



e-Spoke

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A Message From Our New President

We are all extremely proud to re introduce our e- Spoke monthly newsletter. As you all might know, it has been several years since our last publication, and were it not for the efforts of our Club PR chair Akiel Ghany and his team, it might well have been another many years before publication. We must therefore thank the Club PR Team for this effort and recognize their involvement in making it a reality. As a Rotarian, your effort, involvement and support will be required to keep this e-newsletter active so please do make an effort to participate and share your information when called upon.

Our hope and intention is that this e -newsletter will allow all of our members, sponsors and persons outside of our club to better understand and appreciate the work that we do; this in anticipation of generating more involvement and participation from all.

As you know, this is our 60th year as a chartered club and it is an honour to lead in this landmark year and as I said in our hand over dinner "this is a great club, made up of great men" and we can all be proud of what we have achieved over the past 60 yrs.

It has been almost two months since my induction and quite honestly I could not be more pleased with my Board, the committee chair persons, and by extension our club members. The participation and involvement in kicking off committee meetings, the preparation for upcoming projects and the general support to date has been overwhelming and greatly appreciated. We all know this is the essence of Rotary and it is what makes our club so special, but what is surprising the level of commitment regardless of how busy we all are in today's world.



Important Dates

Committee Of The Week

Service Projects
Club PR
Tidy T&T
Fundraising & Sponsorship

September

5th
12th
19th
26th

Member Birthdays

Charles Carvalho, 12th
Gordon Deane, 12th
Eli Zakour, 21st
Brent Fakoory, 22nd
Ignatius Ferreira, 24th

Spouse Birthdays

Isabel,spouse of Lawford Dupres 12th
Shirley,spouse of Walton James 15th
Angelique,spouse of Labib Najar 23rd

Anniversaries

Trevor and Michelle Chan Pak 6th
Daran and Carol Bahadoorsingh 20th

Know Your Fellow Rotarians



Marlon John

- ◆ Joined Rotary September 2016
- ◆ Single full time dad of a seven year old that attends St. Andrews
- ◆ Was married for 4 years , now happily divorced. Lol
- ◆ Currently own and operate 4 jewelry store locations, trading under Bobby's Jewellery in north , central and south Trinidad. Oversee all aspects of business from purchasing, manufacturing to sales etc.
- ◆ Attended Franklin K. Lane high school in Queens, New York
- ◆ Attended University of Toronto, graduated with honors degree in biology and economics
- ◆ Worked as a banker with Brinks, Ontario, until opportunity to revive family business became available in Trinidad. Returned to my birth country in 2003 and opened first store and 3 additional locations over the next ten years
- ◆ Joined Rotary because believed that we can all help make a difference to others no matter how busy or trying our lives may be. Sincerely "Service above Self"
- ◆ Objectives in being Club Admin Chair: would like to increase member attendance as well as participation in all functions and events, bring a sense of more fun and enjoyment to our fellowships and of course have as smooth and easy operations of Club as possible with detailed planning and support.
- ◆ Activities outside club- apart from frequent traveling for personal business, avid hiker with Hikers Inc., member of dragon boat racing team "Angels and Saint". Never ending activities that comes along with having a seven year old, conservatively pursuing guitar and Latin dance lessons.
- ◆ Interesting fact- like any other good citizen of this beautiful land, make our country better by making everyone else around you better. Positivity breeds positivity
- ◆ Despise people who complains.

This year is packed with service projects, fundraising events and planned fellowship activities. In addition both the community service group and the youth and vocational services group has some fantastic projects and initiatives earmarked, all of which will be reported in this e- newsletter.

Please note our first major fundraising project for this rotary year, the 'Showcase food festival', an initiative whereby we have partnered with 'restaurant week' and is earmarked for the evening of September 10th at Napa.

We of course look forward to your support, both in selling tickets and in attending. Daniel Fackory and his committee members are working tirelessly to make this event a success so please lend him your support when called upon.

We trust that you will enjoy our e spoke and we look forward to your continued participation in the upcoming months and year ahead.

To be able to serve is gift and blessing that not all are privileged enough to do and Rotary is the platform to share this gift so let us use this to elevate ourselves and continue to help those who reach out to us.

With the greatest appreciation for your continued support, I continue to look forward to serving for in the year ahead.

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Alain Laquis

President

Rotary Club of Port of Spain

RCPOS Presents TTRW Showcase



Come Experience The First Ever
Trinidad & Tobago Restaurant Week Showcase

On September 10th 2017, our Rotary Club of Port of Spain will be co-hosting the Trinidad and Tobago Restaurant Week Showcase, along with Trinidad and Tobago Restaurant Week. This event will be held at the National Academy for the Performing Arts, Port of Spain from 6PM to 10PM.

The TTRW Showcase is the kick-off event of the annual Restaurant Week in Trinidad and Tobago and will give patrons, the foodies and the food curious alike, the opportunity to experience eclectic menus prepared by Trinidad's leading and upcoming chefs. These culinary experiences will be presented in the form of tasting plates, allowing patrons the opportunity to experience a wide range of gastronomic delights.

Some of the chefs and restaurants that will be in showcasing at the event include Buzo, Chaud, Aioli and More Vino. Entertainment at the event will be provided by Yohan Chuckaree with a special performance by Dean Williams Jazz band.

All proceeds from the TTRW Showcase will go to RCPOS to assist in the funding of our various community-based and humanitarian projects.

Tickets will be available at the Club or at any Pita Pit or Cinnabon location and are priced at \$475 which includes multiple tasting plates from the leading Chefs, drinks, dessert and of course great socializing with members, friends and foodies.

We look forward to all Rotarians, partners and friends of the RCPOS attending this tasty and worthwhile event on September 10th at NAPA!

What's been happening at RCPOS



Rotarians Joe Ramkissoo, Jeremy Matouk and Ignatius Ferreira join President Alain Laquis to cut the cake celebrating RCPOS's 60th anniversary



Members of RCPOS at our annual Club Assembly



The Honorable Stuart Young addresses RCPOS on the State of the Economy



Rotarian Qaysir Syne presents guest speaker Prashant Maharaj with a certificate of appreciation



His Worship Joel Martinez received his Rotary Pin after being inducted as an honorary member of RCPOS



Rotarian Bernard Aquing presents Minister Young with a certificate of appreciation