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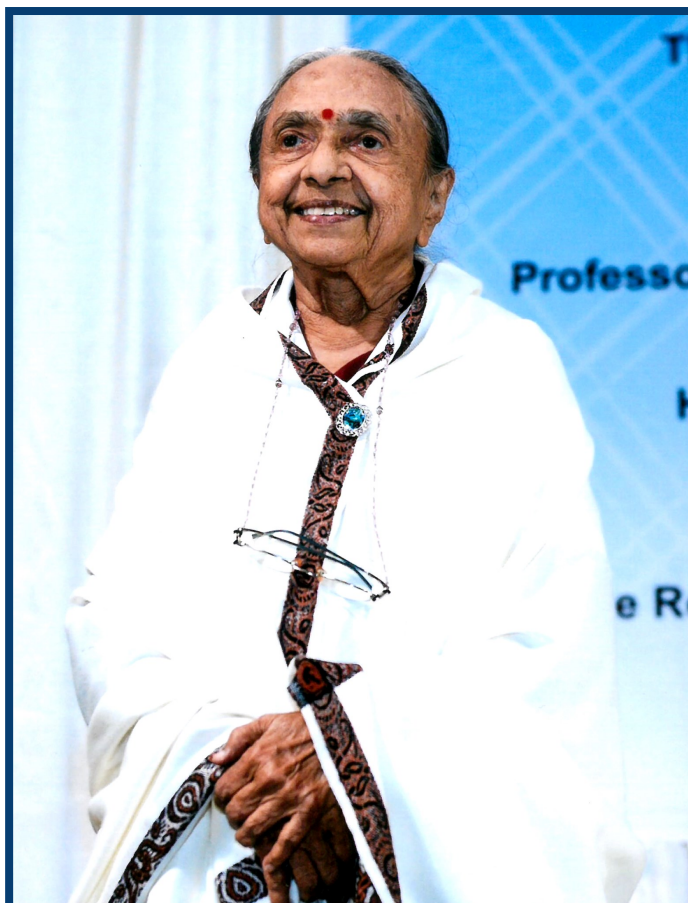
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In Ever Loving Memory

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STRENGTH OF UNITY

Unity is strength – it empowers us to overcome

Unity is survival only when nurtured with sincerity

United we stand, divided we fall into hopelessness

United we progress towards peace and prosperity

Unity in diversity is realized only when spiritually connected.

- Mother Mangalam, 09 July 2018

PONGAL

(HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATED BY INDIANS)



Pongalo pongal is sung – just as milk spills over the pot when it boils; so will wealth spill over the *Gajana* in the household. We have Indian households cooking rice in milk on the day of ‘Pongal.’ On the whole it signifies prosperity and abundance. It’s a day of thanksgiving. This is celebrated in most Indian households soon after the wet season, at the dawn of the sunny season known as the month of Thai when harvesting is done. Pongal, which was celebrated on 15 January 2023, is an annual affair in PLS where the children & staff not only make the Pongal (sweet rice), but also perform cultural dances and play traditional games.



Pongal Events



CHINESE NEW YEAR

Children ushered in Chinese New Year (Year of the Rabbit) at PLS on 10 February 2023, with a dragon dance (dragon was made using recycled material) performances and various activities including calligraphy. The 'dragon' and 'rabbit' visited our Life President, Mother Mangalam, at her residence. Mother then distributed sweets to the children and to the 'dragon'.



HARI RAYA

Various activities were held for the children during Hari Raya holidays beginning 22 April 2023. Amongst the activities were art & craft, fashion and talent shows. The children were joined by Ms Marie Puspan, the Chairperson for Home & Welfare Sub-committee and staff on duty. The children were also taught Anyaman – a method of weaving.



MOTHER MANGALAM'S 97TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The 97th Birthday of our revered President, Datin Paduka (Dr) Mother Mangalam, which fell on 17 May 2023 was celebrated on 20 May 2023 at the Pure Life Society.



This memorable event was attended by many dignitaries including the Indian High Commissioner, HE Mr B N Reddy and Mrs Lalita Devi, Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye, Dato Ambiga Sreenevesan, Datin Paduka Khatijah Suleiman, Datuk Seri Thaiveegan Arumugam and many others, including old friends of Mother, her close relatives, PLS members, donors, well-wishers and members of the Alumni.

