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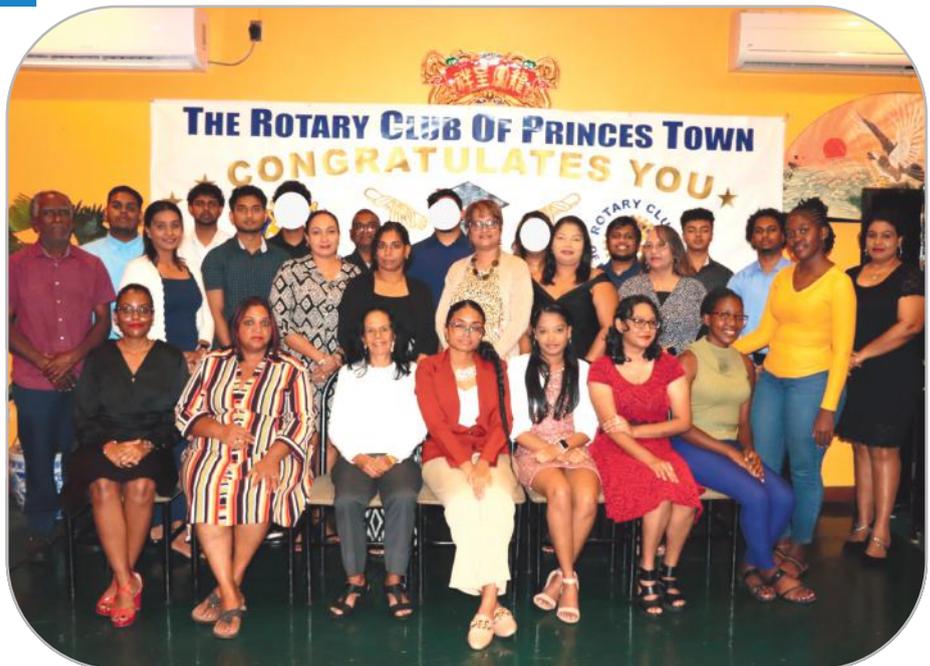
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## Rotary International President's Message

### Mário César Martins de Camargo

President 2025 – 2026 Rotary International

# UNITE FOR GOOD



#### By Etelka Lehoczky

Rotary International President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo asked members to Unite for Good by embracing growth, service, and connection as he outlined a plan to expand “the best-qualified team of volunteers on the planet.”

“Rotary’s greatest asset is not our history, our projects, or even our unmatched global reach. It is our members,” de Camargo said at the organization’s International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, on 10 February. He noted praise from one of Rotary’s partners about “the extraordinary dedication” of Rotary members. “That recognition from an outsider deepened my understanding: Rotary’s greatest gift to the world is its people.”

De Camargo, a member of the Rotary Club of Santo André, São Paulo, Brazil, emphasized the importance of seeking out new perspectives and strengthening Rotary’s service to communities around the globe. He outlined three “essential pillars” for growth: innovation, continuity, and partnership.

#### Innovating while also building a consistent legacy

Noting how quickly the world changes, de Camargo urged members to innovate.

“Technology, social expectations, and economic conditions evolve constantly, and Rotary must evolve with them,” he said. “Innovation is how we adapt to this changing world.”

One important way to do this, de Camargo said, is by embracing and pro-

moting a variety of club models. Satellite clubs, cause-based clubs, enterprise clubs, and passport clubs offer people different ways to experience Rotary. Noting that his wife helped charter a satellite club with nearly 50 members, he said, “Future Rotary members are out there. We must meet them where they are.”

De Camargo also emphasized the importance of leadership continuity and said he observed its benefits during his extensive travels in the past 18 months. Districts thrive, he said, when governors build on their predecessors’ efforts, ensuring that programs and strategies continue without interruption.

He cited an effort to build wells in Nigeria, an initiative in Pakistan that helped people affected by devastating floods to find a better future, and a Rotary grant-funded program in India where children get lifesaving care.

“Continuity is not about uniformity; it’s about alignment,” de Camargo said. “When district leaders work together, envisioning Rotary beyond their ‘governor year,’ they set the stage for long-term success.”

#### The power of partnership

Rotary members working alone can achieve great things, de Camargo said, but collaborating with others makes it possible to change the world. He noted that Rotary’s historic effort against polio has been undertaken with partners such as the Gates Foundation, the World Health Organization, and UNICEF. Without these partners, de Camargo said, Rotary couldn’t have had the same impact. He suggested exploring other

kinds of partnerships to attract members and revitalize clubs.

Partnering with business associations, professional organizations, and academic institutions can help Rotary attract members while embracing diversity in professions and perspectives, he said. “By reaching out to professionals who share our values of service and engagement, we can expand Rotary’s capacity to do good in the world.”

Ultimately, de Camargo said, all of Rotary’s achievements and growth depend on members. By focusing on attracting and retaining them, Rotary can renew its strength as well as its ability to create change in communities for years to come.

“In a world often divided, Rotary stands as a beacon of unity and hope,” de Camargo said. “Our projects bring together people of all races, religions, genders, ideologies, and economic backgrounds, uniting us in a shared purpose: to do good in the world. ... Let’s build a Rotary that unites for good and ensures a brighter future for all.”





## President's Message

### Wendy Ann Joseph

President 2024 — 2025



One year ago, we had the opportunity to rejuvenate our commitment. We came together to share the ideals of service, leadership, diversity, friendship, and integrity so that we could create change not only in the communities in which we live but, in our selves, too.

The Board had crafted an actionable plan, a plan based on the limbs of Rotary. We were able to mobilise our resources, leveraging the skills and networks within the club, strengthening our connections and with our team members were able to make a positive difference.

#### Increase Ability to Adapt

We adjusted our sails and began our year of magic not just by waving a wand but with the input of members.

#### Enhance Participant Engagement

Our social activities were blended into our meetings with our joint club meetings, breakfast meeting, and games evening led by committees to enhance camaraderie. We cannot forget our family fun day, planned by the late PP Dr Ronald Gobin and our Christmas dinner. We thank PP Jamir Ousman and his partner in service Tara for opening up their home to us.

During the year members participated in learning programmes and were given greater responsibilities empowering them to lead and contribute their unique talents, an ongoing process.

#### Increase Rotary' Impact

The club was able to surpass its goals by contributing both to the annual and polio funds. Again, the club continued its trend of 100% annual giving.

Rotary's areas of focus continued to be given priority.

**Maternal & child health**-we say a special thank you to Bryden Pi Ltd for their collaboration. Milk and pampers were given to vulnerable families with the hope of them growing stronger and having quality care.

**Peace Building & conflict prevention**-our art/ peace poster project with the interactors brought awareness to the underlying causes of conflict.

