

ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

"You must work - we must all work to make the world worthy of its children."

-Pablo Caslas

Rotary Foundation

Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary International and over the past 100 years it has spent over US\$ 3 billion on projects worldwide. The Foundation main focus has been the eradication of polio and it is very close to achieving this goal with over 99% success rate since polio is now confined to only 3 countries. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation contributes US \$ 2 for every US\$1 committed by Rotary.

The Rotary Foundation supports sustainable projects in six main causes:

- Promoting Peace
- Clean water/ sanitation
- Education
- Growing local economies
- Fighting disease
- Saving mothers and children

Funding is obtained through a combination of Global grants and District grants in support of a local club. Rotarians are encouraged to make an annual contribution to Rotary of US \$100 in the EREY program and upon achieving the US\$1,000 goal the member is awarded the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow pin.

Under the old funding rules, the Rotary Club of Port of Spain was the recipient of US \$ 268,000 in 2000 at that time the single largest grant to a club in our District 7030 towards our work with persons with disabilities. Our partner club was Coral Gables and we together contributed US \$25,000 towards this Project.

Our Club being the beneficiary of Rotary Foundation funding has a duty to support the EREY programme since it is only by way of contributions to the Foundation can R I continue to support projects worldwide. Our goal this year is to have 60% of our members contribute the annual contribution of US \$100. We are close to it but we need your support to reach and exceed it!

Please contact Rotary Foundation Chair Bernard Aquing for more information.



Important Dates

Committee Meetings

November

Rotary Foundation	7th
X-Mas Cheers	14th
IIHHD	21st
Youth Service	28th

Member Birthdays

Vincent Lopez	1st
Daniel Fakoory	3rd
Alain Laquis	19th
Qaysir Syne	22nd
Labib Najjar	26th

Spouse Birthdays

Vanessa Gabriel of Brent Fakoory	16th
Tessa Ottley of Francis Ottley	19th

Anniversaries

William & Sintra Bronte	7th
Christopher & Gillian Knaggs	16th
Robert & Carolina Ferreira	17th

Would you like tea after the spa?



We are quickly approaching Christmas and with it comes raffle season that many persons hope will make their holiday shopping much shorter. This year, the Rotary Club of Port of Spain will be launching our own raffle; however, because we are the Rotary Club of Port of Spain, we will not be doing just any raffle, but a Mega Grand Raffle. RCPOS's first ever Mega Grand Raffle will have three ENVIABLE MEGA GRAND PRIZES.

While the prizes are being finalized, e-Spoke has received what we hope is good intelligence that these MEGA GRAND PRIZES will include a weekend getaway for two to a luxurious Caribbean Spa Resort WITH Spending Money PLUS some new gear for your home PLUS a Shopping Spree at Trinidad's top stores!

The Club hopes to earn at least \$100,000 from this raffle and the proceeds will be used exclusively to fund our service projects. Some of these projects include the Peter Knaggs Dental Clinic, the Rotary Games, Christmas cheers for underprivileged children, the IHHD wheelchair service and the Maraval Parkway beautification project.

Tickets for the raffle will be limited to 200 in number, meaning that every ticket has a good chance to win the MEGA GRAND PRIZES and the holders of the winning tickets will certainly be very popular for the whole of 2018! The club will draw the raffle on the first meeting of 2018.

Tickets, which will cost approximately \$500 each, will go on sale in the coming weeks and the Raffle will be limited to the Club's members and friends and family.

The Club needs the support of all members and stakeholders to buy and sell tickets to ensure that this fundraising initiative is successful and enables to club to execute our projects to the community!

Fundraising chair and Incoming President Hadyn can be contacted for any information on the raffle.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO RESTAURANT WEEK



On Sunday September 10th 2017, the air around Port of Spain was filled with pleasant aromas and melodic sounds emanating from the National Academy for the Performing Arts where the Rotary Club of Port of Spain (RCPOS) and Trinidad and Tobago Restaurant Week (TTRW) held the first annual TTRW Showcase.

Nearly five hundred (500) patrons enjoyed well-crafted tasting plates and samples from over thirty (30) of Trinidad's leading restaurants and upcoming chefs, along with signature cocktail drinks and wines, while serenaded by the music of the Dean Williams Jazz Quartet. A wide assortment of premium desserts left many wishing they had done an extra 30 minutes on the treadmill so that they could have indulged in more.

Know Your Fellow Rotarians



Matthew Moses

Date joined Rotary: September 2017

Occupation and a bit about your business and your role in it:

I'm an Insurance Broker and Managing Director of Bell Insurance Services Ltd, a full-service insurance, reinsurance and InsureTech brokerage and risk management firm.

Career/academic background:

I studied Economics at York University in Canada and received my MSc in Economics & Management from the University of Bristol, and am a certified Chartered Insurance Institute (CII) professional.

Why did you join Rotary ?:

I joined the Rotary Club because I am passionate about the organization, especially as it promotes societal development within T&T and beyond. I felt as though the Rotarians represented in this chapter were a diverse group of leaders that share my desire to make our country a stronger, safer and better place for our future generations, and I am excited to interact with and learn from such a renowned group of like-minded people and professionals.

What do you want to contribute to the club/society ?:

As a new member of the Rotary Club, I am looking forward to channeling my own drive and skills towards relevant fundraising club initiatives, and bringing fresh ideas and boosting our membership to reach out to the next generation.

Other activities outside of the club: Member of IBATT.

Interest outside the club:

Tennis, football and travelling.

Interesting fact about you:

Before I moved home in 2016, I spent 8 years working in the Lloyds of London market and handled insurance and reinsurance business for clients all throughout the Caribbean and Latin America. While living in London, I once cycled with friends to Bordeaux, France (around 1000km) over six days in aid of Pancreatic Cancer.

RCPOS also congratulates Ms. Melissa Lynch-Waithe for winning two round-trip tickets to any Caribbean Airlines destination, as well as the many others who walked away with prizes from G4S Security Solutions, Nestle and Yella.

Thanks to the support of TTRW and the many event sponsors and patrons, the event was a great success and raised significant funds needed towards the many service projects of RCPOS.

The Club also recognizes and thanks the entire event committee, led by Rotarian Daniel Fakoory, for spearheading this unique event and setting a firm foundation for years to come - here's to an even grander 2018 Showcase!

Thanks to our Partners of TTRW Showcase



Event Photos



Past President Bernard Aquing presents Minister Robert Le Hunte with his certificate of appreciation from the club



New Rotarian Matthew Moses receives his Rotary Pin from President Alain Laquis while Rotarian Daniel Fakoory looks on



Master Pannist Len "Boogsie" Sharpe plays at the Club's weekly luncheon



Ambassador of the Delegation of the European Union to Trinidad and Tobago - H.E. Arend (Aad) Biesebroek receives his certificate of appreciation from past president Howard Sabga



Past President Daran Bahadoorsingh presents Past President Howard Sabga with a check from his staff for the Club's Christmas Cheers



Ambassador of the Delegation of the European Union to Trinidad and Tobago - H.E. Arend (Aad) Biesebroek addresses the Club on Sustainable Development



Past President Lawrence Wilson plants a tree with District Governor Waddy Sowma



Rotarians Labib Najjar and Dr. David Lee have a good time at TTRW Showcase



Minister Robert Le Hunte addressed the club on the budget