December 2013

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MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
(2013-14)  
JEREMY HURST

Dear fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors and Family of Rotary,

Family of Rotary - Who are your Family of Rotary?

Michelle and I have just returned from two contrasting but equally fulfilling visits to the tremendous Rotary Clubs of The Bahamas and North/North West Haiti. Here, as always, we were made to feel totally at home and part of our unique Caribbean Rotary Family that spreads across 10 countries and 16 Islands and 83 clubs we call our District.

Everywhere we went it became clear to us that there is a deep passion for Rotary, and clubs and members working closely together delivering much needed service to the community, especially during these difficult economic times.

December is “Family Month” for Rotary International and appropriately so at this most family focused time of year, where we celebrate together with those closest to us. Family, however, is at the very cornerstone of what we do year round. So whilst we pay special recognition to it this month, the concept of the “Family of Rotary” is one that we are encouraged to recognise and value all year round.

Although the concept is a fairly recently introduced one to our vocabulary, it is a very valuable and appropriate one for our great organisation.

In these three simple words it sets out a number of points:

First. “Family of Rotary” emphasizes that we are, or should be, more than just a random group of individuals serving above self – we are bonded, if not genetically or by blood, with common aims and goals, with a common philosophy that we exemplify by our behavior and standards in our day-to-day lives. We also have a responsibility to support each other, especially in our times of need, just as we would a family member.

In this way Rotary gives us an opportunity for us to develop deeper, longer lasting relationships –

- Rotarians become our brothers and sisters
- There is the opportunity for our more seasoned Rotarians to take on paternal/maternal roles as mentors to our less experienced and younger members.
- We have the opportunity to build and nurture just as we would expect in the typical family environment.

Of course, just like families, we may not always see eye to eye! Rotary brings out strong feelings and rightly so. Many Rotarians are passionate about what we stand for as well as about the causes they feel should be given most attention - and sometimes this can cause rifts within our family. However, we are also good at rising above this, and - as all good families should - resolving our differences in the best interests of our wider goals, to ensure that our internal issues do not distract from our primary focus of Service Above Self.

Second. On another level, the term “Family of Rotary” enables us to understand that Rotary is wider than just our members. We have a wide array of sons, daughters and grandsons and daughters that we’ve given birth to over the years and remain responsible for, starting with the Rotary clubs we’ve most recently sponsored, who need our support especially during their sensitive first three to four years of existence. It’s simply not good enough to form these clubs then walk away. They too need careful nurturing if they are to have a good chance of success.
Then, of course, there is our “New Generations” or “Youth Service” family of Rotaract, Interact and Earlyact Clubs, as well as programmes such as RYLA.

As a district, we can be tremendously proud of these younger family members; and for risk of furthering that well-worn phrase, these young people really are our “Future” - A tremendous energetic group ranging from 5 to 30 in age who understand and respect the value of Service above Self and the essence of what we do, having grown up with it around them.

In our District we have one of the highest ratios of Rotaract and Interact Clubs to Rotary Clubs in the world, so this bodes well for our future. Regardless of whether their members will eventually transition into Rotary, our hope is that they will remain a member of our Family and keep with them the spirit of what we do - which one day may be reactivated with their re-engaging as a full-fledged Rotarian.

Another group that we as a District are focusing on bringing into our extended family are those who have the spirit of Rotary, who help our clubs deliver projects but either are not necessarily ready or qualified to become full-fledged members. We all have these individuals around our clubs. Whether or not they are potential members, they have great value to us and we need, especially at this time of year, to make sure that we properly recognise their contribution and that they are indeed still part of our Rotary Family.

These, of course, include Community Corp members or perhaps “Friends of Rotary” groups as some clubs have smartly named these important individuals, giving them a sense of belonging and significance, inviting them to meetings as guests, and making them know that they are also an important part of our family.

We have all heard the argument that Rotary needs to grow, and you will know that I agree with that, but only if we do so with quality new members.

In fact, I would rather see our clubs become stronger than larger, and the two do not necessarily go hand in hand. Part of the push for an increase in membership comes from the argument that Rotary has stayed the same size at 1.2m members for the past decade. Whilst there is some validity in this, I would argue that Rotary as a whole has become significantly larger and, from what I see as I travel from club to club, more effective in what we do.

If we count the members of our Family of Rotary then, I have no doubt we are much more substantial organisation than we were 10 years ago. We are also a stronger one, with greater depth through our extended family, and I would argue one that is closer to, and has a better understanding of, our community needs because of it - and a better ability to serve than ever before.

So let’s use our Family or Rotary to strengthen our clubs. Work with them, support them and build so we can all Serve above Self better than ever before.

Michelle and I wish you all a joyous Christmas, one where your family circle will be wide enough to include your Rotary Family as together we celebrate and give thanks for the year we have just enjoyed and fortify ourselves for the busy year to come.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Jeremy Hurst, Governor 2013/14
District 7020 - Rotary International

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The greater the size of the Rotary family,
the more good we can do in this world.
# DISTRICT GOVERNOR’S TRAVEL SCHEDULE

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DG Jeremy and 1st Lady Michelle arrived on St. Croix for their official visits with the four Rotary Clubs, Interact Clubs and other official duties.

They were greeted by the welcoming party headed by AG Debra at Seaborne terminal in Christiansted. They met with club boards and members during the week. The Joint Address & Dinner was held Thursday October 17. DG Jeremy met with Rotary St. Croix board, then assisted with feeding the homeless at Catholic Charities Soup Kitchen.

