

HISTORY

OF THE

ROTARY CLUB

OF

PORT OF SPAIN

Rotary Clubs are about people serving people, and this History of the Rotary club of Port of Spain, which includes all major events since the year 1957, when the Club was founded, is about people.

When I was approached by Rotarian Victor Hart, President 1988/89 and requested to write this History of the Club, my first thoughts were how best to present the material - was it to be a series of lists of Presidents, or Service Committee accomplishments, or of projects? I felt that the History must play a part in bringing to life the times which it recorded and the Rotarians who were of those times.

The Rotary Club of Port of Spain is the oldest Club in Trinidad and the second oldest Club in district 405. Some like to think that it is the most prestigious, *primus inter pares*, so to speak, of the clubs in the community. The members' names are a roll call of the successful and well known over the past 32 years, many of the names evoke nostalgic memories of the past.

Where adequate records are available for the early years of the Club I have used the opportunity to describe those years in some detail. When "The History" is silent, it is because no source material has been available.

I have tried to make "The History" a chronicle that will be of interest to Rotarians who have been members of the Club for many years, and also be a hand-book to the new Rotarian. I hope that I have achieved my goal and that this book is a record of Rotary ways as practiced by the Rotary Club of Port of Spain.

Many Rotarians have assisted me with their records and recollections of events. Under "sources" I have listed those who have helped, and I have identified the documents which they made available. Others such as Neil Lau, Krishna Bahadoorsingh, Lance Murray, and ex-Rotarian Arthur Bentley shared their memories with me.

May this "History" give readers as much pleasure as it gave me in compiling it.

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REPRISE 1957-1974

In November 1974, Rotarian Dennis J. Mahabir, completed a History of the Rotary Club of Port of Spain. This history records a meeting of 10th January 1957, when the organization of a Rotary Club for Trinidad and Tobago was discussed.

On Friday 8th March 1957, a meeting to discuss the formation of a Rotary Club was held at the offices of Shell Trinidad Limited, Standard Life Building, Edward Street, Port of Spain. The following interested persons were present:

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| C.E. Hitchins - Chairman | D.L. Asjes |
| D. Urquhart | A. Denchfield |
| K. Finch | N. Lau |
| N. Hoskins | H. Farinha |
| T.J. Hort | L. Taurel |
| J. Probst | D. Nudd |
| D. Christancho Rojas | |
| A. Parkinson - Guest | R. Nones Jnr. - Guest |

On Tuesday 14th May, 1957, there was held at Queen's Park Hotel, what is described as a Trial Luncheon of the Provisional Rotary Club. The charge for lunch was \$3.00.

THE PROVISIONAL ROTARY CLUB

The Provisional Rotary Club of Port of Spain consisted of the following members with their respective classifications:

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| 1. | C.E. Hitchins | - | Newspaper Publishing |
| 2. | R.C. Duff Urquhart | - | Shipping |
| 3. | R. Lucie-Smith | - | Petroleum Retailing |
| 4. | Gordon New | - | Grocery Retailing |
| 5. | K.W. Finch | - | Electricity |
| 6. | T.J. Hort | - | Accounting |
| 7. | C.C. Rojas | - | Consular Service |
| 8. | Neil Lau | - | Chemical Engineering |
| 9. | Harry Farinha | - | Dry Goods |
| 10. | Arthur Denchfield | - | Sewing Machines |
| 11. | Robert Caldwell | - | Refined Oil Distribution |
| 12. | Milton Milnes | - | Ocean Shipping |
| 13. | Eric Grell | - | Flour Distribution |
| 14. | Herman Boos | - | Road Construction |
| 15. | Edwin Lee Lum | - | Laundry Service |
| 16. | Ian Hamilton | - | Life Insurance |
| 17. | Leon Taurel | - | Motor Vehicle Retailing |
| 18. | Dick Asjes | - | Mechanical Engineering |
| 19. | Derrick Nudd | - | Structural Engineering |
| 20. | Cyril Dupres | - | Life Insurance |
| 21. | Victor Outridge | - | Cigarette Manufacturing |
| 22. | Jack Smith | - | Banking |
| 23. | John Probst | - | Air Transportation |
| 24. | Roy Savill | - | Newspaper Publication |
| 25. | L.J. Rowlatt | - | Banking |

Officers were elected as follows:

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|----|----------------|---|------------------|
| 1. | C.E. Hitchins | - | President |
| 2. | Duff Urquhart | - | Vice President |
| 3. | R. Lucie-Smith | - | Secretary |
| 4. | Gordon New | - | Treasurer |
| 5. | Leon Taurel | - | Sargeant-at-Arms |

On Tuesday 17th October 1957, the Rotary Club of Port of Spain received its charter from Mr. Juan Manuel Roger, Assistant Secretary of Rotary International, Evanston, USA, at a Charter lunch held at Queen's Park Hotel, Port of Spain.

Of the original Charter members, only Neil Lau remained an active member in November 1974. He is still an active member of the club in 1989.

PRESIDENTS THROUGH THE YEARS 1957-1974

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Courtney Hitchins | 1957-1958 |
| Duff Urquhart | 1958-1959 |
| John Probst | 1959-1960 |
| Milton Miles | 1960-1961 |
| Neil Lau | 1961-1962 |
| Joe Pierre | 1962-1963 |
| Dennis Mahabir | 1963-1964 |
| Gerry Gomez | 1964-1965 |
| Wilfred Best | 1965-1966 |
| Gerald Montes De Oca | 1966-1967 |
| Don Proter | 1967-1968 |
| Elton Richardson | 1968-1969 |
| Karl Seheult | 1969-(Retired after 8 mths) |
| David Quamina | 1969-1971 |
| Victor Bruce | 1971-1972 |
| Bernard Broadbridge | 1972-1973 |
| Ossie Hale | 1973-1974 |

In September 1974, District 404 was formed in Port of Spain with 44 Clubs throughout the Caribbean from the Bahamas to Surinam. Dr. John Watts of Grenada was elected the first District Governor.

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEARS 1957-1974

The Clubs gave assistance to the following:

1. Deaf and Dumb School - hearing aids
2. Painting of Woodbrook Youth Center - active participation by members
3. Television set to inmates at Leprosarium
4. Bursaries to Trinidad students at the University of the West Indies.
5. Artificial legs for the disabled
6. Wheelchair for disabled
7. "Keep Trinidad Clean" campaign 1967
8. Boy Scouts 1968
9. St. Michael's School for Boys Project
10. Mephis Agricultural Co-operative Society
11. Trinidad and Tobago Arts Festival
12. Re-planting of trees at Wrightson Road
13. Clean-up Savannah and paint benches
14. Servol
15. Women Corona Society
16. Caura Sanitorium
17. Ecumenical Chapel for Port of Spain Hospital
18. Medical library for hospital
19. Relief funds to several disasters, floods, hurricanes,
21. Scholarship to St. Anthony's College
22. Art exhibition for students
23. UN Song and Dance Festival
24. Princess Elizabeth Home for Handicapped Children
25. Viva Bahia Folklore Group
26. Gonzales Community Center

Some projects were not very successful:

1. Youth Farm proposed 1964 - never materialized.
2. Steelband sponsorship proposed 1964 - scrapped in 1964
3. Black Panthers Mephis Agricultural Co-operative commenced in 1971 - scrapped in 1972

ROTATING ROTARY - 1961

MILTON MILES/NEIL LAU

As Rotarians are aware, the "Rotary" in Rotary Club is derived from the practice of those first Rotarians, Paul Harris and his colleagues, of rotating their meetings between their offices. In recent years the President of the Rotary Club of Port of Spain has had the responsibility of hosting all Directors Meetings at his home or office during his year as President. But the records show that at one time meetings were indeed rotated between the homes of Directors, e.g.:

| DATE | PRESIDENT | MEETING AT |
|------------------|--------------|--|
| January 12, 1961 | Milton Miles | President's Home - Serpentine Road |
| February 2, 1961 | Milton Miles | Johnny Probst's Home - Cassia Drive |
| March 23, 1961 | Milton Miles | Austin Fridal's Home - 2 Bergerac Road |
| March 27, 1961 | Milton Miles | President's Home - Serpentine Road |
| May 25, 1961 | Milton Miles | Robin Struther's Home 42 Ellerslie Park |
| June 25, 1961 | Milton Miles | President's Home - Serpentine Road |
| July 4, 1961 | Neil Lau | Queen's Park Hotel |
| July 26, 1961 | Neil Lau | Robin Struther's Home - 42 Ellerslie Park |
| August 31, 1961 | Neil Lau | Austin Fridal's Home - 2 Bergerac Road |
| July 26, 1961 | Neil Lau | Robin Struther's Home - |

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| September 28, 1961 | Neil Lau | Austin Fridal's Home - 2 Bergerac Road |
| October 26, 1961 | Neil Lau | Austin Fridal's Home - 2 Bergerac Road |
| November 29, 1961 | Neil Lau | Sir Henry Pierre's Home - 3 Maxwell Phillip Street |
| December 27, 1961 | Neil Lau | Eric Ward's Home - 83-85 T'dad Crescent, Federation Park |

The following projects, among others, were discussed at these meetings.

There was a donation of \$260.00 towards the purchase of a petrol tricycle for one Randolph Merrit, but also general agreement that the Club's function was not to make donations, but to initiate and execute projects with the co-operation of all members.

"Operation Musical Instruments" provided musical instruments for the Belmont and Tacarigua Orphanage Bands:

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|-------|-----|----------------|------|-----|-----------|
| Two | (2) | Euphoniums | Five | (5) | Clarinets |
| One | (1) | Piccolo | One | (1) | Flute |
| One | (1) | Alto Saxophone | One | (1) | Bass |
| Three | (3) | Trombones | Four | (4) | Trumpets |

The money was raised from a Bingo and Concert.

There was a visit by an American Repertory Company from which Rotary made a profit of \$1,000.00. Of this, \$870.00 arose from the sale of advertising space. The Club was disappointed but felt that the experience was a useful one.

On 17th October 1961, Community Services agreed to sponsor an Essay Competition for boys and girls between the ages of 16-18 years.

One hundred and twenty six boys and girls from non-Catholic schools in the city submitted essays after a series of lectures by Rotarians.

Members felt that the interest simulated by the competition justified the energy and money spent. The prizes were ten round trips on one of the new gift ships from Canada serving the new West Indian Federation.

The papers were marked by the Education Department and two Rotarians, Ken Finch (then Head of T&TEC), and Erskine Ward (speaker of the defunct Federal Parliament), who were co-opted for that exercise.

The following were the winners who made the trip in 1962:

1. Blanche Joseph - Tranquility Girls
2. Sally Rampersad - Bishop Anstey Girls
3. Maureen Murray - Bishop Anstey Girls
4. Bernice Dyer - Progressive Educational Institute
5. Rowena Alleyne - Bishop Anstey Girls
6. Judith Morrison - Bishop Anstey Girls
7. J.M. Sherlock - Queen's Royal College
8. Imran Hallim - Trinity College
9. Arthur Gill - Trinity College
10. L. Oliver - Trinity College

The club had the co-operation of the Junior Chamber of Commerce as it was then called, and the Rotary Clubs of Kingston and Bridgetown.

Mrs. Hazel Gill (widow of Rotarian Roland Gill) was in charge of the team.

The students, the newspapers, and West Indians in the Islands visited, were loud in their praise of Rotary's project which gave the young people from varying Trinidad backgrounds a chance to see the other Islands with which we were once federated.

The team returned on 30th August 1962 - the day before Trinidad's Independence.

On 8th August 1961 it took Past President Milton Miles forty (40) minutes to transit the distance from South Quay to the Queen's Park Savannah. There were flood waters along South Quay and terrific traffic congestion. Rotarian Miles was inclined to believe that Trinidad had reached saturation point in respect of vehicles.

The visit of the Theatre Guild Annual Repertory Company, previously mentioned, was a major event of Neil Lau Presidency in 1961. The visit was organized by Rotarian Arthur Bentley.

The Company gave three performances at Queen's Hall:

Monday 7th August, 1961 -

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| The Skin of Our Teeth | Thornton Wilder |
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Wednesday 9th August, 1961 -

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| The Glass Menagerie | Tennessee Williams |
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Friday 11th August, 1961 -

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| The Miracle Worker | William Gibson |
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the shows were jointly sponsored by Ambassador Ivan B. White, US Special Representative, United States Mission, The West Indies, and the Rotary Club of Port of Spain, in association with the Special International Program of the President of the United States of America.

The performers were four internationally known actors - Helen Hayes, Leif Erickson, June Havoc and Nancy Coleman with Dorothy Sands, Romney Brent, Dran Seits and Peggy Burke.

GERRY GOMEZ 1964/65

The management team for the Rotary Club of Port of Spain for the year 1964-1965 was:

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|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Gerry Gomez | Chairman |
| Wilfred Best | Chairman Community Service |
| John Cody | Chairman International Service |
| Clinton Wharton | Chairman Club Service |
| Dennis Mahabir | |
| Steve Bennett | |
| Roland De Verteuil | |
| Gerald Montes De Oca | |
| Geoffrey Inglefield | |

Richard Hilker, not a member of the Board, was appointed Chairman of Vocational Services. Charles W. Pettengill was President of Rotary International. "Live Rotary" was his motto.

An interesting procedure was that all members of the Club were placed on the four standing committees.

