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JOINT DIVALI CELEBRATION AT NAMASTE INDIA



The Rotary Club of Princes Town together with eight other Rotary Clubs joined the Rotary Club of Felicity/Charlieville at their Divali Celebration at the Namaste India Restaurant in Freeport on Tuesday October 3, 2017.

President Geeta Lakhan of Felicity/Charlieville welcomed all Rotarians and their guests who partook of the delicious authentic Indian buffet provided by the restaurant. President Bashir Mohammed brought Divali greetings from our Club together with the Presidents of all Clubs represented at the event. Also present were all Assistant District Governors for Trinidad and greetings were given on behalf of them by ADG Rabindra Outar.

Guests were entertained by the wonderful dances and serenaded by the melodious voice of Dale Ramjattan, lead singer of the Band Dil Se. Pundit Gajendra Kumar gave the feature address on the meaning of Divali and the program culminated with the lighting of deyas by all Presidents and Assistant District Governors of the Rotary Clubs.



Above Left: Dale Ramjattan serenades the audience

Above Right: Rotarian Crystal receives her raffle prize

Left: Presidents and Assistant District Governors with their deyas before proceeding outside to light the rest of the deyas.



COMMUNITY DIVALI CELEBRATION



In keeping with Rotary's 2017/2018 theme of "Making a difference", the Rotary Club of Princes Town partnered with the Jones Street Community to celebrate Divali on Saturday October 14th, 2017. It was indeed a perfect night for lighting deyas, with the blanket of stars above and the warm and welcoming atmosphere in Jones Street, Garth Road, Williamsville.

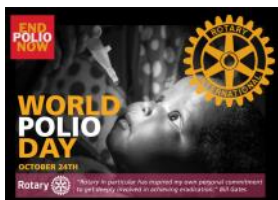
The evening was dedicated to a late member of the community, Lawrence Gayadeen who was an active member of the Village Council, with his wife collecting a beautiful token on his behalf. The celebration started from 4:00 pm with the Puja officiated by Pundit Rohidass, followed by the lightening of deyas at 6:00pm. It was a compact programme that captured the crowd's attention. The program was conducted by the youth group where attendees were treated to Bhajans, Invocational Dances, Poems, Tassa, Modelling of beautiful Indian wear, Pick a Pan game, a three-act skit and crowning of Junior and Senior Raja and Rani.

President Bashir Mohammed spoke on the significance of Divali and wished the community Shubh Divali after which Councillor Ms. Vashti Sookhoo thanked the Rotary Club of Princes Town for assisting in the funding of the Divali celebration and distribution of twenty hampers to needy families in the community. Rotarian Capildeo also sang one of his favourite Bhajans whilst Rotarian Rhea selected the Junior and Senior Raja and Rani from the crowd. Guests enjoyed a tasty dinner of paratha roti, curry channa, pumpkin, bodi, curry mango and traditional sweets such as kurma and barfi.

The evening was well attended by the community who left at the end of the program very contented that the values and traditions of the community would be continued in the good hands of the younger generation.



POLIO EXHIBITION AT GULF CITY MALL



In recognition of World Polio Day on October 24th 2017, The Rotary Club of Princes Town embarked on a drive to inform the public of Rotary International's participation in the eradication of Polio. The event took place at Gulf City Mall, San Fernando from 3:00 pm where the Rotary Club of Princes Town joined live streaming of World Polio Day festivities at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation at Downtown Seattle, Washington U.S.A.

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for over 30 years, and continues to do so until the world is polio free. Only 11 new cases have been reported so far in 2017, located in the areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan. The upcoming movie "Breathe" is based on the true story of a polio survivor who became an advocate for others starring Claire Foy and Andrew Garfield.

Rotarians and their Partners-in-Service shared knowledge verbally to shoppers at Gulf City Mall regarding Rotary worldwide; our Club's involvement in the eradication of Polio and information on how to join Rotary and become a Rotarian. Later that evening Rotarian Seunarine Sanmook graciously hosted the Club's fellowship and meeting at his boardroom, overlooking the beautiful City of San Fernando.



JOINT DISASTER MEDICAL RELIEF

Four Rotary Clubs of The South Cluster District 7030 which includes Penal, San Fernando South, Pointe a Pierre and Princes Town collaborated in assisting the recently affected residences of Avocat, Penal, San Francique and Barrackpore, following the recent severe flooding in these areas.

Now in the aftermath of the severe flooding and in the midst of cleanup activities, the Rotary Clubs mobilized its members and supporters to provide assistance in the form of distributing clean up supplies, basic medical supplies such as vitamins, cold & cough syrup, anti-itch cream and personal hygiene kits to the affected residences. The Rotarians, Interactors and Partners-in-Service assembled at the home of Rotarian PDG Stephen Ramroop on Saturday, October 28, 2017 to pack the items for distribution.