"DG Jeremy speaks to Rotary Clubs of St. Thomas and St. Thomas II. President Heflyn and Nana Baby Home welcome DG Jeremy."
Above - DG Jeremy learns about My Brother’s Workshop in St. Thomas with the founder and director at right. Left photo ID - Austin “Babe” Monsanto, Marshall Hartmann, Bernard Roy, Jan French, Scott Bradley; At back - Suzanne Robinson, Brian Emerich, ADG Mike Toussaint, & DG Jeremy Hurst

Below - With a student below left. Doing a TV interview at right.
DG Jeremy Hurst and spouse Michelle arrived in Nassau, Bahamas. They were met by (left to right) AG Karen Pinder, Rotarian Vernal Sands and AG Stan Charlton. Photo Sheila Bethel.

Wonderful welcome and excellent first day in the Bahamas with AG's Karen and Stan and District PI Chair with ARPIC Sheila Bethel, along with Bahamas' Ambassador Rotarian Vernal Sands

Visited the Bahamas Association of the Physically Disabled day facility, which the East Nassau club has supported since its opening in 1982 and is now the location of one of the District's first District Grants, with an intelligent solution to the attendees need to use computers with adjustable ergonomic arm systems worth $21,000 supplied and installed today by Rotarians including DRFC Lindsey Cancino, who's very handy with a screwdriver. DG Jeremy proved he is not very handy with a paint roller as the Interact Club of St. Anne's High School, who were carrying repainting project there, showed him how to get the job done properly!

Onto an exciting new project for The Rotaract Club of East Nassau who sponsored and coordinated an HIV education and testing day in the Town Centre with 70 residents tested and educated through the "Don't get caught Unpeeled" campaign. The day's finale was the DG some would say being appropriately dealt with for past misdemeanours! Thankfully there was a lack of rotten fruit and veggies! –
NOW IS THE TIME TO END POLIO NOW.

Dear Club President:

We are pleased to announce that at the October 2013 Trustee meeting, the Trustees agreed to recognize clubs that give US$1,500 or more to PolioPlus with a certificate of appreciation. The certificates will begin with this current Rotary Year and will continue through the duration of the End Polio Now: Make History Today campaign.

We hope that your club has set a PolioPlus goal, in addition to its Annual Fund goal. We recognize that for some small clubs a goal of US$1,500 may be difficult to attain, while other clubs can and should do more. Every dollar given to PolioPlus brings us closer to a polio-free world.

On World Polio Day (24 October), in addition to club fundraisers held globally, Rotary hosted a special Livestream presentation – World Polio Day: Making History – to showcase the progress of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). Co-hosted by Rotary and the Northwestern University Center for Global Health, the 60-minute program took place before a live audience and streamed online to viewers worldwide. Since the livestream event, over 11,000 people from more than 50 countries have watched the event, which is available in English only. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to watch the presentation, and share it with your club. The video makes a great club program during Foundation month.

Now is the time to End Polio Now and Make History Today. If we successfully engage every Rotarian, we will change lives; we will realize our dream of eradicating polio forever.

NOTE RE D.K. LEE - A Rotarian since 1971, Lee has served RI as president (2008-09 Make Dreams Real), director, treasurer, Foundation trustee, RI Board Executive Committee member, committee member and chair, PolioPlus national advocacy adviser, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, zone and regional coordinator for membership development, and International Assembly training leader.
Recently in Haiti, the first-ever Stakeholders Conference for Pediatric Cardiology was organized in Haiti. Kado Lavi (representative organizations for all Rotarians in Haiti) sponsored and coordinated the conference.

The conference was an absolute success and set a clear path forward to develop strategies for real progress in how children with heart disease are treated in Haiti.

The conference was attended by the Haitian College of Cardiology, individual cardiologists, the dean of Notre Dame University, representatives of the major hospitals in Haiti (including the Partners in Health facility in Mirebalais, St. Damiens, St. Francois de Salles), various NGOs and other interested parties. A committee was formed to continue the discussions and will work to put in place action plans for the future.

The group are well on their way to developing a clear strategy for the future of Gift of Life in Haiti.

There are additional opportunities in Martinique and St. Barth’s to support the efforts we are beginning in Haiti.

Our Mission…

To provide hope to children from developing countries who suffer from heart disease regardless of their gender, creed, or national origin by supporting autonomous Gift of Life programs in their efforts to care for these children-in-need and coordinating the development of sustainable pediatric cardiac surgery and aftercare programs in select countries through the empowerment of their healthcare professionals.

Gift of Life International (GOLI)
A happy face at left. Second - Cassandra and her dad in Petionville, Haiti. Third - Saviola waiting for surgery. Right - Exavier and mother

At left - Djimmy waiting for his gift of life. Second - John and Saviola. Third - Rob and Saviola. Right - Jessica and Daina

At left – Dr. Francois and Daina. Second - Francois and Alcira Martinez at Pétion Ville. Third - Marie waiting for surgery. Right - George and John (from the team) donate blood for Saviola’s surgery

At left - George and John with Saviola before surgery. Middle - Saviola's surgery. Right - John gives Saviola’s mother the good news after surgery
Haiti remains one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere, if not the poorest. Currently, there are no cardiac surgery, interventional cardiology nor modern cardiac centers in Haiti. Diagnostic capabilities are based-upon clinical evaluation and limited only to echocardiography and exercise stress testing. Treatment is limited to medical therapy. We estimate that upwards of 5,000 Haitian children currently suffer from congenital heart defects.
In 2011, GOLI began discussions on developing a strategic approach to helping Haitian children suffering from congenital heart defects. For years GOL programs around the country have been treating Haitian children at their affiliated hospitals and now we are looking to bring that help to them in their own country. We have partnered with Chaine de L’Espoir Paris, Open Hearts Haiti, and Clinique Lambert to conduct two medical missions in 2012.

