

SRINIVAS YOUNGMEN'S ASSOCIATION

29, T.P. Koil Street, Triplicane, Chennai - 600 005.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Body Meeting of the Association will be held at 10.00 A.M. **on Sunday, 13th May 2018 at N.K.T. National Boys High School, T.P. Koil Street, Triplicane, Chennai - 600 005** to transact the following business.

- 1) Presidential Address.
- 2) Presentation of Annual Report for the year 2017-2018 by Secretary.
- 3) Adoption of Audited Statement of Accounts for the year 2017-2018.
- 4) Appointment of Auditors for the year 2018-2019.
- 5) Election of Office Bearers for the year 2018-2019.

(Election Schedule enclosed)

- 6) Any other matter.



S.Sampathkumar



Sanjeevi Raghunathan

Secretaries

Place : Chennai - 600 005

Date : 17- 04 - 2018

Note :

- ❖ From a humble beginning in 1977 to what we are today, we owe it all to you - the members. Your participation and work has ensured that we are now in a position to make meaningful contribution to the society. We request all our Members to attend the AGM without fail.
- ❖ The Activities of SYMA and all our projects are being intimated to members through our Newsletter BLISS, through our website www.syma.in, through e-mail and through SMS. Do provide your e-mail ID and Mobile No. to us for the easy flow of information. We also fervently request you to participate in large number in all our activities. A bigger gathering ensures success of all our efforts. Together, we will transform the society and the World around us.
- ❖ Please do bring the enclosed Secretaries' Report and the audited statement of accounts to the AGM and please join us for the Lunch at the end of the meeting.

ELECTION SCHEDULE

Nominations are invited for the following posts of office bearers and committee Members for the year 2018-2019 to be held on **13-05-2018**.

1.	President	1	35 & Above
2.	Vice –President	2	30 & Above
3.	Secretary	2	20 & Above
4.	Treasurer	2	25 & Above
5.	Committee Member	10	18 & Above

INSTRUCTION

- a) Every member of the Association shall have the right to contest in the election for the post / posts subject to the qualifying age mentioned in the bye-laws provided he/she is not in arrears of subscription on the date of nomination. Further, for the post of President, Vice – Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Committee Members, he / she should have been a member for proceeding 6 months from the date of nomination.
- b) A deposit of Rs.10/- shall be made by each contesting member. This deposit is not refundable under any circumstances.
- c) Every member of the Association who is not in arrears of subscription as on 31-03-2018 have the right to vote in the election. No voting by proxy or by post will be allowed. A member who is having 3 months standing alone shall vote.
- d) Nomination forms duly proposed and seconded should reach our election officer **Mr. V.B.Mukundan @ Kanchi Krishna and Mr.K.V.Rangarajan** at former's residence 90/81 TP Koil Street, Triplicane, Chennai – 600 005 on or before **27.4.2018** before 7.00 pm. Both proposer and seconder should not be in arrears of subscription on the date of nomination.
- e) The scrutiny of nomination will take place at 7.00 pm on Saturday the **28.4.2018** at our office.
- f) **The decision of the Election officer is final regarding validity of nomination.**
- g) The nomination may be withdrawn on or before **29.4.2018** before 7.00 PM.
- h) The Final list of candidates contesting in the election will be published on the Association's Notice Board on or before **30.4.2018**.
- i) The voters list will be available at our office from **2nd of May 2018** at office hours.
- j) The election if necessary will be held in the General Body Meeting by Ballot System.
- k) A contestant who desires recount shall deposit Rs.5/- as recounting fee which is not refundable.
- l) Tie for any post shall be sorted out by spin of coin.

SECRETARIES REPORT

We have immense pleasure in presenting to you the Annual report along with the audited financial statement for the year 2017 – 2018.

