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PRESIDENTIAL HANDOVER 2017

On June 30th, 2017, the Rotary Club of Princes Town held its 24th handover ceremony at the auditorium of Gulf View Community Centre, Recreation Drive, Gulf View, La Romain where with the usual pomp and fanfare, outgoing President Debbie Roopchand handed over the leadership reigns to incoming President Bashir Mohammed.



Incoming President Bashir Mohammed receives his instruments from Past President Debbie Roopchand.

After the formal handover, President Bashir launched his year by introducing a Corporate Profile showcasing the Club's 24 years of our charitable work and used Rotary motivational

videos to urge the membership in continuing to support the upcoming activities of the new Rotary Year 2017-2018. Members were encouraged to embrace RI theme "Making A Difference" in all our activities through the new Rotary year as we seek to improve the lives of the less fortunate in our society. The new Board of Directors was then introduced to the audience in the usual style and fanfare.

PAUL HARRIS RECOGNITION

The Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) recognition recognizes individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of US \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. At the Club's annual Handover function, Paul Harris Fellow recognition was awarded to Rotarian Rudolph Ali, ADG Villma Bellamy, volunteer Dr. Amit Paryag, Kyle Ali, son of Rotarian Hassim Ali and Laura Ali, spouse of Rotarian Hafiz Ali.



*Above: ADG Vilma Bellamy
Top Left: Rotarian Rudolph Ali
Top Right: Dr. Amit Paryag
Bottom Left: Kyle Ali
Bottom Right: Laura Ali*



CLUB EID CELEBRATION

The Club started its year of Rotary "Making a Difference" with the celebration of the festival of Eid Ul Fitr at its first regular meeting, held at the residence of Rotarian Hafiz and partner in service Laura on July 12, 2017.



Special guest speaker Imam Nizam Mohammed delivered a religious prayer at the start followed by an Eid message from President Bashir who also thanked members for their recent efforts at the Williamsville outreach and reminded members of upcoming projects. Imam Nizam Mohammed enlightened members on the meaning of Eid Mubarak - Eid meaning ever recurring happiness and Mubarak originating from the word "Baracka" meaning blessings and his discourse covered the importance of the 3 degrees of good viz the importance of justice, the doing of good to others and giving to kindred.

The evening was filled with wonderful vocal renditions of Qaseedas by Rotarians Amaraz Alibocas, Capildeo Baharry and a duet by children of Rotary Rehan and Saheli Ali. Child of Rotary Nabeel Mohammed delivered an Islamic message and Rotarian Jamir Ousman recited verses of chapter 59 of the Holy Qur'an.

The evening came to a close with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Rotarian Terry Ali and partner in service Laura who expressed her thanks to partners in service Selene and Narisha for their assistance with the event.



L-R: Rotarians enjoying the evening, Imam Nizam, President Bashir, Secretary Debbie, and Rotarian Hafiz's Family



The Ladies of RCPT



Partners-in-Service in their Eid attire

MEDICAL OUTREACH AT WILLIAMSVILLE

The Rotary Club of Princes Town assists the residents of Kent St., Williamsville in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Brett. Tropical Storm Brett made landfall in Southern Trinidad and Tobago on May 19th, 2017 leaving behind many residents displaced from their homes due to damage from high winds and floods. The residents of Kent St., and Coconut Drive, Williamsville were no different, having much of their household items washed away by the high flood waters.

Now in the aftermath of the storm and in the midst of cleanup activities, the Rotary Club of Princes Town on July 2nd, 2017 mobilized its members and supporters to provide assistance in the form of distributing cleanup supplies, basic medical supplies, personal hygiene items to over 65 families. In addition, a team of doctors were mobilized to conduct a health assessment of each family.

The Rotary Club of Princes Town would like to extend its sincere gratitude and appreciation to the efforts by its members, their families, the team of doctors – Dr. Ronald Gobin, Dr. Carlyn Rajnarinesingh, Dr. Kiran Premnand, Dr. Prem Premnand and Dr. Mariyah Shah and to the various companies that donated some of the items. These included Len Hap Supermarket, Park View Drugs, Interchem limited, Massy Distribution, Smith Robertson & Company and Anthony P Scott Limited. Assistance from the community were also provided by the COSMOS Sports Club, Councillor for the area – Ms Vashti Sookoo and the management of the Williamsville Community Centre.



