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From President's Desk . . .

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Dear (s)

During the month the mercury soared and IPL made normally composed people lose their cool and excited their pulse. The glitzy form of T20 attracted huge crowds and had millions glued to the television frenzying about the outcome. All that is coming to an end and the dust is about to settle with fancied teams biting the dust leaving the owners fuming. The success of a lowly rated team amply demonstrated that it is sheer commitment, practice, experience and skill level which would determine the success and not laptops, coaching manuals and programmed machines. In this form of cricket the classical training that was once necessary for worldly success, perhaps is necessary no longer.

The inflation and the threat of fuel price hike looming large are major concern. Though the price of food grains, especially rice continues, the farmers are not the beneficiaries. The pricing is controlled by commission agents and wholesalers. Strangely, their plight is no different from that of the consumers — one barely gets paid for what he produces, the other pays heavily for what he consumes.

In all the madness, SYMA marches on towards the betterment of the society. Our Educational aid project is on the anvil again. The colourful brochures have been dispatched to you and we have already initiated the proceedings. The requirements of uniforms have been growing manifold over the years.

You are all aware that SYMA is taking up a lot of projects and also the requirement for uniforms have grown every year. We cherish two dreams apart from providing uniforms. We intend setting up a Tutorial centre for coaching 12th standard students and ambitiously aim setting up a SYMA hospital.

Elections are the most accepted method of electing the rulers. Many a times, leaders are invisible after defeat; the emergence of a victor not necessarily implies the existence of a loser. We had our AGM recently and new set of office bearers were elected. The change of guard is only for the administration of activities and the basic cause is always better served. We are always thankful to all our members and our office bearers who have continued to work for the betterment of the society irrespective of the posts. That is the secret of the success of SYMA.

– **T.A. SAMPATHKUMAR**

## **SYMA EDUCATION FUND**

Dear Members,

We have been providing Uniform for thousands of deserving School Children.

We have also been providing Educational Aid to a few College Students. We intend conducting this in the Middle of June 2008.

The brochures have been sent to you already and we have started receiving donations.

Request you all to involve yourselves fully and ensure maximum collection to enable our reaching more and more students.

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## SYMA'S FORAY INTO EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

A successful professional is not born; but is made. Over the years, many institutions have churned out good students by coaching, training and inculcating in them many special talents. Students especially those from the lower strata of society are devoid of opportunities, parental guidance and often lack motivation. There is also substantial evidence that education levels are primordial in determining the job. There is imperative need to help them become talented individuals which will ensure their bonding with the society.

The problem of illiteracy in the Indian context need not be over emphasized. Students in city receive better education than those in villages. Still many belonging to lower income groups suffer. We have been striving to play a tiny role in helping the children go to school with pride. We also need to elevate the standards of education and their levels of understanding. Education is the greatest hope of survival, elevation and forward progress of those who have not had opportunity of growing up.

It is common that many premier educational institutions select only students with great backgrounds – it is the duty of social service organizations that children get good education, proper training, motivation and correct guidance. Education is becoming costlier day by day and is no longer a service to the society. There are many schools in Triplicane, some with great past. In those study students coming from the poor strata, of many parents struggling to make their ends meet. These children cannot afford bigger & costlier institutions and often suffer from lack of proper coaching. They certainly can ill afford private tuitions.

Though this cannot be held against the teaching community in common, it appears that tuition culture has in a way forced parents to spend extra money for getting the proper education. There are complaints of the teachers not fully committed to teaching during the normal school hours. We are very fortunate that we still have very noble and dedicated teachers in the schools of Triplicane who strive for the excellent performance of the students by dedicating themselves to the cause of teaching. In our society, we attach great respect and regard for teachers and most of us would still remember with respect our class teachers of the primary and secondary schools.

Last year, we arranged tuitions for a small set of students (primarily those who had been volunteering some service for SYMA) and the results are very encouraging. It was a professional tuition and we are extremely thankful to Mr. Senthil Murugan who devoted time and energy for teaching these students at a nominal fee. Here is what our students achieved.

K Sarathy	1090	90.83
F Sabeer Ahmed	956	79.67
B Vinoth Babu	830	69.17
P Ranjith Kumar	819	68.25
P Satish	779	64.92
P Anand	757	63.08

In fact K. Sarathy who hails from a backward family has stood first in his school. Buoyed by this and realizing the acute need for uplifting more students, we plan to set up SYMA's Free Tutorial Centre in a very formal and structured manner to coach those who would appear for 12th public examinations. We aim to cater to the requirements of 120 students. This project taught by professional teachers and managed by our Team would run for the entire calendar period in a class room atmosphere. This would entail an expenditure of around Rs. 2 lakh – approximately around Rs.1500/- for a student.

We are very happy to announce that donations have started pouring in and we have cemented our desire to perform. We have just initiated a small step in realizing our cherished desire of creating a Free Educational centre providing top class tutoring to the most deserving children and creating responsible citizens for the society.

We have miles to go and we are very confident that with the help and support of philanthropists who have been encouraging us, we would be in a position to run this successfully not only for this year – more importantly – uninterrupted in the years to come.

