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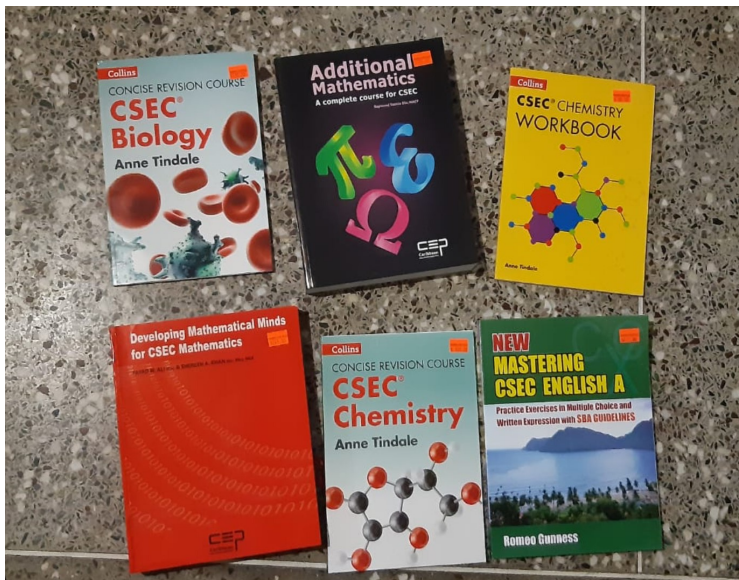


PEOPLE OF ACTION

BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY DRIVE

The Rotary Club of Princes Town received requests for assistance with procuring school texts and supplies for students whose parents were financially challenged and could not purchase the items to ensure the students have the necessary tools to perform well in their studies.

One Interactor and two other students received the school text books and stationery supplies required from their book list. Membership Director Rudranath Maraj also donated five food hampers which were given to the three students and two other deserving families in Princes Town.



INDUCTION OF FOUR NEW MEMBERS

It was indeed a momentous occasion on Wednesday October 13th 2021 when the Rotary Club of Princes Town welcomed four new members to join our Club. The new inductees bring a wealth of experience in banking and risk management, business development, culinary arts and education.

Our four new inductees are:

Kellon Craig - a Business Development Manager with Nestle T&T

Rajiv Dookie - Manager, Consumer Collections Management Unit at First Citizens Bank, San Juan

Justin Girdharrie - Managing Director of Lunch Kit Catering and Restaurant

Mark Ainsley John - Teacher at Tableland Secondary School and currently the National Scout Commissioner of Trinidad and Tobago.

On hand to assist with pinning the new Rotarians was Past Assistant Governor Major Lawrence Wilson (Retired) who encouraged the new members to actively participate in club projects and activities and embrace the ideals of rotary in their professional life as well. We welcome our newest Rotarians and look forward to serving to change lives with them!



WORLD POLIO DAY WEBINAR

The Rotary Club of Princes Town in collaboration with the Interactors of St. Stephen's College conducted a webinar "Why Is Polio Eradication Important?" on October 24 in commemoration of World Polio Day.

Interactors led by President Anushree Haricharan gave a history of polio with reference to Rotary's involvement to date. Foundation Director Dr Lindsey Aziz highlighted the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and why it is necessary to continue the fight to eradicate polio.

At the end of the webinar, there was an interactive session where questions were answered about polio and its presence in Trinidad.

WHERE WE STARTED

Progress to End Polio

1988



WHERE WE ARE

Progress to End Polio

2020



#EndPolio Why continue the fight?

