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29TH PRESIDENTIAL HANDOVER CEREMONY

On July 1 2021, the Rotary Club of Princes Town held its first virtual and 29th Presidential Handover Ceremony where our President Rishi Ramlogan was elected to serve another year as our President due to the sudden passing of our President Elect Rhea Nobee in July 2020.

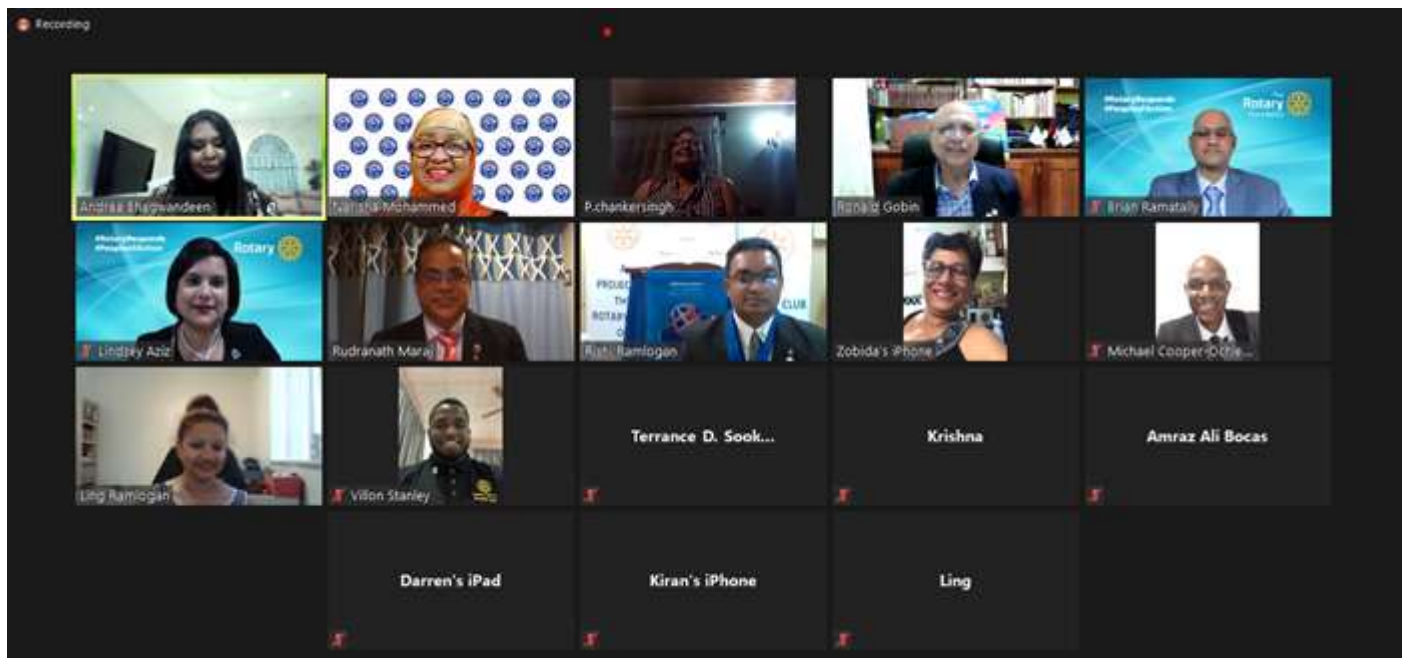
Rotarians were recognized by President Rishi Ramlogan for their dedicated service and selfless contributions towards the Club's projects and fundraisers. Awards were given out for 100% attendance, Quiet Rotarian, Spirit of Service, Heart of Rotary, Above and Beyond and Rotarian of the Year which was posthumously given to Rhea Nobee.

The Club awarded two Paul Harris Fellows to Rotarian Dr. Lindsey Aziz and to Naparima College student Nabeel Mohammed for their humanitarian and educational achievements.

Top Right: President Rishi Ramlogan with Dr. Lindsey Aziz

Right: Nabeel Mohammed with President Rishi Ramlogan

Below: Zoom Handover Ceremony



DONATION OF 30 TABLETS TO STUDENTS

The Covid-19 pandemic forced the closure of schools and the education system was transformed into online learning platforms during the last year. As such, the Rotary Club of Princes Town recognized that many students within the Princes Town Schools were unable to access online learning due to a lack of electronic devices and donated 30 tablets to students from St. Stephen's College, Princes Town West Secondary School and Cowen Hamilton Secondary School.

