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**FAMILY OF ROTARY MONTH**

**DG Rupert reminds us that**

**December is FAMILY OF ROTARY month**
A note about the Rotary Foundation

Often overlooked is the Permanent Fund - Rotary's Endowment Fund. Donations are never spent - they are invested and the income used to support Foundation programmes all over the world.

It is literally the future of Rotary - imagine, your donation helping people around the world for centuries to come!
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**ROTARY CLUB OF ABACO – BAHAMAS**

The October 14th Rotary Meeting was extremely well attended by current and even past members of the club and for a good reason -- the new 7020 District’s Governor, Mr. Rupert W. Ross, was the honored visitor and guest speaker for the evening.
Governor Ross is from the island of St Croix in the British Virgin Islands, and he compared his club to the one of Abaco -- similar type of attendees and similar venue. He congratulated our Club for its achievement and talked about the success of District 7020 in general.

As the Rotary Club of Abaco enters its 38th years, he challenged the local Rotarians to start preparing for the club’s 40th birthday when Mr. Don Cornish, the present Secretary will be President.

He talked about Rotary’s emphasis to “Make dreams Real,” the motto for this year, and the fact that child mortality was the focus for Rotary worldwide. He said that this year’s pin representing a mother holding a child, suggested a Rotarian holding a child.

DG Rupert urged the members to look around in their community and around the world for whatever help they could give on the subject. He was made aware that the club was already involved with two such projects -- the continuous help to ECC, and a joint program with the Clinic to educate pregnant mothers in hygiene and healthy habits.

Since his appointment in July, Governor Rupert W. Ross has spent the last few months visiting all the clubs of his district. He spent several days in Nassau, guest of the various clubs of the Capital, and was due to return there for a conference before going back home.

In exchange for the banners he had brought with him for the club, he left Abaco with a typical souvenir from the island -- a local wood dinghy carved on Man of War by Mr. Albury. Administrator Cephas Cooper was the lucky winner of the raffle, a glass turtle that he graciously offered to Mrs. Cheryl Ross.

The function took place at the Anglican Hall which had been specially decorated for the occasion. The meal was catered by Merissa Catering.

### Little Brent Lowe’s Story

Most of you who live in Marsh Harbour will have probably heard of little Brent Lowe, a thirteen year old child affected by cerebral-palsy. Brent has been attended ECC for the past four years and has done fairly well at that school.

*At left: Mrs. Celeste Ajero with Brent Lowe.*

However, as he was getting older, it soon became evident that extra-care would be required for the school to keep him -- a full-time personal care taker was needed to attend to his physical and tuition needs while in school. Mrs. Celeste Ajero, the wife of a St Francis teacher, had agreed to take on the job if a work permit was granted at the cost of $140.00 weekly, a sum that his parents, because of their own health problems could not afford.

ECC has been sponsored by the Rotary Club of Abaco (among other sponsors) for the last few years and an appeal was sent to that benefactor at the end of the previous school year.

Mr. Bryan Thompson, then President of the club, mentioned the issue to his father who immediately responded with a donation of $500.00. It was a great start, but unfortunately not enough.
When Mrs. Yvonne Key became a Rotary member in August, she too volunteered to sponsor little Brent for four weeks of care.

The final help was realized when a resident of Nassau heard of the situation. He has a son, now 22 years old, who also has cerebral palsy, and who, in spite of his disability, ended up going to college and doing very well for himself.

Mr. William Whitehead then decided to offer his help and pledge his support of Little Brent Lowe Jr, for the reminder of the school year.

Mrs. Celeste Ajero was granted her work permit and takes care of Brent on a daily basis. She said she enjoys her ward and is looking forward to work with him with the help of the other ECC teachers to help Brent progress as much as possible.

...Submitted by Mirella Santillo

ROTARY CLUBS OF HAITI

DG Rupert visited Haiti in November. Photos follow of a meeting in Les Cayes where he met with the members of three Rotary Clubs of Haiti South -- Rotary of Aquin, Rotary of Cayes and Rotary of Jacmel.

