

SECRETARIES REPORT

We have immense pleasure in presenting to you the Annual report along with the audited financial statement for the year 2013 – 2014.

- ◆ Total collection for the year 2013-2014 is around Rs. 12,98,094/-
- ◆ Educational Aid & Tuition Centre collection of around Rs. 6,65,559/- and Rs. 2,25,000/- towards Corpus funds collected.
- ◆ Special thanks to Mr. J Venkatesan, Mr.S. Sampathkumar, Staff of Royal Sundaram, M/s Kanchi Kamakoti Sankara Medical Trust & M/s AVM Charities for their continuous support to our various projects including Education Aid & Corpus fund year on year.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- ◆ Uniform distribution to 1200 students.
- ◆ Financial assistance to around 25 students.
- ◆ This year we served 7200 Patients at our Medical Centre and around 2200 benefitted at our Diagnostic lab.
- ◆ More than 150 students [10th and +2] benefitted by learning at our tuition centre – SYMA Growth.

A gist of our Activities during the year 2013 - 2014 : -

At the outset a big thanks to all our members for the total support in initiating and successfully implementing so many projects. SYMA is committed to the cause of serving people and we will continue to strive for the betterment of the society.

Medical Service :

- ◆ From 13th Mar 2009, we are running the medical centre and lab independently, and continue to be guided by Dr Sridhar.

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We appointed permanent doctor to our medical centre and our special thanks to Dr. Nagaiah Chetty. Our cherished dream of a SYMA hospital catering to the poor providing quality medical care would dawn to a reality one day.

Medical Camps :

- ◆ On 27th Nov 2013, SYMA in association with Sankara Eye hospital, Pammal arranged for an Eye camp for detection of lazy eye and other eye related problems. Oral hygiene and dental check up was also conducted. Around 280 children of MOP Vaishnava Primary school at Venkatrangam Street benefitted from this camp- 6 students were observed requiring treatment and were prescribed glasses.

- ◆ On 8th Dec 2013, we organized Eye check up and oral hygiene check-up camp for our SYMA Growth students at NKT Boys High School. Around 100 students were screened and 5 were given spectacles. We thank Sankara Eye Hospital.
- ◆ On 15th Feb 2014 we organized a Dental camp in association with Rotary Club of South, Down Town, Arch City Madras and Sri Ramachandra Dental College. Around 100 people benefitted from this camp.
- ◆ On Independence Day, the Eye camp was inaugurated at Sri Seervi Samaj Bhavan. This camp for detection of cataract was organized in association with Sri Sankara Eye Hospital Pammal, Lions Club of Chennai Venus, Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Sankara Medical Trust & Sri Seervi samaj. The Chief Guest was Dr Parthasarathy a famous Doctor in our city. Mr. J Babu., CEO of Sankara Eye Hospital detailed about that could ail vision and explained the various activities of his Hospital their reach to rural poor. More than 250 persons were screened and 13 persons were detected with cataract which requires surgery and they had been taken Sri Sankara Eye Hospital, Pammal and the surgery was conducted successfully on next day.

Later spectacles were distributed to 20 persons at our medical centre in memory of our beloved member Late Mr. K E Raghavan

Education:

- ◆ On 7th July 2013 (Sunday) we organized our Educational Aid Programme at NKT National Girls Hr. Sec. School. There was a huge gathering. Besides distribution of School uniforms, we honoured School Toppers of Schools in Triplicane, provided financial assistance to College Students.
- ◆ Mr. T. N. Venkatesh, IAS, Joint Commissioner (Education), Corporation of Chennai was the Chief guest of the programme. Mr. Gururaja Rao, Executive Vice President, Axis Bank and Mr. B.S. Vasan @ MGR Vasan, Councillor, 116 Division. Ward graced the occasion.
- ◆ Financial assistance was distributed to the distinguished students of SYMA Growth and the school toppers of various schools of Triplicane were honoured. The prizes to School toppers is an award instituted by TA Ramachandran in memory of Mrs Rajalakshmi Padmanabhan.
- ◆ Over the years, SYMA is the platform for honouring the toppers of various schools in Triplicane and this year we presented medals, certificates and cash award to those bright students wishing them to do well in future.
- ◆ We are keen to make our tuition centre reach greater heights and we have been encouraging our students to do well. The toppers of our tuition centre – SYMA Growth were honoured on the podium. For 3 college students we awarded Rs.5000/- each and Rs.2000/- each for 15 students who excelled in 10th examination by scoring more than 400 marks. The award for Growth Topper was instituted by Ms Bharati Bhaskar as 'D Krishnan Memorial Award'.