- ❖ Total collection for the year 2017-2018 is around Rs.37 Lakhs.
- ❖ Educational Aid & Tuition Centre collection of around Rs.19 Lakhs and Rs 2.50..... Lakhs towards Corpus funds.
- ❖ Special thanks to our Secretary Mr.S. Sampathkumar (Rs.14,20,500), Sanjeevi Raghunathan (Rs. 1,04,103), Vice president Mr.A.V.Kasturirangan (Rs.1,08,001) & our member Mr. J Venkatesan (Rs. 2,07,001)for their continuous support in collecting maximum donations to our various projects including Education Aid.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- ❖ Uniform distribution to 1200 students.
- ❖ Financial assistance to around 25 students.
- ❖ This year we served 5560 Patients at our Medical Centre and around 3138 benefitted at our Diagnostic lab. Around 246 patients benefitted from our special doctors consultation on Wednesday. Thanks to Dr.K. Sridhar for his continuous guidance and help in all our medical activities.
- ❖ More than 136 students [of 10th and +2] benefitted by learning at our tuition centre – SYMA Growth.
- ❖ SYMA over the years has been greatly supported by kind-hearted donors. The names of donors of Rs. 1 lakh and above stand etched on the façade of our Medical Centre and the list is growing. We thank and acknowledge donations to Corpus Fund.by Mr. S. Manoharan, Mrs. M.R. Vijaya Devi, Ms. M. Selva Priya, Mr. Appu Rs. 1,50,000/- by Mr.P.T.Srinivasan In memory of Late Mr. P.T. Srinivasa Rajan - Rs. 1 Lakh
- ❖ Syma heartily thank M/s. A.V.M. Charities - Rs. 1 Lakh(8th Year in succession) and Manpower Group services private Limited India who continuous sponsorship of Rs.689000 towards Growth and additionally Rs. 6,50,000 towards Medical center expenses for the year 2018-2019.
- ❖ These noble donors by their kind act are ensuring that SYMA continues its service to the Society for many more years to come.

A gist of our Activities during the year 2017 - 2018 :

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 K. Sridhar.
- ❖ This year we served 5560 Patients at our Medical Centre and 3138 benefitted at our Diagnostic lab. Around 246 patients benefitted from our special doctors consultation on Wednesday
- ❖ We appointed a permanent doctor to our medical centre and our special thanks to Dr. NagaiahChetty for his continuous support.
- ❖ We are thankful to the Doctors who have been rendering medical advice to the patients. We want to appreciate the services of Medical Faculty consisting of Dr.NagaiahChetty, Dr. Vidhya, Dr. Arul Kumaran, Dr. Poongothai and Dr.Seetharaman who have been a great source of strength.
- ❖ Our cherished dream of a SYMA hospital catering to the poor providing quality medical care would dawn to a reality one day.
- ❖ Veterans of SYMA fondly remember that day in July 2007 - with the blessings of our Emperumanar; with the guidance of Dr K Sridhar, firmly supported by Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Sankara Foundation, we made one significant step forward of starting a full fledged clinical laboratory. The Lab is named after PV Rama Iyengar & Smt. Suganthavalli – whose family members donated funds and medical equipments for the lab. Mr KV Kumar (KVK Builders) MrRajagopal of RR Construction helped us in creating necessary infrastructure for the lab. On 8th July 2006, at the famed MahakaviSubrahmanyaBharathiyarillam, our Educational aid function was conducted. The then Commissioner, Corporation of Chennai Mr Rajesh B Lakhoni, adorned the podium. The Chief guest was Mr Mohammed Abdul Ali Azim Jah, Prince of Arcot - and on the dais, our lab was inaugurated. We have been providing medical assistance to poor charging a very low amount at this lab and have been supported by many philanthropists in running this.

Now after a decade, we have taken another firm and positive step aimed at achieving more reliability and recognition in medical field. Medall Healthcare Pvt. Ltd (MEDALL) is South India's largest chain of medical diagnostic services providing diagnostic services, both Pathology and Radiology imaging. This chain of diagnostic service enjoys great recognition by their service and quality. We have now tied-up with Medall and from October 2017 onwards the samples collected at our lab, is being tested and report being issued by Medall enhancing the reputation and reliability of the medical analysis.

We wish to serve more patients in the years to come helping the poor with the low rates that we have been charging over the years. This shift means some more expenditure in administering the lab, yet we have happily taken the plunge. The response is very encouraging. In oct 240, Nov 220, Dec 260, Jan 260, Feb 255, Mar 343 patients utilised our Services,. The numbers are increasing and more importantly the reports now issued by Medall have more acceptance and Doctors in the locality are accepting the lab reports. In the coming months, we expect Doctors directing the poor to utilise our services. Our special thanks are due to our member Mr.S.Parthasarathi (Gill) for his initiative in bringing this about.

We place on record our appreciations for the great work of Mrs MK Prema who besides coming regularly for the medical centre in the evening is now coming in the morning of all days too ensuring lab activities. Mrs. Prema has been coordinating and her presence makes the activities happen in a continued manner. Hearty thanks to her. We also appreciate the regular service of our staff Mrs. Mahalakshmi, Staff Nurse, our Members, Mr NS Rangarajan, Mr.S.Venkatesh & Mr. MA Sadagopan.

Subsequent to this strategic shift, the lab equipments updated recently were not required and they were donated to Sankara Eye Hospital, Pammal, doing yeoman service and also helping us with medical camps.

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 she is moving out of the city.

