



**“HERE’S TO STRONG WOMEN! MAY WE KNOW THEM!
MAY WE BE THEM ! MAY WE RAISE THEM.”**



President Mrs. Sangeetha Ranjit was installed by IPP Mrs. Latha Abirubhen by transferring the Jewel and Badge.



Soroptimist International Madurai

News Letter (OCT 2016 - Apr 2017)



As President of the year 2016-2017, I have indeed gained a lot of knowledge about the systems and projects of SI. Achieving my target on my projects were not a task as I had the whole club helping me and supporting me, one way or another. We together have done 25 projects in 12 months of my tenure. I am truly gifted to have gained the confidence of members and delivered what I had set out to achieve. We all come together to not only give back to society what we have received from it, but also to let our hair down and have fun. Let us not forget that Sisterhood takes top priority. Therefore, laughter, talking, cracking jokes and being yourself with our group should be the way to go!!

Sangeetha Ranjit



Editor' Note-

Hello Sisters of SI Madurai !

This has been a wonderful and busy year ,with our President Sangeetha ,celebrating the achievements of Soroptimist International Madurai, through our brainstorming Projects ,by which we have educated, empowered and enabled women and girl children and helped them achieve their full potential.

But our work is never finished, until there is true gender equality and women and girls are able to live their lives freely.SI members constantly work towards transforming their lives for the better.To bring in real changes ,it involves collective efforts, perseverance and commitment.Women are the real architects of society.So together let's create a beautiful world.!!!!

“ I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples “ - Mother Teresa

Anitha Lakshmanan

Education

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” - Nelson Mandela



SI Madurai Scholarship Fund for Empowerment through Education (SIMFEE)

An amount of Rs.13900 was sponsored by Mrs.Lakshmi Murugesan to Yoga Priya ,a student from Social Science College.

Rs.15500 was sponsored by Mrs.Sangeetha Ranjit to a spastic child from Able Kids School .

Rs.3000 was sponsored by Mrs.Uma Kannan to A. Desiya who is visually impaired.

Rs.18700 was sponsored by Lakshmi Vilas Bank to Ms.Poornima studying in 2nd year Zoology at Lady Doak college and Rs.12000 to Keerthi Priya doing her final year in Bsc. Computer science at St.George Jeyaraj Chelladurai College.

Smart Class

It was a joint project with Corporation of Madurai

Cost of project was Rs. 185000/- and it was sponsored by Lakshmi Vilas Bank.

This project will enable the less privileged girl children to have access to Digital form of learning and give them opportunities to experience better learning methods. Smart Class in the Corporation School was very much appreciated by the staff and children ,as it introduced them to creative learning methods.It helped them learn with a lot of excitement and kindled their enthusiasm.

“The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled.”

SMART CLASSROOM AT KAKAIPADINEYAAR GOVT. SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, MADURAI.



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If you educate a woman; you educate a generation.”
– Brigham Young

Environment



Under our ongoing Project : Green Umbrella, We adopted Miyawaki method of planting trees. A pit was dug for 80 feet length and 10 feet width of 2/2 feet depth. After 15 days, leafy debris and starter powder was filled and closed. Starter powder (Organic enzymes) helps in decaying process of leafy debris which is natural manure. Tree saplings like Pungam, Kadambu, Manjal Nethi, Flame of Forest etc. which are local varieties were planted randomly. This was implemented in Mahatma School.

Thaneer Sevai:

The school children pour the leftover water from water bottles in drums while leaving the school. Water collected in drums will be used for watering the plants in the School Premises.



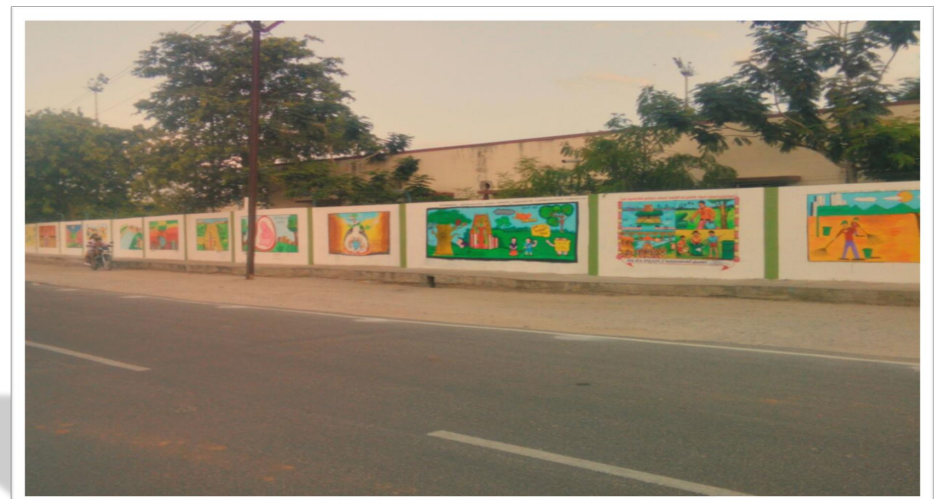
At Mahatma School, Alagarkoil.



