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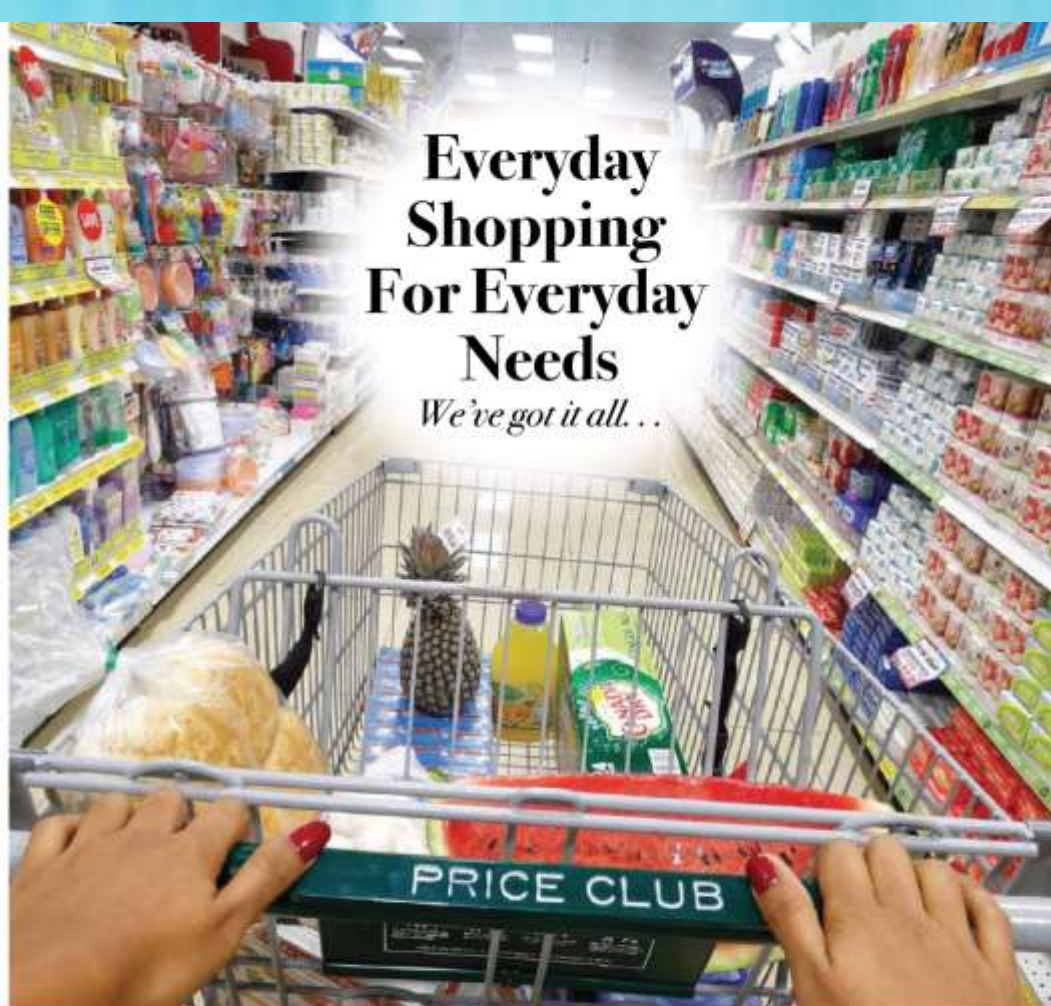
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Rotary International President's Message

Holger Knaack

President 2020—2021 Rotary International



I will be proud to continue President Mark Maloney's strong commitment to growing Rotary. However, instead of focusing on numbers, I want you to think about how we can grow Rotary organically and sustainably. How can we keep our current members and win new members who fit our clubs? How can we make our organization stronger to face the challenges before us?

In many ways, Rotary is in wonderful shape. The Rotary Foundation is recognized as one of the world's best charities. We are also evolving in interesting ways. But there are risks if current trends continue. Especially in areas where we see an aging population, Rotary is declining and over-aged. The digital revolution has affected us much harder than we anticipated. But we will not let rapid change defeat us. We will capture this moment to grow Rotary, making it stronger, more adaptable, and even more aligned with our core values.

The Four-Way Test helps us make objective decisions. It is all about self-reflection. The Four-Way Test allows us to ask ourselves: Am I being honest? And am I doing the right thing? That is important. And if we are being completely honest with ourselves, when we look ahead, do we think Rotary is doing enough to face the challenges of the future?

Rotary has to change and will change. One way that we will do this is by creating new club models and rethinking what it means to be in Rotary. **Young people should be**

the architects of these new clubs.

One way that we can listen to younger generations and make existing club membership more appealing to them is to **focus more on the environment**.

Young people today enjoy service and want to be active in it. Their impatience and persistence make an impact. But let us also remember that there is no wrong age to become a Rotarian. **Every age is welcome; every age has something important to contribute.**

But what about existing clubs? Some parts of the world are already doing a good job with member engagement and retention, while other parts of the world need to do better. To do that, we are going to have to **choose new members carefully and ensure that they are the right fit for the right club**. Every new member changes us a little bit. We need to embrace this constant renewal. We will grow stronger as we learn from new members and take their experience and knowledge. **That's why we need more women in our clubs and more women in leadership positions.**

We also need to remember that meeting new people and making sure they enjoy their membership is fun. The best way for us to have fun is to be together. And being together makes us more effective.

I would like every Rotary club to have a strategic meeting at least once a year. **Each club should be asking where it wants to be in five years and know what value it brings to members.**

What makes Rotary so unique and worth sharing with the world? What unique opportunities do we open for you and for the people we serve?

We are people from different backgrounds, different generations, languages, and cultures. And that diversity makes us great. **We are all bound in friendship and we all believe in The Four-Way Test.**

In Rotary, we don't just donate the money, we also perform the service and see the lasting impact of that service firsthand. **This is unique.**

It is an invitation to endless opportunities. It opens opportunities to serve in a project as big and historic as End Polio Now and also in a small community project, where you just plant a tree.

Everything we do opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere.

Therefore, the theme for our year is: **Rotary Opens Opportunities.**



President's Message

Jamir Ousman

President 2019-2020



Undoubtedly it has been a great honour and esteemed privilege to be given the opportunity to lead this outstanding group of Rotarians for a fourth time in my twenty (27) years, as a founding and charter member of this club. It was indeed challenging but truly rewarding. Our theme "*Rotary Connects the World*" was achieved despite the very unfortunate circumstances caused by the Covid-19 pandemic which has affected Rotarians around the world.

I wish to congratulate each member who had conducted programmes within the various avenues of service. I will not elaborate on them as you may read all about their dedication and achievements in our magazine. I sincerely thank Rot. Dr. Ronald Gobin on his membership drive; Rot. Rishi Ramlogan in his Club Administration programmes; Rot. Rhea Nobee, as Club Service Director for her tremendous work; Rot. Dr. Lindsay Aziz, Vocational Director who worked assiduously with the three Interact Clubs; and Rot. Ryan Assiu, as Public Relations Director. I also wish to express heartfelt gratitude to the members of the magazine committee: Rots. Rudranath Maraj, Jhavon Felmine, Rhea Nobee, Andrea Bhagwande and Partner in Service, Narisha Mohammed. Lastly, but not least, I must thank the handover committee: Rots. Rishi Ramlogan, Bashir Mohammed, Darren Harrilal, Dr. Ronald Gobin and Michael Cooper-Ochiengh. They have all given selfless service and I am deeply grateful.

During the year, we continued with our programmes in the five Avenues of Service inclusive of our Medical Outreach

Clinic. To this end, our professionals and volunteers provided services in testing, medical examinations, free medication, dental and optical clinics, and distributed clothing and toiletries.

Our Annual Scholarship program was held at Canton Palace Restaurant where we awarded a total sum of Forty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$44,000) in the pursuit of tertiary education.

Our career guidance programme coincided with the visit of District Governor Trevor Blake. It was held at the NESC center in Ste. Madeleine. We continued our work and guidance with the three Interact clubs: St. Stephen's College; Princes Town West Secondary and Cowen Hamilton Secondary School. Our formation of the fourth interact club was delayed as a result of Covid-19.