**Disease Prevention & Treatment**-In an effort to educate and bring awareness to communities, health fairs were conducted at Meraki Medical and St Mary's Government school. Also, thanks to the Diabetes Assoc, Princes Town branch a joint diabetes session was held in an effort to stop the spread of this life - threatening disease. We also took part in the Diabetes National quiz competition. Distribution of wheelchairs, hampers and assistance with medical needs led by Director Kimberly continued to receive our attention.

#### Water, Sanitation & Hygiene-

Thanks to Rtn Shuntelle for bringing awareness via a word search puzzle.

**Community Economic Development**-Women in our community were recognised and encouraged to continue to accelerate action for equality and empowerment. Thank you to Republic Bank Ltd for assisting with expenses and kudos to PE Crystal & committee for bringing the event to fruition. We celebrated Christmas with the students at Inverness Presbyterian. Who could forget Santa descending the fire truck!

**Basic Education & literacy**-the club was one of the sponsors of Civilian Conservation Corp spelling Bee competition. It was indeed a pleasure to witness the light flourish within the students. We continued with our youth empowerment programme whereby scholarships were awarded to deserving students. It is our goal to continue to strengthen the capacity of our community, reducing gender disparity and increasing adult literacy.

**Supporting the Environment**- the club plans to collaborate with the Interactors for an environmental project.

#### Expand our Reach

While our membership base reflected a negative growth, we inducted 3 new members Rtn Saadeka, Rtn Renata and Rtn Gabrielle. We say a special thank you to the sponsors, Rtn Villon, Rtn, Shuntelle and PP Dr Ronald Gobin.

We continued to forge bonds with our Interact Clubs at St Stephen's College, Cowen Hamilton and Princes Town West Secondary. Six students were selected to attend RYLA, Rotary Youth Leadership Award held at Cascadia Hotel in Port of Spain and the attendees found the experience extremely rewarding.

#### Prevention of Childhood Obesity

Childhood Obesity advocate Dr Lindsey Aziz applied for a district grant and was successful. The club will be installing a water cooler at Tableland High School. It is to encourage students to drink water and stay hydrated as drinking water is crucial for good health. Treasurer Rachel kept us well informed about our finances, and we were able to allocate our resources accordingly.

Our activities were funded from our Boat Cruise, Chokha fest, golf tournament and various sponsors. Secretary/ Administration Officer Rudranath rallied his committee, and the members did not just show up physically but mentally and emotionally. Their strong performance demonstrates the club members resilience and adaptability despite challenges. It reflects the members commitment to support change in the community and in themselves. No journey is flawless. Plans did not always come to fruition. We embraced the imperfections and celebrated the magic of our wins and milestones. Thanks for the support! As we give way to the new Rotary year, together, let us Unite for Good and pursue our mission of service above self. Best of luck to Incoming



## Incoming President's Message

### Crystal Ann Harper

Incoming President 2025 — 2026

# UNITE FOR GOOD



Fellow Rotarians, Partners in Service, and Friends,

It is both an honour and a humbling experience to stand before you once more as President-Elect. I thank each of you for your trust, encouragement, and unwavering belief in Rotary's call to "do more" and "do better."

As we look ahead to the Rotary year 2025–2026, I wish to share a vision rooted in our club's legacy of service, but more focused and aimed at the future—a future that centres on the potential of our youth and the transformational impact of Rotary.

Although the official Rotary International theme for this year is "Unite for Good", our purpose remains: Service Above Self, guided by integrity, fellowship, and the commitment to lasting change.

#### Empowering Youth Beyond the Classroom

Our country is rich in youthful talent and energy, but access to opportunity is not evenly shared. Many young people, particularly in vulnerable communities like ours, struggle—not from a lack of ambition, but from a lack of access. While our Interact Clubs continue to grow, we must also serve those who may never top an academic list but carry immense potential in their hands, hearts, and hope. This year, we will focus on those young ones through formation of an EarlyAct Club and those young adults – often forgotten as they embark and navi-

gate the challenges of early adulthood through the formation of our first Rotaract Club. This year, we'll expand our focus to include life skills, vocational training, and peace education. We aim to equip youth not just to survive, but to lead—with confidence, resilience, and purpose. As The Mighty Sparrow said, "Education is the key, yes, but sometimes the door is jammed." Rotary must help unjam that door.

#### Shifting Service to Where It's Needed Most

As we embark on our signature service projects, I challenge each of us to ask ourselves: are we serving where we're most comfortable, or where we're most needed? I propose we strengthen our presence in underserved areas—through food security, mental health outreach, and mentorship. Rotary should be seen not only in boardrooms and at conventions, but in schoolyards, community halls, and on the front lines of need all throughout our communities. I propose that our projects will ensure that whilst it focuses on Rotary's

areas of focus, they are sustainable and impactful to those we serve.

#### Membership: Growing With Intention

Membership is vital—not just in numbers, but in diversity, energy, and alignment with Rotary values. We will focus on attracting members who reflect our nation's fabric and are ready to work. Rotary education will also be emphasized, ensuring new members understand from day one that this is not just a club—it's a movement. For our existing members, it is critical we pour into ourselves, as we cannot pour from an empty cup. As such, focus will be on robust rotary knowledge to ensure the legacy and future leaders of our club are equipped to serve and carry on the work of Rotary, through our service projects and fellowships. The more we understand our purpose, the more powerful our service becomes.

#### Building on a Strong Foundation

As I prepare to take the baton, I do so with deep gratitude to those who've led before me. Your dedication has created the platform from which we now leap forward. I invite every one of you—whether you've been here for years or joined last month—to partner in a year of bold compassion and committed action.

In true Trini style: we didn't come here to play—we came to serve.

Let's get to work!

## ROTARY CLUB





## Rudranath Maraj

Club Administration Director

### Club Administration Report 2024-2025

Our Club's President Wendy Ann Joseph granted me the opportunity to serve as the Director of Club Administration this Rotary year and it was truly an honor. As Club Administration Chair, our primary goal is leading the Club's fundraising committee to generate the necessary income required to implement all projects undertaken for this Rotary year. The Fundraising committee is regarded as the **"Engine Room"** of the Rotary Club of Princes Town.

Our first fundraiser event, our Boat Cruise, themed **"Magic on The Sea"** took place on July 27th, 2024, on board the Liquid Lounge. Members sold 162 tickets and on the day of the event 83 persons attended and were recorded as on board the vessel. Weather conditions were bright and sunny with no rainfall occurring. General feedback from patrons noted comments that the cruise was epic, it was well executed, and a fun time was had by all as we danced the evening and night away with music by DJ VOID.

Our second fundraiser, the signature **Chokhafest** was held on Saturday October 19th, 2024, at the Pointe A Pierre Golf Club Ltd Ballroom. Under the pressures of the current economic conditions and the fact that food prices are continually increasing, our Club still managed to make a hefty profit as we sold 758 tickets, with 534 tickets being scanned at the door, which represented the number of patrons who attended including both dine in and take out.

