

SPI R Y WHEEL 2011-2012 September Issue

Rotary Club of Grenada Monthly Newsletter



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President's Corner



Fellow Rotarians,

During the month of August we were able to make several achievements In keeping with the Club'S focus for this year:

- **Improving Communication & Fellowship in the Club**

- The August issue of the Club's news bulletin – The Spicy Wheel was rolled out on 4 August.
- Our Board meeting for the month of August was hosted by Past President Kay at her residence in Westerhall Point. One of the key achievements of the meeting was a review of the Club's Honourary members. The Board members agreed to replace Ray Smith with Ms. Ann Pierre, Principal of the School for Special Education. It was another evening of genuine fellowship and business. I take this opportunity to thank PP Kay and PIS Dennis for their warmth and hospitality.
- Directors provided updates to the Club during meetings.
- One of the highlights of the month was a presentation by our beloved PDG John Watts on the occasion of the Club's 43rd anniversary. He addressed the Club on RI's involvement in the Rotary Club of Grenada in the advancement of Rotary worldwide.
- Friday 26th saw one of the innovations for this year in response to members' call for variety to our meetings. The Club held a wonderful evening of business and fellowship at Spice Basket. This activity was well attended by Rotarians and Partners -in-Service. During the business segment, seating was by Avenues of Service, which allowed members to brainstorm and determine how their Avenue of Service will contribute towards making this a successful year. This was followed by a sumptuous meal with live music in the background. The fellowship went on well after 10:00 p.m.





- **Advancing the Recognition and Public Image of the Club.**

- The press was invited to our meeting on 25 August on the occasion of PDG John's presentation to the Club. PDG John and I were both interviewed on the achievements and plans of the Club. Exerpts from the presentation and interviews formed part of a TV news item on MTV that evening.

- **Increasing Capacity to Provide Service**

- Rotarians reached within and delivered a carnival fete to remember. Over five hundred and fifty patrons ate and partied to the fullest. All feedback received so far has been highly favourable. Our major fundraiser for the year, the funds raised from this venture will go towards defraying the cost of hosting the RYLA conference in January 2012.



- **Maximizing Leadership Talent within the Club**

This month one of the younger members of the Club reached within and embraced the challenge of Director of Community Service. Congratulations Rtn Danny Donelan. I am sure you will deliver, contributing to a successful year.



September is New Generations Month. This month's Club programs will be geared at strengthening our relationship with our Rotaractors. Every year, thousands of talented and dedicated young people, ages 12-30, have an incredible experience in a New Generations program. As Rotaractors and Interactors, they serve in communities at home and abroad. Through Rotary Youth Exchange, they explore new cultures. And as Rotary Youth Leadership Awards participants, they learn skills that will help them succeed as future community leaders. Let us **reach within and embrace the New Generations.**

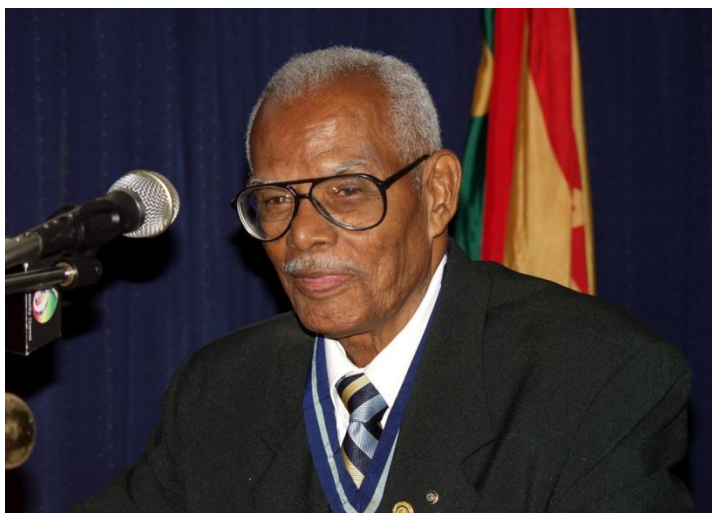
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Julia G. Lawrence

2011-2012 President

Rotary Basics

RI's involvement in Rotary Club of Grenada in the advancement of Rotary worldwide



(Excerpts from PDG John Watts' presentation on the occasion of 43 years of Rotary service to the Grenadian Community)

- Polio immunization was one of the greatest projects undertaken by RI, and the Rotary Club of Grenada was instrumental in the eradication of polio from Grenada.
- In 1972 RI organized all of the non-district clubs in the Caribbean and Bahamas into four groups; L,M,N,O. Group O was comprised of St. Vincent, St. Lucia, Trinidad, Grenada and Guyana. An Administrative Advisor was appointed for the groups. Group O was led by John Watts.
- In 1973 there was a change in the Administrative Advisors, however, Group O remained unchanged with John Watts at the helm.
- In 1974 RI created District 404 consisting of 45 clubs. Through mail ballot, all clubs voted and Grenada's John Watts was elected as the first District Governor.
- The Rotary Club of Grenada hosted over 27 GSE programs and participated in over 25.
- In 1992 a representative from the Rotary Club of Grenada, PP Henry Joseph, was elected to lead a GSE team to New Zealand.
- In 1991 the RI president invited PDG John Watts to be his special representative at a District conference in Phoenix Arizona.