On 22nd June 1964, it was agreed that a membership booklet listing members' and wives' names, residence, and office address, telephone numbers and members' birth dates and classifications be prepared. This document has since been updated on a regular basis. Rotarian Bill Lipton was put in charge of this.

Early in President Gerry's year, it was felt that the Club suffered from a general lack of "Rotary Spirit". Only two members arrived for a vocational service committee meeting out of the cull complement of ten. As a result the Club embarked on a programme consisting of five minute addresses by Service Committee Chairmen. It was hoped that these addresses would re-educate the members on the spirit and obligations of Rotary.

It would appear that these lectures had the required effect, at least on the Community Service members, because the "Guardian" reports subsequently,

"A Doctor of Philosophy, a Veterinary Surgeon and other professional and businessmen spent yesterday performing a community service painting the Woodbrook Youth Center.

The Woodbrook sports stadium's shabby appearance roused the sense of civic responsibility in members of Port of Spain Rotary Club.

And about 40 Rotarians, under the leadership of Dr Steve Bennett, and Charles Nicol, bought paint and brushes at the site and gave the building a new coat of paint".

Grace before meals was introduced. But there was some controversy over the Christian wording initially used; it was subsequently agreed that in future. "Grace before Meals" would have no Christian reference in consideration of the presence of those of other faiths.

On 16th December 1964, Mrs Isabel Teshea Turned the sod to start the big project for this Presidential year, and Gonzales Community Center. The Daily Mirror reported,

"A dream of the Gonzales Community Center which had been in the minds of the villagers for some time, was on Monday, "Brought to materialization".

This was how Mrs Isabel Teshea, Minister of Health and Housing, described it when she turned the first sod to begin construction of the center.

She warmly complimented the Port of Spain Rotary Club, which together with government and the villagers will be undertaking the construction of the \$30,000.00 project.

She also complimented Mr. Motilal Moonan, a private contractor who had decided to do the work free of charge.

Mrs Teshea was excused from the House of Representatives to perform the sod turning".

On 23rd February 1965 Rotary celebrated its 60th Anniversary. There, were special Rotary supplements in both daily newspapers. Rotarian David Lindsay was Chairman of the Committee appointed to handle the observances of the 60th Anniversary.

GERALD MONTES DE OCA — PRESIDENT 1966/67

Rotarian Gerald's team included the following:

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| Gerald Montes De Oca | President |
| C. Nicol | Secretary |
| W. Best | Chairman Int'l Service |
| G. Gomez | Vocational Secretary |
| C. Wharton | Club Service |
| R. De Verteuil | Treasurer |
| J. Lee Lum | |
| Austin Fridal | |
| Leo Taurel | |
| D. Porter | |

This was the year that G.R. Means, General Secretary of Rotary International, wrote the Clubs in the area on the subject of the formation of a Caribbean District.

There was also a letter from the Rotary Club of San Fernando in connection with this matter and the view of the members of the Port of Spain Club was that an Eastern Caribbean District with Clubs from San Fernando, Barbados, St. Lucia, Guyana and Martinique would be practical. It was agreed that this view would be advanced at the upcoming San Juan Convention by the San Fernando delegation.

The San Fernando representatives subsequently reported that Rotary International wanted the area from the Bahamas to the West Indies included in one District and would be proceeding along these lines

There was further close co-operation between the Rotary Club of San Fernando and the Port of Spain Club. A United Nations Song and Dance Festival organized by rotarian Richard Hilker and George Stevens was held at the Naparima bowl on Thursday 8th December, 1966. The San Fernando Club assisted in the project.

A Blood Bank project was not too successful, the minutes record that radio appeals were being made for blood donors but the response was very poor.

Luncheon Meetings were held at the Queen's Park Hotel, and Directors meetings were held at the Queen's Park Hotel and Chase Manhattan Bank.

President Gerald had a very strong International Service Committee.

The members of this large committee were:

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| P. Cezair | I. Debrot | A. Drax | M. Ferreira |
| A. Fridal | A. Gilmour | G. John | J. Lewis |
| D. Lindsay | W. Lipton | D. Mahabir | J. Mendonca |
| D. Quamina | M. Quesnel | E. Tai | |

Great attention was paid to proper briefing of new members. "Spoke" of 13th December 1966, Vol 2 No 19 records,

"The following new members are invited to attend a Briefing Session on the principles and practices of Rotary at the home of Immediate Past President, Wilfred Best (1 Scott Road, Valleton Avenue, Maraval) on Tuesday 20th December at 6:00 p.m. Prof. E. Tai, V. Bruce, J. Cooper, O. Hale, Dr. M. Lines, L. Sherrill, S. Rawlins, and H. Mahon and the Past Presidents who will act as counsellors. The invitation also includes wives of the Past Presidents and the new members. Although they will not participate in the Briefing Session it will be an opportunity for them to get together socially".

CARL SEHEULT — PRESIDENT JUL 1969 — OCT 1969
DAVID OUAMINA — PRESIDENT OCT 1969 — JUL 1971

Rotarian Carl Seheult was elected Club President in July 1969 but resigned in October because of ill health. He was succeeded by Rotarian David Quamina.

The Officers and Board of Directors for those years were:

| Jul 1969 to | Oct 1969 | Oct 1969 to | July 1970 to |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Office Held | | June 1970 | June 1971 |
| President | C. Seheult | David Quamina | David Quamina |
| Vice President | D. Quamina | Allan Goldie from 6/9/69 | Victor Bruce |
| Club Service | G. Stevens | G. Stevens | G. Stevens |
| V Service | B. Broadbridge | B. Broadbridge | B. Broadbridge |
| International Service | V. Bruce | V. Bruce | Alan Goldie |
| Community Serv. | J. Lee Lum | J. Lee Lum | J. Lee Lum |
| Secretary | A. Goldie | B. Broadbridge (Aq) | P. Stradling |
| Treasurer | P. Plimmer | P. Plimmer | Ossie Hale |
| Fund Raising | A. Gilmour | A. Gilmour | A. Gilmour |
| Past President | E. Richardson | E. Richardson | K. Seheult |
| Sargeant-at-arms | S. Bennett | S. Bennett | D. Mahabir |
| Sports Editor | D. Mahabir | D. Mahabir | P. Plimmer |
| | | P. Cezair | Peter Heskett |
| | | F. Fisher | Jimmy Alston |
| | | | C. Castagne |
| | | | Jack Wise |

Jimmy Lee Lum was Chairman of the Community Service Committee. "The St Michael's School for Boys" project seemed to be the most important item on his agenda. this was a joint programme with "Westmount Rotary Club of Montreal" represented by Rotarian Harry Segal. Harry eventually became President of the Club in 1977/78, and District Governor of the new District 405 in 1980/81. The club eventually spent \$16,000.00 on a programme of improvement for the School. The records reveal only partial success, but some satisfaction with what was achieved.

Under Chairman B. Broadbridge the vocational service committee arranged career guidance talks to students of Bishop's Anstey High School, St James Secondary and Tranquility School.

The International Service Committee, under Chairman Victor Bruce, seemed very youth oriented, as an extract from the programme reveals.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH PROJECTS

1. Holding an International Youth Day - Five (5) youths born in other countries to be invited by five (5) Rotarians to a luncheon meeting - each youth to speak for three minutes.
2. Investigate and prepare ground work for a youth exchange programme with the St. Catherine Rotary Club with which we are twinned.
3. Follow up the offer from Guelph University for two of their under-graduates to come to Trinidad and live with the boys at St Michael's School, giving technical advice on agriculture etc. This could be done on a semi Peace Corps basis; we (Rotary) should pay the passages plus some "out of pocket" expenses and their board and lodging will be handled by St. Michael's.

George Stevens organized a joint Rotary Christmas Dinner at Queen's Park Hotel on the evening of Friday 19th December 1969. The participating Clubs were Port of Spain, San Fernando, St. Augustine and Tobago.

An interesting note is that Jack Wise took over from Courtney Hitchins the task of compiling a history of the Port of Spain Rotary Club.

The year 1970, the year of "Black Power" touched the club as it touched every part of the social fabric of the nation. It seemed to have triggered the formation of the first Interact Club.

The notes to President David Quamina's plea on behalf of youths, made in April 1970, are a stirring evocation of the times.

PRESIDENT'S PLEA TO CLUB ON BEHALF OF YOUTH (NOTES)
APRIL 1970

"For years now countries the world over have problems of youth more acute than ever.

More recently, problem is with us.

- a. Young Power
- b. Black Power Youth vs Rest
- c. Any Power

Underlined by University unrest here an elsewhere. We discussed the problem here.

- a. Historical background
- b. Sociological background
- c. Economic background

We ask ourselves what can we do?

Project at St Michael's School is certainly a Rotary contribution.

But we have come up with no other ideas even in the period of emergency.

Even after listening to the young people on our Tuesday Forum.

We are impressed informed stimulated - but did nothing to bridge the gap created by History, Sociology and Economics - by the generation.

There must be something this Club can do further with young people, for young people.

With Interact, we may not be able to eraser the historical blocks or to solve the economic and sociological problems which contribute to the present state of unrest.

We can, however, bridge the generation gap in the community and, in doing so, provide useful guidance for future leadership in this society.

I commend to you the early formation of an Interact Club, and I throw out this open invitation for at least five (5) Rotarians to undertake its organization.

The first Rotaract Committee was established by President David Quamina, under the Chairmanship of Rotarian C K Johnson in late 1970. A Rotaract Club was chartered on February 25, 1972.

The Club to which this stirring appeal was made was 57 members strong on May 30, 1971:

| <u>Name</u> | | <u>Position</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alexander: | FA (Felix) | Accountancy |
| Perreira: | MA (Max) | Accounting Service |
| Mcnaughton Jones: | HW (Hal) | Consultant |
| Lewis: | JN (John) | Architecture |
| Broadbridge: | B (Bernard) | Architecture |
| Stevens: | G (George) | Quantity Surveying |
| Fojo: | F (Frank) | Structural Engineering |
| Scheuren: | J (John) | Civil Engineer |
| De Four: | F (Fenrick) | Electrical Engineer |
| Van Brederode: | P (Peter) | Electronic Manufacturing |
| Ameerali: | H (Hamil) LH | Barrister |
| Murray: | (Lance) C | Land Surveyor |
| Wharton: | (Clinton) Sir | Dentistry |
| Pierre: | Henry (Joe) Dr. | Physician |
| Quamina: | DBE (David) ELS | Dermatologist |
| Robertson: | (Buster) | Orthopaedic |
| Collins: | B (Burt) | Medical Services |
| Tai: | E (Egbert) | Agricultural Ext (Teaching) |
| Montesserrin: | G (Gregor) | Consultant |
| Best: | G (Gregor) | Mixed Farming |
| Gatcliffe: | W (Wilfred) | Liquor Distributor |
| Alston: | TA (Tommy) | Brick Manufacture |

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| Perreira: | V (Vernon) | Match Manufacturing |
| Chin Lee: | F (Fred) | General Building |
| Blackman: | F (Fitz) | Tailoring |
| Lau: | N (Neil) | Processed Foods |
| Johnson: | CK | Public Relations |
| Tucker | G (Glenn) | Production |
| Marsh: | J (Johnny) | Manufacturing |
| Braune: | A (Alex) | Hotels |
| Roberts: | H (Horace) | Hotels Development |
| Kangalee: | V (Vivian) | Service Station |
| Redon: | AR (Alvin) | Pharmacy Retail |
| Mackay: | A (Angus) | Department Store |
| Narwani: | P (Prem) | Footwear - Sales |
| Quesnel: | M (Maurice) | Supermarkets |
| Hale: | OC (Ossie) | Representative |
| Castagne: | C (Claire) | Brokerage |
| Inglefield: | G (Geoff) | Casualty |
| Stetcher: | HB (John) | Retailing |
| Lee Lum: | J (Jimmy) | Laundries |
| Mendoza: | J (John) | Sewing Machines |
| Plimmer: | P (Paul) | Optician (Dispensing) |
| Maynard: | L (Len) | General Printing |
| Mahabir: | D (Dennis) | Newspaper - B |
| Hoadley: | P (Peter) | Books (Retail) |
| Gomez: | G (Gerry) | Sports Goods |
| Hesketh: | P (Peter) | Radio - Broadcasting |
| Rawlins: | FA (Sonny) | Television Broadcasting |
| Goldie: | A (Allan) | Banking Commercial |
| Dasent: | I (Ian) | Investment |
| De Verteuil: | RJ (Roland) | Savings |
| Wise: | AJ (Jack) | Discounting Service |
| Stradling: | P ApG (Peter) | Trust Service |
| Bruce: | V (Victor) | Central |
| Ringshall | JR (John) | Development |
| O'Conner: | PET (Pat) | Port Authority |

VICTOR BRUCE - PRESIDENT 1971/72

The late Victor Bruce was a member of the Board of Directors for many years and President in 1971/72.

In Rotarian Victor's year, a Wrightson Road Tree Planting Project was undertaken with a budget of \$1,000.00. The then Mayor of Port of Spain was Alderman Blackman and 120 trees were planted on the Wrightson Road center strip.

In April of the same year, through the good services of Rotarian Frank Fojo, the Club brought the "Showteens" to Trinidad. This group comprised of seventeen (17) teenage youngsters, non-professional entertainers with a world wide reputation. Besides wide travel in the Mid West of the States, this group had travelled during the previous five (5) years throughout Europe entertaining a wide cross section of charitable groups, service organizations and military bases. The Club raised some \$20,000.00 from this project for its charities.