The feedback from patrons was that the food was tasty, sufficient and filled the plate, the ticketing system was efficient,

and staff members were pleasant. Our dual serving station continues to help with efficiency and quick flow of patrons. Our Charter members Past Presidents Jamir Ousman and Dr Ronald Gobin (deceased) continued to lead our ticket sales by selling over 250 tickets combined.

The profit from this our signature fundraiser is used for our scholarship programme whereby we provide grants of Tertiary Education to deserving students in the community who possess the academic brilliance and acumen but unfortunately lack the financial resources to pursue a tertiary education.

The third and final fundraiser was the Club's 25th Annual Golf tournament, which was held on Sunday April 13, 2025, at the Brechin Castle Golf Course. Given the current economic climate as previously mentioned coupled with the fact that more and more Organizations are having Golf Tournaments, our club still managed to materialize a handsome profit. This tournament was planned, executed and managed courtesy Mr. Kalam Sookoor, a member of the TTGA.

The day was filled with friendly competition and good sportsmanship, culminating with a tasty late lunch and fellowship, followed by the prize giving ceremony which included Golf Bags and Barbecue Pits and other great prizes extending to seventh place, best dressed team and nearest pin.

The success of our fundraising initiatives is the collective efforts, dedication and generosity of our members, partners in service and sponsors who rallied around our fundraising activities, ensuring successes as we earned the income to serve and change lives.

Special mention must be made to members of the Fundraising committee comprising of President Wendy Ann Joseph, Past Presidents Jamir Ousman and Dr Ronald Gobin (deceased), Dr. Lindsey Aziz, PP Crystal Ann Harper, Rachel Deonarine, Shuntelle Thomas, Michael Cooper-Ochiengh, Michelle Alexander, Micky Hassanally and Gabreille Andrews-Derrell, not forgetting our valued Partners in Service who selflessly continues to give their time towards our efforts.



## Rudranath Maraj

Secretary



In preparation for my role as secretary I had the pleasure of attending the Presidents and Secretaries training Seminar (PETS) in St Vincent and the Grenadines in April 2024, together with President Wendy Ann Joseph. This opportunity was most welcomed as it provided me with the necessary knowledge for my role ahead. I was also asked to serve as Director of Club Administration for this year, as a result the BOD welcomed my suggestion to ask Dr Lindsey Aziz to serve as Assistant Secretary for this Rotary Year and I owe a special debt of gratitude for her support. Certain support functions were also carried out by President Wendy Ann Joseph, and I thank her for assisting.

This year we faced the untimely passing of my dear friend and one of our charter members, Past President and PHF+5 Dr Ronald Gobin who served selflessly for the past 32 years. Our club members miss him tremendously and his contributions would forever be etched in our minds.

We also had the distinct pleasure of having AG Dinna Baine attend our Board meetings on a quarterly basis for which President Wendy provided the necessary information to update the District on our progress.

The club's regular meetings were held at Canton Palace Restaurant. Overall attendance has been very good this year compared to last year and we have been fortunate to attract new vibrant members. At the time of this publication, we

inducted three (3) new female members. Unfortunately, three members left the club due to personal reasons leaving our membership standing at 27 strong with a male to female count of 13:14.

Board minutes which were collated by Assistant Secretary Lindsey were distributed to the wider membership on a timely basis thus ensuring transparency and accountability.

As Secretary, I provided assistance to the various committees ensuring timely submissions and responses via email and phone calls, thus enabling the success of all our events, projects and fundraisers which touched on Rotary's seven (7) areas of focus.

We successfully held two (2) medical outreach clinics proving a myriad of services, including Huggies diaper and Enfamil milk distributions, a Peace Project, continued with our EID, Divali (including inhouse Divali celebrations) and Christmas hamper distributions, Children's Christmas Treat, Diabetes quiz, awareness and health fair, Literacy programme, International Men's and Women's Day celebrations, Vocational Awards, NALIS read aloud programme, Earth Day beach clean up and installation of a water fountain at Tableland Secondary School with the assistance of a District Grant. as the Club's Childhood

Obesity Prevention Project.

We continued to support the Annual Fund, Polio Fund, EREY, RYLA and all RI and District dues were paid appropriately.

Indeed, as a club we have had a successful year despite the economic downturn. We reintroduced the Boat Cruise event which was first introduced in November 2022, together with our signature Chokhifest and Golf fundraisers. We are developing and nurturing leaders capable of serving Rotary at the club level and beyond in the coming years.

In closing I would like to express my gratitude to all members for their contribution and participation which ensured we had a successful year. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish incoming President Crystal Ann Harper and Incoming Secretary Michelle Alexander best wishes for a rewarding year ahead.

Let us all:

**"Unite for Good"**. While it is easy to create division, true leadership lies in fostering collaboration and seeking common ground. **"We are always looking for somebody's defects, we should be looking for somebody else's talents"**: RI President -Elect Mário César Martins de Camargo.





## Kimberly Ramlochan

Service Projects Director

## Service Projects Report 2024 –

A Year of Service, Wonder and the Magic of Rotary

*“Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world.” – Howard Zinn.*

Guided by the timeless Rotary principle of *“Service Above Self”* and inspired by this year’s theme, *The Magic of Rotary* we proudly reflect on a year where compassion met action and service created moments of transformation. In every project, every shared smile, and every life touched, we witnessed something truly magical unfold. From vibrant health fairs and empowering educational initiatives to quiet acts of kindness and joyful community outreach, our journey was filled with wonder, purpose, and unity.

We began the Rotary year with passion and focus on *Disease Prevention and Treatment*. On July 20th 2024, we partnered with the Meraki Medical Centre to host a successful medical outreach, where community members of Princes Town received vital health screenings, early diagnostics, and wellness education—spreading both awareness and the magic of proactive care. We also incorporated a focus on hygiene and self-care by distributing hygiene kits and educating recipients on proper self-care. These efforts continued on *World Diabetes Day*, November 11th, 2024, in collaboration with the Diabetes Association of Trinidad and Tobago. Together, we hosted a small outreach at the Princes Town Promenade with vital testing and education on diabetes prevention.

Another proud moment was our sponsorship of and involvement in the semi-finals and finals of the *National Diabetes Education Quiz*, held in March and May 2025, respectively. This powerful initiative, pioneered by our very own Past President Zobida Raghbir Singh, included a commemorative trophy bear-

ing her name—celebrating her enduring legacy of hope and education in the fight against diabetes. The quiz focused on impactful education on diabetes and its prevention to our youths so they can help shape a healthier future for generations beyond.

In the area of *Basic Education and Literacy*, we saw magic take root in young minds and curious hearts. Our club proudly sponsored the *Literacy & Numeracy Spelling Bee Competition* hosted by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) on August 21st 2024. Our Club’s President, Ms. Wendy Ann Joseph, served as a judge, and we were grateful for the opportunity to uplift adult learners and celebrate the empowering gift of literacy. This focus continued to *World Read Aloud Day* on February 5th 2025, when captivating stories came alive at the Princes Town Library. As we read to eager children and created magical moments where imagination met inspiration.

