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The Rotary Club of Princes Town

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PEOPLE OF ACTION

DONATION OF FURNITURE AND APPLIANCE

On Sunday April 18th, 2021 our club was glad to assist Ms. Natalie Thomas with a new 4 burner stove, bed and mattress. These items were received as donations from Ms. Rohanee Maraj and Mr. Bhola Rampersad, and the Club gladly passed it on to this family in need, a single mother of two children.

Their house suffered fire damages 2 years ago and she has struggled to make it habitable enough to return home. The Rotary Club of Princes Town is always willing and ready to receive donations which are used to assist those in need, especially during this Covid-19 Pandemic, when many families have to cut back.



ST. VINCENT DISASTER RELIEF

The Rotary Club of Princes Town partnered with the Rotary Clubs of Maraval, San Fernando South and Point-a-Pierre to send 5000 disposable masks and one truck load of Blue Waters equivalent to 1,040 cases of water to our neighbouring island, St Vincent as part of the relief effort to aid its citizens in the aftermath of the La Soufrière volcanic eruption. These items were part of the immediate needs list provided by the National Emergency Management Organization of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Special thanks to our President Rishi Ramlogan for coordinating this effort and to all the Presidents and Clubs for this relief effort. Every little contribution will assist and provide relief to our Caribbean brothers and sisters during this time.



EARTH DAY

This year 2021 marks the 51st anniversary of the annual Earth Day celebrations with the theme 'Restore Our Earth.' With social distancing still in place for many of us, Earth Day had gone digital to include virtual events such as environmental lectures and films. Of course, social distancing doesn't mean that you can't go outside and enjoy nature, as long as you do so responsibly. As such, on April 22nd, Rotarians and family members took the time to do some tree planting exercises and disposal of plastic bottles.



WHEELCHAIR AND HAMPER DISTRIBUTION

On Sunday May 2nd 2021 our club donated a wheel chair to Mr. Steve Rampersad who resides with his wife Anganie Rampersad and their daughter, at Harry John Trace, St. Julien, together with a Food Hamper.

Mr. Rampersad is 56 years old, suffers from a stroke, has diabetes and high blood pressure. Due to personal financial constraints and serious health problems, our Club was glad to assist this family in need. Thanks to our Services Projects Team and President Rishi for distributing these items. Photo was edited for personal reasons.



HAMPER DISTRIBUTION

On May 6th our Club was glad to present to Miss Marissa Lall a food hamper to assist her with much needed grocery supplies. Miss Lalla is a single mother with two children who resides at Fairfield Princes Town, and has been unemployed since the first lockdown. Our President was at hand to present same.

Photo was blurred for personal reasons.

On June 8th 2021 our Service Projects Director Michael, delivered a much needed food hamper to Mrs. Lystra Cooper Parris from Fairfield. Mr. Parris had emergency brain surgery last year and has not worked since then nor does Mrs. Cooper.

All safety protocols were strictly adhered to, following the necessary guidelines. The work of our Club never stops, more so ever in these trying difficult times where food distribution to the less fortunate in our society is of paramount importance.



HAPPY 28TH ANNIVERSARY!

I am proud to stand with our Club in celebrating our 28th anniversary. I pay full respect to those charter members, sponsors and District personnel who on May 7th 1993 provided the necessary layout for chartering our club. I am proud to follow in the footsteps of the esteemed past presidents of our club who have assisted the community in so many ways. As we reflect and celebrate our 28 years of achievements, leadership development, fellowship and educational support; we must be thankful for the support of our partners in service for their dedication and commitment. Our gratitude goes out to our sponsors, supporters and many volunteers who have made these 28 years of service possible.

2020 has proven beyond the shadow of a doubt that no matter what atrocities face our world, we have committed members who share the common bond to assist the community and we have gone above and beyond to ensure that our work has benefitted the community.

It is a privilege for me to lead the Club in this the 28th year and I look forward to celebrating next year's anniversary where we can be in person post pandemic.

May our Club grow in strength

Yours in Rotary

Rishi Ramlogan

President 2020-2021.



RADIO COMMUNICATION IN DISASTER RELIEF

As a spinoff from the recognition of the month of May as National Disaster Prevention and Preparedness month, on 16th June 2021, RCPT had the benefit of learning from featured guest speakers: Mr. Jeff Chandler, Amateur Radio Operator, EmComm Specialist, EmComm Manager with Trinidad and Tobago Radio Society and Mr. Ravindranath Goswami, President of Radio Emergency Associated Communications Team of Trinidad and Tobago (REACT TT) Council.