Patient being assessed by Doctor



Doctors examine patients



Receiving baby formula for distribution



Delivering cleaning supplies

KENT STREET, WILLIAMSVILLE



Rotarians mobilized for Medical Outreach



Distributing baby formula



Examination by Dr. Gobin



Rotarian Ravi distributes cleaning supplies



Rotarians assess the community



Rotarian Patsy gives out medical supplies

MEDICAL CLINIC AT BARRACKPORE

The Rotary Club of Princes Town in its continued efforts to **Make a Difference** as per the Rotary International Theme for 2017-2018 conducted a medical clinic at Vickar's Ranch in Barrackpore on Sunday July 23rd, 2017 to assist those affected in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Brett. This area was targeted because of the widespread flooding coupled with the closure of the Health Center in Rochard Douglas Road.

Councillors for the area Mr. Raffi Mohammed and Mr. Joseph Lorent from the Princes Town Regional Corporation assisted in mobilizing the residents ensuring that those in need of medical care were present and attended to by the Doctors on site.

There were sixty seven patients who were assessed. Other services provided included blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol checks as well as legal advice by the club's in-house lawyer, Ms Debbie Roopchand. Family planning advisory services was also provided by Nurse Lenore Mitchell. The club's in-house pharmacist, Ravi Ramanand and his assistant Mickael assisted with the distribution of medical aid and personal hygiene hampers to the needy residents.



Registration at Medical Clinic



Doctor attending to patient



Doctors and Rotarians at Vickar's Ranch



Blood Screening

MEDICAL CLINIC AT ST. MARY'S MORUGA

The Rotary Club of Princes Town accepted a request from the Police Support Group in St. Mary's Moruga to host a medical clinic at the St. Mary's Government Primary School on Sunday July 30th, 2017 to assist those affected by the closure of the Health Facility in the area. Members of the Police Support Group together with Councillor for the Hindustan/St. Mary's area Michelle Benjamin assisted in mobilizing residents in need of medical care and counseling.

Services provided at the Clinic included vision screening, dental screening, family counseling, legal aid, clothing distribution and blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol testing. Our team of volunteer doctors together with our in house pharmacists attended to over ninety seven patients who were provided with medical aid and personal hygiene hampers. The Club noted however a prevalence of diabetes and hypertension cases which it noted required additional counseling services to facilitate lifestyle changes.

We wish to acknowledge the selfless service of our volunteer Doctors, Kahaema Dyer for providing family counselling services, Shelly-Ann Serrette-Moreno from the Blind Welfare Association for conducting vision screening for the patients and the nurses from the Indian Walk Health Center who administered the H1N1 flu vaccines to the patients.



Doctors assessing patients



Eye screening test



Screening patients



Nurses administer flu shots

FAMILY DAY AT PALMISTE PARK

On Sunday August 6th 2017, the Rotary Club of Princes Town held their annual Family Day at the Block 2 Play Park in Palmiste. Rotarians and their families and friends together with potential Rotarians started the afternoon off with lunch comprising a vast array of dishes and desserts.

The lavish menu consisted of fried rice, bbq chicken, macaroni salad, potato salad, boiled corn, oil down, stewed chicken, curry duck, curry goat, channa and potato, curry mango and roti.

After lunch Rotarians were entertained with a live performance by Phillip Murray better known as Black Sage, an extempo connoisseur. Black Sage engaged his audience by accepting topics on which he created his extempo verses on the spot. He had the Rotarians in stitches with the picong in his performances which were based on current events in the country.

The afternoon was spent with Rotarians engrossed in games of All Fours and their children taking advantage of the sunny afternoon to engage in both indoor and outdoor sports and activities. At the end of the evening, the smiling faces on the tired children were tantamount to the success of a day well spent with friends and family.



The children having fun with Twister



Rotarians engrossed in their All Fours Game



Black Sage entertains with his extempo lyrics



Rotarians and their families enjoy the sumptuous lunch

CHOKHA FEST AT SAN FERNANDO HILL

On Saturday 26th August, 2017, the Rotary Club of Princes Town hosted its 24th Annual Chokha Fest at the grounds of the picturesque San Fernando Hill.

Patrons enjoyed a variety of tasty traditional East Indian choka dishes accompanied with hot sada roti (prepared and cooked on-site), fry bake and pepper roti served by Rotarians, their Partners-In-Service, potential Rotarians and friends of the Club.

