

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, MADRAS ANNUAL REPORT 2017

FOUNDER'S DAY & MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN AWARD NIGHT

YMCA Madras celebrated its Founder's Day and Membership Campaign Award night on Tuesday, the 6th June 2017 at YMCA International Youth Centre, Vepery. The meeting commenced with prayer by Mr. T. Isaiah Kumar, Board Member, YMCA Madras. Dr. Vincent George, President, YMCA Madras, welcomed the gathering and the Chief Guests for the day. Dr.C.Sylendra Babu, IPS, Addl. Director General of Police, Coastal Security Group was the Chief Guest and distributed the prizes. The Most Rt. Rev.Dr. M. Ezra Sargunam, Father Bishop, ECI, and Membership Campaign Commissioner honored the Campaigners. Sir George Williams Life Time Achievement Award was presented to Dr. P.H. Pandian, Mr. Jesubakthan & Mr. B. Nagendra Babu. YMCA Vepery branch won the Membership Campaign Shield & Cup and the Secretary, Mr.J.Eric Christopher also received the shield for the branch enrolling most number of members. Royapuram branch Asst. Secretary Mr. Chriswright Johnsingh received the shield for the highest increase of amount collected towards membership. David McConaughy Award was presented to Mr. Ivan Sunil Daniel recognized as Best Secretary. Samuel Thangiah Award was presented to Mr. N. Santhosh Kumar recognized as Best Staff. Dr.S.Radhakrishnan Award was awarded to Mrs. S. Bavani being recognized as Best Teacher. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Award was presented to Master S. Selvapandi and Selvi.V.Vidhya being recognized as Best Student. The General Secretary Mr. P. Asir Pandian congratulated all the Secretaries for their best performance this year. Best performance awards were presented to all Branch Secretaries. The meeting came to an end with closing prayer and benediction by Mr. B. Ravikumar David, Board Member, YMCA Madras.

SONGS OF THE SEASON

YMCA Madras presented Christian Cultural Academy's Songs of the Season on 2nd December 2017. It was composed and directed by Dr. Samuel Joseph (Shyaam). Well known artists like percussionist Anandan Sivamani, Sharath, Alka Ajith, Kalpana, Sandra and group performers like Pravasi, Geethanjali Isai Koodam, CCA Choir and Singari Melam Magic Show made the evening memorable. The event was to support the charity project of the Chennai Cultural Academy.

127th ANNIVERSARY & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

YMCA Madras celebrated its 127th Anniversary and Christmas Celebrations on Friday, the 22nd December, 2017 at YMCA International Youth Centre, Vepery. The meeting commenced with a word of prayer by Mr. J. Benjamin Franklin, Board Member, YMCA Madras. Dr. Vincent George, President, YMCA Madras, welcomed the gathering and the President and Hon. Treasurer of the YMCA Madras honoured the Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Thisai Jerry. The President Dr. Vincent George, Hon. Treasurer Mr. P.S. Selwyn Devadoss and the General Secretary Mr.P.Asir Pandian presented the Life Time Achievement Award and the Life Time Service Award to Veteran YMCA

Leaders and social workers for their service and dedication to YMCA Madras. Rev.Fr.Thisai Gerry, Chairman, Religious Activities Committee delivered the Christmas message. Salvation Army, Legato, Vanya (Carnatic Music), Retro Progression Band, God's Army, Rock Eternal Church, C.S.I. Missionary Chapel Choir, Cherubims, Christina Beryl Edward & Bethel Mat. Hr. Sec. School Choir rendered Christmas Carols. The programme was well attended by the gathering and Fellowship dinner was served to all.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

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REPUBLIC DAY 2017



YMCA Esplanade Branch celebrated the Republic Day on 26/01/2017. The programme commenced with Prayer by Mr.B.Ravikumar David, Board Representative. Mr.Stephen Theodore, Branch Chairman welcomed the members present and hoisted the National Flag. Pulavar P.S.Krishnamurthy, Joint Secretary, YMCA Pattimanram gave Republic Day message and Mr.L.J.I.Jayaraj, Deputy Commissioner for Membership Campaign 2017 was the Guest of honour. Mr.Kung-Fu Balu and his students gave a demonstration for Kung-Fu. Mr.Ivan Sunil Daniel, Secretary, YMCA Esplanade gave vote of thanks.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Good Friday Service was held on 14th April 2017 at 10.00 a.m. at YMCA Esplanade. Mr. Anand Raj lead the opening prayer. Mr. L.J.I. Jayaraj welcomed the members. God's Army Church conducted the Praise and Worship Service and also rendered Passion songs. Sis. Cecilia read the Bible portion. Pastor Max Premson, God's Army Church gave the Good Friday Message. Mr. Ivan Sunil Daniel, Secretary, YMCA Esplanade proposed the vote of thanks.

VBS 2017

YMCA Esplanade Branch and God's Army Church conducted VBS Classes for the under privileged kids from 26th April 2017 to 30th April 2017. The programme was at Esplanade YMCA (McConaughy Hall).

The programme commenced with prayer by Mr. L.J.I. Jayaraj, Deputy Commissioner of Membership Campaign, Esplanade Branch. Ps. Max Premson, Chairman Vepery YMCA welcomed everyone. The topic which was chosen for VBS Classes was "***LET'S GO FISHING***". From Mathew Chapter 4: verse 9. The VBS Classes were held for 5 days with new activities each day. There were 150 kids who participated in this VBS Classes. In that 19 kids came to know our Lord Jesus Christ. There were 11 teachers who taught these kids and 17 volunteers from God's Army Church who helped in the arrangements. Pastor Max Premson, God's Army Church arranged wonderful games, activities and Bible quiz for the kids and also, he delivered the Lord's message. Mr. M.J. Martin Kennedy, Vice President of YMCA Madras distributed the prizes to all the kids on the final day. The programme came to an end with a word of prayer by Ps. Max Premson. Mr. Ivan Sunil Daniel, Secretary, YMCA Esplanade proposed the vote of thanks.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Independence Day celebration was held on 15/08/2017 at the Branch premises at 8.00 a.m. The function commenced with prayer by Dr. N. Paul Sunder Singh, Vice-Chairman, YMCA Esplanade Branch followed by Tamil Thai Valzthu. Mr. L.J.I. Jayaraj, Deputy Commissioner, Membership Campaign 2017 welcomed the members. Dr. N. Paul Sunder Singh hoisted the National Flag. Pulavar P.S. Krishnamurthy delivered Independence Day message. The salute to the National Flag was followed by National Anthem.

The Trainees of Kung-Fu Master Mr. Kung-Fu Balu performed a special Kung-Fu demonstration. Mr. Ivan Sunil Daniel, Secretary proposed vote of thanks. Sweets were distributed to the participants. Fellowship breakfast was arranged.

YMCA PATTIMANRAM – Dr. P. CHANDRA SEKARAN, FORMER PRESIDENT OF YMCA MADRAS

A Condolence meeting was held for Dr.P.Chandra Sekaran, Former President of YMCA Madras and “Padma Bhushan” Forensic Scientist at YMCA Esplanade on 12/09/2017. Professor Dr.Rama Gurunathan presided, Mr.K.Veeramani, President of Dravidar Kazhagam unveiled the portrait of Dr.Chandra Sekaran and paid homage.

A short film on the life and service rendered by Dr.P.Chandra Sekaran was screened. Mrs.Meena Kothandaraman, Daughter of Padma Bhushan P.Chandra Sekaran, showed the memorable incidents and achievements of her father.Mr.G.Bakthavathsalam, Hon.Secretary of Pattimanram welcomed the participants and remembered the services of Dr.P.Chandrasekaran to the YMCA Madras and paid glowing tributes.

The meeting was well attended by the family members of Dr.P.Chandrasekaran and YMCA General Secretary & CEO, Mr.P.Asir Pandian, Hon.Treasurer, Mr.Selwyn Devadoss, YMCA Esplanade Chairman Er.Stephen Theodore and others. Floral tributes were paid to the Portrait of Dr.P.Chandra Sekaran as a mark of respect. Mr.Ivan Sunil Daniel, Secretary of YMCA Esplanade proposed a vote of thanks. The meeting was followed by a dinner.

ANNUAL CARROM TOURNAMENT

The Annual YMCA Carrom Tournament conducted by YMCA Esplanade was inaugurated on Wednesday, 27/09/2017 at McConaughy Hall of YMCA Esplanade by Mr.A.Maria Irudayam, Arjuna Awardee-Carrom, Chennai District Carrom Association and Mr. Isaiah Kumar, Director, Chalcedony Controls & Instrumentation Pvt. Ltd., and Board Member of YMCA Madras in the presence of Chennai District Carrom Officials – Mr. Vincent (Hon.Asst.Secretary), Mr.R.Amudhavanan (Hon.Asst.Secretary) and Mr. G.Vijayaraj (Hon.Secretary, Tamil Nadu Carrom Association) and Mr.Dhananjayan, Asst.Chief Referee. The YMCA Madras Officials Mr.P.Asir Pandian (General Secretary), Mr.Selwyn Devadoss (Treasurer), Mr.B.Ravikumar David, Board Representative, Mr.J.S.Anbu, Committee Member, Mr.L.J.I Jayaraj, Committee Member and Er.Stephen Theodore, Branch Chairman for YMCA Esplanade were also present. The programme commenced with prayer by Mr.L.J.I.Jayaraj, Deputy Commissioner for Membership Campaign 2017 for YMCA Esplanade.

Mr.B.Ravikumar David, Board Representative, YMCA Esplanade, Board of Director of YMCA Madras, President of CDCA welcomed the gathering.

There were 76 entries in Men Singles and 16 entries in Women Singles. 12 Carrom Boards were installed and the matches were played on 27/09/2017 and 28/09/2017. Players from leading institutions and clubs like Air India, Chennai Port Trust, India Post, Periamet Carrom Promotion Centre, Grand Slam Carrom Academy, Indian Oil Corporation, AGORC, Lazar MCC, Defence Accounts Recreation Club etc. participated.

