

ROTARY CLUB OF PRINCES TOWN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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The Four Way Test:

Is it the truth? It is fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Would it be beneficial to all concerned?

L. President Jamir Ousman & Tara Ousman



A SUCCESSFUL FIRST QUARTER:

On the 08th October 2014 President Jamir Ousman in recognition of the contribution by members of the Club's Board of Directors to a successful first quarter under his Presidency awarded tokens of appreciation Directors Wayne Nanan, Von Mohammed, Rishi Ramlogan and Debbie Roopchand as to their outstanding efforts.



Above: Rtn Wayne Nanan & President Jamir Ousman

Left column: top Rishi Ramlogan, middle Von Mohammed, below Debbie Roopchand

IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING FOR DIWALI:

On Friday 17th October 2014 the Rotary Club of Princes Town Trinidad and Tobago ("the Club") in celebration of Diwali, the festival of lights, with the Hindu Community of Lothians Village Princes Town conducted a Diwali light-up and treat in conjunction with the Lothians Village Council at the Lothians Village Recreation Ground as part of the Club's outreach programme in assisting communities and creating partnerships with them.



The Village Council welcomed the Club's involvement in bringing joy and merriment to all who attended and thanked the Club for its generous and thoughtful initiative.

Approximately 120 residents of the community attended the event, which was made even more special by the live entertainment provided by S.M.S. Sangeet Orchestra.



All the children were treated with treat bags while the adults were given gifts of hampers. The Club distributed Prasad and traditional East Indian delicacies to all present at the celebrations. The Lothians ground was beautifully lit up with deeyas placed on traditional bamboo arches which were bent to form various traditional patterns on the open field.



There was a common feeling of sharing and satisfaction between the Club and the attendees and the Club's effort was recognised as reflective of the spirit of Diwali.

Rotarian Von Morris Mohammed was responsible for organizing the event with the assistance of President of the Lothians Village Council Mr. Carl Arjoon and with the support of fellow Rotarians from the Club the event turned out to be a great success for all who attended.

THE CLUB'S DIWALI CELEBRATIONS:

On the 15th October 2014 the Club held its annual Diwali celebrations at the home of President Jamir Ousman. The event was attended by Rotarians, their families and specially invited guests who participated in the lighting of deeyas and enjoyed a wide array of east indian food and delicacies as they celebrated Diwali.





A PROUD MOMENT FOR THE ROTARY CLUB OF PRINCES TOWN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO:



Immediate Past President Bashir Mohammed (L) & President Jamir Ousman (R)

Tonight President Jamir Ousman delivered the following Citations & Certificate of Recognition to Immediate Past President Bashir Mohammed which were awarded to the Club by Rotary International and Immediate Past District Governor Herve Honore in recognition of the Club's achievements under the leadership of IPP Bashir Mohammed during the Rotary Year 2013-2014:-



1. The Presidential Citation from Ron D. Burton President Rotary International for 2013-2014 to the Club for actively working to engage rotary change lives.

2. The Presidential Citation from Ron D. Burton President Rotary International for 2013-2014 to the Club for setting strategic goals to engage Rotary, change lives, this year and in years to come.



3. A Certification of Recognition for Club Administration presented by the District Governor Herve Honore.

The Rotary Club of Princes Town Trinidad and Tobago remains committed to the ideal of service above self and to "Light up Rotary".

AN INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT:



Rotarian Zobida Ragbirsingh & Sir. Michael Hurst

The Rotary Club of Princes Town Trinidad and Tobago is proud of its member and Past President Zobida Ragbirsingh who on the 25th October 2014 at the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) inaugural awards in Barbados was awarded the Regional Award 2014 in acknowledgement of her tireless efforts in the fight against diabetes and her dedication shown in improving the lives of people with the disease in Trinidad and Tobago.

Sir Michael Hurst President of IDF and Former Member of the British Parliament presented the award to Rotarian Zobida and the IDF particularly honoured her for her voluntary work as President of the Diabetes Association of Trinidad and Tobago and her passion for educating not only the persons with diabetes but the entire public, healthcare professionals and lay persons on prevention, management and control of diabetes.

Rotarian Zobida has served as a member of the Rotary Club of Princes Town Trinidad and Tobago in the various avenues of service for over 15 years and brings her expertise in diabetes to the Club.

