



Fairlawns

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The Presidency Club Newsletter



Secretary's Note

Greetings!

The summer coaching camps in various sport activities have found wonderful patronage. We have had two movies back to back that were well attended by members.

Our Club is a premier institution in the city and it is important that the facilities are maintained at the highest level. In an effort to improve and enhance the facilities, some projects have been planned. The gymnasium is undergoing a refurbishment in the next few weeks. The much needed renovation to the swimming pool is also being undertaken and by the end of next month we should have the pool ready. The I Bar is also undergoing a small renovation which also should be ready in about a month. The jewel in our crown which is the guest house is desperately in a need of an upgrade. We have decided to renovate the rooms on the first floor which are badly in need of a facelift. The other rooms will be repaired and refurbished. All these, I am sure, will add to the prestige of the Club.

The smart card system is in place and will be implemented shortly. Like any other initiative it is bound to have small issues and we will take every effort to see that the same is addressed as quickly and efficiently as possible. We seek your cooperation and compliance in making it a success.

There are several events in entertainment, sports and catering that are being chalked out. We are grateful for your proactive participation in all aspects including suggestions and feedback. We look forward to your continued support.

Regards

Viji Joseph

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Tribute to RD BURMAN

Friday, June 26th 2015
Dinner - 8pm to 10.30pm

**Hot Spot Tandoori / Roti Naan, Hot Spot Dosai,
Peas & Ghee Rice, Dal Tadka,
Paneer Butter Masala, Aloo Jeera Fry,
Punjabi Chicken Curry, Fried Fish,
Special Curd Rice,
Carrot Halwa & Ice Cream**

Charges Rs. 300/- per head
Warn in by 10pm on 24th june 2015

Managing Committee

President:
Ranjit Jacob

Immediate Past President:
R. Ramachandran

Vice President:
Ramesh Jagtiani

Honorary Secretary:
Viji Joseph

Honorary Treasurer:
Tarun Kumar Bagga

Members

**Chirag P. Batavia | S. Krishna Kumar | Latha A. Kumaraswami | Murali Annamalai | Dr. B. Prem Kumar
Sanjay Shankar | N. Sankariah | K. Srinivasan | G. P. Vijayakumar | Vivish George**

A Tribute to 'Mouli'



My Dear Friend Chandramouli

I am sure very many people in our Club, would claim the above. Chandramouli was a great friend and a real nice human being. It is people like him that makes the difference in your life.

When I became a member of our Club 30 years ago Chandramouli was one of my first friends at the Club. We soon became a part of a group, those years, where I was the youngest. It was the friendliness and light hearted attitude of this group that lured me into, a Regular, at the Presidency Club. Those years Chandramouli was the first person from this group who was asked to contest for the Committee Membership, as he was obviously the most popular person from the group. Subsequently the same group asked me to contest and I followed him into the Managing Committee of the Club. It is interesting to note that I followed him in the later years as the Secretary of the Club, and then as the Vice President and then The President.

Many friends who have casually met him at Club, I am sure would still remember his warm smile and the infectious laugh! Even affiliated members who have come to the Club and had the occasion to meet him at the Bar, would instantly take a liking to him. And during the next visit, one name they would remember is Chandramouli!

In all these years I have never seen him angry or agitated over anything. Even to the staff he was never rude, and we could see the respect with which they treated him.

I could go on forever, as 30 years of association is indeed a long time. Let me wind up with a statement that Chandramouli was a Gentleman to the core and was an example as a Cluber and it is members like him which makes a Great Club.

Warm Regards,

RANJIT JACOB
President.

Quotes from some old friends:

"He is one person who could mingle with everyone." - Mr. Babu Lodha

"He was a Good Friend, Philosopher and Guide." - Mr. James Fedrick

"He was a Genuine Friend" - Dr. T.S. Subbiah

"A Dear Friend – Humour personified." - Mr. R. Saravanan

"Enna Vadiyare Eppidierukae" - Dr. C.M. Nandagopal

"Always smiling Buddha" - Mr. N.K. Rangarajan

May His Soul Rest in Peace

A Tribute to 'Mouli'

It is a bit of difficulty that I am able to write a note on Mouli uncle. He was my father's friend and confidant and someone who had everyone's respect, affection and best wishes. A jovial, cheerful and fun loving person he had the unique ability to communicate with people from different generations. Perhaps, it was his unique ability of being able to listen to people that brought them closer to him.

When I became a committee member for the first time he was my President. Knowing him perhaps was to my advantage and he was lavish in his praise and restrained in criticism. He would at times smilingly tell me that the Club cannot be run as a profit making establishment. Never a harsh word even now when I am the secretary, he always had words of praise. He got great joy when he used to see good crowds and took genuine pleasure in the success of others.

