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A Month of...

Growth in Every Direction
Renewed Enthusiasm
and Moments Worth
Sharing

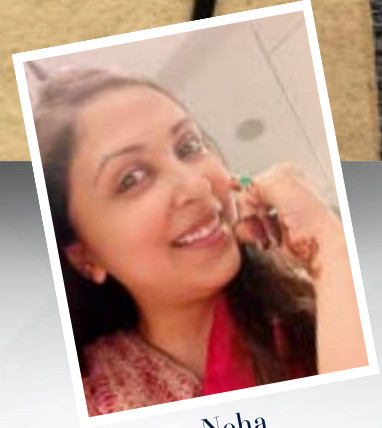




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EDITOR'S NOTE

"July unfolds its canvas of sunshine, celebration, and limitless possibility..."

Welcome to the July issue of Magnum Ink Magazine—where inspiration, achievement, and meaningful connections come together. As summer reaches its vibrant peak and the year gathers momentum, this month invites us to embrace fresh opportunities, celebrate milestones, and move forward with renewed confidence. Amid bright mornings and memorable gatherings, may these pages feel like a source of encouragement—uplifting, engaging, and full of possibility. Whether you're pursuing new ambitions, cherishing moments with loved ones, or discovering inspiration in everyday experiences, this issue is designed to accompany you on your journey.

In every accomplishment shared, every lesson learned, and every connection strengthened, we continue to build a community rooted in growth and purpose. Here's to bold aspirations, boundless possibilities, and meaningful connections—the radiant spirit of July, together.

From The President's Desk

SIDDHARTH DAGA



President 2025-26
Rotary Club of Madras Magnum

Dear Friends,

As I look back on my year as President of Rotary Club of Madras Magnum, the overwhelming emotion I feel is one of gratitude.

People often ask me whether the year was stressful. The truth is, it never felt like a burden, it felt like a privilege. That is because I was never carrying the responsibility alone. At every project, every event and every challenge, there was always a member ready to step forward, take ownership and make things happen.

Together, we celebrated fellowship, strengthened friendships and created meaningful impact through projects that will continue to serve our communities for years to come. From infrastructure initiatives and community service to vocational projects, fellowship events, the Magnum Open Pickleball League, Magnum Carnival and Diwali Royale, every milestone was a reflection of what we can achieve when we work together with a shared purpose.

I have been fortunate to serve alongside an exceptional Board and an extraordinary group of members whose commitment, generosity and enthusiasm made this year memorable. Each of you contributed in your own unique way, and this journey would not have been the same without your unwavering support.

As my tenure comes to a close, I leave with countless cherished memories, stronger friendships and immense pride in everything we have accomplished together. Thank you for believing in me, supporting me and making this one of the most fulfilling experiences of my Rotary journey.

It has truly been an honour to serve as your President.

Thank you, Magnum.

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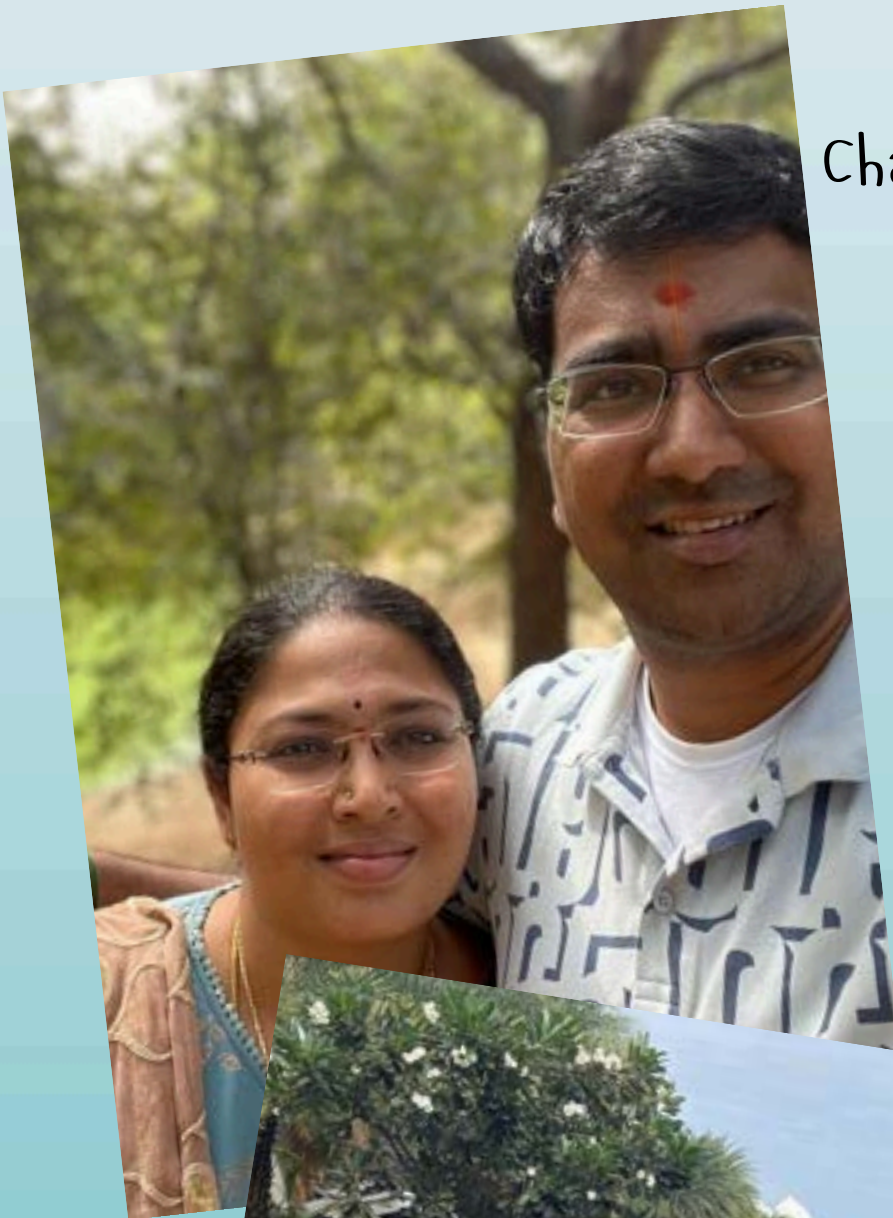
PICKLEBALL LEAGUE



