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From Editor's Desk . . .

Birth of a nation, more specifically secession could have severe pangs. South Sudan was the latest to be born, a land locked country in East-Central Africa has been in news for wrong reasons due to internal strife. Now Catalonia an autonomous community of Spain located on the eastern extremity of the Iberian Peninsula. After the referendum, there is news of its breaking away from Spain. There has been turmoil and in the much awaited announcement, Catalonia's leader has said he accepts the "mandate from the people" to "become, an independent state", but has stopped short of declaring independence as he seeks dialogue with Spain !

India's tour of Sri Lanka and matches against visiting Aussies, have provided so much glee for Cricket fans – for the sports follower, something big is happening too. Jackson Thounaojam claimed fame with India's first goal in FIFA – the 2017 FIFA U-17 World Cup is being played in India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi graced the occasion of India's opening fixture of the FIFA Under-17 World Cup against USA at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi on Friday. Ahead of kickoff between the two sides, PM Modi felicitated former Indian captains in a pre-match ceremony. A big moment for soccer in India indeed.

There would be a right way, and several wrong ways, to reboot (restart) a computer – the right method ensures that problems don't happen and a myriad of others are risky, at best. In life's problems, one has to ensure that one does not end up creating new problem in trying to solve one. It may be easy to restart a Computer, but Yours Truly has been finding it pretty tough to restart / bring out the next issue of Bliss as the last one appeared in Jan 2017 ~ the missing months have left some important occurrences unreported including Child Fest and our Golden Jubilee celebrations of SYMA's glorious service in medical service, Independence day Eye camp.



SYMA now has a catchy song ~ born out of aspiration of President TJ Ramani, with lyrics by KV Sridharan, sung by Mr K. Rajamani and Mrs Aravindha Krishna Rajamani.

I also apologise for not able to report at length of some important functions / occurrences pertaining to our Organisation and SYMA members. Let bygones, be bygones and with newer hopes I embark in bringing out another issue of Bliss, the voice of SYMA.

As the Organisations prospers, gaining wisdom with passage of years, there are newer and tougher challenges too. Sincerely regret the missing issues and look forward to the support / contribution of youngsters in ensuring that it hit the stands every month. SYMA would be truly benefitted if an youngster comes forward to be its Editor.

Yours Truly – S. Sampathkumar, Editor.

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கல்விப் பணியில் சைமர்

Our cherished project in the field of Education 'SYMA Growth' has been prospering and has marched towards 10th year of success. In realising our unsaturated desire for improving the society, there is need for shaping the children and inculcating in them the good qualities, making them responsible citizens. The classes for the present academic year started in June 2017 with invocation to Sri Parthasarathi



Perumal. The students were initially screened and interaction had with parents ensuring that the most deserving were selected on economic criteria. The

Centre is run on all days from 6-8 pm in the evening and on Sundays @ 10-12 am and has +2 Commerce, + Science Group; X standard – Tamil and X Std English medium – each having around 30 students.

We are ever grateful to the management of NK Thirumalachariar Educational Trust and NKT Boys Higher School. We thank the NKT Management for providing us the infrastructure and all the support. We thank the Head master of the School Mr S Venkatadri. We thank our teaching staff for their dedicated work. Managing the students is never an easy job and our Coordinator Mrs Thara and the team assisting her deserve special appreciation.

Together We will strive to make the society better place for all of us. ~ and very very special thanks to M/s Experis IT and Manpower Inc for their sponsorship for the present academic year. Gratitude is due to Mr PV Venkatesan of Manpower also.

On 29th Sept 2017 on Saraswathipooja day, special prayers were conducted at the school premises followed up by pooja at our office premises. Sri Devarajabattar, Chinnamuraimirasu of Sri Parthasarathi swami temple conducted the pooja and blessed all of us. Sri NS Rangaswamibattar and Sri Deva battar have been conducting special poojas for our welfare and we are ever thankful to them.

We look forward to some young volunteers and request our members to regularly visit the tuition centre partaking in our activities.

Question : On 27 November 1895, Alfred Nobel signed his last will and testament, giving the largest share of his fortune to setting up the Nobel Prizes. What is so special about the Nobel laureate Ralph Marvin Steinman ?

Ans in pg 4

நமது அங்கத்தினர்களின் மேலான கவனத்திற்கு

SrinivasYoungmens' Association has been doing yeoman service to the society from 1977. From a humble beginning to modern day, it has prospered adding new dimensions of committed service. From 1989, we have been in the field of medical service and from 2007 our Tuition Centre SYMA Growth has been endeavouring to change the lives of poor students.

A very important change has been made at our Medical Centre, specifically in the Lab - detailed report in our next issue. Over the years, we have been functioning from the premises at 29 TP Koil Street – we have outgrown and certainly require a better space for our medical centre and office. There is some pronounced exigency too to look for an alternative premises. We humbly request you all to scout for a suitable premises on rent / lease or even contemplate construction with the support of some philanthropists.