Perhaps his major contribution to the Club's work was his involvement in the major Fund Raising Drive for the Princess Elizabeth Home. This is described in greater detail in the account of Krishna Bahadoorsingh's Presidency.

In his later years, Rotarian Victor was a less active member probably as a result of his heavy responsibilities as Governor of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago, but he never failed to keep up his attendance at meetings, sitting at "The Tobago Table", or to give assistance when possible.

BERNARD BROADBRIDGE – PRESIDENT 1972/73

Rotarian Broadbridge, Architect, Humanitarian, was President of the Club in 1972/73 but that brief year of service did not begin to encompass the total devotion of this dedicated Rotarian to his favorite avenue of Community Service. Both in his private life and as a Rotarian, he gave unstintedly of his time to the less fortunate in the community, particularly the handicapped. The short obituary given at the Handing Over Dinner of June 1984 properly records his contribution both to Rotary and to his adopted country.

"Approximately three (3) weeks ago, to be exact on the 7th June 1984, our Club and this country suffered an irreparable loss with the passing away of Rotarian Bernard Broadbridge and our hearts go out to Claire and family in their sorrow.

Bernard was President of the Rotary Club of Port of Spain in 1972/73 and ever since has remained a member of its leadership. He personified Rotary's ideal of service and live and died by its motto - **"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"**.

As Chairman of the Community Service Committee, Bernard had proposed the introduction of an award scheme to give International recognition to children of courage, particularly the handicapped with whose welfare he was always pre-occupied.

Our Board has agreed to establish in his memory and in his honour the "Bernard Broadbridge Award" for children of courage to serve as an inspiration to both Rotarians and the handicapped.

Rotarian Bernard was a very busy man, but found time to be Chairman of the main organizing committee of the first District 405 Conference held in Trinidad from 25th to 30th September, 1974.

OSMOND C HALE . PRESIDENT 1973/74

Rotarian Osmond was President of the Club in 1973/74. In his Presidential year Ossie showed the qualities of Rotary leadership and knowledge which no doubt contributed to his being appointed District Governor of District 404 in 1977 for the period 1977/78. His Administration was a model for future Presidents, both in the structuring of the /club as recommended by Rotary International and in the projects undertaken.

As taken from his Acceptance speech:

The Structuring of the Club

"A fundamental requirement for the successful running of any organization is that its members must know and understand the rules under which they have to operate and are being governed¹¹

"I intend to ensure that all members will have in their possession, before the end of August, printed copies of our Club's Constitution and Bye-Laws updated to include the various amendments recently accepted by Rotary International.....¹¹

"My target for the coming year is a net gain in total membership of 10 members - note that I said a net gain, so that the actual number of new members required to fulfill this goal will have to be in the vicinity of 15

"I propose to include in the programme for the coming year, 4 Club Assemblies, one ever 3 months, convinced that, as a result of these meetings of the full management team of the Club, Club activity and member participation will become more highly developed

PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN

"Bernard has volunteered to Chair the 1974 convention committee, and in due course will be calling on all members of the Club to do their part in bringing off a successful convention....."

"I am assigning to our incoming Vice President, Lance Murray, who also has the dual role of Chairman of our Community Service Committee, one in each half year, will be organized by his Committee to involve our total membership in the action.....

"I would particularly like to see at least one youth project in each half year, organized to involve Rotaract and Rotarians jointly"

The Board of Directors, Committee and Sub-Committee Chairman that worked with the first District Governor of the Rotary Club of Port of Spain is worthy of record.

Officers, Directors, Committee and Sub-Committee
Chairmen for the Rotary Year 1973/74

| | | |
|------------------------|---|------------------------|
| President | - | Osmond Hale |
| Past President | - | Bernard Broadbridge |
| Vice President | - | Lance Murray |
| Secretary | - | Clarence Wilcox |
| Treasurer | - | Joseph Sheppard |
| | | |
| Director: | | |
| Club Service | - | Geoffrey Inglefield |
| Vocational Service | - | James Alston |
| Community Service | - | Lance Murray |
| International Service | - | James Lee Lum |
| At Large | - | Krishna Bahadoorsingh |
| " | - | Victor Bruce |
| " | - | Jean Marc de Pompignan |
| " | - | Frank Fojo |
| " | - | George Stevens |
| | | CK Johnson |
| | | (Chairman-Rotaract) |
| | | |
| Club Service Chairmen: | | |
| Attendance | - | Donald Sue A Quan |
| Classification | - | Alvin Redon |
| Club Bulletin | - | John A Lewis |
| Fellowship | - | Jean Marc de Pompignan |
| Magazine | - | Neil Lau |
| | | |
| Membership: | | |
| Membership Development | - | Frank Fojo |
| Program | - | Peter Hesketh |
| Public Relations | - | Peter Van Brederode |
| Rotary Information | - | David Quamina |
| Sargeant at Arms | - | Maurice Quesnel |
| | | (Deputy-Paul Plimmer) |
| | | |
| Fund Raising Chairman | - | Sonny Rawlins |

It was in President Ossie's year that the Club's weekly luncheon meetings were moved from the Queens's Park Hotel to the Hilton Hotel, where they were held for six months and then finally to the Holiday Inn where, with brief interruptions, they have been held ever since.

From 1974/75 the Club Presidents were:

| | |
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| 1974/75 | Lance Murray |
| 1975/76 | Krishna Bahadoorsingh |
| 1976/77 | Theodore Figueira |
| 1977/78 | Harry Segal |
| 1978/79 | William Agard |
| 1979/80 | Selby Wilson |
| 1980/81 | Peter Knaggs |
| 1981/82 | Carlton Robinson |
| 1982/83 | Everard Medina |
| 1983/84 | Waldo Nunez |
| 1984/85 | Vivian Kangalee |
| 1985/86 | Percy Cezair |
| 1986/87 | David Martin |
| 1987/88 | Joe Ramkissoo |
| 1988/89 | Victor Hart |
| 1989/90 | Hugh Williams |
| 1990/91 | Anthony Jacelon |
| 1991/92 | Brian Kuei Tung |

LANCE MURRAY — PRESIDENT 1974/75

Lance Murray, still a member of the Club in 1989, was ably supported by Ossie Hale as Past president and Krishna Bahadoorsingh as Vice President. Other members of the Board were Clarence Wilcox, Jim Sheppard, C Brand, Adrian Bird, C Robinson, Victor Bruce, David Quamina, Paul Plummer, J Lee Lum, C K Johnson, M Quesnel, G Inglefield, B Broadbridge.

KRISHNA BAHADOORSINGH – PRESIDENT 1975/76

In 1975/76, Krishna Bahadoorsingh took office with his team, Lance Murray as Past President, Adrian Bird as Vice President, Clarence Wilcox as Secretary, Selby Wilson as Treasurer and Harry Segal as Chairman of Fund Raising. Other members were Theodore Figueira, Carlton Robinson, Ossie Hale and Bernard Broadbridge.

This year was noted for the fact that in September the President of Rotary International visited Trinidad, and also for the fact that the Club launched a \$400,000.00 Fund Raising drive spearheaded by Harry Segal and Victor Bruce. The target, incredulously received when first announced by the Club President, was unheard of for those times, the early years of the oil boom.

The money was eventually pledged in full and this was duly celebrated at a dinner hosted by President Ellis Clarke at the President's House. The funds were earmarked for the Princess Elizabeth Home.

The minutes of a meeting of "The New School Sub-Committee" of the Princess Elizabeth Center held on 24th March 1977, with W Agard and T M Figueira confirming that one-third of \$801,000.00 was available from the money collected by Rotary to cover the Centre's share of the building costs. Government had agreed to pay two-thirds of the cost.

THEODORE FIGUEIRA – PRESIDENT 1976/77

President "Ted" was assisted by Harry Segal as Vice President, Carlton Robinson as Secretary, Krishna Bahadoorsingh as Past President.

It fell to his administration to formalize the arrangements for the Club's involvement - fund raising for the Princess Elizabeth Centre New School Building.

A note prepared by Rotarian Broadbridge in May 1982 summarizes the activities of that year so far as that project was concerned.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH CENTRE
NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

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|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Final Certificate (1981-11-18) | \$745,552.48 |
| 1/3 of the above | \$248,517.49 |
| Paid already by Rotary | \$205,522.33 |
| Balance outstanding | |

Notes:

1. At meeting on the 14th October 1976 at Ministry of Education, Dr M Alleyne informed representatives from PE Centre and in the presence of DB Broadbridge that 2/3 of the construction costs would met by Government (Cabinet had agreed to this). This was confirmed by letter dated 19th October 1976 from the Ministry of Education and signed by M Alleyne (for Permanent Secretary).
2. First joint meeting between PE Centre and Rotary Club of Port of Spain held at the Centre on 8th November 1976. Rotarians present - ELS Robertson, Ted Figueira (President Rotary), Harry Segal (Vice President), Carlton Robinson (Secretary), Bernard Broadbridge and George Stevens.

3. Ted Figueira as President of Port of Spain Rotary wrote to PE Centre naming three Rotarians appointed to PE Centre Building Committee (letter dated 9th November 1976) - H Segal, Carlton Robinson and Bill Agard.
 4. At meeting of school sub-committee (i.e. Building Committee) held at PE Centre on 24th March 1977 at which W Agard and T Figueira were present the minutes read in part, "Mr Figueira confirmed that one third of \$801,000* was available from the money collected by Rotary to cover the Centre's share of the building cost".
- * This referred to the lowest tender of \$801,438.85 submitted by Roxborough Construction Limited.

HARRY SEGAL - PRESIDENT 1977/78

The late Harry Segal was one of two District Governors from the Rotary Club of Port of Spain. The other was Ossie Hale, and this was the year that Rotarian Ossie was District Governor of our District 404.

Harry Segal was born in Montreal on 12th March 1918 and educated in Canada, graduated from the School of Commerce at Sir George William University. He was bilingual in English and French, a skill that would stand him in good stead in his Rotary Career.

He married Graciela Hernandez and when he moved to Trinidad transferred from the Rotary Club of Westmount which he had joined in 1956.

He was totally devoted to Rotary becoming President of the Rotary Club of Port of Spain in 1977/78 and the first District Governor of District 405 in 1980/81. To him fell the responsibility of creating the administration of the new district.

Harry's ability as a fund raiser was without parallel. He was a member of the committee for the fund raising for the Princess Elizabeth Home, and also of many other Rotary Committees, as well as Chairman of President Ellis Clarke's Fund Raising Committee of Corpus Christi Vocational School for girls.

He attended most regional conferences and international Rotary Conventions, even returning to Trinidad in 1986 to attend the 405 District Conference. He was then in very poor health and it was his last major Rotary event.

Harry Segal's impact on, and contribution to the Rotary Club of Port of Spain is evidenced by the scale of some of the projects undertaken. He kept in close touch with Rotary International and as a result was always able to source skills and equipment, medical and educational, not only for his club, but for other Clubs of the country to use.

One of his finest gestures was funding the award of twelve Paul Harris Fellowships to some Past Presidents of the Club and prominent citizens.

These awards were presented at a Rotary Ball held at Chaguaramas convention Centre in late 1983. Rotarian Waldo Nunez was President.

The recipients were:

1983/84

Clara Rosa De Lima
Gerald Gomez
Lady Thelma Hochoy
Geoffrey Inglefield
Msgr Gerald Pantin
Carlton Robinson
Winfield Scott
Graciela Segal
George Stevens
Evelyn Tracey
Selby Wilson

The other Paul Harris Fellows of the Club at that time were:

Bernard Broadbridge
Ellis Clarke
Neil Lau
C K Johnson
Alvin Redon E
L S Robertson
Harry Segal
Osmond C Hale

WILLIAM AGARD - PRESIDENT 1978/79

Rotarian Bill Agard was ably assisted by Harry Segal as Past President, Selby Wilson as Vice President and Ted Figueira as Secretary. There was a large Board of Directors, some 15 members including the President.

The Rotary Club of Port of Spain was still a part of the very large District 404 and the District Assembly was held in Nassau, Bahamas on 3rd June 1978.

The Community Services projects for 1978/79 were:

1. A \$10,000.00 donation to the North College Basket Ball League.
2. Annual outing to Tobago for children of Princess Elizabeth Home.
3. A teacher of the deaf sent for training to USA.

The International Service projects:

1. A sponsored public forum on UN day "Foreign Involvement in Africa".
2. A twinning programme with Rotary Club of St Catherine's Ontario.

During Bill's years the Club adopted Aptitude and Vocational Counselling as a major ongoing Club project. Harry Segal had obtained the services of a very prominent Psychologist, Dr Pierre Heimrath, a Naturalized Canadian of Austrian birth to conduct these tests. The Canadian High Commission had pledged \$15,000.00 towards the cost of the project.

In December of Bill's year there were 17,982 Rotary Clubs with a membership of 835,300 Rotarians, Rotary International President was Clem Renouf of Australia and the District Governor was U Fritz Humphrey of the US Virgin Islands. There were 6 Rotary Clubs in Trinidad and Tobago.