Our work in *Economic and Community Development* were highlighted in our celebration of culture and focus on care. During the auspicious occasion of Divali, we delivered food hampers to the Ste. Madeline community—sharing not just sustenance but warmth and unity. During the festive cheers of the Christmas season, we hosted a treat for the student of the Inverness Presbyterian Primary School, presenting each child with a gift from Santa Claus. Hampers were also distributed to families in need at the school. Finally, during the holy month of Ramadan and to celebrate Eid, hampers were distributed at the Cunjal Mosque, where one memorable recipient was 96 years old—reminding us that joy has no age limit.

Throughout the year, nine individuals received the life-changing gift of mobility through wheelchair donations—bringing joy, independence, and renewed hope. We rekindled joy in a family’s heart by restoring the radiant smile of a ten year old boy from Barrackpore, who suffered a fall at his school which caused trauma to his teeth. We were proud to sponsor his dental surgery. Another notable moment was when flames consumed a home in Mayaro in March 2025, our swift embrace—offering food, clothing, and

comfort—proof that sometimes, magic looks like solidarity.

Under *Maternal and Child Health*, we celebrated the smallest lives and those who nurture them. We delivered pamphlets to health centres in Ste. Madeline, Indian Walk, and Princes Town. In April 2025, we extended this support by donating infant formula—ensuring that every child begins life with strength and every caregiver knows they are not alone.

Our efforts in *Supporting the Environment* included a meaningful partnership with the Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC). Our upcoming medical outreach at St. Mary’s Government Primary School on May 25th, 2025 will not only focus on health and disease prevention but aims to light the way toward energy conservation, showing how small steps can lead to big environmental changes.

As we close this remarkable Rotary year, we are reminded that the true magic of Rotary lies not in grand gestures but in meaningful moments—when hearts connect, lives are transformed, and communities grow stronger together.

To my dedicated Rotary team, our cherished partners in service, volunteers, supporters and the communities we serve—thank you. Your energy, passion, and belief in a better world make our magic possible.

Let us move forward with wonder and courage, continuing to *Serve to Change Lives*, knowing that in each act of service, we don’t just create change—we create magic.





## Rachel Deonarine

Treasurer

Stephanie Urchick, Rotary International’s President for Rotary year 2024-2025 called on members to embrace The Magic of Rotary by recognizing and amplifying the organization’s power to save lives by creating magic through every project completed, every dollar donated and every new member. It was truly an honour to be asked by President Wendy Ann Joseph to be a part of creating this magic and serve as the Club’s Treasurer for Rotary year 2024-2025.

In my capacity as Treasurer throughout the year, I carefully managed the Club’s finances to ensure integrity of

our records and processing of all financial commitments. I maintained oversight of both the Club’s Administrative and Charitable accounts and provided comprehensive overview of the Club’s overall financial to assist the Board in making informed decisions.

Through our annual fund-raising events: Boat Cruise, ChokhaFest and Golf Tournament along with charitable donations from sponsors and well-wishers, the Rotary Club of Princes Town continued to be a lighthouse in our community. The proceeds were used to fund our annual scholarship awards, community outreach programmes inclusive of medicals, facilitate both wheelchair distribution and hamper distribution and also aided in providing general guidance, support and resources, particularly

### Treasurer’s Report 2024 – 2025

for those in need or facing difficult circumstances.

Rotary dues and subscriptions received from club members allowed us to also meet our financial obligations to Rotary International which also included contributions to Rotary Foundation and Polio Fund. The accounts of the Club are audited by an Independent Auditor, annually and presented to members for review and understanding and fulfillment of our tax obligations. As we bring this Rotary year 2024-2025 to a close, I take this opportunity to thank the

outgoing Board of Directors and all members of the Club for their support in enabling efficient discharge of my fiscal duties. Let us continue to be a beacon of hope for all in our community!



## Michael Cooper-Ochiengh

Public Image Director

In a world driven by visibility and storytelling, public image is more than just a communications role—it’s a powerful tool for influence, inspiration, and engagement. The 2024–2025 Rotary year was a vibrant journey of showcasing who we are and what we do, not just within our communities but across digital platforms and district-wide networks. Guided by the 2024–2025 Rotary theme “The Magic of Rotary ” our Public Image initiatives helped illuminate the heart of our service—and the hands behind the work.

### Building a Strong, Consistent Brand

We focused on strengthening our brand identity. Using Rotary’s visual guidelines, we rolled out materials that told a consistent story—one of **service, unity, and impact**. Whether promoting our events or celebrating

club milestones, we made sure our public presence was bold, meaningful, and unmistakably Rotary.

### Social Media: A Window Into Our Work.

Facebook, YouTube and Instagram were vital tools in bringing our work to life. Our social media pages offered real-time insights into the lives we touched and the communities we served. Each post served not only as a recap—but as an invitation. Reflections, reels, and behind-the-scenes images allowed members and followers to feel part of the journey.

### Making Headlines: Traditional Media Engagement.

Understanding the enduring power of traditional media, we reached out to local news outlets with press releases and media invitations. This led to meaningful coverage, including **television features** and **newspaper articles** that boosted both public awareness and credibility and helped us

### Public Image Report 2024 – 2025

shine a light on Rotary’s role as a dynamic force for positive change.

### A Collaborative Effort

None of these achievements would have been possible without collaboration. Members actively shared content, submitted photos, and engaged with our posts, strengthening our online presence and reach.

### Looking Ahead: The Power of Visibility

Public Image is about more than promotion—it’s about **purposeful storytelling**. It’s how we show our community what “**Service Above Self**” really means. In 2024–2025, we didn’t just tell people about our work—we **showed** them. As we step forward into a new Rotary year under the banner “**Unite for Good**,” the Rotary Club of Princes Town is committed to building on this momentum—connecting, informing, and inspiring through every story we share.



## Wendy Ann Joseph

Membership Director

## Membership Report 2024-2025

It was with deep sadness that we learnt of the passing of PP Dr. Ronald Gobin who was serving as membership director. He was a valued member of the Board and made significant contribution to the growth of the club.

While Dr. Gobin was active in all avenues of service, he had a penchant for membership.

One of the limbs of Rotary is to enhance participant engagement. Dr. Gobin explored ways to improve Rotarians club experiences. He revelled in planning social activities, especially, delegating! Our family day in July at South Ranch was well executed and rotarians, family and friends had a fun time. We say thanks to Mark who organized the assistance of the scouts on the day.

