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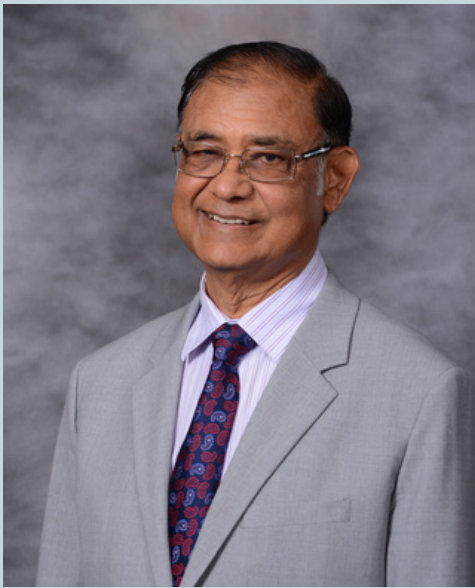
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TAKING A MAJOR STEP IN SERVICE



Chandricka "Chanka" Seeterram



Deo Singh



Ajay Khandelwal

The Rotary Club of St. Augustine added three Major Donors to District 7030. They are Chandricka "Chanka" Seeterram, Deo Singh and Ajay Khandelwal. Let learn a bit more about these Rotarians.

Chandricka "Chanka" Seeterram joined Rotary April 1, 1981 and was the Past President of the Rotary Club of St Augustine in 2003-2004, and continues to serve as a Rotarian. He has always found time for social and community work and devotes his time to several charitable and welfare organizations like serving as Former Chairman of the Trinidad & Tobago Red Cross Society, Former Director of Express Children's Fund, Former Director of The Scout Association of Trinidad & Tobago Ltd., Founder and Former President of the Greater Tunapuna Chamber of Industry & Commerce, Former Chairman of the local chapter of the internationally acclaimed housing charity Habitat for Humanity. He is the Founder and President of the Hindi Foundation of Trinidad & Tobago Inc., a position which he has held for the past 35 years.

Chandricka "Chanka" Seeterram has over 54 years of financial and business experience. He is a qualified Canadian Chartered Accountant and is currently the Managing Partner of his audit and accountancy firm – Chanka Seeterram & Co., which was established over 35 years ago in October 1986. Presently, his company stands firmly entrenched in the financial services sector, being an achiever in its field and a successful one in its right to both public and private sector companies. He is also a very successful entrepreneur in retail, entertainment and real estate development. He pioneered the construction of townhouses in the real estate market in 1977 in Trinidad & Tobago, and is currently doing numerous real estate developments in east, west, north and south Trinidad.

He has also been actively involved in our nation's schools where he served as President of St George's College Alumni Association for 10 years, and President of Hillview College P.T.A. for 7 years, where his 3 sons attended. He also served as Chairman for the Council of Competitiveness and Innovation which falls under the Ministry of Planning and the Economy.

Deo Singh has been a member of the Rotary club of St. Augustine, District 7030, member since February 1, 1998 and President 2004 – 2005 and 2011 – 2012. He has been a Board member since 1999 to date. His contributions include serving as Chairman of the Gift of Life project, succeeding Dr. Bishnu Balbirsingh, until paediatric heart surgery became available in Trinidad and Tobago. Rotarian Deo also worked on the project for Rotary charity cataract surgeries over the last decade with support of staff and surgeons at the Caribbean Eye Institute and by Medical Associates Hospital. He is also responsible for the sponsorship of three active members including, current president of the Rotary Club of St. Augustine, fellow Ophthalmologist Rishi Sharma. Community Eye Screening Clinics with Trinidad and Tobago Medical Association, Service Clubs, and Religious bodies.