On the menu were sixteen (16) varieties of Chokas including fig choka, eddoes, buljol, ochro, sikeire fig and salt-fish, tomatoes and pumpkin chokas, just to name a few. Patrons also enjoyed the all popular Pepper Station which consisted of spicy relishes such as Mother-In-Law, Coconut Chutney, Murtani and Kutchela prepared by the Club’s in-house pepper connoisseurs, Rotarian Curtis Dass and Partner –in- Service, Yvette Dass. Dinner was complemented by mouth-watering sweet rice as dessert which was prepared and served by Rotarian Jamir Ousman.

Patrons danced the evening away to the live entertainment of the very versatile ‘Samsara D Band’ and melodious performances on pan by child of Rotary, Kyle Ali. The proceeds generated from this venture will be devoted to the Club’s scholarship program where deserving students pursuing tertiary education are awarded. Our Scholarship Awards Ceremony is scheduled for 22nd November, 2017.

The Rotary Club of Princes Town extends sincere thanks and gratitude to all those persons who purchased tickets and came to the event to fellowship with us and enjoy great food, non-stop entertainment and the wonderful ambience on the Hill and looks forward to your continued support in **Making a Difference** in our local community.





Samsara D Band performs



Spouse Yvette serves at the Pepper Station



Children from El Shaddai Home enjoy the ambience



Patrons dine at the Upper Level at San Fernando Hill



Door Prize Winner



Princes Town Rotary Members



Patrons on the Hill



Children from El Shaddai Home



Pepper Chokha

PRINCES TOWN MEETS POINTE-A-PIERRE

The Rotary Club of Princes Town graciously hosted the Pointe-a-Pierre Club on September 12, 2017 at Canton Palace Restaurant, Cross Crossing San Fernando.

At this joint meeting, Rotarians had the opportunity to rekindle old friendships and make new ones. President Bashir and President Bobby Indar reminisced about the camaraderie that existed between both Clubs and pledged to strengthen the bonds of Rotary between the Clubs.

Mr. Carl Ryan, a Mental Health Consultant and Founder of the Nicer Foundation enlightened the Clubs through a digital presentation on Mental Health and Depression and promoted the week of activities for Mental Health Day on October 10, 2017.



Members listen attentively to Mr. Carl Ryan on Mental Health Awareness



Mr. Ryan's presentation



Mr. Carl Ryan receives token of appreciation from President Bashir

PRINCES TOWN ROTARY AT MEDIATION SYMPOSIUM



The Rotary Club of Princes Town as peacemakers was pleased to be one of the collaborators for the 7th Annual Mediation Symposium hosted by the Mediation Board of Trinidad and Tobago (“MBTT”), which took place during the 11th to 13th September 2017 at the Hyatt Regency, Port of Spain.

Over the three-day period the Club conducted a Rotary booth on site displaying information as to the upcoming World Peace Day celebrations on the 21st September 2017 which is being hosted by the Club in collaboration with MBTT and His Worship the Mayor of the City of San Fernando Mr. Junia Regrello.

Rotary booklets on peace and Rotary programmes that are geared towards youth involvement were shared with visitors to the booth over the three day period and a number of persons sought information as to Rotary and becoming a Rotarian.

Left: Justice Vasheist Kokaram addresses the audience



President Anthony Carmona at Mediation Symposium



Interactors with Secretary Debbie and Rotarian Rhea



Interactors with President Bashir



Rotarian Crystal and President Bashir

EID UL ADHA AT UNION VILLAGE, RIO CLARO

On Saturday September 16, 2017, the Rotary Club of Princes Town sponsored an Eid-ul-Adha programme at the Union Village Mosque Hall, Rio Claro. The programme was open to all members of the community to enlighten them on the meaning of Qurbani or sacrifice that is performed on Eid-ul-Adha.

Imam Shameed welcomed the packed audience and thanked the Princes Town Rotary Club for sponsoring the program. He then introduced President Bashir Mohammed who spoke of Rotary's commitment to making a difference in their community. The feature speaker, Maulana Atif Majeed, recounted the story of Abraham and Ismail and their selfless sacrifice in serving God. Hafiz Ismail Khan then eloquently recited verses of the Holy Qur'an. The evening came to an end with the distribution of twenty hampers to deserving families and then all the invitees partook of the very tasty dinner provided by the mosque.



