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எல்லோருக்கும் வணக்கம். Good morning to everybody.

Revered Chief Guest, Respected Dignitaries on the dais, off the dais, Loveable office bearers of Probus and other Senior Citizens Forums, Fellow Senior Citizens, Dear Junior Citizens and friends from Media,

Today is a red letter day in the annals of Senior Citizens Bureau. We are honoured and privileged to have His Excellency The Governor of Tamil Nadu as the Chief Guest, to commemorate 24th International Day of Older Persons (IDOP), partnering with NSS, Ethiraj College for Women. The commitment of Ethiraj College to promote Inter-generation bonding and Social Development, lead by Thiru VM. Muralidharan, Trust Chairman, is commendable.

The Commemoration of first IDOP was held on October 1, 1991. From then on, this day is observed all over the world to address the challenges and issues of the population over 60, with a specific theme. The theme declared by UNO for this 24th IDOP 2014 is "**Leaving no one behind: Promoting a society for all**".

அநாதைகள் இல்லாத சமுதாயம் அமைய வேண்டும். இந்த சமுதாயத்தை எல்லோருக்கும் சம உரிமை உள்ளதாக மேம்படுத்த வேண்டும். In his message Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has stated "By 2050, the number of older persons will be twice the number of children in developed countries, and the number of older persons in developing countries is expected to double. This trend will have profound effects on countries and individuals. It therefore necessitates that demography matters for sustainable development and that population dynamics will shape the key developmental challenges".

In this connection, I would request the Chief Guest, His Excellency The Governor of Tamil Nadu, to kindly facilitate full implementation of the Tamil Nadu Maintenance of Parents and Senior Citizens Act 2007 and also to facilitate declaration of long pending State Policy of Older Persons and National Policy of Older Persons at an early date.

Elder movement has slowly gained momentum in this country. Senior Citizens Bureau is committed to

empower the Senior Citizens and to carry forward its well defined "Mission and Vision" right from its inception in 1996. Our registered monthly Journal "LinkAge" serves as a platform to bring together all stake holders for the cause of the Age Care and to build a Society for All Ages. As its Editor, I have voiced the concerns and problems of the community. I have compiled some of the Editorials from 2008 to 2014, in this special issue, entitled "**Voice of the Veteran**". We are fortunate that His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu is going to release it today after a short while from now, in commemoration of IDOP 2014. I hope that my voice in this effort will be heard and some purpose will be served.



I dedicate this book "Voice of the Veteran" to **Major General Aban Naidu, PVSM, AVSM, M-in-D**, Founding Chairman and Chairman Emeritus, Senior Citizens Bureau and to **Thiru R Venkatesan, IA&AS**, Former Convener and Advisory Committee Member, Senior citizens Bureau.

In conclusion I would like to inform that a team of six members of Senior Citizens Bureau, lead by me, is representing Tamil Nadu, in the 5th Asia Pacific Alliance of University of 3rd Age, International Conference 2014, being held at Khatmandu, on Oct 18 & 19, 2014. My paper on the topic "(CID)-Cementing Intergeneration Divide" has been selected for presentation. The conference is hosted by RIDA International Council of Third Age in Nepal.

It will be our pride and honour to carry the Blessings and Goodwill Message from His Excellency The Governor of Tamil Nadu to the above World Conference. I am proud and happy to express my gratitude to His Excellency The Governor of Tamil Nadu. This day is a memorable day and we will cherish it forever.

Thank you for your patient hearing.

நன்றி. வணக்கம்.

(Capt. Dr. M. SINGARAJA, SM)
Chairman / Senior Citizens Bureau

Invitation - 166th Programme**SENIOR CITIZENS BUREAU**

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President, Dr. B.M. Sundaravadanam Mat. HSS

and

Capt. Dr. M. Singaraja, SM, C.Eng.
Chairman, Senior Citizens Bureau

Presided over by

Mrs. K. Flora Jayanthi Christopher
Principal, Dr. B.M. Sundaravadanam Mat. HSS

All are welcome.

S. Jayakumar

Secretary General / SCB

Note: Financial Assistance to 6 poor students will be granted. Gifts to the talented students and to the school will be presented. Video clippings on "Intergenerational Bond" will be played by HelpAge India.

EC Meeting will be held at 3.30 PM in the same venue. ❖

News from our Networking Associates

"Chennai Geriatric Catering Service", a meals on wheels service to cater to the food needs of elders was inaugurated on 3.10.14 by Padmashri Dr. V.S. Natarajan, IPP of Senior Citizens Bureau. Ph: 9444422890 / 9444983296.