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| Port of Spain | President | Bill Agard |
| Port of Spain West | | Saty Seemungal |
| Tobago | | Bill Frisby |
| San Fernando | | Ainsly Laing |
| St Augustine | | Virgil Pestana |
| Arima | | Tony Jardine |

SELBY WILSON - PRESIDENT 1979/80

It was in Rotarian Selby's year that the Heimrath Vocational Counselling and Aptitude Testing project was implemented.

Dr. Heimrath visited several schools in Port of Spain and apparently his Aptitude Testing and Vocational Counselling was well received. The project eventually proved too expensive for the Club and, after some attempts to hand it over to other organizations to manage, it was wound up.

Rotarian Selby was later to bring honour to his club by being elected to Parliament and being appointed Minister of Finance, for the 1986-91 Government.

A keen athlete, and long distance runner, Rotarian Selby subsequent to the Presidency raised over \$7,000.00 by arranging charitable sponsorships of the completion of his marathon (26 mile) courses.

Together with Max Ferreira, Selby organized the first cocktail auction.

PETER KNAGGS - PRESIDENT 1980/81

Rotarian Peter and his team brought some innovations to the Club. The singing of the National Anthem and the displaying of the National flag was introduced.

The twinning of the Club with the Rotary Club in St Catherine's Ontario had been completed and Wally James, Ossie Hale, Buster Robertson together with Al Skovmose of the Central Port of Spain Club made their homes available to visiting Rotarians from Clubs around St Catherine's Ontario. Rotarian Ivor Khan of the St Catherine Rotary Club was of great assistance.

An Inner Wheel Club was formed with Stephanie D'Ornellas, wife of Rotarian Robert (Bob) D'Ornellas as first President. The Club is no longer active. On 13th May 1981 the Rotaract Club which had been formed some ten years earlier, and which had fallen on lean times because of a lack of a meeting place and a fall in membership, was revived through the hard work and dedication of Rotarian C K Johnson. The Club had a membership of about 30 young men and women and C K Johnson was assisted by Rotarian Peter Clarke, Bernard Broadbridge, Jimmy Lee Lum, Tony Jacelon, Carlton Robinson and Trevor Fields.

The Club continued its work in community service with the now annual outing of the children of the Princess Elizabeth Home to Tobago and by awarding two scholarships to the Immortelle Home for the multiple handicapped.

President Peter paid great attention to the Club's support for the School Health Programme on Environmental Sanitation. The Club publicized the programme on television, donated a challenge trophy for the best essays on Sanitation and awarded 12 children from 5 winning schools with a trip "down the islands" on 12th January 1981. Also, an eight page supplement in one of the daily papers was published on 17th May 1981, this supplement was supported by eight firms and cost the Club nothing.

Also the Club assisted Mrs Vilma Jardine in obtaining sponsorship of air passages for 10 handicapped and underprivileged children from Trinidad to Orlando where they were hosted by the Kissamee Rotary Club and taken to visit Disney World.

It was the year of National Awards. Rotarian Victor Bruce was awarded the Trinity Cross and Rotarian Ignatius Ferreira the Humming Bird medal. Ignatius was also honoured by Queen Elizabeth II who appointed him a Knight of Grace of the Order of St John.

Club members offered to serve in other fields, Ossie Hale headed the Trinidad Chamber of Commerce and Bernard Broadbridge continued his work in the Partners of America.

DISTRICT 404 AND 405

It is time to take a look at the larger Rotary World in which the Rotary Club of Port of Spain exists. As early as December 1957, the formation of a District was discussed. Dick Asjes of Port of Spain to President Hitchins - writing after a visit to the Club in Paramaribo said:

"After the meeting the President and various members told me that they were very anxious to break away from the District in which they were now placed, i.e. the District under Venezuela, because of language difficulties. Though they get letters from Venezuelan Rotary Governor, yet they hardly understand their contents, since all correspondence is received in the Spanish language. Accordingly, no useful purpose is served by the circulation of such correspondence

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amongst Members

"Now that they have heard about Trinidad and the progress so far achieved towards Federation, which will probably bring together Rotary Clubs from Barbados (where one is now apparently being organized) and Jamaica (where I understand one will be organized in the near future), they have the question of a separation from the Venezuelan District and their attachment to our future District".

But it was not until September 1974 that District 404 was formed in Port of Spain with 44 Clubs from Bahamas to Surinam.

The conference Chairman was Dr John Watts, the District Governor, the Secretary was Ossie Hale of our Club, the Treasurer was Joe Sheppard of our Club - and with the Clubs of San Fernando, St Augustine and Tobago, we were joint host Clubs.

The convention opened in Port of Spain on 25th September and ended on 28th September 1974. There were 316 Registrants. The theme of the conference was "Towards a United District 404".

Rotary International was represented by Ike Parish. Port of Spain Rotary Club received tremendous praise for its part in organizing the convention and leading the way to the formation of District 404.

By 1978 District 404 encompassed 54 Clubs spread over 25 land masses from the Bahamas in the north to French Guyana in the South. On 1st July 1981, District 405 was formed with Harry Segal as the first District Governor.

It was at the fourth Conference and Assembly of District 404 held at Balmoral Beach Hotel, Bahamas, from 3rd to 6th June 1978 that the then District Governor, Ossie Hale, presented a resolution proposing the splitting of the District in two, from the French islands south, and north of the French islands.

After a spirited debate, majority approval was given to pursue the matter with Rotary International.

The suggested regrouping of the Clubs was as follows:

| Group 1 - North - 26 Clubs | | Group 11 - South - 28 Clubs | |
|----------------------------|----|-----------------------------|----|
| Aboco | 22 | Arima | 24 |
| Antigua | 24 | Barbados | 53 |
| Black River | 29 | Barbados West | 27 |
| Christiana | 16 | Bros Terre | 39 |
| East Nassau | 94 | Cayenne | 37 |
| Grand Cayman | 72 | Cayenne East | 26 |
| Kingston | 76 | Dominica | 27 |
| Lucia | 16 | Forte-de-France | 62 |
| Mandiville | 34 | Forte-de-France Dist | 28 |
| Montego Bay | 33 | Forte-de-France Ind | 35 |
| Montserrat | 31 | Georgetown | 42 |
| Nassau | 64 | Grenada | 38 |
| Ocho Rios | 15 | Grenada | 23 |
| Petion Ville | 38 | Komon | 22 |

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| Port Antonio | 21 | Paramaribo | 56 |
| Port au Prince | 40 | Paramaribo 11 | 28 |
| St Andrew's | 47 | Point a Pitae | 63 |
| St Croix | 30 | Point a Pitae East | 40 |
| St Croix West | 24 | Point a Pitae Fleur D ^u Epee | 33 |
| St Kitts | 46 | Port of Spain | 62 |
| St Martin/St Maarteri | 32 | Port of Spain West | 21 |
| St Thomas | 122 | St Augustine | 26 |
| Saoanna-la-Mar | 17 | San Fernando | 44 |
| South East Nassau | 40 | St Lucia | 49 |
| Tortola | 51 | St Lucia South | 22 |
| | | St Pierre | 29 |
| | | St Vincent | 30 |
| | | Tobago | 26 |
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| No of islands, etc | 11 | No of islands, etc | 11 |
| No of flags | 7 | No of flags | 7 |
| Clubs being formed | 2 | Clubs being formed | 1 |
| (Anguilla-St Thomas) | | (New Amsterdam) | |
| Prospective Clubs | 3 | Prospective Clubs | 6 |
| (Haiti - 2 | | (Trinidad & Tobago - 3 | |
| Grand Cayman - 1 | | Barbados, Guadeloupe, | |
| | | Martinique) | |

In 1981 the members of the Rotary Club of Port of Spain said goodbye, at least at District level, to many dear friends of District 404.

It was sad parting indeed, but the closeness of the Clubs of a smaller and therefore more manageable District, and the easing of the District Governor's travelling demands, made it a good decision.

List of District Governors

District **404**

| | | |
|---------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1974/75 | Dr John Watts | Grenada |
| 1975/76 | Jean Paysant | Martinique |
| 1976/77 | Serge Mees | Guadeloupe |
| 1977/78 | Osmond Hale | Trinidad & Tobago |
| 1978/79 | Fritz Humphreys | St Thomas |
| 1979/80 | Miles Rothwell | Barbados |
| 1980/81 | Harold (Charlie) Brahm | Jamaica |

List of District Governors

District 405

| | | |
|---------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1981/82 | Harry Segal | Trinidad & Tobago |
| 1982/83 | George Louis Clement | Martinique |
| 1983/84 | Neil Isaac | Guyana |
| 1984/85 | Richard Joachim | St Vincent |
| 1985/86 | Stanley Blanchette | Barbados |
| 1986/87 | Richard Joachim | St Vincent |
| 1987/88 | Virgil Pestana | Trinidad & Tobago |
| 1988/89 | Earle Johnson | Dominica |
| 1989/90 | Harold Davis | Guyana |
| 1990/91 | Val Mahabir | Trinidad & Tobago |

CARLTON ROBINSON - PRESIDENT 1981/82

For the Presidential year 1981/82 Rotarian Carlton took office with the following team:

| | | |
|------------------------|---|------------------|
| President | - | Carlton Robinson |
| V President Pres Elect | - | Charles Jacelon |
| Secretary | - | Hugh Williams |
| Treasurer | - | Michael Warner |
| Sargeant-at=Arms | - | William Agard |

DIRECTORS

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Bernard Broadbridge | Robert D'Ornellas |
| Gerald Gomez | Peter Howard |
| Charles Jacelon | Vivian Kangalee |
| Peter Knaggs | Everard Medina |
| Waldo Nunez | George Stevens |
| Selby Wilson | |

It was the year of Rotary International President Stanley Mc Caffrey of Stocklow, California. His theme for the year was "World Understanding and Peace Through Rotary".

In his assumption of office speech President Carlton quoted some headlines which appeared in the world press subsequent to President Mc Caffrey's adoption of the theme.

"America concludes billion dollar arms sale to Pakistan"

"Israel bombs Iraqui nuclear installation"

"Brezhnev - Nuclear war imminent"

His address President Carlton proposed to:

"Seek to identify ourself with the minds of today's youth"

"Pay more attention to the aged"

"Increase efforts towards the handicapped"

It was in this year 1982 that the Princess Elizabeth new school building at the Princess Elizabeth Centre was completed. In February there was Public Forum on "World Understanding and Peace" hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Port of Spain, Port of Spain West and Central. The participants were:

- Dr Neville Linton - CADEC Consultant - Consultant on International Affairs
- Dr Anthony Bryan - UWI
- Dr Harry Segal - Rotary International District (405) Governor 1981/82

Rotarian Charles Anthony Jacelon was appointed to the Senate as a Minister of Government and was given leave of absence by the Board of Directors.

The Club renewed it's scholarships to Janelle Francis and Don Lucien at "The Immortelle Center". From all reports these two children were making excellent progress.'

The Clubs inaugural President's Ball and 25th Anniversary celebration, was held on June 4th 1982 at the Trinidad Country Club. The press reported as follows:

"A Host of Dignitaries headed by their Excellencies President and Mrs Ellis Clarke, attended the first annual Port of Spain Rotary Club President's Ball, held recently at the Trinidad Country Club".

The Ball was part of the 25th Anniversary celebrations of the Club, which also used the occasion to raise funds for it's charitable projects.

The evening began with cocktails, followed by dinner and a musical interlude that featured the magical guitar of Gene Lawrence who put on a memorable performance in which he played the acoustic guitar in the three moods - classical; as an accompaniment to vocal work and as part of a quartet with conventional instruments.

The Rotarians and their guests were ecstatic and showed appreciation by calling for [more. so](#), Mr. Lawrence put on a special performance of his legendary "Sugar George" a tune he composed some years ago in honour of the panmen of Trinidad and Tobago, all of whom are collectively known as "Sugar George".

Amazing! That's how it ought to be summed up.

Now that the audience was in the mood the band stuck up with the beautiful "Emperor's Waltz" by special request and the elegant President Ellis Clarke took to the floor with his partner to "kick-off" the dancing part of the programme.

Those who had probably forgotten their steps or were a bit rusty, got an easy see-how-it's done lesson from His Excellency and, with confidence and joy filling their hearts, Rotarian Carlton Robinson, the Club's president "grabbed" his partner.

Other Rotarians and their distinguished quests followed suit ... and the polished floor of the ballroom was soon filled with the smoothly moving, gently swaying bodies of the couples.

Comments later on "Great ... what an evening ... should do it more often ... finished too soon ... g'morning love ...!"

The Ball was one of President Canton's pet projects and it was the first of a few organized by the Rotary Clubs of Port of Spain. It is now known as the Governor's Ball and is organized in turn by the Trinidad Clubs.

The Rotary Club of Oshawa forwarded two shipments of books which were presented to The John Donaldson Technical Institute by President Carlton.

EVERARD MEDINA - PRESIDENT 1982/83

Rotarian everard was at lunch at the Trinidad Union Club one day in 1981 when he was approached by Rotarian Carlton Robinson, the ten President of the Club, and Rotarian Tony Jacelon, and asked if he was willing to accept the Presidency for 1982/83.

Tony was President-Elect but had been appointed a Senator and Minister of Government by, the People's National Movement (PNM) and therefore, was unable to accept the Presidency for 1982/83. Rotarian Everard was not too long a Rotarian but had served on previous Boards of Directors and in the office of Treasurer for some years. He accepted the offer and was duly appointed President.

