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Rotary District 7020 Newsletter

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Our District Governor is Paul Brown from Jamaica. At right with wife, Kay.

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Dear Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Family of Rotary

Kay and I would like to take this opportunity to wish for all of you, a healthy prosperous and productive 2015. We hope that you had an enjoyable season of goodwill and cheer with your respective families, and are now looking forward with expectation to the year to come.

Over the last six months, Kay and I have made visits to almost all of the Clubs across the District; and throughout the time, as we have said before, we have been exposed to such warmth and kindness. We thank you for your expressions of caring and we will always cherish these rich experiences.

We have completed our round of visits in early December by sharing fellowship with the Clubs of St Thomas, St John and St. Croix. This has brought our total number of Clubs visited for the year to seventy eight (78). We would like to congratulate all of you for the outstanding efforts made in providing service to your local communities. They have been truly blessed by your efforts.

Fellow Rotarians, time seems to have flown as we have already completed our first six months of this Rotary year. The Rotary theme for this month is Rotary Awareness.

During this month, we should reflect on how we have been achieving our goals set at the beginning of the year. As we review, we should reset our objectives and make every effort to complete all our targets. Take time to reflect on our personal efforts at engagement with our Clubs, and seek, where short, to make an even greater effort over the next three months.

Over these months, let’s maintain our focus on the areas of priority. We continue to encourage you to seek opportunities to

- grow our membership
- commence and complete our service projects
- contribute to the Foundation especially to our Polio Fund

And whilst doing all these things, remember to let our communities be aware of our collective Rotary Stories.

I must also compliment all our Rotary Clubs who do such good work with our Youth Service arm. We continue to do well in this area, and we have seen significant interest being displayed amongst our Clubs in the area of Early-act.

We are truly Lighting up Rotary, and we must continue to do so in the second half of the year. Whilst doing so, let’s Inspire our Youth and build our Rotary movement.

- Take some time to review the District Goals and the plans for recognition.
- Be sure to meet the deadlines set for March and April, and
- Encourage members to register for the upcoming PETS, Assembly and District Conference in May and for the International Convention in June.

Yes, there is still lots to do and to look forward to in these next six months. Let’s raise our level of awareness, and recommit to making a difference in people’s lives. Let’s continue to Light up Rotary and have fun and satisfaction doing so.

Paul Brown, District 7020 Governor (2014-15)
ABCs OF ROTARY

EXCHANGE OF CLUB BANNERS

One of the colourful traditions of many Rotary clubs is the exchange of small banners, flags or pennants. Rotarians travelling to distance locations often take banners to exchange at “make-up” meetings as a token of friendship. Many clubs use the decorative banners they have received for attractive displays at club meetings and district events.

The Rotary International board recognized the growing popularity of the banner exchange back in 1959 and suggested that those clubs which participate in such exchanges give careful thought to the design of their banners in order that they be distinctive and expressive of the community and country of which the club is a part. It is recommended that banners include pictures, slogans or designs which portray the territorial area of the club.

The board was also mindful of the financial burden such exchanges may impose upon some clubs, especially in popular areas where many visitors make up and request to exchange. In all instances, clubs are cautioned to exercise discretion and moderation in the exchange of banners in order that the financial obligations do not interfere with the basic serine activities of the club.

Exchanging club banners is a very pleasant custom, especially when a creative and artistic banner tells an interesting story of community pride. The exchange of banners is a significant tradition of Rotary and serves as a tangible symbol of our international friendship.

NON-ATTENDANCE RULES

The Rotary Club Constitution specifies three conditions under which a Rotarian’s membership will automatically be terminated for non-attendance. These circumstances are:

(a) Failure to attend or make up four consecutive club meetings
(b) Failure to attend or makeup 50 per cent of club meetings each six months, and
(c) Failure to attend at least 30 per cent of the meetings of one’s own club in each six month period.

Under any of these three cases, a member will lose Rotary membership unless the club board of directors has previously consented to excuse such failure for good and sufficient reason.

To some individuals, these rules may seem unusually rigid. However, being present at club meetings is one of the basic obligations a member accepts upon joining a Rotary club. The constitutional rules merely emphasize that Rotary is a participatory organization which highly values regular attendance. When a member is absent, the entire club loses the personal association with that member. Being present at a club meeting is considered a vital part of the operation and success of every Rotary club.

For any Rotarian to miss four consecutive meetings, or disregard the other attendance requirements, should be considered tantamount to the submission of one’s resignation from the club.

When a club terminates a member for non-attendance, it is simply an acceptance of a resignation and not a punitive action by the club officers. All Rotarians know the consequences of non-attendance, so it clearly becomes a conscious decision by a Rotarian to withdraw from the club when he fails to fulfill the attendance requirements.

SHARING ROTARY WITH NEW MEMBERS

Are you aware of the responsibility or obligation most Rotarians fail to perform? Paying their dues? Attending meetings? Contributing to the club’s service fund? Participating in club events and projects? No! None of these!

Of all the obligations a person accepts when joining a Rotary club, the one in which most Rotarians fail is “sharing Rotary.” The policies of Rotary International clearly affirm that every individual Rotarian has an “obligation to share Rotary with others and to help extend Rotary through proposing qualified persons for Rotary club membership.” It is estimated that less than 30 per cent of the
members of most Rotary clubs have ever made the effort to propose a new member. Thus, in every club, there are many Rotarians who readily accept the pleasures of being a Rotarian without every sharing that privilege with another qualified individual.

The Rotary policy on club membership states:

“In order for a Rotary club to be fully relevant to its community and responsive to the needs of those in the community, it is important and necessary that the club include in its membership all fully qualified prospective members located within its territory.”

One merely has to glance through the yellow pages of the local telephone directory to realize that most clubs have not invited qualified members of all businesses and professions into Rotary.

Only a Rotarian may propose a customer, neighbour, client, supplier, executive, relative, business associate, professional or other qualified person to join a Rotary club. Have you accepted your obligation to share Rotary? The procedures are very simple, and everyone must know at least one person who should belong to Rotary.

**TOLERANCE OF DIFFERENCES**

Occasionally, there is a temptation to criticize the laws, customs and traditions of another country which may seem strange or contrary to our own. In some instances, illegal practices or customs of one nation are completely lawful and acceptable in another.

As members of an international organization dedicated to world understanding and peace, it behooves Rotarians to exercise restraint in judging our Rotary friends and citizens from other countries when their behaviour seems unusual to us. A Rotary policy has existed for more than half a century relating to this dilemma of international relationships.

The statement adopted in 1933, says that because it is recognized that some activities and local customs may be legal and customary in some countries and not in others, Rotarians should be guided by this admonition of tolerance.

“Rotarians in all countries should recognize these facts and there should be a thoughtful avoidance of criticism of the laws and customs of one country by Rotarians of another country.” The policy also cautions again “any effort on the part of Rotarians on one country to interfere with the laws or customs of another country.”

As we strive to strengthen the bonds of understanding, goodwill and friendship, these policies still provide good advice and guidance.

**THE FOUR-WAY TEST**

One of the most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics in the world is the Rotary “4-Way Test.” It was created by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor in 1932 when he was asked to take charge of the Chicago-based Club Aluminum Company, which was facing bankruptcy.

Taylor looked for a way to save the struggling company mired in depression-caused financial difficulties. He drew up a 24-word code of ethics for all employees to follow in their business and professional lives. The 4-Way Test became the guide for sales, production, advertising and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company was credited to this simple philosophy.

Herb Taylor became president of Rotary International during 1954-55. The 4-Way Test was adopted by Rotary in 1943 and has been translated into more than 100 languages and published in thousands of ways. The message should be known and followed by all Rotarians.

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?
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The project can begin as soon as you read this article, and its end is March 31, 2015. Please be aware that the logo might change; and, if this is the case, we will inform you immediately.

