitment and zeal while Pavitra and Kavilan will be part of the family's fun quotient in the club.



Rtn. GANESH JANAKAN - CLUB SERVICE DIRECTOR

Committed to Table Tennis and FTTLR Ganesh is always full of new ideas and innovation. We can expect a lot from him as the Club Service Director this year with interesting speakers. Sharmilee the quiet force will be around more this year to see her better half in full action.



Rtn. SURYA BASKER – JOINT SECRETARY & CHAIRMAN FELLOWSHIP

A kind, strong and warm-hearted Surya will share his knowledge and expertise to serve as the Joint Secretary & Chairman Fellowship this year. He will support Secretary wherever required and make the job of the President that much easier. He will workout the best Fellowships possible and see to that the members have unforgettable Fellowships, both in the club as well as well planned outstation Fellowships. A seasoned Rotarian, Surya is an importer of exotic fruits and fondly addressed as the 'Steve Jobs of Chenna Patna'. Married to Geetha, he is blessed with a talented daughter Viharika who is an MBA graduate from Symbiosis, Hyderabad.



Rtn. GOWRISHANKAR – DIRECTOR VOCATIONAL SERVICE

With almost 3 decades of experience in business strategy, sustainability and education, Rtn Gowri Shankar founded Pasumai Kovai, turning dump yards into social forests. An environmentalist at heart, he will add value to his role in the club and bring new insights too. A person with a lot of ideas and well connected with the Government and Corporate World is sure to bring a lot of great and meaningful projects.



Rtn. RAJA SRIRAAM – DIRECTOR – COMMUNITY SERVICE HEALTH

Charter Member of Madras Chenna Patna, Raja Sriraam is a qualified gemmologist who runs a diamond and precious stone jewellery manufacturing business Madras Blue Diamonds. A seasoned Rotarian Raja is a friend for all and enjoys Rotary to the core. As Director Community Service Health, he will carry out meaningful projects. Married to Sukanya, the couple are blessed with a daughter Swathi, a UX writer who lives in Berlin, Germany with her spouse Karthik.



Rtn. PRABHAKAR – DIRECTOR – COMMUNITY SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

A Civil Engineer with versatile experience in construction industry, Prabhakar is the Managing Partner for Disha Constructions. Another seasoned Rotarian, he has held various roles in the District with aplomb. As Director Community Service he will find suitable projects to help the downtrodden and needy. Married to Sasibanu, a Post Graduate teacher in Chennai Higher Secondary School and is fondly called the nightingale of Madras Chenna Patna. The couple are blessed with two sons Sandeep Narayan who recently completed his MS and employed in Finra USA and Kapil Vignesh is pursuing his final year Engineering.



Rtn. NAREN REDDY – DIRECTOR YOUTH SERVICE

Naren Reddy is a successful entrepreneur with a strong foothold in both the hospitality and service industries. He is the proud owner of Brownhouse, a popular restaurant located in Vandalur, which he has been running successfully for the past 10 years. In addition to his culinary venture, he also operates a BPO in Hyderabad that offers chat support services to a range of clients. Naren is the nephew of our Charter President Hemaji. Naren is married to Ann Anusha, and they are blessed with two sons – Sai Tanmay and Sai Chinmay.



Rtn. RAMANATHAN – DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Ram is a seasoned banking transformation leader with global experience. As an entrepreneur, he is part of the board and also has cofounded multiple start-ups and is a true believer in the power of technology and AI. Ram has been actively championing various Global Grant and social impact projects in Rotary over the last eight years and an active member of Madras Chenna Patna. His commitment and passion will surely bring out worthy and innovative projects. He, with his global connects is sure to bring laurels to the club as the International Service Director. Ram is married to Deepa and they have been an integral part of the Chenna Patna family and actively participate in club programs.



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Rtn. SAPTAGIRI – CHAIR – ROTARY FOUNDATION

A true asset to Madras Chenna Patna, Saptagiri is a Chartered Accountant with over 36 years of practice in this profession. A Charter Member of the club he has served the District in various positions and was the president in the year 2001-02. Happily married to Anandhi, they have two children Abishek and Aarthi. Giri is a down-to-earth, warm-hearted and committed person, has made Chenna Patna proud being the District Secretary this year and knowing him, he'll do an extraordinary job no doubt.



Rtn. DILEEP KUMAR – CHAIR – DEI & OPERATION DAY BREAK

Dileep is a star in his own way. A Real Estate Consultant by profession, he will continue to be the Chairman DEI - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, the latest concept being promoted by RI to bring practices and policies intended to support people who come from varying backgrounds. With his rich experience as a Rotarian for nearly 30 years, we can expect more action from his end this year also as he continues his stint as DEI & Operation Day Break Chair. Married to Anitha, the couple are blessed with an intelligent and smart daughter Nivedita who has graduated from IIT, Madras.



Rtn. VIJAYAKUMAR – CHAIR – PUBLIC IMAGE

A student of the Dr Ambedkar Law college, Chennai, Rtn Vijayakumar practiced Law and joined the Secretariat Service in various capacities and where his role in the Cauvery waters issue and the Mullai Periyar dam issue were commendable. Post retirement he is an Advocate in the Bar council of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry. A great leader Rtn Vijayakumar will bring his experience and wisdom to his role. Married to Ann Malar Vizhi the couple are blessed with two wonderful sons and lovely twin grand daughters all living in the US.