Medical Camps :

15.8.2017

Srinivas Youngmens Association (SYMA) has been doing service relentlessly since 1977. Of our many services, Medical services and Education services are our prime activities. Every year on our Independence Day, we hoist our National flag at our centre and proceed to have cataract detection camp. This year too, it was conducted in association with Sankara Eye Hospital, Pammal. Their great work has resulted in providing vision to more than 2.50 lakhs of people. We are ever thankful to the ever helpful officials of the hospital and Mr J Babu for all their support. We have come a long way since 1989 when our medical services were launched in a small street corner at Peyalwar Street ~ many our volunteers have striven so hard ensuring that pleasant and quality service is extended to poor and needy. Of the many people involved – we recall and remember the passionate services of dear Mr. KE Raghavan who sadly left us for heavenly abode on 25.8.2007. Every year we remember him on 25th of August. This year on Independence day - around 130 people were screened, 11 persons were selected, of them 9 were taken to Sri Sankara Eye Hospital, Pammal on the same day. Cataract surgery was done free for them, later, they were brought back to Triplicane in a van arranged by SYMA. SYMA members went to the hospital a day later, met those who underwent eye surgery, providing them words of comfort.

Another significant event in that camp was release of our own 'Syma Song' which was penned by Mr. KV Sridhar, sung, conceptualized and set to music by Mr. Rajamani, Mrs. Aravindha Krishna, Gopi, recorded at Sri Vishnu Audio, Mylapore. Input for the song was provided by our President and other member and the lyrics includes all the activities of SYMA. Mr. Rajeev & Mr. Ramarao the Chief Executives of M/s. Palepu Pharma Private Limited were the special Guest for the Function.

We thank Lions club of Chennai Venus, M/s. Palepu Pharma Private Limited. Brahmins Welfare Association for conducting Eye camp on Aug 15 at Triplicane Fund.

Dental camp for Growth Students: 22.10.2017

Our member's daughter Ms. Shruthi Sampathkumar who is pursuing her MDS had coordinated with her college and conducted free dental camp for our Growth students. Around 77 Growth Students benefitted. Our sincere thanks are due to her and her college for facilitating this.

Special Camp 18.2.18

Srinivas Young Men's Association conducted a free special medical camp in association with TKKNN Vysya Charities. 149 people benefitted In this camp. Consultations were being given on Diabetics,ENT,Dental,Neuro, Ortho &gynaecology. Our thanks are due to Tamilnadu Arasu Dental College, Dr.Mohans Diabetes specialist' scentre,Dr.Reddy'sLabs,Dr. Chinnadurai Ortho from Apollo, Dr.MajorR.RamakrishnanENT,Dr.Sandhiya Vasan, Gynaecologist, SIMS Hospital, Dr.Premkumar, Ortho, Dr.Sivarajan Thandeeswaran Neuro. Tests were done for Sugar Random, Bone marrow density,BMI,peak Nasal Inspiro & ENT. Our thanks to the trustees of TKKNN Vysya Charities for providing venue, all the volunteers and all those who co-ordinated with doctors. Thanks all.

Wednesday Special

After celebrating our 25 years of Medical service comes the novel attempt, Wednesdays would be Special days – for on those days, specialists would provide quality medical care at our Medical centre. We thank all the doctors who gave consultation and Dr.K.Sridhar for arranging doctors from SIMS Hospital and Mr. S.Parthasarathy, our committee member for arranging doctors. Our Treasurer once again stood in the fore front for co-ordinating these Wednesday specials and our special thanks to our volunteers Mrs. M.K.Prema and Mr. N.S.Rangarajan.and our staff Ms.Mahalakshmi. We are very happy that it becomes slowly popular and during the year 2017 -18 around 246 benefitted. We are charging Rs.50/ for these special doctors consultation and made prior appointment mandatory. Our sincere thanks are due to Mr. A.V. Seshadri for his continuous contribution towards Medical Centre expenses every month. (We give below date wise the list of Doctors and Departments).

Details of Special Medical Camps

Date	Department	No of Patients	Doctor Name
05.4.17	EYE	21	Sankara Eye Hospital
12.4.17	CARDIOLOGY	10	Dr.JAYANTHI
19.4.17	DENTAL	1	DrVIDYAI
26.4.17	NEPHROLOGY	3	Dr.RAMPRASAD
03.5.17	EYE	14	Sankara Eye Hospital
11.5.17	DIABETIC	8	Dr.SRIVATSA
31.5.17	SKIN	11	Dr.MURALI
07.6.17	EYE	7	Sankara Eye Hospital
14.6.17	GASTRO	6	Dr.PREETHI,APOLLO
21.6.17	CARDIOLOGY	4	Dr.JAYANTHI
28.6.17	ORTHO	10	Dr.APPAJI,SIMS
05.7.17	EYE	11	Sankara Eye Hospital
12.7.17	DIABETIC	13	DR.SRIVATSA