At Siddhu School



Swacch Bharat Painting competition



It was a joint project with Madurai Corporation and SI Madurai. 2000 entries were received from Private and Corporation schools. Children from Standard VIII to XII took part. All the 1st prize entries were given space to paint on the walls of the Stadium in Madurai. The paints and prizes were given by Corporation of Madurai. Cash prizes of 3000, 2000 and 1000 each were given to the prize winners. SI donated a sum of Rs. 5000 (Rs. 1000 each to 5 child).



Bharathiyar Park:

Joint Project with Corporation, SI, Lakshmi Vilas Bank Redesigning and renovating the Park. The total cost was Rs. 25 lakhs of which LVB sponsored Rs. 6 lakhs. The park was neglected and in a very bad condition although it was situated in a prime area of the city. Now it has caught the attention of the public and is being put to good use by college students, families etc. The Parks walls were painted with graphic designs of our patron poet Bharathiyar, after whom the park is named.

Value Education

Good Touch And Bad Touch (Gender sensitisation)

GENDER SENSITIZATION AND HYGIENE PROGRAMMES FOR TRIBAL CHILDREN



Good touch bad touch at Siddhu School



SI has also given a lot of importance in imbibing values and etiquette into school children. As part of our efforts towards that, we have organised several talks in various schools, slide shows, seminars etc. which have educated children and opened their eyes to several issues in life.



Grooming and Etiquette session

Smokeless stove-Joint Project with SI KODAIKANAL



Health And Hygiene

Joint Project with SI kodaikanal for construction of a Smokeless Stove at Rs. 3500 was donated to a hilly resident in a shabby dwelling.

This Stove helps to carry the carbon monoxide emitted by burning firewood emitted inside the dwelling which was inhaled by the residents thus polluting their lung leading to infections. This stove relieves them of the pollution caused by smoke.



Breast feeding awareness projects:
 It was conducted by Dr. Sudha Dheep and Dr. Lakshmi Subburaj at Taj Hospital and NTC Hospital respectively. Expectant mothers were shown a movie and explained the benefits of breast feeding. A take away kit consisting of a breast cream and milk enhancing powder was given to them. Medicines worth 9000 were donated to 30 mentally ill patients from the Chellamuthu Trust to Dr. Rajkumari.



Medical Camp was conducted at Kallikappan village which has been adopted by SI, Madurai. The High School premise was used. About 200 patients from age groups 8 – 95 years were treated for various ailments like skin infections, blood pressure, bone density tests, pap smears, breast examinations and eye tests were conducted with the help of Aravind Eye Hospital and Taj Hospital staff.



HYGIENE PROJECT - MOTHER TO CHILD.



30 patients with depression and anxiety and other mental illness were sponsored medication for a month at Rs. 300 each totalling Rs. 9000/- for which cheque was handed over to Mrs. Rajkumari.



HYGIENE KIT BEING DISTRIBUTED TO KIDS



A Talk On Hygiene At Mahatma School

Incinerators installed at Paravai Government School.



Incinerators installed at Thiruvadoovur Government School. Sponsored by Mahatma School



Incinerators to dispose sanitary napkins were donated to two Government High Schools at Paravai. One incinerator was donated by SI, Madurai and another incinerator was donated by Mahatma School and SI Madurai at a cost of Rs.22250/-

Other Projects



Session by Ms. Dhanya

Awareness of how cyber crime can be committed



SI Madurai Women Of The Year Awarded To Mrs. V. Muthu Suguna Of Sarojini Naidu Charitable Trust.



An interesting awareness programme was conducted by a cyber crime expert who educated us about the danger and threats existing in the cyber world and counselled us as to how to help our children be aware of it as well.the information was very useful and needy.

Fun and Fellowship

6th Charter Anniversary



Fellowship meeting with SI Chennai downtown members

NASI MEETING AT KOLKATA



Meeting and Recreation was at 'The Bangala' Karaikudi.



I take this opportunity, to thank each one of you for contributing to “make a difference” and help transform the lives of the less privileged and make the world a better place.

And last but not the least, being a group of professional women with opportunities to network across countries, we believe that our main strength comes from being able to connect with the needy and with people who want to contribute meaningfully to society. Through our intervention we have been able to achieve the above mentioned projects. As we look back, we realise that SI Madurai, has taken the responsibility of fulfilling SI objectives very seriously and successfully.

We hope to carry on the good work for the following years as well, with the same enthusiasm and strength.

Hats off to Si Madurai !!!!

Anitha Lakshmanan

**"Don't look for big things,
just do small things with
great love... The smaller
the thing, the greater
must be our love."**

– Mother Teresa