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His professional background has been used in the Canadian Surgical Eye Expedition (CANSEE) – participated in surgical missions in Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Mexico, Ghana, and Ecuador as well as OSWI missions to Guyana. December 2013 – January 2014 he completed the initiative for twenty free corneal transplants at the nation's five major public hospitals. Former Honorary Consultant Ophthalmologist to the School for Blind Children, Santa Cruz, Trinidad. He co-authored Guidelines for Development of Eye Care Programs and Services in the Caribbean with Paul Ellis, Juan Carlos Silva, D. C. Gibbons, H. M. Shillingford-Rickets, Hugh Vaughn, Victor Wiedijk (PAHO 1998). Rotarian Deo is the Founder and Team Leader of the Caribbean Eye Institute, Founding member of the Ophthalmologist Society of the West Indies, Past President of the Medical Association of Trinidad and Tobago

He served as the Carnival Fundraiser (Fete for Life) Committee Chairman and started Golf for Life fundraising initiative in 2011. He also started an Education Fund in 2002 in memory of his late older brother and life mentor who passed that year.

Ajay Khandelwal has been a Rotarian for over thirty-seven (37) years having joined the Rotary Club of St Augustine (RCoSA) on 1st April, 1985, serving as President during the period of 1995 to 1996, under the Rotary International (RI) Theme: "Act with integrity, Serve with love, Work for peace."

During Past President's Ajay's year as President, some of the notable projects undertake are as follows:

Gift of Life Programme: Ten (10) children were for corrective Heart Surgery abroad through our continuing GIFT OF LIFE PROGRAM. The value of this service to the Country is \$4 million US. The project was founded under of this project, Dr Bishnu Balbirsingh, Past President (PP) who served as Chairman for the past 8 years.

PACEMAKER BANK: Donation of 30 Pacemakers to indigent persons at an estimated value of \$1.M TT

JAIPUR LEG PROGRAM: Fitting of 25 artificial legs, where the average cost of a leg was \$7,000.00TT. Each recipient contributed \$2,500.00TT, the net value donated by the Club in total was \$ 113,000.00 TT. The programme was started by Rashide Tallim Mohammed, Past President (RCoSA).

Vishnu Boys' College

Building of Science Building for the Vishnu Boys' College in Caroni. Additionally, furnishing of the Computer Lab in this building with 30 computers.

Tunapuna Hindu School

Building of 25m Competition size Swimming Pool in Tunapuna Hindu School.

Preparation of the ground at Tunapuna Hindu School that was in bad shape for school children to play cricket. This included building a practice pitch that has a netting around it and a pitch in the main ground for cricket matches. Renovation of the parking area by repaving and adding of planters. Building pond with 15ft diameter water fountain with a pillar in the center atop of which will be a 3ft tall marble Ganesh statue.

His contributions include the Sponsorship of 54 children of the employees who work for his family in India. These children were very malnourished and some of them were not going to schools. According to PP Ajay, "I am now paying all school expenses for each child to attend the school of their parents' choice. Expenses include uniform, shoes, school bag, books, stationery etc. Also am providing everyday one glass of milk, one egg and one fruit to each child. I am very happy to see the physical changes in these children over the past 3 years."