Date	Department	No of Patients	Doctor Name
01-8-17	SKIN	6	Dr.MURALI
06.9.17	EYE	9	Sankara Eye Hospital
13.9.17	DIABETIC	7	Dr.SRIVATSA
04.10.17	EYE	13	Sankara Eye Hospital
11.10.17	CARDIOLOGIST	8	Dr.Jayanthi
01.11.17	EYE	10	Sankara Eye Hospital
08.11.17	DIABETIC	5	Dr.SRIVATSA
23.11.17	ORTHO	11	Dr.PREMKUMAR
30.11.17	GASTRO	4	Dr.Preethi, Apollo
06.12.17	EYE	9	Sankara Eye Hospital
14.12.17	SKIN	7	Dr.MURALI
03. 1.18	EYE	12	Sankara Eye Hospital
07. 2.18	EYE	14	Sankara Eye Hospital
07.3.18	EYE	12	Sankara Eye Hospital
TOTAL		246	

GROWTH:

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Examination results keep us on tenterhooks. The students have done well in their exams during the year 2016-17. In Plus Two Examinations, Commerce & Science Group students (48 students), we had 95% students passing the Board Exams. 6 of our students obtained more than 1000 marks out of 1200.. Growth topper was with 1154 marks.
- ❖ In 10th Std the students percentage of pass is 100%. Out of English medium 38 students 21 students have secured more than 400 marks out of 500. In Tamil medium out of 19 students six students have scored more than 400 marks. Growth topper in X std secured 482 out of 500.

- ❖ In the month of May 2017, applications were distributed for the next academic year (2017-18) 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 Tenth year of SYMA Growth was launched during 1st week of June.
- ❖ We have around 30 students each in +2 Commerce, + 2 Science Group; X standard – Tamil and X Std English medium – going by the demand, we are contemplating on putting another section in X English medium.
- ❖ Our 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 -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 thank the teaching Staff Mrs K N Vijayalakshmi, Ms. Subashini, Mr S Venkatadri, Mr Shahul Hameed, Mr T Srinivasan, Mr K S Venkatakrishnan, Mr Kannan, Ms S Ganthimathi, Ms.S.Jayanthi, Ms.Srinidhi, Mr.A.S.Sridhar, Ms.Vidhya, Ms.Jayalakshmi Ms.Padmapriya and Mr.Vittal Narayanan for their sincere and dedicated 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 2017-18 came to a close with a Special pooja conducted by Sri Sridhar Bhattar, A Special pooja was performed on 24..2.2018 for successful completion of the year 2017-2018. Mr.Gajendra Babu, (Kalviyalar) and Ms.Tirupurasundari Sevvel (Architect Planner& Independent Researcher). who attended as special guest and addressed the Students. SYMA places on record our profound thanks to the Management of NK Tirumalachariyar National Boys High School, Mr S. Venkatadri, HM, NKT Boys High School, our beloved teachers of SYMA Growth, Mrs Thara and the team assisting her deserve special appreciation. We now look forward to our students coming out with flying colours in the Public Examination.

Manpower and SYMA

“An ethical approach to business has always been part of our DNA and we’re proud to have been doing well by doing good for nearly 70 years.” – the Chairman & CEO Mr Jonas Prising is quoted as proclaiming and its tagline reads : ‘Over 65 Years of What’s Humanly Possible’ – and we feel it a privilege and SYMA’s fortune to be associated with a great Company, connected through its Chief Human Resource officer Sri P.V. Venkatesan.

The Company sponsored World Cup Soccer in France in 1998. It is Manpower Group, a Fortune 500 American multinational corporation headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Founded in 1948 by Elmer Winter and Aaron Scheinfeld, ManpowerGroup is among top largest staffing firms.

ManPower is a world leader in innovative workforce solutions, connecting human potential to the power of business. During a time when women were uncommon in the workplace, Manpower introduced in 1963 its “White Glove Girl” marketing campaign, which provided women with a bridge to employment. In 2017, ManpowerGroup was named a World’s Most Ethical Company by Ethisphere and a World’s Most Admired Company by Fortune Magazine

Its Indian arm – ‘Manpowerindia’, established in 2000, offers complete Human Resource solutions. The Company provides the right candidate in the right place at right time to clients. The dynamic job market and external forces continue to rewrite the rules that govern this businesses and we consider it a great fortune to be associated with a great company and its Chief HR Head Sri P V Venkatesan.

