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SOUTH CENTRAL
INDIA REGION

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TO RECOGNIZE THE DUTY
TO KNOW THE RIGHT
MEN'S CLUB OF CHENNAI
THE SOCIALITES
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**MAKING A
DIFFERENCE
IN THE WORLD**



Our Movement in Crisis !

More than 4 decades of my association with Y's Men International has taught me a lot, especially the need to "acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right". The last 18 months of my involvement - as an IP Elect first and then as your IP - also made me accept the fact that one should relinquish the right/ position if he is not able to perform the duty that accompanies that right, even if it is the position of the International President during our centenary year..! And that is why I decided to submit my resignation as your IP on January 17, 2023.

It has been a lingering thought in my mind, why our movement is not growing, rather it is losing membership drastically in the last few years, in spite of its compelling ideology, innumerable service projects that have been executed by our members and the friendship & fellowship it offers. I realised that any organisation, especially a charity movement that survives on the subscription money collected from our members from Africa to Ahmedabad, faces an existential crisis if any of the following happens:

- Constitutional violations, aided by misinterpretation of its provisions and lack of organisational procedures and processes as well as a competent supervisory mechanism
- Financial irregularities, especially by those in leadership positions and inaction on the part of the concerned to investigate and take appropriate action to arrest further occurrence of the same as well as to punish the guilty
- Lack of free and fair elections and transparency that will ensure the credibility of the elected person as well as the movement
- Craze for positions and power and the inability of the movement to provide equal opportunity for all. Today, we have several leaders who have been occupying the same position for over a decade and refuse to vacate it for others, especially the younger and upcoming leaders, even though our constitution says that the position should seek the candidate and not the other way.
- Concentration of power among a few and the over-dependence of our international leaders on our own employees to run the movement
- Inaction of those who are in positions of authority and influence to react and respond when they need to, rather than closing their eyes and becoming passive observers.

In my acceptance speech at Aarhus, after getting installed as your IP, I said: "It is important to learn from the past and implement appropriate changes at the organisational and operational levels to prepare our movement to face the challenges of the next century. With all these, we wanted to be an aspirational, eminent and value based global fellowship of persons working actively for an equitable and sustainable world. Let us be clear that the choices we make now will determine our trajectory for decades to come".

In our movement, a Club President or a DG or an RD or an AP can have his or her own Cabinet and implement his or her plans. As per our International Constitution, IEOs are expected to take a collective decision only in 4 different situations. But in my experience, it was made out as if the IP needs the approval of the IEOs for everything or the majority of the IEOs take the decision, and that too based on the wrong inputs and misinterpretation of the constitution and precedence, provided by other vested interests...! In one of the meetings recently, I was also told that IP has only limited power...!! In other words, the IP has to agree to the views of the rest of the IEOs even if it is unconstitutional...!! If that is the case, why do we need an IP...? If I cannot even constitute an enquiry committee to find out the truth, when our members are standing outside a Regional Council Meeting with placards and shouting slogans against an International Treasurer and his alleged

corruption, after giving written complaints to the IEOs, then what is the point in holding on to the position of IP?

It is not too late, even today. We can resurrect this movement, if we all work together and act as change agents to correct the current situation and take it forward. Let me conclude with the same quote that I quoted while closing my acceptance speech at Aarhus:

As our UN Secretary-General António Guterres said, "Our power to transform the current situation into a better world and future for all, depends on everyone everywhere and can only be done successfully if we are resolute and resolved to combine our efforts towards our common agenda for the benefit of humanity and the planet. It is upon us — our choice — to make this a reality now, before it is too late.



Dr K C Samuel

International President, July 01, 2022 – January 17, 2023



M. J. Mathews
RD, South Central India Region



I was fortunate to attend the Regional and Area youth camps.

For our first event, we had a self introduction round which made us all very interactive. Then we had certain games as groups, which tested our creativity. The game session was sooper fun.

We were given teams and a leader was appointed, which brought out the leadership quality and the spirit of teamwork in us. The Area youth camp was a place where we met people of different cultures, where many of us tried to learn new languages and enjoyed being with people of different cultures. During our cultural program we all exhibited our talents which made us more confident and helped break our insecurities and stage fear. The people there were giving their 100 percent energy which made us also to give our complete energy. I was able to see a change in me after the camp, that is, to give your 100 percent in everything you do. No matter what, enjoy the moment and keep yourself engaged with multiple activities. I had taken up many learnings from the camp, one important thing is that embrace your fears and show what you are as an individual.

