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*Chartered March 21, 1961
Meeting:
Sandals Royal Caribbean,
Montego Bay
Tuesdays - 12:45p.m.*

ADMINISTRATION 2011-12

Rotary International

RI President: Kalyan Banerjee

RI President Elect: Sakuji Tanaka

District 7020

District Governor: Guy Theodore

DG Elect: Vance Lewis

Assistant DG: Govind Chulani

BOD - Rotary Club of Montego Bay

President: Vernella Fuller

Vice President: Denton Campbell

Secretary: Natasha Parchment Clarke

Treasurer: Karen Burgess

President Elect: Thamani Smith

Immediate Past President: Mexine Bisasor

Sergeant at Arms: Alfred Pierre

Directors

Club Administration: Kay Reuben

Foundation: Duncan Sharp

Membership: Michelle Daswani

New Generation: Natasha Parchment- Clarke

Public Relations: Maria Ho Sue

Service Projects: Erica De Silva

Committee Chairs

Literacy: Thamani Smith

Vocational: Conrad Grant

Christmas Hampers: Conrad Grant

Health, Water & Sanitation: Blondel Reid

Christmas Family Luncheon: Blondel Reid

International Project: Andrea Hamilton

Disaster Relief: Duncan Sharp

Family of Rotary: Alfred Pierre

Major Fund Raiser: Denton Campbell, Maria Ho Sue

Membership Training: Pishu Chandiram, George Palmer, Larklin Hall

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Monthly Theme October ~ Vocational Service!

Present: PP Alfred, Rtn. Blondel, PP Conrad, PP Denton, PP Duncan, PP Erica, PP George, PP Kay, PP Michelle, Sec. Natasha, Rtn. Phyllis, PDG Pishu, PP Robin, PE Roxanne, Pres. Vernella

Visiting Rotarian: Lenworth Gale (Trafalgar New Heights)

Guest: Albert

Business Meeting.

The following topics were discussed:

- Rotarian Month -
- Golf Sponsorship – Volunteers needed to gain sponsorships
- Business person to honour – Vocational Month
- 50th Anniversary Ticket Sales
- Careers Day – Volunteers needed
- President Project – Volunteers needed
- Tribute to Jimmy – Written and read by PP George
- The Gavel – PP George

Many thanks from the Cub to PP Kay, PP Conrad and Rtn. Blondel for representing the Club at the funeral of the Late PP Jimmy, and PP George for researching and writing the Tribute. Please see report and tribute below.

Vocational Service focuses on:

- ❖ Adherence to and promotion of the highest ethical standards in all occupations, including fair treatment of employers, employees, associates, competitors, and the public.
- ❖ The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, not just those that are pursued by Rotarians.
- ❖ The contribution of our vocational talents to solving the problems of society and meeting the needs of the community.



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Announcements RCMB:

1. **Guest Speaker** – 11 October - Lloyd B Smith – CEO The Western Mirror
2. **Guest Speaker** – 18 October – Nurse Tracey Dunbar – Breast Health Awareness
3. **District Governor's Visit to RCMB** – 25 October, 2011
4. **50th Anniversary Gala Dinner** – 26 October 2011 ~ Sandals Royal Cay – 7 to 10pm
5. **Careers Fair** – 27 October 2011 ~ West Jamaica Conference Centre Auditorium, Mount Salem.
6. **RCMB Promoting Reading Project – Volunteering Sessions:** Tuesdays 10-11 Greenwood School; Fridays 9:30 -:10:30 Chetwood Memorial (Albion & Irwin to be confirmed) – Please inform Pres. Vernella or PP Erica if you wish to participate – weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

Announcements RCMB (Continued)

7. **Major Fundraiser Golf Tournament** – Cinnamon Hill Golf Course, 13 November – Lead Sponsor First Global Financial Services.
8. **Website devoted to Golf Tournament** - <http://www.hummingbirdhall.com/rotarymontegobaygolf/>
9. **Club's Website** - <http://www.rotarymontegobay.com> **advertising on Club Website**- Please contact the Editorial Team for really competitive deals.
10. **Facebook Page. Please Click on this link and *like*** - www.facebook.com/rotarymontegobay

Announcements - Other Clubs, District & International:

1. **RLI Montego Bay** - **November 5 & 6, 2011**- Parts 1, 2 & 3 (Deadline for Registration Midnight October 25th!)
2. **District 7020 Conference** – Haiti, 17-21 April 2012
3. **Rotary International Convention** – Bangkok, Thailand, 6-9 May, 2012.



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Report Written by PP Kay

Thursday 6 October 2011

In the early morning hours, Past President Conrad, Rotarian Blondel and myself travelled to Kingston and attended the Thanksgiving Service for the late **Past President Neville James Brassington, known affectionately as 'Jimmy'**, held at 11.30am at St. Andrews Parish Church.

Also in attendance was Past President Robin, who is a member of Past President Jimmy's family.