The celebration included performances by the children, poem recital and prayers by the members of the Society and by the alumni, lighting of the everlasting candle from St Anne's Church, brought by members of the Alumni, presentation of greeting cards by the children to Mother, cutting of the birthday cake followed by a scrumptious lunch provided by the Lotus Group.

A symbolic 97 plants were given away to guests by the members of the Alumni to mark Mother's 97th birthday.





Mother cutting the birthday cake with her sister, Mrs Selvadurai (Mrs Thanalakshmi), surrounded by the VP, members and well-wishers of PLS.



Performances by children



ACHIEVEMENT BY MEMBERS

Mr. S. Sundareson, who has previously served on the Committee of Management for many years, who also currently serves on the Editorial Board of the Dharma Quarterly and the Bulletin, has his name listed in the Malaysia Book of Records for having written the “most number of private articles published in newspapers.” (Total of 592 articles). The certificate presentation ceremony was held on 3 June 2023 in Petaling Jaya. Our heartiest congratulations to him.

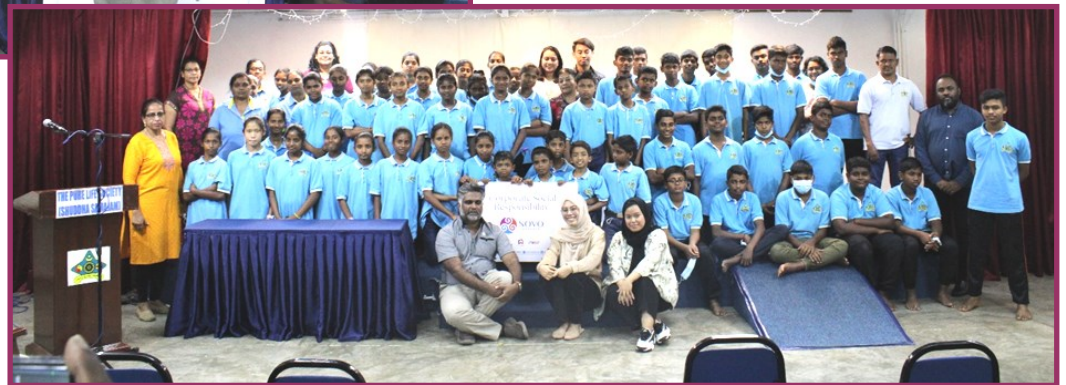


Ms Marie Puspan Balakrishnan, our Home grown girl, member of the Committee of Management and Chairperson of the Home and Welfare Sub-committee of the Pure Life Society, helped deliver a baby in Batu Caves during Thaipusam last year. In recognition of that humanitarian deed, she was awarded the Anugerah Kasih from Kementerian Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga & Masyarakat, which was presented by our Prime Minister on International Women's Day 2023. PLS is proud of Ms Marie Puspan.



CSR PROGRAMMES

The CEO and staff of Novo Reperio visited PLS as part of their CSR programme. They mingled with our children and had tea with them. They donated easels and other painting materials, much to the excitement of the children.



Staff from Qiagen Biotechnology Malaysia Sdn Bhd spent a morning with our children, explaining to them what biotechnology is all about. They interacted with the children and presented them with goody bags containing stationary items much to the delight of our children.



THE PASSING OF AN ICON



A few days after celebrating her 97th Birthday, Datin Paduka (Dr) Mother A Mangalam, the President of the Pure Life Society (Shuddha Samajam), passed away peacefully, after a short illness, on 10 June 2023.

Her passing has left thousands of children, past and present in the Pure Life Society Home, as well as the staff and members of the Pure Life Society, mourning her loss.

Mother was a beacon of hope for countless orphans. She dedicated her life to improve the lives of the underprivileged children and orphans.

Mother provided them with love, care and shelter. Her guidance, passion, vision, and unwavering commitment have been truly inspiring.

Mother, we pray that your soul will rest in peace and please continue to guide us from above. We thank you for the numerous sacrifices you had made and for guiding us in our work, thoughts and deeds.



OUR NEW PRESIDENT

While it is undeniable that Mother Mangalam's departure leaves a void that will be difficult to fill, it is also a time to remember and celebrate Mother's outstanding achievements, the lives of the children she transformed and the legacy she left behind. Mother's dedication and passion for the underprivileged will always be remembered and looked upon as a guide.

We extend a warm welcome to our new President, Dato' Ambiga Sreenevasan. The well known practicing lawyer is noted for advocating judicial reform, electoral system and human rights and who has now committed in her new role as the Life President of The Pure Life Society (Shuddha Samajam).



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