Parents of the students who were identified by the Schools' administration met with President Rishi Ramlogan and Director Dr. Lindsey Aziz on July 1st and July 8th 2021 at the schools' compounds where President Rishi demonstrated the use of the tablet. The Club chose the Lenovo 8" Smart Charge Tablet with Google Assist as the one most suited for the needs of secondary students who can now join their classmates in online synchronous learning with their teachers.

The donation of the tablets was facilitated by a grant from the Rotary District 7030 to the Club in their aim to transform education and change the lives of the students who need help the most.

Below are photos of the Lenovo tablet and case, distribution at Cowen Hamilton Secondary, demonstration of the tablet at St Stephen's College and delivery of the tablets at Princes Town West Secondary.



EID-UL-ADHA HAMPER DRIVE

The Rotary Club of Princes Town understood the financial challenges and job uncertainty currently plaguing our society and liaised with the St. Mary's ASJA and Fifth Company Mosques on July 18, 2021 to distribute over 40 hampers to members of their communities in dire need of assistance having become unemployed as businesses were adversely affected by Covid-19 lockdown restrictions.

The hamper donation coincided with the observance of Eid-ul-Adha, which will be celebrated on July 21st 2021 that commemorates the willingness of Prophet Abraham to sacrifice what he cherished the most, his beloved son Prophet Ishmael as an act of obedience to God's command.



CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP MONTH

During the month of August, the Rotary Club of Princes Town recognized our charter members, board of directors and members of our Club.

In addition, the Club launched our recruitment video "HOW WE SERVE" to encourage people to join Rotary and serve to change lives in their communities.



MEMBERSHIP MONTH VIDEO

Want to help improve the lives of those less fortunate?
 Create opportunities for those who need assistance?
 Enjoy good fellowship and friendship while serving others?
 Then consider being a part of the Rotary Club of Princes Town!
 Contact us to find out how you can become a member!
 See our video on our Youtube Channel or on our social media showcasing HOW WE SERVE



HAEMOPHILIAC CHILD RECEIVES ASSISTANCE

Our Club recently assisted a 10 year old boy with haemophilia who was unable to walk as he needed constant medication and ice packs for his joints. The family had no electricity for the past nine years so they relied on a cooler and bought ice daily to soothe his joints. They recently received electricity through the kindness of well-wishers but had no money to purchase a refrigerator.

The mother sells vegetables in the market and had no surplus money after purchasing his medication to buy ice for his joints which negatively impacted his mobility.

Upon hearing of the child's plight, one of our supporters Terrence Sookdeo purchased and delivered a 5cuft refrigerator and our in-house Pharmacist Anandi Maraj volunteered to supply some of the medication needed to treat the child.



ANN'S GERIATRIC HOME RECEIVES CARE ITEMS



On August 11th 2021, President Rishi Ramlogan and Service Projects Director Michael Cooper-Ochiengh delivered four boxes of diapers, two boxes of bed spreads, two walking canes and adult pull up diapers to Ann's Geriatric Home located at Penal Rock Road in Penal.

Ms. Ann Marie Gene, the owner, happily received the donation of the items as some of her residents could not afford to purchase these items.



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS FOR SUTTON HOUSE

On August 13th 2021 President Rishi Ramlogan delivered adult diapers, walking canes and bedspreads to Ms Nadine Lakatoo of Sutton House Palliative Centre and Hospice located at 17 Sutton Street San Fernando.

These additions would aid to improve the quality of life of the residents and allow them to live more comfortably and dignified through their advanced stage of illness.



COVID-19 HAMPER RELIEF DRIVE IN NEW GRANT

The Rotary Club of Princes Town distributed food hampers in Torrib Trace and Brothers Road, New Grant on July 21st 2021 with the assistance Councillor Gowrie Roopnarine who identified families most in need of assistance who were severely affected by Covid-19 lockdown measures.

Director Michael Cooper-Ochiengh and Past President Capildeo Beharry together with Councillor Gowrie Roopnarine were on hand to deliver the hampers to the respective families.



FLOOD RELIEF HAMPER FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

The torrential rainfall in Southern Trinidad over the last few weeks adversely affected many families whose homes were completely flooded as their furniture and appliances were waterlogged and their food supplies contaminated by the murky flood waters.

The Club with the assistance of the Chairman of the Princes Town Regional Corporation, Councillor Gowrie Roopnarine identified families in dire need of assistance and delivered fifteen (15) hampers with grocery items and cleaning supplies to families from Kent Street in Williamsville, Barrackpore, Weston Street in St Mary's Village and Moruga.



