

RINIVAS 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, 26th May 2019 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 2018-2019 by Secretary.
- 3) Adoption of Audited Statement of Accounts for the year 2018-2019.
- 4) Appointment of Auditors for the year 2019-2020.
- 5) Election of Office Bearers for the year 2019-2020.

(Election Schedule enclosed)

- 6) Any other matter.

S.Sampathkumar

R. Seshadri

Secretaries

Place : Chennai - 600 005

Date : 27- 04 - 2019

Note :

- ❖ From a humble beginning in 1977 to what we are today, we owe it all to you - the members. Your participation, suggestion and execution have 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 were being intimated to members through our Newsletter BLISS, which could not be carried on due to preoccupations of the Editor. We intend updating information on our website www.syma.in, regularly from now on.
- ❖ We 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 2019-2020 to be held on **26-05-2019** [age restriction as given in our bye-laws]

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

- 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.
- A deposit of Rs.10/- shall be made by each contesting member. This deposit is not refundable under any circumstances.
- Every member of the Association who is not in arrears of subscription as on 31-03-2019 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.
- Nomination forms duly proposed and seconded should reach our election officer **Mr. V.B.Mukundan @ Kanchi Krishna at his** Residence 90/81 TP Koil Street, Triplicane, Chennai – 600 005 on or before **15-5-.2019** before 7.00 pm. Both proposer and seconder should not be in arrears of subscription on the date of nomination.
- The scrutiny of nomination will take place at 7.00 pm on **16-5.2019** at our office.
- The decision of the Election officer is final regarding validity of nomination.**
- The nomination may be withdrawn on or before **17.5.2019** before 7.00 PM.
- The Final list of candidates contesting in the election will be published on the Association's Notice Board on or before **18.5.2019**.
- The voters list will be available at our office from **19th of May 2019** at office hours.
- 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 draw of chits with names written.

SECRETARIES REPORT

We have immense pleasure in presenting to you the Annual report along with the audited financial statement for the year 2018 – 2019.

- ❖ Total collection for the year 2018-2019 is around Rs.54 Lakhs.
- ❖ Educational Aid & Tuition Centre collection of around Rs.28 Lakhs and Rs 8 Lakhs towards Corpus funds.
- ❖ Special thanks to our Secretary Mr.S. Sampathkumar (Rs.14,81,500), T.P.Sridhar (Rs.946,521),T.P.Srikanth (578200) S.Parthasarathy (224552) Vice president Mr.A.V.Kasturirangan (Rs.1,29,500),VP Sanjeevi Raghunathan (96603) & our member Mr. J Venkatesan (Rs. 2,21,000)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 5818 Patients at our Medical Centre and 3236 persons - benefitted at our Diagnostic lab. 283 patients benefitted from Specialists' consultation on Wednesdays. Thanks to Dr.K. Sridhar for his continuous guidance and help in all our medical activities.
- ❖ More than 100 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 T.A.Ramachandran in memory of Smt.Rajalakshmi Padmanabhan – Rs 5 Lakhs, M/s.Karix Mobile pvt Ltd through V.V.Charitable Trust -3 Lakhs.
- ❖ Syma heartily thank Manpower Group services private Limited India for their continuous sponsorship to SYMA Growth of Rs.7,00,000/- this year and another Rs.700000/- for Medical centre for 2018-2019;
- ❖ M/S/Karix Mobile India Pvt Ltd- Rs.6,00,000 towards Medical Center; M/s Star Health and Allied Insurance co Ltd Rs.2,24,552 and M/s/ Paleppu Pharma Ltd Rs.2,50,000 . All these donations are made from their respective CSR Scheme.
- ❖ 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 2018 - 2019 :