We look forward to your donations which can either be a bulk amount or sponsoring of individual students. To run this professionally, we have constituted a sub committee comprising of our Secy. R Seshadri, P Sampathkumar & KS Varadharajan. We look forward to your continued support and patronage.

**Q:** A street name or toponym is an identifying name given to a street. The street name usually forms part of the address. Near the famous Triplicane market (Gangaikondan) runs somewhat obscure lane – Alangatha Pillai Street – a small & narrow street running parallel to the famous Big Street & Venkatachala Chetty Street. The etymology of a street name is sometimes very obvious, but at other times it might be obscure or even forgotten. Do you know how this street got this name ?

**Ans in Pg 4**

## Allocation of work to all the Office Bearers and Committee Members.

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<b>R. Vijayaraghavan</b>	<i>Medical Centre in-charge, Project Implementation Funds Mobilisation Adviser</i>
<b>T.P. Srikanth</b>	<i>Project Implementation. Mobilisation of Funds</i>
<b>R. Seshadri</b>	<i>Project Implementation. Project Advisor</i>
<b>V. Kannan (a) Nageswaran</b>	<i>Administration and overall incharge of Projects</i>
<b>M.A. Sadagopan</b>	<i>Maintenance of Accounts, Fixing of Doctors in Medical Centre, Medical Camps organising</i>
<b>R.V. Narasimhan</b>	<i>Maintenance and Upkeeping of Accounts</i>
<b>R. Kasturirangan</b>	<i>Medical Camps, Debates, Lectures Co-ordinating</i>
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<b>T.J. Ramani</b>	<i>Advisor Projects, PRO and Relationship with members</i>
<b>P. Sampathkumar</b>	<i>Internal Auditing and Assisting Secretaries in Admn.</i>
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### கல்விப் பணியில் சைமா

அறம், பொருள், இன்பமும், வீடும் பயக்கும், புறங்கடை நல்லிசையும் நாட்டும் கல்வியின் ஊங்கில்லை என்பது குமரகுருபரர் வாய்மொழி. சமுதாயத்தை மேம்படுத்த மிக முக்கியமானது கல்வி. கல்வியறிவு தனி மனிதனை மேம்படுத்துவதோடல்லாமல் சமுதாயத்தின் பல அவலங்களை நீக்கி மனித வாழ்வையே மேம்படுத்தும்.

வளர்ச்சியடைந்த நாடுகளின் செல்வம் கொழிப்பதில் எந்த மர்மமும் இல்லை. அவர்களது அளவற்ற இயற்கை வளங்கள் தவிர முக்கியமானது அனைவருக்கும் கல்வி. அத்தகைய நாடுகளை உற்று நோக்கின், ஆங்கே கல்வி அனைவருக்கும் எளிதாக கிடைக்கின்றது. கல்லாதோர் எண்ணிக்கை மிக சொற்பம். ஆராய்ச்சிக் கல்வியில் ஈடுபடுவோர் எண்ணிக்கை மிக அதிகம். வலிமையான வளமையான பாரதம் உருவாக, தெளிந்த அறிவும், கடும் உழைப்பும் நிறைந்த நம் மனிதர்களாக குழந்தைகள் உருவாக வேண்டும். இளம் சமுதாயத்தை செம்மைப்படுத்துவதில் சமுதாயத்திற்கு முக்கிய பங்குள்ளது.

நமது அல்லிக்கேணி புண்ணிய பூமியில் வாழ்ந்த மகாகவி எட்டயபுரத்து மாதலைவர் சுப்பிரமணிய பாரதி, 'பாரதத்தில் வாழும் மனிதருக்கெல்லாம் பயிற்றிப் பல கல்வி தந்து இந்தப்பாரை உயர்த்திட வேண்டும்' என முழங்கினார். கற்க செல்லும் மாணவர்கள் வேறு கவலையில்லாமல் பள்ளி செல்லுதல் அவசியம். இலவச மதிய உணவு பள்ளிகளில் தர காரணமான பெரியவர்களது சிந்தனையை நாம் போற்றுகிறோம். அதே போன்று மாணவர்கள் ஒரே மாதிரி சீருடயுடன் பள்ளி வர வேண்டும் என்றதும் உயரிய சிந்தனை. சிறுவர்கள் சீர்மையாக கல்வி பெறும் பணியில் நமது சிறு பங்காக நம்மை ஈடுபடுத்திக் கொண்டுள்ளோம். இந்த ஆண்டு 1200 சீருடைகள் வழங்க வேண்டும் என்பது நம் இலட்சியம். சுமார் 500 சீருடைகள் பள்ளிகள் வாயிலாகவும் மீதம் நேரிடையாக தகுந்த மாணவ மாணவியர்க்கும் வழங்க தீர்மானித்துள்ளோம்.

இந்த ஆண்டு சீருடைகள் தவிர குறைந்தது பத்து மாணவரது கல்விச்செலவையும், ஏற்றுக் கொள்ளலாம் என உள்ளோம். பல தர்ம கார்யங்கள் செய்து வரும் பெரியோர்கள் இப்பணியில் தம்மை ஈடுபடுத்திக் கொண்டு தாம் அறிந்தவர்களையும், இதன்பால் நிற்கச் செய்தால் நாம் இன்னும் அதிக எண்ணிக்கையில் மாணவர்களுக்கு உதவ முடியும்.