Both missions were conducted by Dr. Francois Lacour-Gayet with the support of doctors and nurses from Montefiore Children’s Medical Center in New York and other healthcare professionals from California and France. One of these missions was funded through a Rotary International grant sponsored by GOL 7260 (with support from GOL Arizona) and the other was funded by a consortium of GOLI affiliated programs (Friends of Montfort, GOL NE Ohio) as well as friends and family of a Rotarian on Long Island, New York. GOLI Haitian affiliate Kado Lavi provided logistical support for both missions and Haitian Rotary Clubs participated in the Rotary International grant which funded the first mission of 2012.

The outcome of these missions was that 22 Haitian children were provided the gift of life!!

The challenge remains to develop a context for future GOLI efforts. Currently, we are working to coordinate the efforts of like-minded NGOs so that we may maximize our efforts in Haiti. Other organizations we will be working with in the year to come are: Partners in Health, Akron Children’s Hospital, and The Haiti Heart Fund.

Our goals for Haiti in 2013 will be to establish partnerships that will:

1. Develop a national list of pediatric cardiac patients
2. Train a pediatric cardiologist (the first-ever in Haiti) and
3. Conduct two medical missions to the country.

Additionally, we will continue to work with partner Chaine de L’Espoir Paris to look for opportunities to develop the nation’s capacity to care for children with cardiac ailments. There are possible opportunities to partner with Haitian hospitals such as Mirebelais, St. Damien’s and St. Francois that may further our efforts in 2013.

It is important to note that our partner Chaine de L’Esper Paris conducted 4 medical missions in 2011 and 2012 which treated 40 children.

Below is information about the mission which was held in March. (The latest mission was in early November, 2013.)

The dedication of this team is without bounds.
Like-minded Partners Join Forces to Save Haitian Children


The Gift of Life International efforts in Haiti are born out of the dire need that exists in this country of children suffering from heart disease.

For over a decade, various Gift of Life programs have been bringing Haitian children to the United States for treatment. Beginning in 2012, Gift of Life International and select Gift of Life programs have been conducting medical missions to Haiti with the goal of working down the daunting waiting list.

Together with our like-minded partners around the world, Gift of Life International and the Gift of Life program in Haiti, New Orleans, Northeast Ohio, Florida, Arizona, and Suffolk County, New York, have now provided over 80 children with the gift of life during 8 medical missions. In March of 2013, Gift of Life 7260 and Gift of Life New Orleans led the way to funding a rotary Foundation Grant which saved the lives of 10 precious Haitian children.

The Rotary Clubs of Marco Island Sunrise (Florida), Greenport (New York), Algiers (New Orleans) and Port-au-Prince (Haiti) joined with Rotary District 7260, Rotary District 6840, Open Hearts Haiti, and the Gift of Life programs named above to sponsor life-saving surgeries for Darlene, Sterlie, Dayka, Youdelandine, Bergeline, Chris Marley, Benjamin, Dorisma, and Wideline.

This is the third mission that our partnership has conducted in the past 12 months with 32 children now having benefited from our efforts.
We did not have time to do a VSD-A1 and a sub-aortic membrane. They will be done in priority at the next missions. We saw several patients with elevated lung resistances. We may operate these high-risk patients in the future when we have Nitric Oxide. Maggie has contacted a company providing NO and we may have it next time.

Kinam Hotel was actually quite good this time. The driver, Aunikel, and the bus were outstanding. Thank you to Kadolav.

Arlene Darce, the Teenager Fallot, will require full attention and support from our friends at Kadolavi. I suggest that contact with the family is immediately established to secure the follow-up.

Contacts have been made with the Ministry of Health. There was a full room of medical students at Notre Dame University for my lecture on the future of cardiac surgery in Haiti.

The young generations is obviously very interested. We are in contact with Dean Jean Hughes Henry to study the project of a Heart Center at the new St. Francois de Sale Hospital.

I am looking forward to having you back for the next mission in September. Thank you to everyone for helping the children in Haiti.

All the best,

Francois Lacour-Gayet MD
President/Founder Open Hearts Haiti
www.openheartshaiti.org
"When you save a child, you save the world."
VISITING MEDICAL TEAM

Thank you to these medical professionals who donated their time and skills to save the lives of 10 Haitian children during the March 2013 medical mission:

- **Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon** Dr. Francois Lacour-Gayet (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, New York)
- **Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon** Dr. Deborah Kozik (Lexington Children’s Hospital, Kentucky)
- **ICU nurse** Jessika Copp (Boston Children’s Hospital, Massachusetts)
- **ICU Nurse** Jessica Page (Boston Children’s Hospital, Massachusetts)
- **ICU Nurse** Helen Alexander (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, New York)
- **ICU Nurse** Mode Andre (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, New York)
- **Scrub Nurse** Heather Tucker (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, New York)
- **Scrub Nurse** Dotlyn Jeffrey-Easy (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, New York)
- **Anesthetist** Dr. Carlene Broderick (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, New York)
- **Intensivist** Dr. Gina Cassel (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, New York)
- **Intensivist** Dr. Iris Mandell (LA Children’s Hospital, California)
- **Cardiologist** Dr. Nadine Chouelte (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, New York)
- **Perfusionist** Daniel Rodriguez (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, New York)
- **Coordinator** Martine Bouzi (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, New York)
- **Bioengineer** Stephen Clement (Montefiore Children’s Hospital, New York)

PATIENTS TREATED DURING THE MARCH 2013 MISSION

A total of 10 patients received a second chance at life. All children have recovered and are back home with their families. On behalf of these children and their families, we are grateful to everyone who made this mission possible.
A special thank you goes out to the following individuals for having helped to make the March 2013 medical mission a success.