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 5818 Patients at our Medical Centre and 3236 benefitted at our Diagnostic lab. 283 patients benefitted from Specialists' consultation on Wednesdays.
- ❖ We have appointed Dr. Nagaiah Chetty and he has been providing medical consultation daily. We thank him for his services.
- ❖ 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.Nagaiah Chetty, Dr. Vidhya, Dr. Arul Kumaran, Dr. Poongothai and Dr.Seetharaman,Dr.Varalakshmi who have been a great source of strength.
- ❖ As a big step towards expansion, our Centre is functioning in the mornings too with a Gynecologist Doctor rendering service two days in a week. Close to 100 patients have benefitted in this.
- ❖ We thank Mrs.Sudha Sampathkumar for providing Counselling in our center and 9 patients benefitted.
- ❖ We thank Ms.Abinaya S Rao, Ms.A.Karthiga and Miss D Sangani Dietician, from Sri Ramachandra Medical College who are visiting our center two days in a week and giving counselling to Diabetics patients on Diets.Around 82 patients benefitted.
- ❖ Our cherished dream of a SYMA hospital catering to the poor providing quality medical care would dawn to a reality one day.
- ❖ SYMA is now at crossroads. 29 TP koil Street has been our address for more than 3 decades, but is under strain. A legal notice has been issued by the Mutt Authorities (who own the premises) asking us to vacate immediately. We have since responded providing some alternatives and have spoken to them on more than a couple of occasions. There is need for alternate accommodation, which was discussed in our last AGM too. Thanks to the suggestions of members – we explored couple of options, including an apartment for purchase.
- ❖ Solution dawned for our premises issue as SYMA could locate a suitable premises in Car Street. This will be a significant milestone for all of us. Vasavi Constructions who have earlier supported us in a big way, in constructing the premises at 29 TP Koil Street and the

Public convenience that was once managed by us, have kind-heartedly offered the premises. However, it is not ready for occupation straightaway and requires some infrastructure changes to suit our operations. The premises also is to be suitably altered by them to enable their using independently the first and 2nd floors. Such physical alterations are being planned by them and could take some more time.

- ❖ Meantime, as is required under normal circumstances for securing the place and planning our future activities, the Committee has paid advance and have been consulting strategic experts for alterations too. Upon moving there, we would have ample space and better facelift for the Medical Service including the Medical &lab. We have also plans to run a Care Centre and physiotherapy. All these have been our dream and would require a bigger level planning, manpower, resources and execution. We are confident that with the active support of all our members, SYMA would be able to add newer leaves in Service to society.
- ❖ We thank Mr Badrinath and Vasavi Constructions for this assistance in offering such a spacious premises for the Social Service Organisation not demanding commercial rate but a concessional rate.

We place on record our appreciations for the great work of Mrs MK Prema. Mrs Prema Mami has been regular attending our Medical Centre in the evenings as also in the mornings helping the lab activities. Hearty thanks to her. We also appreciate the regular service of our staff Mrs. Mahalakshmi, Mr.Rajkumar, Mrs.Ranganayaki, our Members, Mr NS Rangarajan, Mr.S.Venkatesh & Mr. MA Sadagopan.

Medical Camp (Eye) :

The decision of tie-up with Medall for quality analysis and release of pathological reports, the perception among the users of SYMA Medical lab has gone up. With local Doctors too supporting by accepting our reports, more people are now using our lab facility. With our full-fledged Medical centre attracting sizable number of people, more so with our Specialists' consultation on Wednesdays – we are not inclined to conduct medical camps monthly. However we will strive to conduct special medical camps based on need and whenever there are some requests from common public / interested organizations for a camp.

For a couple of decades, we have been conducting Eye camp on National Independence Day. This year too, we conducted 'Cataract detection camp' on 15th August in association with Sankara Eye Hospital, Pammal. After the flag hoisting at SYMA's Office and Medical Center, the eye camp was conducted at Sri Sirvi Samaj, Dr Besant Road. Lions Club of Chennai Venus, Brahmins Welfare Association, Triplicane and Sri Sirvi Samaj joined hands with SYMA and Sankara Eye Hospital, Pammal to conduct this eye screening camp. Dr. S. Prakash Chief Operating Officer, Star Health & Allied Insurance company Ltd was the Chief Guest. We are ever thankful to the ever helpful officials of the hospital and Mr J Babu for all their support.

SYMA used this platform to honour a very sincere postman of the locality Mr S Ravichandran who endeared himself to the residents of Triplicane by his prompt and friendly service of deliverance of posts on his retirement after nearly 40 years of service. SYMA, in appreciation of his long and meritorious service presented a certificate of honour recognising his service to society in connecting the people.

SYMA feels happy and fortunate to be associated with Sankara Eye Hospital, Pammal for the past 20 years. To date, Sankara Eye Hospital Pammal has performed over 220,000 cataract surgeries of which over 90% have been free of cost to poor and needy patients. In the camp on 15th August, 183 persons were screened and 6 persons were taken to Sankara Eye Hospital Pammal for free cataract surgery. 50 people required spectacles, they were given on 25th of August in memory of our member Late Shri K.E.Raghavan.

