



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF PRINCES TOWN

## Quarterly Review



### The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say and 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?

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### Rotary Club of Princes Town 2016-2017 Board of Directors



Front row L to R: Rotarians Rishi Ramlogan, Vishnu Seeteram, District Governor Roger Bose, President Debbie Roopchand(seated), Amraz Ali Bocas, Vilma Bellamy and Dr. Ronald Gobin. Back row L to R: Bashir Mohammed, Indira Singh, Hafiz Ali, Terrance Gopaul and Rudolph Ali.



New president 2016-2017 Attorney at Law Debbie Roopchand celebrates with family and friends.



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## PRESIDENTIAL HANDOVER 2016

The Rotary Club of Princes Town hosted its 23rd annual Hand Over Ceremony at South Napa on Friday 01st July 2016.

It involved outgoing President Dr. Ronald Gobin's passing of the mantle of leadership to Attorney at Law Debbie Roopchand who would now serve as the Club's President for 2016-2017.

In special attendance on his first day in office was District Governor Roger Bose who brought greetings on behalf of the District and celebrated the occasion with the Club.

The Ceremony was well attended by the Club's Rotarians, their partners in service, members of the recently formed Interact Club of Princes Town West Secondary School, children of Rotary and specially invited guests who supported the Club during the past Rotary year in its many charitable activities.

President Debbie Roopchand announced her presidential theme: "Life's most urgent and persistent question is, 'what are you doing for others?'" as posited by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

She welcomed her Board of Directors centre stage as the sounds of popular soca song "Champion" played in the background.



Rotary Scholarship recipient Subrina Ramkissoon



Rotary Scholarship recipient Chyian Huggins

Right column: top Ronald Gobin and Debbie Roopchand, below: outgoing and incoming Presidents joined by new District Governor Roger Bose.

## Paul Harris Recognition

The Paul Harris Fellow 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 on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016, Paul Harris Fellow recognition was awarded to Rotarian Terrance Gopaul and to one of the Club's active volunteers Dr. Valluri Pattabhi Rama Rao.



Dr. Valluri Pattabhi Rama Rao receiving his Paul Harris certificate



Rotarian Terrance Gopaul receiving his Paul Harris Fellow pin.



## CLUB EID CELEBRATION



On Wednesday 13th July 2016 the Club at its first regular meeting for 2016 celebrated with partners in service, family members and friends the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr at San Fernando Hill.

Newly elected President Debbie Roopchand welcomed everyone and shared briefly her vision for the Club during this Rotary year. Guest speaker Imam Nizam Mohammed gave an enlightening discourse based on the Holy Quraan and echoed the President's call to Rotarians to focus on "what are you doing for others".

The program was chaired by Rotarian Hafiz Ali and included special prayers by Rotarian Jamir Ousman and child of Rotary Nabeel Mohammed. Traditional songs were sung by Rotarians Capildeo Beharry and Amraz Ali Bocas and special guest Syed Hosein.

Attendees were delighted by the special performance of a Qaseeda by children of Rotary Rehan Ali and Saheli Ali.



Imam Nizam  
Mohammed



Amraz Ali Bocas

## ROTARY WELCOMES NEW ROTARIAN



New Rotarian Crystal Harper (centre) joined by President Debbie Roopchand and Asst. Governor Dr. Michael Kangaloo.

Wednesday 17th July 2016 was a special afternoon for the Rotary Club of Princes Town and Rotary Club of San Fernando South as both clubs partnered in holding a joint meeting at Canton Palace Restaurant.

In special attendance was Assistant Governor Dr. Michael Kangaloo. The Rotary Club of Princes Town was also pleased to have the Board of the Interact Club of Princes Town West Secondary School, recently chartered by the Club, present at the joint meeting.

The highlight of the night was the induction of Attorney at Law Crystal Ann Harper, who is an Associate at the Law Firm of Messrs Hobsons, into membership of the Rotary Club of Princes Town.

Ms. Harper expressed her enthusiasm in becoming a Rotarian, passion for serving those less fortunate and thanked the Club for accepting her into its membership. She was pinned by Assistant Governor Dr. Michael Kangaloo.



Rotarian Crystal receiving her pin.



Rotarians enjoying an evening together.

## FUN AND FAMILY DAY



President Debbie and Rotarian Rudy.