As the Organisation grows and diversifies, the work also increases manifold and we look forward to you all for increased voluntary participation in all our activities. Look forward to some regular volunteers at our Tuition centre and at our medical centre.

We place on record our appreciations for the good work rendered by Mrs Suguna Ramesh at our Lab and wish her all the best as she has opted to resign from our services as moving out of the city.

A grand celebration all along has been SYMA Childfest which attracts thousands of children. Every year we strategise and plan to keep it as attractive as ever and ensure that this competition is respected by reputed schools in the city. Earlier it followed the Childrens day and was conducted in Nov; experience taught us that Nov & Dec could be hampered by rains. January with Pongal holidays offer little leeway and then examinations come closer – striking a fine balance is always a tough task. This year we are contemplating holding this grand event in a very popular public place in the middle of the city in Nov month itself – some preliminary discussions are already on and look out for an announcement on this soon ... we invite and request our members to participate and ensure that this event is a mega-success as ever.

July is a very important month for SYMA – for more than 2 decades, we have been conducting Educational Aid function, wherein we distribute more than 1000 sets of uniforms, recognise the toppers of various schools in Triplicane, give financial aid to some students and reward Growth toppers besides presenting SYMA Sewa award. This year the function was held on 8th July 2017 at NKT National Girls High School. Distinguished Chief Guest Mr TS Krishnamurthy, former Chief Election Officer and Dr K Sridhar, our guiding spirit in medical service were the Chief guests. A full-fledged report on this function will be placed in our future issue.

ராம நீ ஸமான எவரோ? - தியாக்யயா

பல சமயங்களில் கர்நாடக இசைக்கச்சேரிகளின் துவக்கத்தில் பாடப்படும் ஆபோகி ராகத்தில் சபாபதிக்கு வேறு தெய்வம் சமானம் ஆகுமா என்ற பாடல் ஒலித்தது மஹாகவி சுப்ரமணிய பாரதி வாழ்ந்த திருவல்லிக்கேணி இல்லத்தில்.

Gopalakrishna Bharatiyar a Tamil Poet and composer of Carnatic music breathed his last in 1896. The great Tamil Poet, freedom fighter Subramaniya Bharathiyar was born in 1881 and passed away in 1921 (not sure whether they could have met) this post is different – on an event organized by SYMA in memory of late Mr NKT Muthu, at Barathiyar memorial Triplicane on 10th Sept. 2017.

The ability to express thoughts through sounds has evolved into an art which we call music. Carnatic music emphasizes the voice and singing, accompanied by the tambura, violin, mridangam, gadam, Veena and more. The raga style is commonly used, and improvisation is common. Three forms are hailed :lyal, Isai, Nattiyam [Prose, Poetry and Drama] ... a couple of centuries ago, when talented musicians were so many and most sought the patronage of Kings and Barons, lived Thiyagaraja eternally devoted to Lord Rama and who sung thousands of kirthanas.

It was our fortune to watch an emotionally moving performance – a drama on Saint Thyagaraga hailed as Thyagabrahmam, the greatest composer of Carnatic music, who was so attached to Lord Rama and composed thousands of devotional compositions, most in Telugu and in praise of Lord Rama. Way back in 1946 there was a musical movie 'Tyagayya' produced and directed by Chittor V. Nagaiah considered as masterpiece in Telugu cinema. Years later, in 1981 came the Telugu movie Tyagayya with Somayaju in lead role. The one that moved us was the drama by TV Varadarajan and his troupe.

Srinivas Youngmens Association, in service to the Society since 1977 organised this – it was remembrance of NKT Muthu who passed away last year. Late Muthu is well known to Triplicane residents. He started the Thiruvateeswarar Sabha in 1952; later took organizing stage dramas to a great height.



NKTM was the first to introduce hero cut-out concept publicity format for dramas by erecting R.S. Manohar's mythology title role

cut-outs all over Triplicane, illuminating it with serial sets. He was the first person to conduct drama festivals. Associated with NK Thirumalachariyar stage, NKTM's meticulous planning and publicity strategy ensured that NKT hall was always full of thousands of people for every show conducted by him.

On stage were : Vicku Vinayakaram, Kathadi Ramamurthi, M Krishnamurthi, TV Varadharajan, TJ Ramani and NKT Jayagopal. Yours Truly compered the programme.

Thetakudi Harihara Vinayakram (popularly Vikku Vinayakram) is ghatam exponent, Padma Bhushan, winner of many a awards including Grammy Award, truly son of Triplicane could easily be the man of the century of its residents. The winner of so many awards is always composed and humble. Kathadi Ramamurthi, comedian, stage artist is considered Sherlock Holmes of India, famous for his role in Devan's Thuppariyum Sambu among many. Of the important sabhas, Sri Parthasarathi Swami sabha founded by Mani Thirumalachariyar in 1900 occupies pride of place, Mr Krishnamurthi has been its secretary for more than 25 years now. TV Varadharajan, news reader of Doordarshan, stage artist is another famous son of Triplicane. TJ Ramani, is the founder, President of SYMA. NKT Jayagopal is the worthy son of late NKT Muthu, philanthropist, social activist, now running Bihar school of Satyanandha Yoga.

