



Rotary Club of San Fernando



Rotary Opens Opportunities

The Rotary Club of San Fernando observed its 60th Anniversary on June 09, 2021. The club was chartered on this day in 1961 by then RI President J. Edd Mc Laughlin. The official request for the club's formation was made on April 24, 1961 by Rtn. Milton Miles. The principal figures in the formation of the club were Rotarians Milton Miles, Ken Finch, Pat Reynolds, and Austin Fridal.

Today, our small and vibrant club comprises of men and women united in the Object of Rotary, conducting the club's business in keeping with Rotary's 4-Way test.

The club remains committed to supporting the Rotary Foundation by making contributions to the Polio Fund, EREY and by individuals contributing to various Areas of Focus.

Over the years we have raised enormous sums of money through varied and innovative forms of fundraisers all of which have been spent on improving the lives of people in our community and environs. Without the generous support of private citizens, business and industrial sectors towards the fundraising projects, serving the community would not have been accomplished. A major project undertaken this year through our Corporate sponsor, Shell Trinidad, was to provide 1,050 hampers to the less fortunate in various communities throughout Trinidad and Tobago, the provision of internet access to 100 deserving homes, as well as the provision of 315 laptops and tablets to students in both primary and secondary schools in the Moruga community. Some Principals also received printers for their schools in this community.



In addition to this, the club has been managing the Mayaro Homework Centre for approximately 8 years in partnership with Shell.

One of the highlights worth mentioning is the receipt of a District grant in 2019-2020 to conduct a water project in Cotton Hill, Gasparillo. The Club has maintained a partnership with this community and our recently revived Rotaract Club of San Fernando is presently engaged in a NewGen Peace Builders project- Focus on Hunger by assisting the community to feed themselves. The project entails planting a community garden in partnership with the Rotary Club of San Fernando and the Franciscan Institute (NGO). Notable mention is also being made to the 'hotly' contested debate in October/November 2020 among our 5 sponsored Interact Clubs, the first of its kind in the District.

While many of us embraced the zoom meetings which became necessary as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we do look forward to celebrating our achievements in person in the near future. Members are eagerly anticipating this event and the opportunity to enjoy fellowship!

Current Membership 2021

Back Row (l-r): Salima Mohammed, Jerrine Samlalsingh, Selwyn Henry, Kurt Traboulay, Selvon Ramroop (Sec) Robert Qui, Roger Bose, Michael Kangaloo

Front Row (l-r) Jacqueline Ramoutar, Pres. Dinna Bainey, Shiva Ramlogan, Vilma Bellamy, Steve Ramlakhan.

Charter Members of The Rotary Club of San Fernando 1961

Standing left-right: Bury Callender, Val Martin, Dr. Roy Krogh, Shirley Jardine, Keith Urich, Frank de Boehmler, Wing Comdr. John Cody, Paul Holbrook, J.K.K. (Ian) Christie, Dr. Sundar Lal Soni, Malcolm (Meg) Easton, Lawrence (Larry) Williams, Dr. J.H. Lloyd George, Dr. Reynold (Rey) C. Dolly, R.A.C. (Jimmy) Alston, Dr. Vernon (Sonny) W. Paul, Arnold J. Chatoor.

Sitting: John (Johnny) C. Rooks, Milton Miles (Guidance Officer, POS), Austin Fridal (Guidance Officer, POS), Dennis Slatford (first President), Claude Mann.

Absent: Reginald (Rex) W. Boon

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2020-21 Dinna Rajpaul-Bainey (President), Selvon Ramroop (Secretary), Vilma Bellamy (Treasurer), Jacqueline Ramoutar (Immediate Past President & Fundraisers), Shiva Ramlogan (Community Service and President Elect), Salima Mohammed (Club Administration), Roger Bose (Membership), Kieron Mitchell (New Generations), Robert Qui (Vocational Service), Steve Ramlakhan (Rotary Foundation and International Service)