



# 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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## CEREBRAL PALSY DISTRIBUTION

On the 1st October 2016 our Rotarians in keeping with the theme of "Rotary Serving Humanity" attended the monthly meeting of the Society at the KPA Primary School, Chase Village for the purpose of distributing a month's supply of basic necessity items for the 43 children enrolled at the Society.

President Debbie addressed the parents and children gathered at the meeting and highlighted the challenges being faced by the families.

This was the Club's third visit to the society for the Rotary year and second distribution of basic items for the children in an effort to alleviate some of the financial burdens faced by the households, many of which are single income.



L to R: Rotarians Vishnu Seetaram, Vilma Bellamy, Crystal Harper, President Debbie Roopchand, Terrance Gopaul



Rotarians Vilma Bellamy and Terrence Gopaul hard at work.



Distribution of hamper by Rotarian Vishnu Seetaram.



## CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

The Rotary Club of Princes Town congratulates Kyle Ali son of Rotarian Hassim "Terry" Ali and partner in service Selene Ali on his award of the Principal's Ambassadorial Award from the San Fernando Central Secondary School where he is a Form 3 student.

On Thursday 13th October 2016 at the School's Prize Giving & Award Ceremony 2016 held at NAPA South Campus, Principal Cindy Khan conferred Kyle with the award in appreciation of his excellence as a Pannist and model student.



Kyle Ali receiving award from Principal Cindy Khan.



## CLUB DIVALI CELEBRATION

On Friday 21st October 2016 the Club hosted its annual Divali celebration at Nia Valley Ranch, Princes Town. The event was well attended by Rotarians, their family members, friends and some of the members of the business community of Princes Town.

The night began with the lighting of deyas by Rotarians and their families followed by the opening of the programme with a live rendition of the National Anthem on the steelpan by Kyle Ali.

President Debbie Roopchand highlighted to the audience some of the good works carried out by the Club and made public the Club's recent donation of \$7,500 USD towards Haiti in recognition of the need to assist those in need. District Governor Roger Bose also brought greetings on behalf of the District.



Children of Rotary with Pundit Surendra Maharaj and Selene Ali.

## COMMUNITY DIVALI

On Saturday 22nd October 2016 the Club as part of its ongoing efforts to assist communities under its jurisdiction, partnered with the Glud Road Community, Tableland to celebrate the occasion of Divali.

The celebrations started off with prayers and lighting of deyas. This was followed by a beautiful cultural programme. The Club gave the Community a financial contribution of \$2,000.00 towards the staging of the event and took the opportunity to treat over 45 children of the community with gifts and treat bags and distributed 10 Divali hampers to residents.



Rotarians Bashir, Vilma, Terrance, Crystal, President Debbie and Rhea.



Rotarians Crystal and Vilma distribute treat bags to kids.

President Debbie gives out hampers to families.

## CEREBRAL PALSY DISTRIBUTION

On Saturday 5th November 2016, under the leadership of President Debbie Roopchand, the Club conducted its third distribution of basic monthly supplies to the children of the Cerebral Palsy Society of Trinidad and Tobago.

The distribution took place at the KPA Primary School, Chase Village where the Society meets on a monthly basis with its membership within a small classroom. Despite many efforts, the Society is yet to secure the use of a venue which is properly equipped to support their members' needs.

While the parents of the children of the Society continue to be faced with major challenges such as their inability to afford physical therapy, speech therapy, and daytime care for their children, many expressed their thanks to the Club for its assistance which allows for them to use the money they would have had to spend on these items towards other pressing needs for their children.



President Debbie Roopchand with President of the Cerebral Palsy Society of Trinidad and Tobago Phillip Metivier distributing



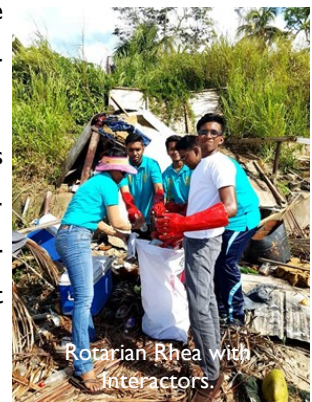
Rotarians Vishnu, Patsy, Debbie and Vilma.

## MORUGA BEACH CLEAN UP

On Saturday 5th November 2016 in celebration of World Interact Week students of the Interact Club of Princes Town West Secondary School under the leadership of their President Alyssa Francis engaged in a beach clean up at the Moruga beach.

The 30 plus Interactors cleaned and repainted the St Peters and Christopher Columbus monuments, which were in poor condition and cleared the areas surrounding the monuments of overgrown bush and garbage. The students also cleared a lot of debris and rubbish from the beachfront, all in an effort to clean up the area and beautify it for the benefit of members of the Moruga Community and visitors to the area.

The Interact Club of Princes Town West Secondary School was chartered on the 24th June 2016 through its sponsor Club the Rotary Club of Princes Town. Rotarians from the Club were on site to assist and give guidance to the Interactors.



