



ROTARY CLUB OF PRINCES TOWN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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Board of Directors 2014-2015

From L to R - Rudolph Ali, Wayne Nanan, Ronald Gobin, Rishi Ramlogan, President Jamir Ousman, Seunarine "Kex" Sanmook, Hassim "Terry" Ali, Von Mohammed, Bashir Mohammed, Inset - Debbie Roopchand.

A GRAND NIGHT OUT AT SOUTH NAPA

The Rotary Club of Princes Town hosted its 21st annual Handover Ceremony in recognition of the successful completion of the term in office of the Club's Directors for the Rotary year 2013-2014 and the presentation of its incoming Directors for the Rotary year 2014-2015. The gala Ceremony Chaired by Rotarian Brandon David took place at South Napa on Saturday 28th June 2014.

The Ceremony was well attended by the Club's Rotarians, their partners in service, children of Rotary and specially invited guests who supported the Club during the past Rotary year in its many charitable activities including popular soca artiste Shurwayne Winchester who made a surprise guest appearance at



Friends of the Rotary Club of Princes Town above

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the Club's annual Tea & Fashion Event hosted at Hyatt Regency in 2013.

At the ceremony outgoing President Bashir Mohammed recognised individuals who had made significant contributions during his year of presidency to the Club's many successful endeavours and outreach programmes and passed the mantle of leadership to the Club's charitable objectives and mandate to "Light Up Rotary" to incoming President Jamir Ousman and his Board of Directors.

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition which recognizes individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International was awarded to Rotarians Von Mohammed, Bashir Mohammed and Rishi Ramlogan at the Ceremony and Rotarians Debbie Roopchand and Hafiz Mohammed in absentia.

The event featured live entertainment by Shiv Shakti Dance Company, a rendition of the National Anthem on Steelpan by Pannist Kyle Ali and a comedic interlude featuring jokes told by the children of Rotary.

Below L to R - Dianne Ali, Shurwayne Winchester, Bashir Mohammed, Indira Singh



PETER CHANG - HONORARY ROTARIAN



In June 2014 after two decades of dedicated service as a member of the Rotary Club of Princes Town, Rotarian Peter Chang ("Peter") tendered his resignation.

As a Rotarian, Peter, the owner of the popular Len Hap Supermarket unwaveringly gave of his time, energy and expertise in furthering the charitable objectives of Rotary and of the Rotary Club of Princes Town and it was with a sense of boundless appreciation of his past service that the Club accepted his resignation.

During his tenure Peter served as President, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, Rotary Foundation Director, Club Service Chairperson and International Service Chairperson. Peter an avid golfer as from 2001 played an integral role in the inception, organisation and execution of the Club's annual Golf Tournament, so much so that the tournament received the nickname "the Peter Chang Golf Tournament" by Rotarians and participants.

On the 09th July 2014 in recognition of Peter's outstanding contribution as a Rotarian and a member of the Club, Peter was proclaimed by the Club's President Jamir Ousman an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Princes Town and was accorded the Fellowship and Privileges of such Membership so that he continues as a shining example of the ideals of Rotary and the mandate to "Light up Rotary" enunciated by Rotary International's President Gary C.K. Huang.

The Club wishes to thank Peter for his dedicated and un-wavering service as a Rotarian and express its gratitude to his partner in service Hazel for her contribution and support of the Club over the years. Krista Chang, Peter's daughter being inducted as a member of the Club in May 2013, mitigated the Club's loss.



Above left - Peter Chang proclaimed an Honorary Rotarian by President Jamir Ousman

Left - The Chang Family - Rotarian Krista, Hazel, Honorary Rotarian Peter, Alexander

A REASON TO CELEBRATE:



The Club was truly privileged to share in the special moment of the parenting milestone of one of its long-standing members. On Sunday July 06th 2014 Past President and present Treasurer of the Club Seunarine “Kex” Sanmook celebrated with his wife Zorina Sanmook their daughter Dr. Giovannah Sanmook’s marriage to Dr. Vaalmiki Singh and in appreciation of his unwavering commitment to the Club and its charitable objectives the Club was pleased to present to him a small token from its members’ contribution for his daughter in recognition of her achieving one of life’s significant milestones. The Club wishes to convey its personal congratulations and best wishes to the married couple in their future married life.