Our Community Service project cemented our relationships in different parts of our geographical landscape. The club observed religious events, such as Divali, Eid and Christmas by conducting several programmes in communities near and far that included the distribution of food hampers, treat bags, gifts and toys to children and less privileged in our community. Wheelchairs, walkers and other forms of medical assistance were delivered upon requests.

The Club's fundraising events were successful but not as profitable as we would have liked. Despite challenging economic times, by God's grace, and the dedication of my ever hardworking members, we were able to raise some revenue. Among the events were Chokhifest, Tea and Fashion Show and the Golf Tournament at

Brechin Castle Golf Course.

Our membership drive continues with the assistance of Director Dr. Ronald Gobin and other members of the club.

Public Relations and Public Image were highlighted through Facebook, YouTube, Instagram and our Quarterly Magazine as we continue to showcase our activities.

I must publicly acknowledge the unending support of Secretary Rot. Crystal Ann Harper for the dedicated and efficient manner in which she executed her responsibilities. My sincerest thanks to you, Crystal.

Sadly, as a result of Covid-19 pandemic, we were unable to charter our fourth Interact club, R.Y.L.A. could not be hosted and we missed the opportunity to participate in the District Conference in St Kitts.

In closing, I wish to express my sincerest gratitude and thanks to the Board of Directors for their invaluable support and dedication in all our endeavours. Thank you, to all of my Rotarians, for your participation and enthusiasm; partners in service, the children and all those who contributed in some small and special way. I am forever grateful. To all of the Doctors, Nurses and medical personnel from the Princes Town Health Facility and members of the Diabetes Association of Princes Town, Value Optical, I express my heartfelt thanks for your service.

To my Partner in Service, Tara, who has been the bedrock of my Rotary life, thank you for accommodating us into your home for the many meetings and events.

Thanks again.



Incoming President's Message

Rishi Ramlogan

Incoming President 2020—2021



I joined the Rotary Club of Princes Town in June 2012 and for the past eight years Rotary has changed my life. It has helped to mould my family and professional life around a life of service, whereby I can contribute to the cycle of development leading to poverty eradication.

Every Rotarian has found within themselves their unique reasoning for joining Rotary and doing their part in contributing to Rotary causes worldwide. We are all committed to changing the world via camaraderie and dedication to common causes. What makes us special is the way we all embrace diversity, shun criticism and practice inclusion in all that we do. This binds our strength that makes us Rotary to achieve our shared values of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership. The immediate Rotary support throughout the planet during this Pandemic has proven that our discipline has prepared us to support in any adversity. We will stand with the world and conquer Covid-19.

In aligning with this year's theme of Rotary Opens Opportunities, my theme for this year is **"Opening Opportunities in Education"**. There are many students within our district who are unable to access the basic necessities of education. During the course of the current pandemic there are several reports of students being unable to access basic education and with the closure of schools, educating our future generations will

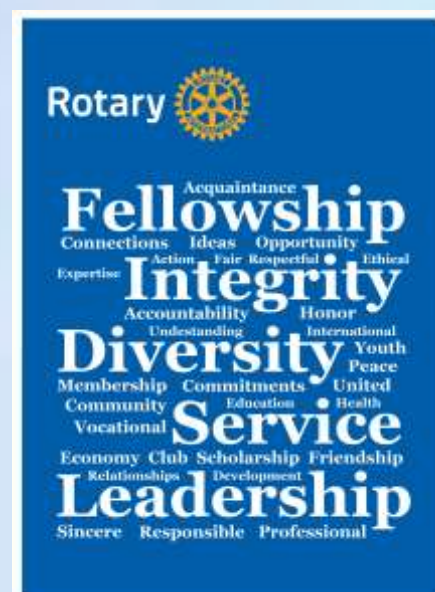
become a challenge. Our Interact clubs at three high schools comprise some very brilliant minds in our district and supporting their development must be part of our goals during these trying times.

Our focus on membership is centred on engaging members on more involvement, high attendance levels and promoting an ease of joining approach for new members. Attracting good quality members start with creating a harmonious, easily understood and practical image of our club to ensure we do not miss opportunities for increasing membership. Although our opportunities for fellowship will be limited within the course of this year, once policies permit I will strive to involve all members in Rotary activities to foster positive involvement in all activities.

The delivery of our service projects will take a new approach to ensure that we keep our adherence to social distancing rules, avoid human contact and support only projects which do not increase health risks. The vast network of Rotarians throughout Trinidad and Tobago are to be a vital resource in this regard as well as our wider district to assist, share information and join forces to provide better delivery of services over large distances.

Our board in this year comprises an equal mix of experienced Past Presidents and enthusiastic Rotarians who are eager to serve. I look forward to an exciting and

fun year ahead with all of you. Together we shall open opportunities and engage in meaningful projects that will continue to change our communities.



Crystal Ann Harper

Secretary

Secretary Report 2019 –2020

Routine secretarial duties were completed as required. Additionally, with the implementation of the Non-Profit Organization Act on 14th June, 2019 in Trinidad and Tobago, saw compliance by our Club with the completion and filing of the requisite forms and documents with the relevant authorities. The Club's Constitution and Bye Laws were updated in accordance with the recent amendments instituted by RI. Monthly Board minutes were recorded and filed.

We held regular meetings at Canton Palace Restaurant except for various special functions when the Club would relocate to alternative venues. However, in mid-March 2020, the advent of the Covid 19 virus globally saw the shifting of in person club and board meetings to weekly and monthly online virtual meetings.

Overall, the Club's attendance has been very good this year and through our continuous, vibrant presence and contribution in the local community, we have been fortunate in continuing to attract new, young, vibrant members. This year, the Club numbers re-

mained constant with the induction of four (4) new members and the equal loss of four (4) young members primarily due to personal reasons.

We continue to conduct a varied range of community projects focusing on one of the six aspects of Rotary's Areas of Focus. Our Peace and Conflict Resolution project had our youth as the focal point which was well attended and received as well as the Diabetes Project on health and wellness. Our medical outreach programmes have become quite extensive providing a myriad of services including medical, dental, legal and eye testing/ consultations, free pharmaceuticals, distribution of packets of toiletries and clothing, administering of flu vaccine, counselling services and blood pressure, blood sugar and blood cholesterol testing. Cash contributions were made as the need for financial requests arose.

As Rotary evolves and expands, as a Club we are more dynamic and flexible giving the growing and diverse commitments of our members. Members are making use of alter-

nate methods of obtaining credit for a meeting by attending club projects and/or fundraiser events, planning meetings for projects or attending other club meetings or district trainings for make-up credit.

As a vibrant and successful Rotary Club, we have more or less maintained membership, we have engaged in successful service projects in the community, we have still supported the Rotary Foundation despite the recent economic downturns with Covid -19, and we are developing leaders who are proficient and competent to serve Rotary at the Club and District levels. For instance, Rotarian Debbie Roopchand continues for another term to serve as Assistant Governor of the South Clubs in Trinidad under the leadership of District Governor Elect Lisle Chase.

As we end another successful rotary year, I take this opportunity to wish Incoming President Rishi and Secretary Rhea best wishes for what I know will be a rewarding Rotary year and may the new Board of Directors continue to lead our Club to soar to even greater heights.





Capildeo Beharry

Treasurer

Treasurer's Report 2019—2020

During this Rotary year 2019-2020, I had the privilege of being entrusted with the financial management of the Club. This included cash collections and prompt bank deposits and the recording of on-line payments to the club; timely payments to Rotary and to our suppliers of goods and services, including members who expend their cash on behalf of the club; the keeping of proper accounting records and the monitoring of bank and other balances. Monthly reports were also provided to the Board of Directors to assist in their deliberations, planning and financial commitments.

As in previous years, there were three main fund raisers: Golf Tournament, Chokha Fest and the Tea Party and Fashion Show. We are experiencing dwindling financial fortunes in some of these projects as a result of adverse economic circumstances in the country, and this is now compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we will not be daunted; we will be energized by our commitment to our charitable causes, our very raison d'être.