The overall chairman is Betsy Owen from District 6930. Zone 33 will be led by Charles Allen from District 7690 and Zone 34 will be led by Gary Smith from District 6920. These two capable leaders are your contact people. They will encourage and promote participation by each of their zones. Whatever a club’s Community Service Project might be, we hope all will understand that our organization can benefit by letting the community know what we are doing. Therefore, publicity is a key requirement for “Rotary Has Heart” as Director Hall announced it in Asheville.

Betsy’s role is to work with Charles and Gary providing Governors in both zones with guidance and materials for their club's community service projects and related publicity.

At the end of the projects, March 31, each Governor will select one club winner within their district that he/she considers to have the best Community Service Project with related publicity. This selection shall be submitted to the zone coordinators, Charles Allen and
Gary Smith, and Chairman Betsy Owen. Each winning club will receive a George Lewis Painting along with 1,000 Rotary Foundation Recognition Points. The club presidents may use the painting and 1,000 recognition points to honor a Rotarian or non-Rotarian who has made a significant contribution to their community, use the prizes for fundraising or whatever they wish.

Betsy will coordinate with George Lewis.

Working together, we are sure that this will be a successful continuation to last year’s program. We appreciate you cooperation and support.

How welcome do you feel at your club? 
or at a club you may be visiting?

Making our members and our guests feel welcome is one of the ways to ensure that they’ll be back.

The Rotary Club of Clayton County, GA, in District 6900 decided about 6 years ago that we would institute a Greeter program, complete with Greeter Manual.

On the next page is a copy of that manual developed by then Sergeant -at-Arms, Raymond Baggarly. Perhaps you can use this or develop your own to make everyone feel welcome in your Club. Those of you, who already have a Greeter Program, might like to share your ideas.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GA
ROTARY DISTRICT 6900
Greeter Manual

Purpose: The purpose of “Greeter Manual” is to establish a Best Practices and Procedures for the “Greeter” to ensure a consistent and well-defined model that will exemplify Rotary ideals when Rotarians or Guest visit our club.

Classic Greeter Characteristics

The Greeter should be a Rotarian who enjoys fellowship and sharing the joy of Rotary.

Best Practices and Procedures

It is recommended that two Greeters be appointed and provide support and back-up to each other and work as a team.

- The Greeters should arrive at 11:45 a.m. or 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting and be the first welcoming hand and smile the Rotarians and Guest see when entering the room.
- The Greeter should remain on duty until opening comments by the President.
- To encourage on-time participation, a Greeter should enter the food service area 5-minutes before the meeting starts and gently announce the meeting is starting in 5- minutes.
- Rotary badge, Greeter Badge and Rotary pin must always be worn.
- The Greeter should introduce him or herself, shake hands and give welcome comments.
- The Greeter should visit any guest or Rotarian’s table in the event they slip by the Greeter.
- Guests should be introduced to the Sgt.-at-Arms and briefed on the sign-in procedure. The Greeter should introduce the guests to the Rotarian responsible for introductions, if possible.
• Guests who are alone should be introduced to other Rotarians and ask one of them to escort the guest to the cafeteria line while offering assistance with food selection, desert and drinks.

• When returning to the meeting room, the Greeter should again greet the guest and make sure he or she is comfortable and is seated with the escort.

• If time permits, the Greeter should introduce the guests to the President and Guest speaker.

• Guests of Rotarians should receive the same courtesy as above but the Greeter should help locate the Rotarian and escort the guests to them if arriving separately.

• Visiting Rotarians should receive the same courtesy as above but the Greeter should inquire about the home club, occupation, if banners need to be exchanged and pass the information on to the Sgt-at-Arms and President.

• The Greeter should be at the door to bid farewell to Rotarians and guests at the conclusion of the meeting and present each guest with a brochure or memento from our club.

The main goal of the Greeter is to make each and every Rotarian and guest feel completely welcomed and comfortable.

**Want to know how to attract young professionals?**

Adam Barth, a member of the Rotary Club of Jacksonville, NC District 7730, attended the Young Professionals Summit in Chicago this September. He was one of only thirty participants between the ages of 25 - 40 selected from all over the nation.

Read on and find FIVE POINTS Adam shares to consider when attracting this age group in your clubs.

These Rotarians and Rotaractors came together in the birthplace of Rotary, Chicago. This was phase three of a six-phase process funded by a $1,000,000 donation from an anonymous couple. The donation was made in the interest of growing Rotary and its viability.

Adam says, “I wasn’t quite sure what to expect, but it didn’t take long to realize after meeting everyone I was amongst like-minded, movers and shakers. It was a great representation of the diversity our organization has to offer.” Adam continues by saying, “We looked at Rotary from the inside out, upside-down and sideways. It was easy to have candid conversations with everyone because the goal was understood and our desire to make it happen was evident.”

Here are the five general points Adam shared from the summit:

**Listen (don’t wait to talk)** – Many young professionals have great ideas and a different way of looking at things. Listening to them is more than waiting for them to be quiet so they can be told how it should “really” be done. There is always room for improvement and if Rotary is to remain a worldwide leader in service to others, we must be attuned to new ideas and adaptations that will only make our organization stronger.

**Rotary is a verb, not a noun** – Service is what our organization is all about. The heart of our motto is “Service above self”. It’s one thing to serve, but to serve above self is something our society does not see enough of. We must be intentional and inspirational in our excitement and desire to improve the lives of those around us. It was overwhelming to hear all the unique ideas everyone brought to the table. Rotary shouldn’t describe who we are, but what we do!

**Stop competing with each other** – We are all part of a much larger organization. The desire to change the world is amongst all clubs, districts and zones. If you find someone interested in Rotary, but your club may not meet their needs; find a club to meet their needs. If there isn’t a club to meet their needs inspire them to find people who share their passion and start another. Clubs need to quit competing with each other. The growth of Rotary will only increase if we find a fit for potential Rotarians instead of forcing them to fit.
Engage – We must get our “ask” in gear. It is important to invite potential Rotarians to events. Be sure to get them engaged in a fun event. After the event, invite them to coffee or lunch with a couple Rotarians. Now that they’ve been engaged outside of just sitting in a regular meeting, invite them to a meeting and they’ll know more than one person when they come. We must be sure not to marry on the first date. Don’t smother them with Rotary in the first conversation. The best way to initially express Rotary with a guest is having them join you in a service project and allow them to experience the fun of fellowship first hand.

The “Yes, and...” Attitude – There are so many different people and goals in Rotary it may seem to the outside world impossible to get things done. However, the beauty of Rotary is our centered desire to better those in our community, locally and globally. If there is a potential service project, unique fundraiser or chance to go out on a limb for your community seizes it! Negativity and lack of support can destroy what could be the solution to world peace. If someone has this passion, let him or her know you’re on board. Say, “Yes, and ask what else is needed to accomplish the goal?”

What will come of this summit?

Adam: “I can say with certainty, changes! There is always room for improvement and the Young Professionals Summit gave us focus as to what we can do as Rotarians to ensure those who set the original example of service in the 711 room will not be forgotten. We ended the weekend with writing a postcard to our future selves listing the goals of what we hoped to achieve when we returned home using our newfound knowledge. It will be mailed at an unknown future date.

I’m normally not an emotional guy, but as I was listing my goals I thought to myself if those around me have the same desires, goals and visions for Rotary as I do there will be some amazing things coming down the line. I have never been around such passion to cause goose bumps.

The need for Rotary will never cease because the world can always be improved. However, the viability and message of Rotary may unless we strive toward engaging those around us to experience the fellowship of working together in their communities. I look forward to sharing in detail what was learned at the summit with as many clubs possible. We are Rotary!”

Are we really on the "Brink" of ending Polio?

How many times in the past couple of years have you been asked "Why does Rotary spend so much effort and financial resources to eradicate polio? Wasn't polio eradicated decades ago?"

And, probably the majority of the questions are from your own club members.

For those of us that grew up in the 30's 40's and 50's, we remember the loss of our friends and neighbors to the "incurable wild polio virus." We remember the large "iron lung machine" that kept alive some of our friends and family members. We remember contributing to the "March of Dimes."