On Sunday October 29, 2017 the Rotary Club members gathered to conduct the distribution of the items as well as Rotarian Dr. Carlyn Rajnarinesingh who volunteered her medical expertise and went door to door offering medical services to some residents in Barrackpore area.





TEA DAZZLE AT HYATT REGENCY



The Rotary Club of Princes Town hosted its “signature fund-raiser” – its annual Tea & Fashion Show 8 on 5th November, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Port of Spain. The event was well attended by friends, family and supporters of Rotary causes which includes: Promoting peace, fighting diseases, providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene to communities, saving mothers and children, supporting education and growing local economies.

The event was opened by a live rendition of the National Anthem on steelpan, played by Kyle Ali, the son of the Club’s President–Elect, Terry Ali. President Bashir Mohammed welcomed the guests and delivered a brief synopsis on the purpose of Rotary Foundation and the works of Rotary locally and internationally. Radio personality Maria Sawh and comedian Kenneth Supersad were our hosts for the afternoon. Our guests were serenaded by the melodious voices of Quattro Musica, Folk Dance performances by Interactor Kyla Horsford and the Artistic Dance Theatre, Belly Dancing by Raeanna Ramdhanie and modelling by Kids of Rotary whilst enjoying the sumptuous tea plates provided by Hyatt.

Featured fashion houses included Charu Lochan Dass, Zadd & Eastman, Kids Zone, Daronte, She Rocks and Judy’s Formal & Bridal. Their designs were showcased by the beautiful and elegant House of Jacqui models. In addition to the numerous door prizes, our patrons vied for the fabulous raffle prizes sponsored by Florida Prime Properties, Caribbean Airlines, Magdalena Grand, Tradewinds Hotel and Madame Maharaj School of Cosmetology.

The Rotary Club of Princes Town would like to extend its sincerest thanks to all of the gracious sponsors who contributed in a most tangible way in making this event a success and by extension making a difference in people’s lives.



OUR NEW ROTARIAN

On November 8th 2017 the Rotary Club of Princes Town inducted Nazim Mohammed into the Rotary family whose classification is Education – University.

Nazim has a PHD in organic chemistry from McGill University and is currently an Assistant Professor at the University of Trinidad and Tobago. He had been attending weekly meetings for the past weeks and shown tremendous interest in becoming a Rotarian.

Nazim was pinned by Assistant District Governor Vilma Bellamy. The Rotary Club of Princes Town welcomes Nazim to our Club and look forward to working together to making a difference in people's lives.



Above: Nazim Mohammed being pinned by Assistant District Governor Vilma Bellamy

THE FOUR WAY TEST



*A Poetic Contribution in
Team Building and Self Upliftment
by
Rotarian Capildeo Beharry*

We glibly recite our mantra – The Four-Way Test
On its entreaties we seldom reflect
A ritualistic chore done, perfunctory at best
And practising our innate goodness we often neglect.

We are weak. Our mind can be a devious brute
Have we interrogated our conscience: Is it the truth?
We like to prevail. Leadership, yes, but one-upmanship is to
be bemoaned
Have we deliberated on: Is it fair to all concerned?
We are vengeful. Before we engage in censure and cliquish
gossip
Have we contemplated on: Will it build goodwill and better
friendship?

We are careless. Have we given thought, have we discerned?
Have we pondered on: Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Manifestations of our human frailty
Denial diminishes not this reality
Imbibe and digest the Four-Way Test of Rotary.
An elixir not, but an oft salutary remedy.

We must be exemplars in the Four-Way Test
The expectations are not as daunting as they seem
The answers we know are the repetitive 'Yes'
Assuming compunction does not intervene.

We are self-examiners in this Four-Way Test
Of the things we think, say or do
Falter we will, but let's try our best
To ourselves let's be true.

Trust this humble counsel bestirs profound thought
Our introspection will not be in vain
A wonderful self-enlightenment will shine forth
Embrace it, and love, respect and camaraderie will reign.

8th November, 2017.

FELLOWSHIP LIME

The Rotary Club of Princes Town held a fellowship at Doc's Ranch on November 11th 2017. Members and Partners in Service came together to enjoyed an evening of ole talk, dancing, playing card games and Rotarian Capildeo and Zobida shared fun stories of the Club, from back in the day under a blanket of stars.

Our in-house DJ, Nabeel Mohammed, son of President Bashir provided contemporary music, whilst members conversed during a simple meal. It was truly a bonding experience, getting to know fellow Rotarians on a different level.