The Finals and Prize Distribution function started with Prayer by Er.Stephen Theodore, Chairman, YMCA Esplanade. It was held on 28/09/2017, Thursday evening at the McConaughy Hall of YMCA Esplanade. Mr. Chozha Naachiar Rajasekar, President, The Tamil Chamber of Commerce was the Chief Guest and distributed the prizes. Special Prizes were given to Slam Scorers – Abdul Asif, Bharathidasan and Arun Karthick. Mr.B.Ravikumar David, Board Representative, YMCA Esplanade welcomed the gathering. Mr. Ivan Sunil Daniel, Secretary, YMCA Esplanade proposed the vote of thanks. YMCA Official Mr. P. Asir Pandian, General Secretary & CEO, YMCA Madras and Er.Stephen Theodore, Chairman, YMCA Esplanade were present.

CARROM RESULTS:

MEN'S SINGLES: M.D. SELVARAJ MEMORIAL ROLLING TROPHY

C.Bharathidasan (TN-Postal): WINNER: K.Ramesh Babu (IOC) : RUNNER UP

WOMEN'S SINGLES: YMCA NOEL ROLLING TROPHY

Winner: P.Jayashree(IOC); Runner up: K.Nagajothi (IOC)

INTER BRANCH TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Inter Branch Table Tennis Tournament was conducted on 4th November 2017 at YMCA Esplanade in the following Categories.

Mini Cadet Boys, Cadet Boys, Sub Junior Boys, Sub Junior Girls, Senior Singles, Veterans Singles, Open Doubles.

The Tournament was inaugurated by Mr. M.J.Martin Kennedy, Vice-President, YMCA Madras. The programme commenced with Prayer by Mr. Alex Paul Joshua, Asst.Secretary, YMCA Esplanade and Mr.B.Ravikumar David, Board Representative extended a warm welcome to the members present. Mr. Ivan Sunil Daniel, Secretary proposed the vote of thanks. Mr. John Bosco, Coach extended his tremendous support to conduct this tournament successfully.

WORLD YMCA/YWCA WEEK OF PRAYER AND WORLD FELLOWSHIP – PATTIMANRAM PROGRAMME

YMCA Esplanade Pattimanram conducted World YMCA/YWCA Week of Prayer and World Fellowship programme on 14th November 2017 at 6.00 p.m. at Esplanade Branch.

Prof. Dr. Minnur Srinivasan presides the meeting and Dr. Ezhil Vendhan, Mr. Venu Gunasekaran and Mr.M.V.Manikavasagam were poeting on the topic. Dr.N.Paul Sunder Singh, Vice- Chairman for YMCA Esplanade was the Speaker who spoke in Tamil on the theme “STAND UP, SPEAK UP” – ‘Be the Voice of the Voicesless’ and they enlightened the participants in different aspects of the subject which was appreciated by everyone. The programme was well attended by the members.

Earlier, the programme commenced with Prayer by Mr.P.Selwyn Devadoss, Treasurer, YMCA Madras. Mr.Ivan Sunil Daniel, Secretary, YMCA Esplanade made all the arrangements for conducting this programme successfully. Mr. G. Bakthavathsalam, Secretary, Pattimanram extended a hearty welcome to the members present and felicitated on the occasion. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr.B.Ravikumar David, Board Representative, YMCA Esplanade.

WORLD YMCA/YWCA WEEK OF PRAYER COTTAGE PRAYER MEETING

YMCA Esplanade conducted a Cottage Prayer meeting on 15th November 2017 at 6.30 p.m. at the residence of Dr.N.Paul Sunder Singh (Karunalaya Social Service Centre).

The programme commenced with prayer by Dr.N.Paul Sunder Singh, Director, Karunalaya Social Service and also Vice-Chairman of YMCA Esplanade Branch. Mr.B.Ravikumar David, Board Representative, YMCA Esplanade welcomed the gathering. Songs were sung by the inmates and Volunteers of Karunalaya Social Service and also Praise and Worship Service was led by Mr.D.Solomon, YMCA Madras. Mr.Thangaraj gave the Message on the theme “STAND UP, SPEAK UP” – ‘Be the voice of the Voicesless’. Mr.Ivan Sunil Daniel, Secretary, YMCA Esplanade extended the vote of thanks. High tea was served to the participants.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & DINNER

YMCA Esplanade Branch conducted Christmas Carols and Dinner programme on 14th December 2017 at 7.00 p.m. at Esplanade Branch. Rev.A.Paul Thomas, Bible Centered Ministries was the Speaker and gave an inspiring message of Christmas and it was appreciated by everyone. There were choirs from five different churches. **1.** God’s Army Church, **2.** New Way Anglican Church, **3.** BCM Church, **4.** MPA Church and **5.** Christos Divine Love Church. All the Church choirs rendered Christmas Carols. The programme was well attended by the members.

Earlier, the programme commenced with Prayer by Mr.B.Ravikumar David, Board Representative, YMCA Esplanade and Er. Stephen Theodore, Chairman, YMCA Esplanade extended a hearty welcome to the members present. Mr. Ivan Sunil Daniel, Secretary, YMCA Esplanade made all the arrangements for conducting this programme successfully. Closing prayer and benediction was done by Rev.A.Paul Thomas, Bible Centered Ministries. Mr. Ivan Sunil Daniel, Secretary, YMCA Esplanade proposed the vote of thanks and also arranged dinner to the members.

ROYAPETTAH



REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION:

YMCA Royapettah Republic Day Celebration was held on 26th January 2017 at the Branch. The Programme commenced with Prayer by Mrs. P. Tamilarasi, clerk, YMCA Royapettah Branch. Mr. Ashvin Dev Dhyriam, Branch Chairman extended a warm welcome to the members present and hoisted the National Flag and gave a special message. Vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. Ananda Kumar, Branch Secretary. Sweets and Break Fast was served on the occasion.

SUMMER CAMPS

The summer Cricket coaching camp was held from 15th April 2017 to 27th May 2017. Mr. Krishna was the coach; 31 players participated in the coaching.

The summer Table Tennis coaching camp was held from 4th May 2017 to 31st May 2017. Mr. Nagam Prasad was the coach; 17 players participated in the coaching.

The Summer Coaching Camp Valedictory function was held on 27th May 2017. The function started with Tamil Thai Vazhthu, the welcome address was given by Mr. A. Ananda Kumar, Branch Secretary. The Chief Guest Mr. E. Velu, Managing Director of AVM Limited and Velu Finance Corporation and our branch deputy commissioner Mr. Santhosh Kumar addressed the gathering and distributed the prizes. Vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. Selwyn, Branch Asst. Secretary. Finally National Anthem was played and ended with dinner.

NEW BALL BADMINTON COURT INAUGURATION

The State Level Invitation Ball Badminton Tournament was held on 22nd April, 2017 on that day a ball badminton court was inaugurated. The welcome address was given by Mr. P Asir Pandian, General Secretary & CEO. The Inaugural speech was given by Dr. Vincent George President of YMCA Madras and he inaugurated the new court. Sweets and Break Fast was served on the occasion.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Vacation Bible School was conducted from 2nd May 2017 to 6th May 2017; About 120 students participated in the VBS. The final day program was organized on 7th May 2017, from 3 to 7 P.M, 130 children and their parents and also the church members participated in the program. The opening prayer was done by Rev. V. Selvasekar. The Branch Secretary Mr. A. Ananda Kumar welcomed the gathering. The special VBS message was given by Rev. V. Selvasekar to the children and the gathering. Prizes were given to the children, teachers and volunteers and the vote of thanks was proposed by A. Selwyn, Branch Asst. Secretary. Finally, the program ended with delicious dinner arranged by YMCA Madras Royapettah branch to the children, teachers and volunteers.

JUNIOR OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT FOR UNDER 10 YEARS

The junior open tennis tournament was conducted from 10th to 12th June 2017 at the Branch premises. Thirty two entries were received and the final was held on 12th June 2017 evening 4.30 p.m. followed by the prize distribution. The chief guest was Mr. Vijay Sundar Prashanth, Indian Tennis Player. The Programme commenced with Prayer by Mr. A. Selwyn, Asst. Secretary, Mr.A.Ananda Kumar, Branch Secretary extended a warm welcome to the Chief Guest, Mr. P. Asir Pandian, General Secretary, Mr. Selwyn Devadoss, Hon. Treasurer, players and audience. The prizes were distributed to the Winner, Runner, semi – finalist and quarter finalist by the Chief Guest. The function ended with snacks and tea.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Independence Day Celebration was held on 15th August 2017 at the Branch. The Programme commenced with Prayer by Mrs. Tamilarasi Selvasegar. Mr. A. Ananda Kumar, Branch Secretary extended a warm welcome to the members present. Mr. Ashvin Dev Dhyriam, Branch Chairman hoisted the National Flag and gave the message. The program ended with national anthem. Sweets distributed and Break Fast was served on the occasion.

TOAST MASTERS CLUB INTER COLLEGIATE ORATORICAL CONTEST

An Inter Collegiate Oratorical Contest under the Toast Masters Club was held on 7th October 2017 at 10.00 a.m. The contest started with a word of Prayer by Ps. V. Selvasegar, Branch Member. MR. A. Ananda Kumar, Branch Secretary welcomed the gatherings. Mr. B. Parthasarathy, President, Toast Masters Club explained about the role and function of Toast Masters Club. Mr. V. Balasubramanian introduced the chief Guest and officials. Mr. P. Asir Pandian, General Secretary, YMCA Madras presented a memento to the Chief Guest. Mr. R. Ramakrishna Raja, Industrialist & Former Rotary President, and he gave the inaugural speech. Mr. M.J. Martin Kennedy, Vice President, YMCA Madras, Mr. P.S. Selwyn Devadoss, Treasurer YMCA Madras, Mr. P. Asir Pandian, General Secretary, YMCA Madras distributed the Prizes to the winners.

The competitions were held on the following topics:

1. Human Being and Human Doing
2. Gandhiji, come back to settle Men and Matters.
3. Social Networking –Its Pros and Cons

16 Colleges from Chennai took part in the competition. Cash prizes and Certificates were given to the winners. Following is the winners.