We remember some of our friends who spent their childhood and teen years in “support braces.” And, we remember the discovery by Dr. Salk of the first polio vaccine. But more importantly we remember the effects of the vaccine and its successors when polio became pretty much a “non-entity” in the United States.

But, just a decade ago, 50% of the children of the world still lived in an area where polio was a major health threat. Unfortunately, with all of the progress we have made since the mid-80’s along with our partners, the World Health Organization (WHO), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, many nation states of the world, and most recently the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, approximately 20% of the children of the world still live in a polio endemic country or an area that has recently had a polio outbreak. We still have much to do, but we are making significant progress. Unfortunately, we still haven’t fulfilled our promise of almost three decades to the mothers and children of the world to completely “eradicate the wild polio virus” so that no child would have to live in fear of being infected with the incurable virus and suffer the lasting effects of the disease.

Why do I think we are on the “brink” of eradicating polio?

Let us look at the progress we have made. We currently only have thee endemic countries, Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan. 80% of the children of the world live in a certified polio free environment. This year we have only had globally, through October 15, 243 wild polio virus cases.

Last year, as of the same date, we had 293 cases.
But, more importantly 206 of the cases this year are from one endemic country ... Pakistan. Many of the remaining cases can also be traced directly back to Pakistan and a few to Nigeria. We have the vaccines, and we are overcoming, more slowly at times than we would like the cultural and religious obstacles.

More than six months has passed since a case of wild polio virus was reported in Syria or Iraq. Over 22 million children have been vaccinated against polio multiple times in the past year, in the midst of active conflict and a humanitarian crisis. Reviews took place in both Equatorial Guinea and Cameroon in September. Both assessments concluded that although much progress has been made in both countries, neither country, at this time, could certify that the transmission of the virus has been completely interrupted. However, follow up missions are currently taking place and certification could take place in Equatorial Guinea by December and in Cameroon by February.

A synchronized regional mass polio vaccination campaign in central and West Africa is currently underway to vaccinate nearly 94 million children in 18 counties with the oral polio vaccine. Our real trouble spot is Pakistan. Recently, during an NID polio workers were able to vaccinate only 95% of the children in the area of the NID. For cultural, political and religious reasons 5% of those children needing vaccination could not be reached. However, the number of children NOT reached is declining. We continue to enlist the assistance of the Pakistan government and religious leaders, and they are assisting us, but progress is not what we are accustomed to in other countries. But, if we can complete the vaccinations in Pakistan in a timely manner during the remainder of this year and into 2015, we can still reach our 2018 target date. In other words, in my opinion, we are on the “brink” of winning the war on the wild polio virus.

Complete eradication of the “virus” is close. Our “battle plan” the End Game Strategic Plan, is in place and operable. If we will continue our advocacy and fund raising at the club and district level to ensure the “plan” can be completed, we will win. And, Rotary’s legacy as an organization that fights the difficult fights and keeps it promises will be intact.

You are the difference! With your continued advocacy and commitment at the club and district level, we will win! Without your commitment, the outcome may be in doubt. We are on the “brink,” but the “battle” is not over. Can we count on your continued support?

If I can assist you in any way in Zone 33 or my colleague PDG Cynde Covington can assist those in Zone 34, please do not hesitate to call on us. We look forward to working with you. Together we will succeed!

**CDC continues its close collaboration with Rotary International**

On October 21, 2014, Rotarians from throughout Zones 33 and 34 gathered at the headquarters of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia to welcome RI President Gary Huang, RI President Nominee John Germ, RI Director Robert Hall and many other Rotarians.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia, provides scientific expertise to many polio eradication programs and activities. In the final push toward global polio eradication, the CDC continues its close collaboration with Rotary International to ensure a co-ordinated global and country-level response.

On October 21, 2014, Rotarians from throughout Zones 33 and 34 gathered at the headquarters of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia, to welcome RI President Gary Huang, RI President Nominee John Germ, RI Director Robert Hall and many other Rotarians. The CDC proclaimed this day as Rotary Day where an excellent program was provided that pointed out how the partnership between Rotary International and CDC will rid the world of polio.

RRFC Kenan Kern from Zone 34 welcomed those in attendance and recognized President Gary Huang, Director Zones 33 and 34, Robert Hall,
RIPN John Germ, and DGE of D6900 Bob Hagan to begin the multiple tours of the various departments throughout the campus of the CDC. Following the welcome to all, a variety of tours began the day with lengthy routes through multiple departments that are focuses on the special emphasis of diagnostic services and genomic sequencing of polioviruses to help guide disease control efforts in many countries.

In 2014, the Global Laboratory Network founded at the CDC included support for implementation of improved elaborate procedures that have increased sensitivity to detect and confirm new polio infection.

During one of the tours of the CDC campus during the early part of the day, the tour leader pointed out that an earlier disease of Smallpox no longer exists because of the efforts of the CDC. The exhibit shown in the photo stands as a reminder of the war on another rampant disease. The combined efforts of all who have joined in Rotary’s End Polio Now campaign (endpolionow.org) will change our world again to make sure no child is disabled by polio ever again.

On one of the department tours, we learned that the CDC employs over 13,000 employees as you may note in this IT Help Desk Department. This department provides control to aid and assist diagnostic and treatment locations throughout the world. These employees are actively observing work that has need for assistance in illness control in far-off nations. This type of departmental supervision allows senior management to make critical decisions in the most effective amount of time.

The afternoon found a second wave of Rotarians visiting the CDC on tours and ultimately over 80 Rotarians and guests joined together in the CDC Auditorium to hear more special presentations from Dr. Greg Armstrong, EOC Director of the CDC. RIPN John Germ, currently Chair of the International PolioPlus Committee, spoke on how Rotary has served the eradication program to bring our efforts to “This Close.”

RIPN John Germ took this opportunity to honour Dr. Greg Armstrong with a Paul Harris Fellow award as an expression of thanks for this special Rotary Day at the CDC. Those in attendance welcomed this special award valued by Rotarians for honouring noteworthy service as provided by Dr. Greg Armstrong. RIPN Germ acknowledged the great value of the partnership of Rotary and CDC with the creation of critical, strategic partnerships to achieve innovative guidelines of our traditions and values.

The afternoon concluded with a special reception hosted by Rotary International for the many Rotarians and guests who joined together for Rotary Day sponsored by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention. During this social time, staff members of the CDC reflected on the noteworthy work that Rotary International members provide in addition to their challenge in their campaign to END POLIO NOW.

Musical entertainment was provided by a vocal group knows as OCTAVE – Starts in the Atlanta Sky along with a very nice food and beverage selection for all to enjoy. Our entire group of Rotarians and guests were very appreciative of Rotary Day that recognized the great works through the partnership of Rotary International and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
My Rotary story

I joined Rotary some years ago because my neighbor invited me to a meeting and later to join the club. This seemed like a way to meet people in the community other than those I worked with; so I took advantage of this opportunity. I have indeed met many people and made close, lasting friendships. The fellowship and socializing (guess we call it networking now) has and continues to be most rewarding.

As time went along, I began realizing that there could and, in fact, should be more to what we as a group of Rotarians do. I read about and saw pictures of people, particularly children, hungry and facing starvation. I knew there was little I could do, as an individual, to feed them, but why couldn’t I leverage my effectiveness by join with my club members and other Rotarians to gather and package food to ship or organize a project to address food sustainability in areas of stress? I also read about and saw pictures of people, mostly children, crippled from polio, perhaps even dying.

I read about and saw pictures of people, many times children, walking many miles each and every day to secure water. This water wasn’t necessarily pure and safe, but it was better than using water out of the stagnant, polluted pond close by – knowing that they would likely get sick using this water. I knew that providing clean, pure, readily available water throughout the world, many cases very remote, was certainly well beyond what I, as an individual, could do to have a meaningful impact.

Instead, I could leverage my effectiveness by joining with my club members and other Rotarians in organizing and implementing water projects to address the need for sustainable sources of pure, safe water throughout the world, even in remote corners.