The auditing of the financial statements for the year ended 30th June 2019 by the

external accountants has not been completed as this was also delayed by the current pandemic. We are making all efforts to get this completed as early as possible. No negative audit reports have been issued in the past and we are confident that all is in good financial order in the last financial year and so far this year.

In closing, I wish to thank and congratulate the outgoing board, committees and members for their dedication and hard work, and wish the incoming board, committees and members success in innovating and navigating the 'new normal' challenges that lie ahead.



Dr. Ronald Gobin

Membership Director

Membership Report 2019—2020

Membership in Rotary fulfills the basic human need of friendship, personal growth, professional development and general well being in one's life.

Rotary develops character and brings out the best of human spirit. It teaches us ethics, humanity, cultural awareness, people skills and the desire and the ability to serve.

To date we have inducted four new members and our membership has remained stable. The club's membership goals have been met and we now look forward to increase our intake as we move ahead. Faced with the current pandemic our membership thrust will be challenging. Whilst the induction of new members is a basic requirement in the success, development and progress of any club the work that we do to

uplift our community and the work that we do with the youth will definitely attract new members.

Chartered twenty seven years ago with twenty five members, three of the original members remain. One is our Current President Jamir Ousman, a Paul Harris Fellow who is enjoying his fourth term as President. The other is Past President and Paul Harris Fellow Capildeo Beharry who is our current Treasurer and the third Charter member is the club's Membership Director Dr. Ronald Gobin, Past President twice, Paul Harris Fellow, Assistant Governor twice and one term as Executive Assistant Governor.

Our major fellowship event for the year was a competitive curry duck cook out.

This was very successful with all-member participation. On that day we celebrated Rotary's 115 year anniversary. Together with Club Service a Rotary awareness evening was held at the C3 Centre mall. There was excellent member participation with testing of Blood pressure, Blood sugar and Cholesterol.

I wish to thank all Rotarians, partners in service and club well wishers for making membership development a success as always. Check us out on Facebook and Instagram, subscribe to our YouTube channel and visit our website (rotaryclubofprincetown.org).



Rishi Ramlogan

Club Administration Director

Club Administration Report 2019—2020

In this, my 6th year in this role, I was blessed with a group of enthusiastic, practical and dedicated Rotarians. In the words of Norman Vincent Peale *"Enthusiasm spells the difference between mediocrity and accomplishment."*

Despite the economic hardships, we received the support of the community for the club's 25th annual Chokhifest, held on August 24th, 2019 at the San Fernando Hill. Special thanks go to the management and staff of the Hill for their continued support and commitment to all Rotary activities. This year our entertainment was provided by Satnarine Ragoo and band with a popular DJ. The food, ambience and scenery of the hill gave our patrons a "value for money" evening. Our gratitude goes out to President Jim and first lady Tara for their dedication. Also, the cooperation between our committee members Ryan, Rhea, Capil, Jim, Bashir and Crystal was exemplary.

Our 10th Tea and Fashion show "Hollywood" was planned using several methods of collaboration apart from the standard meetings which ensured that our team stays agile enough to get our respective tasks completed. The use of technology in this year's show was once again initiated at the planning stage and was followed through right until the end. With low ticket sales this year, Rotarians took up the mantle to obtain as many sales possible to ensure that our event was profitable. The Hyatt regency once again displayed a high degree of professionalism towards us. Special thanks once again go to House of Jacqui for their beautiful models and timely service. Our featured fashion houses were Kids Zone,

Charu Lochan Dass, Zadd and Eastman, Daronte, Larry Rampersad and Judy's formal wear. To our new Rotarians who expertly marketed the show, I must admit that you added new energy to our event and in this regard I must say thanks to Aneira, Hamza and Jhaston for assisting us throughout the day. Former Rotarian Indira, partners in service Anita, Ambika, Narisha and Nadira must also be thanked for their committed support.

Our 19th Annual Golf Tournament was held at the Brechin Castle Golf Course on March 08th 2019. This year our prime sponsors provided us with a barrage of prizes which were well received by all

players. The committee comprised of Amraz, Andrea, Aniera, Hamza, Michael, Jim, Ronald, Bashir and Rhea. Our Rotary Sales Team comprising Patsy, Andrea and Partner in Service, Parbaty did a fantastic job for the raffle sales on the day. In these harsh economic circumstances we were able to meet all projected estimates and golfers are already looking forward to next year.

For all three fundraisers our team demonstrated that we can party hard, but we have had the foresight to all come together and work for the common good. This is Rotary!



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Ryan Assiu

Public Relations Director
June 2019—April 2020

Public Relations Report 2019—2020

The “father of public relations”, Edward Bernays said “the three main elements of public image are practically as old as society: informing people, persuading people, or integration people with people. Of course, the means and methods of accomplishing these ends have changed as society has changed”.

As the Rotary Club of Princes Town entered its 2nd decade of the 21st century, we put into practice an ambitious Public Image plan that leveraged tradition and social media to both promote Rotary’s core values and the work of our club, as well as inspire Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike to unite towards Rotary’s causes. I say proudly that this mission was accomplished.

The global COVID19 pandemic of 2020 brought with it changes to what was originally plotted in 2019. The Rotary International Public Image criteria were abridged, and regrettably I had to relinquish my position as Director due to personal challenges. Nevertheless, this year brought with it incredible public image achievements which include: coverage of Club events on Facebook, 12% increase in social media from July 1 2019, six features in national newspapers, 12 videos highlighting/promoting events, utilizing Rotary Brand Guidelines in all publications, featured by District and Zone Facebook Groups and hosting a handful of fellowship events to introduce non-

Rotarians to Rotary.

Our success would not be possible without the dedicated time and talents of: Mr. Ryan Soodwah from the Rotary Club of San Fernando; media persons, Mr. Rishi Ragoonath, Mr. Richard Charan, Ms. Radhica Sookraj, Ms. Kimoy Leon Sing, Ms. Laurel Williams, and Ms. Amanda Elliot; friends of Rotary, Mr. Ryan Seemungal and Mr. Mickel Alexander; and all Rotarians and Partners-in-Service of the Rotary Club of Princes Town who took up the mantle of public image by serving on the Magazine Committee, participating in interviews, and taking photographs at every event.

Editor’s Note

The Board of Directors extends its deepest appreciation to the following persons who ensured the Club’s public image was maintained, completed the Public Relations activities in the absence of the Public Relations Director and ensured the Club qualified for Public Image Citation:

Secretary Crystal Ann Harper for uploading stories to Rotary Club Central and updating the Club’s website

Service Director Rhea Nobee for the compilation and completion of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarterly magazines

IPP Matthew Mc Dowell and President Chris Ramdeen of the Interact Club of Cowen Hamilton Secondary School for the creation of the Club’s video on Rotary Connects the World and updating Instagram

The Annual Magazine committee members Rotarians Andrea Bhagwandeem, Rudranath Maraj, Rhea Nobee, Jhavan Felmine, President Jamir Ousman and partner in service Narisha Mohammed for ensuring the artwork, content and design of the publication was completed for print and online versions.



Rhea Nobee

Service Projects Director

Service Projects Report 2019—2020

The time is always right to do right:
Martin Luther King

TWICE IS NICE! I had the honour of being Service Director for two years. To me this was one of the gifted roles in my life. The Rotary Club of Princes Town is known for its signature Medical Outreach in distressed communities. This year due to Covid 19 only one Medical was conducted at Cunjal Community Centre. Services offered included, dental care, vision screening, legal aid, blood sugar and cholesterol testing, free medical and personal care supplies were distributed to all who attended, medical attention administered by in house and volunteer doctors, clothing and toys giveaways. Over one hundred persons attended this Outreach Clinic.

DIVALI:

Divali is an auspicious occasion in which we celebrate among other things the triumph of light over darkness, and give specific focus in being a light to others. The Rotary Club partnered with Om Shanti Temple in Cunjal Village Princes Town to celebrate Divali. Fifteen hampers were given to the less fortunate and the children were treated with snack bags.

