

FOR YOUR LEISURELY READING

Best excuses if you get caught sleeping in your office or cubicle

- It's okay – I', still billing the client.
- They told me at the blood bank that this will happen.
- This is just a 15-minute power nap, like they raved about in that time management course you sent me to.
- I was working smarter - - not harder.
- Whew ! I must left the top off of the liquid paper.
- I wasn't sleeping ! I was meditating on the mission statement and envisioning a new paradigm !
- This is one of the seven habits of highly effective people !
- I was testing the keyboard for drool resistance.
- I'm doing a Stress Level Elimination Exercise Plan (SLEEP) I learned at the last mandatory seminar.
- This is in exchange for the six hours last night when I dreamed about work.
- I was doing a highly specific Yoga exercise to relieve work-related stress.
- Why did you interrupt me ? I had almost figured out a solution to our biggest problem.
- The coffee machine is broken

ARITHMETIC OVER THE YEARS

1960s Arithmetic Test :

A logger cuts and sells a truckload of lumber for Rs.100. His cost of production is four – fifths of that amount. What is his profit?

'70s New-Math Test :

A logger exchanges a set (L) lumber for a set (M) of money. The cardinality of Set M is 100. The Set C of production costs contains 20 fewer points. What cardinality of Set P of profits ?

'80s Dumb-Down Version :

A logger cuts and sells a truck load of lumber for Rs.100. His cost is Rs.80, his profit is Rs.20. Find and circle the number 20.

'90s Version :

An unenlightened logger cuts down a beautiful stand of 100 trees in order to make a Rs.20 profit. Write an essay explaining how you feel about this as a way to make money. Topic for discussion: How did the forests and squirrels feel!

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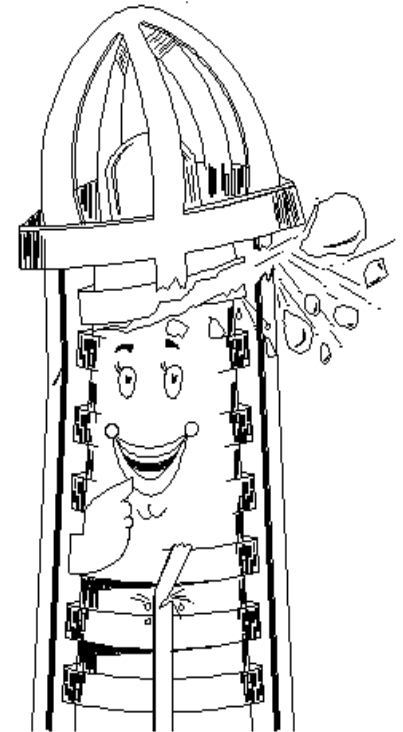
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THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF
Y's MEN's CLUB OF ANNA NAGAR

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This month is the MONTH OF ELECTION for the Lok Sabha. Many of us will be casting our votes, the birthright of every adult Indian. Many Y'smen and Y'smenettes were heard complaining about the non-inclusion of their names in the electoral roll. It appears that many residents of complete streets did not find their names in the voter's list, even though they exercised their franchise in the last election. No body can say whether this omission is intentional or by chance. Your editor and his family could not vote because the names were missing in the electoral roll, while the family staying in the flat below had all their names included. This is how our democracy goes. Moreover it was a real task to find out the correct polling booths, and very little help came from the volunteers of political parties. This was the situation prevailing in most parts of Anna Nagar constituency. Whatever it be, the results of

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the poll will start pouring out from October 6th onwards; and it will be a great fun to watch the results and as to which political party is going to form the government at the centre.

See Zee Work-Is Editor

N.B. Your editor will be out of station for about 4 weeks, and your President is arranging to find an alternate editor temporarily to ensure that the October issue reaches you on time without any interruption.

NEWS

INTERNATIONAL

Ysm. Ingvar Wallin will be retiring soon from the post of Secretary General. The post will be vacant, and Y's Men International is looking out for a suitable person to fill this post. Any takers from India?

AREA

The Area Council Meeting is scheduled to meet on Sunday December 12, 1999.

REGION

The Second Regional Council Meeting was held at Sivakasi on September 19, 1999, and hosted by the Y's Mens's Club of Sivakasi. Elaborate arrangements were made, and contrary to our tradition, the meeting started exactly at the scheduled time, i.e. 10.30 AM. The meeting was quite lengthy and the host club had to serve tea at 1 PM. The fellowship and lunch happened to be at tea time.

The Third Regional council meeting will be held in Chennai on Sunday the December 5, 1999. Our Club will be hosting the meeting. All members are requested to be available for attending the council meeting.

DISTRICT

Madras District celebrated Onam on Saturday, September 4, 1999 at the Kalyana Mandapam owned by our D.G. Ysm G.Palani. The attendance was normal and the start was slightly delayed. Mr.Ravindran, retired Director General of Police was the Chief Guest, who gave an inspiring Onam message without touching Mahabali. Our lings participated in the cultural programme. The Onam "Sadya" was very good in the traditional Kerala style. Our Y'smen, Menettes and Lings joined the crowd in large numbers.

The District Christmas celebration is slated for December 19. The possible venue will be the Spartan School premises at Mugappair.

CLUB

Since attendance at the District Onam celebration was considered as a part of the Club Meeting for the month of September, no separate Club Meeting was programmed.

The Board Meeting was held on 8-9-1999 at the residence of our Secretary Ysm. K.Jacob (Roy), who hosted the same.

Major decisions taken are as follows:

- Contribution of Rs.1500/- for the for Child Welfare Scheme of Kilpauck Meidical College was ratified
- To drop the proposed picnic to Munnar (Kerala) due to poor response.
- To donate table and plastic chairs to Kilpauk YMCA out of contributions from the Board Members.

The following Regional Council members from our club attended the Regional Council Meeting at Sivakasi on 19-9-99.

Ysm Mohan Punnen
Ysm C.Z.Verghese
Ysm Joy Mathew
Ysm Koshy Thomas
Ysm Babu John
Ysm Joseph Abraham

Ysm.M. Mathew & Mte.Leela will be celebrating the wedding of their son Jayant on October 2, 1999 at Chennai. Ysm. Mohan Punnen & Mte Geetha will celebrate the wedding of their daughter Sangeetha on October 18, 1999 at Kayamkulam (Kerala). Mte. Celine has been transferred from Chennai to Tiruppattur (NA) as the Manager of the Catholic Syrian Bank. Ysm MJ Mathews will be missing her badly, and the only consolation is that Chennai-Tiruppathur can be covered by a road journey of 3-1/2 hrs.



Many happy returns of the day !

September Birthdays

03 Ysm Vergis Oommen
05 Ylg Amith Mohan Easow
10 Ysm Anto Tharappan
10 Ylg Nikhill Koshy Philip
22 Ylg Sunita Tharakan
23 Ymt Shynu Philip

Wedding Anniversary

15 Ysm Mohan Easow & Anitha

These are things people actually said in court

Q: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

A: No.

Q: Did you check for blood pressure?

A: No.

Q: Did you check for breathing?

A: No.

Q: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

A: No.

Q: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

A: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

Q: But could the patient have still been alive nevertheless?

A: It is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.