As Rotarians identify and address the many problems throughout the world, there is a realization that many needs require substantial leveraging to provide the necessary efforts and resources. This leveraging is possible through our Rotary Foundation. We financially support, organize and implement projects, and provide manpower to assure that needs are adequately addressed.

This raises the question of how do we sustain this effort year after year? As we address the needs in our six areas of focus, meaningful results require sustained, multi-year efforts. The needs in the world are great. Our efforts are making a difference and we must stay the course.

The answer to the “how” is not just maintaining, but instead, growing a strong, dedicated, supportive membership. There is little each of us as individual Rotarians can do, but as we leverage through our clubs, districts, and The Rotary Foundation, we can continue to do good in the world, to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

Membership growth and retention is the responsibility for each of us. We must invite friends and associates to join with us – to enjoy the friendship, fellowship, and networking in our club as well as reaching out into our communities (both local and global) to do significant good through leveraging.

Each of us was given a gift when we were invited to join Rotary. We should feel obligated to provide this same gift to others.
Although I had been a member for years, my transformation into a true Rotarian happened when Rotary transformed my daughter Lauren into a global citizen. First, back in 1982 when she was 15, she participated in a two week trip sponsored by Pittsburgh’s District 730 to Caracas, Venezuela. This was followed by her year as a Rotary exchange student in Ecuador. Later, during college, Rotary provided a month in Italy. Through Rotary’s nurturing she acquired a fluency in Spanish, a zeal for education, a maturity beyond her years, a tremendous motivation to explore the world, and a desire to serve others.

Lauren leveraged these experiences to gain positions in international marketing, the highlight being two years in the 1990’s as an ex-pat for Motorola in Bogotá, Colombia. To date, she has either worked or vacationed in nearly all parts of the world. She now lives in Miami with her husband and our 7 year old bi-lingual grandson, works as a partner with a global executive search firm, and is active in various service organizations including the Miami Chamber of Commerce and Red Cross.

Even though I had already been in Rotary for a number of years and had served as president of my local club it wasn’t until my daughter’s incalculable enrichment through Rotary that my eyes were opened to the breath of Rotary’s contributions to worthy causes including its positive influence on thousands of young people.

After becoming a true Rotarian and spending a decade or more plunging myself into all sorts of club and District projects in Pittsburgh I sadly left Rotary for professional reasons. Unexpectedly after only being retired in Florida for 6 years, I find myself back in Rotary, eagerly anticipating my Presidency of the Rotary Club of Port St. Lucie and excited about partnering with the Rotary Club of Port St. Lucie Sunset to host a Rotary Exchange Student next year.

While I am motivated by a feeling of indebtedness to pay back to Rotary for what Rotary did for my daughter, truth be told, true Rotarians know this is impossible because the more one does for Rotary the greater the benefits one receives.

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**2014-2015 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award**

The Rotary Foundation Trustees, at their October meeting, selected Dr. Geetha Jayaram as recipient of the 2014-2015 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award. Her application, which was nominated by D7620, had been selected as the Zone 33 recipient and forwarded to The Foundation for consideration for the Global Award. Geetha is a faculty member/attending physician in the Johns Hopkins Hospital Departments of Psychiatry, Health Policy, and Management and the Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety. She also maintains a private practice, and currently lives in Marriottsville, MD with her husband, PDG Jayaram Kumar.

Born in India, Dr. Jayaram initiated and established the first and only health clinic for severely mentally ill women and children in rural, southern India, starting in 1997 and formally established in 2002. She worked tirelessly with local village leadership; overcame many obstacles; established links with local Rotary clubs, academic center, and departments of psychiatry and community medicine; raised funds; and began free treatment and dispensing of medications. The clinic now has a case load of 1600 active patients. She visits villages annually during her vacation.

Her association with Rotary began at age 19, as a medical student - later becoming a Rotaract charter member. Geetha was recipient of a Rotary University Teacher’s grant, allowing her work with medical students to achieve their goals and dreams. As an active Rotarian since 1996, she served, with distinction, as club president, and currently is a member of the Columbia and Howard West club.

Dr. Jayaram has stated that “three critical factors have impacted all of my work in Rotary impacting community psychiatry, patient care quality and safety:

- Strong Rotary leadership and devotion of others to serve humanity
- Clearer promotion of a culture of global involvement and partnership in the service of the poor
- Multi-club and district teamwork”.

We applaud Geetha for her compassion, dedication, and service to humanity – particularly severely mentally ill women and children.
MEMBERSHIP

Comparison to 1 July
Counts as of: 30 November 2014

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ROTARY AWARENESS

“The Founder of Rotary” 1928, was the first of three major books by Paul P. Harris. The second, "This Rotarian Age," in 1935, was a text on Rotary service and history; and the more popular "My Road to Rotary," in 1948 round out the three.

The first and last were autobiographical. Only "My Road to Rotary" continues in print today and can be ordered from Rotary International's publication department, under "books."

In the year following the publication of this book, Paul and Jean traveled in Europe, including a visit to her home of Edinburgh.

Because his writing is of such excellence and because it can help all Rotarians to understand the philosophy behind his "idea" of our organization, Rotary First 100 has provided the book, on line.
## WINNERS
### Club-of-the-Month

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Many good ideas from Club-of-the-Month submissions -

Thomas Edison has stated, and I quote, “The value of an idea lies in the using of it.”

Season Greetings Everyone and a Prosperous New Year!

For the month of November, Rotary Foundation Month, a number of creative ideas were once again executed by the brilliant clubs of our district, which I am happy to share.

During this month, clubs executed fun, interactive activities

(a) To raise funds for the Rotary Foundation (PolioPlus and the Annual Fund)
(b) To build awareness and
(c) To educate their members and the community about the Foundation.

Some of the popular activities executed included bingo games, coin / penny collections, printing and selling of T-shirts for Polio, organizing dinners for the “World’s Greatest Meal to End Polio” and recognizing deserving persons as Paul Harris Fellows, which helped to raise lots of funds for polio eradication efforts and for the Annual Fund.

Other creative ideas executed by clubs include the Rotary Foundation Trivia Challenges organized by the Rotary Club of Portmore. The Rotary Foundation Trivia Challenges were held every Wednesday throughout the month of November. A question related to the Rotary Foundation was asked via email at 12:00 p.m. every Wednesday, and the first Rotarian who responded with the correct answer received a special prize each week. Fun and Educational!

Portmore. The Rotary Club of Portmore also organized a Rotary Foundation Jeopardy Challenge, which has become an annual competition amongst club members during the month of November. Members are split into two teams and compete against each other answering questions about Rotary and the Rotary Foundation. The winning team members received polio plus pins and bragging rights. Way to Go Portmore!!

Grand Cayman. Likewise, the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman conducted a quiz on Polio. There were four winning tables (tied at the same score) at which every participant won 200 Foundation Points from the Club, which has accumulated multiple Foundation Points thanks to their donations to PolioPlus and the Annual Fund. Nice!
East Nassau. The Rotary Club of East Nassau held an event for the World’s Greatest Meal which involved ten (10) local restaurants.

The restaurants gave a percentage of their sales for that particular day to the End Polio Now campaign and even put donation boxes in their dining rooms so customers could make personal donations.

Fabulous idea!

At left- Rotarians and patrons enjoying the World Greatest Meal at one of the participating restaurants

Les Cayes, Haiti. The Rotary Club of Les Cayes, on the other hand, chose the game of soccer to build awareness about the Rotary Foundation and to raise funds for the eradication of polio worldwide.

They organized a friendly soccer game between the Rotaract Club of Les Cayes and the Rotary Club of Les Cayes. All donations collected for this game were donated to the Rotary Foundation (Polio Plus). All I can say is….Goal!

New Providence. The Rotary Club of New Providence came up with the idea of a Birthday Grant. The club members decided that a creative way to engage, support and raise funds for the PHF was to implement this activity.

The Birthday Grant requires members to contribute one (1) dollar for each year of their age ensuring that on average all club members contribute at least US$35.00 to the Rotary Foundation during the Rotary year. Excellent idea!