Rotarian Rhea with Interactors.



Interactors of the Princes Town West Secondary School with Rotarian Rhea Nobee (centre)



Interactors hard at work.



Rotarians Carlyn, Amraz and Rhea.



## CELEBRATE— 7TH ANNUAL TEA & FASHION

The Club's 7th annual Tea and Fashion show, Celebrate, was held on Sunday, November 13th 2016 at the Hyatt Trinidad. This year's event was extra special as we also celebrated 100 years of the Rotary Foundation.

As usual, this event was well attended by friends and supporters of Rotary. The event opened with a live rendition of the National Anthem on steelpan by Kyle Ali and guests were treated to a warm welcome by Club President Debbie Roopchand. Past District Governor Ms Lara Quentrall-Thomas delivered a very poignant feature address which highlighted the great work of the Rotary Foundation.

The event was chaired by the beautiful and entertaining Nikki Crosby, with some help from our very own Rotarian Hafiz Ali. While enjoying their delicious Tea plates, guests were serenaded by Roger Salloum's Trio featuring vocalist Carol Jacobs as well as American Violinist Tracy Scott and they were delighted by the dance moves of Xtreme Breakers.

The highlight of the evening was of course the beautiful, exotic designs from our top local designers displayed by the lovely House of Jacqui models.

The fantastic Raffle and Door prizes also added to the excitement of the evening.



Rotarians Ronald, Kex, Hafiz and Vishnu.



Rotarian Vilma



Rotarian Rudolph hard at work.



Rotarian Zobida, President Marvin and Guest.



Lovely ladies in a row. Rotarians Zobida, President Debbie, Carlyn, Patsy, Rhea and partner in service Laura.



Rotarians Indira and Bashir.





## PAUL HARRIS RECOGNITION



President Debbie Roopchand presents Ms Jacqueline Koon How with Paul Harris Pin.

On Sunday 13th November 2016, the Rotary Club of Princes Town held its 7th annual Tea and Fashion show—Celebrate, at the Hyatt Regency.

At this event, the Club took the opportunity to honour Jacqueline Koon How, owner of House of Jacqui, with a Paul Harris Recognition for her unwavering support of Rotary's Tea and Fashion since its inception.

## SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR

On the 15th November 2016 our Club partnered with the Interact students of the Princes Town West Secondary School to assist with the School's health fair.

Our in-house Doctor Ronald Gobin was on site to give medical advice where necessary. Our diabetes specialist Zobida Ragbirsingh, who presently sits as the Vice President of the International Diabetes Federation, had a DATT booth on site and also assisted with the health fair along with Rotarian Jamir Ousman who also attended and assisted with the project.



Rotarians Ronald, Zobida and Jamir with Interact members.

## PARANG

As we all raise funds to support our various Club projects members of the Rotary Club of Princes Town spent some time on the 20th November 2016 at the Rotary Club of San Fernando's annual Parang at Canboulay Restaurant, San Fernando. It was a great night of fellowship with other Rotarians.



JPP Jerrine of Rotary Club of San Fernando and Rotarians Crystal, Vilma, Zobida, President Debbie and friend Nancy



Rotarians Salima, Zobida and Hazel, partner in service of Honourary Rotarian Peter Chang.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

On Wednesday 23rd November 2016 at a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Pointe-a-Pierre and with District Governor Roger Bose in attendance, the Rotary Club of Princes Town awarded a total of \$75,000.00 to 9 students towards assisting them in pursuing their tertiary level studies. The students were past students of schools which fall under the Club's jurisdiction - Biche High School, Tableland High School, Moruga Secondary School, Princes Town West Secondary School, Cowen Hamilton Secondary School and St. Stephens College.



President Debbie, President Marvin and DG Roger Bose with Scholarship awardees.

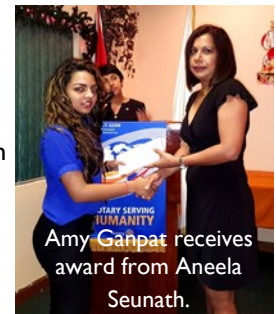


The recipients were Rehanna Ramharack (ABE Level 4), Jerome Campbelle (BSc Sports Studies), Shinika Taylor (BSc Public Sector), Emmanuel Pierre (BSc Biology), Sunita Sumchan (BSc Medicine), Cervon Cooper (BSc Medicine), Amy Ganpat (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine), Amy Rambarran (Pharmacy Assistant) and Nicole Farrell (Actuarial Science).

Recipients Amy Ganpat, Amy Rambarran and Nicole Farrell who attended St. Stephens College were awarded the “Wayne Nanan Scholarship” so named in memory of Rotarian Wayne Nanan a charter member of the Rotary Club of Princes Town and former student of St. Stephens College who passed away last year.

The scholarships to the students of St. Stephens College totalled \$20,000.00 and was contributed to by Rotarian Wayne’s wife Aneela Seunath and sons Dr. Stefan Nanan and Adrian Nanan who were present at the meeting and presented the cheques to the deserving students.