FOSWL India, Chennai Anna Nagar, invites you for its monthly meeting at 5 pm, on Sunday, 23-11-2014, at Karuna Enclave, SMF Annex, Opp: Hotel Akshyam, Shanthi Colony, Anna Nagar, Chennai. Thiru S.P. Rajendran, Legal & Management Advisor, speaks on "How to write a will".

International Day Older Persons 2014 was commemorated by various SCFs with the respective Chief Guest as follows:

- 1) 1.10.14 - HelpAge India - Dr. R. Vimala, Dean, MMC & GH, Chennai. - Intergenerational Walkathon.
- 2) 1.10.14 - Probus Club of Chennai - Dr. AR. Lakshmanan, Former Supreme Court Judge.
- 3) 4.10.14 - TamilNadu Senior Citizens Association - Dr. Maj. D. Raja, Former VC. of Dr. MGR Medical University.
- 4) 2.10.14 - NASCAI - Justice. S. Jagadeesan.
- 5) 1.10.14 - PONCARE, HelpAge India and Pondy SCWA - Puduchery CM - Walkathon. ❖

Mail Box

E. Mail dt. 13.10.14, from Mr. SR. Satakopan, (86) LM: 598:

Firstly, accept my heartfelt congrats for the extraordinary compilation of the special issue. May God bless u with many more years of healthy life 2 serve for the cause of elders. Hats off 2 u for the material gathered & compiled by u in spite of the physical constraints u were undergoing. It was sheer class. I have no words 2 praise u. May God bless u. I went thro' the whole issue in one stretch. It was so absorbing. I immensely liked the editorial on the usage of computers by elders. I entirely agree with ur views on the subject.

Reply : Thanks for your encouraging words and blessings. I appreciate your enthusiasm for reading at this ripe age. It is really great to read the entire book of 84 pages at one go, in spite of your eye problem. I am happy that the text material is of interesting nature serving some purpose.

With best wishes and regards ❖

Letter dt. 8.10.14 from Mr. C. N. Prasad, LM: 846 :

I am enclosing cheque for Rs. 30,000/- on behalf of KAY VEE PEE foundation along with 7 shawls. Most of the foundation funds are in FD and we keep small amount for regular expenses. You have got some advertisements to supplement printing cost. Please send photo CD through the bearer. I am enclosing a few pamphlets which you can give if any one approaches. Please send 5 copies of the book. Regards.

Reply: You can send the English translation of Eenadu news paper leisurely for our file. Tamil News papers, Dinamani & Dinakaran as well as Deccan Chronicle (English news paper) carried the speech of He The TN Governor with photo pictures. I am sad that our focus on Intergenerational bonding and honouring the veterans did not find a place. I am happy to convey my appreciation and thanks for your generous donation of Rs. 30,000/- to support the Bureau. God Bless You. I am sure that your noble thought will inspire others. In spite of your busy schedule and other commitments, you have been with me right through the program from the very beginning. I whole heartedly thank you once again for your encouragement. I am sending the official receipt bearing no: 2733 dt: 09.10.2014 separately by post. As desired, I have already sent five copies of the book "Voice of the Veteran" and one remaining shawl. With regards and best wishes. ❖

Report on WORLD ELDERS DAY 2014



The Chief Guest Dr. K. Rosaiah, His Excellency The Governor of Tamil Nadu, releasing the book, "Voice of the Veteran".
(L-R) Dr. K. Manimekalai Principal I/C, Dr. TS. Kanaka, Awardee, Capt. Dr. M. Singaraja, SM, Chairman Senior Citizens Bureau, The Chief Guest, Mr. VM. Muralidharan, Chairman, Ethiraj College Trust, Mr. SP. Ambrose, Awardee, Mr. CN. Prasad, Awardee.



A section of the audience, taking pledge

Ethiraj College for women and Senior Citizens Bureau jointly organized a programme to commemorate the "World Elders Day" - 2014 at the Ethiraj College auditorium on Saturday, the 4th October, 2014, at 9.30 AM. The lovely and beautiful auditorium of the college was bustling with activities with all the NSS students occupying the auditorium and assisting all the senior citizens coming for this function and escorting them, with affection, respect and dignity. All the senior citizens were beaming with happiness for the harmonious human touch till the end of the program at 12.30 PM.

The Vice Chairman of SCB Thiru Praksh H Lulla enthusiastically and cheerfully performed the job of Master of Ceremony in his inimitable style. The programme commenced with a colorful and solo dance by a NSS student which was loudly applauded. Later the elderly member Mr. K. Srinivasa Moorthy (78) performed yet another dance program to show that seniors also could dance in a more awesome way. This was followed by a pattimandram on Intergeneration gap, which thrilled the packed audience. There was an interesting folk dance, group song and a good Street play, all focusing on intergeneration relationship. All the participants were honored and given prizes.