At Right: President Gontran Constant of Rotary Club of Cayes welcomes DG Rupert
Below from Left: Gontran Constant President of Rotary of Cayes, Rosa Leger active Rotarian of Cayes and wife of ADG Robert Leger, DG Rupert Ross, ADG Robert Leger, Luc Francois President of Rotary of Jacmel and Sylvain Edmond President of Rotary of Aquin

Above left: ADG Robert Leger, DG Rupert, Tiffany and Mike Stewart from NGO Hope for Haiti who helped with receiving the meals sent by District 7020 after the hurricanes. DG Rupert presents them with the District's banner.

Above right: DG Rupert presents the District banner to the President of the Rotaract Club of Cayes

At Left: DG Rupert presents banners to Sylvain Edmond, the President of Rotary Club of Aquin.
SURGICAL VOLUNTEERISM AWARD HONORS

GUY D. THEODORE, MD, FACS,

FOR SERVICE TO THE MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED

ROTARY IN HAITI

Dr. Guy Theodore is Past Assistant Governor from Haiti from the club of Pignon. He is also Chair of the Haiti Task Force.

SAN FRANCISCO: Guy D. Theodore, MD, FACS, a general surgeon from Pignon, Haiti, who trained in the United States, has been recognized for his selfless efforts as a volunteer surgeon to provide care for medically underserved individuals by being named the inaugural recipient of the 2008 Surgical Humanitarian Award of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and Pfizer Inc.

Dr. Theodore received the award for devoting a substantial portion of his career to ensuring the provision of surgical care to underserved populations without expectation of commensurate reimbursement. He was one of three ACS Fellows who received a surgical volunteerism award at an awards dinner held earlier this evening during the ACS 94th annual Clinical Congress in San Francisco.

The volunteerism awards are given in recognition of those surgeons committed to giving something of themselves back to society by making significant contributions to surgical care through organized volunteer activities.

Left: DG Rupert presents banners to Luc Francois, President of Rotary of Jacmel.
A native of Haiti, Dr. Theodore remained focused on the profound need for access to quality medical care for his fellow Haitians as he pursued medical training and military service in the United States. While studying and living abroad, he developed a strategy to create a hospital in his home country, work on which started in 1980 and was completed in 1983, the year Dr. Theodore returned to Haiti. His efforts since that time have helped build the hospital and a network of public health services that provide much-needed health care for many Haitians.

Additionally, Dr. Theodore voluntarily organizes and facilitates courses for local physicians to help enable the provision of quality health care throughout the country. All told, his work has resulted in the creation of a modern hospital facility providing a wide variety of medical and surgical services to many people who have been underserved, as well as helping numerous physicians provide medical care that otherwise might not have been available.

A 1968 graduate of the University of Haiti's Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy, Port-au-Prince, Dr. Theodore completed a residency in urology at the University of Haiti Hospital, Port-au-Prince (1968-1970), an internship at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy, NJ (1970-1971), and a general surgery residency at the State University of New York, Health Sciences Center and Saint John's Episcopal Hospital, Brooklyn, NY (1971-1975).

After completing his postgraduate medical training, Dr. Theodore served as a general surgeon in the United States Air Force, eventually serving as chief of surgery and rising to the rank of Colonel. He was certified by the Educational Council of Foreign Medical Graduates in 1970 and became a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery in 1981. He has been a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons since 1982.

Dr. Theodore began planning the creation of what is now the Hôpital de Bienfaisance de Pignon during his postgraduate medical training and military service. In 1983, he resigned his military commission and returned to Haiti to commence the process of getting the hospital operational and to serve his fellow Haitians.

Twenty five years later, the hospital provides much-needed surgical intervention and medical care. Furthermore, the facility offers a wide variety of public health services, including human immunodeficiency virus care, dental and eye clinics, midwifery, clean water and sanitation initiatives, and microfinance programs in and around Pignon.

In addition to his work with the hospital, Dr. Theodore has been active in fundraising for and organizing projects that provide education to local health care workers. With help from expatriate surgeons who volunteer with the Christian Mission of Pignon, currently known as Promise for Haiti, Inc, Community Coalition of Haiti, and Project Haiti, Dr. Theodore regularly holds courses for physicians from all areas of Haiti.