Whilst at the service Past President Conrad read the beautiful Tribute, penned by Past President George. Our Tribute was the first item on the programme, and was very well received. A member of the congregation requested a copy; and a copy was also given to Past President Jimmy's widow, Erith.

At the conclusion of the service, Past President Jimmy was interred in the church grounds, where we were advised that both his parents were also laid to rest.

We then travelled to a beautiful home in the cool hills of Kingston for the repast and fellowship, where we had the most delightful time and met some lovely people.

Whilst there we took a picture with Erith, who was really glad that the Club was so well represented and advised us that she will be attending our 50th Anniversary Dinner and our Christmas Luncheon.

We secured a copy of the Programme, which we will present to the Club at our next meeting.

Special Thanks to Past President George for researching and writing the tribute.



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Tribute to PP Jimmy written by PP George Palmer

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It is fitting and indeed an honour to have been asked by the family of Past President Jimmy Brassington to deliver a few words of tribute regarding his significant contribution to Rotary International in two clubs through its four avenues of service.

Past President Jimmy, as he was affectionately called, joined Rotary in the Rotary Club of Kingston in July 1979 with the classification of Banking. As with most newly admitted Rotarians, he was assigned to various sections of his club, including the Attendance Committee, which he found to be most interesting since he met many friends and made acquaintances with new and influential men. Needless to say, he made a daily advancement in the knowledge of Rotary by taking positions in his Mother Club which earned him the confidence and respect leading to his election as president in 1990. His nomination to that position did not come as an immediate surprise to him since on the day of taking office he presented his club with a most impressive, well planned and worthwhile "President's Project" which is recorded in the annals of his club among their most significant undertakings.

P.P. Jimmy's project required the securing of two lots of land which were donated by Mr. Anil Varma for the erection of *his* medical and dental clinic. He assembled and created a Rotary team of dedicated members, Neville Henry, Alex Twyman, Michael Hemmings and Don McVicar which he put in charge of construction generally. The facility was designed to serve Penwood/Olympic Way/Waterhouse/Towerhill, but became known generally in Rotary as the Penwood Clinic. The building contractor was Mr. Lawrence Parsaud. Not only did assistance come through proper solicitation from local Rotarians and benefactors, but from overseas, particularly the Rotary Club of Milwaukee, USA which donated dental chairs and X-ray equipment while the German Government furnished the facility. To ensure his ambitious project was completed within a year, as is required by Rotary, a commitment was obtained from the Western Union of Seventh Day Adventists to operate the clinic on a daily basis. The 25 June 1991 was a red-letter day for the Rotary Club of Kingston when former Governor General, Sir Floressal Glaspole, an Honorary Rotarian, declared the Penwood Medical/Dental Centre open when he cut the ribbon five days before P.P. Jimmy officially surrendered the position of Club President.

Indeed, if ever forgotten or never known by the newer Rotarians, the benefits of the Penwood Clinic will continue to lag in the memories of those poor souls who were and continue to be the beneficiaries of Past President Jimmy's work. Into their lives, good fortune and hope entered through the vision of one man and his Rotary Club.

P.P. Jimmy retired from his profession about fifteen years ago and moved to Montego Bay, the city at which he made many friends while manager of NCB's main branch some years before. His love of sailing made it the place of choice to retire since he was able to live within walking distance of the yacht club. But his retirement did not affect his love and attachment to Rotary. As a Senior Active Rotarian in the Rotary Club of Montego Bay he assisted in housing Rotary Volunteers of the Rotary Foundation and Group Study Exchange Students from all over the world. He took an active part in his new club's activities, particularly the 10-K races where he helped in the paraplegics section. He will also be remembered as the Club's Santa Claus at the Christmas meetings. Although during the past few years he was slowed down by nature, he continued to attend meetings armed with yellow and red cards in his shirt pocket which he promptly displayed to any Sergeant-at-Arms, or for that matter, any Rotarian who cracked an off colour joke - he made meetings interesting, always with some unusual stories while from home he would pen witty e-mails. We know P.P. Jimmy was also actively involved in other organisations such as the Georgian Society whose members relied on Jimmy to supply information from White & Wright's book "Exploring Jamaica" which he never left home without.

P.P. Jimmy left his mark: he was truly a man for all seasons and Rotary in particular will miss him dearly. He was a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, his first award having been bestowed by his Mother Club in 1992 and two more while attached to the Rotary Club of Montego Bay.

To his widow, Erith and to his family, we all extend our heartfelt sorrow on his loss and hope that you all will have God's help and strength as support in your years ahead.

I thank Past Presidents Dr. Al Cotterell and George Palmer for assisting in putting together this Rotary tribute.



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Rotary Grace

Option 1

Our Lord and giver of all good
We thank thee for our daily food
May Rotary friends and Rotary
ways, help us to serve Thee
All our days.