In 2016, they supported our SYMA Growth fully with a donation of Rs.4,72,000/- and last year – their subsidiary Experis IT provided great support by donating Rs. 7,32,600/-

This year, we sought their support again, submitted the financials properly and submitted a project report for SYMA Growth. As the financial year was drawing to a close, we were asked to explain in detail about our medical centre too, and our Secretary S. Sampathkumar provided them all the requisite details, formats and a presentation on our activities.

We were extremely surprised to know from the suave PV that Manpower, this year has decided to support our SYMA Growth in full with handsome support of Rs.6,89,000/- and came the topping – support to medical centre with a donation of Rs.6,50,000/-

We express our heartfelt gratitude to M/s Manpower and their Principal Officers - Mr PV Venkatesan, HR- Head; MrDevesh Gupta; Mr Kartik Kapoor, Finance Controller and Ms Rekha Kalra, Company Secretary and all others who were instrumental in this great support.

We with tears recall those years, when SYMA members pooled to ensure timely payment of the rent and other expenses of our Medical centre. From those humble days, such a big Corporate support is no doubt a great boon in ensuring continuance of our services to Society and in improving the human values. Together we will strive to make the society a better place.

Thank you Manpower.

Educational aid

- ❖ This year we distributed applications, scrutinized and finalized at one stroke, the recipients based on economic criteria. The students came to the venue, had their applications completed and walked out with cards with which they can collect the uniforms without hassle. Every year in our Function, we distribute uniforms, honour the school toppers of various schools in Triplicane, extend financial assistance to some students and honour a good social worker with ‘SYMA Seva Award’.
- ❖ On 8th July 2017 was the day, we held our Educational Aid Programme at 6 pm at NKT National Girls High School, Triplicane. Our Secretary, Mr. S.Sampathkumar compered the programme. Mr. M.A.Sadagopan, Treasurer welcomed the Guests and introduced those on stage. President Mr. T.J.Ramani in his Presidential address spoke about our various activities,

tracing the origin, and dwelt at length on our vision and ideals. Thiru T.S. KRISHNAMURTHY Former Chief Election Commissioner participated as Chief Guest along with Dr. K. SRIDHAR Founder Trustee SKKSMT, Former Member Planning Commission highly energised by his presence.

- ❖ As a Service Organisation engaged in Social Service for close to four decades, SYMA feel its bounden duty 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.

MrsJayanthi Narayanan has been silently rendering exceptional service to society. While there would be people proficient with multilingual skills, communication skills in the form of Braille, tactile and visual sign language may not even be known. For over 3 decades, She has been passionately involved in teaching intellectually challenged children, deaf-blind and multiple handicapped. With care and concern, she has been counselling parents of children with special needs, supervise and train teachers in these tough areas.

SYMA considers her an Extraordinary Role Model and is proud to bestow on her "SYMA SEVA AWARD 2017" in recognition of her exceptional contributions in the field of teaching and service to such special children and service to society at large.

Triplicane has many educational institutions; some of them are century old. The toppers of various schools in Triplicane [in X Std and +2] were honoured on stage. This has been providing great encouragement and happiness to achievers. This award has been instituted by Mr TA Ramachandran in memory of his mother MrsRajalakshmiPadmanabhan.

- ❖ Another award in the name of Vai Mu Kothainayakiammal was instituted by Sri V.M Venkatakrishnan. The achievers of SYMA Growth were honoured too. The Growth Topper every year receives 'D Krishnan Memorial award' instituted by Ms.Bharathi Baskar. The Growth topper in Tamil was awarded with "Bharathi Virudhu" instituted by our Secretary Mr. Sanjeevi Raghunathan. This year the prizes were also given to the winners of competition conducted by NKT Training college management to the students of Teachers training. Our secretary Sanjeevi Raghunathan delivered Vote of Thanks and meeting endedwith National Anthem.
- ❖ We thank Kumaran Stores for supply and package of uniforms. Swaraj Graphics Mani & Narayanan for printing, all Volunteers especially Ms. Srinidhi, Mrs.Thara, Mr.Venkatesh, Mrs.Jayasuda, Mr.Iyyappan.
- ❖ 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. The list of large hearted, good minded people is long. The help is not measured by the amount of contributions alone but by the spontaneity, willingness and the kind heartedness.
- ❖ We would like to place on record, our special thanks to all our donors, patrons and well-wishers. We place on record our special thanks to the management of NKT Management, Principal, Training College & Mr S Venkatadri. Special thanks are due to all our dedicated teachers. We thank M/s Manpower Group for sponsoring the expenses of SYMA Growth this year.