I Prize : Mr. Nassir Hussain - Dr. Ambedker Law College

II Prize: Mr. Venkatachala Krishna Sarma - D.G Vaishnav College

III Prize: Ms. Shivani Gupta - Hindu College

Team Prize: Ms. J. Puja Kumari & Ms. Urmi Mukherjee; Dr. M.G.R. Janaki College for women. Consolation prizes and participation certificates were distributed to all participants. Vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. R. Varadharajan, Secretary, Toast Masters Club.

INTER SCHOOL OPEN TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

YMCA Madras Royapettah Branch & Chennai District Table Tennis Association jointly organized Under 12 & Under 14 Boys and Girls Inter School Open Table Tennis Tournament held on 30th November & 1st December 2017. The Tournament was Inaugurated at 9.00 a.m. at YMCA Royapettah. The programme commenced with an Opening Prayer by Mr. A. Selwyn Asst. Secretary, YMCA Royapettah Branch. Rev. V. Selvasegar, Branch Member extended a warm Welcome to the gathering. Mr. Isaiah Kumar, Director, Chalcedony Controls & Instrumentation Pvt, YMCA Board Member inaugurated the Tournament. Mr.P. Asir Pandian, General Secretary, YMCA Madras presented a memento to the Chief Guest. There were around 124 Children from various TT Clubs and Schools who participated in this Tournament. The prize distribution was held on 1st December 2017 at 6.00 p.m, Mr.Abishek Ravichandran, Common Wealth Silver Medalist in Table Tennis was the Chief Guest. Mr. A. Ananda Kumar, Branch Secretary extended a warm welcome to the gathering. Mr. Abishek Ravichandran gave the Chief Guest address. The Chief Guest and dignitaries distributed the Trophies and certificates to Winners and Runners. Mr. A. Ananda Kumar Secretary, proposed the vote of thanks. The function ended with National Anthem

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION PROGRAMME

Christmas celebration was organized on 16th December 2017 at 6.00 p.m. The programme commenced with prayer by Bro.P. Anbumani, Branch Member. Mr. Ashvin Dev Dhyriam, Chairman, YMCA Royapettah Branch extended a warm welcome to the gathering. Bible portion was read by Ms. P. Tamilarasi. Christmas message was delivered by Rev. V. Selvasegar, Presbyter, Tambaram East, and Tamil District Council of SIAG. Special carol songs were sung by five churches and three Schools Students. Further adding delight was the dancing of the Santa. Mr.A. Ananda Kumar, Secretary, YMCA Royapettah Branch proposed the vote of thanks. The programme concluded with Prayer and benediction by Rev. V. Selvasegar. Dinner was arranged for the gathering.

VEPERY



REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION 2017

Republic day was celebrated on 26th January 2017 at YMCA Vepery. Our Vice President Mr.M.J.Martin Kennedy was the Chief Guest and he hoisted the tricolour national flag. Special message was delivered by Mr. Joshua Clements. Fellowship breakfast was served.

73rd GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The 73rd Good Friday Service was held on 14th April 2017 at YMCA Vepery at 06:30 p.m. The meeting commenced with opening prayer by Mr.Max Premson, Chairman of YMCA Vepery. Mr.Henry John welcomed the gathering. Pr.Praveen David was the special speaker and delivered the Lord's message. Opportunity School students performed a special choreography. Mr.J.Eric Christopher, Secretary, YMCA Vepery proposed the vote of thanks.

Vacation Bible School

YMCA Madras in association with Rock Eternal Church conducted VBS at YMCA Vepery from 3rd to 9th May 2017. The Theme was "***DIVE DEEP***". The strength of children participated was 173 with 45 Teachers and volunteers. VBS was inaugurated on 3rd May with a word of prayer by Pastor Chadwick Samuel and hoisting VBS flag and releasing of balloons. Every day, children were led to worship and then moved to their respective classes. Apart from these classes, children had their time of Boxing-Self Defense, Zumba, Movie, Skit and Outdoor games. After two days of VBS, the Lord's name was glorified by testimonies shared by children, right from the youngest. Snacks also provided (morning and evening), juice and Lunch being a full day event. Final day programme was held on 9th May 2017 at 6:30pm at YMCA Auditorium. The Chief Guest for the final day was Dr. Vincent George, President, YMCA Madras and he distributed the prizes. Mr.P.Asir Pandian, General Secretary & CEO, Mr. M.J. Martin Kennedy, Vice-President, Mr.B.Ravikumar David, Board Member, Mr.R.C.Samuel Swamikkan, CFO of YMCA Madras graced the occasion. The gospel was proclaimed to 173 children. By the grace of God 38 children were saved and accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

SUMMER CAMP

The summer camp was inaugurated on 2nd May 2017 with opening prayer by Rev. John Victor. Coaching was conducted for Swimming, Karate, Shuttle and Table Tennis. More than 140 Children participated and children learnt about the sport and enjoyed the camp. They were given coaching to the perfection by teaching all techniques involved. On 31st May 2017 valedictory function was conducted and certificates were issued to all the participants.

SPORTZA

YMCA Vepery Branch organized SPORTZA for the members on 22nd July 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The event commenced with a word of prayer by Mr. R. Richard Ezekiel, Associate General Secretary, YMCA Madras. Mr. T. Isaiah Kumar, Board Member, YMCA Madras, inaugurated the programme. Events conducted were Table Tennis, Shuttle Badminton and Swimming. There were around 70 entries for Shuttle Badminton, Table Tennis and Swimming. 30 kids took part in the Kids carnival. Mr. G. Vijayaraj, Hon. Gen. Secretary, Tamil Nadu Carrom Association was the Chief Guest and distributed the prizes to the winners. The programme came to an end with National Anthem.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

The 71st Independence Day Celebrations was held at YMCA Vepery International Youth Centre on 15th August 2017 in the presence of committee members and guests. The programme commenced with prayer by the Branch Committee Chairman Pr. Max Premson. The Branch Secretary Mr. Eric Christopher extended a warm welcome to the Chairman Pr. Max Premson, Vice Chairman Mr. Ratan Raj, committee members and to the members present. Pr. Max Premson hoisted the tricolour national flag and the Independence day Special message was given by Mrs. Sharmila Moses. It was an inspiring and thought provoking message. Along with Independence Day Celebration, Medical Camp was conducted with the association of Apollo hospitals. Mr. Isaiah Kumar board representative – Vepery branch inaugurated the medical camp. Around 130 members participated. Mr. Eric Christopher proposed the Vote of Thanks followed by Fellowship Breakfast.

INTER – CHURCH SINGING COMPETITION:

YMCA Vepery branch organized an Inter – Church Singing Competition on 14th October 2017. The competition commenced with opening prayer by Pr. Henry John. Pr. Max Premson extended a warm welcome to the gathering. Eva. Benny Joshua was the Special Guest. He led the gathering in Worship and delivered the Lord's message on the theme "Thanksgiving". The gathering realized the goodness of God and how thankful each one should be. There were around 15 teams who confirmed to participate but unfortunately, they could not make it for the day. So, it was decided to postpone the competition. Mr. Eric Christopher, Secretary, YMCA Vepery proposed the Vote of Thanks. The programme concluded with Prayer & benediction by Pr. Reenu Kumar.

INTER YMCA SNOOKER TOURNAMENT

Inter YMCA Snooker Tournament was conducted on 2nd December 2017 at YMCA Vepery. The Tournament was inaugurated by our General Secretary Mr. P.Asir Pandian. 35 members participated in this tournament from all branches. The Welcome address was given by Mr. N.Rama Krishnan. The Chief Guest was Mr. Rafath Habib, Asian gold medalist, snooker under 21 junior, World No.:5, 2017 Snooker Master. He distributed the prizes. The Champion of the tournament was Mr.Vadivel from Kilpauk branch & Runner- up was Mr. Santhosh from Vepery branch. After prize distribution fellowship dinner was served. Mr. Eric Christopher, Secretary proposed vote of thanks.

KILPAUK



REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION 2017: The Republic Day was organized by YMCA Kilpauk Branch. The Opening prayer was conducted by Mr. Nagarjuna, Kilpauk member. Mr. D.S Mithra, Kilpauk Chairman was the Chief Guest hosted the National Flag and gave the address Speech to the members gathered in the Event. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Richard Ezekiel, Asso. General Secretary distributed Sweets and Break Fast was served on the occasion.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Vacation Bible School (VBS) was conducted by YMCA Kilpauk along with 'Church of Christ' church. The VBS was held from May 1st to 7th. There were around 115 kids, 8 Teachers and 8 Volunteers who participated in the event. Mr. Jithender Singh, Member of YMCA Kilpauk committee took the session in teaching songs and refreshed them.

On 7th May 2017, the Final day the kids showcased their talents by Memory verse, Singing, Dancing, & Skit. At last, the Prizes were distributed to the children. Dinner was provided to the gathering.

SUMMER CAMP

The summer Badminton coaching camp was held from 8th May 2017 to 31th May 2017 Mr. Elango was the coach. 17 students participated in the coaching. The coaching was conducted as Single Batch. The students participated and developed their Skills in the game Badminton. The Children were taught and equipped with skills and consecutive practice was given for perfection.

TOAST MASTERS CLUB

The Toast Masters Club celebrated its 50th meeting on 17th June 2017. The meeting was presided over by the Club President TM Raj Kumar. TM Anil and Sridar Ranganathan presented their Speeches. TM SR Menon was The General Valuator. TM Regina was the Table Topics Master. DTM Abraham Zachariah and TM Primrose Jasmine Were its Evaluators. More than 30 members had attended this Meeting. TM Rohan Philip was selected as the Toastmaster of the Day.

JUNIOR OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

YMCA Kilpauk Branch organized Junior Open Tennis Tournament from 29th July to 14th August, 2017. The finals were held on 14th August 2017, from 4.00 pm. Prize distribution function were held in the same evening at YMCA Kilpauk Branch, Rtn. Dr. Paul Renganathan, Founder and Correspondent of Godson group of Educational Institution was the chief guest and gave away the trophies to all the Winners and Runners.