Maulana Atif Majeed addresses the audience



Rotarian Rhea with President's Spouse Narisha



The audience listen attentively to Hafiz Ismail Khan's rendition



Villagers await the hamper distribution



President Bashir distributes a hamper



Rotarian Rhea gives a hamper



Rotarians with Maulana Atif Majeed



Rotarian Rudolph distributes a hamper



Partner-in-Service Laura gives a hamper

THANK YOU AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

President Bashir expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the members of the Club for their hard work and support at the recent Chokha Fest fundraiser with a cappuccino cheesecake for dessert on Wednesday September 13, 2017.

The Club also recognized the birthdays of September with Rotarians Vishnu (left) and Rishi (right).



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

At our Club meeting on September 13, 2017, the Rotary Club of Princes Town awarded a tertiary scholarship of \$10,000.00 to Cervon Cooper who is in his last year at UWI pursuing his Medical Degree.

The Rotary Club of Princes Town is committed to promoting education and endeavour to assist deserving students achieve their goal of completing their studies.



Cervon Cooper (left) receives his cheque for the amount of \$10,000.00 from President Bashir



THE FOUR-WAY TEST
of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

THE SMILING POLICEMAN VISITS SAN FERNANDO

In recognition of World Peace Day, The Rotary Club of Princes Town invited fellow Rotarian Mr. Geoffrey Little, also known as the Smiling Policeman, as part of a peace project to speak on the topic of how to establish Rotary Peace Communities/Cities. Mr. Geoffrey Little visited the City of San Fernando where he directed traffic, visited schools and in collaboration with the Mayor of San Fernando and the Police Service spoke to the media about crime prevention and the Rotary peace program.



Geoffrey stops traffic for a school boy to cross the street



Geoffrey discusses traffic management with the Mayor, Asst. Police Commissioner and President Bashir



Naparima College Principal Dr. Michael Dowlath, Geoffrey and President Bashir after Geoffrey addressed the school.



Geoffrey at San Fernando Central Secondary School



Media Conference to discuss conflict and peace resolution



Geoffrey and Mayor Regrello at Boy's R.C. School

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SPOKEN WORD

Created by Kyla Hosford

What is Trinidad and Tobago coming to?
 It's no longer a safe place for me or you.
 With the murder toll,
 being on a serious unstoppable roll ,
 and families are constantly needing to be consoled?
 No no no no, this can't be the country I know.
 We talk about love and unity but we have nothing to show.
 Everyone's resorting to violence and from the ones on top we get silence.
 So tell me! How does one expect this madness to stop?
 Running to blame the entire government, or the little old cop?
 Tell me ! Do they know what's going on in the mind of a criminal? I think not.
 Hmm and a few these 21st century criminals?
 They wear suit and tie.
 Corrupt your minds with just one lie.
 They basically running things now can't you see?
 Taking what you have and feeding off you like a flea.
 Hurting one another should never be the answer,
 because once one starts it spreads like a cancer.
 One quick to slap, while another on standby to chap.
 Why don't we learn to come together, and love one another ,
 instead of just hard talking and saying ah go plan for yuh mother, yuh sister and yuh brother.
 Life is short so enjoy it.
 cuz these days yuh really never know when you're going to lose it.
 To me? Justice don't exist.
 The things going on these days really have me pissed.
 No jail time needed because it's send me money and I'll set you free.
 Sometimes I feel like I can just find an abandoned island and tell this messed up world to just let me be.
 No one would believe how scared we are for our future.
 There's only few to look up to, so who would be my tutor?
 Seriously! Where did the love go
 because from where I'm standing, it's ridicule and discrimination for so.
 When are we going to wake up?
 When are we going to agree that it's time for this corruption to stop?
 Unless it happens to you and you're the one on 7pm news throwing a fit,
 We'll believe that everything is fine and dandy, everything's legit.
 Come on people and open your eyes, see that we need to keep the peace,
 see that all this violence needs to desist.
 Open your eyes and see these wolves for what they are in their sheep's disguise.
 Continuously leading you closer and closer to your demise.
 But better days are coming and that's a promise.
 if it is to be it is up to me.
 I'm determined to be the change I want to see .
 We're gonna make a difference just wait and see.

My name is Kyla Horsford, and on behalf of the Interact Club of Princes Town West Secondary School, this surely won't be the last you've heard of us!