Dr. Margaret Dugand
The Staff of Clinique Lambert
Dr. Michel Theard
Dr. Paul Henri Morisset
Sodeyda Garcia
George Solomon
Dr. Joseph Guillaume
Clinique Lambert
Dr. Nesly Vastey

Malherbe Colas
Dr. Brigitte Houdicourt
Eddy Handal
Florence Marc-Charles
Dr. Ernest Benjamin
Isabelle Leger
St. Damiert’s Hospital
Partners in Health
Akron Children’s Hospital

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4bTQvSKzXI
Video from Open Hearts Haiti
ROTARY TRAINING IN HAITI

submitted by Robert Leger

JACMEL. The Training session in Jacmel was very good. Twelve members were present (12/19) 63 per cent. Five members were out of Haiti for vacation and two could not attend.

Three trainers (Two from Les Cayes - PP Renand Valière and PAG Robert Léger - and one from Aquin - PP Sylvain Edmond) gave the sessions as planned, putting emphasis on paying the dues on time, reporting, and donation to the Foundation.

There were many questions and comments. The training on line was very good thanks to AG Joseph Forgeas who brought a Digicel 4G router. The evaluation sheets showed the satisfaction of the participants where 91.6% (11/12) before had few knowledge about different themes like Role and Responsibilities of the Chairman of the Commissions, Running adequately a meeting, COTM, Code of Conduct, Rotary On Line, Club assembly etc...and 100 per cent after had good knowledge and also many comments like ”...I would like to have more training like this one”.

We really hope these training sessions will reinforce the Rotary in Haiti.
Haiti-Nord leadership Training - Report for Pignon club

submitted by PAG Robert Leger

PIGNON, Northern Haiti, 9:30 a.m. Inside a very attractive place with sundry equipment and accessories, and much more delicious meals, the trainers started the session. Five of six trainers were present, but three of them (PDG Guy, PADG Adele, PP Evenel) could not react easily, because they are also members of this club. Most of the subjects were presented by Debreus and specially, the Rotary Business Online by Jude.

The members were very excited to realize the real dimension of a club, the district, the RI and TRF. Pignon’s club has 19 members, 14 of them were present (74 %) and had shared with us their happiness for the new resolution and expected to have more visits to keep their club stronger.

The session ended at 1:30 p.m. Those present completed the evaluation form and promised to improve the level of their club. Even though the Pignon to Cap-Haitian’s road is in a very bad condition, Debre and I were proud to return home with pleasure and satisfaction.

Training at Verrettes

Dear Robert

The training session on Saturday, October 26, 2013, at Verrettes was a success without precedent. Fifteen members were expected, but were accompanied by two Rotaractors and two prospective members.

The main facilitator was CEO Amos while Dawn and I have actively helped in the general presentation. Participants were enthusiastic and asked many questions of CEO Amos.

The evaluation sheets show a total one hundred percent satisfaction. The participants recognize that their knowledge of Rotary is truly enhanced after training and they are now well equipped to fulfill their task of leading and consolidating efficiency their club. They expressed the hope for regular training along with some funds to cover costs.

Sincere thanks to all and especially to you, Robert, for this enlightened coordination, and especially to CEO Amos for so many sacrifices and dedication. Success is in our future.

Gary
DISTRICT 7020 AREAS OF FOCUS
ESSAY COMPETITION 2013-2014

Aims of the project

- To raise awareness of the different Areas of Focus
- To develop knowledge and understanding of the issues around Areas of Focus in the District
- To enable participants to suggest creative ideas of how to tackle some of the issues relating to the Areas of Focus in our District
- To engage the Rotary family around a common theme

Eligibility

This competition is for individuals associated with Rotary District 7020 only. Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors can take part in this competition.

Entrants must participate in a group depending on their club membership as of 1-December 2013

- Group 1 – Interactors
- Group 2 – Rotaractors
- Group 3 - Rotarians

Guidelines – Your essay -

- Should be written in English or French
- Must not exceed 2000 words.
- Must use Arial font with size 12 and single spacing.
- Must have a cover page indicating:
  - Group e.g. 1, 2 or 3
  - Essay title (choose from the list that follows)
  - Club name, country, name and email address of Club President
  - Word count.
- Must be submitted in electronic format; in Microsoft Word or PDF format only, via email attachment to vefuller@gmail.com, or via Dropbox.
- Diagrams, illustrations, or graphics are not permitted in the essays.
- Name or personal information is not permitted in the body of the essay.
- Quotes or ideas that are not original should be attributed.
- Plagiarism is not permitted.
- Should include bibliography and all the reference material used should be listed.
- Bibliography should not be included in the word count.

Rules

- The competition will run from 1 December 2013 to 28 February 2013. Winners announced in March, Literacy Month.
- The essay must be between 1200 - 2000 words in length
- The essays will be judged on the basis of:
  - Facts and substance that are used to hold together logical argument and present thoughtful provoking solutions.
  - Organization of content, own perspectives and analysis of the topic.
  - Style of writing, grammar and punctuation
- Files not in .doc or .pdf format will not be accepted.
- Entrants must check the files for virus / malware. Any file containing virus / malware may lead to disqualification.
- The essay should be an original work of the author and should not have been published / submitted anywhere else.
- A single person should write the essay. Co-authored essays will not be accepted.
- Only one entry from an author will be accepted. Multiple entries will not be judged. If multiple essays are submitted using the same email address, the older entry will be overwritten.
- Any disclosure of personal information in the body of the essay may lead to disqualification.
- The author agrees to assign the copyright of the essay to the organizers without any considerations for the same
Prizes

There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize for each of the three groups.

Essay Topics

1. **Peace and Conflict Resolution** – Outline the impact that armed conflict or persecution can have on communities. In your answer, refer to at least one current international conflict. Examine at least one project from RI’s Leaflet on *Areas of Focus*. Explain why you think this project would benefit those affected by armed conflict or persecution.