A GREAT LOSS:

The Rotary Club of Princes Town Trinidad and Tobago in recognition of Brother Michael Churchill Samuel's lifelong dedication to education, serving for a period of 27 years as the Principal of Presentation College San Fernando, expresses its deep sadness at his passing on the 26th October 2014. Brother Michael has enriched the lives of countless students and other persons during his life on earth and stood as a shining example and human embodiment of service to humanity.

Presentation graduates can be found serving at all levels of society with distinction and Brother Michael in his unique style found time to maintain contact with his charges even to their

adulthood, continuing to positively impact on their lives. Nor did distance create an impediment to such positive response and Brother Michael travelled to New York for a reunion with Presentation College students, meeting with President Jamir Ousman's sons Ronald Ousman and now deceased Kurt Ousman. The embrace in this photograph is reflective of Brother Michael's warmth towards his graduates.



L to R: Kurt Ousman, Brother Michael Samuel, Ronald Ousman

A GALA AFFAIR:



President Jamir Ousman & partner in service Tara Ousman

On Sunday the 26th October 2014 the Rotary Club of Princes Town Trinidad and Tobago hosted its 05th annual Tea & Fashion Event themed – FLEUR – at the Hyatt Regency Port of Spain Ballroom and in keeping with its theme the ballroom was beautifully adorned with floral arrangements and centrepieces, which lit up the ballroom to the delight of its patrons.

The event was sold out as early as two weeks prior to the date and even up to the day of hosting the Club was flooded with requests for tickets, which it was unable to satisfy.

As from 2:00 p.m. patrons made their way to the ballroom pausing only to take advantage of the garden themed photo booth and the expert photography of Gareth Leigh photography to record their presence at the gala event. By the start of the event at 3:00 p.m. the ballroom was filled to capacity and DJ Don provided music which added to the peaceful serenity of the decorated ballroom and created a sense of excitement of the event that was to unfold.

As from pannist Kyle Ali's rendering the National Anthem to the vote of thanks by Rotarian Krista Chang patrons were taken upon a journey of delightful presentations as they thoroughly enjoyed the evening's event attended by Assistant Governor Dr. Michael Kangaloo, which lasted to 7:15pm.

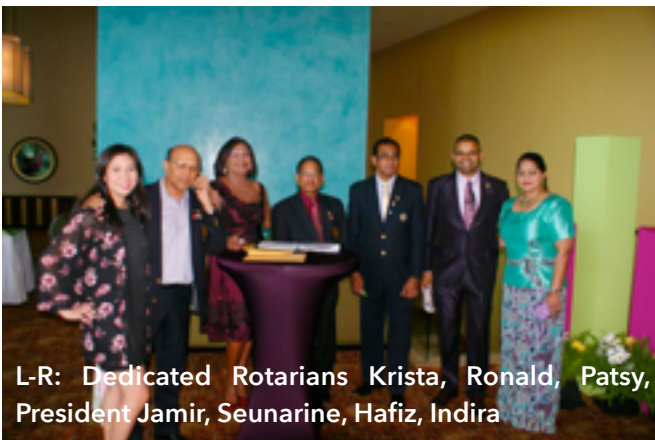
Club President Jamir Ousman welcomed and thanked patrons for their attendance and continued support for the event the proceeds of which he informed were to be dedicated to the worthy objectives of eradicating polio, raising the level of diabetes awareness in our children, and promoting autism awareness.



Feature Speaker: Justice Vasheist Kokaram



The Fleur Committee: Rishi Ramlogan, Debbie Roopchand, Indira Singh & Krista Chang



L-R: Dedicated Rotarians Krista, Ronald, Patsy, President Jamir, Seunarine, Hafiz, Indira



Wendy Sheppard & Samsara D Band

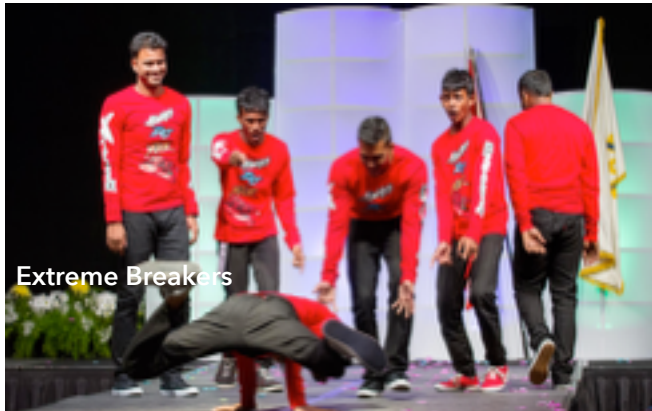
Feature speaker Justice Vasheist Kokaram's message of conciliation, mediation and goodwill was well received by patrons and showed the fusion between Rotary's work throughout the world and the part every person can volunteer to play in assisting the various humanitarian efforts which make up Rotary, towards impacting positively on the lives of less fortunate persons in society.