PROJECT CARE GLOBAL GRANT

Know Your Member

SRIVATSAN NARAYANAN



Chartered Accountant

The Family Man

Creating Value



I am someone who has always been curious about people. What drives us? What shapes our decisions? Why do some experiences transform us while others simply pass by? These questions have fascinated me. Beyond my professional pursuits, I have a deep interest in understanding the journey of the soul and the larger order that governs our lives.

Professionally, I am a Chartered Accountant and entrepreneur. My work revolves around audits, consulting, compliance, and helping organizations solve problems and grow sustainably. While numbers and regulations occupy much of my day, what truly excites me is building institutions, organizations that can create value, nurture people, and continue to thrive long after their founder's step aside.

At home, I am blessed with a wonderful family. My wife Sunandha is an E.N.T Surgeon whose dedication to her patients and profession inspires me every day. Together, we are raising our energetic seven-year-old son, who ensures that life never becomes too serious. Between his endless questions, boundless curiosity, and occasional negotiations, he keeps us entertained and constantly learning.

I joined Rotary to broaden my horizons beyond my professional life. It gave me the opportunity to connect with people from diverse backgrounds, learn from their experiences, and gain a deeper understanding of human relationships and perspectives. Rotary also aligned with my desire to contribute meaningfully to society through community service. This unique combination makes Rotary a meaningful part of my journey.

As I look ahead, I hope to be part of initiatives that create lasting impact, strengthen communities, and inspire future generations to serve.

Know Your Anne

VIDYA SARAF



Teacher

Kids & Food

Strength
Training



Most of you know me as a teacher, which means I have professionally mastered the art of explaining the same thing a million times! Hopefully this introduction gives you a little glimpse of my other sides .

In general, I am someone who takes a little time to open up, but I'll choose a meaningful conversation over a loud party any day! I care deeply about the work I do and the people in my life and I'm happiest when people(and children!) can simply be themselves around me.

On the professional front, my career began with 6 years in Corporate banking in ICICI Bank and DBS, but I quickly realised that my heart was in education. Over the last decade, working with children across different age groups has taught me that teaching is so much more than finishing the syllabus. It is about helping children feel seen, comfortable and capable enough to discover their own strengths. I also strongly believe that children are constantly showing us who they are and what they need through the smallest actions - we just have to slow down enough to notice. I currently work at Quest - The Learning Community an alternative learning space that values inclusion, emotional well-being and child-led growth.

Beyond teaching, motherhood has changed me in countless ways and remains one of the accomplishments that I am most proud of today. For instance, when it comes to food, it's safe to say I've always enjoyed eating far more than cooking, but when the twins came along something shifted. The joy I feel watching them enjoy even the simplest dish I make is probably the only thing that makes a visit to the kitchen worthwhile.

Another aspect that has stayed constant in my life is strength training. It's probably one of the few things I've been genuinely consistent with over the years and it gives me a high and sense of balance that I wouldn't trade for anything. I can also spend an unreasonable amount of time doodling instead of doing the thing that I am supposed to be doing. Hope this gave you a little look into my other sides!