2. **Disease Prevention and Treatment** – What are the major international issues in Disease Prevention and Treatment? Examine at least one preventative projects from RI’s Leaflet on *Areas of Focus*. Explain why you think this project would benefit those affected by disease in the short and the long term.

3. **Water and Sanitation** – “2.6 billion people lack access to adequate sanitation facilities”. (RI Areas of Focus Leaflet). What impact do you think this lack of access has on communities and families? Examine at least one project from RI’s Leaflet on Areas of Focus. Explain why you think this project would benefit those affected by inadequate sanitation facilities in a country in District 7020, in the short and the long term.

4. **Maternal and Child Health Care** – “9 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation.” (RI’s Areas of Focus Leaflet). What impact do you think these conditions have on families and communities? Examine at least one project from RI’s Leaflet on Areas of Focus. Explain why you think this project would benefit the children and communities affected by malnutrition, poor health care, and/or inadequate sanitation in the short and long term.

5. **Basic Education and Literacy** – What are the major issues surrounding basic education and literacy in your area. Examine at least one project from RI’s Leaflet on Areas of Focus. Explain why you think this project would impact positively on basic education and literacy in the short and long term, in a country in District 7020.

6. **Economic and Community Development** – Access to financial services is often key to economic and community development. Examine at least one project from RI’s Leaflet on Areas of Focus. Explain why you think this project would impact positively on economic and social development in the short and the long term, in a country within District 7020.
Please call the WAS Offices if you have questions or comments. We would enjoy hearing from you. Thanks for your interest in the future of our youth.

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**WINNERS**

**Club-of-the-Month**

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View the video of the activities for October at this link:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t9KCWB6VzJA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t9KCWB6VzJA)

**ALL THE CLUBS THAT SUBMIT ARE WINNERS!**
**December**
Family of Rotary Month

**World AIDS Day**
December 1, 2013

**January**
Rotary Awareness Month

**February**
World Understanding Month

**Rotary turns 109**
February 23, 2014

**World Rotaract Week**
March 10 – 16, 2014

**District Conference**
April 29 – May 4, 2014
Cayman Islands
We celebrate Family this month - December.
Is every household “food secured” For the Holidays?

There are millions of children who will not be getting a regular meal.

Unfortunately, most of us are unaware of a calamity happening right under our nose. Why? We are fed messages of being overweight – commercials on diet programs, Smartphone apps to keep track of calories, TV programs like “the biggest loser”, etc. How could families lack food at the table?

I googled “hunger in the Caribbean” and came up with dozens of organizations which are doing something about it. Our churches and other not-for-profit organizations in our communities have set up food pantries. Even local merchant associations are adopting school food pantries set up specifically to help those kids whose main meal is the free lunch.

But the numbers are staggering and the need is overwhelming. That is why RI Vice President Anne L. Matthews is calling Rotarians in Zones 33 and 34 to action.

Many districts and clubs are already making a difference. They’ve either opted to fill local food pantries, served hot meals in churches or carried out community food drives. Many have participated in food packaging drives. What if every club in zones 33 and 34 were doing the same? What would be the impact?

The Rotary Has Heart project is a means to a significant end – clubs would turn their attention to a problem existing in almost every community.

Ask yourself – can my club do something to make a difference? It doesn’t take a committee to discuss it. It takes you to speak up at a board meeting or stand up at a regular weekly meeting and rally the club members to help a local food pantry, donate to a local non-profit organization which assists the poor or a local church, etc.

RIVP Anne chose Valentine’s Day as a focal point and not THE day of whatever your club chooses to do. She wants to know what your club has done. The voices of hundreds of clubs across our region may develop into a Rotary-wide conversation which could be ignited through Rotary Showcase (use hashtag #rotaryhasheart)

Next time you see children at a corner waiting for a school bus you will feel good knowing that you may have helped the one child in that group who may have been going to school hungry that day.

Jump on board today.

Valentine’s Day 2014
THE DAY NO CHILD GOES TO BED HUNGRY FROM DELAWARE TO TRINIDAD

Rotary International Vice President Anne L. Matthews from Columbia, South Carolina USA, has a passion for feeding children. Anne has set Valentine’s Day 2014 as one single day on which all clubs in our Zones 33 and 34 are being asked to engage in a hunger project to change lives. Each club may decide for itself how it wants to participate. It could be something as simple as donating money to an established hunger program (such as Feeding America) to something as complex as organizing a full-fledged meal event as a club service project. The focus will be on children but, as director Anne has said, if other hungry people are fed, all the better.

This is first and foremost an effort to put food on an empty plate, to fill an empty stomach, to bring a ray of hope to a hungry child. It is also a chance for us to show thousands of communities throughout our zones what Rotarians can do when we ENgage Rotary Change Lives.

67,000 Rotarians being asked to feed a child on Valentine’s Day 2014
PROJECT IDEAS
These are ideas to get you thinking and are not an exhaustive list. Please let your District Governor or district chair for this project know what your club will do.

- Give a check to an established organization (such as Feeding America).
- Staff a collection site for food suitable for children at a mall or other location.
- Participate in Backpack Buddies (through Feeding America (feedingamerica.org)).
- Offer a program on nutrition at a school.
- Work with a school or community center that will allow kids to bring items to school to share with others.
- Ask members to bring one non-perishable child-friendly food item to each meeting between now and Valentine’s Day.
- Ask your religious congregation to bring food to a service and donate it to a food bank or other entity.
- Adopt a school pantry. Bring non-perishables to school.
- Provide the snacks for an established program (such as a YMCA or Boys and Girls Club).
- Form partnerships with other organizations to do a larger, more impactful project.
- Ban together with other clubs in your area to do a large project for maximum public image exposure. (For example, host a Valentine’s Day Banquet for children who may be hungry.)
- During the week leading up to Valentine’s Day, have a club program about child hunger.
- Organize a poker run (by boat, motorcycle, etc.) to raise money for the project.
- Organize a Rotary Community Corps.
- Place a collection box at a local grocery store.
- Ask your local library to put a food box near the desk to drop in cans with food suitable for children.