Interact

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Princes Town West Secondary School



A CALL TO PEACE

The Interact Club of Princes Town West Secondary School participated in the Call for Peace function held at the City Hall on September 21st 2017. Interactor Kyla Horsford together with Interactor Kareem Swan performed a Spoken Word which was well received by the audience. The Interactors also participated in the Peace Walk culminating in the unveiling of the Peace Pole by His Worship the Mayor Junia Regrello at City Hall.



Kyla Horsford and Kareem Swan



Interact President Kyrie Rampersad and Kyla Horsford



Interactors engaged in conversation



Miss World T&T with Interactors



Interactors with ADG Vilma, Secretary Debbie and DG Waddy Sowma

A CALL TO PEACE

The Rotary Club of Princes Town in collaboration with the Mayor of the City of San Fernando His Worship Junia Regrello and The Mediation Board of Trinidad and Tobago hosted “A Call For Peace” on 21st September 2017 in celebration of World Peace Day.

The Honourable Mr. Justice Vasheist Kokaram, Chairman of the Mediation Board of T&T delivered the feature address on the concept of a Peace City and special guest Rotarian Geoffrey Little of Sydney Australia, the present Dean of the Ambassadorial Chair of the Rotary District 9700 Peace Communities Programme presented to the audience the concept of Rotary Peace Cities/Communities and their establishment through this Rotary recognised programme.

Highlights of the event were the creative performance in dance and on steel pan of Michael Jackson’s “Heal the World” and the candlelit peace walk around Harris Promenade led by the Petrotrin Cadet Corps and District Governor Waddy Sowma, Club President Bashir Mohammed, Rotarian Geoffrey Little, Mayor Junia Regrello and Justice Vasheist Kokaram at the front line.



Peace Handshake



Petrotrin Cadet Corps Marching Band



Shiv Shakti dancers



Mr. Geoffrey Little, DG Waddy Sowma, Mayor Junia Regrello, President Bashir Mohammed and Justice Vashiast Kokaram lead the Peace Walk



Peace Pole Unveiled

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE TRAINING

In keeping with the District's commitment to improved training, District 7030 held its first set of RLI training for the new Rotary year in beautiful Trinidad and Tobago on Saturday 23rd September, 2017 and Sunday 24th September, 2017 at Goodwill Industries in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

The two day training sessions were co-ordinated by PDG and RLI Director Hervé Honore and all the Assistant Governors of Trinidad, AG Rabindra Outar (North Clubs), AG Gary Williams (East Clubs), AG Lisa Francis (Central Clubs) and AG Vilma Bellamy (South Clubs). The two day training sessions were facilitated by distinguished Rotarians of District 7030 namely DG Waddy Sowma, PDG Roger Bose, DGE Dominique Veneré, Natalie Gilles and PP Sonya Alleyne. In attendance were twenty Rotarians from the RC Port-of-Spain, the RC Arima, the RC Sangre Grande, the RC Charlieville, the RC San Fernando, the RC San Fernando South, the RC Point Fortin and the RC Princes Town.

The feedback from participating Rotarians was superb – they thoroughly enjoyed the interactive learning style, and felt the entire two days were well organized and sessions were most informative. The two-day event also created an opportunity for great fellowship with fellow Rotarians from all clubs throughout Trinidad and a few of their 7030 District Leaders. Many Rotarians left feeling energized and renewed to be of service to their clubs and the community at large.



Attendees at the RLI



DG Waddy Sowma addresses the Rotarians



Group photo of participants

MAKING NEW FRIENDS IN ROTARY



Rotarian Jamir Ousman visited the Rotary Club of Great Neck in New York August where he presented their Club with our Club's year end magazine and received their Club Flag.



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President Bashir Mohammed visited the Rotary Club of Dallas-Uptown in Texas where he exchanged Club Flags with President Teresa Kitchens in September 2017.



Rotarian Delicia Maharaj visited the Rotary Club of Coral Springs in August 2017 where she received the Club's Flag



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Club Divali Celebration

Tuesday 3rd October 2017

Lakshmi Narayan Temple, Freeport

Community Divali Celebration

To be Announced

Polio Exhibition

24th October 2017

Gulf City Mall Atrium

Rotary Tea and Fashion

Sunday 5th November 2017

Hyatt Regency, Port of Spain

DG South Cluster Visit

3rd—8th December 2017

Community Christmas

Sunday 10th December 2017

Christmas Concert at Princes Town

Thursday 14th December 2017

Princes Town Triangle

President's Dinner

Friday 15th December 2017

Doc's BBQ and Grill, Phillipine

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