President Everard took office and his Board of Directors were:

| | | |
|----------------|---|---------------------|
| President | - | Everard Median |
| Club Service | - | Trevor Fields |
| Past President | - | Carlton Robinson |
| Inter Service | - | Bernard Broadbridge |
| Vocat Service | - | Waldo Nunez |
| Secretary | - | Hugh Williams |
| Comm Service | - | Peter Knaggs |
| | - | Gerry Gomez |
| | - | Selby Wilson |
| | - | Dennis Mahabir |
| Treasurer | - | Pat Anton |
| | - | Harry Segal |
| | - | Robert D'Ornellas |

The District Governor was George Louis Clement of Martinique. Governor George visited the Club in August 1982. Wally and Shirley James lent their home for a pleasant Fellowship evening.

Peter Knaggs organized a clean up of the Down Town area bounded by Prince Street to the North, Independence Square to the South, Charlotte Street to the East and Abercromby Street to the West. This project, regarded as one to raise public awareness for the need for a cleaner city, was particularly successful. Problems were a delay in commencement by the City Council and secondly, T&TEC had been unable to put up banners because of industrial action by their workers. None-the-less Rotarian Peter was a busy man with a school environmental campaign, the annual outing for handicapped children to Tobago, as well as an inter school sports meeting for primary schools in the Port of Spain area. This became an annual ongoing project.

A major Fund Raising event was the staging of two one act plays at St Mary's College Hall. One was Peter Shaffer's "Black Out" and the other was based on the popular BBC Television comedy "Love Thy Neighbour". Ex-Rotarian Arthur Bentley was of great assistance in organizing this venture. The English born comedian Jack Smethurst and Trinidad born Nina Baden Semper of the original "Love Thy Neighbour" Television cast came to Trinidad with Judy Wilson, Mary Holland and Trinidad born Oscar James taking the part played by Rudolph Walker.

These actors were joined in "Black Out" by our own Arthur Bentley and Laurie Goldstraw. The shows were directed by Paul Ciappasoni.

The Rotary Club of San Fernando sponsored three shows in San Fernando.

The show proved to be more expensive than expected but none the less provided a surplus of \$5,315.00 for Club funds.

In May 1983 there was group study exchange visit of United Kingdom students. The group consisted of five agriculturalists. All of the Clubs in the country were involved in the programme. The Port of Spain Club was responsible for visits to the Botanic Gardens. Purina Feed Mills and a Cocktail Party.

On Sunday 13th March President Everard turned the sod to start the construction of the Trischer Home for aged gentlemen in Bourg-Mulatrassé, San Juan. Rotarian Bill Agard was the co-ordinator of this project which continued throughout the Presidency of Waldo Nunez and was completed in President Vivian Kangalee's term.

The Immortelle Centre Scholarships were continued during this year s was the Annual Outing of the Handicapped Children to Tobago.

The Rotary Club of St Catherine, with which the Rotary Club of Port of Spain is twinned, invited members of our Club attending the Rotary International Convention in Toronto in June 1983 to visit them before attending the Convention. Waldo Nunez was appointed co-ordinator.

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

TUESDAY 15TH JUNE 1982

In the early 1980's Rotarian Waldo Nunez advanced the view that the Club's method of choosing officers was autocratic and did not allow sufficient member participation. He proposed that the By-Laws of the Club be amended in keeping with the "Alternative Plan for By-Laws of Rotary Clubs recommended by Rotary International".

Basically, these By-Laws called for the creation of a nomination committee to make nomination for the office of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and nine board members, these to be balloted for by the membership.

On 15th June 1982 the Amendment was passed. Subsequently, on 19th October 1982 a further amendment providing for six instead of nine board members (effectively reducing the size of the Board) was passed.

The Resolution which provides for the election of officers is hereby recorded:

"Section - 1 - At a regular meeting one month prior to the meeting for election of officers, the presiding officer shall ask for nominations by members of the Club for president, secretary, treasurer and six members of the Board of Directors. The nominations may be presented by a nominating committee or by members from the floor by either or by both, as the Club may determine. It is determined to have a nominating committee, nominations duly made shall be placed on a ballot in alphabetical order under each office and shall be voted for at the annual meeting. The candidates for president, secretary and treasurer receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected to their respective offices. The six candidates for director receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected as directors, with candidates for directors ceasing to be such if previously elected as president or secretary or treasurer. The president elected in such balloting shall serve as a member of the Board as vice-president for the year commencing on the first day of July next following his election as president, and shall assume office as president on the first day of July immediately following his year of service on the Board as President-Elect".

By substituting the following for Article 2:

Section 1 - The governing body of this Club shall be the Board of Directors, consisting of eleven members of this Club, namely six Directors, elected in accordance with Article 1, of these by-laws, the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and the immediate past president.

The debate on the resolution was sometimes lively, there were some heated exchanges between Rotarians Waldo Nunez and Carlton Robinson which prompted correspondence from Carlton dated 25th October 1982 to Secretary, Hugh Williams, as follows:

"Dear Hugh,

As it appears to me that my intervention during the debate to amend the Club's By-Laws and the resolution to appoint a nominating committee which took place at our regular meeting last Tuesday October 19th 1982, were viewed either as of nuisance value or as an extension of what is now widely regarded as a personal war between Waldo Nunez and myself, I propose to record below my objections to the resolutions which the membership of the Club with one exception approved"

I really, earnestly question the seriousness with which members address themselves to the issues of the Club and am of the view that decisions are made on the basis of the eloquence of persuasiveness of the mover and not on the merit of the issues"

"I have prepared my own draft resolutions to give effect to what I conceive as the Club's objectives which I attach as Appendix III. I am not asking the Club to rescind its earlier decisions and adopt my suggestions but merely state my views for the Club's records. However, I shall be grateful if with the Board's approval you can arrange to circulate copies of this letter to all members, especially those who attended the regular meeting on Tuesday last".

In the event, there was no further change to the By-Laws of the Club.

WALDO NUNEZ - PRESIDENT 1983/84

It was only fitting that Rotarian Waldo was the first President to take office under the new By-Laws. His governing body consisted of the following Board members and a Sargeant-at-Arms

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| President | - | Waldo Nunez |
| Past President | - | Everard Medina |
| Vice President | - | Vivian Kangalee |
| Secretary | - | Pat Anton |
| Treasurer | - | Ulric Asiu |
| Comm Service | - | Bernard Broadbridge |
| Club Service | - | Carlton Robinson |
| Inter Service | - | David Quamina |
| Vocat Service | - | John Stetcher |
| Director | - | Dennis Mahabir |
| Director | - | William Agard |
| Sargeant-at-Arms | - | Percy Cezair |

Neal M Isaacs was Governor of District 405, and Bill Skelton was President of Rotary International with 20, 484 Clubs in 159 countries with 940,000 members. His theme was "Share Rotary Serve People".

During his year of office, President Waldo worked towards raising the funds for the Trischer Home for aged men in Santa Cruz, which was scheduled for completion in August 1984.

The primary school Rotary Games were sponsored for the second year with seventy two primary schools in Port of Spain and environs sending their young (very young) athletes to the National Stadium. The Club made sure that every participant received at least a medal of participation. Peter Knaggs and Jerry Gomez were responsible for the project.

There was a joint luncheon with two other Rotary Clubs in Port of Spain to celebrate World Understanding Week and the 79th Anniversary of Rotary International.

Rotarian Albert Tom Yew handled the annual outing of fifty one handicapped children to Tobago, and the Immortelle Center Scholarships were continued.

A Presidential Citation Certificate was awarded to President Waldo for having achieved a net gain in Club membership of six; the handling of the Trischer Home Project; increasing the Club's representation at the District Conference from 5 to 7; and increasing the contributions to the Rotary Foundation by more than 10% over 1982/83. The last was due to the generous contribution of US \$12,000.00 to cover the nomination of twelve Paul Harris Fellows, made by Harry Segal, already mentioned.

The President's Ball was held at the Chaguaramas Convention Centre.

VIVIAN KANGALEE – PRESIDENT 1984/85

President Vivian's team was as follows:

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| President | - Vivian Kangalee |
| Past President | - Waldo Nunez |
| Vice President | - Percy Cezair |
| Secretary | - Pat Anton |
| Treasurer | - Joseph Pounder |
| Comm Service | - Peter Knaggs |
| Club Service | - Ossie Hale |
| Inter Service | - Carlton Robinson |
| Vocat Service | - David Quamina |
| Director | - Richard Hernandez |

There were also special appointments:

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| Special Charities Fund | - Victor Hart - Chairman |
| 4 Way Test | - Richard Toby |
| Magazine | - Lionel St Aubyn |
| Rotary Information | - Waldo Nunes |
| Intercity Meeting | - Peter Knaggs |
| Tree Planting City & Piarco | - Everard Medina |
| Promoting Artistic Musical Concerts | - Geo Stevens |

This was the year that the Tritscher Home for men at Santa Cruz was opened. President Vivian did the honours at a formal opening ceremony attended by Rotarians, Officials of the St Vincent De Paul Society and Clergy.

A new Podium was donated to the Club by Rotarian John Newel Lewis and Anthony Alcazar.

The Immortelle Centre scholarships were continued and the indefatigable Rotarian Albert Tom Yew again organized the annual excursion of the handicapped children of the Lady Hochoy Home to Tobago.

Two Scholarships to the John Donaldson Institute were awarded to the young people of Grenada.

Rotarians Mrs Vivian Kangalee and Mrs Joe Ramkissoon raised \$700.00 for the Bernard Broadbridge Fund through two raffles, and President Vivian and Mrs Kangalee donated \$2,500.00 to Rotary International Foundation through the Club.

Trinidad was excited over the birth of the Ramkalawan Siamese twins, and the Club commenced fund raising to defray the considerable medical expenses which their separation would cost. The fund eventually exceeded \$200,000.00 which was eventually used for the twins as the need arose.

TRITSCHER HOME FOR AGED MEN

The Tritscher Home perhaps deserves a special report.

The late Rev Fr Eugene Alexis Tritscher OP left the St Vincent de Paul Society, or SVP as it is also known, a house and some 36,300 superficial feet of cultivated land at Saddle Road, Bourg Mulatresse, lower Santa Cruz, and in July 1967 a home for aged men was established in the building.

In the early eighties, the old building housing ten residents, was termite ridden and too small, and the SVP approached the Rotary Club of Port of Spain for assistance towards a new building. The Club had long been considering some involvement with assistance to aged people and agreed to help. Rotarian Bill Agard was appointed co-ordinator.

The planning and construction spanned several years. The sod was turned by president Everard Medina 1982/83 and the building was official opened at a ceremony attended by President Vivian Kangalee 1984/85.

The new two storey building cost \$750,000.00 accommodating 40 persons and includes an Infirmary, Clinic and Matron's Quarters.

ANNUAL PICNIC IN TOBAGO FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED
CHILDREN FROM THE PRINCESS ELIZABETH CENTRE

This outing for Physically Handicapped Children has been organized for many years by the Rotary Club of Port of Spain with the assistance of the Rotary Club of Tobago, and the Rotarian Responsible for the years 1983 to 1988 has been Rotarian Albert Tom Yew.

The Picnic is held between the months of March and June on a date suitable to the Principal of the home and the Tobago Rotary Club. The names of about 15 boys and 15 girls, together with at least 10 staff members of the Home, are submitted to the Rotary Club of Port of Spain. They are flown to Tobago by BWIA who provide discounted fares.

The Commissioner of Police assists with transportation from the transport division at the St James Barracks and Rotarians are asked to assist in helping the children on and off the buses.

The Rotary Club of Tobago meets the children at Crown Point Airport and they are given refreshments and taken to various places of interest on the island, particularly the beach at Pigeon Point.

Rotarian Albert Tom Yew is of the view that this Tobago picnic is one of the most important projects of the Club and the Children of the Home look forward to it tremendously. In 1989 Rotarian Albert Tom Yew was relieved of this duty. Rotarian Horace Broomes took over the project.

PERCY CEZAIR - PRESIDENT 1985/86

Rotarian Percy, who had served as Sargeant-at Arms through the Presidency of Everard Medina, Waldo Nunez and Vivian Kangalee, took office with Vivian Kangalee at his Past President, David Martin as Vice President, Rick Hernandez as Secretary and Joe Pounder as Treasurer, Rotarian Joe had been Treasurer the previous year and was to continue in that position until June, 1988. Ossie Hale was in Club Service and Peter Knaggs in Community Service.

Rotarian Percy's Presidential style was uniquely his own and perhaps the opening paragraph of his handling over speech typifies the mood of his year.

"Having arrived at the end of my term of office as President, I could complete the year by saying that I have had the honour of leading the most fantastic, most energetic and terrific group of Rotarians that can be found anywhere. However, the first of the four way test forces upon me the need to be a bit more moderate in my description".

"During the last year you continued to be your usual selves, harassing your President with picong every Tuesday. Your attendance was the same as in previous years very lacklustre at times but rising to dizzy heights at others with the average for the year being 74%. Our wives and girl friends joined us on every 5th Tuesday improving the atmosphere and the fellowship. You listed attentively to no fewer that forty speakers on a wide range of subjects. You were even attentive when most Rotarians asked to move a vote of thanks to a speaker produced a second featured address. Even when our most effusive Rotarian Ayo Ajakiye who rose to ask a question of Lance Murray and proceeded at 2:00 p.m. to address us unrequested for half an hour on the subject of sending the English cricketers back home you were understanding".