Tortola. Finally, the Rotary Club of Tortola observed a moment of silence for the four (4) Anti-polio workers who died in the line of service and they shared the story on our Facebook page. Thank you, Rotary Club of Tortola for remembering and honoring them!

That’s it for this edition and remember,

"Everything begins with an idea." - Earl Nightengale

PLEASE NOTE!!

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# Club Charter Celebrations

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“If it is to be, it is up to me.”

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**Rotary International Convention**

Posted by David Beck on Jul 01, 2014

**Upcoming Conventions:**

- *June 6-9 - RI Convention 2015*
  - São Paulo, Brazil

- 29 May—1 June - RI Convention 2016
  - Seoul, Republic of Korea (tentative)

- 10-14 June - RI Convention 2017
  - Atlanta, Georgia, USA (tentative)
THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY, NOW AN OFFICIAL TRF PROGRAM

“Rotary International’s masterpiece is The Rotary Foundation. It transforms our dreams into splendid realities...it is the most generous expression of Rotarian generosity -a generosity that not only brings benefits but also brings help and cooperation to solve the problems that affect mankind. The Rotary Foundation achieves the best that mankind can possibly achieve.”

PAULO COSTA 1990-1991 RI PRESIDENT

The Rotary Foundation has been so effective because it matches money with people.

THE DISTRICT 7020 FOUNDATION TEAM

Confirmation of Robert Leger as District Governor for 2017 - 2018

Further to my letter dated November 22, 2014, and in accordance with Rotary International By-Laws, I now declare Past Assistant Governor (PAG) Robert Leger to be the District Governor of District 7020 for the year 2017 - 2018, having received no challenge to the nomination.

PAG Robert is to be given the designation District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND) until July 1st 2015 when his designation changes to District Governor Nominee.

Congratulations, Robert!
Rotary Awareness Month
January
RLI – Jamaica
Spanish Court Hotel on January 24-25, 2015.

World Understanding Month
February
International Women’s Day
March 8, 2015

World Rotaract Week
March 9-15, 2015

World Autism Awareness Day
April 2, 2015

Earth Day, 2015
Wednesday, April 22, 2015

D7020 Conference 2015 – May
May 12-16, 2015
Montego Bay, Jamaica

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REPEAT ANNOUNCEMENT - The purpose of this correspondence is to announce our trip to India to participate in the February 22, 2015 polio National Immunization Day (NID). This will be a life changing experience.

There is a limited amount of space and this trip is expected to be filled very early. (At the time of writing, the trip has been filled.)

Since January 2011, there has been only ONE new confirmed case of polio in India. In 2012, India was removed from the list of polio endemic countries and in 2013 the entire Southeast Asia Region was declared Polio free. This does not mean it isn’t still important for India to continue to immunize children and remain diligent in these efforts. However, we are getting remarkably close to eradicating polio globally. Therefore, this might be one of the last opportunities we will have to organize a trip to India to participate in polio NID activities.

For the interest of those who cannot participate, the program will travel to Delhi, India, where we visit the World Health Organization Office Delhi Office and the Polio Plus Office for an update on activities. We’ll visit St. Stephen’s Hospital where Dr. Matthew performs reconstructive surgeries on polio patients. Then we’ll see some of the many sites around Old and New Delhi as time permits.

This trip also includes travel to Agra to visit the Taj Mahal, and Jaipur to visit the famous Rotary Jaipur Limb factory, and enjoy this extraordinary city. We’ll fly to Kolkata to visit Mother Teresa’s Mission of Charity, visit with Rotarians and see Rotary projects, to include Pace Universal School. Then we’ll travel by bus to Dhanbad, my home in India (District 3250), where we will be hosted in Rotarian homes and take part in the NID activities.

Date of Departure: Thursday, February 12, 2015
Date of Return: Wednesday, February 25, 2015

Visas: All U.S. citizens will need to secure an Indian visa.
http://www.in.ckgs.us/visa/type-of-visa/tourist-visa.shtml

Travel Vaccines: We recommend that all participants visit the Centers for Disease Control.
Website: http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/india.htm to determine what vaccinations may be needed for this trip.

Confirmation in the program will be on a first come, first served basis. Over the last two years, this program sold out in less than two weeks. Seats will be limited to approximately 35 people.

Best regards,

PDG Nancy Barbee
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Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

.. John Wesley
January, 2015 – Happy New Year!

CLUB NEWS – Where is your club?

ROTARY CLUB OF SINT MAARTEN MID-ISLE

...submitted by Ramesh Manek

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Rotary enters Duathlon to continue fight against polio

From this world, there were 125 countries that had endemic Polio with 1000 cases of Polio per day around the world. Now we have three countries that have endemic Polio (Afghanistan – Nigeria and Pakistan) with less than 300 cases in a year around the world.

In 1985 when Rotary promised the World that we will eradicate Polio, we need the entire world to help in crossing the finish line,” said Ramesh Manek.

You can donate to Rotary to End Polio in different ways; please your donation on this Facebook group “Rotary End Polio Now.” Contact any member of the Rotary Club of St. Maarten Mid Isle to collect the donation or email rotaryxsm@gmail.com.

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Peter Mazereeuw, (l to r) his son Matthijs Mazereeuw and Ramesh Manek will represent Rotary Club Mid Isle at the Tropical Duathlon Run - Walk. Fun to raise awareness and funds in the fight against Polio.
January, 2015 – Happy New Year!

...Sint Maarten Mid-Isle
The Sint Maarten Diabetic foundation had a walkathon a testing and information section for the Diabetics. This walkathon had two main sponsors - Sol and Rotary Club of Sint Maarten Mid Isle. During this walkathon, our club was well represented. Our prime minister also took part. It was a very good turnout we had more than 300 people. We are glad to be one of the main sponsor for this event.
At right above - Ramesh Manek, President Wayne Wilkie, Rotarian Angela Gordon, P.P. Jon Hart, Louis Weyer.
Below - the foot doctor checks the patients’ feet.
PHILIPSBURG--Rotary Clubs around the globe celebrated World Interact Week recently. Rotary Club of Sint Maarten-Mid Isle welcomed the president of “Free Hands of St. Maarten” Interact Club of St. Dominic High School (SDHS) Ajay Dialani and club secretary Neha Gidwani to its meeting on November 4, to explain about the history and what their club is planning to do in the near future.

Through a raffle, SDHS Interactors are raising funds to purchase gift baskets, which they will be sharing out to more than a hundred senior citizens at the school’s annual brunch for the elderly around Christmas time.

Rotary-Mid Isle sponsored SDHS Interact Club in 2001. The club, which consists of High School students ages 12 to 18, has undertaken numerous community projects throughout its years of existence, such as toy drives for children, clean-ups of various beaches and areas, and most recently organised two fund-raisers to help the Rotary Foundation with its “End Polio Now” campaign.

The Rotary Club of St. Maarten-Mid Isle made a donation to the Love of Kids Foundation to help the foundation with its Film Festival, which is held every year at the University of St. Maarten. Rotary-Mid Isle President Wayne Wilkie (r) handed the cheque over to Dorothea Falkenburg of the Love of Kids Foundation.

...Sint Maarten Mid-Isle
ROTARY E-CLUB OF THE CARIBBEAN, 7020
Award-winning Literacy Project

THIRD EDITION COMING IN THE NEW YEAR!

ROTARY CLUB OF ELEUTHERA, BAHAMAS
...submitted by Jacquie Gibson

TELEMEDICINE MAKES HISTORY IN ELEUTHERA

Have you heard of our telemedicine project? This Rotary project is a partnership between Rotary Club of Eleuthera and Rotary clubs in California. This project allows Dr. Jim Gude of California to speak on medical topics to medical teams around the world including Eleuthera once per week.

This project also affords our medical staff the opportunity to consult with specialist in California in the event of any emergencies –

See more at:
http://rotaryclubofeleuthera.org/Stories/telemedicine-makes-history-in-eleuthera#sthash.18rjZ0EZ.dpuf

At left – Rotarians and Eleuthera medical professionals in session.
A SALUTE TO CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT ROTARIAN ISMELLA DAVIS

The Rotary Club of Eleuthera staged "Throwback Thursday" recently in her honor!

