

ROTARY CLUB OF CENTRAL PORT OF SPAIN MEMBER QUOTES FOR MEMBERSHIP MONTH

The membership committee of the Rotary club of Central Port-of-Spain asked members for quotes on Rotary International and the Rotary Club of Central Port-of-Spain for Rotary International's Membership month in August. Each one was featured daily for the month and shared on our social media platforms.



“Rotary is a fantastic service organization, that offers unparalleled satisfaction and opportunity to join with passionate, talented, service- minded and generous people to take action through service above self to make a positive difference in people's lives in our communities locally and globally. And I am honoured to be a Rotarian.”

**- IPP Anthony John-Baptiste
Rotary Club of Central POS**



“I joined Rotary as a great opportunity to network with professionals. Although this has proven to be true, it has turned into something greater. I found a second family, am surrounded by compassionate, selfless, individuals. I also found purpose and I believe in our words putting “service above self”. I wear my rotary pin proud and I look forward to doing my part for the club I belong to. I feel a bond to my fellow Rotarians and I know we all have a common goal which is to be a better person and leave this world a little better off than how we met it.”

**- Anna Chamely
Rotary Club of Central POS**



Rotary Opens Opportunities

“Rotary encourages a participant to become a better person in it's Community. How?

Good Business Ethical standards are sustained.

Lifelong friendships are maintained.

Commitment to Rotary Community

Service is entertained.

When these virtuous valued qualities are ingrained.

The effect amounts to "Service Above Self".”

- Annette Awuku

Rotary Club of Central POS



Rotary Opens Opportunities

“Rotary is a sense of togetherness, that we are all connected no matter of geographical distance. I love that this organization gives back to the community. Service above self is the key to our happiness.”

- Asha Sooknanan

Rotary Club of Central POS



“The RCCPOS members welcomed me warmly, 6 years ago, when I transferred from the Rotary Club of Barbados South. I continue to enjoy the full Rotary experience of fellowship, family, fun, travel and service above self.”

**- PP Basil Springer
Rotary Club of Central POS**



“With the dilution of the extended family in the world, Rotary has become the extended family to many facilitating an innate desire to serve.”

**- PP Bob Gopee
Rotary Club of Central POS**



“Rotary means positive connection and focusing on a positive action to assist others.”

- Ceronne Prevatt
Rotary Club of Central POS



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“Rotary encompasses my philosophy of life. Service to man is service to God.”

- Curtis Dass
Rotary Club of Central POS



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“My journey to rotary started when I became a rotaractor 8 years ago. Rotaract was a place a learnt a lot about myself and my capabilities. Now as a dual member, both a Rotaractor and a Rotarian, Rotary is a place where I am using what I have learnt and I am applying it to my various projects and endeavours while still learning from all my knowledgeable clubmates. It is a place where I can get together with some truly amazing people to give back and provide some hope and comfort to others, what more can I ask for! I am proud to be Rotarian.”

**- Danielle Hackshaw
Rotary Club of Central POS**



Rotary Opens Opportunities

*“I believe we were put on earth not just to see about ourselves but also to see about others .”
Rotary gives me the opportunity to do this.”*

**- Francis O’Neal
Rotary Club of Central POS**



“Some years ago a friend brought me in, and the love, the work and the fellowship was/is certainly a “win”. I put my past on a spot on the shelf and try to live the doctrine of “service before self”.”

**- PP Gerard Mendez
Rotary Club of Central POS**



“Rotary embodies for me the warmth of family and fellowship whilst extending selfless service to others.”

**- PP Janice Roberts
Rotary Club of Central POS**



“Since joining Rotary in 1999, I have been privileged to have had many wonderful experiences including working on youth and community projects, travelling the world for conferences and training new Rotarians. I love Rotary because it brings diverse groups of people together for a common purpose, and along the way, we build long lasting and meaningful friendships.”

**- PDG Lara Quentrall-Thomas
Rotary Club of Central POS**



“I enjoy being a part of Rotary, as a compassionate worldwide community adhering to values beyond ordinary standards.”

**- PP Lennox Lewis
Rotary Club of Central POS**



Rotary Opens Opportunities

“I thoroughly enjoy the sense of family, fellowship, fun, and caring that pervades the work we do at the Rotary Club of Central Port of Spain, but the REAL joy and satisfaction come from seeing the difference we make in the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves. It's a blessing to be in a position to help others!”

**- PP Leslie Welch
Rotary Club of Central POS**



Rotary Opens Opportunities

“Service above self is an ideal that is easier to proclaim than to pursue. Membership in the RCCPOS provides the positive environment and collective energy that enables us to fulfill that purpose. The warm and genuine fellowship makes the journey invigorating and enjoyable.”

**- PP Maurice Moniquette
Rotary Club of Central POS**



Rotary Opens Opportunities

“Rotary means to me ‘service above self’. I joined rotary as an avenue for community service and along the way gained so much more, camaraderie, friendship and family.”

**- Nicola O’Connor
Rotary Club of Central POS**



Rotary Opens Opportunities

“"Service above self" drives my engagement with Rotary. Drawing on Rotary's broad based resources and support, Rotarians are able to make life changing contributions to our communities. Along the way, we meet like minded people who become valued friends.”