"We were sad at times when our fellow Rotarians, Dennis, CK and Harry Segal were ill, but there were times when we celebrated the honours bestowed on Sir Martin Berthoud, Past President Viv Kangalee and Rotarians Joe Pounder and David Quamina".

The Club continued support to the Immortelle Centre, the annual outing of the handicapped to Tobago and "Carols by Candlelight".

A weekly raffle was introduced as a fund raising measure.

The Club won the District 405 Tennis Trophy for the second consecutive year, but lost the inter club golf trophy by 1 1/2 strokes.

It was the year that the District Conference was held in Trinidad at the Hilton Hotel. One of the Club's Past Presidents, Everard Medina, was Chairman of the Steering Committee.

In his closing speech President Percy particularly thanked Rotarian Paddy Padmanabhan, David Martin, Leo St Aubyn, Victor Hart, Peter Knaggs, and Everard Medina. He selected as Rotarian of the year - Rotarian Joe Ramkissoon.

President Percy closing remarks are worthy of record:

"The Opening paragraph of the Biography of Jean Paul Getty reads like this "The man lying in the open oak coffin, was a liar, a cheat, a miser, a bigamist, a wife beater, a suspected Nazi Sympathizer and the richest man in the world".

How much better if would have been had his life been different so that the paragraph would have said instead "The man lying in the open oak coffin, was a compassionate, generous man, and excellent husband, father and friend, a man of integrity and a Rotarian".

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 405

TRINIDAD HILTON

7TH-11TH MAY 1986

In 1985 President Percy Cezair of the Rotary Club of Port of Spain entered a bid that the 1986 Conference be held in Trinidad and Tobago. The bid was successful and on 10th September of that year a Steering Committee held its inaugural meeting with Past President Everard Medina of the Rotary club of Port of Spain as Chairman.

| <u>POSITION</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>ROTARY CLUB BRANCH</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Chairman | Everard Medina | Port of Spain |
| | Val Mohabir | St Augustine II |
| Deputy Chairman | Suresh Ramlogan | St Augustine |
| Secretary | Andy Mc Eachrane | Port of Spain West |
| Treasurer | Jonas Seepersadsingh | San Fernando South |
| | Virgil Pestana | St Augustine |
| | Busta Lumsden | Tobago |

The District Governor was Stanley A Blanchette of Barbados.

The Assembly and Conference was agreed by all who attended to have been a tremendous success. The enthusiasm of the Rotarians who worked very hard in organizing the Conference, the efficiency of the Hilton Hotel and the full co-operation of all Government Departments, Customs, Immigration etc, helped to create a memorable occasion for the hundreds of Rotarians who attended.

Some of the Rotarians assigned responsibilities were:

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| David Martin | Promotional | Port of Spain |
| Chris Kelshall & Michael O'Brien | IBM System | Port of Spain |
| Val Mohabir | Promotional visit & Pre Registration | St Augustine II |
| Jonas Seepersadsingh | Pre Registration | San Fernando South |

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| Robert Sanowar | Entertainment | San Fernando |
| Martin Berner | French-English Speakers | St Augustine |
| Harold Yearwood | Sargeant-at-Arms | St Augustine |
| Lance Lewis | Sargeant-at-Arms | St Augustine |
| Aeneas Wills | Sargeant-at-Arms | St Augustine |

The St Augustine Rotary Club Inner Wheel Club, with Rotarian Rose Mohammed in Charge, gave invaluable Service in airport and hotel reception, and ladies events.

DAVID MARTIN – PRESIDENT 1986/87

Rotarian David L Martin took office with the following team:

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| Vice President | - Pat Anton |
| Secretary | - Ric Hernandez |
| Treasurer | - Joseph Pounder |
| Club Service | - Victor Hart |
| Inter Service | - Bert Commissiong |
| Sargeant-At-Arms | - Selby Wilson (1st 6 mths) |
| | - Lance Murray (2nd 6 mths) |
| Community Service | - Joe Ramkissoon |
| Vocational Service | - Carlton Robinson |
| Director | - William Agard |
| Director | - Percv Cezair |

Rotarian Selby was given a leave of absence to take up an appointment as Minister of Finance. Under President David, the Club had a good year of fund raising, with \$54,300 being raised from four projects.

1. Auction and Cheese and Wine party - November 1986
2. Bar-B-Que - February 1987
3. Carnival Bar
4. Concert at Queen's Hall - Olga Polavios

In addition to the above, \$24,000.00 was raised for Nel Life Ministries in a "Say No to Drugs" campaign:

"Deposit \$1.00 to any branch of any commercial bank during the period August-December 1986".

National General Elections were held in December 1986 when the NAR, under ANR Robinson, defeated the incumbent PNM, under George Chambers, by winning 33 seats out of 36.

The Club speakers before and after that exciting event reflected the times with 6 Ministers of Government, 3 Politicians and 3 Diplomats among a total of 26 guest speakers.

Another indication of the times was that one of the speakers, Mr Patrick Manning, leader of the Opposition in the new Parliament, delivered an address to the Club which was viewed as being too political by some members. So strong were their feelings that President David thought it necessary, through the media, to publicly dissociate the Club from the views expressed by Mr. Manning.

The club Also collaborated with the Cleveland Rotary Club District 663 in arranging in the USA a successful heart operation for 7 year old Natasha John.

The Immortelle Centre scholarships were continued as was the sponsorship of the Port of Spain and environs Primary School sports. This last project had lapsed in the final years of the PNM administration, but had been revived under the new Government.

An original project was the organization of transportation for approximately 3000 children to the National Stadium for the Children's Pageant held in honour Archbishop Tutu.

Our Club policy that all Presidents must received a Paul Harris Award on the expiration of their year of service was implemented with two Paul Harris awards being sponsored by the Club for Past President Bill Agard, and incumbent President David Martin.

The Club also sponsored a Paul Harris award for Past President Everard Medina who had been Chairman of the Management Committee of the very successful Rotary District 405 Assembly and Conference held from 8th-11th My 1986 at the Hilton Hotel.

FUND RAISING

From year to year the Clubs Community Service projects remain much the same, but the methods of raising the funds to support these projects have varied considerably.

In the sixties, the Club raised money by selling tickets, at premium prices, for cinema shows, having purchased the rights to the performance from the cinema concerned. Care was taken to ensure that the motion picture would be a popular one. "El Cid" was the first, "Ben Hur" was another. The performances were gala affairs with the Governor General, Sir Solomon Hochoy, the Mayor of Port of Spain Dennis Mahabir, leading a fashionable audience.

The Defence Force band made it's first public appearance at the performance of "El Cid". Marching through the aisles of the cinema to the Stage with bugles and drums.

The late Rotarian Harry Segal, perhaps on of the finest fund raisers ever, approached large companies directly for donations under Deeds of Covenant for specific projects. This was the method used to fund the Princess-Elizabeth Home in the early eighties.

In recent years, the economic decline has make this approach less viable. Accordingly, fund raisers have resorted to more unorthodox methods. Rotarian David Lopez has achieved some renown in this field. His "local delites and auction night" on 6th December 1988 at Lion's Civic Centre with Chinese, Indian Afro/Creole and Arabic Delicacies was both a social and financial success raising \$9,300.00 in the process.

Rotarian Jeremy Matouk's very original celebrity cricket match which raised \$35,000 has been treated separately, and his "T" shirt project raised over \$9,000.00.

Rotarian Chand Bhaggan was also imaginative. In David Martin's year he organized a Carnival Bar sited in Cipriani Boulevard which raised \$5,000.00 and provided a lot of fun for those Rotarians who worked in or around the bar. There was also a wine and cheese party and action at Moka Golf Club which raised \$18,000.00.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

This annual Christmas event was originally organized by Bruce Mc Leod and Dr Ralph Hoyte as a Christmas musical offering to the People of the nation. Bruce Mc Leod has returned to his native Australia, but Dr Hoyte has continued his involvement.

The concert is held in the Botanical Gardens in front of the President's House. It includes carols, songs, parang, steelband and calypso.

Some performers have been Geraldine O'Conner, Juliet Eckel, Sandra Henderson, Kelvin Hutcheon, Lord Relator and many others.

Rotarians are always asked to assist on the evening of the show and Peter Knaggs, Bill Agard, Pat Anton, Trevor Fields, Paddy Padmanabhan, Lance Murray and David Quamina are among those who have given yeoman service over the years.

JOE RAMKISSOON PRESIDENT 1987/88

The Club was 30 years old in 1987.

Vice President Pat Anton was unable to accept the office of President because of pressure of work. Rotarian Joe Ramkissoon agreed to led the club in his place.

President Joe's team was:

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| President | - | Joe Ramkissoon |
| Past President | - | David Martin |
| Vice President | - | Victor Hart |
| Secretary | - | Brian Kuei Tung |
| Treasurer | - | Joseph Pounder |
| Community Service | - | Dave Lopez |
| Club Service | - | Carlyle Williams |
| Inter Service | - | Everard Medina |
| Vocational Service | - | Issac Mc Leod |
| Director | - | Anthony Alcazar |
| Sargeant-At-Arms | - | Percy Cezair |

During President Joe's year, Chuck Keller of USA was President of Rotary International, Virgil Pestana of the St Augustine Club was District Governor, and the Rotary International Polio Plus programme for the eradication of Polio from the earth was launched with Rotarian Ossie Hale as Chairman of District 405 Polio Plus Committee. Rotarian Everard Medina was appointed Supervisor of the seven clubs of Area 01 - Port of Spain (3), Arima (1), Sangre Grande (2), Tobago (1).

It was a busy year, with the Rotary Club of Port of Spain co-ordination a Group Study Exchange between Districts 405 and 658 of five young professionals led by rotarian Wayne Wallace of the Bloomington North Rotary Club. The St Augustine, Chaguanas, Point-A-Pierre, and tobago Clubs worked with the Rotary Club of Port of Spain in making this a very successful visit.

There was also a Youth Exchange Programme, with the Club hosting 25 students from Mt Vernon High School, New York. Rotarian Albert Pantin of St Augustine Club, and Rotarian Rafficul Ogeer of the Chaguanas Club, were of great assistance.

Rotarian Dave Lopez was outstanding in Community Service and was suitably thanked by President Joe in his handing over address.

"Community Service, under Rotarian Dave Lopez of the Rotary Club of Port of Spain, leads the way of Rotary in District 405, if not Rotary International

"Rotarian Dave Lopez did not do it all on his own and although I would not like to name all these hard-working Rotarians, how can I not mention the Father of the Year, Rotarian Peter Knaggs."

"It is most difficult to select an outstanding project. Which shall it be? For the Rotarians and Rotary-Anns who were present at the Interact club meeting, would it be the Formation of the Interact Club? You heard the type of programme these 14 to 18 year olds were contemplating; or would you consider the Rotary Games with over 400 children competing or the Road Safety Programme the happiness and smiles on the faces of the young and old when we sang Christmas carols and provided food and gifts to sick children at the Port of Spain General Hospital and the aged at the St James Medical Complex, or the visit by over forty (40) handicapped children to Tobago, or the Cricket for Polio-Plus".

In addition, Community Service contributed to:

- St Ann's/Cascade Life Centre
- St Vincent de Paul Society
- Immortelle Centre
- RC Presbytery, Matelot
- Paramin RC Primary School
- Carols by Candlelight
- Scout Association
- Blind Welfare Association
- Lady Hochoy Home
- Samaan House
- John Haynes Memorial Kidney Foundation

President Joe was also able to report success in the Club's Polio-Plus Programme:

"Our Polio-Plus Programme gained momentum and we have not only met our commitment for this year's but we have forwarded US \$11,000 with another \$11,000 en route and are well on the way to meeting our five-year commitment of US \$45,000.00".

For all of this, Rotarian Dave Lopez received the trophy for the Best Projects for 1987/88. The Immortelle Centre Scholarship and the Primary School Rotary Games were Continued s was the Picnic in Tobago for Handicapped children.

The Rotary Club of Port of Spain sponsored the Rotary Club of Point A Pierre.

A Scholarship was awarded to a young Grenadian, Norma Purcell, to pursue a Middle Management Course at the Trinidad and Tobago Hotel School at Chaguaramas.

A show "Vienna by Night" was attended by several dignitaries, including Prime Minister ANR Robinson, and an audience of some 1200 people, it was both a financial and artistic success.

One of the more unusual projects was a cricket match intended to raise funds towards the Club's Polio-Plus quota, a substantial US\$45,000.00. This project is described separately.

Of special importance was the formation of an Interact Club with an inaugural ceremony on 31st May 1988. Forty members, drawn from St Joseph's Convent and St Mary's College attended, and President Joe Ramkissoon presented a Certificate of Organization to the first President Julia Charles.

THE BAT

The Minutes of Monday 29th August, 1966 records:

"It was agreed that the weekly proceeds from the Bat would be accumulated and distributed to deserving charities bi-annually".

The Bat was used to collect fines levied by Sargeant-At-Arms. It was hollow, and there was an aperture through which the fines were deposited into its interior. It was secured with a lock and was ceremoniously opened after the Sargeant-At-Arms had done his duty. It was much larger than the conventional bat. It was used at meetings at the Queens Part Hotel.

It seems to have disappeared when the Club moved from the Queens Part Hotel, although Rotarian Ossie Hale says that he distinctly remembers it being at the Holiday Inn when the Club first moved its meetings to that location.

