

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF PRINCES TOWN Quarterly Review

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of the things we think, say and do

### 1. Is it the TRUTH?

 Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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# the ROTARY FOUNDATION Centennial Celebration





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# **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

On Saturday 15th January 2017 the Club donated furniture and appliances to the Sankar Family of St Johns. The Sankar household comprises of 7 children under the age of 18, and the family experiences great challenges in meeting their basic needs.

The Club donated a washing machine, couch, bed, mirror and food hampers to assist the family with their basic needs. The Club wishes to thank friend of the Club Delicia Maharaj who assisted in having the furniture/appliances donated to the Club for distribution.



The Sankar family (centre), joined by President Debbie and Rotarians Terry, Vilma and Rhea.



# **MEDICAL OUTREACH MORUGA**

On Sunday 22nd January 2017 members of the Club together with a full team of professional volunteers visited the rural community of Penal Rock Road, Moruga and conducted a comprehensive medical outreach programme to the benefit of 105 residents who attended the medical.

From 9am to 12 noon there was a steady flow of residents who took the opportunity to access free medical consultations, dental examinations, legal consultations, vision screening and dispensing of pharmaceuticals on site by a registered pharmacist.



Volunteer nurses administered 50 flu shots and 20 tetanus vaccinations to residents. Free blood sugar, cholesterol and hypertension testing were also done on site and the Club distributed 15 large bags of clothing and toiletries to residents.

## **MEDICAL OUTREACH MORUGA**



# **DISTRICT 7030 RYLA ST KITTS**

The District 7030 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) 2017 programme was held on 3rd to 5th February in St. Kitts. The participants were Interactors Alyssa Francis and Calyssa Francis both of the Princes Town West Secondary School Interact Club (sponsored by Rotary Club of Princes Town) and Akasia Augustine of St. Stephens College.

The attendance of Ms. Augustine was made possible through the financial contribution to the Club by family members of deceased Rotarian Wayne Nanan. Wayne was a past student of St. Stephens College and was very passionate about assisting in the development of youth through the RYLA programme and towards assisting with the development of students attending his former college.

The students reported on having a rewarding and educational experience at the programme and the Club is pleased to have made this opportunity possible to them as it continues to support the development of youth within our locality.



# **ROTARY FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**



The Rotary Foundation is a non-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. Rotary Clubs make financial contributions from their fundraising efforts to the Rotary Foundation in recognition of their duty to the Foundation in order to support its global efforts.

The Rotary Club of Princes Town ("the Club") is one such Club and has financially supported the Rotary Foundation almost annually from the Club's inception.

This year in celebration of the centennial of the Rotary Foundation, the Club hosted a Rotary awareness afternoon at the Atrium of the Gulf City Mall in La Romaine on February 8th 2017 and took the opportunity via its multimedia projector screen to proudly display the work of the Rotary Foundation in videos and slideshows. The Club also distributed Rotary magazines to members of the public, with Rotarians sharing the good works of the Foundation with passers-by.

The Club's celebration of this momentous event in the life of Rotary also included a medical and a membership drive. Rotarians and volunteers were on site and facilitated the medical screening of 125 citizens performing blood pressure, blood glucose and cholesterol testing. The Club also partnered with the South Regional Health Authority and vaccinated 90 persons for seasonal Influenza.

Rotary Foundation Director Amraz Alibocas ensured that Rotarians showed up in their numbers to discuss the good works of the Foundation with patrons and to coordinate the activities of the volunteers.



Rotarians Rudy, Vilma and Ronald assist with medical screening.

Rotarian Jim enlightens passer-by on the Rotary Foundation.

Great turnout for medical screening.

## VALENTINE FELLOWSHIP

On Wednesday 15th February 2017, the Rotary Club of Princes Town held its first major fellowship for the year. The event was held at Rotarian Terry Ali's home in San Fernando and was well attended by Rotarians, partners in service, children of Rotary and specially invited guests. Terry's partner in service, Selene did a fantastic job with the décor which set the mood for a beautiful Valentine's dinner.

Following a brief weekly meeting chaired by President Debbie Roopchand, we were all treated to a sumptuous dinner provided by Nic Nacks caterers. The real treat was the array of home-made desserts prepared by Rotarian Bashir and Terry's partner in service, Selene.

Rotarians then presented their partners in service and children with Valentine gifts courtesy the Club. The highlight of the night was when President Debbie took the mike and kicked off the Karaoke in fine style. This was followed by many other brave hearts that joined in the fun.



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## **CEREBRAL PALSY DENTAL SCREENING- DAY 1**

On the 17th February 2017 the Rotary Club of Princes Town ("the Club") in pursuing the goal of securing dental treatment for members of the Cerebral Palsy Society of Trinidad and Tobago ("the Society") successfully partnered with the U.W.I. School of Dentistry as to the screening of 15 members of the Society at its Special Needs Clinic, Mount Hope.