- ◆ The function went off very well, largely due to the meticulous planning in distribution of uniforms by our Vice President R Seshadri @ Durai ably assisted by D Veeraraghavan, Madhavan (SMSO) and enthusiastic band of volunteers. The function ended with singing of National Anthem.
- ◆ We express our gratitude and thanks to all those who have been supporting us. We owe our success in Social activities to the active participation, blessings, advices and donations of so many good willed, like minded persons. We see the SUCCESS of the function not as achievement of any particular individual but only a collective effort, a good one at that.

GROWTH:

- ◆ In the month of May 2013, applications were distributed and we conducted a personal interview for each student who was accompanied with their parents. We have finalized the students based on the economic criteria and the fifth year of SYMA Growth was launched on June 2013.
- ◆ We thank the teaching Staff Mrs Lakshmi Arulalan, Mrs Vijaya Krishnan, Mrs K N Vijayalakshmi, Mrs Subashini, Mrs Devasena, Mr S Venkatadri, Mr Shahul Hameed, Mr T Srinivasan, Mr T Venkatesan, Mr K S Venkatakrishnan, Mr Senthil Murugan, Mr M.K.Sridhar (Meiyur Kannan), Mr Sriraman & Mrs S Ganthimathi - for their efforts in providing quality education to our students.
- ◆ We must place on record our gratitude and thanks to the management of NK Thirumalachariyar National Boys High School and to Mr S Venkatadri, Head Master of National Boys High School for providing us the infrastructure and other facilities
- ◆ The Academic Year 2013-14 came to a close and we concluded the Tuition classes at our SYMA Growth by organizing Special pooja for the welfare of our students and to pray to Lord for their success in their examinations. Pens, writing material and sweets were distributed to students. Special thanks to Mr. Prashant Singh for providing the material as also for remembrance.

SYMA SEVA AWARD

As a Service Organisation engaged in Social Service for over three decades, it is bounden duty of SYMA to recognise those who have been rendering service to the Society without thinking of any recompense. SYMA has been honouring people who have excelled in the area of service to mankind and society by conferring SYMA SEVA AWARD.

This year SYMA Sewa Award was conferred on Shri S. Venkateshan, who has been doing committed service without interruption at our Medical centre and as we step on our 25th year of medical service, it was apt to honour him.

Gold Winner SYMA CHILD FEST

At SYMA, we fully realize the need for inculcating good qualities in children as they only will shape the future of the Nation. SYMA all along has been striving betterment of society and imbibing

competitive spirit in children. Over the years, Child Fest has become immensely popular with schools and with children. This year also the event sponsor of 2 day Child Fest was Gold Winner [special thanks to CR Sredhar for the continued support]. On day 1 Drawing competition for 6 Groups [Lkg to 12th Standard] was held on 27th Jan 2013 @ N.K.T. National Girls Hr. Sec. School, Triplicane. The Programme was inaugurated in the morning by Sri N.A. Rangaswamy Battar, Archagar of Sri Parthasarathi Swami temple. The programme started with traditional invocation to Lord and by lighting of 'kuthuvilakku' and prayer. Enthusiastic volunteers of SYMA, Soundarya Rathinamala, and students from Bharat Scouts ensured that everything was according to the plans drawn up earlier. The event was well coordinated by our Secretary R. Sanjeevi. Special thanks to Raghuraman for manning our office room.

All the participating children were given prize and a Certificate commending their participation. We had close to 2000 students and the cooperation of the N.K.T Girls Higher Secondary School authorities and staff ensured that we were able to accommodate all the students and provide proper seats to all of them easily. By the evening, the stage was set for a colourful fancy dress competition. The crowd was filling in large numbers – everywhere one can see painted children and anxious mothers. There were beautifully decorated animals, Various Lords – Hanumar, Buddha and more, National leaders like Bharathiyar, Gandhiji – science equipments and more – yes all beautiful children dressed and decorated capturing the attention and eyes of all in the end, the children and parents left with happiness writ large in their faces. The results were put up on our website www.syma.in and voice of SYMA Mrs Vasudha Bakthisaran was active as usual..