Wednesday Specials:

SYMA Medical Centre has been serving under privileged people with a measly Rs.2/- with consultation and medicines given free. This fee will remain Rs.2/- forever. After our Silver jubilee in Medical service, we made a novel attempt making Wednesdays to be special days.

For every Wednesday, at our Medical centre, Specialists provide quality medical care. We thank the Specialist Doctors in this endeavor and Dr.K.Sridhar for arranging doctors from SIMS Hospital. Mr. S.Parthasarathy, our committee member deserves appreciation for arranging doctors. MA Sadagopan took active role in co-ordinating these Wednesday specials. Our special thanks to our volunteers Mrs. M.K.Prema, Mr. N.S.Rangarajan and our staff Ms.Mahalakshmi. close to 280 people benefitted in this arrangement, and we hope that the numbers would swell with more and more people getting benefitted by this initiative.

Details of Special Medical Camps

Date	Department	No of patients	Doctor Name
04.4.18	Eye	10	Sankara Eye Hospital
02.5.18	Eye	7	Sankara Eye Hospital
06.6.18	Eye	16	Sankara Eye Hospital
14.6.18	Diabetic	10	Dr.Srivatsa
04.7.18	Eye	17	Sankara Eye Hospital
04.7.18	Ortho	17	Dr.Appaji
11.7.18	Neuro	17	Dr.Senthilnathan
18.7.18	Cardiology	6	Dr.Jayanthi
03.8.18	ENT	7	Dr.Ramakrishnan
05.9.18	Eye	13	Sankara Eye Hospital
12.9.18	Neuro	12	Dr.Senthilnathan
26.9.18	Diabetic	7	Dr.Srivatsa
03.10.18	Eye	17	Sankara Eye Hospital

10.10.18	Neuro	14	Dr.Senthilnathan
23.10.18	Skin	9	Dr.Murali
07.11.18	Eye	5	Sankara Eye Hospital
14.11.18	Neuro	9	Dr.Senthilnathan
05.12.18	Eye	14	Sankara Eye Hospital
12.12.18	Neuro	10	Dr.Senthilnathan
02.1.19	Eye	3	Sankara Eye Hospital
09.1.19	Neuro	9	Dr.Senthilnathan
06.2.19	Eye	14	Sankara Eye Hospital
13.2.19	Neuro	13	Dr.Senthilnathan
21.2.19	Ortho	10	Dr.Appaji
06.3.19	Eye	4	Sankara Eye Hospital
13.3.19	Neuro	6	Dr.Senthilnathan
23.3.19	Physiotherapy	7	Dr.A.Dani
	Total	283	

Educational Service – SYMA GROWTH:

- ❖ We live by the axiom ‘only Education can change the society’. Our cherished project in the field of Education ‘SYMA Growth’ has been prospering and is marching towards 12th 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 2018 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.
- ❖ Our students did exceeding well in +2 with ‘all pass’ – making us proud. [15 of them in Science group and 28 in Commerce group] Our Student Ms Varsha is the topper in Science with 545 out of 600. 4 of them got above 400; 9 students are in the bracket 300-400. In the Commerce group, the topper is Pugazhenthii 506/600. 6 got more than 400 and 12 above 300.
- ❖ Our Students have performed well in X standard too. In English medium out of 24 / 23 have passed – our Growth topper is Ms Harini with 427/500 & Ms Jeevitha secured 418/500. In Tamil medium, (which perhaps represents the poorest of poor in the society) – of 13 students – 12 have passed. The topper is Ms Afrin Banu with 318/500.
- ❖ There were many activities during this academic year at SYMA Growth. On Saraswathi pooja 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. Sweets were distributed to students.

- ❖ Deepavali 'the festival of lights' is always enchanting – an occasion to wear new clothes, eat sweets, burst crackers, be with friends and relatives – a festivity which brings enjoyment . to SYMA, celebrating Deepavali – was making people happy we made our students and their parents happy and in the process, we are happy !!
- ❖ On 29th Oct 2018 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. At the end of the function, Happiness was writ large on their faces and seeing them happy made us feel happy. The Chief Guest was Dr J Radhakrishnan, IAS, Principal Secretary to Govt – really overwhelming with his simplicity and friendliness. Mr TK Mani, Managing Partner of Triads, our regular sponsor was the other guest. After prayer in praise of Lord Parthasarathi, Secretary S. Sampathkumar welcomed the Guests, spoke on ideals of SYMA, more specifically on tuition centre SYMA Growth.