EID UL FITR:

This year the Rotary Club of Princes Town celebrated Eid in the NEW NORMAL. With the assistance from The Trinbago Knight Riders (TKR) and HADCO Limited in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Maraval, we were able to distribute ten hampers to the elderly and less fortunate from the Tableland ASJA Mosque.

WORLD PEACE DAY:

On Saturday September 21st, members of the Police Youth Group, Interactors from Princes Town West Secondary, Cowen Hamilton, St Stephen’s College and Rotarians took to the streets of San Fernando to walk with lighted candles to commemorate World Peace Day before gathering at Naparima Boys Auditorium.

The Rotary Club of Princes Town in collaboration with the other five clubs in the South Cluster hosted its Annual Peace Symposium featuring Justice Mr. Hon. Frank Seepersad and Dr. Roger Hosein. Both speakers spoke about conflicts in society and how we can make a difference by putting others first and lead by example. Thanks to Television CNC3 for capturing our memories and sharing with our beautiful Island.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:

Christmas is MAGICAL to a child and the Rotary Club of Princes Town knows this too well. We partnered with Brother’s Road Youth and Cultural group and in spite of the heavy rainfall, parents accompanied their children to meet Mrs Clause and joined in the fun. The children were treated with hot dog sandwiches, juice, popcorn and ice cream, snack bags, Christmas carols and soca parang. Finally, it was time for Mrs. Clause to give one hundred and seventy-five children their toys. If you saw those happy faces, priceless moment!

Our Annual Christmas concert was held in collaboration with the Princes Town Regional Cooperation. Passersby and the people of Princes Town were treated to Soca Parang, Christmas Carols, Pan renditions, Dances, Poem and Skits. One hundred

Christmas treat bags were given out to children.

WORLD DIABETES DAY:

Diabetes day is November 14th and the Rotary Club of Princes Town partnered with the Diabetes Association, Interactors from Princes Town West Secondary, St Stephen’s College, Cowen Hamilton, Princes Town Regional Cooperation and Princes Town Police Youth Group to conduct a walkathon. Rain prevented us from walking, however the people of Princes Town, surrounding areas and passersby gathered under the tent where they were educated on Diabetes Prevention, free H1N1 vaccinations and various tests were conducted. Light refreshments, snacks, brochures, water and fruits were distributed to all. A special **THANK YOU** to Princes Town Fire Service, Princes Town Traffic Police and Princes Town Regional Cooperation.

THANK YOU FELLOW ROTARIANS for your tremendous support for the past year. Without you, The Rotary Club of Princes Town Service projects would not be such a great success.

THANK YOU to the various Organizations and Volunteers who took time from their families to assist in making our projects a success.

THANK YOU to the many companies who donated medical supplies, snacks, brochures, light refreshments and giveaways.

THANK YOU to Princes Town West Secondary, St Stephen’s College and Cowen Hamilton Interactors and all our guest speakers in 2019.

Stay Safe!



Rotary Foundation Report 2019—2020

Dr. Lindsey Aziz

Foundation Director

This Rotary year 2019-2020, being my first as a Board member of the RCPT, has been extremely rewarding and enlightening. Having taken up the reins a bit late meant I had to play a little catch-up, but that was easy with the incredible support of the entire Board of Directors and by extension all the Club's members. Everyone was always willing to lend a hand or aid in direction where it was needed.

I feel very privileged to be continuing the legacy of the amazing and selfless members who have served before me, some of which I have the esteemed honor of working with today, a legacy that has been 27 years in the making. Every day as a Rotarian is a new learning experience, Rotary's work is bigger than just any one person or one Club. The hand of Rotary truly reaches far and wide and it is heartwarming to know that as an individual I get to play a part in that, in whatever small way.

This Rotary year was very successful as we were able to accomplish most of the goals we set. However the last quarter was severely affected by the on-going Global Pandemic CoVid-19, resulting in a shift in focus and momentum.

A quick recap of the activities and events we were able to carry out with bounding success, which will be expanded later on in the Issue are as follows:-

A wonderful Joint Interact Handover Ceremony for the three Clubs, Princes

Town West, Cowen Hamilton Secondary Schools and St Stephen's College. It was held on 27th July 2019 at the NESC building in Ste. Madeleine, the feature speaker being the very inspirational, Mr. Trevor 'Rex' Baddaloo.

On the 24th of September, 2019 the Interactors showed incredible dedication as they got together at dawn and made their way to the Caroni Swamp for an International Coastal Clean Up in a joint effort with the EMA. In commemoration of World Day of Peace, they again gathered, this time at dusk for a Candle Lit Peace Walk, followed by a Symposium at the Naparima College Auditorium again in a joint effort with the South Cluster of Rotary Clubs.

One of the major highlights and much anticipated events of this Rotary year was the Career Day. On 9th October, 2019 we decided on 'Career Day with a twist'. We came together with the Rotary Club of Point-a-Pierre and conducted an exciting Technical Vocational focused Career Guidance Workshop with dynamic presentations from Ms. Nirupa Chatalal, Mr. Rayber Bowen, Mr. Ramesh Bholia and the duo of Ms. Indira Ramroop and Mr. Vishal Maharaj. One of the highpoints of the morning was a visit from the District Governor Trevor Blake addressing the one hundred students from the Princes Town East and West Secondary Schools, Cowen Hamilton, St. Stephen's College, Union Claxton Bay Secondary and Gasparillo Composite Schools.

Another dual celebration took place during the same week in November 2019 as Interact week was celebrated with a Community Family Fun Day on the 9th and a Diabetes Walk and Clinic on the 14th. During this week Interactors also sought the opportunity to edu-

cate their respective school populations on Rotary and its work through the Interact Clubs and on Diabetes Awareness.

One of Rotary's six areas of focus is Education and Literacy and observing this the RCPT for over twenty years, has held a Vocational Awards Programme. Every year a number of underprivileged and deserving students are carefully selected and tens of thousands of dollars are awarded to them to aid with tuition for their Tertiary Education. This venture is funded by monies raised in our signature fundraising events held throughout the Rotary Year. This year the Awards Ceremony was held at Canton Palace Restaurant on November 30th, 2019. Eight academic awards were presented and a surprise, special award given to a young man pursuing a Certificate in Visual Arts, in keeping with our focus on Technical Vocations this year. Our guest speaker and now avid Rotary supporter, Mr. Rayber Bowen captivated the youth with his unique story, once again.

As I write and while the globe is on lockdown due to CoVid-19 and many events such as RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) have been cancelled, we are forced to re-examine our way of life and search for new avenues in which to serve as Rotarians. Both Rotarians and Interactors are working assiduously to provide aide to deserving families in our communities through Hamper drives, installing sinks at local Health Facilities to provide safe handwashing and most importantly everyone is doing their part to Flatten the Curve. Thank You.

JULY 2019

CLUB EID CELEBRATION

The Club celebrated with partners in service, family members and friends the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr at the scenic residence of President Jamir Ousman. Chairperson Rotarian Dr Lindsey Aziz welcomed everyone and briefly shared the Club's history of recognizing and celebrating all religious activities. Guest speaker Imam Dr. Hamza Rafeeq spoke of Rotary's impact on communities and the need for charitable acts to help eradicate poverty that are fundamental aspects of Islam as well. The evening ended with everyone in fellowship as they dined and enjoyed the delicious sawine and mouthwatering Eid sweets.



JOINT INTERACT HANDOVER CEREMONY

A Joint Interact Handover Ceremony for the three Clubs, Princes Town West Secondary School, Cowen Hamilton Secondary School and St Stephen's College was held on 27th July 2019 at the NESC building in Ste. Madeleine where the feature address was given by former Rotarian, Mr. Trevor 'Rex' Baddaloo. The Joint Handover is a special event that honors the work of past student executives and welcomes the new leadership of the Interact Clubs. Moreover, it allows the students from the Princes Town Interact Clubs to come together in fellowship with their Sponsor Club as well as each other.