The next stage of the project is due to take place on the 03rd March 2017 by which time it is intended that all 46 members of

the Society would have been screened. Thereafter based on the recommendations of the Dental School the Club intends as far as possible to provide financial assistance to the Society's members towards securing their required dental treatment..

Many of the Society's members are unable to afford the cost of private dental care and their caregivers face the challenge of having to wait for long periods to access these services through the public sector.



## **NEW ROTARIANS**

On Wednesday 22nd February 2017, the Rotary Club of Princes Town inducted two new members, Delicia Maharaj and Selvon Ramroop with the classifications of Retail Pharmaceuticals and Software & Technology Engineering respectively.

On Wednesday 22nd March 2017 The Club welcomed new Rotarian Ravi Ramanand, Pharmacist.





# JOINT MEETING

On Wednesday 22nd February 2017, the Rotary Club of Princes Town. hosted its third joint meeting for the Rotary year, partnering with the Rotary Clubs of San Fernando and St. Augustine for an afternoon of Rotary fellowship.

The Clubs celebrated the induction of new members and benefitted from the educational and informative feature



Micheal Kangaloo, Inductee Delicia Maharaj, Presidents Debbie Roopchand, Robert Qui, Gary Williams and Inductee Selvon Ramroop

address delivered by Independent Senator Taurel Shrikissoon, in which he shared his perspective on the present financial status of the local economy.

The new members inducted were Delicia Maharaj and Selvon Ramroop to the Rotary Club of Princes Town. New Rotarian Keshma of the Rotary Club of St Augustine, also officially received her pin at the event.

President Debbie Roopchand gave a brief presentation of the Club's involvement with the Cerebral Palsy Society of Trinidad and Tobago and it's ongoing dental screening of the Society's members. She was followed by Presidents Gary Williams of the Rotary Club of St. Augustine and Robert Qui of the Rotary Club of San Fernando who both expressed their delight in being part of the meeting and shared updates from their respective clubs. Assistant Governor Michael Kangaloo brought greetings on behalf of District 7030.



## **CEREBRAL PALSY DENTAL SCREENING - DAY 2**





On Friday 03rd March 2017 the second session of dental screening for members of the Cerebral Palsy Society of Trinidad and Tobago ("the Society") took place at the Special Needs Clinic of the UWI Dental School at Mount Hope, a clinic specially equipped and staffed to cater for the needs of patients with special needs.

This concluded a two day screening session which the Club embarked upon in partnership with the UWI Dental School towards assisting members of the Society who are facing challenges in accessing and paying for dental services.

Over the two day period 27 cerebral palsy patients participated in the free dental screening.

The Club's continued partnership with the Dental School is now actively engaged in carrying out the treatment identified for 21 patients at a significantly reduced cost. The remaining 6 patients, who require treatment from private practitioners, will also receive assistance to ensure they receive the necessary treatment.

## JOINT MEETING

On Wednesday 22nd March 2017 the Rotary Club of Princes Town hosted its 4th joint meeting for the Rotary year, on this occasion partnering with the Rotary Clubs of Penal, Point Fortin, Chaguanas and Felicity/Charlieville.



The club was privileged to have the Honourable Justice V. Kokaram, Judge of the Supreme Court of Trinidad and Tobago and Chairman of the Mediation

Board of Trinidad and Tobago deliver his feature address on the topic "A blueprint for national development - A humanistic philosophy on the rule of law justice and peace: "Zombieland" or "La La Land"" which touched on one of Rotary's 6 areas of focus "Peace and conflict resolution" and which was well received by all present.

The Rotary Club of Princes Town also took the opportunity to inducted it's 5th new member for the Rotary year, Pharmacist Ravi Ramanand, who was pinned by District Governor Roger Bose.

# JOINT MEETING



# **ROTARY GOLF**

On Sunday 26th March 2017 the Rotary Club of Princes Town hosted its 17th Annual Golf tournament at Petrotrin's Golf Course, Pointe-a-Pierre. Registration opened at 8:00 am during which time breakfast was served and at 9:30 a.m. the 41 teams who participated set of on the golf course to a full day of golf. By the close of the afternoon players were in high spirits as they enjoyed an early dinner and drinks prior to the prize giving ceremony.



The first place went to the team sponsored by IR & H Enterprises Limited

and they received the Raubin Harnarine challenge trophy, in whose memory the Club's annual golf tournament is hosted. Second and Third place winners were sponsored by Len Hap & Co. and Kallco respectively.

# **ROTARY GOLF**

President Debbie reminded golfers that through their participation and their sponsors generous donations they have contributed towards the Club being able to continue to assist individuals who are less fortunate and thanked them for their support.





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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**



**Bullfinch Singing Competition** 

Sunday 2nd April 2017

Usine Ste. Madeline Sports Ground

**District Conference** 

26th-29th April 2017

Port of Spain, Trinidad

Medical Outreach Moruga

Sunday 4th June 2017 Rotary International Conference

10th—14th June 2017

Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Club Handover Ceremony Friday 30th June 2017

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF PRINCES TOWN : 2016-2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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