In next part of the program, the Chairman, Senior Citizens Bureau, administered the pledge against Elder Abuse to all. The Chairman, Ethiraj College Trust paid a rich tribute to late Pollachi Dr. N. Mahalingam and a minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect to the departed leader. On behalf of Senior Citizens Bureau, Thiru VM. Muralidharan, Chairman Ethiraj College Trust, distributed financial assistance to the 3 poor School Students and handed over a cheque to Prime Minister Relief Fund of J&K Floods. Capt. Dr. M. Singaraja, honored Thiru VM. Muralidharan, Dr. K. Manimekalai, Dr. R. Rajalakshmi, Dr. P. Padmini, Dr. V. S. Natarajan, M/s. R. Venkatesan, T.V. Hariharan and TC. Dayalan.

At the stroke of 11.30 a.m. the Chief Guest HE. Dr. K.Rosaiah, The Governor of Tamil Nadu was received with red carpet welcome. Principal I/C, Dr. K.

Manimekalai rendered welcome speech. Thiru V.M. Muralidharan, Chairman Ethiraj College Trust in his presidential address thanked, His Excellency Dr. K. Rosaiah for his second visit and had explained various activities of the college particularly NSS and Dr. R. Rajalakshmi's keen interest in motivating NSS, students. Then Capt Dr. M. Singaraja, Chairman Senior Citizen Bureau presented his Thematic address ("Leaving no one behind: Promoting a society for all") which was very loudly applauded by the audience.

Next His Excellency Dr. K. Rosaiah, Governor of Tamil Nadu presented his special address on family values, joint family system and widening gap between the old and youth. He then released the book "Voice of the Veterans". He also presented the SCB Awards of Excellence to Thiru S.P. Ambrose, Dr. T.S. Kanaka, Thiru C.N.Prasad and NSS student Selvi A. Mareeswari, III, BA. He then launched Web Site "Happy Days".

Mr. S.Jayakumar, Secretary General proposed a vote of thanks, and wished on behalf of SCB and NSS Ethiraj College a very happy healthy Deepavalli. After national anthem a tasty lunch was served to all. ❖

E.C.Meeting for the month of Oct was held on 1st Oct, 2014, at Ethiraj College for Women, Egmore, under the president ship of Capt. Dr. M. Singaraja. Minutes of the last meeting held on 13.09.14, were read and approved unanimously. World Elders Day to be held on 4th Oct, 2014, with His Excellency, The Governor of TamilNadu, Dr. K. Rosiah, as Chief Guest was the main subject. Duties and responsibilities of SCB and NSS to carry out the program as per the invitation were discussed. E.C. Members were requested to collect donations and advertisements. Oct month birth day members were greeted. Mr. P. Sethusheshan who was present, was greeted and thanked for his contribution of Rs.1070 /- to Sunshine Fund. EC Members, Ethiraj College NSS Coordinator Dr. R. Rajalakshmi and student volunteers attended. ❖

**S. Jayakumar &
S. Prabhakaran**

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Birthdays : November

Wishing you a Cheerful, Peaceful and Prosperous Life

Sl. No.	D.O.B	Memb No.	Name
1	1-11-1943	LM:837	Thiru Kumaran Thambi .N
2	2-11-1950	LM:506	Thiru Gurumurthy .J
3	3-11-1938	LM:345	Thiru Manickam .S. Er.
4	3-11-1931	LM:25	Thiru Vaitheeswaran . C.R
5	4-11-1937	LM:558	Thiru Mathinirai Chelvan .L.K
6	4-11-1948	LM:687	Thiru Narendra J. Dave
7	5-11-1927	JSL:413	Er. Subbaiah .K
9	7-11-1943	AM:459	Thiru Selvaraj .R
10	7-11-1930	LM:575	Thiru Seshadri .R
8	7-11-1927	JSL:698	Thiru Chandrasekar Raja .M.S.D.
11	8-11-1950	LM:376	Thiru Rajendran Raja .K.V.
12	9-11-1944	LM:821	Thiru Loganathan .R
13	10-11-1945	LM: 483	Thiru Agarawal .R.K.
14	10-11-1947	LM:805	Thiru Pandian .P.M.
15	13-11-1939	LM:522	Thiru Dominic .A
16	16-11-1938	LM:130	Thiru Vadivel Raman .P
17	18-11-1933	LM:774	Thiru Kokila .D
18	19-11-1949	LM:823	Thiru Tharakaram .G.N
19	21-11-1934	JSL:848	Thiru Balakrishnama Raja, A.K.
20	30-11-1932	LM:100	Thiru Krishnamoorthy .K.N