Photos: The new Interact Boards of Princes Town West Secondary (left) and St. Stephen's College (right) with President Jamir and Secretary Crystal



Above: The new Interact Board of Cowen Hamilton with President Jamir and Sec. Crystal



Above: Guest speaker Trevor Rex Baddaloo (4th from right) with Rotarians of Princes Town



CHOKHAFEST

On Saturday August 24th, 2019 hundreds of men, women and children came out to San Fernando Hill as we hosted our Annual Chokhafest Charity Fundraiser. This year's spread included 12 different types of chokha, two types of coconut chutney, kuchela and home-made pepper sauces. Hot sada roti and fry bakes were prepared on-site with ingredients provided by 'Persad D Food King'. Beverages and snacks were also provided by Crystal Waters, Coca-Cola, AS Bryden, Holiday Snacks, Bermudez Biscuits and Kiss Baking Company.

Patrons of the event enjoyed an evening of live entertainment, giveaways and family-friendly fun. From bouncy castles to vocal performances, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Satnarine Ragoo and Anuradha Hansraj delighted audiences with their vocal prowess; DJ Shawn mixed modern and classic music; and Simmy the Trini Comedian brought raucous laughter to the crowd. Door prizes and Raffle prizes were distributed as the afternoon progressed thanks to the kind contributions of Massy Distribution, Bermudez Biscuits, Rash Electronics, and Mrs. Tara Ousman.



SEPTEMBER 2019

PEACE WALK & SYMPOSIUM

On Saturday 21st September, the Rotary Club of Princes Town in collaboration with the South Cluster of Rotary Clubs hosted its Annual Peace Symposium featuring the Honourable Mr. Justice Frank Seepersad and Dr. Roger Hosein. Present were dozens of students from the Interact Clubs of Princes Town West Secondary School, Cowen Hamilton Secondary School and St. Stephen's College. The Barrackpore Police Youth Club and other youth centric organizations were also represented for the evening's proceedings.

In their contributions the speakers echoed core philosophical sentiments of Rotary as the way to create a more peaceful society. Dr. Hosein encouraged the audience to be brave and truthful; pleading with the youth to hold adults accountable for a stable financial future. Among his insights, Justice Seepersad reiterated the mantra of Rotary in saying, "A better Trinidad and Tobago will be achieved if we are all able to put Service Above Self".

Feature speakers spoke directly to a largely youth audience to inspire them to put the collective above self and to be the light in what sometimes feel like an ever darkening world. Special acknowledgements and gratitude goes out to all who made this event successful. We are especially thankful for our featured speakers: Dr. Akenath Misir, Honourable Mr. Justice Frank Seepersad, and Dr. Roger Hosein.



OCTOBER 2019

CLUB DIVALI CELEBRATION

Fully clad in dazzling Indian-wear, Rotarians, partners-in-service and friends-of-Rotary gathered at President Jim's residence on October 23rd for an evening of fellowship in honor of Divali.

Chaired by Rot. Jhavon Felmine and Rot. Dr. Ronald Gobin the event stimulated all senses with the best of East Indian culture. Ms. Gabrielle de Young wowed with two masterful dance pieces. Our ears were soothed by the keyboard renditions of Ms. Anushka Gobin. And of course, taste buds were blown away with a menu that included: buss-up-shot, pumpkin, channa and aloo, mango amchar, rice and kurhi.

Brahama Kumari Payal of the Raja Yoga Centre delivered a feature address that centered on the meaning of Divali. She urged the attentive audience to internalize the true meaning of the celebration so that there is a spiritual and mental transformation to compliment the physical. Indeed joy and love filled the atmosphere as members of the Raja Yoga Centre joined in on the "pick a pan" and Rotary Fashion show - bringing a memorable evening to a close.



DIVALI AT CUNJAL ROAD



Divali is an auspicious occasion in which we celebrate among other things the triumph of light over darkness, and give specific focus in being a light to others.

On Monday 21st October, the Rotary Club of Princes Town was proud to Partner with the Om Shanti Temple at Cunjal Road to spread Divali cheer. Members visited the temple to assist with decorating, distributed 15 food hampers to the less fortunate members of the community, and gave out 50 snack bags to the children present.

NOVEMBER 2019

HOLLYWOOD — ANNUAL TEA & FASHION SHOW

HOLLYWOOD, our 10th Annual Tea and Fashion Fundraiser was held at the Hyatt Regency on November 10th under the care of Master of Ceremonies, Amanda Elliot of Hott 93. With Amanda at the helm, our patrons were guided through a seamless evening of high fashion, live entertainment and exciting give-aways!

Patrons were serenaded by the sweet musical renditions of Quattro Musica Productions and the saxophone of Mr. Shawn Walters. Derek Griffith and Sharon Thomas of Modern Ballroom School of Dance delighted with a "Dancing with the Stars" performance. Thank you to our designers CLD, Daronte, Zadd & Eastman, Larry Rampersad, KidsZone and Judy's Formal and Bridal as well as our sponsors of our fabulous door hampers and fantastic raffle prizes!

Our Club extends our appreciation to Guanfranco for his videography of the event. Photos of the event are courtesy Ryan Soodwah Photography.



DECEMBER 2019

PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

Rotarians, Partners in Service, friends and specially invited guests gathered at President Jim's residence in Ste. Madeleine for the annual President's Dinner.

The evening was filled with joy and gratitude as attendees exchanged gifts and shared in a fantastic meal prepared by First Lady Tara and friend of Rotary Carol.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT —PRINCES TOWN PROMENADE

The Rotary Club of Princes Town was out on December 13th to spread some cheer at the Princes Town Triangle through our annual Christmas Concert.

The event featured a dance item by Clydelle Harricharan and the Princes Town Police Youth Club; songs by Nicholas Lucas; and live pan.

Special thanks to the Princes Town Regional Corporation, Princes Town Police Station, SNSR Supermarket, Western Traders, Kiss Baking Company Ltd, Holiday Snacks, Charles Candy and President Jason of the Princes Town Youth Club.



CHRISTMAS AT BROTHER'S ROAD, TABLELAND

On December 15th Mrs. Clause (Rotarian Rhea) and her Rotary Elves gathered at the Brother's Road Grounds to distribute 140 gifts to the kids of Princes Town and environs. Hampers were also provided to families in need.

Rotarians gathered days before to wrap all the wonderful presents for the children who were overjoyed to receive them.



JANUARY 2020

DISTRICT TRAINING ON DIABETES AWARENESS

In keeping with Incoming DG Lisle Chase's commitment to reduce lifestyle diseases specifically diabetes, representatives from the Rotary Clubs of Trinidad attended a training session on Diabetes awareness. The discussion included projects and methods to increase the awareness of Diabetes and how as Clubs we can aid in educating our communities on the ways and means to combat this prevalent disease.



Butterflies' Tryst, Human Bliss And the Environment By Rotarian Capildeo Beharry

Thru' the kitchen window, in the early morn
I glanced with nonchalant eyes
Indifference quickly turned into delight
At the appearance of two colourful butterflies

I now gazed in wonderment
And happiness found expression on my face
I reflected on who made and sent them
And praised Him for His Grace

In all directions they flitted; and swirled around
Butterflies' dance; ballet elegance!
I could not hear but there was music in the air
Flirting, doting, courting; fairy-tale romance!

They fluttered their elegant wings
And hovered o'er the blooming flower
Then gracefully nestled and swayed thereon
Relishing nature's succulent nectar

Butterflies; aperitif, entrée et le dessert
One flower would only the appetite whet
But with eidetic memory and savoir faire
Old flowery haunts would never forget

Off then in frolicsome flight
Their wings bidding hearty good-bye
No doubt salivating at other flowers
In the yonder or perhaps just nearby

Oh! What transcendental serenity
Perennial cares momentarily kept at bay
Peace and contentment so celestial
Alas, such a fleeting, tantalising stay

Now care! Butterflies aplenty yesteryear
Today seldom a sight to behold
On the morrow, peradventure, serendipity
And an environmental future ominously told

ROTARY CLUB OF PRINCES TOWN



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Retired



Dr. Ronald Gobin
Medicine



Capildeo Beharry
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Retired



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ROTARY AWARENESS AT C3 CENTRE

On February 5, 2020, the Rotarians of Princes Town engaged the public at C3 Centre in Corinth to provide information about Rotary along with free screenings for cholesterol, blood pressure and blood sugar.