He would never get perturbed or agitated irrespective of the provocation. His easy smile and charm coupled with his sharp wit and quick repartee endeared him to all of us. He was probably the only past president to always have a crowd around him and it would be from the age of 40 to 75. Youngsters enjoyed his company and gentle jibes as much as seniors.

After Mouli uncle passed away most of us who used to meet him regularly miss him. Presidency Club is not the same without him. Yes, it is a shock to all of us that he was taken suddenly from us. Being a man of great dignity he would not have liked to go any other way. As painful as it is we must all come to terms with the twists and turns of life. After all that is what Mouli uncle would have wanted. Everything in his life was 'Wonderful'!

A tribute to one of the finest gentlemen I have had the pleasure and privilege of knowing (and believe me when I say that I am the lucky one) is perhaps captured in this wonderful poem :

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that place at the close of day

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now, he set me free.

- Viji Joseph
Hony. Secretary

Chandramouli known to all of us as Mouli was "AJATHASHATRU" like Dharmaraja of Mahabharat who had no enemies. He always spoke softly with a smile never offending anybody. While co-operating with his seniors and peers he gave good advice to his juniors.

Both of us were members of Presidency Club, Madras Gymkhana Club and Universal Charity Masonic Lodge. When I joined Presidency Club in 1980 he was already a member of the Committee. From 1984 when I became a member of the Committee to 1996 we served together on the Committee, Throughout he was in charge of the bar section which he ran very efficiently and was the most popular area in the Club. After a short break he became the Honorary Secretary of the Club winning the elections in absentia as he was in the US – but still won – such was his popularity like MGR. I was Vice President and President at that time. Even after retiring from the Committee he was available with his timely advice.

So much so that when the club went through a critical period, an Adhoc committee was formed to run the club and Mouli was asked to be the Chairman. He took up the responsibility of both the President and Secretary while I was acting as Treasurer. After 6 months we left the Club as a very Healthy and Wealthy institution

The Presidency Club owes a lot to Chandramouli for his selfless service to the Club. I have personally lost a close friend with whom I shared a lot of bon homie.

May his soul rest in peace.

- Satyendra Kumar

For Members...

Member Communication

- ✦ Many communications are being sent to members by sms and email. Members are requested to ensure that their email id's and cell numbers are available with the Club and are updated.
- ✦ Members desirous of taking parcels must have them collected personally or through a messenger duly authorised by them in writing. Kindly ensure that the request letter carries your mobile number and is accompanied by the membership card.

Change of Nominee & Reinstatement

The fees/charges for change of nominee and reinstatement fees have been revised as under:

- ✦ In the case of Corporate/Institutional Members whose nominees are changed the fees/charges for the change shall be Rs 30,000 per nominee.
- ✦ Where the membership of the Club has been terminated as per the rules/articles/by laws of the Club, reinstatement of the same shall be considered by the committee at his/her/their request in writing on payment of Rs 5,000 towards the fees and Rs 45,000 towards administrative charges.
- ✦ Taxes on the above will be applicable as per statutory rules in force.

Kindly make a note of the same.

Buffet Breakfast

- ✦ The Club has a daily buffet breakfast that has good patronage. Based on feedback from members we have decided to extend the timings of the breakfast and to waive guest charges for breakfast. The timings of the buffet breakfast on Sunday would be from 7.00 am to 11.30 am in the verandah. This will continue to be on a trial basis for the month of June/July 2015.

Member Parking

- ✦ The Club has limited parking area and most of the time in the evenings it is a challenge to find a parking spot. Members are requested to have their driver driven cars parked outside the Club premises during event days, weekends and movie nights, so that member driven cars may get preference. Your co-operation in this matter is solicited.

Billing & Payments

- ✦ Party bills are to be settled within seven days failing which the defaulter's names will be put up on the notice board.
- ✦ Guest House bills are to be settled within seven days failing which the defaulter's names will be displayed on the notice board.
- ✦ Your co-operation in the matter is solicited

Renovation & Repairs

Members are requested to note the following:

- ✦ The gymnasium is being revamped. Some of the old equipment will be disposed and those members who are interested in purchasing the same may send in their offer in a sealed envelope addressed to the Hony. Secretary within ten days.
- ✦ The I Bar is being renovated effective June 25th.
- ✦ The swimming pool is being renovated from June 15th and consequently the pool cannot be used.
- ✦ Repairs to the rooms in the guest house on the ground and second floor are being done.
- ✦ Renovation of all the rooms in the guest house on the first floor is also being undertaken.

The above will be completed in a short time. Kindly bear with us. Your co-operation is solicited.