- Why more \$?
- Why 0 matters?
- The Risk of resurgence

Understanding Eradication

Case Count Hits Zero

Immunizing Every Last Child

Vaccinating + Preventing Resurgence

Pass at Least Three Years Without a Case

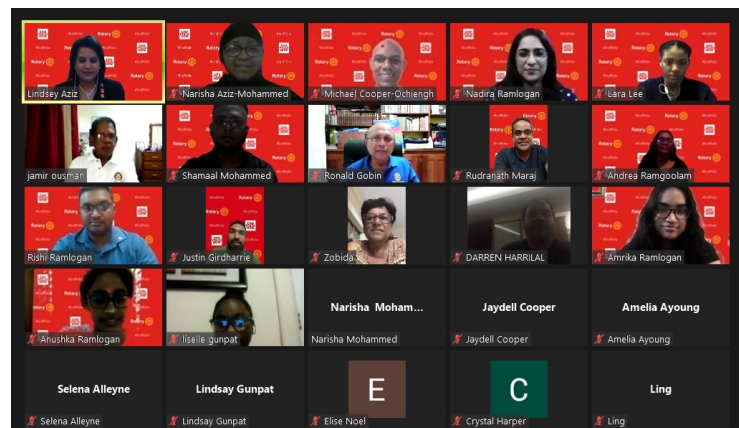
Ongoing Surveillance

World Health Organization Certifies the World Polio-free

#EndPolio THE HISTORY

ROTARY vs Polio

- 1979- RI fight begins
- 1985- PolioPlus launched
- 1988- GPEI launched
- 1994- The Americas won
- 1995- 165M vax in China + PolioPlus Partners launched
- 2000- Western Pacific won
- 2003- 6 remain endemic
- 2006- 4 remain endemic
- 2009- Bill&Melinda Gates foundation pledge
- 2011- 'This Close' Campaign
- 2014- South-East Asia polio-free
- 2020- African region polio-free



ASSISTANCE TO REBUILD HOME IN GARTH ROAD

During the middle of the night, two families living in Garth Road, Princes Town were left homeless as their house was engulfed by fire. The structure has to be totally demolished and rebuilt.

The families are separated from each other as relatives have taken them in and provided shelter, clothing, school supplies and food as they seek to rebuild their home.

The Rotary Club of Princes Town reached out to the homeowners and provided some financial assistance towards the reconstruction of the house.

Top Photo: Remnants of the house as everything was burnt to the ground

Bottom Photo: A small temporary structure is being constructed until funds are available to rebuild the house.



DIVALI CELEBRATION AT STE MADELEINE

This year, on October 30th, our Club held our Divali celebration at the picturesque home of PP Jamir Ousman where all Covid-19 protocols were observed. As the sun began to set, Pundit Robin Loutan gave blessings and the first deya was lit by our President Rishi Ramlogan and rotarians and their families assisted in lighting the rest of the deyas.

There were beautiful dances by the Sita Dance Company and melodious bhajans (religious songs) by PP Capildeo Beharry and Pundit Robin Loutan and group. PP Dr. Ronald Gobin conducted a “Pick A Pan” contest where patrons needed to give the hindi word for events that occur during a wedding ceremony. Of the three pans, two had phone accessory prizes and the third had a different prize, in this case it was a cucumber!

Our Rotarians and guests were treated to dinner with a traditional vegetarian feast and delectable indian sweets as dessert. The highlight of the evening was the fashion show where the beautiful indian outfits were modelled by both children and adults and the best dressed raja (king) and raani (queen) were chosen.

Our Club also recognized the indomitable spirit and strength of our Past President (PP) Zobida Ragbirsingh, a cancer survivor, who encouraged all the women present to get tested before it is too late. Finally, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to PP Jamir Ousman and his wife Tara for welcoming us into their home once again for another memorable evening under the stars.



DIVALI OUTREACH HAMPERS AT NEW GRANT

The Rotary Club of Princes Town has always promoted diversity, equity and inclusion where we recognize and celebrate all major religious festivals as a Club with our members as well as partnering with a community to host an event where the villagers can showcase their talents.

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, no community programme was organized this year. Our Club with the assistance of the Chairman of the Princes Town Regional Corporation, Councillor Gowrie Roopnarine, identified persons in need of assistance and our rotarians presented twenty four (24) food hampers to villagers of Sancho Road, New Grant at the Apollo Recreation Ground on October 31, 2021 to assist with their Divali preparations.



WORLD DIABETES DAY PRESENTATION

In recognition of World Diabetes Day, our past president Zobida Ragbirsingh presented “Diabetes: Signs, Symptoms and Prevention Management” on Wednesday November 10th, 2021 where she stressed on the importance of access to diabetes care and was very descriptive in explaining diabetes, its signs and symptoms and especially its effect on children. PP Dr. Ronald Gobin also enlightened Rotarians on new medication that is very effective in controlling diabetes.

The Club also assisted Ms S. Pariag with eye care costs of \$1,500 due to diabetes and also delivered a wheelchair to Mr. Lakhan who had multiple toes amputated due to diabetes complications.



FLOOD RELIEF ASSISTANCE

The Rotary Club of Princes Town was made aware of Mrs Mahase's plight in Cunjal Road where all their furniture and appliances would be affected by the flood waters as the family live in the ground floor of their home since the upper floor is in need of repairs before they can relocate.

To assist with the repairs, our Club provided financial aid towards reparations of the house so they can relocate to the first floor to avoid the flood waters that surrounds the ground floor when there is a heavy and continuous rainfall.