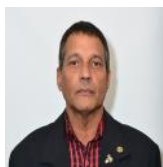


Rotarians and spouses enjoy the open air ambience



Nabeel showing his cards during the game

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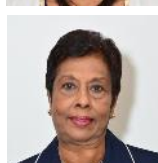
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THE FOUR-WAY TEST
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1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

DISTRICT GOVERNOR BOARD MEETING



On December 7th, 2017, DG Waddy Sowma met with the Board Members of the Rotary Club of Princes Town at the Club's home of Canton Palace, San Fernando. During the meeting, DG Waddy provided guidance to the various Directors as each Director presented an update on their respective portfolio as well as past and upcoming projects for this Rotary year.

During the light dinner, DG Waddy engaged board members in friendly conversation from car racing to favourite cuisine and even shared personal stories from Suriname. What stood out was the "Peanut Butter Soup" and the DG's love for peanut butter.

DG MEETS INTERACTORS AND ROTARACTORS

On December 4th 2017, DG Waddy addressed the Rotaractors and Interactors from the South Cluster at Naparima College. He gave advice on how to use Club members strength to make a difference in people lives, and spoke about Rotary Clubs working together to strengthen the transition from the various aspects of Rotary life i.e. from Interact to Rotaract to Rotary. Indeed, he emphasized the value they all add to Rotary. In turn representatives from each Club presented their plans for the Rotary year and how they were going to accomplish their outstanding objectives.



Seated: Presidents from Rotary Clubs of Princes Town, Penal and San Fernando South with ADG Vilma and DG Waddy and Ag. Vice Principal of Naparima College Dev Gosine (right)

Standing: Interactors and Rotaractors from the South District Clubs

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION



On December 7th, 2017 the South Cluster Rotary Clubs gathered at Doc's Ranch in Phillipine to fellowship and bid goodbye to DG Waddy Sowma. Present at the event that evening were all the Assistant District Governors throughout the Island for this Rotary year, Past Assistant District Governor Michael Kangaloo and Past District Governors, Roger Bose and Stephen Ramroop.

The South Cluster presented DG Waddy with a customized unique token of appreciation comprising of the Rotary wheel and the Board Members of each Club that make up the South Cluster for this Rotary year. DG Waddy also took the opportunity to pin a newly inducted member Nazim Mohammed from the Rotary Club of Princes Town.

Special awards were given that night namely Presidential Citations and Interact Citations for the 2016-2017. These were awarded to the Rotary Club of Point Fortin and our very own, Rotary Club of Princes Town. Past District Governor Roger Bose was also awarded Major Donor status for the Rotary Foundation that evening. The evening culminated with great fellowship and merriment by all present, especially DG Waddy.



Interact

Rotary Sponsored Club
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OUR YOUTH PARLIAMENTARIAN

Senator the Honorable Kazim Hosein, Minister of Rural Development and Local Government congratulates Youth Parliamentarian, our Interact President Kyrie Rampersad on her contribution as the Minister of Rural Development and Local Government on the debate entitled “The root causes of and solutions for the radicalism of youth: Towards the establishment of a Counter Radicalism Youth Policy”.



Left: Minister Kazim Hosein with Kyrie Rampersad outside the entrance to the Parliament Chambers

DG PLANTS TREES WITH INTERACTORS

December 8th 2017 was truly a memorable day for Rotary Club of Princes Town's Interactors from Princes Town West Secondary School. DG Waddy Sowma, School Principal Mrs Sita Bachoo Ballyram and Rotary Club of Princes Town's President Bashir Mohammed and Rhea Nobee met the Interactors at their school's compound to plant ornamental trees donated by the Forestry Division in the Ministry of Agriculture.



Interactors with School Principal, President Bashir and DG Waddy Sowma



Interact President Kyrie plants a tree with DG Waddy Sowma at the school's compound



CHRISTMAS AT SFGH PEDIATRIC WARD

Princes Town West Secondary Interact Club, planning began in the month of September at this sobering board meeting where the board members said to ourselves, okay this year we are going to make a difference. We are going to make ourselves known amongst our community by our actions that show the love, respect and discipline we have for each other.

Our first initiative was held on December 3rd 2017 which was the Christmas treat to the children of San Fernando General Hospital. (SFGH). With the help of many Interactors and Rotarians, the Interact Club of Princes Town West pulled together an extraordinary event where we distributed toys and treat bags in collaboration with our parent Club, Rotary Club of Princes Town. Cakealicious Designs TT donated 45 cupcakes which were distributed amongst staff and parents in the hospital which brought smiles to the hardworking men and women on shift at the moment.

It was indeed a heartwarming and eye-opening experience for myself and the Interactors as we learnt to appreciate life and good health. Interact Clubs from the South Cluster which included Naparima Boys College, ASJA Boys San Fernando, San Fernando Central Secondary and Parvati Girls Hindu College collaborated in this project and had representatives present.