SYMA distributed gift packet to every student of SYMA Growth. The gift packet consisted of – readymade Shirt [for boys] / stitched chudidhar [for girls] ~ we had taken the measurements and ensured that they got right size veshti & utharivam and saree & blouse for their parents.

SYMA was 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 Srinisavan (Fallam)]. We thank our donors for making this happen. The glee on the faces of parents and students was very much evident. Mr S Venkatadri, HM National Boys High School, Mrs Subashini, ret'd Asst VP of Hindu Sr Secondary and other teachers of Growth were present. Elderly scholar Sri TES Raghavan, who has written many books in Sanskrit, Hindi and other languages and who has translated 'Thirukural' in Hindi, was a special dignitary and SYMA felt happy in having scholars attending and blessing us.

- ❖ At SYMA Growth, all our students are from 'economically suffering class' and most of them are first generation students. In the modern day World with rising prices, intense competition, not so conducive atmosphere for studies at home, the students are always under immense pressure. Added could be peer pressure, sometimes not so well treated at school by teachers and fellow-students, parents being too harsh or not caring at all; parents who often compare and put their ward down – life is always challenging for some.
- ❖ Mental health is a level of psychological well-being or an absence of mental illness. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood. Over the course of one's life, if one experiences mental health problems, thinking, mood, and behavior could be affected. Many factors contribute to mental health problems, including: biological factors, life experiences and family history. The word dreaded – 'Schizophrenia' is a chronic and severe mental disorder that affects how a person thinks, feels, and behaves.

- ❖ SCARF is the acronym for the Schizophrenia Research Foundation, a non governmental, non profit organization in Chennai, founded in 1984 by a group of philanthropists and mental health professionals led by Dr. M.Sarada Menon. Dr R Padmavathi, Director and Dr D Vijayaraghavan, Psychiatrist, were at NKT National Boys High School and spoke to our SYMA Growth tuition centre students it was a very interactive session, with students raising some doubts on the state of mental health. Dr Vijayaraghavan & Dr Padmavathi patiently encouraged to understand these more, making them much relieved of their stresses.SYMA thanks SCARF, Dr R Padmavathi & Dr D Vijayaraghavan for their visit and time in talking to our students, which would change the life of students in a better way.
- ❖ **Pooja & Send-off** : with the completion of Academic year and examinations getting closer, on 24th Feb 2018, SYMA organised a Pooja at NKT National Boys High School, praying for the success of our students and for the well being of the Organisation in continuing this good cause. Special pooja was conducted by Sri Rengaswami battar (89 years young) and Sri Devaraja Swami, Chinnamurai Archagars of Sri Parthasarathi Swami temple who blessed the students.

For motivating the students and to make them feel, that exams are no demon, we had an young London educated Lawyer Ms Smrithi Arya, who specializes in Intellectual property law. Our Secretary S. Sampathkumar (yours truly) spoke to the students, wishing them and introduced the special guests. Ms Smriti dwelt at length on the need for focusing and strategizing. She mingled so well with the students, making them dream of emulating her and her speech was laced with practical anecdotes and personal experiences.

Mr G Narayanan was a very very special Guest -- he possesses Advanced diploma in Avionics Engineering (Indian Navy) and served for 15 years in Indian Navy. We felt that only people like him deserve the high platform and every Indian should salute such Service personnel wherever we meet them. He is an Alumni of Naval Elect Training academy, INS Valsura and had served on-board Aircraft Carrier INS Viraat for trial sorties of Russian made ASW helicopters during Gulf war. He retired as Chief Aircraft Artificer on successful completion of 15 years. We felt so happy in having him in our midst and his speech was heard with rapt attention not only by the students but by SYMA members.

The success of SYMA Growth in uplifting the students from lower echelons of society is fully because of the untiring efforts of teachers of SYMA Growth. The teachers present spoke and wished the students. Mr Srinivasan, advised on the need for putting in right efforts and gave useful tips in writing exams. Mrs Subashini emphasised on right diet and not eating junk food while preparing for the examinations. Mr R Seshadri @ Durai, summed up and proposed the vote of thanks. TP Srikanth conducted some fun games for the students and prizes for the winner in the games, as also some gifts for the teaching staff, courtesy ITC Limited.