In an effort to further engage Rotarians, joint meetings were held with Rotary Clubs of Penal and Pointe a Pierre. Dr Gobin and PP Jim were instrumental in finalising arrangements with the Penal club. All members were appreciative of the topic of security awareness presented by Sherwin Forte, Manager Corporate Security. Our presentation for the joint meeting with PAP Club was in recognition of International Men's Day and our presenter was Dr Lal Sawh, a urologist who spoke on prostate cancer, early detection and diet. It was well received by the guys.

In an attempt to get members involved, the various committees were charged with hosting meetings. Public Image committee under director Michael Cooper Ochiengh held a breakfast meeting on Independence

Day at Royal Hotel. Breakfast was scrumptious! We realised we still had a lot to learn about Princes Town from PP Rtn Jim.

Foundation committee under the stewardship of Rtn Oosha held a games night at the home of PP Jim and partner in service Tara. We say thank you to them. Who knew a minute was so short. We have to check that timer, Rtn Shuntelle!

With the passing of PP Dr Ronald Gobin the committee struggled to move forward. Rtn Villon stepped up and we were able to induct 3 new members, Rtn Sadeeka, Rtn Renata and Rtn Gabrielle. Rtn Gabrielle gives credit to Dr Gobin for sponsoring her in the club. Membership says a hearty thank you to Rtn Villon.

In order to develop leadership, Rotarians were encouraged to participate in developmental programmes and attend learning events held by the District and on Rotary's learning centre. PP Dr Gobin would have been proud of his new recruit, Rtn Gabrielle to hear her presentation on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. We say thanks to the guys for accepting the challenge to organize a Mother's Day Event.

A special thank you to Partner in Service Tara for assisting. The ladies felt very appreciated. Alas, we did not grow our membership base and know that incoming Director will fulfill this goal. We wish him all the best!

Ronald would say I. Attend club meeting & events II. Create a My Rotary account III. Get involved with club activities IV. Visit another club V. Attend a District Conference. I hope his unwavering commitment and legacy continue to inspire us as each of us has something unique to contribute.





## Oosha Jagdin

Foundation Director

## Foundation Report 2024–2025

The Rotary year 2024–2025 has been both fulfilling and transformative. As a new member of the Board, I was grateful for the unwavering support of my fellow Directors and Club members, who consistently offered guidance, extended a helping hand, and provided direction when needed.

This Rotary year has been a remarkable success. We proudly accomplished the majority of our goals, thanks to collaborative effort, community spirit, and steadfast commitment to service.

### World Peace Day – Promoting Peace and Conflict Resolution

On 21st September, 2024, the Rotary Club of Princes Town, in partnership with the Interact Club of St. Stephen’s College and Princes Town West Secondary commemorated World Peace Day with a poster competition under the theme “What Peace Means to Me.” Students from several schools showcased their creativity and passion through art. The judging process was challenging due to the exceptional talent displayed, and all participating schools were awarded prizes in recognition of their efforts.

### Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

From 8th to 11th November, 2024, six students from the three Interact Clubs of Princes Town, Princes Town West Secondary School, St. Stephen’s College and Cowen Hamilton

Secondary School, participated in the RYLA Conference at the Cascadia Hotel. This event proved to be an inspiring and enjoyable experience, equipping participants with essential leadership skills and reinforcing the core values of Rotary.

### Christmas Giving – Spreading Cheer and Compassion

In December, the Cowen Hamilton Interact Club led a toy and hamper drive for underprivileged students and families in the community. Hampers were distributed at the school and to vulnerable households. Additionally, the Club together with Cowen Hamilton Secondary Interact Club partnered with a home for battered women to provide hygiene products, which were gratefully received by the Home’s Director. This initiative highlighted the Club’s ongoing commitment to supporting those in need, especially during the holiday season.

### Investing in Education and Literacy

In alignment with Rotary’s focus on education, the Rotary Club of Princes Town hosted its Annual Vocational Awards on 25th January, 2025, at Canton Palace Restaurant. This signature event supports deserving students in pursuing tertiary education. Funded by proceeds from our flagship fundraiser, Chohka Fest, this year’s program awarded seventeen (17) academic scholarships. Our guest speaker, Mr. Omari Bernard of Naparima College, delivered a heartfelt message: “Despite the difficulties you may encounter, keep working towards your goals.” His words resonated with both students and Rotarians alike.

### Community Development and Environmental Awareness

On 14th May, 2025, the Club hosted a joint seminar with Interact members on the critical topic of plastic pollution. Ms. Nadra Nathai-Gyan of the Environmental Management Authority delivered a compelling presentation. Plans are underway to organize follow-up sessions to explore how recycled plastics can be transformed into useful school-based projects.

In our ongoing public health efforts, the Club continued its support for Rotary International’s campaign to eradicate polio, with contributions made to both the Polio and Annual Funds. Members of the Interact Club of St. Stephen’s College made a \$1000TTD to the Rotary Polio Fund.

As we reflect on the year, the Rotary Club of Princes Town remains committed to serving our communities with compassion, collaboration, and purpose. Both Rotarians and Interactors are resolved to continue making a positive impact—one project, one family, one child at a time.

**Thank you for your continued support.** *Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, & you help them to become what they are capable of becoming.* Johann Wolfgang von Goethe





# HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



It is here, that romantic time of the year,  
When love is pervading the air.

And Cupid, in his delight, is in full flight,  
His arrows sparking smitten hearts alight.

Venus is ever present, and forever cute,  
Tempting, seducing, in her birthday suit.

Igniting that passionate male desire,  
Wooing requited love to smother the raging fire.

Oh, Eros is not to be set apart,  
Complementing love's trio; tantalizing a fluttering heart.

Prodding you to put aside your modesty and fear;  
And cajoling you to lay your enamoured heart bare.

For those who are young at heart,  
Who have not yet sworn "till death do us part";

When love is budding but not yet in flower,  
Endearingly say that your love will bloom and never wither.

Be lavish with your words of adoration.  
Embellish them adoringly with soothing tones of affection.

Say them tenderly and sincerely; do not lie, do not lie:  
Honey, babes, dearie, sweetie pie.

Embrace love's timeless symbolism;  
Be a Romeo, show your love-struck heroism.

Present her with a blooming red rose;  
Peck on her lips, cheeks, and, yes, on her nose.

Chocolates, perfume and that luscious kiss,  
Presaging a future of eternal bliss.

When you reluctantly bid "good bye"  
Affectionately confide, "You are the apple of my eye".

For happily married couples,  
You have been together like bara doubles.

With the spice of life in between,  
Long live your majestic love as King and Queen.

Alone together, and inseparable,  
Dining out, the nosh is sumptuously delectable.

And each drinking two glasses of alcoholic wine,  
Evoking jolly laughter and memories of times sublime.

Passionate love now transformed into abounding love,  
You now travel intertwined as hand in glove.

Though time has moderated love's emotional gust,  
Chocolates, perfumes, roses are an enduring must.

Valentine's day though is like a new start,  
Love's assurances rejuvenating the heart.