Yy Kaniska Mathesh



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Y'S MEN INTERNATIONAL
SOUTH CENTRAL INDIA REGION

FAMILY FEST

2022

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Y's Families & Celebrities

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Couples/ Individuals / Teams / Groups

Registration fee: Rs.1500/- per person
& Rs.3000/- per Couple
Children above 12 years of age will be charged Rs.1500/-

TGI HOLIDAY RESORT
Near Lake,
YERCAUD

Starts at 05:00pm
26th November 2022



GCT YOUTH

Siragugal – A Drona Project

A Drona Project was held at the Government Girls High School, Hubbathalai. It focused on imparting knowledge about their careers through career guidance which gave them ideas about the vast fields of science and courses of study to opt for after their higher secondary education. Apart from this, various fun games were also held that filled their hearts with joy!

This project commemorates our 5th Charter Day celebration and was held in collaboration with Y's Menettes Club of Coonoor, reinforcing the legacy of YMI to touch young lives by imparting knowledge.

Y's Service Club of GCT YOUTH



COONOOR



YMC Coonoor is happy to announce that we have reached the 100th consecutive week of feeding the needy at St. Anthony's Church. The Parish priest joined us for this landmark moment and blessed the occasion and the members present. He honoured our DG Ysm Dinesh Mathias for initiating the project.



THE Y'S MENETTES CLUB OF COONOOR

Our Club has been supporting the weekly 'Feed the Poor' project.

- As part of our Diwali celebrations, we distributed sweets and crackers to municipal temporary workers.
- On November 9th 2022, we conducted a Women's Empowerment programme at Providence College for Women, Coonoor. The speakers were a fitness enthusiast and the first lady auto driver of Coonoor.
- December 8th 2022, Founders' day was celebrated with children of Kargudi Tribal School. Sports kits and football boots, stockings, volleyball shoes, cricket kits, spikes etc were handed over.
- On December 22nd, along with our monthly meeting we distributed blankets and warm clothes to sanitary workers.
- The Menettes Club along with the Y's Service Club of GCT Youth conducted a career counselling event at the Hubbathalai Girls Higher Secondary School.
- Free eye camp with cataract screening was done for tribals and estate workers on Feb 5th, 2023 in collaboration with Park Side Estate and Eye Foundation, Ooty. 141 patients were screened and 15 were sent for surgery.

Anita Mathias
President




TIRUPUR

Y'S MEN INTERNATIONAL
District - 3, South Central India Region

H.R.M. TIRUPUR KNIT CITY

Takes great pleasure in inviting you all for the
INAUGURATION
of
SCHOOL FACILITIES BUILDING



Donated by our Club
at Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Udumalpet.
on 13th December, 2022 at 9.00 am

Ym. M.J. Mathews
Regional Director - South Central India Region
will be the Chief Guest and inaugurate the Building

Ym. S.N. Boopathy
Charter President - YMC Tirupur Knit City
will preside over the Junction

Ym. N.S. Sakthivel Lt. Regional Director - Zone 2, SCIR
Ym. Dinesh Mathias District Governor - District - 3, SCIR
and other Y's Leaders present will felicitate our Club

Ym. KA Krishnakumar President
Ym. P. Boopathy Raja V. President
Ym. G. Gopalakrishnan Secretary
Ym. M. Shanmugasundaram Treasurer



A toilet block for Girls School, Udumalapettai was donated & built by YMC TIRUPUR KNIT CITY which was inaugurated by our RD Ym MJ Mathews

TIRUPUR GH AKSHAYAM PROJECT



TIRUPUR GH AKSHAYAM PROJECT FOOD FOR NEEDY running successfully for the 20th week. Over 250 meals per week are provided by the team.

VIRUDHUNAGAR



YMC Virudhnagar, distributed uniforms to over 300 school children in Vadamalaikurichi.

