



# The Bay



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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

### Rotary Club of Montego Bay

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<http://www.rotarymontegobay.com>

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## Monthly Theme June ~ Rotary Fellowship Month

### Meeting 19 June 2012

**Attendance:** Pres. Vernella, PP Denton, PP Duncan, PP Kay, Rtn. Alisha, PP Michelle, BB Bhagwan, Rtn. Phyllis, Rtn. Emmanuel, PP Robin, PP Alfred, Treasurer Karen, Direct. Natasha, Rtn. Joliker

**Apologies:** PDG Pishu, Rtn. Blondel, Rtn. Kevin, Rtn. Darrell, IPP Mexine, PE Roxanne

Visiting Rotaractor: PE Zaheer Clarke

Guests: Mr & Mrs. Pierre

### 2011-2012 Outgoing President's Report

It is a privilege to be a Rotarian. It offers un-paralleled opportunities to make a difference in our communities and in our world.

This year in our corner of the world in Montego Bay Jamaica, we have made a difference. Indeed it has been a good year for making a difference in fellowship and in service above self.

At the start of the year we set ourselves clear goals with our main focus being to make an impact in the area of literacy, but also to complete some long established projects that have characterized our Club's work in the community.

We have worked hard, given all we have and successfully accomplished our goals through the following projects and activities :

- 1. New Generation** – Director Natasha continued to make a tremendous impact in this area. EarlyAct, Interact and Rotaract Clubs enjoyed full programmes of activities throughout the year. These included the now annual Beach Clean-up, Blood Drive, Feeding Programme and hospital ward painting and renovation, to name but a few. Director Natasha was instrumental in encouraging representatives from all the Early Act Clubs to attend the Awards Ceremony which show-cased our literacy Project. A number of Early Act members won prizes for their literacy work over the year, one winning the Literacy Poster Competition.

We have worked hard to support our sponsored Club the Rotaract Club of Montego Bay. We went to their Installation, attended meetings including Club Meetings, District Regional meetings, their District Conference and partnered with them in a sponsored walk to raise funds for the Club's Christmas Hampers for the needy.

President O'Neil and Vice President Zaheer were Guest Speakers at four luncheon meetings, and a number of New Generation members attended our Luncheon to hear Guest Speaker Horace Campbell during Literacy Month.

Importantly the RCMB Club supported our sponsored Rotaract Club by paying for the President and Secretary Elect to attend the Rotaract Conference.



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2. **International Service** – Stepping into the shoes of our absent International Director, the exceptional PP Bhagwan spearheaded a number of projects:
  - Shoes project – PP Bhagwan worked with the Rotary Club of Carrollton, Farmers Branch Texas in bringing in over 300 pairs of shoes which were distributed to one of the local hospitals, children’s home and the homeless. PP Conrad, Rtn. Joliker and Rtn. Blondel worked hard with the President and PP Bhagwan to distribute the shoes.
  - Wheelchair project – with PP Michelle they fitted donated wheelchairs to young persons all the way in Kingston.
  - With the Rotary Club of Carrollton, Farmers Branch Texas, the Club members undertook a feeding project and donated funds to two children’s home.
  
3. **Vocational Service** – One of the Club’s signature events is our annual Career’s fair where children from schools all over the Parish attend a fair to explore and hear about career choices. This event was led by our PP Conrad, and we had almost three hundred children in attendance.
  
4. **The Rotary Foundation** – We held a *We Love the Rotary Foundation Event*, on Valentine’s Day to raise the profile of the work of the Foundation and to raise funds. Three members contributed enough to be made Paul Harris Fellows in the year. Additionally, 5 other members were made Paul Harris Fellows from past contribution made by the Club.
  