Dr. Theodore is the 12th recipient of the ACS Surgical Volunteerism Award, which was inaugurated in 2003. The American College of Surgeons is a scientific and educational organization of surgeons that was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical practice and to improve the care of the surgical patient. The College is dedicated to the ethical and competent practice of surgery. Its achievements have significantly influenced the course of scientific surgery in America and have established it as an important advocate for all surgical patients.

Submitted by PDG Dick McCombe
This article appeared in a local newspaper
ROTARY CLUB OF PROVIDENCIALES
TURKS & CAICOS
Thank you!

The Rotary Clubs and Rotaract Club of the Turks and Caicos Islands would like to thank Rotarians from our district as well as Rotarians worldwide for their outpouring of support for the islands of Grand Turk, South Caicos and Salt Cay, all of which sustained catastrophic damage due to Hurricane Ike.

We are extremely grateful for the offer of supplies, and will respond to your offers as soon as we receive the priority needs list for the affected islands. Tropical Shipping has graciously offered to assist Rotary, and will help us to consolidate shipments.

In the meantime, we have set up an account which will facilitate the purchase of relief items needed immediately.

The account information is as follows for US Dollar funds --

Instructions to: Barclays Bank PLC, 222 Broadway, New York, NY 10038, USA
Swift Code: BARCUS33
Routing Number: ABA#026 002 574

For the Initial Credit of: First Caribbean International Bank, Providenciales, Turks & Caicos Islands
Swift Code: FCIBTCGP
Account Number: 280 48 78 4365

For Further Credit to: Rotary Club of Providenciales, Hurricane Relief Fund
Account Number: 10339324

Your thoughts and prayers have given us strength.

A few words from Rotary International President
D.K. Lee

Dear fellow Rotarians,

When I was a child, Korea experienced a terrible war. After it was over, my country received a great deal of help from other governments and humanitarian organizations -- help that put Korea on a track of health, hope, and economic growth.

In the decades since the war, both Korea's economy and its Rotary club membership have grown enormously. I feel there are two reasons for this.

One is Koreans' desire to help others as we were once helped ourselves; we all want to pay back some of what was given to us. The other is the natural affinity Koreans have for the values of Rotary: integrity, honour, hard work, and fairness. Many of Rotary's core values are also core values in Korean
business. Koreans know very well the lesson taught by Herbert J. Taylor, author of The Four-Way Test: *We do not succeed professionally despite our ethical behaviour; we succeed because of it.*

When Korean businesses interview potential employees, they look for what we call *chim shin uro*, or "pure heart." A person with a pure heart is someone who has personal integrity, a person who treats others with honour and respect and can always be counted on to do what's right. It is a highly valued trait in companies, and it is equally important in Rotary.

As Rotarians, our integrity is what makes us successful in business, in service, and in life. "Pure heart" is what we in Rotary call Service Above Self.

Koreans also talk about work as *chip an*. *Chip an* means "inside the house." It is a way to talk about how important our work is to us, how our companies are like our families. Our businesses and the people in them should be treated with respect, honour, and dignity because, Koreans believe, good personal relationships are the basis for good business.

We in Rotary also believe that honest, open relationships with customers, co-workers, and employees are important, as are our relationships with all our fellow Rotarians and those we serve through Rotary.

True service gives us pure hearts when we bring it "inside the house." This is the reality behind Service Above Self. This is the reality of Rotary, the reality that inspires us and challenges us every day.

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee
President, Rotary International

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**A NEW NEWSLETTER IN THE BVI**

*To promote education about The Rotary Foundation*

Below is a photo of the debut edition of The Cornerstone, an inside look at the Rotary Foundation. *This newsletter is prepared by the Rotary Clubs of the BVI and is an inside look at the Rotary Foundation, its mechanics and its workings.*

*This newsletter will be prepared monthly by members of both clubs in the BVI.*

*If you have any ideas for articles or would like to prepare an article, please let Ryan know. He would love to hear from you.*

*As stated to both clubs in the BVI, given the lack of knowledge and overall exposure to the Rotary Foundation, this Rotary Year will be focused on educating members, potential members, and the general public on The Rotary Foundation.*

*...Submitted by Ryan, Club Director, Rotary Foundation*
50 Golden Years of Service
Rotary Club of St. Croix
October 25, 1958, through October 25, 2008

Rotary Club of St. Croix celebrated 50 years of Rotary on October 25, 2008. The event was a great success and lots of fun for everyone involved. Half a century of Rotary in St. Croix! Excellent!

