



ROTARY CLUB OF PRINCES TOWN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The opening ceremony of District 7030's conference in Suriname was held at the famous Cathedral Basilica. At this special event the flags of each country with attendees present was displayed by the young people of Suriname who were dressed in traditional Surinamese wear as well as in the traditional clothing of other countries as one of its popular opera singers gave a live rendition of each country's anthem as its flag was paraded. The event was made memorable by the address of Rotary International's representative from Paris Dominique Dubois who brought greetings on behalf of RI's President Gary Huang and by District 7030's District Governor Elwin Atmodimedjo who addressed the district and brought the ceremony to a close.

Above: The Club's attendees & partner in service Tara Ousman
Centre: Rots. Debbie, Ronald and DGE Milton Inniss



Debbie & Ronald at PETS



Ronald, RI's rep Dominique Dubois & Debbie



Above: AG Kangaloo, Rotarians Ronald, Jamir and partner in service Tara at the welcome party hosted by DS I Waddy Sowma



(1) Certificate of recognition from Rotary International for the Club's contribution to Polio eradication during Immediate Past President Bashir Mohammed's term

(2) Certificate of attendance presented by President Jamir Ousman to Rotarian Debbie Roopchand in recognition of her attendance as the Club's incoming Secretary at PETS 2015

(3) Certificate of attendance presented to Ronald Gobin for his attendance as the Club's incoming President at PETS 2015

(4) District Governor's citation awarded to the Club presented to the Club's President Jamir Ousman by Rotarian Wayne Nanan

Recognizing our mothers:

At its regular meeting of the 06th May 2015 the Club took the opportunity to recognize its members who are mothers and to wish them a Happy Mother's Day. The Club thanks Rotarian Rishi Ramlogan and our President's partner in service Tara Ousman for putting together the special tokens presented to our mothers.

Below: from L to R: our mothers Zobida Ragbirsingh, Patsy Chankersingh & Vilma Bellamy



HAPPY 22ND ANNIVERSARY *OUR HISTORY:*

Following the mandate to establish the Rotary Club of Princes Town given to Attorney at Law Rotarian Hendrickson Seunath by District Governor Fred Lam, the first meeting was held on October 21st, 1992. This was conducted by District Governor's Special Representative Rotarian Hendrickson Seunath and the District Governor's Extension Aide Rotarian Sadiq Baksh. We were subsequently granted Provisional Status on November 11th 1992. The total process to become chartered took approximately 11 months and we became a reality on May 7th 1993, when we received our charter instruments. Our sponsor club was the Rotary Club of San Juan under the Presidency of Rotarian Sadiq Baksh.

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

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

The Incorporation which was undertaken with the full approval of Rotary International, the Club's Board of Directors and membership was spearheaded by Attorney at Law Ms. Debbie Roopchand of the Firm of Ernest H. Koylass & Co. as a service to the Club.

Congratulations:



Our President Jamir Ousman took the opportunity at the Club's weekly meeting on Wednesday 27th May to present Rotarian Amraz Alibocas with a token on behalf of the Club in recognition of the birth of his son Adam. The Club congratulates Rotarian Amraz and his wife Michelle on Adam's birth and wish them every success as parents as they embark on this new stage of their lives. We also look forward to Adam paying us a visit in the near future.

Maui vacation:



Time out before taking up office:

As the Rotary year comes to a close our incoming President Dr. Ronald Gobin takes some time out with his partner in service Radhika in Hawaii to attend his niece Victoria's wedding ceremony and to relax before starting his term in office.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Handover Ceremony - Friday 03rd July 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. Prive Ballroom

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT:



The Rotary year 2014-2015 was an exciting and productive year for the Club not the least so from a Public Relations perspective. The Press Office accepted Rotary International's President Gary C.K. Huang's challenge to "**Light up Rotary**" by making a concerted effort to ensure that the Club received the widest coverage of all its events/activities using social media such as Facebook, its Website and by attracting newspaper publications in the local newspaper in daily circulation. The Press Office issued online publication of over 38 articles during the course of the year supported by many accompanying photographs to give readers a feel of the events reported upon and the success of the venture.

Concomitant with the activities of the Press Office the Club's Facebook page moved from a following of approximately 300 "likes" at the start of 2014 to over 2,700 likes today with each article issued by the Press Office being viewed by hundreds of followers, "liked" by many and "shared" by some.

The Press Office is pleased to report that it ensured the timely publication of the Club's Quarterly magazine "The Mission" which showcased the Club's activities and was circulated electronically on its website/Facebook page. Copies of The Mission were also generated in print for the Club's review and wider personal circulation.

The Club received full coverage of its activities in the Trinidad Express online and in print on five occasions inclusive of its three major fundraisers Chokha Festival, Tea & Fashion Show and its Golf Tournament.

The Press Office is confident that by its efforts the Club has benefitted in being more widely known for its charitable works.

As Director of Public Relations I wish to specially thank Rotarians Rudolph Ali and Indira Singh for their ready and steady submission of professionally captured photographs to the Press Office, which made the Press Office's task easier, and to all Rotarians who contributed to my publications in one way or another I say a heartfelt thank you. I wish my successor Indira Singh every success and commit to supporting her efforts in any way I am able.

Debbie Roopchand
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