

GOODBYE 2017.....WELCOME 2018

# THE RAMKEYS

2018

THE YEAR THAT WAS

## 2018 - Bring it on

May all your  
dreams come  
true in 2018

### LOOKING FORWARD

#### OUR WISH

We hope to see more of this beautiful world and wish that there is peace and prosperity everywhere. We wish that all our friends and family remain healthy and we get to spend time with many of them.

#### MARKETS

How can the phenomenal global rally be repeated? We enter 2018 with lot more optimism, as global growth seems to be aligned for the first time in many years. India is expected be the fastest growing large economy...yeehaaw!!

#### SPORTS

How will the Indian Cricket team fare as it enters a tough phase of international tours? Surely Patriots can't repeat its phenomenal performance of last year, now can it?? Who will win the Football World cup this year?

#### HEALTH

We continue to work on our health, hoping and praying that everyone around us also remain healthy. We pray that our children not have any accidents and take some of the fat from us!



*Diwali photo*



*Siblings reunion in Chennai*



*Brothers meet in Bangkok*

Do come and visit  
us. Relationships  
are nurtured only  
when we all make  
the effort!!





*New Zealand - picture perfect*



*Ring in the new year*

2017 was a phenomenal year in many ways for us.

**January** was welcomed by partying with **FRIENDS**. We also had the pleasure of our friends visiting us from USA, UAE & Singapore, while Jallikattu protests kept the city very busy. The world was aghast as Trump was inaugurated as the US President.

**February** was all about **SPORTS**. Tom Brady and Patriots create history rallying from a 28-3 3rd quarter deficit. When Ramkey came up with the idea of a run as a fundraiser, never did he envisage 3000+ people running for a cause; amazing success to the Rotary team. Our first trip of the year was to Dubai with a brief stopover in Mumbai. It was great to take the family to the country where Ramkey's working life began.

**March** was all about our first step towards better **HEALTH**. We joined a program with lessons, diet and workouts. **April & May** were about visiting tropical paradises - Bali first, followed by Pondy and then Ashtamudi in Kerala. No one thought BJP would win the UP elections and yet it did with a historic mandate.

**June** was traveling with **FAMILY!!** Lakshmi went on a girls trip with her cousins while Ramkey combined his golf trip and also spent time with his brother .....where else but in Bangkok!!

In **July** we made our longest **ROAD TRIP** to date. 8200kms in 23 days traversing the entire length of India, crossing 3 of the highest motor-able passes. We are blessed to be able to see this beautiful country by road! At long last, GST was implemented in India.

**August** was a very busy month.- family, friends and events. Lakshmi's brother and family were in Chennai. We also made a crazy 27 hour return road trip in 2days to attend a friend's son wedding.

It took 9 months for Ramkey to get to **numbers 66 & 67**. Uganda & Rwanda are not the usual countries people visit....but what a delight it was - seeing Gorillas and Chimps so close, in the company of Ramkey's good friends, made **September** very special. Watching the impact of genocide in Rwanda, we pray that the world avoids another genocide taking place with the Rohingyas.

**October & November** were also about trips with **FRIENDS**. Ramkey went golfing to Kodai, while Lakshmi went to Mumbai and the family spent lovely time in Kochi.....all with friends. Rasikapriya, the Music Sabha, completed 3 years successfully. We are hoping that our children will never need a #MeToo!!

**December** began with Indians glued on to their TVs as Congress gave the BJP a tough fight in Gujarat. A long pending visit was ticked - #68 New Zealand. It was great to have Lakshmi's sister join us as we rung the new years with family, for the first time. NZ is a beautiful country and was a perfect way to close the year.

**2017** has been an amazing year - we became healthier;  
we continue to be blessed with great friends and loving family;  
we are fortunate that our passions and businesses continue to intersect and flourish;  
world economy accelerated to its strongest pace in a decade; AND  
we were able to contribute in a meaningful way.

Returning, Learning & Earning never felt better.



90°

Aniketh turned 11....wow, time does fly doesn't it!!

His major interests are Cricket and NFL. Much to our surprise, he won an inter-school singing competition and now wants to learn music. Easily making friends while being a sensitive person, he continues to yoyo from being a child to young man!! Will he put on some weight in 2018??



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Eshaan is the boys boy - always ready for a fight. This 8 year old enjoys his tennis and loves English & Maths. He still loves his soft toys and super heroes and is now a huge car fan; next time you meet him ask him about the cars he saw during his trips.

Being the middle one, he is always at cross fire with his siblings.

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When Thrayee talks you won't believe she is just 5 years old. I guess thats what happens when you are born after 2 boys!!

She loves to go to pre-school where she continues to be her Teacher's pet. She loves to paint and write and is our cute "rowdy"!

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COME VISIT US.....



*Wellington on the first day of 2018.*

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## 5 UNKNOWNNS 2018

1. WHAT NEW SCHOOL WILL THE KIDS BE GOING TO?
2. WILL THE INDIAN ECONOMY START ITS OVERDUE JOURNEY TO ITS POTENTIAL?
3. WILL RAMKEY START HIS BLOG THIS YEAR?
4. WILL LAKSHMI MANAGE TO GET HEALTHIER?
5. WILL THE WEATHER AND TRAFFIC GODS SMILE AT US IN CHENNAI?