5. **Club Service & Public Relations:**
  - **Luncheon Meetings** – We had 27 speakers during the year; a combination of Rotarians from our Club, other Clubs and Non-Rotarians Guest Speakers.
  - **DG Guy’s Visit** – DG Guy Theodore visited us. He informed and inspired us, and delighted us with his presence at our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner
  - **Attendance** - Our average attendance over the year was 65%, which included attendance at meetings and permissible make-ups.
  - **Members with Excellent Attendance (95-100%)** – Rtn. Alisha, PP Duncan, PDG Pishu, Rtn. Phyllis, PP Denton, PP Conrad, Rtn. Ben and President Vernella
  - **Rotarians of the Month** – One of our initiatives this year was to recognize members who excelled in their contributions and participation in the Club’s activities each month. Points were awarded for specific activities and the member with the highest points was named Rotarian of the month. This initiative caught the imagination of the Club and demonstrated how much a number of members gave of their time and skills to Rotary.
  - **Family of Rotary** – Led by PP Alfred and his unofficial Assistant PP Kay, we made several visits throughout the year to past presidents, widows of past presidents, incapacitated and sick members. We went bearing gifts and the good wishes of the Club and found our visits well appreciated.
  - **Public Relations** - In the absence of Director of Public Relations on Leave of Absence, Director of New Generation/Secretary Natasha took the reins and helped the Club to be featured in a number of newspaper issues.



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**During the year other significant and note-worthy events were:**

- 1. Major Fundraiser** – Our Major Fundraiser was a Golf Tournament held at the Cinnamon Hill Golf Course. It was led by PP President and Vice President Denton, who pulled out all the stops and helped the Club to raise over JA\$1,000,000 for the President's Project. Director Maria was tremendous in helping us to gain generous sponsorship from our lead sponsor First Global Financial Services. Other generous sponsors are listed on the evergreen website devoted to the 2011-12 fundraiser - <http://www.hummingbirdhall.com/rotarymontegobaygolf/>
- 2. The President's Project & Scholarship Awards-** The sum raised from the Golf Tournament went a very long way in funding the ground-breaking Club's major project. Supported by volunteers Rotarians Blondel, PP Conrad, PP Erica, Rtn. Alisha, Rotary volunteers Maria Mirchandani, Chrysta Mirchandani, Hyacinth Rose, teachers, parents and pupil volunteers, we went into school weekly, read to children and listened to them read.

We were supported with craft items donated by Rotary volunteer Maria Mirchandani and by the presence of her daughter Chrysta Mirchandani, and several Early Actors who volunteer weekly listening to children read and reading to them.

We bought and filled book boxes for primary schools and the Parish Library, established book shelves in a primary school, awarded scholarships and ran study skills seminars for scholarship recipients.

We ran a major essay competition for children in all secondary schools in St. James and a poster competition for primary schools. Our thanks go to the judges PE Roxanne, Rtn. Ben and Rtn. Alisha.

As a climax to this extraordinary project we held an Awards Ceremony at Hummingbird Hall, which show-cased the achievements of the Literacy Project, and rewarded Club members, teachers, children and volunteers who participated in this ground breaking project. There were 130 in attendance.

**Scholarships Awards** – We continued the Club's tradition of awarding scholarships to High Schools pupils whose parents struggle to maintain them in schools. The pupils and their parents were treated to a lavish lunch at the Scholarship Awards ceremony. In addition, this year the Club sponsored Study Skills Seminars which the scholarship recipients attended, and which further supported their education.

- 3. The Social Media** - We launched our first ever Club Website - This website design was donated by the then Rotary volunteer, Alisha Fuller-Armah. The President, also this year's webmaster, posted pictures, reports and Club updates. Most significantly we have this year begun archiving all important documents on the members' only page. This include, but is not limited to; Board meeting minutes, Weekly Bulletins, Club By- Laws, TRN & Incorporation documentations.

**Facebook Page** – We began a Facebook page which has been tremendously successful in connecting with Rotarians all over the world. The setting up of this was done by the then Rotary volunteer Alisha, who was inducted into the Club later in the year. This year we posted two videos on Facebook showing a selection of our projects and activities for the year, and our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner.