The talent and attitude of today's children is so encouraging and many of the drawings made us realize the innate talent that is present. The shamiana covering the play grounds provided good shelter against the sweltering heat of Sun and parents really appreciated the care taken by us. We had arranged for private security too, to ensure that everything is orderly.

This year we introduced a new event variety entertainment for 2 groups (1 to 5th Std and 6th to 12th Std). We have received a good response for this new event. Alongside, the Quiz preliminary which was a written round consisting of 20 Questions was held. Most of the questions were topical and tested the knowledge of the events that captured headlines in newspapers. At 0200 pm – we had the finals of Quiz – first the A group, followed by Group B. The Quiz format was the brainchild of Brahma Associates - thanks to Mr. N Rajaram for the full support extended from Oman. The Quiz was conducted by Mr. S. Sampathkumar. Though we had planned to wind up by 6 pm, the large attendance pushed the events beyond the schedule and the Prize distribution had to start much later than planned. The Chief Guest for the evening was Mr.S.S. Gopalrathanam, Managing Director, Chola mandalam MS Insurance. And we also had a special guest Mr. Lion D. Sridharan, Chief Executive, PV Hi Tech Systems. The function started with a prayer. Secretary, S. Sampathkumar compered the programme, welcoming everyone and introducing the Chief Guests. T.A. Sampathkumar, President Spoke on the various activities of SYMA and on the vision of SYMA. Formal Vote of thanks was rendered by Mr. Sanjeevi Raghunathan, Secretary, SYMA. We place on record our thanks to the event sponsor

Gold Winner and CR Sredhar of Media Associates. We thank Mangal Tirth Estates and its director Mr Balasubramanyam, M/s Lucas TVS, United India Insurance, Triad, Axis Bank, SMSO, Dolphin Financials for TATA AIA, Star Health Insurance for sponsoring the event. Special thanks are due to the Principal, Headmistress management and staff of NKT National Girls High School - for providing us the venue.

We thank Mr. AV Kasturi Rangan, Mr. Bakthisaran, Mr. Sadagopan & Mr. D Sudarsan for the coordination with the sponsors. The smooth conduct of the event was due to the extensive planning and work of our dedicated members of Soundarya Rathnamala led by Mrs Prema Krishnamohan, Volunteers from Mafoi, Mr. R Kannan Mr. T A Sathyanarayanan and our youth brigades. The work of our Vice President- R Seshadri @ Durai stands out in arrangement for distribution of the prizes and that of Mr SR Parthasarathi for all the outdoor work and Mr RV Narasimhan for arranging mementoes through M/s Kesar Gift Mart. We also thank Mr. Chandrasekhar of Creative desk for the web support and Mr. Mani & Mr. Narayanan of M/s Swaraj Graphics for the print support. Special thanks are due to Mrs. Vasudha Bakthisaran, our voice for answering all calls relating to the Child Fest (@ 28441078). Our thanks are also due to Mr. K V Srinivasan for arranging photographer and for wonderful coverage of the event. We thank Mr. Venkatesh for arranging video coverage of the second day event. The program ended with singing of "National Anthem".

National Days

- ◆ Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic fervor and National flag was hoisted at our premises by Dr R Parthasarathy.
- ◆ We celebrated Republic Day with hoisting of the flag. The flag was hoisted by Mr. R Seshadri – Vice President.

Others

- ◆ Vaikunda Ekadasi is a very special day and thousands of people visit Sri Parthasarathi Swami temple. On Vaikunda Ekadasi day, SYMA distributed food packets and water to the devotees standing in the Queue to have darshan of Lord Sri Parthasarathy. The special efforts of Mr. SR Parthasarathi, Mr. KS Varadharajan, Mr. M.K. Sridhar (Meiyur Kannan), Mrs Prema, Mrs Shobhana Narasimhan are appreciated.
- ◆ Arranged various meeting with councilor, Mayor of chennai to handle the cattle menace and also represented the issue with various officials to solve this issue. We are sure that we hope that this will be eradicated in coming days. Our Special thanks to Mr. T A Sampathkumar & Mr. T J Ramani for their regular follow up with officials in this issue.
- ◆ Organized meeting along with various organizations in and around Triplicane to bring back Sri Parthasarathy Temple post office.