Hugs, kisses, and affectionate words, adoringly told.  
Strolling a lovers' lane paved with gold.

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Valentine's Day understandingly holds sway.  
Enter now though, Galentine's and Palentine's Day.

Platonic love for family and friends.  
Yes, love, love, love, never ends.

Express gratitude to your family and friends;  
For being with you on the bumpy roads, turns and bends.

For being there in sunshine and rain;  
And for being there in times of pleasure and pain.

For disregarding when you behaved unfriendly;  
For alerting you to the error of your ways, gently.

For ensuring that true friendship never foundered,  
Despite the many occasions that you blundered.

Give physical gifts of gratitude and appreciation;  
Keepsakes that are recalled with adoration.

Books, hand-written letters, photographs,  
That will be cherished and tickle spontaneous laughs.

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## FAREWELL TRIBUTE TO Dr. GOBIN

BY FELLOW CHARTER MEMBER

PAST PRESIDENT JAMIR OUSMAN

Today, we come together to celebrate the life of Dr. Ronald Gobin, a man of remarkable vision, unwavering dedication, and profound compassion. Dr. Gobin was more than just an esteemed physician; he was a pillar of our community, a founding and charter member of the Rotary Club of Princes Town, and a true embodiment of service above self - but most importantly was my closest and dearest friend.

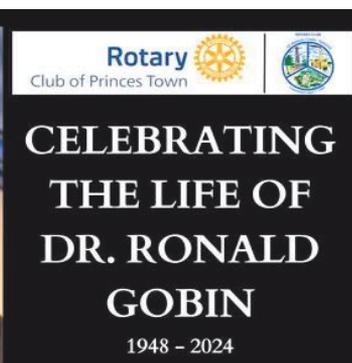
It was 1981 we first met working at Caroni Limited. I walked across the parking lot to the medical clinic to see the doctor. The nurse informed me that the senior doctor is not in today, we have a new physician filling in by the name of Ronald Gobin. We were introduced and within two minutes became instant friends.

A friendship spanning 43 years, is a testament to enduring loyalty, shared experiences, and a deep understanding that grows stronger with time. Such a friendship is built on countless memories, from the laughter shared during joyful moments, to the support offered during challenging times. It is a bond that remains unshaken by distance, change, and religious beliefs a connection that is both comforting and inspiring.

Over the last 4 decades we have celebrated numerous milestones together, such as birthdays, anniversaries, and personal achievements, each event strengthening our bond and brotherhood.

Both his and my kids grew up together attending the same schools, vacations, activities and many wonderful memories along the journey— in fact, my son Ron and Ryan have been close friends and together for 42 years.

We have supported each other through life's ups and downs, offering advice, a listening ear, or simply the comfort of knowing someone is always there for you.



The shared history, inside jokes, and mutual respect form a foundation that is both unique and irreplaceable.

Having lost loved ones along the way, we stood by each other's side—11 years ago when my eldest son passed away, without hesitation or fumble Ronald, left a Rotary conference in Grenada immediately, and by way of Trinidad found himself at my side in New York within 24hrs. A difficult period in my life, he knew where he was needed. And when, on numerous times Ronald lost his loved ones, I was able to return the love and support finding myself standing at his side.

As you reflect on these 43 years, you are reminded of the journey we have taken together. The many chapters that were written will continue to be read for decades to come.

Dr. Gobin devoted his life to the healing arts, touching countless lives through his medical practice. His commitment to his patients was unparalleled, his genuine kindness set a benchmark for excellence. Yet, his contributions extended well beyond his professional life. As a Rotarian, Dr. Gobin was instrumental in spearheading numerous charitable initiatives, working tirelessly to serve those in need and to uplift our community.

Ronald was a Founding and Charter member of the Rotary Club of Princes Town since 7th, May 1993.

His service in the Rotary Club was marked by leadership, integrity, and a genuine desire to make a difference. Whether organizing health camps, leading fundraisers, or mentoring young Rotarians, Dr. Gobin's efforts reflected his deep-seated belief in the power of collective action and community service.

He served as President of the organization on two occasions 1996/97 and 2015/16 and also served on every other vocation in club's structure. A strong leader, with clear and precise vision for charitable service.

He had the honour of also serving as Assistant District Governor for two terms.

At the club level as a medical Doctor he initiated our most outstanding project our Medical outreach Project. He is a Paul Harris donor with 5 sapphires.

He attended between 12-15 District Conferences of Rotary District 7030.

He was cherished for his warmth, humour, and the kindness he extended to everyone he met. His legacy is one of healing, service, and charity—a legacy that will continue to inspire and guide us.

As we remember Dr. Gobin, let us honour his memory by carrying forward the spirit of compassion and service that he so beautifully exemplified. May his soul rest in peace, knowing he has left an indelible mark on this world. Until we see each other again my brother.



## OUTREACH CLINIC AT MERAKI MEDICAL CENTRE

Medical Outreach Clinics form part of the Rotary Club of Princes Town's ongoing commitment to promoting health and wellness in the region, especially among underserved populations.

On Saturday 20th July, Meraki Medical Centre was able to open its doors and host an Outreach Clinic with The Rotary Club of Princes Town. We were able to have blood pressure, RBS, HBA1C and Cholesterol testing as well as eye examinations, dentist and doctor consultations and provision of pharmaceuticals.



## OUTREACH CLINIC AT St MARY'S GOV PRIMARY

"Each year we endeavour to host free medical outreach clinics and building on this year's successful initiatives—from community screenings with Meraki Medical Centre to partnering with the Diabetes Association of Trinidad and Tobago National Primary School Quiz, as well as assisting with specific needs for surgery and wheelchairs—we recognised the continued need for accessible healthcare and wellness education in underserved areas.





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## DISTRICT GRANT CHILDHOOD OBESITY PREVENTION PROJECT

Born out of a desire to advocate for Childhood Obesity Prevention, President Wendy Ann Joseph and Rtn Dr. Lindsey Aziz initiated a District Grant application for provision of water cooler fountains to various schools. A District Grant was subsequently awarded in February 2025 in the sum of USD\$2000.00.

The main objective of this Project was the provision of potable water that is easily accessible via water coolers to school aged children within their school environment. The wider scope of this project is leading children away from unhealthy, high sugar beverage options and introducing cool, refreshing, readily available drinking water in the fight against childhood obesity. Additionally, by providing a constant supply via a water cooler, this eliminates the problem of plastic bottle disposal and promotes waste reduction. The areas of focus addressed by this project are:



- a. Disease Prevention/Treatment.    b. Water and Sanitation

A Project of this nature is intended to provide knowledge to children, who are most impressionable, on the importance of making Healthy food choices, and impress upon them that small steps can lead to disease prevention (childhood obesity prevention and in turn other lifestyle diseases such as diabetes/ hypertension/ metabolic syndrome).