The Tournament commenced with prayer by Mr. Joseph Austin Lippert, Kilpauk member. Mr. Rajjiv George, Board Member, Mr .D.S. Mithra, Chairman, Mr. Justin Selvakumar, Mr. S.P. Venkataraman, were some of those who attended the event. Mr. Richard Ezekiel, Associate General Secretary proposed the vote of thanks

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION AND MEGA FREE MEDICAL CAMP

The Independence Day Celebration was organized by YMCA Kilpauk Branch. The Opening prayer was conducted by Mr. Jitender Singh, Committee member. Mr. D.S Mithra, Chairman who was the Chief Guest hoisted the National Flag and gave the Independence Day address to the members gathered. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Richard Ezekiel, Associate General Secretary. Sweets and Break Fast was served on the occasion. After the function Mega medical camp and Blood donation camp (Right Hospital) was organized with support of Lions Club of Madras Excellence. Ln. Rajiiv George, Board member inaugurated the Medical Camp. Mr. Richard Ezekiel, Associate General Secretary Concluded the Medical Camp with a Closing prayer.

NILAVEMBU KUDINEER

YMCA Kilpauk Branch conducted Anti-Dengue Drive by distributing “Nilavembu Kudineer” from 6th to 8th of October at Kilpauk area. There were about 250 public benefited by the program. Earlier Bro. Daniel of Church of Christ commenced the program with the prayer.

INTER YMCA BADMINTON TOURNAMENT & JUNIOR OPEN BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

YMCA Kilpauk branch organized Junior Open Badminton Tournament and Inter YMCA Badminton Tournament from 31st October to 4th November, 2017. The finals & Prize distribution was held on 4th November 2017, at 6.00 pm at YMCA Kilpauk Branch. The Event commenced with prayer by Mr. Raju Ninan (Committee member). Mr. Rajjiv George (Board Representative), Mr. D.S. Mithra (Branch Chairman), Mr. Justin Selvakumar (Former Secretary), Mrs. Sharmila Moses (Former YWCA President), Mr. Lenin Paul (Tournament Sponsor) graced the occasion with their presence.

Mr. Siva Kumar (Indian Badminton Player) Manager, IOB was the Chief Guest. Cash prize, Trophies and certificates were awarded to the Winner's. Mr. Richard Ezekiel, Associate General Secretary proposed the vote of thanks.

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETING

Cottage prayer meeting was conducted in connection with week of Prayer YWCA/ YMCA on 15th November 2017 at 6.30 p.m. at the residence of Bro. Samson. The meeting commenced with prayer by Bro. David Martin, Songs were sung by the congregation. Mr. P. Abraham, Asst. Secretary of Kilpauk branch read the scripture portion. God's message was delivered by Rev. Peter Solomon, Pastor, Kumaran Nagar Church of Christ on the theme of Week of Prayer "STAND UP, SPEAK UP". The programme concluded with Prayer and Benediction by Rev. Peter Solomon. Vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Richard Ezekiel, Associate General Secretary.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND DINNER

YMCA KILPAUK Branch celebrated Christmas Carols and Dinner on Sunday 17th December, 2017 at 6.30 Pm. The Programme commenced with opening prayer by Rev. Durairaj, Vice-Chairman and Dr. D.S. Mithra, Branch chairman welcomed the gathering. Mr. Raju Ninan, Committee member read the Bible portion. Bro. Dean Terry, International Evangelist, delivered the Christmas message. Hon.ble Justice Mr. P. N. Prakash, Judge, High Court of Madras was the chief guest. Dr. Vincent George, President, YMCA Madras, Mr. Rajjiv George, Board Representative, graced the occasion with their presence. Mr. Asir Pandian, General Secretary, distributed the Lucky Prizes and Christmas Hamper. Dr. C.R. Rene Robin and Mrs. Doris Robin were the master of ceremony. Mr. R. Richard Ezekiel Branch Secretary proposed the vote of thanks. The programme concluded with Prayer and Benediction by Bro. Dean Terry. Santa's Gifts to all participants was given. It was followed by fellowship dinner. More than 250 members participated in this Celebration.

KODAMBAKKAM

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION:

The Republic Day Celebration was held at branch premises on 26th January, 2017 at 8.00.a.m. Function began with opening prayer by Mr. A. Ananda Kumar, Secretary. Mr. A.D. Jagadish Chandira Branch Chairman hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Republic Day speech. Branch Secretary Mr. A. Ananda Kumar proposed the vote of thanks; at the end sweets were distributed.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Good Friday service was conducted 14th April 2017 at our branch premises from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Pastor John Daniel from Bangalore delivered the lord's message. More than 400 people attended the service.

SUMMER COACHING CAMP

The summer coaching camp was held from April to May 2017. 65 children both boys and girls participated in shuttle badminton, table tennis and tennis camp.

VBS

Kodambakkam branch and Trinity AG Church jointly conducted the VBS – 2017 from 23rd to 30th April 2017 in the branch Campus. The title was “**Teach Me**” taken from Psalms 20:4.

Around 150 Children participated in the VBS. The children were from, in and around Kodambakkam branch slum areas (Ashok Nagar, K.K. Nagar, etc.).

All the participated children were come to know about Jesus Christ and the children were very much interested to listen the life of Jesus Christ.

Totally sixteen teachers and twenty volunteers and two Directors participated in the VBS. Daily snacks and cool drinks were given to all. The final day program was held on 30th April, 2017 from 3 to 7 P.M. Around 150 children and their parents and also the church members participated in the program. The children performed in group songs, solo songs, skit etc. The special VBS Message was given by Rev. I.G. Daniel S. Kumar to the children and the gathering. Prizes were given to the children, teachers and volunteers. Finally, the program ended with delicious dinner arranged by YMCA Madras Kodambakkam Branch.

FOUNDATION STONE LAYING FUNCTION FOR INTERNATIONAL SPORTS CENTER

The foundation laying stone function for International Sports Center at Kodambakkam branch held on 28th April 2017, the function started with opening prayer by Rev. V. Selvasegar, Committee member followed by Tamil Thai Vazhthu, and the welcome address was given by Dr. Vincent George President YMCA Madras. Then the god's message was shared by The Most Rt. Rev. Dr. M. Ezra Sargunam Father

Bishop ECI, and he blessed the foundation stone and laid the first stone then followed by our President, General Secretary, Chief Financial Officer, board members, branch committee members, secretaries, branch members. Then the new building plan was opened by Father Bishop the Most **Rt. Rev. Dr. M. Ezra Sargunam**. Finally, the programme ended with the prayer and benediction.

ROYAPURAM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The 61st United Good Friday Service was held on 14th April 2017 at Maharani Theatre at 06:30am. The meeting commenced with opening prayer by Rev.W.Ebenazar Kirubakaran, Presbyter, CSI Ulaga Meetpar Alayam. Mr.J.Arul Rabi welcomed the gathering. Dr.John Solomon, Founder, Miracle Ministry was the special speaker and delivered the Lord's message. Mr.D.Christopher, Gospel Speaker, Chennai-Mylai Archdiocese & Eva.Paul Solomon,FMPB also delivered the Lord's message. There was a huge gathering and most of them belonged to other religion. The General Secretary gave a special address & thanked the branch committee members for taking efforts to conduct the Good Friday service for six decades. Mr.Reginald Raj, Chairman, YMCA Royapuram proposed the vote of thanks.

DEENA BANDHU SCRIPTURE QUIZ CONTEST

YMCA Royapuram branch organized the 43rd Annual Scripture Quiz Contest for "**Deena Bandhu Rolling Trophy**" on 15th October, 2017 at the CSI Ulaga Meetpar Alayam, Royapuram. The programme commenced with opening prayer by Mrs.Mercy Ebenezer, Pastor amma of the Church. Mr.Reginald Raj, Chairman, YMCA Royapuram welcomed the gathering. 24 teams from various Schools and Churches participated in the contest. Mr. Mohan Paulraj, Convener introduced the competition. Rev.Ebenezer Kirubakaran, Presbyter, CSI Ulaga Meetpar Alayam was the Chief Guest and inaugurated the quiz competition. Mr. Augustine Jeyakumar conducted the quiz for Children through many rounds. The children actively took part in all the rounds. Then the prize distribution function took place. The Chief Guest presented the Deena Bandhu Rolling Trophy to the winning team. Certificates & consolation prizes were given to all the participants. Mr. Arul Rabi, Committee member proposed the vote of thanks. The programme came to an end with closing prayer & Benediction by Rev. Ebenezer Kirubakaran.

1st Place : CSI Church Of The Coming King

2nd Place: CSI St. Luke's Church

3rd Place: ST. Moses Matric. Hr. Sec. School

STATE LEVEL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

YMCA Royapuram branch in association with North Madras Basketball Club & Royapuram Youngsters Basketball Club organized “***State Level Basketball Tournament***” from 16th - 23rd September, 2017 at the Robinson Park play ground, Royapuram. The Finals & Prize Distribution function was held on 28th October, 2017. The tournament commenced with Tamil Thai Vazthu. Thiru.S.Saravanan, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Greater Chennai Police was the Chief Guest and inaugurated the tournament. 44 men teams & 11 women teams participated. YMCA Board of Directors and Officials from various basketball clubs were the Chief Guests for the different matches. YMCA Members and many others enjoyed watching the game. Mr.Aadhav Arjuna, Secretary, Tamil Nadu Basketball Association and Founder, Arise Foundation was the Chief Guest for the final and distributed the prizes for winners. Men’s final was played between IOB and Income Tax in which IOB became the winner. Arise Sports Academy won the winners’ title playing against Hindustan University in the Women’s final. Then the Associate Secretary Mr.S.J.Chriswright Johnsingh proposed the vote of thanks. The tournament came to an end with National Anthem.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & CELEBRATION

YMCA Royapuram branch organized Christmas Carols & Celebration on Saturday, the 16th December 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary’s Nursery & Primary School, Royapuram. The celebration commenced with opening Prayer by Rev. Paul Sampath, Blessing Jesus Christ Church. Mr.Arul Rabi, Chairman, YMCA Community Centres & Committee Member, YMCA Royapuram, extended a warm welcome to the gathering. The speakers were honoured by Mr.P.AsirPandian, General Secretary, YMCA Madras & Mr.P.S.Selwyn Devadoss, Treasurer of YMCA Madras. Christmas message was delivered by Rev.R.S.Daniel, Church of Jesus Christ. Children belonging to six different schools performed dance on stage. Their performance was well appreciated by the gathering. The birth of Our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ was depicted through a skit. Gifts were distributed to all children who performed on stage. People from different faiths participated and enjoyed the programme. Around 80 Sarees were distributed to the poor and the downtrodden ladies in the local community. Mr.S.J.ChriswrightJohnsingh, Asst Secretary, proposed the Vote of Thanks. The programme concluded with Prayer and Benediction by Rev.R.S.Daniel.