Master of ceremonies Nikki Crosby introduced Samsara D Band which entertained the patrons during the tea session of the evening's proceedings with a mix of live renditions, which primed the audience for the splendid presentations that followed the tea session.

Belly dancer Soleil Spencer opened the first fashion segment entitled Lotus Blossom with her sensual belly dance followed by recently married couple Doctors Giovannah Sanmook and Vaalmiki Singh who gracefully modelled the couple's Indian bridal wear and which was followed by exciting presentations by Brandid House of Fashion Ltd. and Covered Treasures.

Wendy Sheppard had the audience enthralled with her beautiful rendition of golden classics, which enticed patrons to sing along adding to the excitement and gaiety of the evening.

The second fashion segment Desert Rose featured designs/fashions from Charu Lochan Dass, Daronte, Little Black Dress & Co. and Elle Fashion which were accessorized with jewellery from Anoushka by Ilmes available exclusively at Stetchers.



Extreme Breakers

Extreme breakers presented lively performances of their daring and energetic dance routine with their junior members putting on a breathtaking performance.

Entertainer K-Ritch serenaded the models from Passion Carnival who showcased pieces from the band's 2015 presentation Neverland.



K-Ritch & Passion Carnival

There was no limit to the lively entertainment provided during the event and in the Wildflower segment Zadd and Eastman, Iris Atsin, Swimwear by Amy and Sally Lochan Dass featured their designs to the accompaniment of choiced music from DJ Don.



After treating patrons to surprise giveaways hosts Bashir Mohammed and Indira Singh opened the last segment of the evening's show Jasmine which featured Formal and Bridal wear from Judy's boutique and brought an end to an enchanting evening of glitz, glamour and razzmatazz with patrons promising their patronage for the next show.



The evening of pleasurable and lively entertainment could not have achieved its near flawless presentation and execution but for the dedication of the Committee comprising Rishi Ramlogan, Indira Singh, Debbie Roopchand and Krista Chang and the willing participation of the host of volunteer Rotarians and their partners in service who contributed in one way or another towards the evening's success.



The Rotary Club of Princes Town in its hosting of the event towards the laudable objectives as expressed by its President is dedicated to the objective expressed by Rotary International's President Gary C.K. Huang that clubs by their activities seek to "Light up Rotary" and by so doing light up the world.



Top Left: Belly Dancer Soleil Spencer, **Top Right:** Designers Zadd & Eastman, **Bottom left:** Indira Singh, Tara Ousman & Bashir Mohammed do giveaways of prizes/hampers, **Bottom right:** Rotarians Vilma & Patsy distribute swag bags to patrons

IN CELEBRATION OF WORLD DIABETES DAY:



On Friday 14th November 2014 the Rotary Club of Princes Town Trinidad and Tobago (“the Club”) in celebration of World Diabetes Day (WDD), under the leadership of its President Jamir Ousman, conducted a diabetes awareness drive at Princes Town Promenade towards generating diabetes awareness amongst our primary school children.

100 primary school students from 6 schools within the Club’s jurisdiction attended the event.



The International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and World Health Organisation (WHO) created World Diabetes Day in 1991 in response to the growing concerns about the health threat posed by diabetes.

This year’s focus of WDD was on the importance of starting the day with a healthy breakfast to help prevent the onset of type 2 diabetes and effectively manage all types of diabetes to avoid complications and the Club in keeping with the focus provided each student in attendance with a healthy breakfast comprising a (100%) unsweetened fruit juice, sandwich of salt-fish and vegetables, fruit cup consisting of grapes, water melon and pineapple.



In an effort to create awareness the students were given a T-Shirt with the logo “Health Eating Begins With Breakfast” (“the logo”), a



water bottle with the Rotary logo, a pencil case with two pens, two pencils an eraser and a lead sharpener, a Diabetes wrist band, a printed copy book with the Logo of this year's diabetes theme and Rotary's logo, together with a diabetic pin.