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4. **Weekly Bulletins** – We **published Weekly Bulletins**, which were circulated on line, not only to our members but a circulation list which grew as the year went on. The Bulletins contain attendance list, brief notes of our Club Luncheons, announcements, list of opportunities for make-ups in Jamaica, photographs and more besides. These Bulletins are posted on the Club's Website as permanent records of the Club's activities during the year
5. **Membership Induction** – This year we inducted four new members, and we are pleased that they fit in well with our aim to gain young people to the Club.
6. **Membership Drive Cocktail Evening** – This was our first social activity where we invited potential members to cocktails and food. This was generously hosted by Rotarian Phyllis at the Atrium Hotel.
7. **Sponsored Walk** – We walked for almost 5 miles with EarlyActors, Interactors, Rotaractors and friends of Rotary to raise funds for our Christmas Hampers. The walk finished with sumptuous breakfast at Hummingbird Hall, on the famous Rose Hall Estate.
8. **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner** – 2011 was our 50<sup>th</sup> year in Rotary. We continued the celebration started during the Presidency of President Mexine by holding a celebratory Dinner at Sandals Cay. It was a truly magnificent affair, with support from Rotarians from all over the Island, from Haiti, US Virgin Island and even the United Kingdom. Our magnificent Chair was PDG Richard Grant. Rotarian Phyllis was honoured with a Vocational Service Award at the Dinner.
9. **Christmas Hampers** – We continued the Club's tradition of distributing Hampers to the needy, donating over 200 hampers this year
10. **Christmas Luncheon** – Another of our Club's Tradition is a Christmas Luncheon where family and friends enjoy Christmas Lunch with us. This was held at Sandals Royal and ended with gifts to everyone in attendance.
11. **Club Raffle** – Our thanks to Rtn. Emmanuel for his unwavering donations of wine for the weekly raffle, which helped to raise funds for Club Administration.
12. **Club Assembly Forums** – We held the required two Club Assemblies, which were chaired by Director Maria and PP Conrad respectively. These offered invaluable opportunity for members to contribute to the direction of the Club.
13. **Member Directory** – We produced a pocket sized directory for members, detailing contact details and more besides.
14. **Recognition of Past Presidents, New Member Badges & New Club Banner**– we bought new name badges for members and recognized our past presidents with new badges, with the dates of their presidency. The Club Banner was also replaced.
15. **Simplified Grant Application and Award** – US\$1000 was awarded to the Club towards its Literacy Project.



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## 16. Special Nominations and Recognition of Members -

- **Charlie Braham** – PP George made us proud by being one of the short-listed candidates for this Award. He was just tipped to the winner post by a member from the Kingston Club.
- **PDG Pishu** – 50 years in Rotary – PDG Pishu celebrated 50 years in Rotary, and is reputedly the longest serving active Rotarian in Jamaica
- **Rotarian of the Year** – PP Conrad is this year's winner for his all-round and comprehensive contribution to Club's Projects and activities.

**17. Drafting of new Club By-Laws** – PP George undertook this task and took us carefully through the process of adoption.

**18. Standard Operating Procedures** – We drafted a Standard Operating Procedures Template for projects that are repeated on an annual basis. This, like other Club Documents are posted on the Members' only page of the Club's website.

## 19. Support of other Clubs, the District and RI International

- **Clubs** - We attended Installation ceremonies of all the Clubs in Montego Bay, in Lucea, Negril and Falmouth and supported many of their other activities.
- **National** – Members attended both Inter-club Assemblies one held in Kingston and one in Montego Bay. President Vernella and Director of New Generation Natasha were presenters, and PE Roxanne and IPP Mexine were actively involved.
- **PE Roxanne and Rtn Blondel** went to District Conferences in the USA to complete their PETS training for their respective posts
- **PDG Pishu & AG Elect Michelle** went on various meetings and training sessions in the District and the Zone.
- **International Convention** – Pres. Vernella and Rtn. Alisha represented the Club at the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok
- **Rotaract District Conference** – A number of members attended and gave presentations: President Vernella, IPP Mexine, PP George, PDG Pishu and Director Natasha.

## District and International Recognition

We did not work for Awards, but to make a difference and impact in our community. We are however delighted that our achievements were recognized and as a result we received the following Awards:

1. District 7020 – Club of the Month for the Club's Literacy Project in March.
2. Zone 33 & 34 Literacy Award
3. Distinguished Governor's Award
4. District Club of the Month Gold Award
5. RI Presidential Citation

Fellow Rotarians, what is important in Rotary is not what we say but what we do. If we have a vision and are motivated, no one can stop our dream, we will achieve our goals. That has been the key to our achievements this year; vision, drive commitment and hard work. Not only from the President but the faithful Members who have worked hard to make a difference in our community.

Being the president of your Club gives one the unique opportunity to really get to know members of the Club. I have had the tremendous privilege of getting to know and work with some sterling Rotarians who



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have contributed much to our Club and to Rotary this year, and demonstrated the true meaning of service above self.