Rotarian Ajay has committed himself to one special mission. He says, "I plan to spend the rest of my life doing various projects for Maha Sabha schools in Trinidad."

~~~Learn More About How To Become A Major Donor ~~~

When your cumulative donations reach \$10,000 Major Donors can choose to receive a crystal recognition piece and a Major Donor lapel pin or pendant. It is important to note name recognition is not automatic and needs to be reported to RI staff. Major Donors are recognized at the following levels: - • Level 1: \$10,000 to \$24,999 • Level 2: \$25,000 to \$49,999 • Level 3: \$50,000 to \$99,999 • Level 4: \$100,000 to \$249,999.

IN THE DISTRICT: PROJECTS

Here's how some Clubs have been Serving to Change lives!



Spotlight Initiative Project - Saving Mothers And Children
Maternal and Child Health

The Rotary Club of Grenada in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme implemented the Spotlight Initiative Project to contribute to advocacy for Grenada's Gender Equality Policy and Action Plan (GEPAP) and to strengthen interventions to combat Family Violence, including Intimate Partner Violence and Child Sexual Abuse. The Spotlight Initiative in Grenada is intended to contribute to the achievement of gender equality, peace and protection of human rights, which are catalytic for sustainable development. Equality is a fundamental human right that is critical in order to have a peaceful, prosperous, and sustainable world.

RC GRENADA



RC PRINCES TOWN

World Forestry Day
Supporting the Environment



In commemoration of World Forestry Day 2022 and as part of Rotary's focus on supporting the environment, the Rotary Club of Princes Town completed an exercise to plant 40 trees at the Tableland High School. President Rishi Ramlogan along with Rotarians Mark Ainsley John, Jamir Ousman, Justin Girdharrie, Nazim Mohamed and Michael Cooper-Ocheingh were assisted by the teachers and students of the Tableland High School in planting these trees which will beautify the school surroundings, prevent soil erosion and provide fruits when mature. The trees planted were Barbados Pride, White Pommerac, Yellow Poui, Pink Poui, Black Poui, Balata, Almond, Passion fruit, Tacoma and Cypre.

RC ST. LUCIA

Empower Girls
Youth Development



The Rotary Club of St. Lucia embarked on an 'Empower Girls' initiative with approximately 200 girls. The main aim of the initiative was to empower girls across the globe by providing self-awareness and career guidance. The sessions commenced with three schools where there were Interactors and one school where there is a potential for an interact club to be formed. Each school had to come up with an initiative that would be sustainable and can be utilized to empower other young girls. The Interactors were given the opportunity to present their initiatives and the sessions were concluded with a grand lunch and fellowship.



Active Learning Corner
Childhood Obesity and Prevention

RC DEMERARA

Rotary Club of Demerara (RCD) was thrilled to introduce its first active learning corner at the Sophia Children and Family Centre in February this year, complementing our weekly literacy sessions. The more than 60 residents and staff – as well as DG Sonya Alleyne, during her recent visit – have enjoyed spinning, dancing, skipping and lunging their way through our "obstacle" course; building numeracy skills through our numbered hopscotch and snakes and ladders; and enhancing literacy skills on our "learn to read and write wall". RCD hopes to expand this educative childhood obesity prevention project to other locations in the coming year.



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Childhood Obesity Youth Development

From the inception of the launch of the Childhood Obesity project the Rotary Club of St. Lucia brain stormed a number of initiatives to bring about awareness and to help curb childhood obesity in St Lucia. The initiatives chosen were a fellowship fun walk from Mega J to Pigeon Pointe on Sunday March 6, 2022 (600km) and vegetable kitchen gardens. The gardens were cultivated by children with supervision from their parents and monitoring and evaluating from the Rotary Club of St. Lucia. On a daily basis the participants would water the plants as a form of exercise and would prune on a needs basis. This is to encourage healthy eating which would in turn contribute to healthy styles.

RC ST. LUCIA



Environmental Beautification Project Supporting the Environment

Rotary Club of Chaguanas Presents its Environmental Beautification Project 2021-2022, Tree Planting, Unveiling of Signage and a video highlighting recent projects.



RC CHAGUANAS



RCGC Kite Flying Classic Economic and Community Development