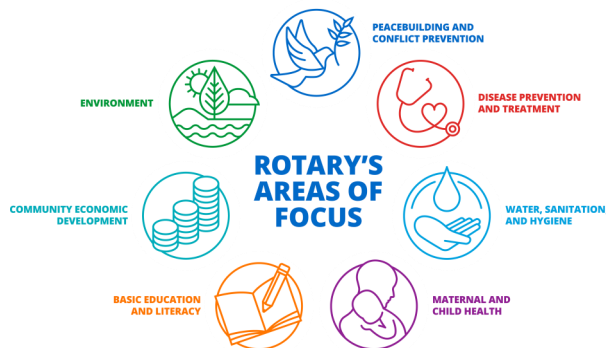


EXPECTANT MOTHERS RECEIVE DIAPERS AND WIPES

The Rotary Club of Princes Town distributed 45 boxes of Huggies Stage 4 Diapers together with packs of baby wipes to expectant mothers and infants at the Williamsville Health Centre and simultaneously at the Moruga Health Centre on Wednesday November 3, 2021.

Maternal and Child Health is an area of focus of the Rotary Foundation where Rotary makes high quality health care available to ensure mothers and children everywhere can have access to the same opportunities for a healthy future.

Our Club extends our sincerest thanks to Gabrielle Modeste, Senior Brand Manager at Bryden Pi Limited for the generous donation of the Huggies Diapers and our new Rotarian Kellon Craig who coordinated the delivery and receipt of the diapers with our membership director Rudranath Maraj.



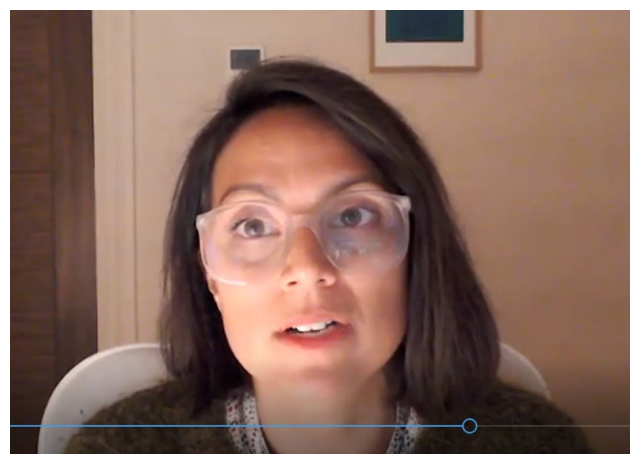
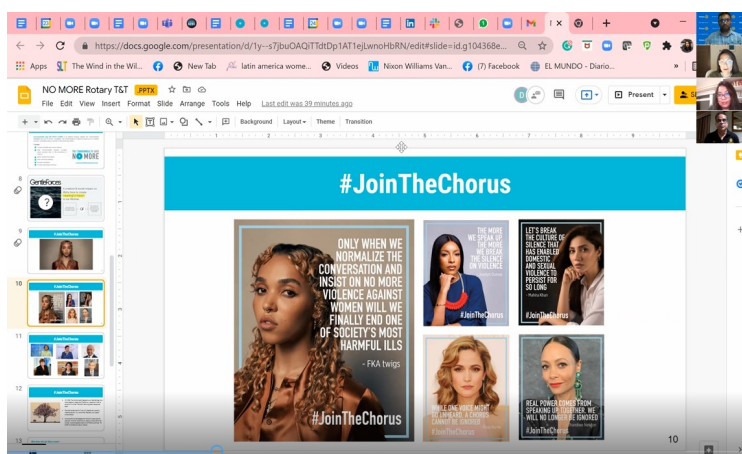
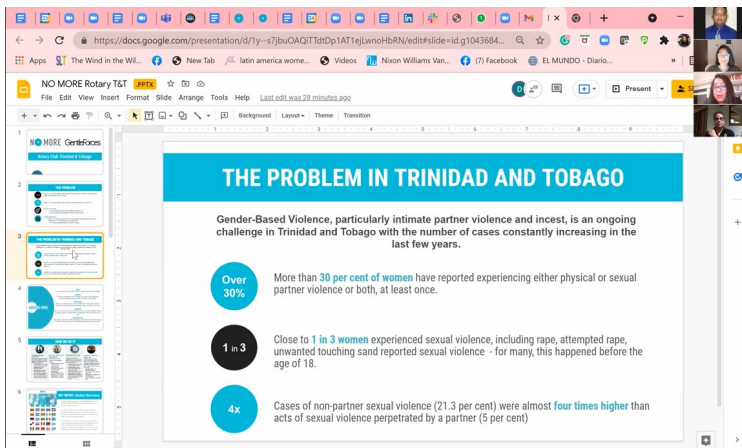
NO MORE CAMPAIGN AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

November 25th is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and our Club had the distinct privilege to have Pamela Zaballa, the Global Executive Director for No-More.org and Danni Mohammed, the founder of Gentle Forces as guest speakers on domestic violence in Trinidad and Tobago at our virtual meeting held last night.