ROTARY CLUB OF PRINCES TOWN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ON THE MOVE:



After having secured its charter from Rotary International on the 07th May 1993 and continuing in existence to date, the Rotary Club of Princes Town Trinidad and Tobago, towards its intended objective of charitable service by “Service above Self”, long beyond the lives of its existing members, resolved to Incorporate to provide for its continuation in perpetuity and the added advantages of providing service through Incorporation.

On the 11th July 2014 the Club obtained its Certificate of Incorporation as a non-profit Company limited by guarantee and members now serve as agents to “Light up Rotary” without the risks of personal liability in the furtherance of their charitable endeavours.

The Incorporation which was undertaken with the full approval of Rotary International, the Club’s Board of Directors and membership was spearheaded by Attorney at Law Ms. Debbie Roopchand of the Firm of Ernest H. Koylass & Co. as a service to the Club and on the 16th July 2014 Ms. Roopchand presented President Jamir Ousman with the Club’s new status.

IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING FOR EID:

L to R back row - Laura Ali, Hafiz Ali, Von Mohammed, Naz Mohammed, Ronald Gobin, President Jamir Ousman, Tara Ousman, Bashir Mohammed, Imam Kameel Mohammed, Debbie Roopchand. Front row - Rehan & Saheli Ali

The Rotary Club of Princes Town Trinidad and Tobago ("the Club") in celebration of Eid with the Muslim Community conducted an Eid Treat at the Masjid Us Salaam in Lazzari Village on Sunday 27th July 2014.

Imam Kameel Mohammed welcomed the Club's involvement in bringing joy and merriment to all who attended and thanked the Club for its generous and thoughtful initiative. The Club's President Jamir Ousman in the course of bringing greetings from the Club delivered a prayer in Arabic.

Over 70 children and parents from the community attended the event, which was made even more special by prayers being offered in Arabic by two children Nicholas and Alim and a rendition of a song in Arabic by children Sadia and Karmia.

All the children were treated with treat bags and toys while the adults were given gifts of hampers. There was a common feeling of sharing and satisfaction between the Club and the attendees and the Club's effort was recognised as reflective of the spirit of Eid.

Rotarian Von Mohammed was responsible for organizing the event with the assistance of the Masjid's Imam Kameel Mohammed and his wife Nazma and with the support of fellow Rotarians from the Club the event turned out to be a great success for all who attended.



Photos from Eid treat above

BREAKFAST WITH THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR:



Our Wayne Nanan in his capacity of District Community Chair shared breakfast with District Governor Elwin Atmodimedjo and his charming wife Maureene at the Hyatt Regency on Saturday 26th July 2014 on the DG's first official visit to Trinidad's East Clubs.

The occasion provided the opportunity for sharing ideas as to intended community projects within the District and DG Elwin encouraged and invited Wayne a Past Assistant Governor to take the initiative regarding RYLA within the District and Wayne in his usual spirit of co-operation accepted the challenge.

We of the Rotary Club of Princes Town Trinidad and Tobago are fully confident that Wayne will not only meet but exceed all expectations towards a successful RYLA.

PRESIDENT GARY C.K. HUANG'S MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE:



August 2014 is Rotary's membership month and in his message to Rotarians RI's President Gary C.K. Huang has invited Rotary Clubs the world over to increase their membership by inviting individuals and sponsors to their service projects and club events as part of RI's drive to increase its membership by June 2015 to 1.28 million Rotarians.

The President has asked for Rotarians to join in the challenge to build membership by "showing our communities that Rotarians are people who care, who are capable and who make a difference" so that "together we can light up the world".

The Rotary Club of Princes Town Trinidad and Tobago in acceptance of the President's challenge in his message invites individuals who are interested in serving and doing great things so as to make a difference and positive impact on the world to make contact with our Club for further details on becoming a Rotarian so that you can participate in Rotary's objective to "Light up Rotary" and by so doing light up the world.



CELEBRATION OF EID UL FITR:

The Rotary Club of Princes Town Trinidad and Tobago celebrated Eid ul fitr at the Ste. Madeline Regional Complex on the 13th August 2014. Rotarian Von Mohammed chaired the programme, which included a religious song by Nadia Ali Shah and prayers by children of Rotary Kyle Ali, Nebeel Ali and Rehan Ali. Imaam Andy Shah gave a discourse from the holy Quoran.