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National / International Days November

9-11	World Service Day	(I)
14-11	Children's Day (Birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru)	(N)
16-11	International Day for Endurance	(I)
17-11	World Students Day	(I)
17-11	National Journalism Day	(N)
18-11	World Adult Day	(I)
19-11	World Citizens Day	(I)
20-11	Universal Children's Day	(I)
21-11	World Television Day	(I)
25-11	World Non -Veg Prevention Day	(I)
26-11	World Enviroment Protection Day	(I)
26-11	National Law Day	(N)

Note : N = National I = International

Additions

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Prof. Dr. Vedagiri Shanmuga Sundaram

New G-15, Ninth St, Anna Nagar East,
Chennai- 600 102

LM: 870, Ph: 044 26850484, DOB : 07.04.1951

Thiru S. Loganathan

No.4, 2nd Cross School Street, Chathiram,
Pattabiram, Chennai - 600 072.

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Thiru A. S. Rajagopal

30/42, Binny Nagar, Main Road, MMC P.O. Chennai - 51. ❖

Welcome to Our Family Fold**I. NEW MEMBER**

1.	Thiru G. Ulaganathan	LM	868
2.	Prof. Dr. Vedagiri Shanmuga Sundaram	LM	869
3.	Thiru S. Loganathan	LM	870
4.	Thiru A.S. Rajagopal	JSL	871

II. CONVERSION

1.	Tmt. P.S. Rajam	LM	502
2.	Thiru K.L. Renu	JSL	151

Acknowledgment**Thanks a lot & God Bless You****I. Sunshine Fund**

1	Thriu N. Ramalingam	LM:42	₹	500/-
2	Capt.Dr. M. Singaraja, SM	LM:03	₹	500/-
3	Thriu G. Viswanathan	LM:779	₹	250/-
4	Thriu K.P. Mahalingam	LM:320	₹	500/-
5	Thriu P.E. Chacko	JSL:423	₹	500/-
6	Thriu K. Srinivasamurthy	LM:545	₹	300/-
7	Thriu P. Sethusheshan	LM:866	₹	1070/-
8	Thriu V. Balasubramaniam	LM:536	₹	500/-

II. PM Relief Fund

1	Thriu C. Nagendra Prasad	LM:846	₹	500/-
2	Thriu S. Jayakumar	LM:548	₹	500/-

III World Elders Day

1	Tmt. Sundari Bai	LM:602	₹	5000/-
2	Thiru A.R. Janardhanan	LM:615	₹	100/-
3	Tmt. G. Vijayalakshmi	LM:526	₹	251/-
4	Thiru D.V. Raju	LM:409	₹	501/-
5	Dr. V.S. Natarajan	LM:02	₹	1000/-
6	Er. A.P.Kandappan	LM:683	₹	1000/-
7	Thiru KR. Narayanan	LM:115	₹	1000/-
8	Er. A.K. Chakravurthy	LM:580	₹	1000/-
9	Er. E. Swaminathan	LM:674	₹	500/-
10	Er. Justin Paul	LM:684	₹	500/-
11	Thiru Ponnudorairaj	LM:749	₹	500/-
12	Thiru R. Thangaraj	LM:847	₹	500/-
13	Thiru M. Chandrasekaran	LM:131	₹	500/-
14	Capt. N. Krishnamurthy	LM:257	₹	1000/-
15	Er. S. Ranganatha Rao	LM:29	₹	500/-
16	Thiru R. Venkatesan	LM:07	₹	2000/-
17	Thiru N. Sethuraman	LM:298	₹	3000/-
18	Thiru S.N. Kolandan	LM:680	₹	1234/-
19	Thiru C. Nagendra Prasad (M/s. Kay Vee Pee Foundation)	LM:846	₹	30000/-
15	M/s. Tarini International Ltd.		₹	2000/-
16	Thiru SR. Satakopan	LM:598	₹	1000/-
17	Capt. Dr. M. Singaraja	LM:03	₹	500/-

**Note : AM/LM = Annual / Life Member JSL = Journal Subscriber Life
PM/DM/HM = Patron/Donor/Honorary Member**

Congrats

1) **Er. S. N. Kolandan, (79) LM: 680**, represented India in Shot Put in Asian Veteran's Athletic meet held at Japan in Sep 2014.

2) **A Six member team of SCB**, lead by the Chairman, successfully completed 12 day tour to Nepal and Delhi from 14th to 26th October, 2014, in connection with "5th Asia Pacific University of 3rd Age World Convergence at Kathmandu.

3) **Capt. Dr. M. Singaraja** completed 50 years of married life.

Our appreciation and Compliments ❖