PUBLIC IMAGE IDEAS
- If you have an event of any kind: Have Rotary signage. Wear Rotary clothing. Have brochures available telling about your club.
- Zone Team will provide information to hand out about the overall Zone-level project.
- Write letters to the editor or a column for your newspaper pointing out the statistics on child hunger in your community, state or nation; and what Rotary is doing about it.
- Send a news release to all local media outlets about your project.
- Ask the governor of your state or the mayor of your town or the president of your country to sign a Proclamation. Take a photo. Get it in the local paper, on Facebook, on your website.
- Organize a flash mob.
- Post your project on Rotary Showcase (Tag: RotaryHasHeart).
- Sponsor a poster or essay contest leading up to your Valentine’s Day project. Write news releases and get media attention for the contest.
- Use social media at every opportunity, leading up to and on the day of your project.
- Get a local radio station to broadcast from your project site.

The Zones Committee will provide you with templates for letters, news releases, and proclamations, and will help you with any other ideas you have to enhance Rotary’s public image while doing good in your community.

OTHER IDEAS THAT MAY HELP
- Get your Interact/Interact Clubs involved.
- Involve your youth exchange and RYLA students as you can.
- For those clubs already doing something, let us know what it is. You do not need to necessarily do something new. Enter it into Showcase using the same tag (Rotary-HasHeart) or tell your district chair.
- Utilize Rotary Action groups and Rotary Fellowships.
- Collaborate/partner with any appropriate organization.

TAG EVERYTHING YOU POST: ROTARYHASHEART
POINT UDALL OCTOBER CLEAN-UP  
by Beck, David

Point Udall, Rotary St. Croix’s adopted spot on the eastern-most end of the island and the USA, got its new sign and a touch-up recently.

Chris has been spearheading the effort and got the sign placed.

THE WOMEN’S COALITION  
by Beck, David

Clema Lewis, Executive Director of the Women’s Coalition spoke at Rotary St. Croix recently. The Women’s Coalition’s doors are open, its hotline is ready for calls 24 hours a day, and it held marches, rallies and fundraisers in October for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The Women’s Coalition also continues to run after-school and summer school programs.

"We provide services to between 6,000 and 10,000 people every year," Lewis said. "Most people believe we are just about domestic violence but we provide assistance for all crime victims."

The Women’s Coalition has helped with funerals of homicide victims, counseling for survivors of homicide, and teaching victims how to look for a job and become independent, among its activities, and whatever other needs they are able to fulfill.

"As long as they are a victim, we provide services as well. The Women's Coalition provides counseling, clothing, food, rides to doctors, help making appointments with Human Services and other help. We are the only agency that has transitional housing in the territory," Lewis said.

ROTARY CLUB OF ST. MARTIN SUNRISE  
…submitted by Martha Pouchie

Rotary Club of St. Martin Sunrise and community volunteers assist painting the Oranje School

Phillipsburg, October 24, 2013: The Rotary Club of St. Martin Sunrise, with a team of volunteers from different groups, came together in Philipsburg to assist the Oranje School with the painting of the exterior walls of the school.

Paint and supplies were provided by the Ministry of Education and the work started in September when teachers, students, parents and persons from the different offices of the Ministry of Education embarked on painting the institution; however, since then the work came to a standstill, stated Principal of the school, Sonia Parrotte-Warner.

With no other solution in hand, the Principal approached the club for their assistance. In no time, President of the Club Angela Gordon, recruited a team of over 65 persons to
assist, namely the Security Team from the American University of the Caribbean (AUC), Sheriff Security, the Jamaican Association, members of the Rotary Club of Anguilla and the Rotary Sunrise members.

President Angela Gordon stated “When we are called upon to execute projects in the community, we are always happy to do so”.

Once again the Club would like to thank all persons who volunteered their time to make this project a reality and are happy to lend a helping hand when called on to assist for the betterment of our community.

**ROTARY CLUB OF ROAD TOWN**

...submitted by Nelcia St. Jean

On 30 October 2013, the Rotary Club of Road Town held elections for its executive for the year 2014-2015 to work alongside PE Shan Mohammed. The Board as elected is:

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Congratulations all!

**ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH ST. CATHERINE**

...submitted by Desmond Lawson

In keeping with this year’s Rotary theme, the Rotary Club of North St Catherine has set as its priority to “engage” the youth of the community. In the month of October it has moved to achieve this goal by initiating an Earlyact club at the Bread of Life Christian Academy a Rotaract Club at the Moneague College (Linstead Campus) and put new life into the Charlemonth High School Interact club which was formed in 2007.

At left - Christian Academy Earlyact club with President Gaynor first from right
Middle - Moneague College (Linstead Campus) Students listening attentively to presentation by Rotarian Devon Smith.
Right - President Alesia Daldie of the Charlemonth High School Interact club, second from right. Chairing her Clubs presentation at the parent club meeting on the 26th September 2013 to her right is President Gaynor of RC of North St Catherine
Project Narrative

1. Briefly describe the project.
   To build and create a park and recreational center for Port Antonio Primary School and the community to assist in unity and community development.
   a. What were your original objectives?
   To build a Security Chain Link Fence around Port Antonio Primary School Play Field to provide safe & conducive environment for learning & good development.
   To increase the extracurricular activities performed by students.
   b. What was actually accomplished? (Photographs can help to tell your story. Please submit any action photos that you have that show beneficiary participation and demonstrate Rotarian involvement in the project. Please also indicate the name of the photographer.)
   c. When and where did the project take place, and who were the beneficiaries?
      1. From March 2013 to October 2013.
      3. I. Primarily current 950 primary school students, and many generations to come.
         II. Secondarily, current pupils of another 6 schools nearby & many generations to come.
         III. Local Social &Community Groups.