RCGC HOSTS KITE FLYING CLASSIC FOR KIDS The Rotary Club of Georgetown Central hosted its "Kite Flying Classic" with 15 boys of the St. John's Bosco Orphanage. At this year's event held on April 16, Rotarians provided the children with colourful kites, which are flown in Guyana at Easter. Our Club also offered special treats, meals, and beverages to the children during the half day of fun and fellowship. The RCGC Kite Flying Classic is held during the Easter Holidays for underprivileged children, and has been an annual activity of the Club for more than two decades.

RC GEORGETOWN



Environmental Beautification Project Supporting the Environment

The Rotary Club of Pointe-a-Pierre hosted a firearms awareness webinar in 2021. In that webinar, attendees learned the do's and don'ts of how to treat with fire-arms and the process involved in acquiring a firearms users' license. The webinar was well-received and the Club chose to follow that up with a fundraiser (Fun Shoot) in 2022. The fundraiser was a resounding success and brought competitors from all over Trinidad to compete for bragging rights and prizes. Participants paid a fee to compete to win sponsored prizes. All proceeds towards our Diabetes Awareness Project and Hamper Distribution Drive.

RC POINTE-A-PIERRE



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RC PRINCES TOWN

*Diaper Distribution at Rochard Douglas Health Center and
Childhood Obesity Prevention Challenge*

Maternal and Child Health



The Rotary Club of Princes Town distributed 30 boxes of Huggies Overnites Diapers to mothers and infants at the Rochard Douglas Health Centre on Monday April 4th, 2022 in Barrackpore. President-Elect Rudranath Maraj together with Past President Jamir Ousman and rotarians Wendy Ann Joseph and Justin Girdharrie were present to assist with the distribution of the diaper boxes to the parents and infants. Our Club extends our sincerest thanks to Gabrielle Modeste at Bryden Pi Limited for the generous donation of the Huggies Overnites Diapers and rotarian Kellon Craig and membership director Rudranath Maraj who coordinated the delivery and receipt of the diaper boxes.



The District 7030 COP program seeks to encourage all rotarians to continue to take action and mobilize against childhood obesity and promote healthier behaviours and lifestyles. Our Club held our COP Challenge at our Family Day on March 27, 2022, where our Fitness Instructor Rotarian Villon Stanley led the children, rotarians and friends in a workout session that was filled with fun and laughter as members and the children tried to keep up with Rotarian Villon as he took us through the various exercises. The session culminated with happy energized faces as everyone, even the little ones, left the field in a conga line.



 **Bus Fare Community Give Back**
Economic and Community Development

RC BARBADOS SOUTH



Under the Zones 33-34 You've Been Served Event, Members of the Rotary Club of Barbados South (RCBS) answered the challenge with the "Bus Fare Community Give Back Initiative". Armed with coins Rotarians descended upon the Oistins Bus Terminal at 7:00 a.m. on April 7, 2022, to pay it forward in kindness by presenting the fare for one bus ride to approximately 200 unsuspecting commuters. Uplifting words were shared with the travellers that set the tone for their day. Initial reactions of shock and disbelief shifted to expressions of pleasure, praise, blessings and well wishes on the Rotarians and the Organization.

VIDEOS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT



RC BARBADOS SOUTH -
Bus Fare Community Give Back Initiative



RC Pointe-a-Pierre -
Firearms Awareness Webinar and Fundraiser



RC CHAGUANAS -
Projects 2021 - 2022

LOOK AHEAD



TRAVEL AND
ACCOMMODATION

Rotary International Convention

Whether in person or virtual, Rotary's annual gathering can be life changing. Registration is now open and is easy for Rotary members, Rotaractors, and any non-members who wish to attend and want to receive an immediate confirmation. Remember that 15 December 2021 is the last day for early-registration discount. Read and learn more about why you should attend the 2022 RI Convention

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INFORMATION

CLUB CHARTER ANNIVERSARIES

MAY 3RD 1974

RC Fort-de-France Sud (48 years)

MAY 4TH 1993

RC Maraval (29 years)

MAY 6TH 1987

RC New Amsterdam (35 years)

MAY 7TH 1993

RC Princes Town (29 years)

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RC Corriverton, Berbice (29 years)

MAY 9TH 1977

RC Fort-de-France Ouest (45 years)

MAY 9TH 1970

RC Saint Pierre (52 years)

MAY 16TH 2006

RC Stabroek (16 years)

MAY 20TH 1959

RC Georgetown (63 years)

MAY 23RD 1970

RC Montserrat (52 years)

MAY 26TH 1995

RC Grande Terre (27 years)

MAY 28TH 1957

RC Pointe-à-Pitre (65 years)



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