ROTARY CLUB OF PORT OF SPAIN
AND
POLIO PLUS

The Polio-Plus Campaign was initiated by Rotary International in the mid-eighties with the expressed goal of immunizing all of the world's children by 1990.

The six diseases targeted were Polio, Tuberculosis, Measles, Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus.

Rotary International's special commitment was to fight Polio.

- By providing all the polio vaccines needed for up to five years in any approved immunization program.
- By providing an expert team to help plan and implement an immunization campaign when invited.
- By rallying Rotarians of the targeted country to mobilize themselves and other elements of the private business and professional sectors to support the campaign.

The "Plus" in Polio Plus, represents Rotary's support of the World Health Organization's Expanded Program on Immunization as it seeks to immunize all the world's children against the six vaccine-preventable diseases of EPI. Occasionally Polio-Plus funds may purchase supplemental supplies of vaccines other than polio.

In early 1987, Past President of the Rotary Club of Port of Spain and Past District Governor, Ossie Hale, was appointed Chairman of District 405 Polio Plus Committee, and Past President, Everard Medina, was appointed area Co-ordinator of area No 01. This area included seven (7) clubs which were expected to raise \$67,500.00 for Polio Plus. Of this sum the Rotary Club of Port of Spain was raise \$45,000.00 over a five year period. In fact, the contribution asked of the Rotary Club of Port of Spain was 20% of the District 405 total of \$228,000. The next target contribution being \$15,000.00 each required of the Rotary Club of San Fernando and Point-A-Pitre.

The amount assigned to each Club was based on the record of donations given by the Club of Rotary Foundation. In the case of the Rotary Club of Port of Spain these donations were much higher than other clubs because of the generous contribution of Paul Harris Awards given by Past District Governor, Harry Segal, on behalf of the Club, and the decision to give annually, a Paul Harris Award of the outgoing President and another to the most outstanding Rotarian of his year taken by the Board of Directors in President's Waldo's Nunez's administration.

It was President Joe Ramkisson who faced the daunting task of raising the first years contribution, but after some initial debate as to the priority of Polio Plus over the Clubs more traditional commitments, succeeded in raising in one year US\$22,000.00 or 50% of the sum required to be raised five years, with US\$11,000.00 of this sum being sent to Rotary International with US\$11,000.00 en route.

By 30th June 1989 gifts to the International Polio-Plus Campaign paid in cash totalled \$179,241,545.

CRICKET FOR POLIO-PLUS
INTERNATIONAL CELEBRITY XI
VS
PALMS CRICKET CLUB
OVAL
MAY 15TH 1988

A particularly interesting project was a cricket match which saw cricket greats such as Ray Lindwall, Gary Sobers, Rohan Kanhai, Everton Weekes, Basil Butcher, Clive Lloyd, Farouk Engineer, Andy Roberts, Lance Gibbs, Wesley Hall, Charlie Griffith, Seymour Nurse, Budhi Kunderam, our own Larry Gomes, Ranjie Nanan and Brian Lara in a World Eleven vs palms Cricket Club Eleven. To even things out, some of the world eleven played on the Palms Cricket side and vice versa. A great time was had by all.

It was an exercise in nostalgia for cricket fans especially for those who remembered the great days and great matches played by those wonderful test cricketers. All credit to Rotarian Jeremy Matouk and his organizing team of Gerry Gomez, Lance Murray, Peter Clarke, William Lucie-Smith, Tony Alcazar, Richard Heath, Bill Agard, Joe Ramkissoo, Paul-Keens Douglas, Frank De Silva, Sir Martin Berthoud, and Roy Watts, and all the others who helped in his original and ambitious project. It was reported that cricket greats Gerry Gomez and Lance Murray were very grateful that they were not called upon to play in the match.

STUDENTS FROM GRENADA

In 1989, the Club as part of it's Youth Exchange Programme undertook to sponsor the education of two Grenadian youths at Educational institutions in Trinidad and Tobago.

In 1984 the Club wrote Mr. A Munroe, President of the Rotary Club in Grenada, relative to on Mr. Gregory Robinson, a student whose education at the John S. Donaldson Technical Institute the Club agreed to sponsor.

Mr. Robinson successful completed his course in plumbing and returned to Grenada.

In 1986 the Rotary Club of Grenada chose Norma Purcell of Champeleur St Davids, Grenada, for the other scholarship. The Grenada Club requested that Miss Purcell be allowed to study Hotel Management and on September 1st 1989 Miss Purcell began her first semester. She completed the course in July 1989.

PORT OF SPAIN ROTARY GAMES

The first Port of Spain Rotary Games was held in 1983, and consisted of the Club sponsoring seventy-two Primary Schools in Port of Spain and it's environs in competition in a wide variety of sporting activities at the National Stadium.

Sponsorship consisted of meeting the expenses of the games, prizes, medals, refreshments, etc.

The sponsorship, with a break in the mid-eighties, continues today. The games have become the training ground for young athletes some of whom go on to achieve athlete distinction at Secondary School, National, Regional and International levels.

Some indications of the Scale of Rotary involvement is given in the attached circular calling for support for the 1989 games.

ROTARY GAMES 1989
THURSDAY 4TH MAY, 1989
9:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.
NATIONAL STADIUM

Rotary Games 1989 is exactly one month away. Not much time to raise the Cash and/or items listed hereunder. Your help is urgently required to ensure the continued success of the annual project.

Items Needed

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| Challenge Trophy (plus nine miniatures -non returnable) | - CA Jacelon |
| Starting Pistol Shots | - G Gomez |
| Publicity Fliers (300) | - D Martin |
| Programmes | - C Alleyne |
| Hops (500 and preparations) - <u>Sponsor Required</u> | |
| Cheese (250 slices) | - A Alcazar |
| Ham (250 slices) | - Albrosco Ltd |
| Jerseys (80 for officials) | - J Johnson |
| Chewing gums | - A Proudfoot |
| Drinks (refreshment approximately 600) <u>Sponsor Required for balance of 300</u> | - D Martin (300) |

Budget

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| 80 sets medals (Gold, Silver, Bronze - @ 7.50 per set less 25% discount) | - | 1,050 |
| 3 Poster prizes | - | 300 |
| 80 Boxed lunches (part sponsored - 50% Kentucky) | - | 480 |
| 50 lunches @ \$20 | - | 1,000 |
| 10 Trophies (Victor/Victrix Ludorum x 5) | - | 600 |
| 320 Rotary Buttons | - | 960 |
| | TOTAL | 4,390 |

Cash Donations Pledged

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| ALGICO | | 600 |
| CALICO | | 500 |
| | SUB TOTAL | 1,100 |
| | REQUIRED | 3,290 |

Please indicate to Rotarians A Jacelon, P Knaggs, J Johnson or M Callender as soon as possible, what form your contribution is going to take, whether cash or kind.

GUEST SPEAKERS

The Club has a long tradition of distinguished guest speakers. In its thirty two year history, there have been many, many, speakers - Prime Ministers, Presidents, Diplomats, Ministers of Government, Members of Parliament, Politicians, labour Leaders, Professionals from all avenues of endeavour, businessmen and beauty queens.

The late Dr Eric Williams, when Prime Minister, used this forum to put forward his energy policy; Government Ministers Ken Gordon Ramesh Deosarn and our own Selby Wilson, eminent bureaucrats Frank Barsotti, William Demas and Dr Elizabeth Quamina, wife of our own Dr Quamina. Ambassadors Dr Melvin Evans, USA, and Paul Le Berge of Canada, have all spoken to the Club. Father Gerald Pantin of Servol, Therese Mills of the Press, and Janelle "Penny" Commissiong, our own Miss Universe, all contributed to the rich kaleidoscope of ideas and opinions to which the Club members have been exposed over the years.

HANDING-OVER DINNER

In recent years the Club's Annual Handing-Over Dinner has been held at the Trinidad Union Club. It takes the form of an open bar for pre-dinner drinks followed by a sumptuous meal in the decorated main dining hall of the Club served with an appropriate wine.

This elegant function is well attended by Rotarians accompanied by their wives and, in many instances, by friends and relatives. The President of the Republic and his wife, incoming Presidents of other Clubs and their wives and the District Governor or his representative and wife, and invited guests of the Club are also in attendance.

The menu for the 28th June 1987 Handing-Over Dinner is a good indication of the fare offered Rotarians on such a gala occasion.

DINNER MENU

Rolls and Butter
Fm Soup
or
Crab Back

.....
Fillet of Beef Wellington
With Mushroom Sauce
or
Fillet Vegetable Saute

.....
Tropical Tossed Salad
Vinegrette Dressing

.....
Pineapple Ice Box Cake

.....
Coffee
After Dinner Mint

VICTOR HART . PRESIDENT 1988/89

President Victor's theme for the year was "Reach out with Rotary Service" and his governing body was as follows:

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| President | - Victor Hart |
| Vice President | - Hugh Williams |
| Secretary | - Brian Kuei Tung |
| Treasurer | - Frank Tamer |
| Club Service | - Peter Knaggs |
| Inter Service | - Philip Saunders |
| Community Service | - Anthony Jacelon |
| Vocational Service | - Dave Lopez |
| Director | - Percy Cezair |
| Past President | - Joe Ramkissoon |
| Sargeant-At-Arms | - Jeremy Matouk |

The Rotary Year 1988-1989 saw Royce Abbey of Australia as President of Rotary International with the theme "Put Life into Rotary-Your Life". Earle Johnson of Dominica was District Governor of District 405. The year also saw the introduction of women in Rotary when in January 1989 the international constitution was amended to remove the male only provision which existed thereto.

At the end of President Victor's year the Club numbered 80 members. Rotarian CK Johnson, who gave yeoman service to the Club in the field of youth, died during the year.

Vocational Service Committee under Rotarian Dave Lopez, arranged lectures on Career opportunities for "A" level students of St Joseph Convent and Bishop Anstey High School and Rotary Recognition Awards for Vocational Excellence were introduced. The first awards were given to Dr Milton Mc Dowal, a medical doctor, and Mr OE Romilly, a primary school teacher.

Rotarians Carlyle Bosland and Bob Singh did the engineering work in the design of a Jogging Track around the Queen's Park Savannah at the invitation of Mr Ken Gordon, Minister of Industry, Enterprise and Tourism.

Community Service Committee, with Rotarian Anthony Jacelon, continued with the Primary School Games, the handicapped children picnic to Tobago and the Immortelle Center scholarships. In addition, medical equipment from the Rotary Club of St Catherine, Canada, was distributed to local institutions such as Princess Elizabeth Centre and Corpus Christi Home.

Mike Callender and Dave Lopez worked with the Interact Club. The Club's support of Interact included sponsorship of two members to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (Ryla Workshop) held in Barbados.

President Victor announced a project which would be inherited by the new administration, it was the introduction to Trinidad and Tobago of a Medical Alert Programme to assist individuals to identify any special medical problems by wearing an internationally recognized amulet or necklet. The Club also recognized the presence of Aids in the society by appointing to set up a Trust for the collection and disbursement of financial donations.

The Club members received recognition certificates from District Governor Earle Johnson at the District Convention in St Kitts for outstanding work in their respective committees viz:

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| Jeremy Matouk | - Club Service |
| Michael Callender | - Community Service |
| Dave Lopez | - Vocational Service |

At the Club's Hand-Over Dinner a Paul Harris Fellow was conferred on Lionel St Aubyn, one of the Club's oldest members, for his 48 years of public service in the fields of sport and literature. Outgoing President Victor was also made a Paul Harris Fellow for his services to the Club.

The close of President Victor's year saw Rotary in 165 countries of the world with 24,081 Clubs with 1,066,850 members in 465 districts. There were also 4,061 Rotaract Clubs with a membership of 93,518 in 90 countries and 5,789 Interact Clubs with a membership of 127,358 in 87 countries. In every 4 Rotarians was a Paul Harris Fellow with 356,576 Paul Harris Fellow on the rolls.

GEORGE STEVENS — IMPRESARIO

Rotarian George Stevens, Senior Active, Paul Harris Fellow, and a member of the Club for decades. He was never President but served on the Board a few times.

He was a Chartered Quantity Surveyor profession but served the Club over the years in the capacity of Impresario, bringing to The Trinidad entertainment scene such International performers as the Canadian Guitarist Leona Boyd, the Pianists, Thomas Mc Intosh, Ray Luck, Karen Ottenstein; Olga Palacio billed as an Argentinian Classical Pianist; and the Martinez Zarate Guitar Quartet.

Not only did these performances raise funds for the club's charities, they also contributed in no small way to the cultural life of the country.

At the Karen Ottenstein concert, the performer, a young woman, was asked why she had elected to play something as difficult as Beethoven's Appassionata Sonata to what was a small, though select and enthusiastic audience.

Her reply was that she owed her best performance to her audience, large or small. Truly a Rotarian remark.

George passed away in 1990.

ELS "BUSTER" ROBERTSON

Rotarian "Buster" Robertson retired from active practice of surgery, and from the "Rotary Club of Port of Spain" and went to live in the UK.

An excellent sportsman as a young man "Buster" graduated from Aberdeen University and returned to Trinidad in 1949 already a specialist in surgery with special interest in Orthopaedics and Plastics.