The Interactors sang carols and even sang happy birthday to a toddler. It was indeed a heartwarming event and we the Interactors of Princes Town West intend on doing so much more, Service above Self is our motto while we learn to live life meaningfully.

President Kyrie Rampersad



Rotarians and Interactors from the South Cluster assemble in the waiting area before going to the Pediatric Ward.

The San Fernando General Hospital's Media Policy does not allow any photography inside the Wards therefore the photographs below show the Interactors and Rotarians together with Mrs. Claus singing Christmas Carols as they move through the corridors leading to the Wards to distribute the toys and treat bags to the children.

The Rotary Club of Princes Town extend sincere thanks to the San Fernando General Hospital Administration and the Nursing Staff who were on shift on that morning for the warm welcome and assistance that was given to the Interactors to conduct their Christmas Treat.



CHRISTMAS IN D TRIANGLE

The Rotary Club of Princes Town hosted its Annual Christmas Concert on December 14th 2017 at the Triangle Promenade High Street Princes Town. The programme was hosted by in-house comedian/ Rotarian Jamir and his Assistant Rotarian Carlyn. The Club's President Bashir and Princes Town Regional Cooperation Chairman Mr Gowrie Roopnarine delivered Christmas messages to the people of Princes Town and surrounding communities.

It was a compact three hour programme which included performances by Kyle Ali on the Steelpan, Darion Bisnath on the keyboard, Niel Marcano on the Violin, Parang by Los Parranderos Picantes and Christmas Carols by Travis Beckles and Danah Skinner. The highlight of the evening was the official lighting of the Christmas Tree in the heart of Princes Town.

Entertaining the Children were Santa & Mrs Claus who distributed snacks bags and took photos with one hundred and fifty (150) children. Rotarians then gathered afterwards at Viaaa Restaurant where a small meeting and fellowship took place.





PRESIDENT'S DINNER



The Rotary Club of Princes Town held its annual Christmas Dinner on December 15th 2017 at Doc's Ranch in Philippine under the patronage of President Bashir and First Lady Narisha Mohammed.

Rotarians and their families welcomed the opportunity to fellowship with our specially invited guests who supported the Club's fundraisers and medical outreach programs. We wish to thank Maria Sawh, Ryan Soodwah, Stephan Furlonge, Dr. Mariyah Shah and Nisha Ali for accepting our invitation and look forward to collaborating with them in the future.

Rotarians and their guests thoroughly enjoyed the sumptuous meal and decadent desserts while the Rocky Mountain Band entertained the audience with their wonderful music and songs.

The gift exchange this year was exciting since members bought unisex gifts and names were placed in a box. The name then selected from the box would be the Rotarian whose gift you will receive. This segment of the evening was filled with laughter and joy and was so funny!

Guests and Rotarians danced the night away as the live band and DJ didn't disappoint! And I mean literally danced the night away! It was indeed a **FUN** filled evening, however Capildeo and Jamir stole the show with their dance moves! It was truly an awesome experience for young Rotarians to see what Rotary is about – Having **FUN** and making a difference in people's lives!





CHRISTMAS AT UNION VILLAGE, RIO CLARO

On December 17th 2017 the Rotary Club of Princes Town held its annual Community Christmas Treat at Union Village Mayaro. Pastor Mayers and the Sunday School children of Union Bible Way Church entertained Rotarians with a beautiful Skit, as they were creatively dressed in 1st Century AD clothing. The younger children recited the meaning of each letter in the word Christmas and sang Christmas carols. In addition, as part of the entertainment there was a beautiful rendition by a young violinist.

President Bashir brought greetings on behalf of the Club as members distributed hampers to needy families and treat bags to one hundred and seventy-five children.

Of course, there was a guest appearance by Santa Claus played by Rotarian Rudolph who happily gave out toys to the children after which they eagerly ran away to open their presents.

One of the greatest feelings is seeing that smile on a child's face and making a difference in people's lives. This is Rotary!!!



MAKING NEW FRIENDS IN ROTARY



PP Zobida delivering her address at the International Diabetes Federation Congress.



PP Zobida Ragbirsingh at the IDF Congress in Abu Dhabi in December 2017 where she received an award for Outstanding Service to the IDF in the Past Biennium.



President Bashir and his family met with President Nancy Grooms and Chairperson Jewell Fair of the Rotary Club of New Smyrna Beach in Florida in December 2017.



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UPCOMING EVENTS



PETS, ASSEMBLY & CONFERENCE SURINAME 2018, 25 - 28 APRIL

Scholarship Awards

**St. Stephen's College Interact
Club Charter Ceremony**

Saturday January 13th, 2018

Medical Outreach

January 2018

Union Village, Rio Claro

Valentine Fellowship

February 2018

Annual Golf Tournament

March 2018

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