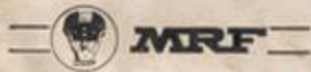


# Y's CRACK

The wise-crack  
of Anna Nagar  
Y's Mens Club

*With Best Compliments  
From*



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*Dedicated To :*

*The Growth in Y'sdom  
of our newly formed  
Y's DISTRICT MADRAS WEST*

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**Y's MEN'S PRAYER**

Lord bless all Y's Men gathered here  
Our fellowship with Thee held dear  
Grant that our meeting might be blessed  
With Thee our ever unseen guest  
Bless Y's Men's clubs throughout the earth  
Grant each of them a new rebirth  
To serve each other give them life  
To save the world from further strife.

**Y's MENETTES' PRAYER**

God bless all Y's Menettes here  
And all whom we hold dear  
As now we pray  
To every Y's Menette far and near  
We pledge devotion most sincere  
New zeal our heart imbue  
And consecrate ourselves anew.

**Y's LINGS' PRAYER**

Lord bless us all the Y's Lings here;  
Keep us always in Thy loving care;  
Help us to do things we should,  
And be to others both kind and good;  
Develop us in our body, mind and spirit  
So that the Y's Men's Club we may inherit.

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**MOTTO**

*"To acknowledge the duty that  
accompanies every right".*

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**Y'am Paul William Alexander,  
The Founder of Y'sdom Movement.**



**Y'am Toshiro T. Takeuchi, International President.**

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*International President's  
THEME :*

**"A Time for Action"**



## From the Editor's Desk

Y's Greetings to all our readers.

It augurs well that the release of the Maiden Issue of A' Nagar Y's Men's Club Bulletin—"Y's Crack"—coincides with the Installation Ceremony of our fifth batch of

office-bearers on 14 Jul '84. Let me commence this editorial by saying "Well done and thank you" to Y'sm Ithappiri and his team, and "Keep the flag flying high" to Y'sm Mohan Punnen and his team.

**The Title.** Whatever meaning of the word 'crack' you have in mind, I assure you that we have none of them on the rolls of our Club. Early this year, when we were in the process of selecting a suitable title for our Bulletin, early symptoms of some "rot" in the Y'sdom around us were in evidence. These, we felt, were 'cracks' developing in the Tower of Y'sdom, which, if not detected and mended in time could lead to the collapse of our Tower. True to the spirit of our International President's theme, we decided that it was "Time for Action". Accordingly, on 10 Mar '84, our Board of Directors through a resolution, high-lighted the 'cracks' noticed, and called for immediate action by the appropriate authorities. We do not know what action, if any, was taken by the authorities. By a Providential turn of events, those 'cracks' are no longer posing any threat to us!

It was in this back-ground that we decided that our Bulletin should bring to light, 'cracks in Y'sdom' if and when they occur. Hence the Title.

**The Cover.** Thank you, Y'sm Vergis Oommen, for splendidly designing the Cover of Y's Crack, lucidly showing the type of 'crack' we are dealing with; and for sending us no Bill! Our gratitude to Y'sm T. J. George who has graciously produced the covers in bulk with his characteristic finesse—and with compliments!

**The Club Directory.** A unique feature of "Giggle 1" is a useful Directory of our Club appearing on pages 7 to 14. Those two sheets can be detached and preserved for ready reference, if you so choose.

**"Open House"**. Commencing from "Giggle 2", every issue will have a column captioned "Open House". Readers are welcome to frankly express their views on any "crack" noticed in Y'dom.

**Conclusion.** All that we wanted to include could not be published in this Issue due to constraints of space. Look out for "Giggle 2". In the mean while, I wish all our readers, a very happy Giggling Spree.

JACOB KOSHY  
Cr—editor

## Nostalgic Memories

As we giggle with "Giggle - 1", our memories go back to the unforgettable Y's associations we have had with the Y's Families of —

Y'sm Dr. M. Krishnan now in the Middle East;

Y'sm P. T. Raju, now in Madanappally;

Y'sm A. C. Cheriyan, now in Adoor (Kerala);

Y'sm Satyanand, now in Bangalore; and

Y'sm T. I. Cheriyan, now in Pathanapuram (Kerala).

Good old Y's Folks, atleast giggle with us as the 'Y's Crack' brings out every "Giggle". Editor.

## WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME!!!

(Rythm of "Ba-Ba-Black Sheep")

"Giggle 1, Giggle 1, have you any gift?"

"Yes sir, Yes sir, three bags full;

One for George Peter, and one for Mathew  
And one for Jaya Chandran, who have joined our fold."

## Messages



**From Y'sm Dr. P. Sukamran,  
International Council Member  
& Area President, India Area.**

"I am very happy that your Installation meeting of the office bearers for this year will be held on 14th July '84, when you will also be releasing the first issue of your Club Bulletin. Such meetings give us an opportunity to look back with nostalgia and pride at our achievements, and look forward to yet another year of 'Deeds, not words'.