Our Teachers were honoured with memento (silver medal).. .. enabling the students write the exams well, pen sets were given to all students. SYMA places on record our profound thanks to the Management of NK Thirumalachariyar National Boys High School, Mr S. Venkatadri, HM, NKT Boys High School, our beloved teachers of SYMA Growth, Mrs Thara,

and the volunteers. Special appreciations are due to M/s Manpower Group India and Mr PV Venkatesan – for their support in fully-funding this project for the 3rd continuous year. We would also like to mention the efforts of secretary Mr R.Seshadri @ Durai and Mr TJ Ramani in visiting the facility daily and in the conduct of full-fledged model exams in all subjects. Thanks to Mr KV Srinivasan & Mr Kanakarajkumar for the photos of the occasion.

- ❖ We thank the teaching Staff Ms. Subashini, Mr S Venkatadri, Mr Shahul Hameed, Mr T Srinivasan, Mr K S Venkatakrishnan, Ms S Ganthimathi, Ms.S.Jayanthi, Mr.A.S.Sridhar, Ms.Vidhya,Ms.Jayasudha, Ms.Vijaya (Spoken English),Ms.Revathy,Ms.Subhasini (Eco),Ms.Padma,Mr.Gururajan, Ms.Padmapriya,Mr.T.A.Srinivasan,Mr.Ramakrishnan (Sanskrit) for their sincere and dedicated efforts in providing quality education to our students.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ This year – headed by our Secretary Mr Seshadri (Durai) and Mr TJ Ramani, another novel attempt was made – conduct of a model exam in similar to public Exam. It was conducted in a similar manner of a Public exam with Hall ticket, Regn. No and more. Question papers modelled on Public exam were prepared by experts in the field, and students wrote exam of same duration. Our Secretary R. Seshadri @ Durai meticulously planned everything and a team of volunteers assisted him. We 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

Educational aid

From humble beginnings of less than 100 uniforms, we have grown into distributing more than 1000 sets of uniform every year. 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 Educational Aid 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'.

NKT Kala mantapam has seen many grand events. It was the seat promoting ' Natakam form of Tamil'. Educational Aid function, was held on 7th July 2018 at NKT National Girls High School. We had extremely distinguished Chief Guest Hon'ble Justice Thiru S Baskaran, Judge, Madras High Court and Mr R Venkatnarayanan, Financial Controller of Karix Mobile.

In the Educational Aid Function, we provided more than 1000 sets of unstitched uniforms to poor students. We also provided financial assistance to select college students, honoured School toppers of various Schools in Triplicane and the toppers of our own tuition centre, SYMA Growth. Every year we recognize some silent achievers of the Society and this year too we presented SYMA Seva Award to a woman who has been doing great service.

The doors of SYMA lab open in the morning and our Medical centre functions in the evening. For the past many years, Mrs Prema Duraiswamy has been attending our medical centre every day ensuring that our service reaches the intended recipients. She has ensured that our lab and dispensary open earlier than the scheduled time daily and is always at hand in assisting us in all our activities. This 72 year old woman hailing from our ancestral village of Dusi Mamandur is an exceptional role model and SYMA honoured her with 'Syma Seva Award 2018' – received by her on stage from Judge Thiru S Baskaran. We consider her an Extraordinary Role Model and bestowed on her "SYMA SEVA AWARD 2018" in recognition of her exceptional contributions.

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 Vice president. Mr. Sanjeevi Raghunathan.. Our president T.A.Sampathkumar presided and Secretary S.Sampathkumar compered the proceedings. Our Treasurer M.A.Sadagopan 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, C.R.Sridhar of Gold Winner for Bags to carry uniforms and all Volunteers.

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 Treasurer M.A Sadagopan & Member T.A.Sridhar,for arranging Guests.

SYMA Childfest: -

The competitions conducted by us for school children is very popular among city schools. This year "Gold Winner – SYMA Child fest 2019" was conducted in association with SMSO Nidhi Ltd & Life Insurance Corporation of India as a Associate Sponsor on 26th January 2019 & 27th January 2019 @ NKT National girls higher secondary school, Triplicane. The event was inaugurated by Mr.V.S.Sridhar (Branch Manager,ITC Ltd)b and Mr.M.Balasubramaniam (Director,Mangal Tirth Estate Ltd).. Over the two days - drawing, Fancy Dress, Group Singing, Solo Singing, group dance, Quiz, Art work & Skit competitions were held.