- ❖ We thank all our donors and members with special reference to Sri Balasubramaniam of Mangal Tirth Estates; Sri J Venkatesan; Citi bank and Royal Sundaram employees; Mr.Prabhu Sukumaran, Mr. TS Lakshmanan, Mr CR Sridhar; Kumaran Dresses; Swaraj Graphics. We also thank our members Dr.K. Sridhar & Mr.A.V.Kasturirangan,for arranging Guests. A line in appreciation for Sri Narasimhan Venkatakrishnan, who has been sending contribution every month from US.

SYMA Childfest - is the grand Inter-school competitions being organized by us.

- ❖ For the past forty years, SYMA has been actively involved in serving the society. Besides the medical and educational projects, the annual SYMA Child Fest is an undertaking that we at SYMA, are extremely proud of. The SYMA Child Fest is a platform that not only motivates children to express their talent and creativity, but also infuses a healthy competitive spirit in them. Over the years, the SYMA Child Fest has seen a steady rise in the active participation of schools and students.

Children are our future and inculcating good qualities in them and making them responsible citizens is the responsibility of the Society. SYMA all along has been striving betterment of society and imbibing discipline,commitment, mental strength, self-consciousness and other virtues. Child Fest is one such attempt aimed at imbibing in them the skill sets, confidence and more importantly competitiveness. Child Fest provides a competitive platform for showcasing talent in various fields.Over the years, this has become immensely popular with schools and with children, as the numbers are growing multifold year after year. The fete is a two day affair

- ❖ **The venue for the two day fete : “Spencer Plaza”** is a famous shopping mall situate in the middle of Mount road (Anna Salai) – a landmark by itself. It dates back to the days of Spencer’s departmental store, and is perhaps the first biggest mall in City of Chennai. Its history can be traced to the origin of Spencers way back in 1863 established by Charles Durant and J. W. Spencer. The present Spencer Plaza constructed on site measuring about 10 acres opened in 1991, attracting thousands of visitors daily and has ample car parking.Our Co-sponsor for the event, MangalTirth Estate Limited, a property development company promoted this Spencer Plaza.

This year the two-day child fest was held on 20th and 21st of Jan 2018 in association with MangalTirth Estate Ltd held at Spencer Plaza.

On 20thJan , The event was inaugurated by Mr.M.Balasubramanyam, Director, Mangal Tirth Estate Limited.The mentioned competitions were held over the period of two days - drawing, Fancy Dress, Group Singing, Dance, Quiz, Instrumental Fusion, Art work & Innovative Thinking. This was followed by the prayer to the Almighty and the lighting of the traditional kuthuvilakku. The welcome speech was delivered by Mr. S Sampathkumar, our reputable Secretary, who conveyed to the audience and guests what SYMA is all about.

The Program Coordinators, namely Mr. R. Seshadri, Mr. A. V. Kasturirangan, Mr. S. R. Parthasarathy, Mrs. Jayasudha Sanjeevi, Mr. T. A. Sathyanarayanan, Mr. T. A. Sampathkumar were an absolute boon, for their tireless efforts in organizing the entire festival. We place on record the excellent coordination from Staff of Mangal Tirth Estate Limited and we don't have words to express our thanks to Bala sir who is helping SYMA for the past several years led all of us with not only enthusiasm but also sponsoring lot of expenditure. The smooth conduct of the event was due to the extensive planning, and meticulous execution done by our dedicated volunteers. Members of Soundarya Rathnamala led by Mrs. Prema Krishnamohan, Volunteers from MOP Vaishnav College.