RI President's monthly message

My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary!



We have a color for the 2011-12 Rotary year, and that color is green. Why green? Because green is the color of spring, of new life, of bright leaves bursting forth from spreading branches. And there is no doubt that it is time to “green” Rotary – to lift our deepening pallor of gray and replace it with brighter shades of green.

Overall, in Rotary, only 11 percent of our members are under the age of 40, while 68 percent are over 50 and 39 percent are over 60. It's not too hard to see where this will lead us in 10, 20, and 30 years down the line, if we don't do something about it now. It is not enough to simply bring in new members. We need to bring in younger members, who will breathe new life and new vigor into our organization.

How can we be more attractive to younger members, who are so different in so many ways from the young professionals of a generation or two ago? We have to come to them where they are – and for most young people, where they are is on the Internet, on Facebook, on Twitter and e-mail, and on their smartphones. A club that doesn't have a presence on the Internet simply doesn't exist as far as they are concerned. A club's website is its public face – and it has to be a good one.

More than anything, I believe we need to bring back the idea of the family of Rotary. We need to look at all of Rotary as one family: Rotarians, their families, and also Rotaractors, Interactors, Youth Exchange students and alumni, Foundation alumni, and so on. And we need to consider retention as an idea that applies not just to Rotarians, but to the entire family of Rotary.

Too often, we look outward to find new members, and we do not see our own young generation, waiting to be called upon. We must look to them to find the capable and enthusiastic new members who will be the club presidents, the district governors, and the RI senior leaders of tomorrow.

We owe it to our Rotary family – past, present, and future – to make sure that our generation of Rotarians is not the last. We must, in a very real sense, reach within – to embrace our Rotary family, so that we can better embrace all of humanity.

Kalyan Banerjee

President, Rotary International



RI NEWS

Rotary International News

- [The Rotarian](#) magazine won seven awards, including a gold award for general excellence for the August, September, and October 2010 issues. Other honors included a gold award for the cover illustration of the April 2010 issue; a gold award for the magazine's media kit; a silver award for "On the Money," an April 2010 management column; a bronze award for design excellence for the September and October 2010 issues; a bronze award for [The Rotarian's Greater Goods Catalog](#), a brochure originally published in the December 2010 issue; and a bronze award for the feature "[How many fifth graders know someone on meth?](#)" in the August 2010 issue.
- The Rotary Foundation Trustees announced strategic partnerships with [Oikocredit](#), to support microcredit loans for entrepreneurs, and [Aga Khan University](#), to support training nurses and midwives. Strategic partnerships are a key part of the Foundation's [Future Vision Plan](#).
- The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees has selected [Uppsala University](#) in Uppsala, Sweden, to host a new Rotary Peace Center.
- The Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group is teaming up with [Africare](#) to bring 5 million gallons of clean water to 30 schools in Malawi and Tanzania.

Club Activities – September 2011

<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity</i>	
1 Sept	Business Meeting	
8 Sept	Club Program – New Generations (PP Kay)	
14 Sept	Board Meeting - PP Leo's residence	
15 Sept	Business Meeting	
22 Sept	Club Program – President Rotaract Club of Grenada	
	School for Special Education – Health Check Day	
30 Sept	Friday dinner meeting and Quiz – 7:00 p.m. Spice Basket	
	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Anniversaries</i>
16	Rose Williams	
18	Gilbert Massell	
20	Marjorie Phillips	
22	Lady Dorothy Watts	

Prepare for upcoming quiz. Spicy Wheel July – Sept and The Rotarian July 2011



Upcoming Events

- School for Special Education – Health Check Day
- Quiz – 30 September 2011
- RYLA Conference - 26-28 Jan 2012
- District Conference - 2-8th April 2012 – visa requirement

Rotary Trivia

When was the first issue of the Rotarian published?

Download the Rotarian

July- <http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/TheRotarian/Archives/Pages/July2011.aspx>

August - <http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/TheRotarian/Archives/Pages/August2011.aspx>

September - <http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/TheRotarian/Archives/Pages/September2011.aspx>

Important Links

District Website: www.rotarydistrict7030.org

Rotary International Website: www.rotary.org

Register for the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand: 2-6 May 2012

- <http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/HowtoRegister.aspx>



Meeting Days and Place

Rotary Club of Grenada meets

Thursday at noon at Flamboyant Hotel, Morne Rouge, St. George's; except the final Thursday of the month, when the Club will meet on the following Friday at 7:00 p.m. at a place to be announced.

Rotary Club of Grenada East meets

Wednesday at noon at Bain's Hall, Ben Jones Street, Grenville, St. Andrew's.

Rotaract Club of Grenada meets

Wednesday 6.00pm at the Ministry of Education, Botanical Garden, St. George's.

The 4 Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

R I President – Kalyan Banerjee

District Governor – Lara Quentrall-Thomas

Assistant Governor – PP Roy O'neale

Answer to Rotary Trivia: January 1911.