

Community Impact

JUL-SEP 2024

Rotary
Club of Maraval



Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends
I am pleased and honoured to have been given the opportunity once again to lead this esteemed Club as your President, albeit prematurely, and I thank you all for the confidence you have reposed in me.

During this first quarter our team recognised the need to rebuild our Club of over thirty (30) years after experiencing the ravages of Covid 19 and the attrition of several members. This is no easy task, but we are resolute in establishing continuity with transformation which speaks to the power we have, to redefine and to make what was considered impossible, possible.

A Message From President Marcia Prince-Assam



This means being receptive to new ideas and approaches by embracing innovation and adaptability to meet the ever-increasing needs of the communities we serve. Our energetic team has started the process by establishing sound and well-structured plans to increase membership with persons who are committed and have a sense of Service above Self, Rotary's mantra. Our legacy of introducing impactful and sustainable projects to our communities is preserved with our initiatives which will engender progress and touch countless lives creating ripples of hope. These plans were presented to our membership at the Club's Forum held in August. Rotary's theme this year, The Magic of Rotary, has inspired our team to influence change and create impact with simple acts of kindness in the smiles we share, the hands we hold and the hearts we touch.

I look forward to your support and invite you to be a part of this magical journey.

Yours in Rotary
Marcia Prince-Assam
President





RCOM July 2024-25 Handover

Incoming Board

We started off the Rotary Year with our annual handover ceremony and fellowship. We welcomed our new and returning board members and president Marcia Prince-Assam.

PDG Lara Quentrall Thomas along with visiting Rotarians from neighbouring clubs were in attendance.

Our Board members

Marcia Prince-Assam - President and Fundraiser Chair

Adele Springer - Foundation Chair

Binta Cummings -Public Image

Ann-Marie Narine - Club Treasurer

Patricia Ramcharan - Club Secretary

Samantha Maria David - Director

Mary Charles - Club Projects





Rotary Club Of Maraval 2nd Quadrangle Cricket Initiative

In 2019 the first Quadrangle Cricket initiative was introduced in the four (4) primary schools located in the Maraval area, namely La Seiva R.C., Boissierre R.C., Maraval R.C. and Paramin R.C. The anticipation of continuing this initiative was high but the pandemic stymied all hopes of continuance. However, on the insistence of the Principals of the said schools, PP and Chair of Service projects Ms. Mary Charles was able to restart the project in 2024 with one hundred (100) students who were selected to participate in the ten-week initiative.

The programme was launched in February 2024 by Mr. Brian Glasgow the then District



Governor of Rotary District 7030, comprising several Caribbean countries as part of his visit to Trinidad and Tobago. In his feature address DG Brian encouraged the students to take advantage of such a programme which would enable them to be the future stars of West Indies cricket.

Other attendees included Mr. Wesley Dookhoo of the Ministry of Education who pledged the support of the Ministry for this initiative to ensure its sustainability, and Mr. Devindra Maharaj, Coordinator, who provided an overview of the programme and suggested that such a programme should be offered to schools in other areas.

The competitions among the four (4) schools began in May and concluded in July 2024 with the finals among the schools. A closing ceremony was held to present prizes to the winning school and to individual students whose performances were outstanding.

The Principals and students expressed their excitement with this initiative especially in terms of the positive impact of this sport on the students' self-confidence and self-esteem. The Club has therefore given the undertaking to sustain this initiative.





Assistant Governor Veronica De Souza- Phillip Visit

ROTARY CLUB OF MARAVAL WELCOMES NEW ASSISTANT GOVERNOR

On Tuesday 6 th August 2024, members of the Rotary Club of Maraval warmly welcomed new Assistant Governor of the North Cluster, Veronica DeSouza-Phillip, to its regular luncheon meeting. It was indeed a special occasion since this meeting was her first stop for her many planned visits to other Clubs and so the members were thrilled with this honour of being the AG's first choice.

AG Veronica's presentation did not disappoint as she excitedly laid out RI's Action Plan for the new Rotary year focussing on the need to make it magical in keeping with this year's theme. Then she shared the District plans with members who appreciated her offer to assist with achieving the outcomes thereby meeting expectations to ensure the success of her tenure. President Marcia then presented her with a token of appreciation at the end of the meeting.





Hats And Heels By Women In Rotary

Rotary Women of Trinidad and Tobago Hosts Inaugural Hats and Heels Women in Rotary Fundraiser

On Sunday September 27th, the Rotary Women of Trinidad and Tobago, comprising clubs across Trinidad and Tobago celebrated the first-ever Hats and Heels Women in Rotary Fundraiser at the Hyatt Regency. This event, held in recognition of World Peace, aimed to raise awareness about the impactful projects led by Rotarians across the country. These initiatives are focused on advancing equality, peace, and social justice within our communities and nation.

The evening was a tremendous success, showcasing the realization of an idea that began as a conversation among passionate Rotarians just months ago.



We had the honor of hearing from Joanna Kazana-Wisniowiecki, UN Resident Coordinator of Trinidad and Tobago, who shared valuable insights on the United Nations' role in promoting peace and global cooperation. She commended the strong partnership with Rotary, recognizing Rotarians as key advocates for peace. Drawing from her personal experiences and reflecting on ongoing global conflicts like the war in Ukraine, she emphasized the importance of unity in addressing critical issues such as gender-based violence, human trafficking, and climate change, all to create a more equitable world for future generations.

Our District Governor, Debbie Roopchand, delivered an inspiring message, encouraging us to be ambassadors of peace. She stressed the enduring principle of treating others as we would like to be treated, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, social status, or religion. Professor Rose-Marie Belle Antoine, Pro Vice Chancellor and Campus Principal of UWI St. Augustine, gave a compelling keynote address on the role of education in empowering future generations. She highlighted education as a driving force for peace and social justice.

The event also showcased vibrant fashion collections from talented local designers, including Charu, Lisa Faye, The Cloth, Mark Eastman, Kooties, and more, adding an extra touch of flair to the celebration.

Hosted by the dynamic PDG Lara Quentrall-Thomas, MBA, the event was a wonderful celebration of the spirit of Rotary.

If you're inspired to contribute to creating a better Trinidad and Tobago, and a better world, connect with any of the Rotary clubs to get started!





Observing World Beach Clean Up Day

On September 21st, the Rotary Club of Maraval partnered with the Rotary Club of Port of Spain West and the Rotaract Club to participate in International Coastal Cleanup Day.

This global initiative, aimed at reducing marine pollution, saw our members coming together to clean up local beaches, removing debris and harmful waste that threaten our oceans and marine life. By tackling pollution head-on, we contribute to a cleaner environment and healthier ecosystems. Our collective efforts not only help preserve the beauty of



our coastline but also raise awareness about the importance of environmental stewardship. Together, we're making a lasting impact, one cleanup at a time!





Visit By DG Debbie Roopchand

Our Rotary Club concluded the first quarter with a visit from Rotary 7030 District Governor Debbie Roopchand.

During the visit, each RCOM board member welcomed DG Roopchand and presented the club's plans for the 2024-2025 Rotary year.

The presentation outlined key upcoming projects and detailed our strategy for attracting new, high-quality members. DG Roopchand provided valuable feedback and advice to the board, helping to refine and strengthen our initiatives.

Her visit was a pivotal moment in ensuring that our club is well-prepared for the year ahead, focusing on growth, service, and community engagement.



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