Pictures below:

Above, DG Rupert and AG Louis Wever exchange some fun while organizing the event.

Unfortunately, not even Rotary can produce a no-calorie cake!

Celebrating the cutting of the cake are Rotarian Cheryl Ross, PDG Richard Grant, DG Rupert, AG Louis Wever, AG Vance Lewis, and AG David Beck.
News Release – Cayman Brac

From: Rotary Club of Grand Cayman, Rotary Club of Grand Cayman Central, Rotary Club of Grand Cayman Sunrise, Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman, Rotaract Blue Club of Grand Cayman, and Rotary Club of Cayman Brac

Date: 16 November, 2008

Re: International Relief Appeal and Communication Site

For media inquiries, contact:
J.D. Mosley-Matchett
Mobile phone: 917-7297
Email: jd@jdmm.com

For Immediate Release...
Contribute Worldwide Online by Credit Card to Brac Relief

The Rotary Clubs of Grand Cayman have joined forces to simplify the international collection of donations that will be used to help rebuild hurricane-lashed Cayman Brac. They have created an Internet site that allows any credit card holder in the world to easily contribute funds for Rotary’s Brac relief effort:

http://caymanrotary.wordpress.com

As both a fundraising and communication resource, the site was initially suggested because Rotarians had learned that many people around the world incorrectly believed Hurricane Paloma had no effect on the Cayman Islands. Because Grand Cayman had been spared the brunt of the hurricane’s wrath, people mistakenly thought that the entire country had been just as fortunate.

This Rotary-inspired hurricane relief site uniquely allows people across the globe to use their credit cards to aid in the rebuilding of Cayman Brac. Several other relief sites created by other organizations are accepting donations made by bank wire transfers. But with the ubiquitous use of credit cards, the Rotary site provides an easy way for people to make donations without undue paperwork or expense.

People around the country and around the world are encouraged to tell their friends and family members about this easy way to help Cayman Brac get back to normal.
Rotary International is an association of Rotary clubs worldwide. It’s made up of more than 32,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. The members of these autonomous clubs are called Rotarians, and they form a global network of 1.2 million business and professional leaders, all volunteering their time and talents to serve their communities and the world.

The Rotary Clubs of Grand Cayman include the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman, the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman Central, the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman Sunrise, the Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman, and Rotaract Blue Cayman Islands. These clubs are working in concert with the Rotary Club of Cayman Brac to efficiently and effectively aid in the rebuilding of hurricane ravaged Cayman Brac.

For more information about the post-hurricane service activities of these local Rotary clubs, please refer to the information site at: http://caymanrotary.wordpress.com

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*A bit of trivia about Hurricane Paloma:* This hurricane that hit the Brac occurred on the 76th anniversary date of the ’32 Storm that wiped out 3000 across the Caribbean and a large portion of the Brac’s population at that time. The very same date and it’s estimated to have taken the same track.

### Upcoming Rotary Dates

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**DG Rupert’s Official 2008 Club Visit Schedule for District 7020**

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Rotary District 7020 – Part 1 of 2 - December DG’s Travels plus, 2008
Here is a little fun for the approaching holidays!
Enjoy!

If you want to see these “stars” perform, click on these interactive links!

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Also, St. Maarten recently held a FABULOUS party. Here is the proof!

http://elfyourself.jibjab.com/view/oG2nfpFxvZ0V0r3K59Z5 - Bobby’s party (disco)
http://elfyourself.jibjab.com/view/Zps1DvRdx1B7bQ8jeK0 - Bobby’s party (Charleston)
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Reminders

- **Rotary Emergency Disaster Initiative Conference**
  - December 5-8, 2008
  - Sheraton Cable Beach Resort
  - Nassau, Bahamas

- **RLI Training**
  - St. Thomas
  - January 10–11, 2009

- **District Conference and PETS**
  - St. Croix
  - May 5-9, 2008
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