Attendees enjoyed sawine, sweets and a specially prepared dinner and the Club was pleased to share the occasion with some of its volunteers who have assisted it in its many charitable activities over the years.



Above - photos taken at the Club's Eid function

ANNUAL FAMILY DAY 2014:

The Club hosted its annual Family Day at TSTT Grounds Cipero Road today. It was an opportunity for Rotarians, their families and friends of the Club to spend some time together. There was live music, games for the children and a variety of eats and drinks to partake of including bar-b-que chicken, curried duck and goat, all prepared by Rotarians. The event was enjoyed by all who attended.

Photos below from family day:



ROTARY CLUB OF PRINCES TOWN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO LIGHT UP ROTARY:

In recognition of August 2014 being Rotary's membership month and in response to Rotary International's President Gary C.K. Huang's invitation to Rotary Clubs the world over to increase their membership, the Rotary Club of Princes Town Trinidad and Tobago under the leadership of its President Jamir Ousman conducted a Rotary awareness/membership drive on the afternoon of Wednesday 27th August 2014 at Level 1, Gulf City Mall, San Fernando in an effort to increase its fold.



Members of the Club shared with the public in attendance the history and significance of Rotary in today's world, the aims and ideals of Rotary and the joys of being a Rotarian through conversation and the distribution of printed material on Rotary.



At least 10 members of the public expressed a genuine interest in learning more about Rotary and the Club towards fulfilling Rotary's objective to "Light up Rotary" and by so doing light up the world has undertaken to invite these members to its weekly meeting so as to learn more about Rotary so as to make a difference and positive impact on the world.



The Club is thankful to its Membership Chair Wayne Nanan for organising the event, to its members who attended and supported the Club's efforts to "Light up Rotary" and expresses special thanks to Rotarian Seunarine Sanmook for making possible the use of the Gulf City mall.





CHOKHA FESTIVAL:



The scenic San Fernando Hills was the place to be on Saturday 06th September 2014, when the Rotary Club of Princes Town Trinidad and Tobago hosted its 21st annual Chokha Festival to the delight of the many patrons who attended the event.

From early afternoon patrons dressed in elegant casual wear were streaming into the radiantly sunlit venue, charging the atmosphere with excitement and what an evening of excitement they experienced!

The festival lived up to its solidly earned reputation over the years of providing tasty irresistible chokha dishes served with an assortment of hot sada rotis and the ever-

delicious fry bake made on site by Vio and her team. There was a continuous flow of guests being served at the serving stations by dedicated Rotarians and their Partners in Service after which they occupied their chosen seats set up on the beautifully kept grounds or on the veranda of the building which affords panoramic sea views of the Gulf of Paria.



President Jamir Ousman opened the evening's festivities which were highlighted by the live performance of "Samsara D Band" which was in attendance as its lead singers Narindra Raghubir, Darius Balgobin, Devika Ram and Quincy Chadee belted out lively renditions of soca, classic soca, alternative and chutney music. Guest performer Reshma "Silk" Ramlal brought patrons to their feet, connecting with the patrons on the ground.



Patrons initially timid abandoned their reserve and showed their appreciation for the Band's professional and infectious rendition of popular hit after hit and the only sign of the passage of time was the failing light as the Band performed through the goodwill of its Director Mala Bholasingh and to the thrill of patrons beyond sunset as the evening faded away.



The Club wishes to thank its generous sponsors Flavourite Foods Ltd. for providing their ice cream products and a Peppy themed bouncy castle for the kids in attendance who had a fantastic time, Kiss Baking Company Ltd. for its beautifully made and delicious cakes which formed part of an excellent array of desserts and Raani Saada Roti for their assortment of Rotis. The Club thanks the Management and staff of the San Fernando Hill and the Forestry Division for the use of the venue.



The Club also thanks its army of dedicated Rotarians and their spouses who worked tirelessly towards serving its many guests, specially thanks its Club Administration Director Rishi Ramlogan for co-ordinating all aspects of the festival and thanks too its Rotarians who provided dishes and assisted with ensuring the event was an outstanding success to the enjoyment of all who attended.

The Club thanks as well the many patrons of the festival including Rotarians from other Clubs for making it possible for the Club to achieve its goal of assisting in providing Tertiary level scholarships to deserving students towards defraying the expenses associated with their University Education.

Next year's festival would require something more to maintain and exceed the lofty heights of this year's festival, a challenge which the Club warmly accepts.