Visitors to the Rotary Booth left with tips on how to manage a healthy lifestyle as well as ways they can serve their wider community through a Rotary Organization.

Photos show Rotarians engaged in conversations with patrons of the mall as well as doing blood pressure and blood sugar screenings.



MARCH 2020

GOLF TOURNAMENT AT SEVILLA BRECHIN CASTLE

The Rotary Club of Princes Town hosted its annual Fund Raising Golf Tournament for the first time at the Sevilla Golf Course at Brechin Castle Couva. Twenty nine teams competed in the tournament with Haroon Joseph and Sarah Ramphal representing Haygem Travel winning the coveted Raubin Harnarine Challenge trophy.

Golfers were welcomed with an array of dishes for breakfast before venturing out to the golf course and were well hydrated during the warm sunny day with our well stocked beverage station on the course. At the end of the afternoon, golfers, Rotarians and friends enjoyed a delicious meal provided by Superb Caterers as they all relaxed and bantered with each other as they engaged in fellowship. The prizes this year comprised of Golf Bags, Trolleys, Golf Balls, Angostura Rum Hampers, NP Hampers and Household Appliances. The Raffle was a huge success as Golfers generously purchased tickets and received very attractive prizes.

The Rotary Club of Princes Town would like to extend its sincerest thanks to all the gracious sponsors who contributed in making this event a success and would like to thank Fabian Kublalsingh for his support and expertise in planning and executing this tournament and also Noel Kallicharan for his assistance in tallying the scores. Our Club looks forward to your support for a bigger and better golf fundraiser in the coming Rotary year.



MEDICAL OUTREACH CLINIC CUNJAL PRINCES TOWN

On December 1, 2019 over one hundred families visited Cunjal Community Centre to take part in the Medical and Legal Aid Clinic facilitated by the Rotary Club of Princes Town. The Clinic is primarily aimed at providing rural and depressed communities with free services that may otherwise be too costly to achieve. The services offered at Sunday's outreach event included: dental exams, eye testing, blood sugar and cholesterol testing, H1N1 vaccinations, legal advice, free filling of prescriptions, toy and clothing giveaways, and doctor's consultations.

With the help of the Cunjal Community Council, South West Regional Health Authority, Princes Town Health Centre, Value Optical, Advantage Lab Services Ltd., the Diabetes Association of Trinidad and Tobago, and wonderful volunteers we can bring these services to those who need it most.

President of the Rotary Club of Princes Town, Jamir Ousman, gave thanks to all the partners who made the day's event a success. He gave special mention to the medical professionals who volunteered their time to be there. Special recognition went out to Nurses R. Dreepaulsingh, Z. Ragbir and R. Seecharan of the Princes Town Health Centre; Ms. R. Gildharry, S. Roopnarine, S. Mohammed and C. Tamby of the Diabetes Association of Trinidad and Tobago; Mr. D. Morales from Value Optical; medical student T. Bhagwansingh; and doctors D. Gidla, A. Misir, and Premanand.

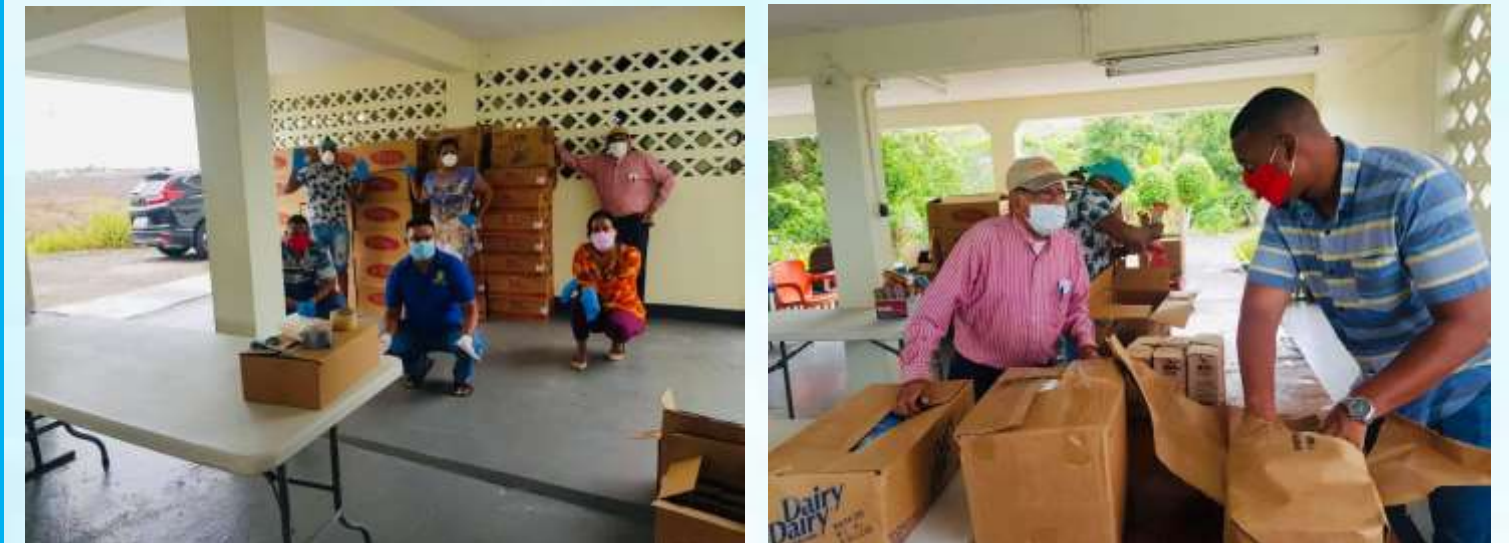


APRIL 2020

COVID-19 HAMPER RELIEF

The critical and necessary enhanced Stay-at-Home measures put in place to curtail the spread of the COVID19 virus has had a disproportionate impact on vulnerable households throughout Trinidad and Tobago. This is especially true for the communities in and around Princes Town which contain fairly high single-income households, or households supported by non-essential workers.

In response to these needs, on April 10, 2020 the Rotary Club of Princes Town in collaboration with The Price Club Supermarket prepared fifty (50) COVID19 relief hampers containing basic grocery and sanitary supplies valued at \$250 each. These hampers were then distributed to fifty households identified as especially vulnerable by key community leaders in Princes Town, Cedar Hill, Cunjal, Hardbargain, Williamsville, Garth Road, Ben Lomond and Brothers Road. Our partners in this service included Councillor Alvin Daniel, the Brother's Road Youth and Cultural Group, and many others. As we continue into these uncertain times which places us all in uncomfortable and strained circumstances, we reiterate the importance of being your neighbor's keeper. Now, more than ever we must serve above self.