Matching Grant Project
The Port Antonio Primary School students received a Sports Park from Rotary Club International at an official handing over ceremony held on the school compounds on Friday, October 18.

The Rotary Park built with a multi-purpose court, a resurfaced playing field, a retaining wall and complete fencing valued over $120,000 USD.

The Port Antonio Rotary Park was jointly funded by both the Port Antonio Rotary Club and Naples North Rotary Club of Florida.

Paul Jones, Past President of Naples North Rotary Club was proud of the primary school students and said, "Students, I am extremely proud of what you did today. Study hard, free your mind, keep working hard and good things will happen to you and do not forget to give back to your community."

"Rotary has done close to a quarter million US dollars’ worth of projects in Portland," said Jones. The project has been in the planning since June 2009.

"It should be lit so people can utilize their time day and night to put it to full use, lights need to be done," said Dr. Satya Parvataneni as he emphasized on the need of lighting for the facility.

Dr. Parvataneni expressed thanks to the Sports Development Foundation, the Police Youth Club, RADA, the Port Antonio Inland Revenue and the Forestry Department who planted trees around the park.

"The Ministry of Education wishes to congratulate the management of Port Antonio Primary for partnering with the Rotary Club of Port Antonio to upgrade the recreational facilities at the school. We specially commend the Rotary club for taking on this project," said Janet Brim (Regional Director for Region two), representing the Minister Of Education, Hon. Ronald Thwaites.

The park is open to the community also.

Kasey Williams (journalist for Northcoasttimes)
Rotary Club of Southeast Nassau: November 6th Meeting

RCSEN Members With DG Jeremy

DG Jeremy at The All Saints Camp on November 6th 2013

DG Jeremy & PP Peter
Club Secretary Tom, Michelle Hurst, DG Jeremy, PP Peter
DG Jeremy Gets a Tour of The Kitchen
DG Jeremy & Michelle Next To The Stove Donated By RCSEN
DG Jeremy Delivering Supplies To The All Saints Camp
President Rema, PP Peter, DG Jeremy, Club Secretary Tom and Michelle Hurst
DG Jeremy attends Early Act Club of Stephen Dillets meeting as well as participated in a community food distribution project.

Above - DG Jeremy assists members of the Early Act Club of Stephen Dillet distribute food bags
At right - DG Jeremy & President LaPaige with Early Act Board.

Above - on the way to distribute food - and Early Act Club members provide food to community

ROTARY CLUB OF NEW PROVIDENCE

...submitted by Lathera Major

Rotary Begins with the letter “F”

The house (Rotary Club of New Providence) proposed that Rotary Begins with the letter “F” during a fun-filled and spirited debate with the “all-male” Rotary Club of West Nassau (RCW). RCNP initiated the friendly challenge as the RCW won an attendance bet held last year among the Clubs.

RCNP staged this first-of-its-kind event to commemorate the start of Foundation Month.
More importantly, the Club held the debate under the patronage of our District Governor, Jeremy Hurst, and his visit to Rotary Clubs of the Bahamas with the RCNP being the first Club on his itinerary.

The event, which adopted a round table style, lasted for twenty-eight minutes. The contest was streamed live over the internet via “www.ustream.tv”

Participants and the audience had a fantastic time during the forum as the judging criteria included: relevance of content to the motion, relevant humor, and lack of repetition, time keeping, convincing arguments, overall delivery, and complimenting.

The proposers won the debate, forming arguments around the concepts of Future, Fun, Fellowship, Females, and the Four-way test!

RCNP envision the debate as an annual event to encourage comradely competition among RCOB and even the District to raise funds for the Foundation.

This is one of many great things RCNP has done!

With that being said, RCNP has also implemented the New Membership Breakfast held on Saturday August 24, 2013. The breakfast was designed for our new members to allow them to fellowship with the Council of Past President and Senior Rotarians of our club, and to provide their views in an informal setting about their membership experience.

At the breakfast, the New Members were provided with some Rotary Education through an innovative game which was designed by the Fellowship Chair. The club presented gift bags to each new member.

In the gift bag there were several items which signified the six focus areas of the Rotary Foundation. A prize was given to the new member who was able to guess the theme of the bag after being shown the various items.

The aim is to have the fellowship breakfast once a month in order to build camaraderie in the club which we hope will result in the goal of retaining at least 90% of our members.
ACTIVITIES FROM ST. MARTIN
ROTARY CLUB OF ST. MARTIN SUNRISE

...submitted by PAG Louis Weyer
February is designated as World Understanding Month. This month was chosen because it includes the birthday of Rotary International, February 23. During the month, Rotary clubs are urged to present programs which promote international understanding and goodwill, as well as launch World Community Service projects in other parts of the world.
INTRODUCING OUR 2ND ANNUAL BUTTERFLY STORYBOOK PROJECT

REMINDER:
- Submissions to your Rotary Club by December 10, 2013
- Submissions to Rotary E-Club of the Caribbean, 7020 by December 20, 2013
The Rotary E-Club of the Caribbean, 7020 invites all clubs in the district to participate in a district-wide literacy project.

Our club is offering students in your area an opportunity to write a short story, to win prizes, to have their story published in an E-book, and to be recognized on our website.