**- PP Nicole Matouk
Rotary Club of Central POS**



Rotary Opens Opportunities

“Just Imagine.. 30, 40, 50 persons from different walks of life..different disciplines..vastly different ways of assessing situations. Imagine these persons independently determining that they would get together, almost as a family,... for service to mankind. Just Imagine Service Above Self.....Imagine the Rotary Club of Central POS!!!”

**- Noble Felice
Rotary Club of Central POS**



Rotary Opens Opportunities

“Rotary offers an opportunity to work along with a group of outstanding people sharing in the efforts of worthwhile activities to achieve worthy goals. It's an honour to be a Rotarian.”

**- President Elect Percy Parker-Williams
Rotary Club of Central POS**



“As a new member I am excited to be part of an organisation that makes a difference locally and internationally. Having an impact in communities and for individuals makes a difference to society, and don't forget the joy of bonding with other members of the rotary family.”

**- Tanya Western
Rotary Club of Central POS**



“I believe there is a higher cause to life than self and family and I joined Rotary as a forum to contribute to improving the life of those less fortunate than myself and whilst joining Rotary has delivered on that expectation, the meeting of like minded people (complete strangers) and the comrade that I have encountered has made my desire to remain one of choice, not obligation. And whilst I thoroughly enjoy being a member of RCCPOS, I see similar in other Rotary Clubs. Rotary fills a small but important part of my life. Proud to be a Rotarian.”

**- Thomas Chanona
Rotary Club of Central POS**



“I truly enjoy being a part of RCCPOS’s vision for continuity of Rotary ideals through to the next generation. Rotaract and MUN are great ways of developing future Rotarians that will live by the words “One Profits Most Who Serves Best” .”

**-Anthony Lamb
Rotary Club of Central POS**



“Rotary is an amazing organization on so many levels. If only global leaders would adopt its Motto of “Service above self” we would all live in a better world.

Working with other likeminded people to bring tangible relief to others in need has been deeply rewarding and satisfying.

RCCPOS has provided the framework that has allowed us to do this work with sincerity, love and much enjoyment. The friendships made are for life.

Being a Rotarian I have learned many useful skills that I apply to my job and personal life. It has been a great pleasure and indeed an honour to be a member of RCCPOS.”

**-PP Colin Chan
Rotary Club of Central POS**



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“For me, Rotary is about impacting lives. Whether its is contributing to global projects through the Rotary Foundation that is improving the lives of people around the world, or giving a hamper to a family in need to ensure there is food on their table. I know that we Rotarians are making a difference in peoples lives.”

**-President Neil Selman
Rotary Club of Central POS**



Rotary Opens Opportunities

“Rotary is a symbol of hope, and the Rotary Club of Central POS is an extension of that hope. Bringing together persons from all different walks of life, this club encourages and fosters the ideal of service. Just as a lighthouse serves as a navigational aid so too does RCPOS serve as a beacon to all those our light touches.”

**-Nychal Clarke
Rotary Club of Central POS**



Rotary Opens Opportunities

*“If you want to
elevate your life,
serve selflessly and
develop friendships,
join Rotary!”*

**-PP Rabindra Harry Outar
Rotary Club of Central POS**



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“Rotarian Annette Awuku my sister in law invited me to rotary meeting four years ago what was my take away from that meeting was the 4 Way test which collided with a quote by Mahatma Gandhi that has influenced my life for many years and still do. Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony. Rotary for me and more specific Rotary club of Central Port of Spain is like a family reunion every week (without that crazy aunt or uncle you know the one in each family)great fellowship and comradery, giving back to the community and above all service above self.”

**-Richard Thomas
Rotary Club of Central POS**



Rotary Opens Opportunities

“In a World of conflict and mistrust, we need Rotary more than ever. For Rotary represents Service as well as Peace, Compassion and Understanding.”

**-PP Samuel Harrison
Rotary Club of Central POS**



Rotary Opens Opportunities

“Rotary represents persons of varied backgrounds coming together to do good and to improve our communities. To quote the Rotaract pledge, I am able “to recognise my community as my particular plot of ground given to me to till not only for security but that of all mankind.” I am fortunate to have been able to do this with Rotaract and now with Rotary. I get to contribute and give back while working with amazing people. It’s a wonderful feeling!”

**-Sheranne Samuel
Rotary Club of Central POS**



Rotary Opens Opportunities

“There are many ways to serve Mankind and I have served with many NGOs. Being a Rotarian for the past 7 years, I can sincerely say that I’ve saved the best for last. To me, Rotary not only creates avenues for service, but also allows me to meet wonderful people coming together for fun and fellowship; to give of their talents and to receive support from each other; to be exemplars of humility in leadership. The synergy created allows us to achieve so much with so little, as we work together to create the magic necessary to make dreams come true.”

**-Susan Philip
Rotary Club of Central POS**



Rotary Opens Opportunities

“Rotary has guided my life for over 40 years as both a Rotarian and now as an Honorary Member. The Four-Way Test was influential to me during my career. I engaged in many businesses and always tried to be fair to the people I dealt with.

The spirit of Rotary and the comradeship with other Rotarians has provided me with a sense of family and of belonging over the years which has been an important aspect of my life.”

**-PP Tony Jardine
Rotary Club of Central POS**



“Rotary allows us as individuals to assume a shared responsibility in taking action to make our world a better place. RCCPOS has developed and nurtured a cadre of leaders and problem solvers who have blended our love for what we do for others with our genuine love and care for each other.”

**-PP Warren Sookdar
Rotary Club of Central POS**