- ❖ On the 20th Jan 2018, the day kicked off with the Drawing competition, which was divided into five categories. This event was marked by an overwhelming and enthusiastic participation of children of all ages, who eagerly showcased their inventiveness. The concluding event was the Dance competition, where the students stole everyone's hearts with their ovation-worthy performances. The total numbers of participants were around 4000 children from various schools of the city.
- ❖ The second day programme commenced with the Fancy Dress competition saw students of all ages decked up in various ingenious costumes from which the efforts of their parents were clearly seen that found both the judges and audiences alike responding in delight and amazement. The Quiz competition was held soon after, which was excellently executed by our Secretary Mr. Sampath Kumar, followed by the Art competition. The students' flair for artistry was commended by all. The students also proved their knack for out-of-the-box thinking by presenting their ideas in the Innovative Thinking. The Group Singing event for groups A and B, where the sheer talent blew the judges away.
- ❖ Mr. N. Nambirajan, (Chief Financial Officer and Secretary 'The Hindu'), Mr. R. Srinivasan, (Chief Executive Officer, SMSO Permanent Nidhi Ltd) and Mr. M. Balasubramanyam (Director, Mangal Tirth Estate Ltd) participated and distributed all the prizes to the children. The Guests emphasized on how important is to take care of Children in the society and narrated the importance of children development and also appreciated SYMA for delivering the development in the field of Education & Health to the massive crowd at the Prize distribution function. More than 2500 students from 150 schools participated in this mega event and 205 winners were felicitated across the events. All Participated Students were given certificate and participation Gifts. Sree Venkateswarar Matriculation Higher Secondary School won the overall winner Rolling Trophy sponsored by Sri Krishna Sweets.
- ❖ Mr. R. Sanjeevi Raghunathan, Secretary – SYMA compeared the Proceedings of the function. Mr. S. Sampath Kumar, Secretary-SYMA Welcomed the gathering for the day. Mr. T. J. Ramani, President, SYMA delivered the vote of thanks.
- ❖ We express our sincere thanks to our event sponsor, Gold Winner and Mangal Tirth Estate Limited whose patronage made this year's child fest a grand success. SYMA places its heartfelt thanks to the proud sponsor of the event "Gold winner" & Mangal Tirth Estate Limited and other sponsors ITC Ltd, Odyssey, Reynolds, Mcdonalds, United India Insurance, Axis Bank, LIC of India, Punjab National Bank, Triad, Star Health Insurance, SMSO Nidhi Ltd., VBJ.

- ❖ We thank Mr. AV KasturiRangan, Mr. S. Parthasarathy Mr. Bakthisaran, Mr. MA Sadagopan, Mr. S. Madhavan, T. P. Srikanth, Diamond Srinivasan for helping SYMA to get Co-sponsors for Childfest and our Secretary Mr. Sampathkumar and Mr N Rajaram, Brahma Associates for Quiz.
- ❖ Special thanks to Mr. A. V. Kasturirangan for making arrangements for the chief guest. We are also grateful to our coordinators and volunteers, for without their untiring toils, this programme would not have been possible. The work of our Mr. R. Seshadri, Mr. D. Veeraraghavan, Mr. Aravind stands out in arrangement for distribution of the prizes.

Mr. SR Parthasarathy took care of for all the outdoor work coordinating with Mangal Tirth Staff. We thank Ms. M. K. Prema and D. Sudarsan for sparing their house for all work and Ms. M. K. Prema, Mrs. K. V. Geetha and Ms. Shobana for visiting all the schools personally to hand over the Enrolment forms.

- ❖ We thank Mr. Chandrasekhar of Creative desk for the web support; Mr. Mani & Mr. Narayanan of M/s Swaraj Graphics, SS Graphics for the print support. Special thanks are due to Mrs. Nirmala, our voice for answering all calls relating to the Child Fest and all staffs of Mangal Tirth Estates Limited.
- ❖ We thank Doordharshan Kendra for telecasting for half an hour for 2 days the Childfest programme and also thank our member Mr. M. Vijayakumar for arranging telecast.
- ❖ Above all, we are thankful to the Almighty for his blessings and in making the event a thriving victory.

National Days

- ❖ Aug 15th our Independence Day, every year, we celebrate by hoisting National flag followed by Eye camp. Mr. Rajeev & Mr. Ramarao the chief executives of M/s. Palepu Pharma Private Limited jointly hoisted the National Flag. Mrs. Premakrishnamohan of Soundarya Rathnamala Isai kuzhu sung nationalistic songs.
- ❖ On the Republic Day of the Nation At SYMA centre the flag was hoisted by Mr. NKT M Jayagopal & Soundarya Rathnamala Isai Kuzhu led by Mrs. Premarenered nationalistic songs. We thank all those who are attending this functions voluntarily and it was a fitting tribute to our Nation.

Others

Deepawali Celebrations with “Growth”

The festivity could be felt in the air even before a fortnight, when one walks either in T Nagar area, where every shop be it selling Gold, Silver or clothes – are overcrowded – the entire area would be flowing with people jostling to buy more and more. In our childhood, a small sum of rupees spent would provide a bagful of crackers which would be our pride possession of exhibit to friends

and neighbours. The reasoning of festivals is to make people happy – sharing of happiness by being with the people, sharing sweets and paying obeisance to elders. SYMA stands for all the social values. For creating a better tomorrow, we are striving to provide quality education to poor students. Only education can uplift the poor to higher echelons – we are creating the infrastructure and are striving to help the poor children, [some of them - first generation students] by providing quality tuition assistance throughout the year in organized manner.

At our fulltime tuition Centre – SYMA Growth, we are now training 115 students [X – Tamil & English medium; +2 Commerce & Science Groups English] in our tenth year of operation [2017-18] We talk to them, nurture them, guide them, make them understand the good and bad and realize the need for studying well. We strain ourselves to make them feel happy – with Deepavali around the corner, if the students are to be asked, what would make them happy – there would be a list [no our students will not say ‘holidays’ !!]