OUR SINCERE THANKS

OFFICE BEARERS & COMMITTEE:

- ◆ The continuity and performance of Social Service Organisation depends on the selfless and untiring efforts of its members and those at the helm. We are fortunate to have a team of dedicated persons who planned and actively participated in the activities throughout the year. The Committee was a right mixture of Elders and youngsters and we take this opportunity to thank each and every office bearer and Committee members for their unstinting support as also the tireless work.

AUDIT :

- ◆ Special thanks are due to our Auditor Mr V. Murali of M/s Devan & Co., who properly guided us in managing our funds and have given timely advice in placing deposits. We thank them for the guidance and for the scrutiny of our accounts.

MEDIA :

- ◆ We place on record our thanks to Mr. K V Srinivasan & Mr. S R Raghunathan for their help in arranging coverage of our functions in the media and also fixing up the Chief Guests for the Programmes.
- ◆ Our Sincere thanks to 'The Hindu', 'The Hindu – Downtown', for publishing articles on activities of our association.

ADMINISTRATION and IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR VARIOUS PROJECTS:

- ◆ We place on record our special thanks and appreciation to the unbounded enthusiasm and coordination of our Vice President Mr S R Parthasarathy and our Committee member Mr D Veeraraghavan in all our projects.
- ◆ The organized work and clear instructions of Mr Durai alias R. Seshadri deserves special mention, especially in the distribution of school uniforms and during the Prize distribution in Child Fest
- ◆ Around 800 patients were benefitted though the camps organized this year. The enthusiasm, vigor and coordination of Mr M A Sadagopan deserve special mention – for his role in arranging the various medical camps.
- ◆ We thank Mr. D Sudarsan, Mr. K.S. Varadarajan, Ms. Saranya, Mrs. Jayasudha Sanjeevi, Mr. Prasad, Swaraj Graphics & Sunsar Printers for the help rendered in Office correspondence, Administration & printing etc.,
- ◆ We appreciate the efforts taken by Ms. Revathy for her dedication in maintenance of accounts in the system.
- ◆ A special mention to our Treasurers, Mr. T J Ramani & Mr. D Sudarsan for their regular quality work.

VOLUNTEERS:

- ◆ Our special thanks to Mrs. Thara for managing day to day affairs of 'SYMA Growth' efficiently.
- ◆ We thank our volunteers Mrs. M K Prema, Mr. S. Venkatesh, Mrs Suguna Ramesh for their support at our medical centre & Lab. Special mention to Mr N S Rangarajan for managing day to day affairs of Medical centre and auditing the collections of medical centre and lab.
- ◆ We thank Mr. Raja of NKT Boys School and students who had earlier studied at our 'SYMA Growth' for their great support on day to day activities of SYMA Growth. Special mention must be made of the efforts of Mr. M.K. Sridhar (Meiyur Kannan) who besides teaching has helped us in a big way in administering activities also.
- ◆ Members are requested to visit our website www.syma.in for all our activities and our photo gallery : <http://picasaweb.google.com/SYMATRIPLICANE>

SPECIAL THANKS:

- ◆ We thank Mr. A V Kasturirangan, for his support in coordinating with sponsors
- ◆ We thank all our sponsors and the members for the monetary assistance to our projects
- ◆ We place our sincere thanks and gratitude to Dr. K Sridhar for the guidance and motivation in running the Medical centre and Lab.
- ◆ We remain ever grateful to Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Sankara Medical Trust for the financial assistance towards the expenses of the Medical centre / Lab.
- ◆ We thank Mr. CR Sreedhar of Media Associates and Gold Winner for the complete sponsorship of our Child Fest.
- ◆ As you all would know, we launched a scheme for creation of Corpus fund. We are proud in announcing that we have 7 sponsors of Rs.1,00,000/- each, whose names stand etched on our premises. Our Special thanks are due to M/s AVM Charities (Mr AVM Saravanan) who has donated Rs.5,00,000/- Ms.T A K Kodhai, Mr. K S' Shankar, Mr. A P Venugopal for donating Rs. 1,00,000/- each.

BLISS :

- ◆ Our newsletter BLISS has been propagating the various activities of SYMA from time to time. Mr. S. Sampathkumar has been the Editor for the same and thank you all for the wonderful support.
- ◆ We record our sincere thanks to Swaraj Graphics & Sunsar printers for their concerted efforts in ensuring rolling out of the issues.
- ◆ We look forward to receiving regular feedback on the newsletter. Also request you to send details of events of achievements of our Members and their wards for publishing in BLISS