Board Meeting



7th Board Meeting – Year 2025-26

The Club's 7th and final Board Meeting for the Rotary year was held on 11th June 2026. The meeting was attended by both the outgoing and incoming Board members, ensuring a smooth transition and continuity in leadership.

The meeting featured discussions on the year's accomplishments, pending activities, and plans for the upcoming Rotary year. It concluded on a warm note with fellowship over dinner, providing an opportunity for members to reflect on a successful year and strengthen the bonds that make our club special.

CLUB ASSEMBLY



The Club's final Assembly for the Rotary year was held on 18th June 2026. Members reviewed the year's accomplishments, discussed pending activities, and reflected on the successful initiatives undertaken during the year.

The Assembly also looked ahead to the new Rotary year, with discussions on key upcoming projects including Magnum Carnival, the School Adoption proposal, and membership development. The evening concluded with fellowship and dinner, bringing members together for an enjoyable and meaningful close to the year's assemblies.





THE BRIDGETON BRUNCH

Flying Elephant

Set against the backdrop of lively music, refreshing drinks, and an irresistible spread of delicious cuisine, the gathering was a wonderful opportunity for Rotarians to unwind, reconnect, and celebrate another successful year. Laughter echoed through the venue as friends old and new shared stories, created fresh memories, and enjoyed the true spirit of Rotary.

One of the most touching moments of the afternoon was the heartfelt address by our outgoing President, Siddharth Daga. Reflecting on a remarkable year of service, leadership, and fellowship, he expressed his sincere gratitude to every member for their unwavering support, dedication, and camaraderie throughout his tenure.







Member's Musing

Musings: Enough! The Last Word.



There comes a time in life when the word “more” begins to lose its shine.

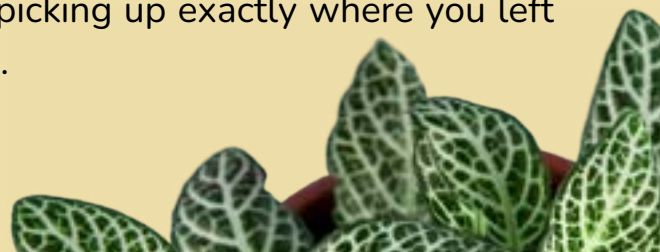
More money. More work. More proving. We chase it with the faith of the young, sure that one more target will finally make us complete or at the very least move us one step further towards our “dream life”. And each time we arrive, the feeling refuses to stay. The goal post simply gets up and moves somewhere ahead, beckoning you to come after it. The hunger returns ... and the chase begins all over again! And then again and again.

I have come to think of it as a treadmill. You run hard, you sweat, and when you look up you are exactly where you began. The belt moves. You do not. And here is what took me years to see: most of us are not even running on our own treadmill. We are running on a relative's, parent's, spouse's or even a neighbour's, a cousin's, a school friend's whose holiday photos we scrolled past at midnight.

We set our speed to a someone else's stride, then wonder why we are so tired all the time. In cricket you are chasing a total, then it rains and the target is revised. Higher, of course. Just as your eye is in, the board changes again. That is desire. It never says you have arrived. It only ever says "thoda aur." Get the girl, you want her serious. She is, you want marriage. Marriage comes, then she must run the home, then earn, then the next thing, and the thing after that. The plate is full, but the hand keeps reaching across the buffet.

Pet bhar jaata hai, mann nahi bharta.

Then, slowly, without your noticing the day it happens, life softens its edges. The things that used to glitter start losing their colour. The title, the bigger flat, the right table at the right party, the nod from people you do not even like, one by one they fade, like festival lights the morning after, still strung up but no longer lit. And the things you walked past for years begin to deepen in colour. Your child's laugh from the next room. An old friend's voice, picking up exactly where you left off. The first sip of coffee before the house wakes.



Member's Musing

You see, with a clarity that is almost embarrassing, that you spent thirty years chasing the things that fade, and ignoring the things that hold their colour.

And one by one, the things you ran from turn out to be the things worth running back to: the child you buried to look serious, the friends you stopped calling, the companion whose silence you mistook for distance, the self you neglected while impressing strangers or your version of "God" you ignored. Each was enough all along. You were simply moving too fast to notice.

So let me ask you a few things. Not for the world to hear. Just for you, quietly, tonight.

There is a man near my home who sells juice small from a small 'kadai'. He earns maybe five, seven hundred rupees a day. And he smiles. Not the smile of a man pretending, but of one who has done his day's work and made his peace with it. For years I pitied him. I am no longer sure which of us deserves it. He stepped off the treadmill years ago and I am still searching for the switch on mine.