On 15th October 2017 as the students entered, they were made to assemble in the front hall of NKT Boys High School, little would have they expected what was to follow. In a well organized planned move [TJ Ramani, Kasthuri, SRP, Sadagopan, Sanjeevi, Mani, Sudarshan, Venkatesh, MK Premamami, Meyyur Kannan and many others] SYMA gave them some gifts

As they assembled at 10 am, in a small speech our secretary Mr. S Sampathkumar welcomed them, greeted them ‘wishes for Happy and safe Deepavali celebrations’. Mr Sridharan, Retd Official of State Bank of Travancore and R Kannan, Trade Union leader of Postal employees and others greeted the students providing them insightful information on the need to stay focussed and feel confident of doing well in future. The students were given Deepavali gifts and glee on their faces will have to be seen to be felt.

SYMA supported in this endeavour by Sri AMR Kannan, our ex-office bearer, now in USA Mr VA Seshadri, our member, now in USA; Mr TK Mani, Triads, through our committee member Mr S. Parthasarathy – the gift packet consisted of Shirt bit [for boys] / Chudidhar material [for girls], 250gm sweets packet, 1 Veshti and one Saree for their parents.

The package costs overall around Rs.85,000/- overall and we thank our donors for making this happen and our volunteers for the good work in procuring and packing.

Drama 10.9.2017

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, ghatam, Veena and more. The raga style is commonly used, and improvisation is common. Three forms are hailed : Iyal, Isai, Natyam [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 Thiagaraja

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 leadrole. 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. NKT 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, NKT'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 Harihar Vinayakram (popularly Vikku Vinayakram) is ghatam exponent, Padma Bhushan, winner of many 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 Manni Thirumalachariyar in 1900 occupies pride of place, Mr. M. Krishnamurthi has been its secretary for more than 25 years now. Sri TV Varadharajan, news reader of Doordarshan, stage artist is another famous son of Triplicane. Mr. TJ Ramani, President of SYMA. Mr. NKT Jayagopal is the worthy son of late Mr. NKT Muthu, philanthropist, social activist, now running Bihar school of Satyanandha Yoga. Rich tributes were paid to late Mr. NKT Muthu by every speaker.

Mr. NKT 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. Mr. 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 T V 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 Tyagaraja – 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 soul stirring 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.

Vaikunda Ekadasi

- ❖ 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 SR Parthasarathy is appreciated. We place on record our appreciation of all Volunteers participated. Also thank M/s. Sakthi Hospitals who provided First Aid facility and Ambulance in the avenue throughout day. Also we thank Brahmin Welfare Association for participation.

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.

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- ❖ Our Sincere thanks to 'The Hindu', 'The Hindu – Downtown', and other news papers for publishing articles on activities of our association.

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- ❖ The organized work and clear instructions of Mr Durai alias R. Seshadri deserves special mention, especially in the distribution of school uniforms.

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- ❖ We thank all our members for the trust and giving this opportunity to serve this year.

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
- ❖ Members are requested to visit our website www.syma.in for all our activities and our photo gallery : <http://picasaweb.google.com/SYMATRIPLICANE>

Obituary

Kanchi Sankara Sri Jayendra Saraswati Swamy

Syma medical journey started with the blessings of acharya and as unit 3 of Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Sankara Medical Trust . Dr. Sridhar took us several times to Swamiji . He is very impressed with his visit to syma Triplicane center after seeing a large turnout. Swamiji visited syma medical center thrice and at one of his visit he could not make it to center due to crowd. But he blessed and said this center will grow to greater heights. Swamiji's contribution to medical is phenomenon. We syma are fortunate to be near him several times and it is only because of Dr. Sridhar and his team. When we are on the look out for a place for medical center, to get his blessings for our syma members trip in two wheeler,swami directed us to sriperumpudur where we met jeer mutt agent bhattar swami, offered this place.

N.Ganapathy, Former President

The news of passing away of Mr N Ganapathi on 16th of November 2017 came as a shock to all Triplicane residents. He has been associated with SYMA from its nascent times and he served as President during a crucial period. His interest in fine arts, drama and people made him popular. He was associated with Sri Parthasarathi Swami Sabha, Sri Thennacharya Sripadhamthangigal and many other associations. As a President of SYMA from 1997-2003 he steered the organisation to greater heights. He participated in all our events and would find nice things to express his appreciations. He has often appreciated the language and nice articles of Bliss too. He was ailing for some time. We pray Lord Parthasarathy for giving strength to his family to bear his irreparable loss.