NATIYANJALI PROGRAM conducted by the Virudhunagar club (17th year)



BANGALORE CANTONMENT



'Feed the Hungry' program by Ys Men's Club of Bangalore Cantonment for Kidwai Memorial Cancer Institute patients and Nimhans patients, and their bystanders at Dharmaram Aswas campus

NAGPUR

Hunger Crusade

As part of the "Hunger Crusade" TOF project and the 100th year celebration of YMI, the club organised food distribution for the streets' underprivileged, labourers, and rickshaw pullers. Food packets were handed out at three different locations in Nagpur - Mitha Neem Dargha at Civil Lines, Lourde Mata Mandir at Seminary Hills, and Hanuman Temple at Telangkhadi Garden. Around 250 people were fed on that day.

The club also visited prominent locations in the streets of Nagpur, where food packets for 250 people were served. Club volunteers were present at locations such as Nagpur Railway Station, General Medical College, and Hanuman Mandir.



PEENYA CLUB

DG visit and Charity Project at Sandeep Seva Nilayam, Bangalore Rural

It was a great day for 40 children. We arranged a Magic Show for them, gave them 40 pairs of footwear, pencil sets & pens, sketch pens and treated them to soft drinks, biscuits and chocolates. A double door refrigerator & two washing machines were gifted. We sponsored meals for the day and rations for the month. *The glow on their faces was remarkable.*






Kevin Care Since 2016

Blanket distribution to destitute women and single mothers

Sponsored by
Y'S Men's Club of Bangalore, Peenya

at 1.00 pm on Sunday, the 8th January, 2023
at Zion Church
No. 40 & 41, AMS Layout, Vidyaranyapura,
Bangalore - 560097, Karnataka






Ym Deepak Bhandari from Nepal, RDE of South East Asia Region visiting the Bangalore District 1 Cabinet



BANGALORE PIONEERS



On the occasion of Founders' day, YMC of Bangalore Pioneers sponsored school shoes and lunch for all children at Pratheeksha Boys Home in Electronic City. A small motivational session for children was conducted by Prof. Mereena Wijo. This was followed by a Christmas celebration. President Ym. Joju John, Secretary Ym. PWF Siby Alex, Treasurer Ym. Jajo Manjalil led the entire function.



METTUPALYAM ROYALS

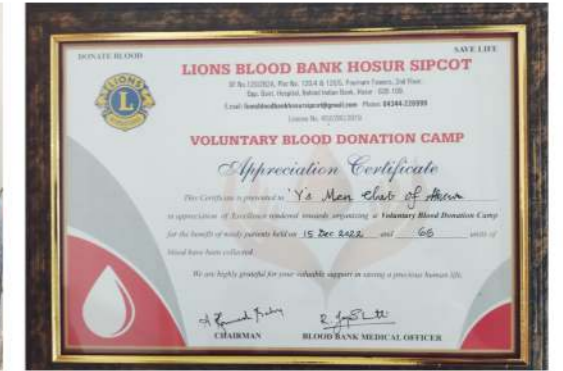
Eye camp at Umapalayam village accompanied with Forest College NSS volunteer and Eye foundation.

NSS camp Prize distribution to Umapalayam school students at Umapalayam Panchayat office.



HOSUR

Y's Men Club of Hosur successfully conducted a Mega Blood Donation Camp at Hosur, in association with Merino Industries, where 66 units of blood was donated.



Socialites Club sponsored breakfast and lunch at Kalaiselvi Karunalaya for Pongal and donated clothes to an old age home.





YMC of Bangalore donated 50 blankets to Auto Raja's Home of Hope, at Kothanur.

A THOUGHT IN CLOSING

Best wishes

Daniel Thomas
Editor

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The Moment

The moment when, after many years
of hard work and a long voyage
you stand in the centre of your room,
house, half-acre, square mile, island, country,
knowing at last how you got there,
and say, I own this,

is the same moment when the trees unloose
their soft arms from around you,
the birds take back their language,
the cliffs fissure and collapse,
the air moves back from you like a wave
and you can't breathe.

No, they whisper.
You own nothing.
You were a visitor, time after time
climbing the hill, planting the flag, proclaiming.
We never belonged to you.
You never found us.
It was always the other way round.

Margaret Atwood



CONDOLENCES

Dr. M. Antony Isaac
General Secretary YMCA Bangalore
passed away on 19 Jan 2023.
Our heartfelt condolences to the family.



Best Wishes from Ym Manoj & Ysmt Saritha
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