Teachers who accompanied the students, parents and members of the public in attendance were given T-Shirts with the logo and other items.



Nurse Educator Dimple Ramlogan Stoute and Rotarian Zobida Ragbirsingh had a conversation with the students on the importance of healthy eating, exercise and awareness in the prevention of Diabetes and DEAPS – Diabetes Education Awareness in Primary Schools.

Members of the Diabetes Association of Trinidad and Tobago Princes Town Branch and Mr. Adesh Paragasingh, a medical representative from Physicians Pharmaceutical Ltd., who volunteered their time and expertise, assisted by conducting diabetes screening and testing on approximately fifty persons, which included children and other members of the public. Mr. Paragasingh distributed vitamins to all persons who were tested and items for diabetics.



Rotarians dressed in T-Shirts with the logo assisted with the distribution of the breakfast plates and other items. Specially invited guest Mr. Akenath Singh Chairman of the Princes Town Regional Corporation commended the Club on its efforts to promote healthy living and pledged his support to the Club.

This event was financed through the use of part proceeds from the Club's recent Annual Tea & Fashion Event, Fleur, and the Club once again takes the opportunity to thank its supporters for their continued support of its charitable endeavors.

RECOGNISING EXCELLENCE & REWARDING ACHIEVEMENT:



National Scholarship winners

The Rotary Club of Princes Town Trinidad and Tobago under the leadership of its President Jamir Ousman hosted through part proceeds from its recent 21st Annual Chokha Festival, its Achievement and Scholarship awards on the 22nd November 2014 at the NESC Centre, Ste Madeline.

The event was hosted to recognise and honour the top performers in SEA examinations and the winners of National Scholarships residing within its jurisdiction and to grant scholarships to deserving students who also reside within the Club's jurisdiction.

At the event the Club recognised the outstanding academic performance of 13 SEA students and 37 National Scholarship winners by the award of trophies from the Club.

Four students, Kerry Omar Mohammed, Kareem Imtiaz Mohammed, Chloe Bishop and Shereece Boodram, who are all pursuing tertiary level studies, were granted scholarships in the

sum of \$5,000.00 each to assist in defraying some of the costs associated with tertiary level education.



Top SEA performers



President Jamir Ousman & Senator Balgobin

The Club was very privileged to have Senator The Honourable Dr. Rolph Balgobin as its feature speaker for the event. Dr. Balgobin's lively references to his own school experiences and words of wisdom quoting from renowned philosophers were well received by the students, their parents and Rotarians alike.

Assistant Governor Dr. Michael Kangaloo attended the event and brought greetings on behalf of the District Governor.

MP Nela Khan, the donor of the Nela Khan Challenge Trophy was also on hand to present her trophy to the winning recipient. The Nela Khan Challenge Trophy is presented annually to the



Scholarship awardees &
President Jamir

top performer in SEA examinations within the Club's jurisdiction and this year's recipient was Shivanna Sudama of Robert Village Hindu School.

There was no shortage of entertainment during the course of the event starting with a rendition of the National Anthem and later a musical item by Kyle Ali on the steel pan, a Latin dance by Daynia Pirtheesingh and BJay Hackshaw live violin performance of popular Christmas carols by Marina Gayah of Court Street Chamber Orchestra and Spoken Words on the topic of tobacco use by Fedel Iwueke graduate of San Fernando Government Secondary School, all of which were professionally executed and thoroughly enjoyed by those in attendance.

The award winning students expressed their appreciation of the Club's recognition and Rotarian Debbie Roopchand delivered a vote of thanks on behalf of the Club and brought the formal proceedings to a close at approximately 5:15 p.m.

This gave way to the students and their parents sharing refreshments provided by the Club and mingling with other invitees and Rotarians to the strain of lively parang music.

All present felt uplifted by the event which showcased the academic excellence that resides in our youths and the Club wishes to specially thank its Awards Committee Chair Rudolph Ali and all persons who contributed in one way or another to the hosting of the event and its overwhelming success.

ROTARIANS WORKING DILIGENTLY TO PREPARE CHRISTMAS TREAT BAGS FOR DISTRIBUTION:



MEDICAL OUTREACH & CHRISTMAS TREAT AT POOLE:



On Sunday the 07th December 2014 President Jamir Ousman and members of the Rotary Club of Princes Town Trinidad and Tobago in their continued efforts to “Light up Rotary” conducted a medical outreach and Christmas treat at Fonrose Village, Poole.