KOTTIVAKKAM

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETING

YMCA & YWCA World Week of Prayer, cottage prayer was conducted at Ps.Daniel’s house. The opening prayer was done by Mr.Jagadish, Mr. Alwin Raja read the bible portion. Ps. Daniel lead in the worship. Mr. S Edwin Abraham gave the message. Closing prayer and benediction was given by Mr. S Edwin Abraham.

JEEVAN JOTHI

YMCA & YWCA world Week of prayer Jeevan Jothi Program was conducted on 18th November, 2017. YMCA Boys Town boys & YWCA Girls participated. Scripture union Team conducted special action songs, Quiz program, Puppet show & devotion. Children Participated in dance & skit. The program was followed by lunch.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The Independence Day Program was conducted at the branch premises on 15th August 2017 at 8:00 am in the presence of our destitute home children & branch members. The program began with prayer and welcome address by branch secretary Mr.A. Denis Bezanio. Mr.T.N. Santhosh Kumar (Auditor) hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Independence Day message to the gathering. The program concluded with the vote of thanks by Additional General Secretary Mr. S. Edwin Abraham.

<h2 style="text-align: center;">BOYS TOWN DESTITUTE HOME</h2>
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Republic day celebration: The Independence Day function was held at the branch premises on 26th January 2017 at 8.am in the presence of our destitute home students. Function began with prayer and welcome address by Addl. General Secretary **Mr.S. Edwin Abraham. Er.M.M. Selvakumar**, Chairman hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Independence Day's message to our students. Our Branch Secretary gave vote of thanks.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Independence Day program was held at the Boys Destitute Home on 15th August 2017 at 06:30a.m. Program began with prayer Mr. G. Arputha Raj (House Father) and Mr. A. Alwin Raja (Asst. Secretary, Boys Home) welcome the gathering. **Mr.Basker, (DMK Secretary, Shozhinganallur zone)** hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Independence Day's message to our Home Children. The program concluded with the vote of thanks by **Mr. Alwin Raja**, Asst. Secretary.

VISIT OF CHENNAI CHALLENGE TEAM FROM UK, LONDON

Chennai Challenge Team (12 Members) from UK, visited our Destitute Home Children and they interacted with the home children and conducted various games and activities. They encouraged the students by giving gifts. They took the Destitute Home children to Yelagiri as a refreshment trip from 18.08.2017 to 21.08.2017.

DHENNABANDU BIBLE QUIZ

Dhenna Bandhu Bible Quiz was conducted by YMCA Royapuram at CSI Ulaga Meetpar Alayam on 15th October 2017. Many Schools & Churches participated in the Bible Quiz competition. YMCA Kottivakkam Boys Town Destitute Home students also participated.

JEEVAN JOTHI PROGRAM

World YMCA / YWCA Week of Prayer 2017, Jeevan Jothi Program was held at YWCA Madras. YMCA Kottivakkam Boys Town Boys & YWCA children home Girls participated. Scripture Union Team conducted special action songs, quiz program, Puppet show & devotion. Children performed dance & skit. The program was followed by lunch.

SCHOOLS

FORT BOYS TOWN HIGH SCHOOL

ACHIEVEMENT

The YMCA Fort Boys Town High School achieved cent percent pass in the last 10th Standard examinations, which is 13 successive years of record.

ANNUAL SPORTS MEET

The Annual Sports Meet – 2017 of the YMCA Boys Town High School was declared open by the Chief Guest Dr. Vincent George, President, YMCA Madras. Mr. Asir Pandian, Correspondent & General Secretary YMCA Madras and Mr. Robert Short and his team from Chennai Challenge, United Kingdom graced the occasion. Mrs. J. Swarna, Headmistress of the School welcomed the guests and participants, and coordinated the event. For the first time, the school introduced ‘Sports Torch’.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Independence Day Celebrations were held on 15th August 2017. The Chief Guest Mr. Asir Pandian, Correspondent & General Secretary YMCA Madras hoisted the National Flag. The children entertained the audience by displaying their skills in dances, cultural programmes and fancy dress. Pastor Daniel S. Kumar, Chairman distributed certificates and prizes. Mr. Robert Short and his team from Chennai Challenge, United Kingdom were delighted to be part of this programme.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

The Christmas Programme was celebrated on 7th December 2017, in the Fort Boys Town High School premises. Dr. Vincent George, President, YMCA Madras was the Chief Guest and was pleased with the performance including Nativity Play of students. Mr. A.M. Packianathan Easter, Board Member and Trustee delivered the Christmas message. The Chief Guest and Mr. P. Asir Pandian, Correspondent & General Secretary, Rev. Daniel S. Kumar, Chairman and Mr. R.C. Samuel Swamikkan, CFO of YMCA Madras distributed prizes, gifts and cakes. Mrs. J. Swarna, Headmistress of the School thanked the participants.

KOTTIVAKKAM BOYS TOWN HR. SEC. SCHOOL

BHUMI NAKSHATRA 2017 -18 SPORTS MEET

Bhumi NGO conducted the Nakshatra 2017-18 sports Meet on July 23rd at Agurchand Manmall Jain College, Meenambakkam, Chennai-114. 32 Boys participated in the Sports Meet (Athletic, indoor & outdoor games) and won the prizes & various medals 2nd in Carrom, 3rd in Kho Kho & 3rd in Long Jump.

WORLD NATURE CONSERVATION DAY

World Nature Conservation Day was celebrated by creating awareness to public by holding Banner by Kottivakkam Boys Town Hr. Sec. School children. Special Guests were Mr.Subburayan., Additional Commissioner, Tharamani Range and Mr. Baskar, Police Inspector, Tharamani and the program was coordinated by the committee members. Mr.T.N.Santhosh Kumar, Para Olympic committee, Mr.Kathiresan, Mr.David Samuel, Mr.Arulraj.

Mr.Nandakumar IRS., Income Tax Commissioner and Mr.Mohan, South Chennai Vanigar Sanga Thalaivar were the Chief Guests.Children were encouraged to plant saplings in the school premises. Thereafter the seminar was conducted in the Jubilee Hall. Mr. Baskar gave an inspiring speech to children.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

71st Independence Day was celebrated in the school in a grand manner. Function Stared with Prayer song by the students. Mr.Velu, industrialist who was the chief guest, hoisted the national Flag in our school premises. Pledge was taken by the students as well as Guest and Chief Guest. Special guests were Mr.T.N.Santhosh Kumar, Auditor, Mr.David Samuel, Committee member and Chennai challenge Team, London. Correspondent Mr. S. Edwin Abraham honoured the Chief Guest with Memento and Branch Asst. Secretary Mr.A. Denis Bezanio honoured the Special guest Mr.T.N.SanthoshKumar.,Auditor. Mr.T.N.Santhosh Kumar gave the Independence Day Message to students. Mr.Velu distributed the prizes to students those who participated and won the inter school Speech, Essay and drawing competitions. Ms.Shifana, VII-A gave a Independence Day special Speech. Students performed cultural activities through Silambam and Karagam Dance. Traditional Music called Parai was also performed by students. Indian Regional Dress culture show was performed by the school kids. Boys expressed their Patriotism through Dance. Headmistress Mrs. B. Sundari gave Vote of Thanks. The function was closed with National Anthem and sweets were distributed to all the students.

DENTAL CAMP

A Dental Camp was conducted for our School children through SHARP (School Health Annual Report program) on 17th August, 2017 in the school premises. It was initiated with dental awareness talk, educating students about common dental ailments, especially stressing on tooth decay and gum diseases and measures to prevent them. The students were highlighted about the eating patterns and food choices which cause tooth decay.

BHUMI NAKSHATRA 2017 -18 ARTS EVENT

Bhumi NGO conducted the Nakshatra 2017-18 Arts Event on 26th August 2017 at Agurchand Manmall Jain College, Meenambakkam, Chennai-114. 20 Boys participated in the Events like Rangoli, Clay Modeling, Spot painting, etc. and won prizes and Medals - 2nd in Rangoli, 2nd in Clay Modeling, 1st in Spot Painting & 3rd in Quiz.

TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION

The Teacher Day Celebration and Dr. Radha Krishanan's 129th birthday programme was organized by YMCA Boys Town Hr. Sec. School on 5th September 2017, at the school premises. Opening Prayer was offered by Mrs. Ruth Raj Kumari (Teacher). The Bible reading was by Ms. Subhashini (Teacher), Mr. Edwin Abraham, Correspondent of YMCA Boys Town Hr. Sec. School Welcomed. Chief Guest Er. M.M. Selvakumar (Chairman) and Auditor Mr. T.N Santhosh Kumar (Committee Member) was honoured with a shawl & Gifts. Er. M. M. Selva Kumar gave a motivational speech for the teachers. Teachers were greeted with an inspirational poem & Speech by Mrs. Thamizhkani & Mrs. Ruth Raj Kumari (Teachers). Gifts were distributed to the teachers for their dedicated service. Vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Sundari (Headmistress).

Dr.APJ ABDUL KALAM 86TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's 86th birthday programme was organized by YMCA Boys Town Hr. Sec. School on 11th October 2017, at the school premises. Mr. Edwin Abraham, Correspondent of YMCA Boys Town Hr. Sec. School, welcomed the gathering. The Special Guests were Er. M.M. Selvakumar (Chairman) and Auditor Mr. T.N SanthoshKumar(Committee Member).

MEDICAL CAMP AND DENGUE AWARENESS PROGRAM

Medical Camp and Dengue awareness programme was organized by YMCA Boys Town Hr. Sec. School and by Chennai Corporation on 6th October 2017.