Chief Superintendent ROTARIAN Ismella Davis, the second highest ranking female on the Royal Bahamas Police Force, was the very first and (at present), the only female Rotarian in the Bahamas! Her historic induction as member of the ROTARY CLUB OF ELEUTHERA, under the Presidency of Jacqueline Gibson, took place in September 2012.

Recently she attended her last meeting at the Rotary Club of Eleuthera (for this season), as her promotion requires her to fill a top position in RBPF, on Grand Bahama Island.

CONGRATULATIONS TO A WOMAN WORTHY OF HIGHEST PRAISE!

COMPUTER DONATIONS FOR PALMETTO POINT ELEUTHERA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Rotary Club of Eleuthera donates much need computers to the Palmetto Point Community Library.

This library is used for after school research for students from Central Eleuthera High and Emma Cooper Primary School students who reside in the local community and surrounding communities.

At left - Bahamas West Assistant Governor Stanford Charlton, Rotarian Rosey Thompson (Library Overseer), President Julian Carey, Kay Brown, Rotary District 7020 District Governor Paul Brown

IF IT IS TO BE
IT IS UP TO ME

…RC of Eleuthera, Bahamas
ROTARY CLUB OF ELEUTHERA MEMBERSHIP GROWS

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER BY DG PAUL!

Brian "Da Bear" Carey was pinned as the 'newest' member of RCE. He is the brother of our President Julian, and Rotarian Quinton.

We are proud to have the three Carey brothers in our club!

At right - DG Paul pins President Ju with his special sponsorship pin, Rotarian Brian "Da Bear" looks on.

Below - Rotarian Quinton Carey, President Julian Carey, and "Da Bear" Carey. Friend of Rotary Mama Remilda Carey is proud her 3 Rotarian sons!

…RC of Eleuthera, Bahamas
Philipsburg, November 28, 2014: November is Rotary Foundation Month and Rotary Club of St. Martin Sunrise Foundation Director Meredith Boekhoudt recently gave a review to fellow members on the Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Foundation was formed on the advice of Past Rotary International President Arch C. Klumph who suggested an endowment “for the purpose of doing good in the world”. The Foundation aims to “advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty”. They do this mainly through their End Polio Now campaigns and through offering Peace Fellowships where degrees and certificates are earned in peace and conflict resolution.

Ms. Boekhoudt shared that all contributions to the foundation is made by Rotarians and friends of the foundation worldwide. Over 1 billion US dollars has been received through contributions toward the Foundation since it began 97 years ago. President Virginia Asin explains that Rotary Sunrise has done many fundraisings, most recently the flea markets at Air Lekkerbek that helps contribute to the foundation. Ms. Boekhoudt explained that contributions sent to the foundation can be directed to the Annual Fund, which funds local and international service projects, scholarships, and vocational training teams, the Polio Plus Fund, which funds efforts to eradicate polio, and the Endowment Fund, whose earnings support grants, as the principle is never spent in order to ensure contributing to future generations.

Rotarians and friends can individually contribute and receive recognition for doing so by becoming a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member, Paul Harris Fellow, Multiple Paul Harris fellow, Memorial Paul Harris Certificate, Certificate of Appreciation, benefactor, Bequest Society, Major Donor or part of Arch C. Klumph Society. The recognition is designated by the amount of monies donated to the foundation. President Asin is proud to have six current members who are Paul Harris Fellows: Sidharth “Cookie” Bijlani, Meredith Boekhoudt, Claret Connor, Prakash “Peter” Dialani, Irma Gumbs, and Marcellia Henry.

President Asin expressed gratitude towards these fellows and also all donors, sponsors and the general public who has supported Rotary Sunrise in their fundraising efforts so that they can contribute to this foundation and to a wider extension, the world. To get more information about the Rotary Foundation and to see the difference that is being made because of its existence please visit the Rotary International website at www.rotary.org.
Rotary Sunrise welcomes InfoBizz
Philipsburg, November 30, 2014:

Rotary Club of St. Maarten Sunrise was pleased to have Infobizz Founder Ife Badejo and her colleagues during their recent morning meeting in observance of Global Entrepreneurship Week.

From left to right – Sunrise’s Agnes Kapoor, Dr. Will Moreland, Sunrise’s Marcellia Henry, Sunrise President Virginia Asin, Badejo, Kenton Lord, Wycliffe Smith and Sunrise’s Okama Ekpe Brook

ROTORARY CLUB OF SINT MAARTEN
...submitted by Jeffrey Sochrin

ROTARIANS PREPARE FOOD HAMPERS FOR HOLIDAY MEALS

Cole Bay, November 30, 2014: Members of the Rotary Club of St. Maarten and Learning Unlimited and Milton Peters College EarlyAct and InterAct Clubs gathered at Prime Distributers in Cole Bay to make and stuff an upwards of 200 Food Hampers for those in need during the Holiday season.

An assembly line of volunteers put flour, rice, cereals, canned vegetables, and many other food items necessary for a great holiday feast together in hampers and staged them for delivery to those in need before the holidays. About 20 Rotarians and another 20 EarlyAct/InterAct members participated in the preparation.

“It was a lot of fun putting together these baskets,” said Club President Danny Ramchndani. “Seeing everyone taking time out of their busy schedules to help make a difference to those who might not be able to fully enjoy a holiday meal is such a great feeling. We had started a campaign earlier in the year of ‘No Child Goes to Bed Hungry Tonight’ and these food baskets fall into this mission.”

He continued to say. “On behalf of the Rotary Club of St. Maarten, I would like to wish everyone a joyous and safe holiday season.”
January, 2015 – Happy New Year!

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

...Sint Maarten
For the month of November and December, we have been preparing the Leogane community for the 5 miles run that will be taking place on the eve of the anniversary of the quake in Haiti 12 January 2010.

This race on the 11th of January 2015 will be in the memory of all the death from the quake. Our slogan will be Leogane en Sante.

Here are some pictures below:

Above - the Clinic La Sante staff in Leogane, one of our partners in Mobile Clinics. Paulette Letemps, Yverline Pierre-Louis, Nurse Nanny.

Below left - Some staff and two students. Only Fritz G. Pierre-Louis is a Rotarian.

Below right - Rotary club members and other athletes discuss proper training for the 5 miles race on the 11th of January 2015 – with Past President Jackson Maddy and the Chairman of the race Fritz G. Pierre-Louis

…RC of Leogane, Haiti
Above - Magepa water filtration system and next to the filter we have a survivor from the Earthquake - Feggy 10 years old

...RC of Leogane, Haiti
It’s been a busy week for St. Thomas with the visit from District Governor, Dr. Paul Brown and Mrs. Brown. On Wednesday, December 3rd there was a joint meeting of the Rotary Club of St. Thomas and Rotary Two of St. Thomas at Marriott Frenchman's Reef. I am sending some pictures of this from my cell phone.

Then on Thursday, December 4th the and his wife along with Assistant DG Michael Toussaint, Rotary Club of St. Thomas President Erik Ackerson and Secretary Paul Davis visited Adelita Cancryn Middle School to observe teacher Gloria Selas Lindquist and her students’ demonstration of the BabyThink It Over program. Photos below at Adelita Cancryn Middle School.
Rotary Sunrise just gave over $3,000 worth of tablet computers to students residing in the St. Thomas SeaView Adolescent Center (press release included and photos). This is an important venture between the Sunrise Club and AARP because this donation will help these special students to gain access to not just the internet, but also to social media and computer skill building. This event occurred when District Governor Paul Brown and his wife Kay were making an official visit to the Clubs in St. Thomas. (Remarks in Press release come from those quoted in the release. Remarks for Real Pad Presentation were given by AARP VI Executive Council Member, Dave Barber.)