Rich tributes were paid to late NKT Muthu by every speaker. Muthu has patronized SYMA right from its initial days and last year he was recipient of SYMA sewa award too. SYMA members have great memories of many good deeds of Muthu in support of the organization. Jayagopal thanked all for attending the meeting. Living in Triplicane, have watched many a dramas – yet this musical drama composed, directed and enacted by the renowned TV Varadarajan and his 20 odd members had a deep emotional impact – hearing to quality Carnatic music and knowing the tragic circumstances and of great compositions from the life of Sri Thyagaraja – it was a great performance.

A stage drama is difficult enactment – made tougher by a smaller stage – yet the rendition was perfect. The change over of scenes, the depictions, the sound of music, the performance of artistes – all a class that had the audience spellbound. Varadharajan donned the title role mesmerizing the audience with soulstirring performance depicting the attachment of saint-composer to Lord Rama, especially in his old age. The music by classical singer Bombay Jayashri, aptly putting the kritis of Thyagaraja was attractive to the hilt. The storyline was simple drawing us emotionally to the life of Thyagaraja, the time he lived, the patronage of King of Thanjavur, his travels, his singing of Lord at various places and more.

All the artistes be it Lord Rama, Sita, Lakshmana, Hanuman; Thyagaraja, his wife, his disciple, his elder brother and his wife; the King and his courtyard – the roles were perfectly portrayed – with scenes changing fast, calm and endearing music – and when it drew to a close, our hearts were filled with emotion. Dr MA Venkatakrishnan upon completion of the stage drama, appreciated Varadhajan and his troupe, recalling his relationship with father of Varadharajan and spoke of some interesting anecdotes including the Saint's visit to Sri Parthasarathi temple and of the Ekanthaseva performed those days during Irapathuuthsavam.

SYMA thanks all the dignitaries who were on stage, TV Varadharajan and his troupe, NKT Jayagopal and all those who attended the memorial event.

பட்டாடை, பட்டாசுடன் கொண்டாடுவோம் தீபாவளியை

தீபத்திருநாளாம் தீபாவளி நம் அனைவருக்கும் மகிழ்ச்சியைத் தரவல்லது. தீபாவளி அன்று அதிகாலை கங்கா ஸ்நானம் செய்து பட்டாடை உடுத்தி பட்டாசு வெடித்து, மத்தாப்பு கொளுத்தி, பெரியவர்களை வணங்கி, இனிப்பு களையும், தின்பண்டங்களையும் நம் உறவினர்களுடன் பகிர்ந்து உண்டு சந்தோஷமாய் கொண்டாடுவோம்.

There is some disturbing report on Court curbing sale of crackers at Delhi. In Chennai, the city Police has permitted sales at certain approved places. As we celebrate Deepavali in the traditional manner, take care in ensuring some basic steps towards safety.

- ◆ Buy fireworks from a licensed shop and never buy China make or imported ones.
- ◆ Store them properly away from sources of fire or ignition and keep them away from reach of toddlers.
- ◆ follow all safety precautions and burst crackers in open places.
- ◆ keep the area well lighted and keep vehicles properly parked providing neat space
- ◆ keep bucket of water / sand handy and place the discarded ones in them.
- ◆ wear thick cotton clothes; do not wear them loose.
- ◆ Wear footwear and light them from a safe distance.
- ◆ Don't let children burst crackers unaccompanied by an adult. Keep an eye on them constantly. Don't put fireworks in your pocket.
- ◆ Don't light with matches use agarbathies.
- ◆ Dare-devilry is callousness – never keep lighted crackers on hands.
- ◆ Never experiment with crackers especially used ones.



At Thiruvallikkeni, Deepavali coincides with Sri Manavala Mamunigal Thiruvavathara Uthsavam and during evening purappadu, beautiful flameworks light the sky attracting all.

தீபாவளி வாழ்த்துக்கள்

சைமா அங்கத்தினர்கள் அனைவருக்கும் நமது அன்புக்குரிய அனைவருக்கும், சைமா இனிய தீபாவளி நல்வாழ்த்துக்களை தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறது.

Answer : Ralph Marvin Steinman (1943 – 2011) was a Canadian immunologist and cell biologist at Rockefeller University, who in 1973 discovered and named dendritic cells. On October 3, 2011, the Nobel Committee for Physiology or Medicine announced that he had received one-half of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, for “his discovery of the dendritic cell and its role in adaptive immunity”. The committee was not aware that he had died three days earlier, on September 30, from pancreatic cancer. The prize is not to be awarded posthumously, and after much deliberation, the committee decided that as the decision to award the prize “was made in good faith”, it would remain unchanged.

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