The Body checkup was done by doctors. It was sensitized that Dengue fever was caused only by mosquitoes and it can be prevented by using mosquito nets and by draining stagnant water. The students were given Nilavembu Kudineer to enhance their body immunity.

SCIENCE EXHIBITION

The Science Exhibition was organized by YMCA Boys Town Hr. Sec. School on 20th October 2017 at the school premises. The Opening Prayer was offered by Mr. P. S. Selwyn Devadoss(Hony. Treasurer, YMCA Madras). The ribbon was cut by Er. M. M. Selva Kumar (Chairman), Mr. Edwin Abraham, Correspondent of YMCA Boys Town Hr. Sec. School welcomed the Chief Guest and the Committee members of Kottivakkam branch. The best project was selected and rewarded by the Committee members. Vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Sundari (Headmistress).

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Christmas Celebration was organized by YMCA Boys Town Hr. Sec. School on 4th December 2017, in the school premises. Opening Prayer was offered by Mr. Justin Jesudoss (Vice Chairman). Correspondent of YMCA Boys Town Hr. Sec. School,

Mr. Edwin Abraham welcomed the Teachers & Chief Guest. The Bible reading was by Mrs. Little Flower (Teacher), Rev. Selva Sekar (Living Water AG Church Royapettah) gave Christmas message. The prizes were distributed to the students for various competitions like fancy dress, drawing and singing. Christmas programmes through Dances & Skit were performed by the students. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Sundari (Headmistress). The programme was followed by lunch.

WORKING WOMEN'S HOSTEL

Republic day celebration The Independence Day function was held at the branch premises on 26th January 2017 at 8.30 A.M. in the presence of our Hostel inmates and staff. Function began with prayer and welcome address by Addl. General Secretary ***Mr.S.Edwin Abraham*** followed by Mrs.Beulah Selvakumar hoisting the National Flag and delivered the Independence Day's message to our Hostellers'. Our Branch secretary gave vote of thanks.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The Independence Day program was held at the hostel premises on 15th August 2017 at 8.30am in the presence of our destitute home children, hostellers & staff. The Program began with prayer and welcome address by Additional General Secretary Mr.S. Edwin Abraham and Mr.S. David Samuel hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Independence Day's message to the gathering. The program concluded with the vote of thanks by Additional General Secretary Mr. S. Edwin Abraham.

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETING

World YMCA / YWCA Week of Prayer 2017, Cottage Prayer Meeting was conducted at the house of Ps. Daniel. The cottage prayer meeting began with opening prayer by Mr. Jagadish. Mr. Alwin Raja read the bible portion. Ps. Daniel led the worship time. Mr. S Edwin Abraham gave the message and concluded with a closing prayer & benediction.

COMMUNITY CENTRES

YMCA EGMORE

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The Independence Day program was held at Egmore Community Centre on 15th August 2017 at 07:30 a.m. in the presence of local community people. The program commenced with an opening prayer & welcome address by Community centre Secretary Mr. A. Alwin Raja and Rev. A. Simeon, Centre In-charge hoisted the National

Flag and delivered the Independence Day speech to the gathering. The program concluded with vote of thanks by Mr. A. Alwin Raja.

YMCA SATHUMA NAGAR

FREE MEDICAL CAMP

YMCA Madras Community Centre & Lions Club of Chennai Greater City organized Free Medical Camp on 1st April 2017 at 09.30 a.m. at Sathuma Nagar Community Centre. The Programme commenced with prayer by Rev. E. Chelladuari, Committee Member. Lion. J. Arul Rabi, Chairman, YMCA Community Centre, extended warm welcome to the members present and introduced the Guest. MJF Lion Dr. C. C. Johnny, inaugurated the Free Medical camp conducted for the underprivileged people. More than 230 people benefited through this camp. Testing related to BMI, Blood pressure, Random Blood Sugar, ECG, Eye Check up and General check up was done by Apollo Hospital.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The Independence Day program was held at the Sathuma Nagar Community Centre on 15th August 2017 at 9:30 am in the presence of local community people & Tuition students. The welcome address was given by Community centre secretary Mr. A. Alwin Raja and Mr. J. Arul Rabi, Chairman hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Independence Day's Speech to the gathering. The program concluded with vote of thanks by Mr. M. Selvam, Centre In charge.

TUITION CENTRE

Tuition Centre was inaugurated on 24-08-2017 at YMCA Sathuma Nagar Community Centre. The program commenced with an opening prayer by Rev. E.Chelladurai, Committee Member. Mr. J. Arul Rabi, Community centre, Chairman Welcomed the Gathering and explained about YMCA Madras and its activities. Vote of Thanks was delivered by Mr. M. Selvam, Centre In charge. Ms. A. Gracy M.A, was appointed as Tuition teacher. Chennai Challenge Team took part in this Tuition Centre Inauguration and encouraged the students.

YMCA TONDIARPET

TUITION CENTRE

Tuition Centre was inaugurated on 01-08-2017 at YMCA Tondiarpet Community Centre. The program began with an opening prayer by Rev. E.Chelladurai, Committee Member. Mr. J. Arul Rabi, Community centre, Chairman welcomed the gathering and explained about YMCA Madras & its Activities. Mr. Mohan Paul Raj, Committee Member gave a special speech about the Importance of education. Vote of

Thanks was proposed by Mr. P. Shanmugam, Centre In charge, Ms. S. Nandhini M.Phil, M.A, MBA was appointed as Tuition Teacher.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The Independence Day program was held at Tondiarpet Community Centre on 15th August 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the presence of local community people & Tuition students. The welcome address was given by Community centre secretary Mr. A. Alwin Raja and Mr. J. Arul Rabi, Chairman hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Independence Day's speech to the gathering. The program concluded with Vote of Thanks by Mr. P. Shunmugam, Centre In charge.

CITYWIDE ACTIVITIES

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

STATE LEVEL INVITATION BALL BADMINTON TOURNAMENT:

The YMCA Madras Physical Activities Committee conducted the State Level Invitation Ball Badminton Tournament on 22nd April 2017, at Royapettah branch. The inauguration function started with opening prayer by Rev. V. Selvasegar, Organizer, Physical Activities Committee followed by Tamil Thai Vazhthu and the welcome address by Mr. B. Ravikumar David, Chairman, Physical Activities Committee. The Inaugural address was given by Dr. Vincent George, President of YMCA Madras and he inaugurated the new court. Around 12 teams were participated in the tournament. This tournament is approved by Tamil Nadu Ball Badminton Association and Chennai District Ball Badminton Association. The Chief Referee was Mr. Giridharan. Mr. V. Ezhilarasan, Hon. General Secretary of TNBBA offered felicitation.

The prize distribution function was held on the same day at 4.30 p.m. The Chief guest was Padma Shri V. Bhaskaran, 1980, Hockey – Olympic Gold Medalist addressed the gathering and distributed the prizes. The winner I.C.F. team was awarded with rolling shield and cash prize of Rs. 15,000/- and the runner up South Railway team was awarded with cup and cash prize of Rs. 12,000/-. The third place was TBBC 'A' team and the fourth place was IOB team awarded with prizes and certificates. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. Ananda Kumar Secretary/Convener, YMCA Madras Physical Activities Committee.

CHENNAI DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

The YMCA Madras, Physical Activities Committee conducted Chennai District Table Tennis Championship 2017 for Cadet and Sub-Junior on 28th - 29th July, 2017 at YMCA Vepery. The programme commenced with a word of prayer by Mr.R.Richard Ezekiel, Associate General Secretary, YMCA Madras. The Chief Guest was Mr. Martin Kennedy, Vice President, YMCA Madras. Mr.B.Ravikumar David, Chairman, Physical Activities Committee & Board Member, YMCA Madras introduced the Chief Guest. Mr.P.Asir Pandian, General Secretary, YMCA Madras honoured the Chief Guest with a memento followed by lighting the Kuthuvilaku. Then the Chief Guest gave a special

address encouraging the participants to take part in all sports activities and inaugurated the Tournament. Around 300 entries were there. The finals and prize distribution function were held on 29th July, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Chandrasekar, Arjuna Awardee & Mr. Robin Charles Raja, Superintendent, Chennai Customs & Professional Football Coach, were the Chief Guests and distributed the prizes to the winner, runners-up, semifinalist & quarter finalist. Mr. J. Eric Christopher, Secretary/Convener proposed the vote of thanks. The programme came to an end with National Anthem.

TAMILNADU STATE LEVEL INTER SCHOOL KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP On 18th AUGUST 2017 AT ROYAPETTAH

The YMCA Madras, Physical Activities Committee organized Tamilnadu State Level Inter School Karate Championship on 18th August 2017 at YMCA Royapettah. The programme commenced with Tamil Thai Valzthu. Mr. R. Richard Ezekiel, Associate General Secretary, YMCA Madras offered the Opening Prayer. Thiru S. N. Seshasai, IPS, Additional Commissioner of Police, Greater Chennai was the Chief Guest and inaugurated the event. Around 600 entries were received. Mr. Karate R. Thiyagarajan made his presence during the tournament and distributed the prizes to the winners. The Finals and Prize Distribution function was held in the evening. Dr. Vincent George, President, YMCA Madras was the Chief Guest and distributed the prizes to the winners. Mr. J. Eric Christopher, Convener/Secretary, proposed the vote of thanks. The programme came to an end with National Anthem.

STATE LEVEL INTER COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL INVITATION TOURNAMENT FOR MEN & WOMEN

The YMCA Madras Physical Activities Committee conducted the State Level Inter-College Volleyball Invitation Tournament for Men & Women. It was held on 22nd & 23rd September 2017, at Royapettah branch. The inauguration function started with opening prayer by Rev. V. Selvasegar, Branch member followed by Tamil Thai Vazhthu, and the welcome address was given by Mr. B. Ravikumar David, Chairman Physical Activities Committee. The tournament was inaugurated by Mr. C. Sakthikumar Director, Panimalar Engineering College. Mr. Martin Kennedy, Vice President YMCA Madras inaugurated the new Volleyball court. 4 men teams and 4 women teams participated in this tournament. This tournament was approved by Tamil Nadu volleyball Association.