Pamela Zaballa has worked to support domestic and sexual violence victims in different roles, from frontline services as a refuge manager, setting up human trafficking services, and policy and communication roles developing successful campaigns such as Hidden Child and UK Says NO MORE. As a firm believer that all parties need to find a solution to gender-based violence throughout her career, she has developed partnerships with multiple governments, international organisations and global corporations.

Danni Mohammed has nearly two decades of experience where her instinct and drive has led her to redefine the status quo. Danni has had the privilege to speak at the 2021 United Nations General Assembly to launch Join The Chorus, a multi-industry pro bono effort galvanising over 80 volunteers to help end domestic and sexual violence for the Commonwealth Says NO MORE partnership.

At the end of their presentation, there was a very interactive session where Pamela and Danni responded to many questions from our Rotarians concerning the effect of the pandemic on domestic violence as well as educating children from an early age to recognize the signs of domestic abuse.



PRESIDENT'S DINNER

On Saturday 11th December 2021, our Club's President, Mr. Rishi Ramlogan hosted Christmas Dinner at Canton Palace. He also delivered an inspiring speech about the value and impact of our Club's service to the communities within our radius.

After a scrumptious meal, members were elated by our annual gift exchange and for the opportunity to fellowship. Each member took the opportunity to speak and there were unmistakable themes of caution, concern for each other's safety during remaining holiday season as well as heartfelt gratitude for the support which the Rotary family gave throughout the challenging times this year.

The Rotary Club of Princes Town has been meeting at Canton Palace Restaurant for over twenty-eight years and has developed a close relationship with the staff. As such, we took the opportunity to bring special Christmas cheer to the waitresses to mark our gratitude for their yeoman service throughout the year.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2021

The Rotary Club of Princes Town has held annual open air Christmas Concerts in the Princes Town Promenade (Triangle) in the past to showcase the talents of the youth to the nation as part of our ongoing social and community development programs.

This year, a pre-recorded concert was held on Friday December 10th 2021 in a closed setting at the auditorium of the St. Stephen's College with no public gathering, and a controlled environment for all attendees due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Our talent pool is vast, students from three Interact Clubs for which we are the sponsors namely, St. Stephen's College, Princes Town West Secondary and Cowen Hamilton. We also have students from rural areas such as Rio Claro East Secondary School, Princes Town West Secondary, Tableland High School, Moruga Secondary School and Fifth Company Baptist School as well as the Los Amigos Parang Group from Princes Town.

The concert was aired on television on CNC3 on December 24th 2021 and on TTT on December 26th and December 27th 2021. Thank you to the organizing committee, teachers, volunteers, cameraman Ivan Toolsie, the Principal and staff of St. Stephen's College and the talented children who performed.



CHRISTMAS TREAT AT TABLELAND

The Rotary Club of Princes Town held our Christmas Treat on December 19, 2021 at the Tableland Recreation Ground where 20 food hampers were distributed to families in need of assistance and over 100 children each received a Christmas gifts and a snack bag from Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.

Rotarians arrived early at the Recreational Ground to set up the hampers, gifts and snack bags to distribute later to the children and parents. Past President Jamir Ousman welcomed the villagers and introduced the Chairman of the Princes Town Regional Corporation, Councillor Gowrie Roopnarine who assisted with the coordination of the venue and the villagers and children for the hampers and gifts.

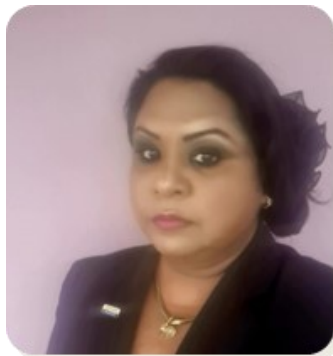
President Rishi Ramlogan (Santa) called the children to the stage to receive their gift and snack bags from Mrs Claus (Secretary Andrea Bhagwandeem) who was assisted by the elves (Rotarians and spouses) on the stage. Thank you to all the Rotarians, spouses, partners in service and friends who ensured that our Christmas Treat was a huge success!



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