Around 1500 students participated in Drawing Competition and around 800 students participated in other events in which Quiz attracted 80 Teams consisting of two students in each Group. All students were given participation certificate and a gift. The parents who accompanied their wards appreciated the crowd management skill of syma. Over 100 Volunteers of SYMA, MOP Students, Soundarya Rathnamala isai Kuzhu and students from Growth were present throughout two days.

Sri.K.N.Ramaswamy ,Director-Bharatiya vidya Bhavan,Chennai Kendra was the Chief Guest; Special Guests were Sri C.S.Ramamurthy Director SMSO Nidhi Ltd & Sri D.Sankar Vice President, Tamilnadu Government Officials Union & 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. DAV Boys Gopalapuram won the overall winner Rolling Trophy sponsored by Sri Krishna Sweets.

SYMA places its heartfelt thanks to the proud sponsor of the event “Gold winner”,Associate sponsors SMSO Nidhi Ltd ,Life Insurance Corporation of India and other sponsors ITC ltd, Mangal Tirth Estates Ltd, United India Insurance, Axis Bank, Sri Krishna Sweets, Punjab National Bank, Triad, Star Health Insurance, VBJ, Tamilnadu Govt Officials Union, KK Borewells, GRT Grand, Exide Life Insurance.

T A Sampath Kumar, President – SYMA Welcomed the gathering for the day. . S. Sampath Kumar, Secretary-SYMA compeared the Proceedings of the function. Sanjeevi Raghunathan delivered the vote of thanks. Special mention should be made about the Program Coordinators, namely Mr.R.Seshadri,, Mrs. Jayasudha Sanjeevi, Mrs Saranya, Mr. T.A. Sathyanarayanan, Mr R.Kannan& Mr SR Parthasarathi. The smooth conduct of the event was due to the extensive planning, and meticulous execution done by our dedicated volunteers. We thank Mr. AV KasturiRangan,Mr.S.Parthasarathy Mr. TA Bakthisaran, Mr. MA Sadagopan, Mr T.P.Srikanth, MrT.P.Sridhar, Mr Diamond Srinivasan for bringing in sponsors and our Secretary Mr. Sampathkumar and Mr N Rajaram, Brahma Associates for Quiz.Special thanks to Mr.S.R.Raghunathan&Mr.R.Kannan for coordinating 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.Aravind stands out in arrangement for distribution of the prizes.We thank Mr. SR Parthasarathy who took care of for all the outdoor work especially arranging cleaning of all the three floors of NKT school block to get it ready for Drawing.We thank Secretary Mr.R.Seshadri for sparing their house for all work and Ms.M.K.Prema& Mrs.Uthra Sarang 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. This time it was Mrs Uthra Sarang who was our voice answering all calls relating to the Child Fest.

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/-; in 2017 their subsidiary Experis IT provided great support by donating Rs. 7,32,600/-; last year they supported Growth fully with handsome support of Rs.6,89,000/- and more for our Medical centre too at Rs.6,50,000/-

Getting support under CSR scheme is not easy – it has to be well documented and the project needs to be clear in its objective instilling confidence of its execution. In general, it is too difficult, to have this support on a continuous basis. This year, we sought their support again, submitted the financials properly and submitted a project report for SYMA Growth and of our Medical centre. . Secretary S. Sampathkumar provided them all the requisite details, formats and a presentation on our activities. We are extremely glad that officials of Manpower, Mr PV Venkatesan & Mr Kartik Kapoor, CFO, have ensured support for this year too. This year (4th year in succession) – they have donated Rs. 7 lakhs each for Growth & medical projects (total of 14 lakhs)

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

This year, we have more CSR flowing with M/s Karix Mobile Pvt Ltd providing Rs.6,00,000/- for our Educational projects. We thank Mr R Venkatnarayanan for this support. We thank Mr TP Sridhar for coordinating this.

We thank M/s Star Health and Allied Insurance co Ltd Rs.2,24,552/- (coordinated by Mr Parthasarathi (Gill) and Mr MA Sadagopan)

We thank M/s Paleppu Pharma Ltd for Rs.2,50,000/- We thank Mr Rajeev Finance Head and Mr Sridhar. This company was introduced to SYMA by Mr N Ganapathi (who sadly is no

more). Mr TJ Ramani has been in close coordination with them ever since coordinating this financial support.