FINANCIAL AID FOR CORNEAL TRANSPLANT SURGERY

A Form 6 student from Princes Town was diagnosed with Keratoconus (an eye disease that affects the structure of the cornea, resulting in loss of vision) when he was a child. Cross-linking surgery was performed twice but he developed scarring and worsening of vision and wore scleral lens to preserve his eye function and prevent rupturing of his eye.

The Club was made aware of his plight and contributed \$10,000 towards the cost of his surgery. The student is currently recuperating and well on the way to recovery as he is eager to further his tertiary studies.



DONATION TOWARDS HOME FOR CANDYMAN



Shazad Hoosein or the Candyman, is a single parent who has been taking care of his daughter since she was six months old. He is afflicted with keratoconus (an eye disease that affects the structure of the cornea, resulting in loss of vision) and has been selling candy to support his daughter who is now nine years old.

He receives public assistance however this does not cover the cost of his rent, food and medical expenses. His goal is to have his own home so in the event he has his surgery and unable to earn an income, he would not have to worry about finding money to pay the rent and also his daughter will have a home to call her own.

Our Club contacted the Mr Steve Khadoo on behalf of the Glimmer of Hope Foundation that is assisting Mr Hoosein with the construction of his home and Director Michael Cooper-Ochiengh delivered a cheque for \$2,000 towards the materials to build the house.

SCHOLARSHIPS 2020-2021

On Friday August 27, 2021 the Rotary Club of Princes Town held its 2020-2021 scholarship awards ceremony at St. Stephen's College in Princes Town.

President Rishi Ramlogan stated that the scholarships were not specific to any field of study or university. The scholarships were awarded based on a needs assessment of the student once the student has been successfully registered at their choice of university or institution.

He also welcomed the students to Rotary and encouraged the students to get involved in Rotaract Clubs at their respective universities to be part of Rotary. He further stated that students can qualify for future scholarships from the Club as long as their grades are in good standing as the Club has previously assisted students with scholarships for each year of their academic studies.

The Club also extended its appreciation to the New Calgary Tabernacle Church for their donation of \$2,000 towards the scholarship programme.

Bottom left: Makeisha Simon receives her cheque from Director Dr Lindsey Aziz and PP Jamir Ousman.

Scholarship Recipients

Sabrina Soogrimsingh	AAS General Nursing
Akasia Lynn Augustine	LLB Bachelor of Law
Steven Bissoondath	BSc Chem & Process Engineering
Aaron Mungal	BSc Petroleum Geoscience
Alisa Downing	B.Ed Bachelor of Education
Makeisha Simon	MBBS Medicine
Arun Mahabir	MBBS Medicine
Ariel Mahabir	MBBS Medicine



CHOKHAFEST 2021

On Saturday September 25th, 2021 over eight hundred men, women and children came out to the Pointe-a-Pierre Golf Club Ballroom at the picturesque Pointe-a-Pierre Golf Course between the hours of 2 pm to 7 pm for our Annual Chokhifest Scholarship Fundraiser.

Over 1,000 tickets, donated by Ace Printery, were sold this year as patrons showed their support for students in need of assistance to further their tertiary education as the proceeds from our Chokhifest fundraiser solely funds our Scholarship Programme.

Patrons all observed the Covid-19 regulations regarding sanitisation and social distancing by following the well placed signage and floor markers. This year two serving stations were installed on either side of the room to ensure that there was no crowding of patrons while choosing from the variety of chokhas.

This year patrons were treated to 10 different types of chokha, coconut chutney, kuchela, murtani and home-made pepper sauces. Hot sada roti and fry bakes were prepared on-site with ingredients provided by our generous sponsors. Beverages and dessert were also provided by Blue Waters, Caribbean Bottlers and Coca-Cola, Parkview Supermarket and Kiss Baking Company. The Club also received a generous donation from Republic Bank Ltd towards our Chokhifest expenses.

Patrons also had a chance to participate in our Raffle upon entry to win the Ninja Blender donated by Hand Arnold and the champagne and wine hampers donated by Nadira Ramlogan.

Finally, the Club appreciates the support from all our Rotarians and potential Rotarians and wishes to extend our heartfelt thanks to the cooks, spouses and children of Rotarians, Interactors, friends, patrons and all of our sponsors for ensuring Chokhifest 2021 was a resounding success!



CHOKHAFEST PHOTOS



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