Proceeds from the Club’s recently concluded Chokha Fest in August 2016 were used towards funding the scholarship awards.



Amy Ganpat receives award from Aneela Seunath.



Amy Rambarran receives award from Dr Stefan Nanan.



Nicole Farrell receives award from Dr Stefan Nanan.

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

On 4th December 2016, the Rotary Club of Princes Town conducted its annual Christmas treat at Samuel Cooper Trace, Moruga. The Club distributed toys and treat bags to 191 children and hampers to 12 residents.

The afternoon started with live entertainment by children of the community who sang and danced to the delight of all who attended. The live entertainment was followed by greetings from President Debbie Roopchand. Even Santa Claus made a guest appearance and distributed the treat bags and toys to the excited children.



Rotarians, partners in service and children of Rotary.



Rotarians Rhea, Carlyn and President Debbie



## CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Club's annual Christmas party hosted by President Debbie Roopchand at the Gulf View Community Centre on Saturday 10 December 2016 was a memorable evening for all who attended.

The evening started with a sumptuous dinner provided by Nick Nacks Catering followed by delicious desserts from Sweet & Savoury Desserts. President Debbie took the opportunity to thank Rotarians for the support and dedication they showed over the past 6 months and to wish everyone a joyous Christmas season. The evening was filled with live entertainment by Levantamientos Parang band, Samsara D Band, violinist Tracy Scott, pianist Kyle Ali, songs by Rehan and Saheli Ali and Rotarians and guests danced the night away to the wonderful entertainment.



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Partners in service Zorina, Laura, Yvette, Narisha, Dianne, Michelle, Sangita and Annette.



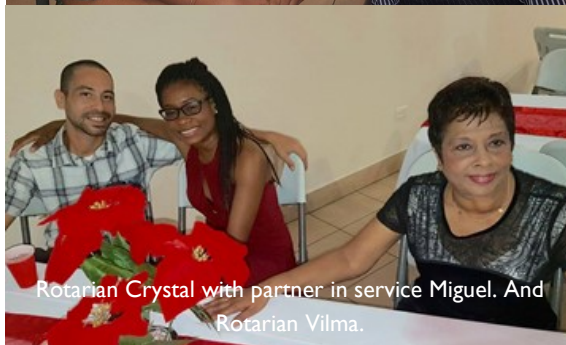
President Debbie with sisters Dianne and Regan and Rotarian Vishnu.



Children of Rotary Saheli and Rehan Ali with their Grammy.



Rotarians Hafiz, Rhea, Kex, Curtis and Rudy.



Rotarian Crystal with partner in service Miguel. And Rotarian Vilma.



Zayne with his mom Amy and partners in service Zorina and Yvette.



## ROTARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Rotarians Fatsy, Rhea, Zobida, Vilma, President Debbie, Terry, Carlyn and Crystal.

On Thursday 15th December 2016 the Rotary Club of Princes Town hosted a 3-hour Christmas concert at the Triangle Princes Town.

The evening was filled with a wide variety of musical performances including live steel pan performances and renditions of Christmas carols.

Musical highlights were the performances by the Moruga Secondary School parang band who won the secondary schools parang competition three times in a row and Christmas carols by the little children of Maharaj School of Music.

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Mrs. Claus—Rotarian Zobida distributes treats to kids.



## CEREBRAL PALSY DISTRIBUTION

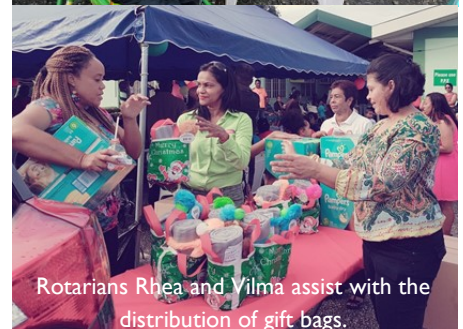
On Saturday the 17th December 2016 our Rotarians attended the Christmas Party of the Cerebral Palsy Society of Trinidad and Tobago, which was held under tents at the Ministry of Agriculture's compound Chaguanas and spent some time with the children of the society and their parents.

President Debbie Roopchand took the opportunity to wish the Society every success in its continued efforts to assist its members, urging them to be safe over the Christmas period and expressed her pleasure in the Club being able to provide the 43 members of the Society with a month's supply of basic items yet again.

The Club, in an effort to bring Christmas cheer, distributed fleece blankets and stuffed toys to each child of the society. These items were donated by Dianne & Nyiara Persad of New York.



President Debbie distributing gift bags to kids.



Rotarians Rhea and Vilma assist with the distribution of gift bags.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Rotary Medical Outreach

Sunday 22nd January 2017  
Santa Maria RC Primary School  
Moruga

### Annual Golf Tournament

Sunday 26th March 2017  
Petrotrin Golf Course

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



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