Rain water harvesting :

This summer too, water crisis is most threatening. Rains have failed and water table is lowering. One can see so many metro water tankers on road with people holding colourful plastic pots running around for water. Our intense desire and role in RWH is too well known.

SYMA initiated this many years ago, by channelling rain water to Kairavini pushkarini the temple tank of Sri Parthasarathi Swami. Appreciating our work and heeding to our request Chennai corporation connected many places around mada streets by building channels to bring rain water to temple tank.

Not to rest on past laurels, ensuring that this is proper, SYMA spearheaded by Mr TJ Ramani approached Mr. B Srinivasan @ MGR Vasan. Our Central Madras MP, Mr Vijayakumar who proved to be easily accessible ensured implementation. The pursuance and help of Mr SK Srinivasan, Mr. KV Srinivasan, Mr. Aloysious, The Hindu Reporter all helped in a big way. The work was started with a small pooja invoking the blessings of our Emperuman and completed in a months time. SYMA created 10 RWH (thanks to support of Dy Commnr. Of the temple) structures inside tank this year. We thank corpn EE, AE2 & AE ; Mr. Venkatesan, D3 Inspector of police, Contractor Mr. Veeraraghavan, supervisor Dayalan, and all workers engaged in this for ensuring its success.

In our own way, more was to follow. Supervised and effectively implemented by Mr SR Parthasarathi and Mr R Sedhadri, we have created Rain water harvesting structures inside the NKT Boys Schools in the play ground.

VaikundaEkadasi : Vaikunda Ekadasi is a very special day and thousands of people visit Sri Parthasarathi Swami temple. On Vaikunda Ekadasi day, SYMA distributed food packets- in rotation it was Pongal, Puliogaree, tamarind rice, Curd rice and water.. .. right from the morning till the night 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 on this day. We also thank M/s. Sakthi Hospitals who provided First Aid facility and Ambulance in the avenue throughout day. Brahmin Welfare Association organised and supported in this endeavour. We appreciate the generosity of Sri Ramanujam and Ms Ranganayaki who readily provided their house for preparation and distribution and extended all help.

OUR SINCERE THANKS are due to :

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

ADMINISTRATION and IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR VARIOUS PROJECTS: The organized work and clear instructions of Mr Durai alias R. Seshadri deserves special mention, especially in the distribution of school uniforms. The enthusiasm, vigor and coordination of Mr M A Sadagopan deserves special mention for his role in arranging the various medical camps. Special mention to our Treasurers, Mr.V.P.Manivannan & Mr. M A Sadagopan for their regular quality work in handling the high volume of donations. Thanks are also due to Mr. V.P. Manivannan in maintenance of Accounts in our system.

SPECIAL THANKS:

- ❖ We thank all our sponsors for the monetary assistance to our projects and also all our members in collecting and helping through sponsors.
- ❖ We place our sincere thanks and gratitude to Dr. K Sridhar for his guidance and motivation in running the Medical centre and Lab.
- ❖ We thank CR Sreedhar of Media Associates and Gold Winner for the regular support and sponsorship.
- ❖ Our sincere thanks to Mr. TK Aravind for maintenance of computer at free of cost throughout the year.
- ❖ Our Sincere thanks to Mr. T P Srikanth & Mr. T P Sridhar for continuous support to our medical Centre and Tuition centre by providing A4 papers.
- ❖ Thanks to Vibrant Mr. S.Venkatesh for his outdoor activity support.
- ❖ We Thank Mrs. M K Prema for her commendable support in day to day activities of Medical Centre and Staffs of our association and our beloved Mr. N S Rangarajan for his accounts monitoring.
- ❖ We appreciate the efforts of Mrs. Jayasudha in maintaining our website and also thank Mr. Chandrasekar for able support.
- ❖ Maintaining Medical Centre & premises of our tuition centre is not easy. We thank our Committee Member Mr. S R Parthasarathy for his commendable job.
- ❖ We thank our printers Swaraj Graphics, Image India & SS Graphics for their support.

- ❖ Our special thanks are due to Auditor Mr. Murali for his timely help in facing all income tax queries and timely solutions.
- ❖ 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 for more than a decade and half. Sadly, due to his preoccupations, issues could not be brought out and has not seen the print for more than a year now.
- ❖ In the modern World of electronic media and social media, if the members overwhelmingly feel the need for Bliss to continue, will take efforts to revive making it bi-monthly. Look forward to your specific feedback on this.
- ❖ Members are requested to visit our website www.syma.in for all our activities