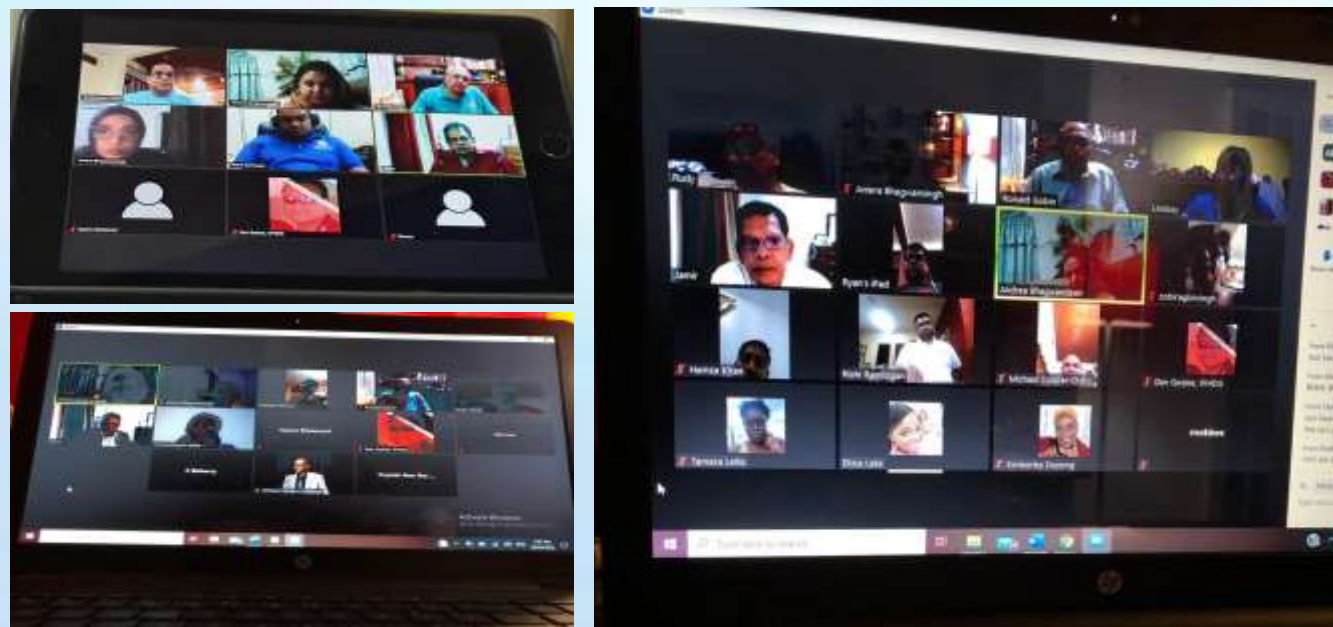
ROTARY SUPPORTS OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

In keeping with Rotary International's motto of "Service Above Self," and in an effort to aid the national efforts to flatten the curve in wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Rotary Club of Princes Town, on 05th April 2020, installed two handwashing bays at both entrances of the Princes Town Health Facility. This Health Facility daily gives medical attention to between two and three hundred persons. The aim of this project is to protect both the patients from spreading the virus to each other and to stem the spread of the virus to the healthcare workers stationed there.



ROTARY CONNECTS WITH ONLINE MEETINGS

The Ministry of Health issued stay at home restrictions to assist on flattening the curve of the Covid-19 Pandemic in Trinidad and Tobago. As a result, physical meetings could not be facilitated so our Club started online meetings to ensure our charitable works and response to the pandemic through relief hampers etc. proceed without any difficulty. Our meetings saw Rotarians from Clubs as far as Australia who joined to participate and provide insights on the effect of the pandemic on their respective countries.



EID HAMPERS AT TABLELAND MOSQUE

The Trinibago Knight Riders (TKR) and HADCO Limited in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Maraval distributed hampers across our twin island Republic to some of our most financially vulnerable citizens who have been adversely affected by the CoVid-19 pandemic.

On Monday, May 11th, 2020 at Hotel Normandie Hotel, President Jamir Ousman of the Rotary Club of Princes Town received ten (10) hampers from TKR player, Khary Pierre; President of the Rotary Club of Maraval, Marcia Prince-Assam and Immediate Past President, Jennifer Abraham.

These ten (10) hampers were distributed on Saturday, May 16th, 2020 by the Rotary Club of Princes Town to members of the Tableland A.S.J.A. Mosque as part of the Rotary Club of Princes Town's recognition of religious events in our community. All CoVid-19 regulations as issued by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago were observed during the conduct of this project.



HUMANITARIAN AID

The Rotary Club of Princes Town was approached to consider providing an ambulation assistive device for Mr. Tommy Mark who hails from Hope Road, Princes Town and whose independent movement is limited due to a spinal injury.

On 26th May 2020 the Club, in recognition of Mr. Mark as a candidate for an ambulation assistive device, delivered a walker to Mr. Mark who is now proudly able to balance, bear weight and move around independently. Right: Mr. Mark utilizing the walker at his home in Hope Road.



On Friday 29th May 2020, the Trinidad and Tobago Contractors Association in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Princes Town, distributed five (5) food hampers to St. Julien, Mayaro, St. Mary's, Barrackpore and Manzanilla in a swift and concerted effort to provide food security to homes which are severely impacted by the adverse economic effects of the CoVid-19 pandemic.

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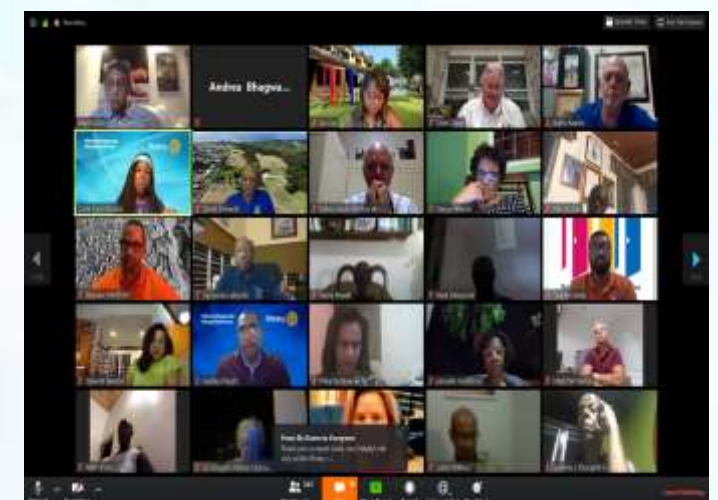
P.E.T.S. 2020 TRAINING DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Membership at a Rotary Club provides an organized and enjoyable experience for members to make a contribution to the community. This is ensured by incoming Rotarian Administrators' exposure to training in strategic planning which aids in reaching club goals and developing long term vision for their clubs. Typically, these training sessions take the form of a conference, hosted in the nation of the District Governor, who this year hails from St. Kitts. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic the opportunity to travel was lost.

Nevertheless, in a spirit of collaboration and innovation, Rotarians were able to benefit via online training sessions and with the current trends of increased use of technology, promises to thrust our club into the 21st Century! Some of the topics that have been covered thus far were "Planning Your Year & Leading Your Team", "Your Club Projects", "Grow Rotary" and "Conflict Resolution".

The expectation is that this training will enhance Rotarian skillsets and produce a better organized, well-disciplined and more flexible club.

Right: Present on this Screen are our Incoming Secretary Rhea Nobee and Incoming Membership Director Andrea Bhagwandeem.





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Interact Clubs of the Rotary Club of Princes Town

PRINCES TOWN WEST SECONDARY SCHOOL

On Saturday 21st September 2019, the Interact Club of Princes Town West Secondary attended the international coastal clean up which was held in the Caroni Swamp. It consisted of many different interact and humanitarian clubs.

On Thursday 24th October 2019, the Club held a donut and pepper roti sale to raise funds for world polio day. It was a success as they raised \$600.00.

On Saturday 9th November 2019, the 3 Interact Clubs held a joint Fun and Family Day to sensitize the need for physical health but also to bring joy and happiness to all the families in the community.



COWEN HAMILTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

One of the first fundraisers hosted by the club was a pizza fundraiser where participants had a chance to win a pizza. The funds were used to carry out various other activities and projects.

On world polio day the Interact Club of Cowen Hamilton brought forth both awareness and funding towards the fight against polio. An information presentation was presented during assembly and for the fundraiser polio day bands or color closest to that of polio were sold. The Polio Fundraiser allowed students not only to support by buying a band with quotes against the polio virus but even allowed them to write their own. Both teachers and students participated in the fundraiser.



Interact Clubs of the Rotary Club of Princes Town

COWEN HAMILTON SECONDARY SCHOOL

The Club hosted a recruitment drive where the purpose was to get the club's name more known to the school as well as bring in new members. A video presentation of all the clubs activities thus far was shown. Board members as well as both former and current presidents spoke a little bit about experiences and perks of being part of the club.

An awareness program dedicated for cancer was held throughout the entire week where each day at assembly, awareness on various types of cancer was discussed. On the last day of the program there was a booth display where student and teachers were invited as well as a small fundraiser where color coded ribbons to represent different type of cancers were sold along with the handing out of



ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE

On the 9th November in partnership with Cowen Hamilton Secondary and Princes Town West Secondary the members of our club hosted a Fun Family Day. Although it was rainy, we worked tirelessly to achieve our goals of connecting families and celebrating World Interact Week with our Rotary Club Family, the Princes Town Community and others.