"In a short period, Annanagar Club has earned a reputation for good fellowship and an excellent record in community service. .... I wish the Club all success."



**From Y'sm E. S. Devasigamony,  
Regional Director,  
South India Region.**

"..... On the occasion of the installation of the new office bearers, happily coinciding with the release of the first issue of your Club Bulletin, I extend to you and the members of your Club, my hearty felicitations.

"I wish the new team all success in the new Y's year. I am sure your Club will go from success to success in the service of the community around".



**From Y'sm K. J. Thomas  
District Governor, Madras  
West District.**

"In the history of Y's Men's Club of Annanagar, one more year of useful service has been completed... I deem it a pleasure and honour to be given the opportunity to work with you as the Governor of the Madras West District, of which you are the 'Tower-ing Club'.

"Congratulations to Y'sm Ithappiri and his team for the wonderful work and achievements during last Year.

"All the best to Y'sm Mohan and his dedicated Team. Your fellowship is a source of strength to me. Your love and affection will sustain me. Your dedication will support me in my endeavours.

"*Together We Build* a Strong District, and strengthen the Y's Movement. May your Bulletin 'Y's Crack' serve this end."



**From Y'sm A. A. Ithappiri,  
Our Out-going President.**

"The need for a Club Bulletin to publish the Club news, as well as to serve as a media for fruitful communication with the wider Y's world, has been felt for a long time. The efforts of our Editorial Board headed by Y'sm Col. Koshy have borne fruit in bringing out an excellent first issue of the Y's Crack. I congratulate them, and wish them continued success."



**From Y'sm Mohan Punnen,  
Our In-Coming President.**

"I am happy that the much-needed Bulletin of the Annanagar Y's Men's Club, a brain-child of my able predecessor, is making its first appearance on my Installation Day. I congratulate Y'sm Col. Koshy and his dedicated Editorial Board for their effort and offer my unstinted support for the future issues.

"I seek the co-operation of all our members and Y's readers to get 'cracking', and send us your 'crack materials' in abundance in response to the Editor's Appeal, so that our Y's Crack hits the 'Crack-pot'."

## Menettes' Corner

After two glasses of beer on a cool evening, Y'sm I. O. Crack was heard asking someone: "Where can I go around the corner?" His kindneys had obviously been functioning well.

Y's Mte Y. Eddy who had just read this column in 'Y's Crack' which she was still holding, overheard this, and decided to be helpful. "Here, right here, Crack, I am holding it for you," she said.

Even the poor Crack was embarrassed.

This 'Corner' is NOT meant for that. This Column is for our Menettes to report their activities, and publish anything of common interest to the Menettes—subject to editorial approval, ofcourse.

*Editor*



**BOUQUETS from  
Y's Mte Thankamma, Outgoing  
Menettes' President.**

"It has been a long-cherished desire of our Club to bring out a Bulletin.

"On behalf of the members of Annanagar Menettes' Club, and on my own, I congratulate the Editorial Board for making us all 'giggle' once with our 'Y's Crack', before I hand over my Y's Office to my worthy successor.

"The Menettes' Corner with some gossips, and innovative recipies, should in future issues make us giggle more".



**Y's Mte Susheela Vergis,  
In-coming Menettes'  
President**

"The 1st Giggle of 'Y's Crack is being released on my Installation Day, which I consider a great honour. I am confident that our menettes will participate whole-heartedly in contributing to the forthcoming issues. My best wishes to the Editorial Board".

## A Glimpse Of The Past (Lookout for CRACKS)

### The Birth

The A'Nagar Y's Men's Club, sponsored by the Y's Men's Club of Kilpauk had their first batch of office bearers (Y's Men C. Z. Verghese, A. A. Ithappiri and C. N. Ashoka Panicker as President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively) installed by the then District Governor Y'sm Jose Ukkur in Nov '79. With 20 members, the Club received the 'Charter' on 28th Apr '80.

2. Our Menettes' Club and Lings' Club were born on 14th Aug and 28th Nov '80 respectively, the then District Governor Y'sm C. D. Jose and the then Regional Director Y'sm T. R. Rajaraman performing the splendid mid-wifery!

### The Growth

3. Since birth, The Y's Men's, Menettes' and Lings' Clubs of A'Nagar have functioned under one banner with integrated activities. They have steadily grown under the stewardship of four successive teams of office bearers—grown numerically from a strength of 20 families to 33; grown in understanding and temperamental compatibility, in that we have always remained as one well-knit, cohesive Y's Family; grown in stature and performance, as will be evident from the succeeding paragraphs.

### THE ACHIEVEMENTS WE ARE PROUD OF

#### Club Activities

4. Our monthly Club Meetings registering an attendance of almost 90% are well known for their 'Fun and Fellowship and attract many a Y'sm/Mte from neighbouring Clubs. We often receive requests for invitation! Board Meetings held every month at Members' residences by rotation are attended not only by Menettes and Lings of Board Members but also by a few other members in turn by invitation.