Rtn. PL MUTHIAH THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Will ensure that everything happens in time and that rules are followed to the Tee. As the first member of the club Rtn PL Muthiah is a man of wisdom and experience who can be banked upon for any support. Ann Meyyammai will be around to add fun with her extraordinary sense of humour.



Rtn. PRAVEEN DAMIRAJU - CHAIR POLIO PLUS

Rtn. Praveen Damiraju holds a Master's degree from BITS Pilani and an MBA from IMT Ghaziabad. A seasoned Sales and Marketing professional, he currently serves as a Key Account Leader at ZF Group. Praveen is married to Ann. Sravanthi, and the couple is blessed with a lovely daughter, Ahira.

PATTINATHARS IN THE DISTRICT

Rtn. Saptagiri
District Secretary

Rtn. Ramanujam
District Joint Treasurer

Rtn. Senthana Amuthan
AG - Admin

Rtn. Prabhakar
Associate Chairman – Membership

Rtn. Raja Srijaam
Additional Chairperson – Environment

Francesco Arezzo – RI President 2025–26



1. PERSONAL PROFILE

Name: Francesco Arezzo

Country/Club: Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy

Professional Background:

- Orthodontist in private practice since 1980
- Vice-President of the National Association of Italian Dentists for Ragusa province
- Active in Italian, European, and American orthodontic associations

Other Interests & Honors:

- Founder and former head of the Ragusa delegation of the National Trust for Italy (Fondo Ambiente Italiano)
- Knight of Honour and Devotion in Obedience in the Sovereign Order of Malta
- Olive oil producer and tourism entrepreneur

2. ROTARY SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

- Member since 1988, with over 30 years of service in Rotary
- Held roles including:
 - Rotary International Director
 - Learning Facilitator at International Assemblies
 - District Conference Presidential Representative
 - Vice-Chair, Joint Strategic Planning Committee
- Led major Rotary events such as Institutes, District Conferences, and the 2023 RI Convention in Melbourne
- Major Donor and Benefactor to The Rotary Foundation

3. FAMILY & PERSONAL LIFE

Spouse: Anna Maria Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism sector

Children: Two

Passions: Art, music, heritage conservation, and agriculture

4. RI PRESIDENCY 2025–26

- Assumes office on July 1, 2025
- Appointed following the resignation of Mário César Martins de Camargo
- Third Italian and first southern Italian to become RI President
- Presidential Theme: "Unite for Good" – emphasizing unity through humanitarian action and service beyond boundaries

5. PRESIDENTIAL VISION & PRIORITIES

- Strengthen Rotary's ability to unify diverse communities globally
- Promote key Rotary goals such as peace, polio eradication, clean water, maternal and child health, education, environment, and economic development
- Encourage clubs to align with the "Unite for Good" theme in projects and service activities
- Enhance engagement with The Rotary Foundation and champion values of diversity, equity, and inclusion



District Governor - Rtn. Vinod Sarogi



Rtn. AKS Vinod Saraogi is a Chartered Chemical Engineer (A.C. College of Technology, Anna University) and distinguished entrepreneur—the Chairman of Meridian Global Ventures Pvt. Ltd. (a Chennai-based apparel manufacturer established in 1993) , and Co-Founder of Go Colors, a leading ladies' fashion brand.

A Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Madras Central, he has held pivotal roles including Silver Jubilee President (2006–07), Assistant Governor, Membership Chair, District Assembly Chair, and twice District Conference Chair. He led "Project Selvi" to empower women through skill-building, and was unanimously elected Rotary

District Governor for 2025-26.

As a generous philanthropist, he funded a Bone Bank at Adyar Cancer Hospital in his father's honor, and jointly established Mohini Saraogi Vivekananda Vidyalaya at Jothi Nagar—serving over 1,000 CBSE students.

His global outreach includes 30+ Rotary Foundation grants across India, Africa, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Canada, and most recently major support for congenital heart surgeries for 36 children in Uganda, with plans to fund another 100.

Appointed Honorary Consul of Uganda for South India, he fosters bilateral trade. He is active on various boards: Executive Member of the Indian Chamber of Commerce, past President of Agarwal Vidyalaya (Chennai), Vice-President of Agarsen College (Madhavaram), and Managing Trustee of the Vipassana Meditation Centre. Married to Usha Saraogi (Inner Wheel Chairman, 2020–21), they have two children—Rahul and Neha—and are proud grandparents of Miraya and Abeer. All family members are Paul Harris Fellows; Vinod is an Arch Klumph Society inductee.



A Warm Welcome to District Governor Rtn. Vinod Sarogi & First Lady Usha



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BIRTHDAYS

Annette Kapil s/o Rtn. Prabhakar	–	5 th July
Rtn. Rajasekar	–	8 th July
Ann Sharmilee w/o Rtn. Ganesh Janakan	–	9 th July
Annette Lavanya d/o Rtn.Shankar	–	18 th July
Rtn. Surendra	-	22 nd July
Rtn. A.V.S.Rau	–	26 th July
Annette Sandeep s/o Rtn. Prabhakar	–	29 th July

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rtn. Senthana Amuthan and Ann Vanitha Amuthan	–	6 th July
Rn. Vijayakumar and Ann Malarvizhi	-	8th July
Rtn. Surendra and Ann Usha Surendra	–	12 th July