

MEMOIR OF DISTRICT CHAIRMAN A. LAKSHMI SRINIVAS



My life through a kaleidoscope: I was born in Andhra Pradesh in the charming city of Vizianagaram where I completed my entire schooling. My parents K. Ranga Rao & K. Kalavathi were both associated with the Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs of Vizianagaram respectively. The fond memories of those times reverberate today with their familiarity. I graduated in Home Sciences from St. Joseph's College, Visakhapatnam and completed my masters in Child Care & Education as well as in Psychology from Andhra University. After my marriage to Rtn. PP. Arisetty Srinivas, I became a part of our family business. Both my in-laws were Charter Members of Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs, and I too joined IWC Vizianagaram in 2010. I successfully completed all posts at the Club level and became the President in 2016-17. This coincided with my husband's term as the Rotary President and as such turned out to be at once an enjoyable and fruitful tenure. As I climbed the echelons of the organization, I picked up several awards including the Outstanding Secretary and Outstanding President. Having served as the Chairman's Zonal Representative in 2017-18, I entered IW District 302 as District Editor in 2018-19. The E-Souvenir was released for the first time in our District parallel to the printed copy. Attended the 15th Triennial Conference at Pune as voting delegate. Attended the South Zone Meet at Vijayawada. As District ISO in 2019-20, I attended the East Zone Meet at Guwahati and participated in a symposium as a panelist. In 2020-21 as District Treasurer, attended the IICW Convention as voting delegate. In 2021-22 as District Secretary, attended East Zone Meet at Kokata and participated in the entrepreneurs' chat show. Also attended the 16th Triennial Conference at Varanasi as voting delegate. Was District ESO in 2022-23, followed by District Vice Chairman in 2023-24 when I attended the Southeast Zonal Meet at Mahabalipuram and participated in the cultural event. I'm a PHF at Rotary Club Vizianagaram Central. My favourite pastimes include travelling & gardening, cooking & baking, reading & solving puzzles, and getting my creative juices to flow! My ultimate joy though is in playing with my grandkids and Ruby, my pet Chihuahua! While I am a staunch believer in the power of the divine Sadguru Sai Baba, the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita have taught me the importance of fulfilling my duties and responsibilities with dedication and sincerity. Time and tide wait for no man. My son Rtn. Sumanth and his wife Srujana, both B.Tech., are into our family business and blessed with two kids. My daughter Sreya and son-in-law Komal are both Chartered Accountants. My commitment to a life of service in Inner Wheel, however, moves on undeterred with the moving times...

I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy.

Rabindranath Tagore