5. **Special Activities.** One day-light and one moon-light Picnic are organised every year. They have proved to be the most lively and popular activities of the year. Many requests are received from fellow-Y's Men of neighbouring clubs for invitation for our picnics, and even for organising combined picnics. The Club annually celebrates Onam Festival with traditional gaiety. We have a very special

Carol Programme during every Christmas Season, which has become a unique feature of our Club, and very popular in the Y's circle in Madras.

6. These activities have kept us bound together as one happy Y's family, the cohesiveness of which, one has to see to believe. We often hear remarks : "If A'Nagar Club turns up, (for any function out side our Club) they will turn up in full strength and in style." Yes, we are proud of it.

### Projects

7. **YMCA Services.** Our normal centre of activity being YMCA, Kilpauk, which is unfortunately not as well equipped and maintained as some other YMCAs in the city, our projects had a bias towards YMCA Services. We have among other things, donated a Public Address System, Rostrum, Fans and Tube Lights, linen, crockery and glassware to YMCA, Kilpauk; given substantial financial assistance for providing additional facilities in tennis courts, and for repairing the bore-well in the YMCA; hosted lunch to all the inmates of YMCA Boys' Town on three occasions. The most significant YMCA Service rendered by our Club, however, cannot be measured in terms of money—we gave the leadership for the Annual Membership campaign of the YMCA year after year. Rallying the entire might of our Club, Y'sm Col Koshi as Commissioner for The Madras YMCA and Y'sm Joy Mathews as Deputy Commissioner for it's Kilpauk Branch in 1981, Y'sm Vergis Oommen and Y'sm D. Mathew as Deputy Commissioners in 1983 and in 1984 respectively did yeomen services to the Membership Campaign.

8. **Community Services.** We donated a Wheel Chair to a handicapped, a Sewing Machine to a poor widow, Rs.1000/- to a needy victim of a ghastly accident, Rs.500/- to feed the Sri Lanka Repatriates, Games kit to a Child-care Centre, uniforms, books and fees to needy students, and a host of other items to many deserving poor. Our Menettes regularly visited a Rehabilitation Centre, Mental Hospital, Friend-in-Need Society, Bala Vihar, Poor Home and a Slum giving what the inmates needed most—love, care, food, clothes and money.

9. If we did not "beat the drums" to announce all this, it was because we had resolved as a Club, that we shall not claim any reward for the humanitarian work done by us—not even "Points" in a "rat-race" for "Awards" ! "Let not your left hand know what your right hand does". After all, one doesn't have to do sincere social service to earn "Points" in a "rat-race"—one need learn only the art of realistic manipulation, dramatic stage-management, and impressive reporting ! Not that we are not talented for that - but, we haven't been able to make up our minds to do that.

(Look Out ! Is There A CRACK Somewhere There ???)

### Participation in Higher Echelon's Activities

10 We have been represented at all District and Regional Conventions since birth. We organised and conducted the Lings' Evening and Menettes' Night in Madras City on behalf of The (erstwhile) Madras District last year, despite "Big Brothers' Interference". In the field of sports, we participated in inter-club competition as long as Sportsman spirit lasted, and won the Shuttle-champion-ship in Mixed Doubles, and in Senior Lings, (Boys) Doubles, even putting 'Professionals' to shame; came Runners Up in Junior Lings' (Boys) Doubles, and Lings' Mixed Doubles in Shuttle, and in Men's Doubles in Tennis. That was too much for some to gulp down. And then we saw 'Sportsman Spirit' being buried 6 feet deep ! We retreated.

(BY JOYE! TOO MANY 'CRACKS'! AND  
IT CRACKED!!)

### Looking Ahead

11 The Cracked Tower has collapsed. The storm which caused the 'CRACKS' has blown over, carrying some 'Big Brothers' away in the final sweep - atleast well away from Annanagar! Thank you, Storm,

12 The weather is bright and sunny in the Y's world around us. And we are going ahead to build a new Tower—a Tower of Strength. With our District Governor, let us say in unison : "TOGETHER WE BUILD".

### LINGS' CABINET 1984-85



Ling Ajoy Chacko  
President



Ling Renu Sara Jacob  
Secretary

## The Presidential Gallery

Once upon a time, in the Land of the TOWER

in Y's World there lived two Presidents.....



Y'sm C. Z. Verghese.  
1979 - 1981  
(Chartered President)



Y's mte Jessie George  
John, 1980 - 1981



Y'sm T. J. George.  
1981 - 1982



Y's mte Gracy Verghese  
1981 - 1982



Y'sm K. George John.  
1982 - 1983



Y's mte Geetha Punnen.  
1982 - 1983

.....They happily lived ever after, growing younger,  
and more active in Y'sdom, year after year.

## Our Office Bearers 1984/85



Y'sm  
C. N. Ashoka Panicker  
Vice President.

### Secretaries



Y'sm Joy Mathews



Y's mte Susheela Tharakan

### Treasurers



Y'sm P. N. Philip Tharakan



Y's mte Jeelu Chacko