Our first official initiative was held during the month of October, continuing throughout our year which was to sell polio and diabetes ribbons in order to raise funds. Most members worked very hard to sell these ribbons during lunch and recess break to the school population. Teachers and family members and the general public also engaged in this effort. This year our club submitted \$2,500 towards the polio eradication fund.

This year our club partnered with One Love Charity to collect peas and carrots for Christmas hampers to 350 needy families as a means of giving back to our community during the Christmas season.



JOINT STUDENT CAREER DAY

On October 9th, 2019 the Rotary Club of Princes Town in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Point-a-Pierre, hosted a Student Career Day themed "Tech-work" for secondary students. One hundred students gathered at the National Energy Skills Center Auditorium in Ste. Madeleine to learn about the importance of following their passions, remaining focused, and exploring different career paths available in technical vocations. Princes Town West Secondary School, Princes Town East Secondary School, Cowen Hamilton Secondary, St. Stephen's College, Union Claxton Bay Senior Comprehensive and Gasparillo Composite School attended.

The programme coordinated by the RCPT's Vocational Services Director, Dr. Lindsey Aziz, inspired students through motivational presentations and speeches delivered by a panel of distinguished men and women who found great success from technical vocations. Ms. Nirupa Chatalal of MIC Institute of Technology, Mr. Rayber Bowen of NAMDEVCO, Mr. Ramesh Bhola of Bhola's Auto, and Ms. Indira Ramroop of NESC provided students with safe advice and wise strategies for pursuing a career in hands-on work.

Rotary District 7030 Governor Trevor Blake gave the capstone address reminding students to follow their passions to be productive and proud members of their community. At the end of the session, the students explored the booth displays from Environmental Management Agency, NESC and MIC Institute of Technology.



WELCOME NEW ROTARIANS!

Left: Mr. Darren Harrylal (Classification: Business) Ms Aniera Bhagwansingh (Classification: Law), and Mr. Hamza Khan (Classification: Oil and Gas) were inducted as new members on October 16, 2019 to join the good work of improving lives in Trinidad and Tobago under the Rotary banner. They each expressed their commitment to being part of our collective humanitarian projects and giving back to their communities through Rotary.



Right: On February 12, 2020 Ms. Andrea Bhagwan-deen (Classification: Law) was welcomed into our Rotary family. Andrea has a long history of community service with other NGO's and pledged to serve those in need through Rotary. She was sponsored by Rotary Club of Princes Town stalwart and her long-time friend, Ms. Patsy Chankersingh.

JOINT MEETING WITH SIX CLUBS

On 16th October 2019, Rotarians from Chaguanas, Sangre Grande, San Fernando, Point Fortin and Pointe-a-Pierre joined members of our Club for the Club's "Dinner and Discussion" forum with His Excellency Mr. Bishwaishwar "Cammie" Ramsaroop-Maraj, High Commissioner of Guyana to Trinidad on "Investment Opportunities in Guyana".

Guests were told of the various opportunities for investment in Guyana across all sectors including but not limited to: agriculture, healthcare, education, ICT, oil and gas and tourism.

Mr. Ramsaroop-Maraj fielded questions from Rotarians and the public regarding Guyana's capacity for industry and the technical procedures for establishing a business in Guyana. The evening also saw the drawing of a raffle, and the distribution of tokens of appreciation to our featured speaker.



FAMILY DAY AND CURRY DUCK COMPETITION

On February 16, 2020, rotarians, partners in service and friends of Rotary gathered in Ste. Madeleine at President Jamir's residence for the Club's annual Family Day and Curry Duck Competition.

The Club was divided into three teams: "Chatak Curry Duck Crew", "Rotary Dudes and Dudettes" and the "Curry Duck-tors" who vied for the title of "Best Curry Duck". The criteria was strict with points awarded for Taste, Preparation method, Food presentation and Tent presentation. Former Rotarians Indira Singh, Wendy Ann Joseph and friend of Rotary Carl were the judges for the competition. The competition was intense with spectacular presentations by all teams.

When the results were tallied, the "Curry Duck-tors" claimed victory with their impressive spread and medical themed décor. The team proudly received a trophy and the rights to brag about their prowess until the next Family Day! The afternoon progressed with barbecue, a slip-n-slide for the kids, cricket, bun-eating and beer drinking competitions which were filled with lots of laughter and fellowship and fun!



DIABETES WALK AND CLINIC

On November 14, 2019 The Rotary Club of Princes Town in collaboration with the Diabetes Association of Trinidad & Tobago held a diabetes walk and free clinic in recognition of World Diabetes Day. Addressing diabetes is one of the Rotary Club of Princes Town's core areas of focus for the year 2019-2020. In 2018, Trinidad and Tobago was said to have the third highest rate of diabetes deaths in the world according to the World Diabetes Report. We were proud to also see students from our Interact Clubs in attendance and participating in spreading awareness of this prevalent issue.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

On November 30 2019, the Rotary Club of Princes Town awarded \$50,000 towards eight scholarship awardees at Canton Palace Restaurant to assist with their tertiary expenses.

Mr. Rayber Bowen, in his feature address encouraged the students to never give up and to follow their dreams even if the journey meanders in a direction they don't expect. He echoed the sentiments of President Jamir Ousman, who reminded the children to honour and respect their parents who continue to sacrifice to support their academic growth.

After the awarding of the scholarship prizes, the families shared dinner and fellowship with members of the Rotary Club of Princes Town.



Scholarship Recipients

Vanessa Ramkahalawan	UWI N1 Programme
Kareem Ascevero	BSc Medicine
Kavita Maraj	BSc Management
Ras Osan Tafari Mason	BSc Management
Rhondell Dipnarine	BSc Pharmacy
Samantha Ramnarine	BSc Criminology
Jewel Alleyne	BSc Medicine
Sheliza Ali	BSc Pharmacy
Keyon Yarde	Certificate of Visual Arts



Recipients with parents and Director Dr Lindsey Aziz

PLATINUM PRESIDENT CITATION AWARDED FOR 2018-2019

On October 11, 2019 DG Trevor Blake presented the Club with a **PLATINUM President Citation** for the year 2018/2019. President Citation is awarded to Clubs that demonstrated good standing, excellence in the areas of Rotary International's core focus areas, and exemplary action towards the Presidential theme "Be the Inspiration".

Platinum Citation, the highest level of citation, is granted to Clubs who fulfill the most ambitious targets. Under the astute direction of IPP Crystal Harper, our Club was able to meet the highest standard of excellence. **Well Done!!!**

Right: DG Trevor (seated centre) with Rotarians of Princes Town at the South Cluster District Cocktail Gala Event



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S BOARD AND CLUB VISIT

On the 9th October 2019, DG Trevor Blake met with the Club's Board of Directors at the NESC Board Room, Ste. Madeline for his review of the Club's performance.

DG Trevor met with the members of the Club during lunch where he was presented with a painting of the Princes Town Rotary Clocktower prepared by Ms. Kelsey Nancoo. DG Trevor also delivered the feature address at the Rotary Club of Princes Town's Student Career Day earlier in the day.



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WHEELCHAIR DISTRIBUTION

At 19 years old, Pria of Hermitage Village is confined to a wheelchair due to a hip adjustment surgery which left her with one leg 4 inches shorter than the other. On Tuesday 20th August, 2019 our Director of Service, Rot. Rhea was able to deliver a brand new wheelchair to this delighted and effervescent young woman, restoring her mobility and comfort once more.



On 12th May 2020, in response to a plea for mobility assistance from the New Beginning Elderly Home in Barrackpore, the Rotary Club of Princes Town with the gracious support of Price Club Supermarket Ltd., in a swift humanitarian response, facilitated the distribution of two wheelchairs and grocery supplies. We are deeply grateful for the support which we have received from Price Club Supermarket Ltd. on this occasion and on numerous previous occasions.



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