பல்லாயிரக்கணக்கான மாணவர்கள் பயிலும் சென்னை மாநகரத்தின் நமது பணி சிறியதே எனினும் சிலர்க்கேனும் செம்மை பயக்க வல்லது இசையாதெனினும் இயற்றியோர் ஆற்றலால், யாம் இப் பணி முடிப்போம் வாரீர்! நமது சங்கமும் நமது பணிகளும் சிறப்புற வளர பெரியோர்களின் நல்லாசியும், உதவியும் அத்தியாவசியம் இப்பணிக்கு நன்கொடைகளை நமது உறுப்பினர்களின் மூலமாகவோ, சங்கத்தின் பெயரில் காசோலையாகவோ வழங்கி அரும் பெறல் யாக்கையை ஆற்ற அறஞ்செய்தருளுடையீர் ஆவீர்.

## மருத்துவ பணியில் சைமா

To ensure Quality health to the economically challenged at affordable cost, we have been running a medical centre, in association with Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Sankara Medical Trust. The patients are treated at a nominal cost of Rs 2/- per visit. We are very thankful to the Doctors who have been rendering medical assistance and to our dedicated volunteers for the continued success. We have been regularly conducting free Medical camps. In our inner soul, we have already cherished much bigger ambition – the ultimate of setting up of a SYMA Hospital. It might look to be very overtly ambitious dreamy project.

Often great targets have been achieved not only by hard tireless work and sacrifice of many but by those who had believed in making them happen. This certainly is going to take many years in realization. We feel this should happen in some near future which would make our life more meaningful. For ensuring success, we require strategies, plans without fear or failure, frustration, procrastination, confusion. We must endeavour with clear ideology and mission. We also need volunteers without personal priorities who would readily own responsibilities for achieving the results.

To start with, we plan to have this in a phased manner – each phase spanning about a year wherein we aim to accomplish the set goals. To ensure this, we have in place a committee comprising of R.Vijayaraghavan, MA Sadagopan, M Raghuraman and RV Narasimhan. The committee is evaluating the various options and have initiated discussions with experts in the field. We also look to our guiding spirit Dr Sridhar for guidance. The fund requirements and modalities are likely to be documented before we embark on this noble dream.

We look forward to your continued support and financial assistance in ensuring the success of our cherished dream.

உறுப்பினர்களிடமிருந்து செய்திகள், துணுக்குகள் உபயோகக் குறிப்புகள் வரவேற்கப்படுகின்றன.

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## வாழ்த்துகிறோம்

நமது சங்க உறுப்பினர் சிரஞ். சி.கணேஷ் என்கிற ராஜேஷ் அவர்களுக்கும், சௌ. பி.ஸ்மிதாவிற்கும், 7.5.2008 அன்று திருமணம் நடைபெற்றது. மணமக்களை BLISS வாழ்த்துகிறது.

நமது சங்க உறுப்பினர் திரு. ஏ.வி. சேஷாத்திரி அவர்களின் புதல்வர் சிரஞ். ஏ.எஸ்.பரத்ராம் அவர்களுக்கும், சௌ.ஏ. பார்கவிக்கும் 25.5.2008 அன்று திருமணம் நடைபெற்றது. மணமக்களை BLISS வாழ்த்துகிறது.

நமது சங்க பொருளாளர் திரு.சடகோபன் எம்.ஏ அவர்களுக்கு 6.5.2008 அன்று பெண்குழந்தை பிறந்தது. குழந்தை சந்தியா நீண்ட ஆயுளுடன் வாழ BLISS வாழ்த்துகிறது.

நமது சங்க உறுப்பினர்கள் சடகோபன் எம்.ஏ., ஆர். வீரராகவன் ஆகியோர் ரத்ததானம் செய்தனர். இருவரையும் BLISS வாழ்த்துகிறது.

**Ans:** We many times think that we now our locality so well but the history of Chennai itself is not very well documented and there are not many records of the memoirs of the famous sons of the soil. It has been conventional to name streets after famous or distinguished individuals – sometimes those directly associated with the street, usually after their deaths. Incidentally, Beri Thimmappa, is remembered nowhere in the city he helped found ! Alangatha Pillai, is described as “the most outstanding of the early merchants”. British employed middle men who could converse in two languages – dvi bhashia. The senior most amongst them were given were given the title of chief merchant in the East India Coy. Alangatha pillai held this post in the 1680s. he was amongst the first set of 12 aldermans of the corporation. He is credited to have built the Sri Ekambareswarar Temple’s nucleus in the 1680s. Though nothing commemorative of him remain in the George town area, this narrow street is still a vestige of his memory.

## வருந்துகிறோம்

Shri AK Vedantham, who has been associated with SYMA ever since our inception, passed away at Selaiyur on 23/5/08. He was 86. He was a freedom fighter, founder Trustee of VDVHS Trust, Velacherry and had been involving himself in many civic causes. He was strongly associated with various cultural organisations. BLISS condoles his death.

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