The funding received via the District Grant was able to furnish one school, the Tableland Secondary School which has an average student population of 550 pupils, with a watercooler fountain through a discounted price from Peake Trading. The project was completed in June of 2025 by a committee of dedicated members.

## DIWALI CELEBRATIONS



On the 23rd October 2024 the Club held its annual Diwali celebrations at the home of former President Jamir Ousman. The event was attended by Rotarians, their families and specially invited guests who participated in the lighting of deeyas and enjoyed a wide array of East Indian food and delicacies as they celebrated Diwali. Shubh Diwali.

The Rotary Club of Princes Town as part of Divali celebrations annually distributes hampers in a selected community. This year was no different with President Wendy Ann Joseph, Past President Jamir Ousman and Partner in Service Tara Ousman reaching out to families identified as deserving. Thank you to all our supporters without whom we wouldn't be able to carry out these projects.

## AS-SALAMU ALAYKUM AND EID MUBARAK



Every Eid The Rotary Club of Princes Town shares in the spirit of giving.

This year we once again joined in Eid celebrations by supporting the Cunjal Road Masjid in Barrackpore.



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## MAGIC ON THE SEA

Our Annual Boat Cruise Fundraiser was held on Saturday, 27th July, 2024 under the theme— MAGIC ON THE SEA! with NET PROCEEDS GOING TO CHARITY. To all our supporters, sponsors, entertainers and participants we say thank you for being part of our Annual Boat Cruise Fundraiser. We had door prizes courtesy, Rash Appliance and Electronics, Southern Supplies Ltd, Advantage Lab Services Limited, Bones Supermarket (Mrs Jenny Maharaj), Rotarian Mark Ainsley John, Kalon's Enterprises.



## DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Our club was represented at this year's #Rotary7030 Conference — full of inspiration, connection, and service. From impactful keynote sessions to meaningful fellowship, we came away energized and ready to serve our community even more boldly.



# ROTARY CLUB OF PRINCES TOWN



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Retired



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## PROMOTING PEACE THROUGH ART

As part of Rotary International's commitment to fostering peace and conflict resolution—one of our key Areas of Focus—the Rotary Club of Princes Town proudly hosted an Art Competition among our Interact Clubs, centred on the powerful theme: "What Peace Means to Me."

Through creative expression, these young minds reflected on peace in their communities, homes, and hearts—reminding us all of the importance of empathy, unity, and hope in building a better world.

Congratulations to all the participants for their meaningful and inspiring work. You've shown that peace isn't just a concept—it's a calling. Take a glimpse of the amazing artwork!



## DONATION TO TRANSITION HOME FOR WOMEN

Director Oosha Jagdin and Interactors from Cowen Hamilton Secondary recently made a heartfelt donation to a transition home for women affected by violence, sharing love, hope, and support with those in need.

This initiative was made even more special thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, for sponsoring some hygiene products, helping us provide essential care items for the women at the home.

We are incredibly proud of our Interactors for demonstrating compassion and leadership, and grateful to our partners who help make service projects like these possible.



## ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Rotary Club of Princes Town is committed to supporting Youth Empowerment. In December 2024 our Interactors took part in Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). RYLA is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts where youth develop skills as leaders while having fun and making connections. What are the benefits? Connect with leaders in your community and around the world to:

- Build communication and problem-solving skills
- Discover strategies for becoming a dynamic leader in your school or community
- Learn from community leaders, inspirational speakers, and peer mentors
- Unlock your potential to turn motivation into action
- Have fun and form lasting friendships.



## LAUNCH OF PRINCES TOWN EAST SECONDARY SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB

The official launch of the Princes Town East Secondary School Interact Club 2025, was nothing short of exceptional. The presentation, masterfully delivered by Mr. Jamir Ousman, inspired all in attendance with a powerful message of leadership, service, and purpose. The session began promptly at 8:10 a.m. and concluded at 8:30 a.m., leaving a lasting impact on both staff and students.

A special moment was the official pinning ceremony, during which Rotary President Wendy-Ann Joseph presented pins to Ms. Merlisia McIntosh (Advisor) and PTESS student Nasire Flanders, (President of the PTESS Interact Club). Their appointment reflects a deep commitment to youth development and community service.

The Interact Club's motto, "Service Above Self," resonated deeply with the student body. This was clearly demonstrated during lunchtime, as enthusiastic students eagerly rushed to sign up and become a part of this dynamic movement.

The benefits of being part of the Rotary Interact family are vast, from leadership development to meaningful community engagement. Princes Town East Secondary School is proud to stand alongside Rotary in shaping future leaders and changemakers.



# Education & Literacy

## INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

One of Rotary's goals is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education & literacy, reduce gender disparity and to increase adult literacy. In this regard, the Rotary Club of Princes Town was pleased to be one of the sponsors of Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) which caters to young adults between the ages of 16-25 with limited or no academic qualifications.

Their philosophy is: To raise self-esteem of young people with high needs.

To initiate intervention that would assist in fostering socially desirable behaviour among youths .

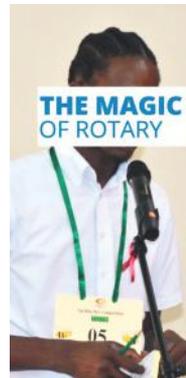
To train & develop unemployed young adults between ages 16-25 in order to prepare them for employment.

To develop young adults, an understanding and sensitivity to the natural environment .

To collaborate with Forestry Division to implement their re-forestation and environmental conservation programmes.

To foster a sense of national pride in participants.

The Spelling Bee Competition was held on Aug 21st 2024 at CCC's North Central Regional Complex. Competition was fierce and one could sense the pride in both the participants and their coaches as the young people excelled in the competition. Imagine, the organisers had to return to the dictionary for more spelling words!!!



## WORLD READ ALOUD DAY

The Princes Town Public Library Partnered with the Rotary Club of Princes Town to celebrate World Read Aloud Day.

The children of Blooming Scholars Pre- School had a fun time while they were engaged in storytelling.

They also received treats courtesy the Rotary Club of Princes Town.



## CHOKAFEST 2024

On 19th October, 2024, the Rotary Club of Princes Town hosted its 31st Annual Chokha Fest fundraiser at Pointe-A-Pierre Golf Club Ballroom, Pointe-A-Pierre.

On the menu were a variety of chokhas including: Ochro, Aloo, Tomatoes, Eddoes, Saltfish, Pumpkin, Smoked Herring, Baigan, Bhaji, Geera Chicken, Peppers and Chutneys, Fried Bake & Sada Roti. Guests had the option to dine in or take away and many opted to dine in and catch up with friends and family.

Entertainment was aptly provided by DJ Void and Saxophonist extraordinaire, Stein Ramkaran who impressed the crowd with his renditions.

Several lucky winners received door prizes distributed by Club President Wendy Ann Joseph, Club Secretary Rudranath Maraj and other specially invited guests.