Rotary District Governor Joins Rotary Sunrise and AARP VI
For Donation of Digital Tablets to SeaView
December 3, 2014

Rotary District Governor (DG), Dr. Paul Brown joined Rotary Club of St. Thomas Sunrise President Shaun Pennington and AARP VI Executive Council Member Dave Barber at a special presentation of digital AARP RealPad tablets to the teachers at the SeaView Adolescent Center on Tuesday, December 2, 2014.

Rotary Sunrise has been an ongoing sponsor of activities conducted with the students at the SeaView Adolescent Center for a number of years. The Sunrise group regularly looks for ways it can support the Center’s efforts to provide the best educational and social environment possible for these special students. Since purchasing laptop computers for each student was cost prohibitive for the small Rotary club, the Rotarians were pleased to find an appropriate alternative within their means.

The AARP RealPad is a WIFI tablet that comes with a wealth of preloaded apps, including email, calendars, and many other popular applications. AARP RealPads were identified as an appropriate donation to the SeaView Adolescent Center because these compact, tablets will prepare students for the digital world.

These AARP RealPads will help students complete academic assignments while helping them gain valuable computer experience, be able to go online, take and send pictures and videos, play games, store important documents, connect with friends and family and much more. Since the AARP RealPads were developed for people who found technology to be confusing and difficult, these easy-to
use tablets will help inexperienced students benefit from technology at its best with 20 pre-loaded tutorials. Where more detailed help is needed there is live, remote support available on a 24/7 basis.

“The students at SeaView have enough challenges,” stated Rotary President Pennington, “Being able to use these tablets, right out-of-the-box is one less thing they will need to worry about. Rotary Sunrise is happy to provide a meaningful item that will help these students with their academic endeavors while also giving them access the internet, social media and much more.”

AARP VI State Director, Denyce Singleton, noted that she “is delighted that the AARP RealPads are an intergenerational device that will be able to provide valuable services to seniors and young adults alike.” Singleton thanked Rotary Sunrise for reaching out to the AARP State Office on this project and looks forward to working together in the future.”

7020 District Governor Paul Brown is visiting the territory as part of his official visit to many of the 83 Rotary clubs included in the district. 7020 clubs include organizations from 10 different Caribbean countries or territories.

IIronically, Mr. Barber (from AARP) was so impressed with this project, that he personally went out and purchased headphones for each student so that they could enjoy music on the RealPad when they weren’t studying with it. (Dave’s Picture is also included & labeled.)

Rotarian Dave Barber

Rotary Sunrise Club Hosts District Governor and Presents $5,000 Hole-In-One Check from Fundraiser Golf Tournament

Media representatives were cordially invited to attend a special Rotary Club of St. Thomas Sunrise on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 being held at the Windward Passage Hotel at 7:30 a.m.

At left - Matt Smith, Nigel Bailey, Sunrise Club Treasurer, Dr. Jeff Chase – former Sunrise Member, current Friend to Rotary, Dr. Paul Brown, and District 7020 Governor

Dr. Jeff Chase, one of the Club’s major sponsors, presented the $5,000 check to Matt Smith who successfully made a hole-in-one at the Sunrise Club’s fundraiser Golf Tournament held in September.
The Club’s President Shaun Pennington also welcomed the Rotary District Governor (DG) Paul Brown, from Jamaica during the morning meeting. DG Brown hails from Kingston, Jamaica where he teaches surgery at the University Hospital of the West Indies and is a consulting surgeon at a number of Kingston hospitals. Dr. Brown joined Rotary in 1992 and has served in a variety of capacities before becoming the Director of the Caribbean Region (7020) which includes 80 clubs in ten different countries or territories.

DG Paul Brown visited Rotary Sunrise to learn more about the events, successes and needs of the small (26-member) but mighty Rotary Club of St. Thomas Sunrise.

Rotary Sunrise Club Hosts Annual Lucinda Millin Holiday Party

Rotary Club of St. Thomas Sunrise invited representatives from the media to attend the Rotary Sunrise Annual Lucinda Millen Holiday Party on Saturday, December 6th at 11:00 a.m. Rotary Sunrise conducted its annual Holiday Party with 80 elderly residents of the Lucinda Millen Home of the Aged.

Rotarians from the Sunrise Club conduct this special Holiday Party each year so that residents at the Lucinda Millen Home will have the opportunity to enjoy music and song, special treats and interaction with friends and family members.

This year Olik Ledee provided Quelbe music to help get these seniors into the Holiday spirit. There was also a special visit from Santa!

Rotarians were joined by members of the Rotaract Club at the Peter Gruber International Academy (part of the Montessori School).

At left - President Elect Claudia LaBorde with Lucinda Millen resident.

ROTARY CLUB OF TORTOLA Launched EarlyAct Club

The Rotary Club of Tortola officially launched its first EarlyAct Club with the St George’s Primary School. The charter event took place Friday October 24 at 2:00 p.m. at the St. George’s Anglican Church installing 57 members. The installation was conducted by AG Delma Maduro. The EarlyAct board is shown below.
In making her remarks ADG Delma said "As members of the EarlyAct Club of St George's Primary School you will have the opportunity to gain awareness and knowledge of the community and the world as well as to work in character building activities which would pave the way for leadership roles. Furthermore, you will be encouraged to be caring, helpful, responsible, respectful, compassionate, and tolerant all of which will help to build a loving and caring community."

EarlyAct embodies many of the principles of Rotary including caring and respect for others, empathy, compassion, responsibility and leadership – all qualities which we should look to teach children and help them to become well-adjusted contributing citizens to our society," said President Henry, President of the Rotary Club of Tortola.

Principal of the St George’s Primary School Mrs. Llandovery said “the school is grateful to the Rotary Club of Tortola to have granted us the opportunity to be a part of the prestigious Rotary family with the establishment of the St. George’s EarlyAct Club”.

“We are happy that the objectives of the EarlyAct Club compliment the objectives we have set in place for our students here at St. George’s, as we have strived to promote core values in the areas of character building, leadership and service to school and community” said Mrs. Llandover.

Several Rotary dignitaries were in attendance at Friday’s launch which was also World Polio Day, including Vice President Ingrid Moses Scatliffe, PP Elton Georges, PP Lorna Smith, PP Nona Vanterpool, Director Lynette Harrigan, Rotarian Geraldine Ritter Freeman, Mitzy Ellis-Simpson, Kishma Penn, Karia Christopher, Joyce Muraine as well as Director Dion Stoutt and Director Abby O’Neal advisors for the EarlyAct Club.

ROSTRUM OF LIGUANEAN PLAINS

RCLP’s Children’s Treat: Another Way to Light Up Rotary

It was all smiles for the grade ones at the New Providence Primary school, RCLP’s adopted school, on Friday, December 12 when they were visited by the troupe bearing gifts and snacks. The treat kicked off with the singing of Christmas carols and other songs.

Some of the children displayed their talents and recited poems or songs for those present – classmates, teachers and Rotarians.
The highlight however was Santa. Resident Santa, Rotarian Sydney, is always delighted to bring cheer to the little ones as they wait wide-eyed and with abated breaths for their moment on Santa’s lap to hear merry Christmas and handed a gift.

These are the moments that make service worthwhile. Watching the children open their gifts with delightful cheers and sharing with their classmates. For some of the children this will have been the only gift for Christmas. As their faces lit up we look to this year’s theme to light up Rotary. There are many ways to accomplish this, and for RCLP it was a happy moment as the children left bright-eyed, taking pleasure in a simple gesture that many take for granted.

...RC of Liguanea Plains
Welcome Home

December is family month and RCLP was delighted to welcome one of its own home for the holidays. Former RCLP member, PHF Carolyn Graham visited from her new club, The Rotary Club of Cardiff Bay.

She presented a bunting from President Alison Sutherland to RCLP which she received for that purpose when she was installed in the Rotary Club of Cardiff Bay.

Carolyn was delighted to be back at her first Rotary club and in time to participate in the Christmas activities.

Rotary family reaches far and wide and such links only serve to strengthen the aims of Rotary as a truly international service organization fostering bonds of friendship and fellowship, among other things, across distances.