Option 2

O Lord who know our need
Help us to fulfil our rotary creed
We live to serve these every day
In all we think or do or say
Accept our prayers for this meal
Restore, forgive, inspire and heal

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Eternal Father bless our land,
Guard us with Thy Mighty
Hand,
Keep us free from evil powers,
Be our light through countless
hours.
To our Leaders, Great
Defender,
Grant true wisdom from
above.
Justice, Truth be ours forever,
Jamaica, land we love.
Jamaica, Jamaica, Jamaica
land we love.

Teach us true respect for all,
Stir response to duty's call,
strengthen us the weak to
cherish,
Give us vision lest we perish.
Knowledge send us Heavenly
Father,
Grant true wisdom from
above.
Justice, Truth be ours forever,
Jamaica, land we love.

Occurring in the past week (members attending in blue):

1. Funeral of PP Jimmy, Kingston, 6 October – PP Kay, PP Conrad, Rtn. Blondel.
2. Reading Project Volunteer, Greenwood School, 4 Oct – Pres. Vernella
3. Reading Project Volunteer, Chetwood Memorial School, 6 October – Pres. Vernella
4. Telephone Conferencing re Essay Competition with Anchovy High, Cambridge High, Cornwall College, Herbert Morrison, Irwin High, Maldon High, Montego Bay High, St. James High – Pres. Vernella

Recognition Slate – September 2011

Rotarian of the Month of September –

Joint Winners:

- ❖ PP Alfred & PP Conrad (200 Points each)

Runners Up:

- ❖ PP Kay 190 Points
- ❖ PP Denton 185 Points

This month we highlight other Rotarians achieving over 100 Points:

1. Sec. Natasha 180 Points
2. PP Michelle 150 Points
3. Rtn. Blondel 125 Points

Birthdays & Anniversaries in October:

Rtn. Dudley- 7 October - Birthday

PDG Pishu- 14 October - Anniversary

PP Conrad - 31 October - Birthday



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Photos of the week ~ Joint Winners – Rotarian of the Month of September – PP Alfred and PP Conrad with Pres. Vernella & PE Denton



Rotarian of the Month - Joint Winners Sept 11 PP Alfred & PP Conrad

Club's Reading Project – Pres. Vernella Volunteering at Greenwood School – "Read to me and I will Read to You."



Club's Reading Volunteer Project 2011-12 - "Read to Me & I'll read to You."



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Children, teachers and a parent at Greenwood School with Volunteers reader Pres. Vernella





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Meeting Opportunities in Jamaica:

Mondays:

St. Andrew North – Hilton Kingston Hotel (6:30p.m)
Kingston East & Port Royal- Morgan’s Harbour Hotel (7:00 p.m)

Tuesdays:

St. Andrew – Jamaica Pegasus Hotel (12:30p.m)
Montego Bay – Sandals Royal Caribbean (12:45p.m)
Mandeville- Golf View Hotel (12:45p.m)
Falmouth - Glistening Waters (5:30p.m)
Port Antonio – Conf. Hall RADA, Folly Road (6:00p.m)
Savanna- la –Mar – Hotel Commingle (6:30p.m)
Spanish Town- Hilton Kingston Hotel (6:30p.m)
Rose Hall – The Atrium, Rose Hall (6:30p.m)
Santa Cruz -Beadle’s Club (7:30p.m)

Wednesdays:

Montego Bay Sunrise - Wexford Hotel (7.30a.m)
Kingston Downtown – Hilton Kingston Hotel (12:30p.m)
Lucea- Grand Palladium (6:00p.m)
Negril – Negril Escape Resort (6:00p.m)
Ocho Rios-Sand Castles Hotel (6:00p.m)
Christiana- Spauldings Skills Trade centre (7:00p.m)
Portmore – Eden Gardens (7:30p.m)

Thursdays:

Kingston- Jamaica Pegasus Hotel (12:30p.m)
North St. Catherine- Windalco Sports Complex (6:00p.m)
Liguanea Plains- Eden Gardens (6:30p.m)
Trafalgar New Heights, Kingston -Liguanea Club (6.30pm)
May Pen – Hotel Versailles (7:00p.m)
Montego Bay East – Sunset Beach Resort (7:00p.m)
Black River- Luna Guest House (7:30 p.m)

Fridays:

New Kingston Pegasus Hotel (7:00a.m)

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

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

Avenues of Service

Club Service focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the smooth functioning of Rotary clubs.

Vocational Service involves club members serving others through their professions and aspiring to high ethical standards. Rotarians, as business leaders, share skills and expertise through their vocations, and they inspire others in the process.

Community Service Community Service is the opportunity Rotary clubs have to implement club projects and activities that improve life in the local community.

International Service encompasses efforts to expand Rotary’s humanitarian reach around the world and to promote world understanding and peace. It includes everything from contributing to PolioPlus to helping Rotary Youth Exchange students adjust to their host countries.

New Generations Service recognises the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities such as RYLA, Rotaract, Interact and Earlyact club service projects, and creating international understanding with Rotary Youth Exchange.