The prize distribution function was held on 23-9-2017 at 9.00 p.m. The Chief Guest was Thiru. A. Arokiyaprakasam, Asst. Commissioner of Police, Triplicane Range who addressed the gathering and distributed the cash prizes, medals & trophies to the winners. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. Ananda Kumar, Convener / Secretary.

Final Results:

Men: First place - SRM University, 2nd place - St. Joseph College of engineering, 3rd place - Panimalar Engineering College and 4th place - Sathyabama University.

Women: First place - Jeppiar College of Engineering, 2nd place - Ethiraj college for women, 3rd place - St. Joseph college of engineering and 4th place - Panimalar Engineering College and Mr. William G. Morgan award was given to the best players of the tournament.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

WORLD YMCA/YWCA WEEK OF PRAYER

YMCA Madras and YWCA of Madras organized the Week of Prayer and World Fellowship from 12th to 18th November, 2017. The Theme was “Stand Up, Speak Up, Be the Voice of the Voiceless”. The inaugural worship service was held at YMCA Vepery on 12th November, 2017. Rev. Manuel S. Titus, Bishop’s Chaplain, CSI Madras Diocese was the speaker. The Theme was meditated through the week. On Tuesday, a special pattimandram was organized at YMCA Esplanade. On Wednesday, Cottage Prayer meetings were held at the houses of YMCA staff and members. On Friday, the outreach programme was organized at the “The Banyan Adaikalam”, Muggappair. The Secretaries of YMCA & YWCA visited the inmates and interacted with them. Then new clothes were gifted to them. On the final day Jeevan Jothi programme was organized at YWCA of Madras. Destitute Children from YMCA Boys Town and YWCA Girls Town performed dance and skit. Children workers from Scripture Union lead the Children through songs and puppet show. Quiz competition was conducted and the winners were awarded with gifts.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

YMCA Madras presented Christian Cultural Academy’s Songs of the Season on 2nd December 2017. It was composed and directed by Dr. Samuel Joseph. Well known artists like percussionist Anandan Sivamani, Sharath, Alka Ajith, Kalpana, Sandra and group performers like Pravasi, Geethanjali Isai Koodam and CCA Choir made the evening memorable. The event was to support the charity project of the Chennai Cultural Academy.

Religious Activities Committee organized “Christmas with YMCA” on 19th December, 2017 at YMCA Vepery. The programme commenced with Opening Prayer by Mr. Benjamin Franklin, Board of Director, and Mr. Selwyn Devadoss, Treasurer, YMCA Madras, extended a warm welcome to the gathering. The Orchestra “Madras String Ensemble” was conducted by Mr. Augustine Paul. Singing by, Mr. Ebenezer Arunkumar, Ms. Roshini Sharon Rajan and Legato group were encouraged by the audience. Mr. Clement Vedanayagam Sasthriyar, Vice Chairman, Religious Activities Committee, was instrumental in organizing the programme. The Orchestra and band performed awesome classical songs and the gathering enjoyed an evening of traditional Christmas Carols and Classical pieces. Fr. Thisai Gerry, Chairman, Religious Activities Committee, delivered the Lord’s message.

CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

TAMIL REGION CULTURAL FESTIVAL

YMCA MADRAS Cultural and Social Activities Committee conducted the Tamil Region Cultural festival at Mamallapuram, St. Mary's Matriculation Higher Secondary School on 22nd July 2017 from 6.00 P.M. This is the first time in the history of YMCA Madras such a festival was conducted. The main purpose of this programme is to give the awareness to the people and students and also to promote and save our Cultural Folk Dance. Around 3000 public and 1000 school and college students attended this programme. It was a very grand celebration at Mamallapuram.

The Programme begun with Tamil Thai valthu then the dignitaries lighted the kuthu vilaku after that welcome address was given by T. N. Santhosh Kumar, Vice - Chairman of Cultural and Social Activities Committee. The Felicitation was given by Dr. Bennet Benjamin, Chairman of Cultural and Social Activities Committee. The programme was headed by Dr. Vincent George, President, YMCA Madras, the chief guests were Mr. M. Kondhandabany MLA (Thiruporur Constituency), E. Velu, Managing Director, AVM Limited and the other dignitaries were Fr. Pauljaikumar, Director Besxhi Communication center, Kumbakonam, Fr. Benjamin Nasamani, Director CRDS, P.S. Selwyn Devadoss, Treasurer, YMCA Madras, P. Asir Pandian, General Secretary & CEO YMCA Madras, R.C. Samuel Swamikkan Chief Financial Officer, YMCA Madras, Board Members of YMCA Madras, T. N. Santhosh Kumar, Vice – Chairman, Cultural and Social Activities Committee, Fr. Leo Dominic, Correspondent, St. Mary's Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Mamallapuram, S. Edwin Abraham, Addl. General Secretary YMCA Madras (Programmes). The chief guests and the other dignitaries were honoured with shawl and mementos.

The dance program started by 7.00 P.M. in presence of the all the dignitaries, foreigners, all Secretaries of YMCA. Besxhi kalai kuzhu from kumbakonam, performed the pinnal dance, mayilattam, fisherman dance, tribal dance, etc. The audience enjoyed very much. The paraiyattam and thappattam was performed by saiyr manimaran kalai kuzhu and the Mary's CBSC & Matriculation School children also performed different types of folk dances. Finally, Fr. Leo Dominic correspondent, St. Mary's school proposed the vote of thanks. The programme ended with national anthem.

INTER SCHOOL FOLK DANCE COMPETITION

YMCA MADRAS Cultural and Social Activities Committee conducted the Inter School Folk Dance Competition, it is the one of the Annual memorable events of YMCA MADRAS and it has been conducted past 33 years. This year the trophy was introduced in the name of T.N. Santhosh Rolling Trophy. This competition is being held with the purpose of motivating and thrilling the pupils to enjoy the glorious and undying Indian Folk Art in Music and Dance. Also, this programme ushers in and enhances a spirit of oneness – “Unity in Diversity” Strengthening and binding our hearts together “National Integration”. Around 41 schools participated in this competition. The Theme was Heritage of India, it was held on 4th August 2017, at YMCA Vepery Auditorium from 10:00 A.M.

The Programme begun with a word of prayer by Mr. Richard Ezekiel, Associate General Secretary YMCA MADRAS, then Dr. Bennet Benjamin, Chairman of Cultural and Social Activities Committee welcomed the gathering. Dr. D. Viswanathan, Former Vice-Chancellor, Anna University inaugurated the Folk dance competition. The Judges for this dance competition were Mrs. Sudha Swarnalakshmi, Actor, Choreographer & Film Maker, Mrs. Lalithakala Raj, Dancer, and Choreographer and Mrs. Mariya Nirmalkumar. 41 schools participated in this Folk dance competition.

The performances of students were marvelous depicting the various cultures of different states from Tamil Nadu to Punjab. The First prize of Rs. 20,000/- cash was won by Dhanalakshmi Higher Secondary school. The Second prize of Rs. 15000/- cash was won by Nellai Nadar Mat. Hr. Sec. School Kottivakkam. The Third Prize of Rs. 10000/- cash was won by Sacred Heart Matriculation Higher Secondary School.

This time Special prizes of Rs. 2500/- cash was introduced to encourage the schools & students, the prizes won by Angels Babyland Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Ganesh Bai Galada Jain Girls Higher Secondary School Bethel Matriculation Higher Secondary School, St. Mary's Matriculation Boys Higher Secondary School and Kaligi Ranganathan Montford Mat. Hr. Sec. School for various categories. The consolation prizes of each Rs. 2000/- cash was won by YMCA BOYS TOWN high school Fort and Shri B.S. Mootha Girls Senior Secondary school.

The prize distribution function was held at 4.30 pm. Mr. Saalai Maraan, Secretary / Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest and distributed the prizes to the winners. Dr. Vincent George, President, YMCA Madras, Dr. Bennet Benjamin, Chairman, Cultural & Social Activities Committee, Mr. P. Asir Pandian, General Secretary & CEO YMCA Madras, Mr. T.N. Santhosh Kumar, Founder of T.N.Santhosh Trophy, Mr. Edwin Abraham, Addl. General Secretary, YMCA Madras and Board Members were present. The Chief Guests and Judges were honoured by Dr. Vincent George, President, YMCA Madras, Dr. Bennet Benjamin, Chairman, Cultural & Social Activities Committee. Mr. A. Anandakumar, Convener/Secretary Cultural and Social Activities proposed the vote of thanks.

BOYS ACTIVITIES

CAMP AT YELAGIRI

The YMCA Madras, Boys Activities Committee organized a Camp to YMCA Yelagiri for 2 days on 29th and 30th of July 2017. Around 87 Students accompanied by 17 Teachers, Volunteers and 3 Secretaries participated in the Camp. The President Dr. Vincent George, General Secretary Mr. P. Asir Pandian, Chief Financial Officer Mr. Samuel Swamikkan and Board of Directors visited the Camp Site. Their presence encouraged the Students, Teachers and Secretaries. The Secretaries, Teachers and Volunteers conducted various activities like Games, Singing, Drama, Camp Fire, Trekking, Flag Procedure and Greetings. The students actively took part in all the Activities. The students enjoyed all the Programmes and on the second day the students were taken to the park.

PEACE POSTER CONTEST (ON THE SPOT DRAWING COMPETITION)

YMCA MADRAS Boys Activities Committee organized a Peace Poster Contest (on the spot drawing competition) on the theme SAY NO TO VIOLENCE on 28th October 2017 at YMCA Auditorium, Vepery, Chennai-7. The drawing Competition aimed to propagating the message of peace in the minds of children and youth. The program began with a word of prayer by Mr. Richard Ezekiel, (Associate General Secretary) YMCA MADRAS, Then Rtn. Rajjiv George, Chairman welcomed the gathering. Mr. P. Asir Pandian, (General Secretary & CEO) of Madras YMCA extended his greetings and presented a memento to the guest of Honour Mr.S.Ashok kumar ,IRS, Assitant Commissioner Income Tax. The guest of honor inaugurated the drawing completion with his inspiring address. The Competition Began at 10 a.m. The performance of students was marvelous and innovative drawings in symbolizing nonviolence. The prize distribution function was held at 1 p.m. Mr.K. Vinoth kanna, IRS, Deputy Commissioner Income Tax was the chief guest and distributed the prizes to the winners before this Mr. T.N Santhosh Kumar, Committee Member of the Kottivakkam branch welcomed the gathering and the Chief Guest greeted the participants. Mementoes were distributed to Chief guest and Judges by Rtn. Rajiv George Chairman, Mr. S. Edwin Abraham (Additional General Secretary programmes), Mr. Richard Eziekel (Associate General secretary) were present. Mr.A. Denis Bezanio, Asst. Secretary who was the convener and organized the competition proposed the vote of thanks.