Amateur Radio is subject to regulation at the national and international levels. Amateur radio operators aid their communities not only in the circumstance of community events but also in disaster response. REACT TT is a local network of committed professionals who aim to assist their communities in the event of an emergency or disaster by sharing information using amateur radio communications.

Among the most notable points which the membership was able to glean from the speakers that so impactful is the utility of radio communication in the event of a natural or manmade disaster is that it forms a part of the National Emergency Communications Plan. The reason for this is because radio communication can boast that it is not infrastructure dependent. Therefore, in the event of a national disaster which destroys the infrastructure which supports telecommunications, internet or cellular communications then radio communication would nevertheless be fully functional since it does not depend on infrastructure but by the transmitting and receiving of electromagnetic waves across the radio wave spectrum.

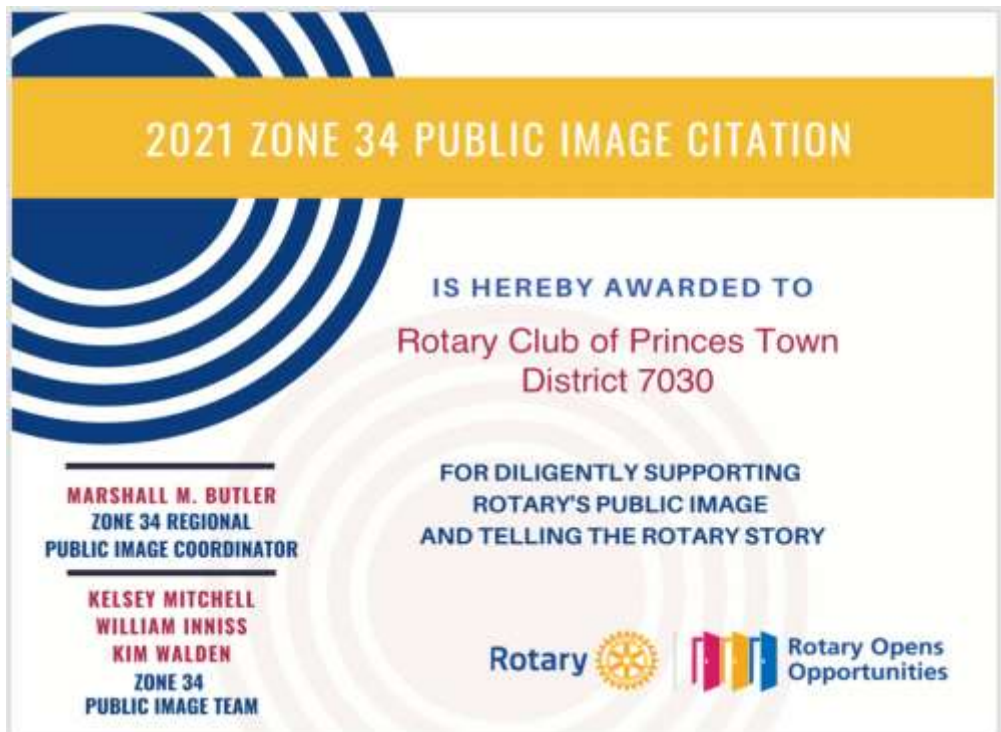
The membership also learned of the role of radio communications in the wake of the disaster caused by Hurricane Ivan, a category 5, in Grenada in 2004 and later by Hurricane Emily in 2005. The club also learned about role which radio communication recently played in transmitting information out of St. Vincent following the eruption of La Soufriere in April 2021. Members posed several questions to the expert guests; all of which were provided apposite answers.

RCPT takes the opportunity to express its sincere gratitude to Mr. Chandler and Mr. Goswami for so generously sharing their time and expertise and look forward to future opportunities to collaborate.

PUBLIC IMAGE CITATION FOR 2020-2021

Congratulations to our Club on achieving the 2021 Public Image Citation under the leadership of President Rishi. Thanks to our PR Director Rudranath and his team, as we continue to promote our Club's works and events through the various social media platforms, print and electronic media.

Our Club also achieved Rotary Citation also referred to as the Presidential Citation award, having met the goals and criteria established by the RI President.



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