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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S ONLINE VISIT

On October 15th 2020, our Club had its first official meeting with DG Lisle Chase for this Rotary year. He was accompanied by District Secretary Soraya Warner-Gustave and AG Debbie Roopchand. In attendance from our Club were President Rishi Ramlogan, Secretary Dr. Ronald Gobin, Treasurer Bashir Mohammed, IPP Jamir Ousman and Directors Lindsey Aziz and Rudranath Maraj.



The DG's visit to a Club is usually a combination of business and pleasure as the opportunities to interact in person with our esteemed District Leader are typically few and in true Rotary fashion typically involves food. However, this year as we've all been forced to adapt to living in a Pandemic, with borders shut and gatherings limited, we each sat in our own homes/offices, sipped on our tea and enjoyed some quality time on Zoom with 'Lisle' as he instructed we refer to him, a most humble and 'reverse-snob' individual.

PLATINUM PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

Congratulations to IPP Jamir Ousman and his Board of Directors and the Club members for completing all their projects which enabled the Club to receive the Platinum Presidential Citation for a second year!

This Citation was warmly received by the Club as we strive to improve the quality of life of the members of our community through our service projects and our focus on education.



CHOKHAFEST 2020

Our annual ChokhaFest fund raiser was held on Saturday October 24th, 2020 at the grounds of the Ste Madeleine Golf Course. After being postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions, our loyal patrons were overjoyed and turned out to pick-up their chokhas while maintaining their social distance or chose to utilize our delivery service option via our Rotarians to receive their meals.

Despite the inclement weather initially, the evening was truly a successful one as Rotarians and their partners in service gathered to serve our tasty chokhas from as early as 2pm to our patrons. There was a steady flow of patrons to our fund raiser with each patron having the opportunity to sample all the chokhas or select and go, as this year our guests did not have the opportunity to sit back, relax and dine. The variety this year included smoked herring, buljol, baigan chokha, tomatoes chokha, bhaji, pumpkin, eddoes, ochro, coconut chutney and an assortment of sauces.

Special thanks to all Rotarians, our partners in service and of course our patrons, for making this a success so our club can continue its charitable work and continue to serve the less fortunate.



WORLD POLIO DAY

World Polio Day was observed on Saturday 24th October, the same day as our Chokhifest fund raiser event. This year, amongst all the trials and tribulations we have all had to face for the year, it has never been more important for us as Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors to continue to recognize and support the mission and goals of PolioPlus and that of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

In the spirit of unity, collaboration and camaraderie, something very special was planned for us all as Caribbean members of the Rotary family. For the first time ever, Districts 7000, 7020 and 7030 partnered to produce a singular World Polio Day event! As such on Tuesday October 20th, Rotarians participated in a special address by Carol Pandak, RI Director PolioPlus, who spoke on the connection between the work of PolioPlus and Covid-19 relief efforts around the world.

Our Club commemorated this World Polio Day at our fundraiser by showcasing Polio and encouraged patrons and Rotarians to spread the word by circulating photos of themselves with the End Polio Now slogan in their social media channels.



WHEEL CHAIR DONATIONS

On Tuesday November 3rd 2020, IPP Jamir and his partner in service Tara delivered a wheelchair to Ms Mathura who is diabetic and a right leg amputee. Ms Mathura had found it difficult to purchase a wheelchair, especially after having to pay for assistance at home, medical expenses and groceries.

They also delivered a wheelchair to Yulana who is unable to walk or talk having suffered from complete paralysis since birth and is completely reliant on family members for her every day needs. This donation will provide some comfort and ease with their respective mobility challenges.

On November 6th 2020, our service projects Director Michael and IPP Jamir delivered a wheelchair to Ms Luville McKnight. This 88 year old cancer survivor has been a diabetic for more than 3 decades. Having suffered bouts of depression and thoughts of suicide, after her diabetes diagnosis, Ms McKnight now volunteers with the diabetic clinic at the Couva Health Centre and is always ready to counsel those who are facing similar challenges.



BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

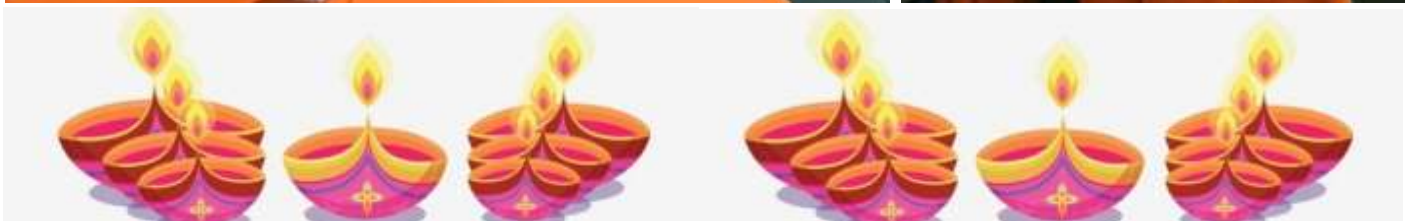
In an effort to assist with Education and Literacy, on November 7th 2020, our club assisted three families with school books for five children. One family also received a box of new born baby pampers courtesy Director Rudy.

Many thanks to our Service Projects Director Michael, Director Dr. Lindsey and Rotarian Hamza for assisting with the delivery of the items.



CLUB DIVALI CELEBRATION

On Wednesday 11th November 2020, our club held its first in person meeting at Canton Palace Restaurant to celebrate the occasion of Divali with a mini Divali programme and of course some delicious Indian food thereafter. President Rishi Ramlogan sang an opening Hindu prayer, IPP Jamir who recited a prayer, Director Andrea for her outstanding presentation on the significance and meaning of Divali and PP Capil for his beautiful rendition of a Bhajan. All Covid-19 protocols were strictly adhered to.



COMMUNITY DIVALI FOOD HAMPERS

On Wednesday 11th November, 2020, our club delivered Food Hampers to deserving families in the community of Tortuga as part of our Community Divali Program. Covid-19 restrictions prevented the Club from hosting a divali program within the community. Nevertheless, our Club recognized the need to continue to provide yeoman service to those in need during these difficult and challenging times.

Special thanks to our President Rishi Ramlogan for distributing the hampers to the community.



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

In keeping with Rotary International's motto of "Service Above Self", on November 23rd, 2020 our club through our Service Projects Director Michael, delivered one case of Huggies pampers and a case of Huggies baby wipes to a needy family with only one source of income. Special thanks to the daughter of Director Rudy, Mrs. Ambika Maraj-Seudath for this donation.

ROTARY AREAS OF FOCUS



HANDWASHING BAYS AT WILLIAMSVILLE AND STE MADELEINE HEALTH CENTRES



On November 06, 2020 the Rotary Club of Princes Town as part of Rotary's area of focus on Water and Sanitation , installed two hand washing bays on the compounds of the Ste Madeleine and Williamsville Health Centres in an effort to flatten the curve in the daily growing numbers of the Covid-19 pandemic which has befallen our nation, to facilitate both members of the public and staff members washing their hands prior to making further entry into the compound.

Special thanks to Director of Service Projects Michael Cooper-Ochiengh for overseeing this installation and his team, for another successful project of the Rotary Club of Princes Town.