Please partner with us to make this project a success, and to encourage your schools to participate.

Documents have been sent out to all club presidents and secretaries – in both English and French!

For further information, contact President Kitty at ladykitt@gmail.com or PDG Diana at dianawhite.7020@gmail.com.

Yours in Rotary Service
Members of the Rotary E-Club of the Caribbean, 7020

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The Rotaract Clubs of the Bahamas met with DG Jeremy at a special meeting recently! A grant showing.

The awesomeness of District 7020's Rotaract in full force at the meeting Joint Bahamas' Rotaract Clubs meeting on Monday evening. As always Rotaractors do with style, energy and technology!

Presentations from the Presidents of each of the Bahamas' Rotaract Clubs projects already successfully carried out and bold ambitious plans for the rest of the year meeting the communities real needs that would make many of our Rotary club envious!

Then of course onto the fun entertainment - courtesy of one of the top Junkanoo bands "The Assassins." By the way, the officers from the Royal Bahamas Police Force are not about to haul DG Jeremy off but are Rotaract members! Thankfully...

Great evening guys - "Rotarians in Waiting" do great work!
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LEARNING UNLIMITED PREPARATORY SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB
St. Maarten

Below, the members of the Learning Unlimited Preparatory School Interact Club present donations to the Sint Maarten Red Cross to help those families affected by the Cole Bay fire.

NASSAU – BAHAMAS
INTERACT CLUB OF CV BETHEL – INTERACT CLUB OF KINGSWAY ACADEMY
EARLY-ACT CLUB OF STEPHEN DILLET
BEACH CLEANUP

In recognition of World Interact Day, Rotary Club of Nassau partnered with its sponsoring clubs the Interact Club of CV Bethel, Interact Club of Kingsway Academy and the Early Act Club of Stephen Dillet to conduct a beach clean-up project.

The Rotaract Club of South East Nassau Centennial also participated.
This event is not only significant because of World Interact Week but because it brought together all 4 generations of Rotary together working to achieve one common goal.

The team consisted of approximately 70-80 volunteers who worked hard to ensure the project was a success. Upon completion Early Actors took a dip and enjoyed the beautiful water.
Interactors at work (left) – Rotarian and Rotaractors (right)

ADRR Lynell & Interactors (left) – Rotaractors at work (right)

Interact Members at RCSEN on November 6th 2013

St. Andrews School’s Interact at RCSEN

Doris Johnson’s Interact at RCSEN
St. Andrews School Interact Induction on November 8th 2013

RCSEN & RCSENC Assist At The Interact Car Wash At Doris Johnson on November 9th 2013
Until 1989, the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International stated that Rotary club membership was for males only. In 1978, the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, invited three women to become members. The RI Board withdrew the charter of that club for violation of the RI Constitution.

The club brought suit against RI claiming a violation of a state civil rights law which prevents discrimination of any form in business establishments or public accommodations. The appeals court and the California Supreme Court supported the Duarte position that Rotary could not remove the club's charter merely for inducting women into the club. The United States Supreme Court upheld the California court indicating that Rotary clubs do have a "business purpose" and are in some ways public-type organizations. This action in 1987 allowed women to become Rotarians in any jurisdiction having similar "public accommodation" statues.

The RI constitutional change was made at the 1989 Council on Legislation, with a vote to eliminate the "male only" provision for all of Rotary.

**MORE ROTARY FIRSTS**

- Rotary became bilingual in 1916 when the first club was organized in a non-English-speaking country – Havana, Cuba.
- Rotary established the “Endowment Fund” in 1917, which became the forerunner of The Rotary Foundation.
- Rotary first adopted the name “Rotary International” in 1922 when the name was changed from the International Association of Rotary Clubs.
- Rotary first established the Paul Harris Fellows recognition in 1957 for contributors of $1000 to The Rotary Foundation.
- The first Rotary International convention held outside the United States was in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1921.
- The Rotary emblem was printed on a commemorative stamp for the first time in 1931 at the time of the Vienna Convention.
- The Rotary club which first held meetings on a weekly basis was Oakland, California, the Number 3 club.
A BIT OF ROTARY HISTORY

RI PRESIDENT – Raymond M. Havens

1922-23

Raymond M. Havens
Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, USA

“Rotary demands three important business obligations — sincerity in affirming, simplicity in bargaining, and faithfulness in performing. And to this may I add that good citizenship is a most positive business obligation.”

— 1923 RI Convention

RI PRESIDENT – Guy Gundaker

1923-24

Guy Gundaker
Rotary Club of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

“The essence of Rotary will likely continue to be as undefinable as life itself. Therefore, we cannot hope for many results from definitions of Rotary but must rely on Rotarians acquiring a working knowledge of the appropriate activities which they are expected to perform, and then urge them to carry those activities into practice in their daily lives.”

— 1917 Rotary convention
I joined Rotary because I wanted to be in the company of men of unblemished reputation; men of impeccable moral principles; men dedicated to community service. At the time I thought that such fellowship could result in deep and lasting friendships.

With the passage of time, I came to realize that Rotary was much more than I ever could have imagined.

Besides providing a wholesome environment where friendships can form and flourish, Rotary serves as a moral training ground; a permanent forum where Ideas can be discussed and debated; and a source of contributions to the betterment of humanity on both the local and international level. Rotary has helped me to broaden my thinking and has given me the opportunity to know the joy of serving my fellow man.

In time, I saw that Rotary was not destined to be simply an international associative movement, but rather, a potent force drawing all peoples of the world together through its emphasis on human dignity, decency, goodness, and love of one’s neighbor.

Today I am so intensely dedicated to my family, my profession, and to Rotary that, at times, I do not know which is more important.

Thus, I can truly say that Rotary is an integral part of my life.
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