On Saturday 31st July 2016, the Rotary Club of Princes Town held their annual Fun and Family Day at Palmiste Grounds. Rotarians Kex, Hafiz, Vishnu and Ria started things off in the morning, firing up the grill for some mouth-watering BBQ and bubbling a huge pot for some delicious provision.

After a sumptuous meal of provision, oil down, macaroni pie, curried duck and BBQ chicken, we started the games with Pictionary. The dynamic team of Rotarian Rudy, partners in service Yvette and Laura and our Colombian guest Gustavo proved unbeatable, although, the opposing team of Rotarian Curtis, partner in service Dianne and daughter of Rotarian Vishnu, Vianna put up a good fight! Rotarian Indira moderated the games and acted as the official photographer for the evening.

Next it was on to a test of our local Trini slang with the game “Doh Say Dat”. It seemed to be Rotarian Rudy’s day as yet again he was on the winning team...their celebration even included the “Champion Dance”!

All Fours and Rummi were also in session with President Debbie getting her jack hung twice, but winning 3 out of 5 games.



Rotarians Kex, Indira, Curtis, Vishnu and Terrance.



Dianne, Yvette, Vianna, Curtis and Gustavo enjoy a game of “Doh say that”.



Rotarians Zorina, Zobida and Capil enjoying a delicious meal.



Chef Rotarian Kex busy on the grill.



## GOOD FAMILY FUN



## MEDICAL OUTREACH TORTUGA

The first medical outreach program for the 2016/17 Rotary year was held on August 7th 2016 in the lovely village of Tortuga at the Tortuga Government Primary School.

Medical Outreach programs are signature events of The Rotary Club of Princes Town. The free services provided included blood pressure testing, blood glucose testing, cholesterol testing, Doctor's examination, vision & dental screening, legal advice and distribution of prescription drugs, toiletries & clothes.

Doctors present included Dr.Rao, Dr.Kumar, Dr. Praim Preman, Dr.Kiran Premanand and Dr Stefan Nanan. They were assisted by nurses Anna and Ramona. Total Care Pharmacy was represented by Ava Ramsaroop who dispensed all prescription drugs and Qwellcor Limited, represented by Mr Kishore Bissoon, was on hand to distribute sample vitamins.

Pharm Tech Ltd and Handel's Pharmacy donated pharmaceutical items. Attorneys present included President Debbie Roopchand and Ms Crystal Harper.





Many Rotarians, spouses and their children were present to assist with the medical. Sixty patients of varying ages were seen by the doctors present. All services offered were well received by the community.



## ROTARY PARTNERS WITH CEREBRAL PALSY SOCIETY



Rotarian Ria Nabee

In keeping with Rotary's 2016/17 Theme of "Rotary Serving Humanity", the Rotary Club of Princes Town partnered with the Cerebral Palsy Society of Trinidad and Tobago <http://cpstt.tripod.com> to host a Health Fair for cerebral palsy patients.

This event was held on Saturday 13th August 2016 at the Naparima College Auditorium, San Fernando.

The Rotary Club of Princes Town has recognised that increased awareness of cerebral palsy is needed in Trinidad and Tobago and the specialised care and resources required are not readily available. The Club has therefore partnered with the Cerebral Palsy Society to improve the lives of those diagnosed with cerebral palsy and their families.





Rotarians with partners from the Cerebral Palsy Society of Trinidad and Tobago.



Rotarian Vilma Bellamy distributing hampers



## CHOKHA FEST 2016

The Club under the leadership of President Debbie Roopchand hosted its 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chokha Fest on Saturday 27th August 2016 at the beautiful San Fernando Hill.

The doors opened at 4:00 p.m. and there was a steady stream of patrons to the venue who enjoyed a variety of tasty traditional East Indian chokha dishes accompanied by hot sada roti, fry bake and pepper roti served directly by Rotarians and their family members.



Hard working team of the Rotary Club of Princes Town for Chokha Fest.



Rotarian Jameer hard at work.

Chokha for so.....

- ✓ Tomatoes
- ✓ Eddoes
- ✓ Potato
- ✓ Ochro
- ✓ Green fig
- ✓ Melongene (bigan)

Traditional foods like...  
Buljol, smoked herring, coconut chutney, curry corn...all served with hot sad roti, fry bake and pepper roti



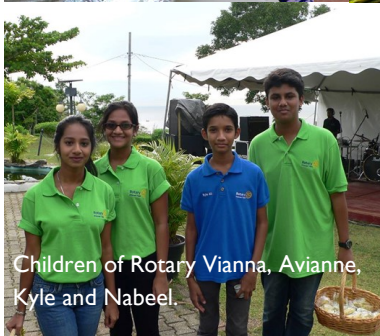
Children of Rotary Nabeel, Kyle, Avianne and Vianna assisted in sales of pineapple chow while the Interactors from the Interact Club of Princes Town West Secondary School led by their President Alyssa Francis, dedicated their efforts in promoting the Club's raffle.