At left – President Patrick Evelyn accepts the bunting from the Rotary Club of Cardiff Bay presented by Carolyn Graham.

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ROTARY CLUB OF KINGSTON EAST AND PORT ROYAL
Annual Children’s Christmas Treat 2014

On Saturday the 13th of December 2014, the Rotary Club of Kingston East and Port Royal hosted its Annual Children’s Treat for the children in Port Royal. The treat was held at the beach park in the community. The children were treated to food and entertainment, which included:

- Snacks such as popcorn, hotdogs, cotton candy and ice cream
- Clown and face painting
- Dance competition led by local Comedian/Entertainer, Donald “Iceman” Anderson

Over a hundred children were catered to and all enjoyed the experience immensely. Interactors from the Camperdown and Vauxhall High School Interact clubs also participated by assisting with the various activities.

Director Judy-Ann and our newest Rotarian Wendy handing out snacks. At right - Dir. Angela handing out snacks
Above - Comedian/Entertainer Donald “Iceman” Anderson choosing the winner of the dance competition.
At right - Interactors helping with activities

Above – Clown doing face painting – and happy kids!

Following the treat, President Winsome hosted Rotarians for fellowship. –


Front row - Dir. Angela, Sec. Yvonne, President Winsome, Rotarians Wendy, Beverly, and Dameon
Rotaract is a club for adults ages 18-30 that meets twice a month to exchange ideas, plan activities and projects, and socialize. While Rotary clubs serve as sponsors, Rotaract clubs decide how to organize and run their club and what projects and activities to carry out.

**Rotaract Club of Moneague College Linstead Campus**

...submitted by Gaynor Downer

The Rotaract club of Moneague College Linstead Campus began in late September 2013 as a project of the Rotary Club of North St. Catherine. Rotarians Avis Harvey and Devon Smith were instrumental in passing on information that was necessary about the club and what its overall operation should be.

Our first meeting was held on the 10th of October 2013 in the auditorium of the Moneague college Linstead campus. Our specially invited guest was the President of the Rotary Club of North St. Catherine, President Gaynor Downer. She gave tips and information on how to make the club more vibrant and enriching for all involved. Since the initial meeting we began hosting meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

The dedication and guidance of Rotarian Devon led to the club being officially chartered on the 19th of March 2014. Fifteen members were installed in a beautiful Charter Ceremony on the 5th of June 2014 with AG Shirley Gayle as our special guest.

The Charter Executive Body was: President-Mrs Vivene Johnson, VP-Ms Shanakay Johnson, Secretary-Mrs Erica Ford Bailey, Treasurer-Ms. Paula McFarlane, PRO-Mrs. Arietha McIntosh and Sergeant-At-Arms Mr. Shane Gregoire. The faculty advisor selected was Mr. Ryan Fraser a lecturer at the Moneague College.

So far we have undertaken various projects in collaboration with the Rotary Club of North St. Catherine, Operation Hope and the Linstead Community Development Committee, these include:

- The renovation of a playing area and equipment at the Bread of Life Christian Academy.
- During Literacy week in 2013 some members went to the St. Dominic Prep school where they read stories and interacted with the students.
- We have also partnered with our Rotary parents during World food day by issuing vegetable seeds within and outside the Linstead area.
- Members of the club purchased and sold End Polio Now stickers in an effort to help with the eradication of Polio as part of Rotary International’s global project.
- In August of 2014 pamphlet were handed out to educate persons about Hepatitis on Hepatitis day.
- In collaboration with the Rotary Club we went to Hampshire to offer our service in a back to school activity.
- On world literacy day some members went to the Linstead Primary and Junior High school to distribute books to the students.
- On World Coastal Cleanup Day the club collaborate with the Rotary Club and went to Port Henderson Bay to help clean up the beach.
- As a part of New Generation Month we had an inspirational discussion where a member of the club spoke about their struggles and how they have overcome with much success.
Our current ongoing project is a tank drive. This is in aid of buying a tank for the Moneague College Linstead Campus, this will alleviate the water problems that they faced when there is no water from the main source.

At left – Treasurer Paula McFarlane with the banner for the club

On Monday October 20, 2014 members from the Rotaract club represented the Rotary Club of North St. Catherine and volunteered their time and services at the Ackee and Jerk festival put on by the Linstead Community Development Committee. This was an opportunity for them to give back to the community to which they gladly did.

Our members are very supportive in the many ventures that we have undertaken. We hope to increase our membership and visibility, do more fundraising and collaborative projects with the Rotary, EarlyAct and Interact club on our upcoming projects. As we carry out our projects we hope that not just members of the club but persons within the community will benefit as our vision is to initiate worthwhile projects and to assist in whatever capacity that we possibly can to “Engage Rotary and Change Lives”.

Above left - Charter members showing the club’s Charter. Above right - Members of the Rotary Club of North St. Catherine and the Rotaract Club of Moneague Campus pose after the treat at Hampshire Community.

Far left - Rotaractors handing over books at Linstead Primary and Junior High School for their library on Literacy Day in Jamaica September 8, 2014.

Near left - President Glendon left and a Rotaractor at beach Clean-up at Hellshire Beach.
ROTARACT CLUB OF LES CAYES – HAITI

In December, I was invited by District Governor Nominee 2017-2018 Robert Leger, President of Rotary Des Cayes Jean Yves and President of Rotaract Des Cayes Wilner to dinner with the Rotary and Rotaract Club of Des Cayes board members. The purpose was to discuss ways in which the Rotaract Club of Des Cayes can become a much stronger club.

We discussed their current approach on the way the club functions. We shared and brainstormed some better approaches to ensure the club remains active.

I must say that the Rotaract Club of Des Cayes has strong support from their sponsoring club, and I know that they will continue to grow and make an impact in their community and district 7020.

We also discussed their plans for a smooth transition into Rotary and I was happy to sit amongst two Rotarians who were past Rotaractors of Des Cayes of which one is the New Generations Chair and one is the President Elect of Rotary.

I am so happy I made this trip to Haiti, as I brought hope and energy to the club of which I know they will use.

Four new members were inducted during the visit. See photos on the next page.
Interact is a club for young people ages 12-18 who want to join together to tackle the issues in their community that they care most about. Through Interact, you can:

- Carry out hands-on service projects
- Make international connections
- Develop leadership skills
- Have fun!

**Sundial Interact Club Inducts New Members**

**Philipsburg, December 3, 2014:** The Interact Club at Sundial School has added 20 new enthusiastic members. The induction ceremony took place on November 18 at the Sundial School. The Interact Club is one of the youth arms of Rotary International with children ages 12-18 as members. Sundial’s Interact Club is sponsored by The Rotary Club of St. Martin Sunrise. Through Interact students can engage in hands on service projects, make international connections and develop leadership skills.

The students were addressed by Rotary Sunrise President Virginia Asin and Sundial School Principal Mireille Peterson-Regales before being inducted. They were congratulated on joining, discussed the advantages of being part of Interact Club, and the importance of giving back to the community.

Present at the ceremony to look on and support the club were Director of Milton Peters College and Sundial School Wim de Visser, Rotary Sunrise members IPP Angela Gordon, New Generation Director Paula Gordon, Rotarian Damali Bryson and Rotary School Advisor Marcellia Henry. Also on hand were school advisors Teacher France and Teacher Tadimoeljo-Stein.


At left - Rotary Sunrise President Virginia Asin at left with Interactors and Supporters

The New Executive Board for the 2014-2015 year are President Nadricia Liburd, Vice President Dayanara Abad, Secretary Shawnte Xavier, Assistant Treasurer Sianta Maria, Treasurer Jahrmeal White, Assistant Treasurer Angelina Percy, Public Relations Officer Jonisia Illidge, Assistant Public Relations Office Adante Pitter, International Service Director Francia Cocina, Club Service Director Akiya Rogers & Fundraising Director Daphnee Lormond.

The students meet every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12:30 pm at the Sundial School.
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