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT



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**ROTARY CLUB OF PRINCES TOWN
PRESENTS**

Our VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2020
A LIGHT OF HAPPINESS HUMILITY AND HOPE

LIVE RECORDING
AT THE ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE AMPHITHEATER
ON THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER, 3:00 PM

BROADCAST ON CNC3
THURSDAY 24TH DECEMBER, 2:30 PM

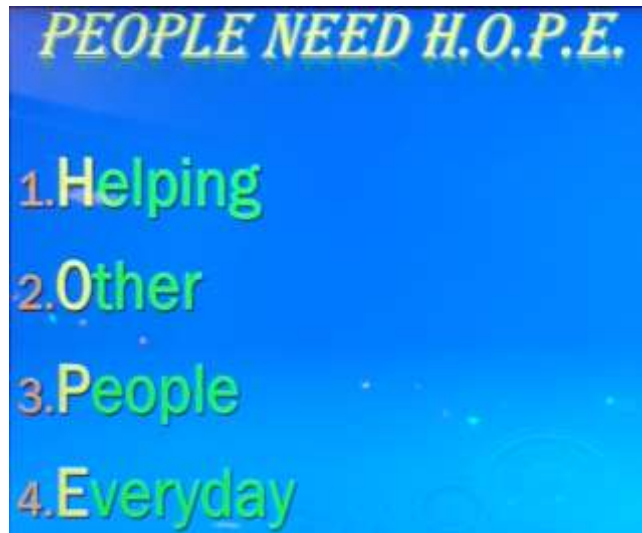
PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:
ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE
PRINCES TOWN WEST SECONDARY
TABLELAND SECONDARY
TABAQUITE SECONDARY
MORUGA 5TH COMPANY BAPTIST

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

In celebration of Rotary Foundation month, on November 18, 2020 our club invited motivational guest speaker Mr Don La Foucade who delivered a sensational presentation on the topic, "Where Are We Now?"

Don La Foucade has been delivering inspirational talks and workshops around the Caribbean since 1999. He is a former Manager, Social Investment Corporate Communications T&T, RBC Royal Bank and was specifically responsible for coordinating their Young Leaders Program, one of the Caribbean's most highly successful youth initiatives. In 1989 he earned the "Most Disciplined Youth Linker" award for his involvement in the Republic Bank "Youth Link" program. In 2009, he was nominated to the Board of United Way Trinidad and Tobago, which he gladly accepted and serves on to this date. Don's long service in the work of shaping character, resilience and self esteem in people and his skills in doing so with a degree of dynamism and warm-heartedness, has earned him the respect of many.

Our members were truly enlightened by Don's presentation and will use his ideals and ideas as we continue to be of "Service Above Self".



VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On December 10th 2020, The Rotary Club of Princes Town held a Virtual Christmas concert entitled, " A Light of Happiness, Humility and Hope," with a live recording at the St. Stephen's College Amphitheatre, which was broadcasted on CNC3 on Christmas Eve at 2:30pm.

Participating students and Interactors from St. Stephen's College, Princes Town West Secondary, Tableland Secondary, Tabaquite Secondary and Moruga 5th Company Baptiste School displayed their hard work, dedication, discipline and exceptional talent through Vocals, Dance and Steelpan performances.

Our Club extends our deepest gratitude to the Anglican Board, Principal and Vice Principal of St. Stephen's College and the teachers who accompanied the students - Mr Maharaj, Ms Ballah, Mr Joseph, Ms Bain, Ms Pierre, Ms Edwards and Ms Bishop.

Special thanks to the decorating committee, Renu Boodoosingh, Sumintra Boodoosingh, Amelia Ayoung, Amanda Ali, Ethan Churaman, Justin Jaikaran, Ariel Mahabir, Shania Ramkellawan, Arun Mahabir, Carlton Fuller, Lara Lee and Dale Fuller for your time, energy and effort in making the concert a success.

Thank you to the organizing committee and Partner in service Tara Ousman who assisted with the decorations and the Rotarians who were present to oversee the event – President Rishi and First Lady Nadira, IPP Jamir and spouse Tara, PP Dr, Gobin, Director Lindsey and Director Michael. Finally to Ivan Toolsie and the CNC3 Team we are forever grateful for your support in televising this event so we may spread the joy of the season and the talent of our youth with the entire nation.