Kids who attended the event enjoyed the bouncy castle provided by the Club and patrons were delighted to win door prizes drawn hourly.

There was a fully stocked bar managed by Rotarians on site, police were present to provide a secure environment, and as the sun set on the scenic San Fernando Hill attendees danced the evening away to the live entertainment of the very versatile 'Samsara D Band'.



Crowd enjoying the band.



Children of Rotary Vianna, Avianne, Kyle and Nabeel.



Partner in service Narisha and Rotarian Vilma.



Rotarians hard at work in the bar.





As the Club embraces this year's theme of "Rotary Serving Humanity" it looks forward to utilizing the funds derived from this fundraiser in its efforts to help those in need and in particular towards its Achievement and Scholarship awards programme through which it recognises the top performers in SEA examinations and the winners of National Scholarships residing within its jurisdiction and also seeks to grant scholarships to deserving students who reside within the Club's jurisdiction.

The event was a great success and was accomplished through the astute leadership of Committee Chair Rudolph Ali, his dedicated committee as well as the Rotarians, partners in service and children who all assisted on the day, and the Club expresses its heartfelt thanks to them all.



The Interact Club of Princes Town West Secondary.



Partner in service Radica and family.

## BOARD MEETING AND FELLOWSHIP

Thursday September 1st 2016 was an active Rotary day for the Club. The day commenced with our Board meeting with DG Roger Bose at Caribel and ended with a gathering of the 6 south Clubs at Tradewinds Hotel San Fernando where members engaged in fellowship while they enjoyed the food and ambience at the Hotel's poolside.

The Clubs also presented DG Roger with a token on behalf of the 6 south Clubs and wished him every success in his year as District Governor. The event was well attended by Rotarians including Assistant Governors Dr. Michael Kangaloo and Rabindra Outar.



Board meeting at Caribel with DG Roger Bose



South Presidents with DG Roger Bose & AG Micheal Kangaloo



President Debbie with Rotarian Hafiz Ali and partner in service Laura Ali

Rotarians Capildeo Beharry & Zobida Ragbirsingh



AG Rabindra Outar & DG Roger Bose



## ROTARY THANKS NLCB

On Thursday 15 September 2016 President Debbie Roopchand presented Rotary International's Certificate to Chairman of the National Lotteries Control Board Mr. Marvin Johncilla in recognition of the contribution of \$1,000 USD contributed by the Club to Rotary International's Polio Eradication Fund in NLCB's name.

The contribution was made from proceeds of NLCB's donation to the Club's annual Tea and Fashion Event to recognise NLCB's generosity as well as to support Rotary's global aim for over three decades viz the Eradication of Polio worldwide.



## ROTARY EID TREAT

In keeping with Rotary's theme of Service to Humanity, the Rotary Club of Princes Town held an Eid treat at the Piparo ASJA Masjid on Sunday 18th September 2016.



Imam Mohammed of the Piparo Masjid warmly welcomed the Rotary Club of Princes Town and thanked them for their generosity and service. He chaired the brief function which entailed the children of the masjid doing several Islamic prayers and songs. President Debbie Roopchand then gave a brief message following which treat bags and gifts were given to all children present.

Hampers for distribution were also presented to the Imam to be distributed to members of the community. There were several Rotarians, partners in service and children of Rotary on hand to assist with the distribution of gift bags.



Rotarians, partners in service and children of Rotary.





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Rotary Community Divali

Sunday 23rd October 2016

Glod Road, Tableland

### Club Divali Celebration

Friday 21st October 2016

Nia Valley, Princes Town

### Rotary Tea and Fashion

Sunday 13th November 2016

Hyatt Regency, Port of Spain

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



President  
Debbie Roopchand



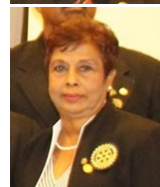
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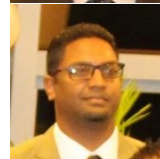
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