By the way, life eventually says "enough" for you, whether you choose it or not. The body tires. The heart, one quiet morning, asks to rest. So the only real choice is this: do you arrive at enough on your own feet, with a smile? Or do you wait for the camel's back to break, and arrive there in pieces?

Are we even built to be happy? Or only to chase? This handful of decades is not a test to pass or fail. It is a short, bright span to work, to love, to laugh, to rest. To make a mark if you can, and to let it be small if life allows. In the end, no one gathers around your bed (if you are lucky!) to count your bank balance. They remember how you made them feel.

Maybe wisdom is not collecting more answers. Maybe it is making peace with better questions. And after all these musings, only one is left. Just this: how much is enough? You only need to decide that the life you already have, imperfect as it is, might already be enough. Walk your own road, at your own pace and the day you can finally look at your ordinary, unfinished life and say "this is enough," and mean it, is the day you stop running and, at last, begin to live. No one can answer it for you. And no one will ask it for you either.

Enough. Think.

~Anonymous Member



Member's Musing



The Circle of Companionship: Finding Your Way Back to You



Every companion prepared you... to finally become your own.

The day you can look at your ordinary life and say "this is enough" is the day you stop running and begin to live.

~Anonymous Member



Magnum Smiles

Credits: Shweta Bansal



17th June 2026

SEWING MACHINE DONATION

A lady living in Cuddalore named Anjalaidevi used to work in a factory making disposables. She lost her finger while working. She has now done her tailoring course to continue supporting her family needs.

We at Rotary Magnum got a sewing machine transported to Cuddalore. Its been delivered and will be fixed today.

Thank you dear donors Rtn Rishi, Rtn Saket Lath, Rtn Amit, Rtn Shubhi Rtn Jaya, Rt. Tapasya and Ann Mohit for your concern and support.

2nd July 2025

BOOK DONATION

PUPS Amman Nagar School Thirisulam needed as a set 1.Tamil book 2.English book 3.Maths Book 4.Drawing Book 5.Tamil and English Rhymes Book 6.Two lines note book 7.4 lines note book 8.checked note book and 9.Home work Note book for 30 students.

Thank you Khusboo and Harsh, Latha and Srkanth, Praveen and Pooja, Amith and Nidhi for your kind donations



Magnum Smiles

Credits: Shweta Bansal



19th June 2026

FEE DONATION

Rotary club of Madras Magnum sponsored fees to Tharika V P (Aged 12 years) for Rs. 45720 studying in Church Park School. Her mother is a salesperson in a showroom and father a junior accountant.

Thank you dear donors for your timely help to the family.

19th June 2026

FEE DONATION

V. Venkatesh, a student studying in Class 7 at Vikas Vidyashram School, Aarani, was seeking financial support for his school fees. His father is a farmer from Aarani village and comes from an underprivileged background. Despite financial difficulties, the family is trying their best to continue Venkatesh's education.

We thank the donors in coming forward and support his schooling for Rs. 35500



Magnum Smiles

Credits: Shweta Bansal



19th June 2026

FEE DONATION

V. Karthik, a student studying in Class 6 at Vikas Vidyashram School, Aarani, was seeking financial support for his school fees.

His father is a farmer from Aarani village and comes from an underprivileged background. Despite financial difficulties, the family is trying their best to continue Karthik's education.

We humbly thank the donors who came forward to support his schooling for Rs. 34000.

19th June 2026

FEE DONATION

Rotary club of Madras Magnum sponsored fees to a child in St. Vincent's Matric Hr. Sec. School for Rs. 40700 studying in Class 4 named Saimithran. Mother is a househelp and father works in a salon. Both earn upto Rs. 18000 in a month.

Thank you dear donor for your timely help towards the fees.



Magnum Smiles

Credits: Shweta Bansal



19th June 2026

FEE DONATION

Rotary club of Madras Magnum sponsored fees to a child in Little lambs School for Rs. 35500 studying in Class 2 named Madhmaran. Mother is a housewife and father works in a salon earns upto Rs. 15000 in a month.

Thank you dear donor for your timely help towards the fees.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays



Akshay Seth



Gaurav Bhatla



Mukesh Saraf



Kaushik Sarawgi



Vidya Saraf



Neha Gupta



Shivangi Daga



Nidhi Mehta

Anniversary



Akshay & Swati Patwari



Vishal & Vinita Palsani

Annette's Birthdays

Deeya Kankaria

JULY 2026

UPCOMING

EVENTS

Tues

7

Board Meeting

Sun

12

Installation

Fri

24

**Speaker Meet /
Club Assembly**

Looking Forward

**“The future
depends on what
you do today.”**

**– Mahatma
Gandhi**



Thank you