STUDENT'S ACTIVITIES

DAY CAMP AT MGM DIZZEE WORLD

The YMCA Madras, Students Activities Committee organized a Day Camp at MGM Dizzee World on 3rd August, 2017. Around 240 students from various schools participated in this programme. Headmistresses of two schools were the Chief Guests and accompanied the students. Buses started from YMCA Vepery at 8:30am, after prayer by Mr.T.Isaiah Kumar, Chairman, Students Activities Committee and Board Member, YMCA Madras. The Students reached MGM Dizzee world at 10:00am. Students took part in all rides and enjoyed the camp.Mr.M.J.Martin Kennedy, Vice President, YMCA Madras, took part as a special guest and encouraged the students. Fun games and activities were conducted in the post lunch session. Medals were awarded to winners and certificates were awarded to all participants. Mr.J.Eric Christopher, Secretary/Convener thanked the Chief Guests, Board Members and students for making the programme a successful event.

ADVENTURE CAMP AT AVALANCHE

The YMCA Madras, Students Activities Committee organized an Adventure Camp at Avalanche, Ooty for 5 days from 24th – 28th September 2017. Around 100 students and 4 secretaries participated in the camp. The Scripture Union volunteers conducted various activities like Hiking, Kayaking, Archery, George Walk, Survival Activity and Night Walk. The students actively took part in all activities. The students enjoyed the stay in the campsite. On fourth day, the students were taken to Black Thunder. The students enjoyed the trip. The return journey was by train.

ADVENTURE CAMP AT NILSHI

The YMCA Madras, Students Activities Committee organized an Adventure Camp at YMCA camp lakeside, Nilshi, Pune for 4 days from 4th November – 7th November 2017. Around 60 students accompanied by 10 teachers & 4 secretaries participated in the camp. The President Dr. Vincent George, Treasurer Mr. P.S.Selwyn Devadoss, General Secretary Mr. Asir Pandian, Chief Financial Officer Mr. Samuel Swamikkan, and Board of Directors visited the campsite. Their presence encouraged the students & teachers. The secretaries and volunteers from YMCA Bombay conducted various activities like Swimming, Archery, Team Games, Swing Walk, Burma Bridge, Rapelling and Rock Climbing. The students actively took part in all activities. The students enjoyed the activities. On third day, the students were taken to Sight Seeing in Bombay. And visited The Gateway of India, Hotel Taj and Marine Drive. The return journey was by train from Mumbai Dadar to Chennai Egmore.

OUT REACH ACTIVITIES

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MANAGEMENT, RELIEF & REHABILITATION

DENGUE AWARENESS RALLY

YMCA Madras Disaster preparedness management Relief & Rehabilitation committee & Police Public friends Association organized a Dengue Awareness Rally on 20th November at 2:30p.m. at St.Mary's Matriculation higher secondary school, old Washermenpet.

The Rally was inaugurated by Mr. J. Benjamin Franklin, Chairman DPMRRC, YMCA Madras & Dr.Ln. L. Parameshwaran, State president Police Public friends Association. Around 650 students participated in the rally, which was for 1km distance from St.Mary's Mat.Hr. Sec.School upto St.Mary's Nursery School, Old Washermenpet.

The programme commenced with an opening prayer by Mr. J. Benjamin Franklin, Chairman, DPMRRC, YMCA Madras. Mr. M.J. Martin Kennedy Vice President, YMCA Madras & Correspondent St. Mary's Matriculation School extended a warm welcome to the gathering. Mr. P. Asir Pandian, General Secretary, YMCA Madras Presented a shawl to the Chief guest, Dr.S.Jeyachandran Social worker (Medico work). He gave the chief guest address and also gave an inspiring speech on Dengue awareness to the students.

A Drama programme was organized on dengue awareness by the students of St.Mary's School. Around 700 students & Parents and staff took an Oath to control Dengue fever in the city. Gifts were presented to students who participated in the Dengue Rally. Mr. Ivan Sunil Daniel Secretary & Convener of outreach activities YMCA who organized the program, proposed the vote of thanks.

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

FREE PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS PROGRAM

YMCA Madras Health and Environment Committee and Indian Prostate Cancer Foundation conducted an awareness program on 19th April 2017 at 04:00 pm at YMCA Vepery. The programme commenced with an Opening Prayer by Mr. David Arumugam, Vice - Chairman Health & Environment Committee. Mr. Raguram, Director of Indian Prostate Cancer Foundation, extended a warm welcome to the gathering. Dr. M. Rajaram, IAS (Retd) Former Principal Secretary to Government, Information Department gave the Chief Guest address and also spoke about the early prediction of Prostate Cancer. Dr. Ananthkrishnan Sivaraman, Senior Consultant Urologist and Robotic Surgeon & Founder, IPCF gave a talk on Prostate Cancer symptoms & treatment. Mr. K. Gopalakrishnan, (Yoga Therapist) gave brief explanation on the advantage of Yoga for Prostate Cancer. Mrs. Gayathri Ananthkrishnan, proposed the vote of thanks. The program was organized by YMCA conveners Mr. R. Richard Ezekiel, Mr. Ivan Sunil Daniel, Mr. S. J. Chriswright Johnsingh & Mr. A. Alwin Raja.

YOUTH, WOMEN EMPOWERMENT & GENDER JUSTICE

“CELEBRATING WOMEN”

YMCA Madras, Youth, Women Empowerment & Gender Justice Committee in association with YWCA of Madras, Membership Committee organized “***Celebrating Women***” on 13th July 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at YMCA Vepery. The programme commenced with a word of Prayer by Dr.Sandhya, Committee Member. It was followed by Tamil Thai Vazthu. Mrs Sharmilla Moses, Chairperson, Youth, Women Empowerment & Gender Justice Committee extended a warm welcome to the gathering and introduced the Chief Guest followed by felicitation. The Chief Guest for the day was Ms.Daphne Prianthi Jeyasingh, Educationist, Former Correspondent of CSI Matriculation Schools, Chennai. She motivated the gathering by quoting real life incidents of successful women. Tmt. A. Radhika, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Vigilance and Anti Corruption, Chennai was the Guest of Honour. She gave a special address on Women Safety. Ms.Swetha Suresh, International Whistling Champion entertained the gathering by whistling special numbers. Mr. Richard Ezekiel, Associate General Secretary, Outreach Activities, YMCA proposed the Vote of Thanks. The programme came to an end with National Anthem. Mr.Ivan Sunil Daniel organized the programme assisted by Mr. Chriswright Johnsingh and Mr. A. Alwin Raja.

MEGA CULINARY COMPETITION

YMCA Madras, Youth, Women Empowerment & Gender Justice Committee conducted “Mega Culinary Competition” on 23rd August, 2017 between 4pm – 7pm at YMCA Vepery. The competition was based on the theme “Indian Sweets”.

The programme commenced with an Opening Prayer by Mr. R.Richard Ezekiel, Associate General Secretary, Outreach Activities, YMCA Madras and it was followed by Tamil Thai Vazthu. Mrs. Sharmila Moses, Chairperson, Youth, Women Empowerment & Gender Justice Committee extended a warm welcome to the gathering. The Chief Guest was Ms.Revathy Shanmugam, Tamilnadu Culinary Celebrity / TV Cookery Host. She gave a Special talk addressing the happiness of cooking. Chef. Deva Kumar, Executive Chef, Crowne Plaza (Adyar Park) was the Judge and gave a special address on how cooking had inspired his life. The Celebrities judged and declared the results. The First prize was won by Ms.Nousheen of SIET college and Second prize was won by Ms.Chandini and third prize was won by Ms.Geetha Ramasubramaniam. Mrs.Sharmila Moses proposed the vote of thanks. The program was organized by YMCA conveners Mr. Ivan Sunil Daniel, Mr. S. J. Chriswright Johnsingh & Mr. A. Alwin Raja.

GLOBAL ALTERNATIVE TOURISM **TOURISM TO CAMBODIA**

World YMCA organized Alternative Tourism to Cambodia from 10th to 17th November 2017. Two Secretaries Mr. A. Anandakumar and Mr. J. Eric Solomon Christopher from Madras YMCA and one gentleman Mr. Nico from Switzerland YMCA participated. Ms.Komphea from Cambodia YMCA welcomed them from the airport and coordinated the trip. The members met Cambodia YMCA National General Secretary Mr.Bunthok Deth and exchanged their experience.

Visited:

- Child Care Center of Cambodia YMCA, a project sponsored by Japan YMCA that caters to around 15 kids in the age group 3 to 5
- Elderly people project “**Home by Care**” of Cambodia YMCA
- Tourist places called “**killing field and S21**”, that explained the history of Cambodia
- Religious places towards their religious history – around 90% of people believe in Buddhism, 3% people believe in Christianity and the remaining in Islam.
- Climbed the mountain and saw the famous Buddhist temple, visited royal palace of Cambodia and Cambodia Museum.
- Street children school run by Cambodia YMCA a project funded by APAY.
- Cambodia silk farm

This was a good exposure trip to Madras YMCA Secretaries.

VISIT TO THE HOLY LAND

Y.M.C.A. Madras Global Alternate Tourism Committee and Fly Albatross combined together organized the Holy Land Tour. 18 persons joined the tour. The tour was from May 18th to May 28th, 2017.

The purpose of the tour was mainly to discover the Holy Land and understand the Gospels by reading passages at the “sacred sites” connected with them and also to have fellowship with one another.