



Past presidents Balraj Kelly, from left, Anand Rampersad; assistant governor Gary Williams; past president Dietrich Schoeller; 2019 to 2020 president Indar Ramnath; immediate past president Maria Mohammed-Maharaj; 2020 to 2021 president-elect Krishna Boodhai and past president, Dr Deo Singh. Missing: Rotarian Dr Joeline Charles; past presidents Rajin Sookhai and Ramesh Ramlogan.



Joseph Fitzgerald of the US Embassy congratulates the Rotary Club of St Augustine



Ten-year-old Ella Pollard, charter president of the EarlyAct™ Club of the University School, receives the club's official gavel from Vishnu Balroop.

St Augustine Rotary marks 51 years

TO culminate the 50th year of the Rotary Club of St Augustine, a joint celebration was held together with the club's annual handing-over ceremony recently at Jaffa Restaurant in Port of Spain. Ten-year-old Ella Elizabeth Pollard, charter president of the first EarlyAct™ Club in T&T (of the University School), delivered the opening remarks. The club was honoured to have charter member and Past Rotary District 6600 (US) Governor John Brodbeck—now with the Rotary Club of Springdale—come in from Arkansas, USA, to deliver the feature address.

Additionally, seven honorary members were inducted, including: charter members

Nath Sharma, who celebrated 51 years as a Rotarian on June 26; Dr John Bharath and John Brodbeck, who will now be both an honorary member with the Rotary Club of St Augustine while still being an active member of the Rotary Club of Springvale in Arkansas, USA.

Honorary membership was also conferred for Meritorious Community Service to past presidents Dr Bishnu Balbirsingh and Rashide Tallim Mohammed; while Ferdinand Penco and Dr Sateesh Ramphal received same for their contribution to Heartbeat International Trinidad and Tobago (HBITT), a project that was started by the club over 30 years ago.

Outgoing president Maria Mohammed-Maharaj handed over the presidential chain for 2019 to 2020 to president Indar Ramnath.

Other attendees included Joseph Fitzgerald, political section chief of the US Embassy; Aniruddha Das, second secretary, High Commission of India; Joe Ramkissoon, past Rotary District 7030 governor, principal and vice-principal of the University School, Rotarians from St Augustine and other Rotary Clubs, Rotaract Club of St Augustine, Inner Wheel Club of Trinidad and Tobago and other guests.

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RIGHT: Keshma Maharaj, outgoing secretary, with Jagesh Ramjit and Leisha Dhoray.

LEFT: Remaining charter members were conferred with Honorary Member status at the function. They are, from Left, Nath Sharma, past president; John Brodbeck, past president and Past Rotary District 6600 (US) governor, and Dr John Bharath, Rotarian.



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