The outreach was well attended by members of the Community with a steady flow of attendees from 9:30 a.m. who sought to



access the range of different services provided by the Club including testing for diabetes, hypertension and cholesterol.

Doctor Ronald Gobin and Doctors Mr. & Mrs. Premanand provided free medical services for persons seeking medical attention and Dentist Dr. Stephan Nanan provided dental services for persons seeking such services.



The Club also had on hand its member Attorney at Law Debbie Roopchand who conducted a legal aid clinic for persons requiring legal advice.

Volunteer nurses from the Princes Town District rendered their services together with dedicated Rotarians and their partners in service who were present.



The club was pleased to have in attendance District Governor Elwin Atmodimedjo and partner in service Maureen who participated fully in the outreach programme, meeting and greeting Rotarians and members of the Community.

Free medication, clothing and hampers were distributed to attendees and a total of 75 persons were recorded as having registered at the clinic towards accessing the various services.



At around noon to the delight of approximately 60 children of the Community there was a special appearance of Rotarian Rudolph Ali dressed as Santa Claus who showered them with candy and gifted them with toys.



The Club records its thanks to Mr. Seelal Mathura President of the Fonrose Village Council who assisted in co-ordinating the members of the Community's attendance at the event and to all the Doctors, Nurses, Rotarians and partners in service who attended and assisted in ensuring an efficient and successful conduct of the outreach.

The outreach came to a close at about 1:30 p.m. and President Jamir thereafter hosted the District Governor, partner in service Maureen and Rotarians at his home for a late luncheon.



LUNCHEON BY PRESIDENT JAMIR & LATER FELLOWSHIP ON SAN FERNANDO HILL:



IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING FOR CHRISTMAS:



The Rotary Club of Princes Town Trinidad and Tobago in the spirit of giving for Christmas gifted 35 children who attend the Autism Services of Trinidad South Support Group's school at

Medine Street San Fernando with toys and treat bags in celebration of Christmas. President Jamir Ousman was on hand to distribute the treat bags and toys which were delightedly received by the children. Treat bags and toys were also gifted to the Willamsville Health Centre and Diabetes Association of Trinidad and Tobago for distribution to children connected with both institutions. The Club's recent Tea & Fashion event was in aid of raising funds towards worthy projects including diabetes and autism awareness and thanks all those who continue to support its



charitable efforts.

GALA EVENING AT PRIVE RESTAURANT & CONFERENCE CENTRE:



Presentation of cheque by DG Elwin to Mrs. Narinesingh



On Wednesday the 10th December 2014, the Rotary Clubs of Princes Town Trinidad and Tobago, Pointe-a-Pierre, Point Fortin, San Fernando, San Fernando South and Penal hosted a gala evening at Prive Restaurant & Conference Centre for District Governor Elwin Atmodimedjo who attended the event with partner in service Maureen Atmodimedjo.

Jamir Ousman, President of the Rotary Club of Princes Town ("the Club") chaired the event, which was well attended by Rotarians, partners in service and guests.

The Club in its continued charitable efforts to support the academic endeavors of our youth announced its grant of a cheque in the sum of \$5,000.00 (made available to the Club through the sponsorship of JDS Group of Companies) to student of St. Stephen's College, Princes Town Kishan Narinesingh for the purpose of furthering his tertiary level education.

DG Elwin kindly presented the Club's cheque to Mrs. Narinesingh who attended on her son's behalf to receive the same.

The evening was made special by the induction of three Rotarians to the Rotary fold who were admitted to membership of the Rotary Club of San Fernando South, San Fernando and Point Fortin respectively.

Attendees enjoyed a specially prepared Christmas dinner, which was served in the



ambience of the beautifully decorated auditorium and the lively entertainment of popular parang band Fuego Caribeano.

The event provided a great opportunity for fellowship and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

BRINGING THE YEAR TO A CLOSE:

On the 17th December 2014 President Jamir Ousman hosted the Club's Christmas party at his



residence which was beautifully decorated so as to reflect the gaiety of the season. Rotarians and specially invited guests who attended had a fantastic time as they relaxed and celebrated the Club's successes for 2014. President Jamir took the opportunity to specially thank all those who had given of their time and effort in the service of Rotary under his leadership. The event brought a wonderful close to yet another successful year for the Club.





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