PRESENTATION TO ST. JULIEN PRIMARY SCHOOL:

On the 16th September 2014 President Jamir Ousman and the Club's Director of Service Projects Rotarian Von Mohammed attended at the St. Julien Presbyterian School pursuant to a request from the School for assistance. On behalf of the Club they presented the School's Principal Cindy Gangapersad with 22 safety signs donated by Rotarian Indira Singh and 4 fire extinguishers purchased by the Club. Principal Gangapersad expressed her sincere gratitude to the Club for its positive response to the School's request for assistance.

Below:

President Jamir Ousman & Principal Cindy Gangapersad

Rotarian Von Mohammed, students, President Jamir Ousman and Principal Cindy Gangapersad



MEDICAL OUTREACH - NIPAL PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL:

On Sunday 28th September 2014 President Jamir Ousman and members of the Rotary Club of Princes Town Trinidad and Tobago attended at the Nipal Presbyterian School, George Village towards conducting the Club's medical outreach for the benefit of the residents of that Community.

The outreach was well attended by members of the Community with a steady flow of attendees from 9:00 a.m. and the Club was able to bring a range of different services offered at the outreach to the many persons who sought to avail themselves of the Club's charitable efforts.

Doctors Ronald Gobin, Kiran Premanand Nakkana, Valluri Pattabi Rama Rao and Kiran Kumar Vagolu provided free medical services for persons seeking medical attention as well as conducted testing for diabetes, hypertension and cholesterol.

Dr. Amit Paryag provided free oral dental examinations and referrals as well as conducted a session with children and their parents on proper oral hygiene. This service was well received by members of the Community and Dr. Paryag treated 36 patients.

Front L - President Jamir Ousman, Back - Partner in Service Tara Ousman & Principal Anil Rampersad

The Club also had on hand its member Attorney at Law Debbie Roopchand who conducted a legal aid clinic for persons requiring legal advice.

Volunteer Nurses from the Princes Town District rendered their services together with dedicated Rotarians and their partners in service who were present.

Free medications and clothing were distributed to attendees. A total of 80 persons were recorded as having registered at the clinic towards accessing the various services.

The Club records its thanks to Doctors Kiran Premanand Nakkana, Valluri Pattabi Rama Rao, Kiran Kumar Vagolu and Amit Paryag for volunteering their services in the service of the Club's outreach programme.

The Club also thanks all of its members and partners in service who attended and assisted in the many varied aspects for the efficient and successful conduct of the outreach.

The outreach would not have been possible but for the efforts and energies of its Service Projects Director Rotarian Von Mohammed and the generous provision of the School premises by its Principal Anil Rampersad for conducting the outreach and the Club and sincerely thanks them.

In giving of this service to the Community the Club seeks to do its part to "Light Up Rotary" by spreading the message of service and by so doing light up the world.

PHOTOS FROM MEDICAL OUTREACH AT NIPAL PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL:



L - The Club's Dr. Ronald Gobin gives service at the outreach. Above: Partner in Service Tara Ousman registers attendees.

Below: Dr. Kiran Kumar Vagolu renders medical services

Below R: Rotarian Rudolph Ali lends assistance



Below: Rotarian Hafiz Ali does cholesterol testing

Below: Rotarian Debbie Roopchand renders legal aid





Above: Partner in Service Naz Mohammed assists with the distribution of clothing



Above: Dr. Amit Paryag speaks to parents and children as to proper oral hygiene



L: Dr. Premanand Nakkana renders medical services



Above: Rotarians Von Mohammed (L) and Capildeo Beharry (R) speak to attendees



Members of the Community participate in the medical outreach

VISIT TO FOREIGN CLUBS:

On the 09th July 2014 Rotarian Debbie Roopchand presented banners from the Rotary Club of Guildford Chantries, England & Rotary Club of Istanbul, Turkey to President Jamir Ousman received by her during the course of her visit to those Clubs in June 2014.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Annual Tea & Fashion Event - Sunday 26th October 2014 - Hyatt Regency, Port of Spain.
2. Club's Divali Function - 15th October, 2014.
3. Public Divali Function - High Street, Princes Town - 18th October 2014.
4. 5th Annual Tea & Fashion Event - Hyatt Regency, Port of Spain - 26th October 2014.
5. Vocational Awards Function - 01st November 2014.



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