A polio epidemic in 1957 with milder recurrence in 1959 firmly established The Princess Elizabeth Home for Physically handicapped children as a center of excellence for rehabilitation, Rotarian Buster worked hard to achieve this, and the Rotary Club of Port of Spain gave generously of cash and expertise for the establishing of an operating theater suite, still very much a state of the art.

ELS "BUSTER" ROBERTSON

His other achievements among many were the starting of a scoliosis program at The Princess Elizabeth Home, and facilities for the treatment of cerebral palsy.

He was awarded the Chaconia Medal of the Order of Trinity for his contribution to surgery, and nominated for a Paul Harris fellow by his Fellow Rotarians.

ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE (DISTRICT 405)

The Rotary District Conference of May 1st to 4th 1991 held at the Trinidad Hilton Hotel was attended by 301 Rotarians and 145 Rotary Annes and other guests. Of this number 135 Rotarians and 28 Rotary Annes were from Trinidad and Tobago. From Overseas, the largest contingents came from Barbados (24), Guadeloupe (22), and Martinique (16).

From Trinidad and Tobago, Point-A-Pierre Club (16), San Juan (15), and St Augustine (15) headed the list. Port of Spain Club had 13 delegates.

The Conference broke new ground.

a) In the number of French speakers in the persons of:

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| Mr Mohammed Benmedjoub | - | Rotary International President, Special Representative Morocco. |
| Mr Laurent Chazal | - | Past District Governor Paris. |
| Mr Emile Leger | - | District Governor Representative Fort-De-France. |
| Mr Guy Roblin | - | Incoming President Fort-DeFrance. |

b) In attempting too complete all work in the morning.

These aims were to some extent contradictory. There was not sufficient translation equipment for the over 200 English speakers, as a result the Conference had to resort to consecutive translation, this prolonged the meetings, and led to late lunches.

The content of the Conference was topical and ranged from discussions on the impact of the emerging European Community on Caribbean Markets by Laurent Chazal, to discussions on the Environment by Dr Mike O'Carrol WHO, Dr Chalmers FAO, and our own Eden Shand MP.

The Conference failed to elect a District Governor for 1992/93 because of a dispute in respect of a nomination was deemed to be late by District Governor Val Mohabir. This led to a heated debate at the end of which both Fred Lam, previously nominated, and Rotarian Neville Grosvenor, the Barbadian nominee, declined to accept office. A past District Governor's Committee was appointed to solve the impasse. Fred Lam was eventually elected for 1992/93.

All indications are that the Conference was a financial success.

It was a busy for Rotary. With the District 405 Conference being held at the Hilton Hotel from May 1st to 4th again under the Chairmanship of Rotarian Everard Medina.

HUGH WILLIAMS . PRESIDENT 1989/90

Rotarian Hugh had served in many offices before becoming President, he was Secretary under President Carlton Robinson 1981/82 and also in 1982/83 under President Everard Medina but was always too busy to shoulder the responsibility of the Club until now.

His team was:

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| President | - | Hugh Williams |
| Past President | - | Victor Hart |
| Vice-President | - | Anthony Jacelon |
| Secretary | - | Dave Lopez |
| Treasurer | - | Frank Tamer |
| Sargeant-at-Arms | - | Noble Beharry |

Directors:

| | | |
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| Club Service | - | Joe Ramkissoon |
| Inner Service | - | Phillip Saunders |
| Vocational Service | - | Jeremy Matouk |
| Community Service | - | Brian Kuei Tung |
| Director | - | Michael Callender |

This was the year that the winds of change began to sweep Eastern Europe. This was recognized by the International Service Committee which organized addresses by the West German Ambassador, Joachim Vogel, who gave the German perspective, and Dr Herbert Addoo reader in the Department of International Relations of UWI, St Augustine Campus on the implications of these changes on the Caribbean and third world countries.

There was an International Dinner held at the Trinidad Country Club on November 24th 1989 which attracted a large attendance. Unfortunately, as a result of such overwhelming support, the supply of dinner was insufficient, causing some embarrassment, the organization committee reported a surplus of \$30,132.00 and the club resolved to learn from this experience.

community Service was active with a commissioning of the Woodbrook playground, a project ably handled by Rotarian Colin Edghill. As well as ongoing projects:

The Port of Spain Primary School Rotary Games on 21st April.

The Annual outing for handicapped children.

The Carols by candlelight.

The Children and Senior Citizens Christmas Party.

Minister Eden Shand spoke on "Tropical Forests - Why All The Fuss".

An interesting project was the collection of books for the Trinidad Public Library Children's Section. The books were deposited at Kentucky's Fried Chicken outlets.

Vocational Service organized an Educational Fora with Dr Anna Mahase and Sister Paul D'Ornellas among the prominent contributors, the Fora dealt with the academic curriculum of the country, Rotarian Jeremy Matouk was commended for this excellent programme.

Among other projects was a trip to the Eric Williams Science Complex at Mount Hope, arranged for some students of St Joseph Convent.

Club Service held a Family Day at the Wild Fowl Trust.

ANTHONY JACELON .PRESIDENT (1990/91)

Anthony (Tony) Jacelon was President-Elect of the Club for the year 1982/83, but was unable to accept the Presidency because of this being appointed a Senator and Minister of Government by the ruling People's National Movement, a position in which he served until 1986.

The Board of Directors for that year was:

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| President | - Anthony Jacelon |
| Past President | - Hugh Williams |
| President Elect | - Brian Kuei Tung |
| Secretary | - Vivian Kangalee |
| Treasurer | - Chand Bhaggan |
| Club Service | - Anthony Alcazar |
| Community Service | - Michael Callender |
| Vocational Service | - Clyde Alleyne |
| International Service | - Jeremy Matouk |
| Sargeant-at-Arms | - Noble Beharry |
| Other | - Jose Ramkissoon |

Dr Mitra Sinnanan was appointed Editor of "Spoke" and his innovative "For your reading pleasure" column, which explored the worlds of Anthropology, Medical History and Architecture, adding zest to the usually staid Rotary publication. "The Great Frog War" "Prehistoric Stew" and "Squirrels on the March" are examples of the articles which gave Rotarians reading pleasure together with selected poems, Rudyard Kipling's "If", Tennyson's "The Brook", and Gray's "Elegy in a country churchyard" to enliven and lend a literary touch to our luncheon meetings.

At the end of his year of office President Tony reviewed the performance of the club. The review was summarized in "Spoke" of July 2nd 1991 as follows:

1. There were 46 lunch meetings; 13 board meetings including one joint board meeting and one assembly.
2. Lunch meeting averaged 71%.
3. Membership now stands at 72.
4. Richard Nunez headed the Tobago outing for the handicapped children.

5. Gordon Deane took competent charge of the Primary Schools Rotary Games.
6. During the Christmas season, we had "Carols by Candlelight" and Christmas cheer for the children of St Anns and Port of Spain General Hospital and the Old Folks of the St James Infirmary.
7. We assisted PAHO with staging its 5K run.
8. We had a library project to collect children's books. \$6,000 was collected.
9. The Summer Apprenticeship program has been finalized for this year.
10. Career guidance lectures were organized for Port of Spain Secondary Schools.

Plus ca Change, plus c'est la meme chose

Minutes - July 25th 1966

"In order that the luncheon meetings should not continue later than 1:30 p.m. the Chairman should request participants to exceed their estimated times".

September 3, 1982 - Letter from C Robinson to Waldo Nunez. Chairman Club Service Committee:

"I enclose for your attention a self-explanatory letter which I have received from Peter Howard relative to our plans to have a display sign of the meeting days to the Rotary Clubs of Trinidad and Tobago at Piarco Airport".

Minutes - November 15th 1982

"The Murray Street playground", said Peter, "is in a state of disrepair. The City Mayor has been spoken to about this".

Directors Meeting - June 1961: Request for donation for Swanston Home for the Blind

Captain Miles read correspondence indicating that a raffle had failed with resulting losses to the sponsors. The Rotary Club was called upon to help make good the deficit. Here again, it was felt that such was not the purpose of the Club, and that by giving money, it would encourage such requests for aid to multiply in future. The director re-affirmed that Rotary's function was to raise funds for Rotary projects through active participation by the membership. Captain Miles to advise those concerned.

Speech by Percy Cezair - Club Meeting February 2, 1982

"On a dollar for dollar basis our incomes are now on par and in some cases higher than developed countries. I include all income here. In those countries, incomes over the last three years rose an average 6.9%, 7% below their average rate of inflation, our incomes have been rising at an annual rate of 29.6%, 11% above our average inflation rate. We now have a labor intensive high wage, high cost economy.

Minutes - November 28th 1966

Clinton (Wharton) suggested the appointment of a Club Historian and it was agreed to ask Courtney Hitchins to undertake the work.

Minutes - January 9th 1967

"President Gerald (Montes De Oca) promised to follow up with Clinton Wharton the matter of someone writing a history of the Club".

Minutes - February 28th 1967

Jimmy Lee Lum undertook to check with Courtney Hitchins and Neil Lau regarding the writing of the History of the Club. Roland De Verteuil advised that Gordon New had left some papers with him which may be useful in compiling the History of the Club, and he undertook to pass them on to Courtney Hitchins.

1970

Jack Wise took over from Courtney Hitchins, the task of compiling a History of the Port of Spain Club.

As at June 30th, 1989 there were seventy seven (77) members of the Rotary Club of Port of Spain. They were:

| <u>Names</u> | <u>Joined</u> <u>Rotary</u> <u>IN</u> | |
|---------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| William Agard | | |
| Anthony Alcazar | 1974 | Paul Harris Fellow-Past Pres. |
| Clyde Alleyne | 1983 | |
| Hamil Ameerli | 1988 | |
| Kenneth P Anderson | 1971 | |
| Patrick Anton | 1988 | |
| Ulric Asiu | 1981 | |
| Noble Beharry | 1974 | |
| Sir Martin Berthoud | 1986 | |
| Chand R Bhaggan | 1982 | |
| Carlyle Bosland | 1986 | |
| Horace Broomes | 1981 | |
| Michael Callender | 1989 | |
| Percy Cezair | 1985 | |
| Anthony Cherry | 1965 | Paul Harris Fellow-Past Pres. |
| Peter Clarke | 1988 | |
| Bertram Commissiong | 1986 | |
| Ramesh Deosaran | 1984 | |
| Frank De Silva | 1988 | |
| Fernand Domon | 1988 | |
| Colin Edghill | 1986 | |
| Ignatius Ferreira | 1988 | |
| Max Ferreira | 1969 | |
| Trevor Fields | 1964 | |
| Phillip Gittens | 1964 | |
| Vernon Glean | 1975 | |
| Gerald Gomez | 1983 | |
| Osmond Hale | 1957 | Paul Harris Fellow-Past Pres. |
| Victor Hart | 1967 | Paul Harris Fellow-Past Pres. |
| John Hunt | 1980 | Paul Harris Fellow-Past Pres. |
| Geoffrey Inglefield | 1979 | |
| Peter Inglefield | 1957 | Paul Harris Fellow-Past Pres. |
| Anthony Jacelon | 1988 | |
| Walton James | 1974 | President 1990/91. |
| James Johnson | 1975 | |
| Vivan Kangalee | 1989 | |
| Paul Keens-Douglas | 1970 | Paul Harris Fellow-Past Pres. |
| Peter Knaggs | 1987 | |
| Brian Kuei Tung | 1975 | Paul Harris Fellow-Past Pres. |
| Neil Lau | 1985 | President 1991/92 |
| James Lee Lum | 1957 | Paul Harris Fellow-Past Pres. |
| David Lopez | 1959 | |
| | 1985 | |

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| William Lucie-Smith | 1988 | |
| Dennis Mahabir | 1960 | Paul Harris Fellow-Past Pres. |
| Trevor Marshall | 1978 | |
| David Martin | 1981 | Paul Harris Fellow-Past Pres. |
| Jeremy Matouk | 1986 | President 1992/93 |
| Isaac Mc Leod | 1984 | |
| Everard Medina | 1976 | Paul Harris Fellow-Past Pres. |
| Lance Murray | 1961 | Paul Harris Fellow-Past Pres. |
| Prem Narwani | 1957 | |
| John Newell-Lewis | 1965 | |
| Waldo Nunez | 1972 | Paul Harris Fellow-Past Pres. |
| Paddy Padmanabhan | 1984 | |
| Charles Pennycooke | 1983 | |
| Joseph Pounder | 1984 | |
| Anthony Proudfoot | 1986 | |
| David Quamina | 1965 | Paul Harris Fellow-Past Pres. |
| Hemraj Ramdath | 1985 | |
| Kristendath Ramkissoon | 1981 | Paul Harris Fellow-Past Pres. |
| Vinda Ramsingh | 1987 | |
| Carlton Robinson | 1972 | Paul Harris Fellow-Past Pres. |
| Neil Sammy | 1981 | |
| Philip Saunders | 19 | |
| Mitra Sinnanan | 1987 | |
| Baldeo Singh | 1977 | |
| Jeewan Singh | 19 | |
| George Stevens | 1959 | Paul Harris Fellow |
| Hans Stetcher | 1959 | |
| Lionel St Aubyn | 1972 | Paul Harris Fellow |
| Frank Tamer | 1986 | |
| David Toby | 1988 | |
| Albert Tom Yew | 1980 | |
| Roy Watts | 1986 | |
| Carlyle Williams | 19 | |
| Hugh Williams | 1980 | |
| Selby Wilson | 1980 | President 1989/90 |

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