PRESIDENT'S DINNER

Christmas is a time for family, socializing (while social distancing), sharing food and festivities. 2020 was a year of separation from each other and the world, that's why our President's Dinner held on Friday December 11, 2020 was such a cherished event. For one night, we donned our finest; faces adorned with masks and came out with our families for a dual intentioned evening of fellowship and inductions.

The evening began beautifully with the induction of the Rotary Club of Princes Town's newest members, overseen by Membership Director Andrea Bhagwandeem. We welcomed to the fold Villon Stanley, (former Rotarian) Wendy-Ann Joseph and Narisha Mohammed.

Following the inductions a lovely dinner was shared amongst all attendees, the air filled with lively chatter and Christmas music. It was then time for Gift giving! Firstly door prizes, then the grand gift exchange between the Rotarians (determined by a highly numerically calculated system) and finally everyone received a gift from the President Rishi and First Lady Nadira. All this was done with the strictest observance of the Covid-19 protocols and regulations.



NEW MEMBER INDUCTIONS

On 11th December 2020, the Rotary Club of Princes Town had the distinct privilege of welcoming three (3) new sets of skills and talents. The induction ceremony, which was held at Canton Palace Restaurant saw Partner In Service, Narisha Mohammed being the first Rotarian of the Club to have “family membership”; a category of membership which the 2016 R.I. Council of Legislation approved. Rotarian Narisha continues to provide yeoman service to the club, as she has done for over a decade.

Former Rotarian Wendy-Ann Joseph, now retired and devoted to service, was also enthusiastically received into membership and she is **already actively assisting with rolling out plans for the Club's next fundraiser. At the age of only twenty-five**, Rotarian Villon Stanley, a son of the soil of Princes Town: entrepreneur and personal trainer, gave his commitment to service and was warmly welcomed into the Club. Rotarian Villon is already serving on the Service Projects Committee; a demonstration of his eagerness to improve the quality of life for people in the community. The Rotary Club of Princes Town continues to celebrate success as 2020 saw its improvement as a diverse group of professionals who share a drive for making a positive impact on the community and the world over.



CHRISTMAS TREAT PREPARATION

On December 12 2020, in preparation for the children's Christmas treat at Gangaram Trace recreational ground, a couple Rotarians gathered at the house of President Rishi to assist with the sorting and packing of 100 treat bags for distribution. Special thanks to President Rishi, First Lady Nadira, their 3 children Anushka, Amrika, Amit and Rotarians Dr. Lindsey and Rudranath for ensuring all the bags are packed and ready.



CHRISTMAS TREAT AT GANGARAM TRACE

Braving the early morning heavy showers, Rotarians and their partners- in- service made their way to Gangaram Trace in Brother's Road for our Community Christmas Treat on December 13, 2020. This location was specifically chosen in tribute of our fallen angel, former Rotarian Rhea Nobee. This was her home, the place where she grew up and it was only fitting that we continued the good works that she had already started in this community.

The children of the community were met by Mrs. Claus, wonderfully portrayed by Rotarian Andrea to each receive their toy and treat bag amidst a festive atmosphere of villagers, Rotarians and partners-in-service. Of course everyone was briefed and fully obedient to the safety protocols of Covid-19.

Unfortunately due to the heavy downpour not all the families for whom treat bags, toys and hampers were catered for were able to attend. This however did not prevent them from receiving what was intended for them. The Rotarians reloaded the vehicles and started the journey, finding the families who were unable to make it to the ground at Gangaram Trace and delivering the hampers and gifts to their homes for which they were immensely grateful.

What a fulfilling experience it was to meet the needs of an individual or family in a time such as this pandemic and to bring a semblance of joy and cheer where otherwise there would only be worry and despair. Special thanks to Rotarian Darren for donating the sweets, IPP Jamir for the apples, Rotarian Rudy for the juices, First Lady Nadira for the bags, Clydette and Roma for assisting and coordinating with the residents of the community.







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