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ALUMNI MEET OF THE '55 BATCH

The alumni of the College of Engineering Guindy 1955 batch together with their wives met between 20-22 Feb 2010 at the Raj Palace, Adyar to celebrate their 55 th year of passing out. There was a spirit of bonhomie and camaraderie as the impressive number of 55 persons in all, enjoyed being with each other and participating in the programmes planned by the Chennai Committee who were the hosts this year. The wives were most supportive and actively engaged in the programmes. Most impressive was the spirit of the Meet, when the will and the mind overtook the body and an effort to be present was made despite age related problems. There were wheel chairs, canes and walkers to support some of the infirm but amazing that nothing fazed these people so young at heart!

One of the highlights was the visit to the Theosophical Society, a peep into history, stroll through the verdant gardens with its rare foliage, and heritage buildings going back to the days of Annie Besant, Madame Blavatsky and Colonel Olcott. The Adyar Library within the campus contains over 250,000 printed volumes and around 20,000 palm-leaf manuscripts from India, Sri Lanka and China in the fields of eastern civilization, philosophy and religion.

The "boys" drove through their Alma Mater the Guindy Engineering College Campus, reliving past memories and appreciating the changes, which have made it into one of India's leading institutions. They were very happy to meet the dean Dr M Sekar and thankful for the Tea & snacks served at the Alumni Center, which was found to be a nice showcase in the campus. Driving through the Marina Beach outstation members marvelled at this superb, long beach effected by a Rs. 17 crore beautification project, kilometers of lawns, granite footpaths, stainless steel railings framing a view of the sea.

The hungry contingent feasted on the excellent food served by the Madras

Gymkhana Club. founded in 1884 on the Island grounds, still maintaining its colonial flavor, and one of the oldest clubs in Chennai at 125 years!

At the hotel, the Business Meet was conducted to enable the group to plan their Meet the next year, God willing. Some of the participants were sporting enough to regale the group with their talents, so there was fun and frolic with the music, dancing and singing. We had two corporate trainers to enthuse us with their expertise. One was Mr Raja Subramaniyan, son of Mr N.T.Swaminathan for his very engaging talk on Joyful Living and getting the most out of life with the right attitude. The other was Mrs Devika daughter of Mr Ajantheya who excelled in her stand up comedy sessions and her exuberant dancing despite a painful knee. Her vivacity was so infectious that all the youngsters, sixty plus and seventy plus rushed to the stage to display their own dancing skills without much persuading. Since time was a constraint we had to restrict the programmes by these two young people who were sporting enough to entertain us. O.M. Kumar sponsored by this group has today completed engineering and spoke to the gathering expressing his gratitude and promising to help at least one deserving candidate.

While people were concentrating on the delicious dinner spread, a kurathi found her way into the hall and the bearers were trying to shoo her out, and all the guests were horrified....till they found that it was none other than Indrani Swaminathan in disguise.

Mrs Harini Punja spread out an array of saris for a vote on the sari to be chosen for the next get together. The compere for the two evenings was Mrs Sabita Radhakrishna.

Dr Kannan Pugezhendi the well known doctor specialized in Sports Medicine addressed the gathering with special tips for the silvers to keep the limbs moving. The role model for the group was his oldest patient an 85 year old who ran

the marathon and won silver medals and bronze medals!

It was undoubtedly a nostalgic meet tinged with the sorrow of parting, but gilded with the hope that all will be able to join in next year with the same vigour.

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TECHOFES 2010



Students performing at the 'Techofes 2010'

'Techofes 2010,' the annual inter-college cultural fest of Anna University was held during February 2010.

The four-day programme got under way with a special screening of *Aayirathil Oruvan*. Director Selvaraghavan who inaugurated the event kept the energy levels high with his talk. He urged the students to make the most out of their stay at the college and to make sure that they perform well in academics.

Mannar Jawahar, Vice Chancellor of Anna University said that cultural events gave students a chance to display their talent and build their confidence level.

Nearly one hundred colleges participated in the cultural event. The four-day fest featured competitions, including pencil sketching, Wii gaming, face painting, dance, arts and crafts, vocals, cooking, jewellery designing, vegetable carving, treasure hunt, spell bee, tattoo making, clay modelling, hair-do and mehndi.

Light music performance and the choreo nite were the highlights of the Techofes.

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PINNACLE

The Annual Symposium of The Society of Mechanical Engineers, College of Engineering, Guindy, PINNACLE will be organized from March 1 to 3, 2010. A complete list of the details of events is posted on the website www.smeceg.org

CONGRATULATIONS



Dr. V. S. Acharya, Home Minister, Karnataka giving the Award to Dr. N. Ramani

Dr. N. Ramani (1964 M) was given the Mechanical Engineering Design Award 2009 by the National Design & Research Forum of The Institution of Engineers (India), at the 24th National Engineering Congress held on December 11, 2009 at National Institute of Technology - Karnataka - (Suratkal). The award was given by the Home Minister of Karnataka Dr. V. S. Acharya. Dr. Ramani was instrumental in leading the team which designed and developed indigenously world's first two seater gearless mopeds during his long tenure with TVS Ltd.

A FASCINATING BOOK BY C.S. KUPPURAJ

The past President of ACEG, C.S. Kuppuraj has brought out a book titled "Glimpses of Two Hundred years History of the College of Engineering, Guindy" containing articles by him and a few others published in ACEG Newsletter during March 1997 to May 2008. It provides little known facts about a host of people who have made significant

contributions to engineering in India. The book is a extremely valuable trove of information for pursuing further research in the history of College of Engineering, Guindy.

OBITUARY

Sri V. Srinivasan
(1959 - 1964, Electrical, CEG)
passed away on Feb. 1, 2010 at Chennai.
He had his own company Hansa
Electronics Pvt. Ltd. Prior to starting his
own company he was with standard
Batteries for a long time.