This Annual Chokha Fest fundraiser has been held every year since the club was chartered in 1993. It is held for the purpose of raising funds towards youth empowerment particularly scholarships. Last year the club disbursed over \$80,000 in scholarships and the club has distributed well over One Million Dollars in scholarships since inception 31 years ago.

The Rotary Club of Princes Town is the only Rotary Club in the area stretching East from Princes Town to Mayaro and South from Princes Town to Moruga. The club continues to serve this expansive area with the commitment of its members and is grateful for the many sponsors and patrons for supporting the clubs community development activities.



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



On March 26, we hosted an inspiring International Women's Day Dinner at Canton Palace, San Fernando, sponsored by Republic Bank under the theme "Accelerate Action on Rights, Equality, and Empowerment."

An evening of powerful stories, shared wisdom, and celebration of phenomenal women, with moving presentations from Mrs. Travis Sammy-Daniel, Dr. Brittany Deane, and Mrs. Candice Ramsbag Sinanan. Together, we continue to uplift voices, inspire change, and push for a more equitable world.



## MOTHER'S DAY

On Wednesday 7th May 2025, the Rotary Club of Princes Town hosted a heartwarming Mother's Day function in honour of the incredible mothers and mother figures. It was an afternoon filled with joy, laughter, music, and meaningful moments as we celebrated the strength, resilience, and unwavering love of mothers and mother figures everywhere.

A heartfelt thank you to all who contributed to making this event truly special.





The Rotary Club of Princes Town held its 25th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Brechin Castle Golf Club. This tournament was more than just a game—it was a drive for service above self, helping to fund our many impactful community projects.

📌 Congratulations to our Tournament Winners!

📌 1st Place: LIFESTYLE MOTORS - Nicholas Carmona & Suresh Jaggesar.

📌 2nd Place: INCORR TECH LTD - Zaid Khan & Steve Durgadeen.

📌 3rd Place: Bill Ramrattan & Shaheed Koondiah.

The Rotary Club of Princes Town extends heartfelt thanks to all our generous sponsors, dedicated players, and enthusiastic supporters who made our 2025 Golf Tournament a resounding success!



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In recognition of Rotary's Maternal and Child Health focus, the Rotary Club of Princes Town in collaboration with Bryden Pi distributed baby formula and Diapers to deserving families.

Diapers were delivered to those attending the maternity clinic at Princes Town District Health, Moruga Health Centre, Ste Madeleine Health Centre through out the Rotary year.

Our club remains committed to empowering families, mothers and children to lead healthier lives.

Join us in making a difference. Together we can spread THE MAGIC OF ROTARY and ensure that every mother and child has a chance at a brighter future.

The Rotary Club of Princes Town distributed baby formula donated by Bryden pi Food & Baby Essentials to parents and guardians facing difficult times.

This initiative reflects Rotary's ongoing commitment to maternal and child health, ensuring our youngest citizens have the nourishment they need to grow strong and thrive.

We believe that every child deserves a healthy start, and every parent deserves support. Through acts of compassion like this, we help build a more caring and resilient community.

Thank you to all Rotarians, supporters, and partners who helped make this distribution possible. Together, we are delivering more than formula—we're delivering hope.





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## NATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL DIABETES QUIZ.



Rotary Club of Princes Town is glad to support the Diabetes Association Trinidad & Tobago National Diabetes Primary School Quiz: an initiative aimed at raising awareness about diabetes and addressing the global obesity epidemic. President of The Rotary Club of Princes Town Wendy Ann Joseph and Service Projects Director Kimberly Ramlochan and Past President Zobida Ragbirsingh, assisted at the Semi finals of the Diabetes Association Trinidad & Tobago National Primary School Diabetes Quiz on March 26th 2025.



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- Step 3:** Click on the link and then press the blue start button at the top of the page
- Step 4:** Fill out the registration form and press ENIER to begin the quiz

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## WORLD DIABETES DAY

On November 14th 2024 The Rotary Club of Princes Town and Park View Drugs joined the Diabetes Association of Trinidad and Tobago, Princes Town Branch, to host a health fair at the Princes Town Promenade. Our event was a resounding success. Let us continue to educate, advocate and research as we keep learning about Diabetes and Wellness.



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## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Rotary Club of Princes Town Scholarship Awards Ceremony

On 25th January 2025, the Rotary Club of Princes Town proudly hosted its Scholarship Awards Ceremony—an evening filled with inspiration, celebration, and a reaffirmation of our commitment to “Service Above Self.”

In keeping with Rotary’s focus on education and opportunity, the Club presented scholarships to several deserving students. These young achievers have demonstrated excellence, resilience, and potential—and we are honoured to support them on their educational journeys.

To our scholars: you represent the hope and promise of our community. We are proud of you, and we are excited to walk this journey alongside you.



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## CHRISTMAS TREAT & CHEER

Every year the Rotary Club of Princes Town supports a school Christmas treat. This year we shared some Christmas magic at Inverness Presbyterian School where Santa arrived in style aboard a Red Fire Engine and was assisted by fellow Rotarians to distribute gifts to all the children. Every year the President of the Rotary Club of Princes Town hosts a Christmas Dinner, a chance for members their partners and families to share in Christmas fellowship. In December President Wendy Ann Joseph continued this tradition of Christmas cheer.



## NEWEST ROTARIANS & PAUL HARRIS

We're thrilled to announce the induction of three outstanding individuals into Rotary Club of Princes Town family on 25th January 2025:

Saadeka Hosein, Renata Paryag and Gabrielle Andrews-Derrell

These new members join us in our mission to "Serve Above Self" and make a difference both locally and internationally. From fundraisers to volunteer events, our members actively address critical community needs while fostering goodwill and fellowship.

Are you passionate about making a positive change in your community? We're always looking for like-minded individuals to join our cause. Reach out to learn more about how you can become part of the Rotary family!

At this ceremony the Club honoured our member Mr. Ravi Ramanand Park View Supermarket with a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) award for his contributions towards the Club's projects over the years. This honour was established in 1957 to encourage and appreciate substantial contributions to Rotary's programs. It acknowledges not only financial contributions but also the spirit of service exemplified by the recipient.



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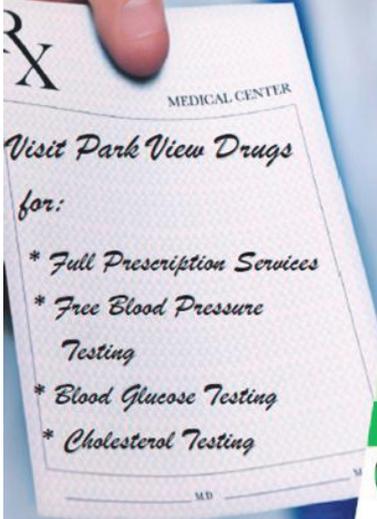
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