This is not the end. As true Rotarians we must continue to work. The president is not Rotary but a volunteer too, our team leader. If we love Rotary, if we believe in Rotary we will work for the benefit of our club our community, our county and Rotary.

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Fellow Rotarians may I admonish you to support your Club, support our District and Rotary International. I have had the privilege of attending two District conferences and two International conventions in my 3 years as a Rotarian. More than your local club, you see the magnitude of what it means to be a Rotarian if you attend these gatherings. You will experience the diversity, the impact, the fellowship and the reach of Rotary.

Fellow Rotarians do not waste your time and effort trying to **be** somebody in Rotary; instead put your efforts into **doing** something for Rotary.

Dr. Vernella Fuller (Outgoing President Rotary Club of Montego Bay 2011-12).



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Photos of the Week: The President presented each member with one of 4 certificate types in recognition of their varying contributions to the work of the Club this year: Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum. (Absent members will receive their certificates on a future date).

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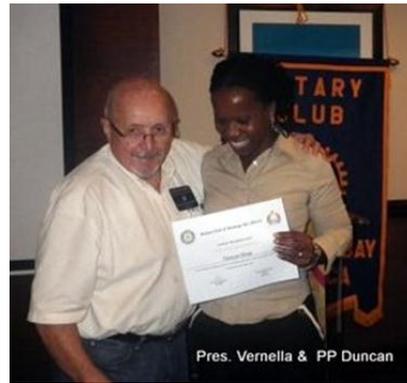
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Pres. Vernella & Rtn. Joliker



Pres. Vernella & PP Robin



Pres. Vernella & PP Duncan



Pres. Vernella & Rtn. Emmanuel



Treasurer Karen & PP Denton



PP Kay & PP Denton



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PP Vernella & PP Alfred



Director Natasha and PP Denton



Rtn. Alisha & PP Denton



Rtn. Phyllis & PP Denton



PP Michelle & PP Denton



Pres. Vernella & PP Bhagwan



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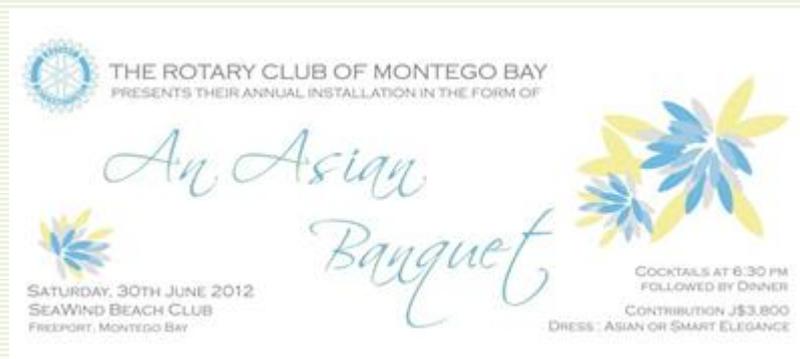
## Announcements RCMB:

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1. **Website devoted to Golf Tournament Sponsors -**  
<http://www.hummingbirdhall.com/rotarymontegobaygolf/>
2. **Club's Website -** <http://www.rotarymontegobay.com> **advertising on Club Website-** Please contact the Editorial Team for really competitive deals.
5. **Facebook Page. Please Click on this link and \*like\* -**  
[www.facebook.com/rotarymontegobay](http://www.facebook.com/rotarymontegobay)

## WESTERN CLUBS - INSTALLATION DATES

1. 30 June 2012 – Rotary Club of Montego Bay – Seawind Beach Club, 6:30.



2. 30 June 2012 – Rotary Club of Lucea, Lady Hamilton, Lucea
3. 7 July 2012 – Rotary Club of Montego Bay East – Sunset Beach Hotel, 6pm.



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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.  
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love.

## Recognition Slate – June 2012

### **Rotarians of the Month - June**

❖ PE Roxanne

### **Rotarian of the month contribution to the Club included, among other things:**

- Work in preparation for Presidency
- Planning Installation
- Chairing and hosting Board Meeting in May.

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries in June:**

**None**



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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- JCF Police Officers Club,  
34 Hope Road Kingston 6, Jamaica (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)  
Morant Bay – The Anglican Church Hall (6:00 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.