



The weekly bulletin of the Rotary Club of Montego Bay ~ Issue 5 ~ 9 August 2011

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
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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 August ~ Membership Development & Extension Month!

Meeting - 2 August 2011

Members Present: PP Alfred, Rtn. Blondel, PP Conrad, PP Denton, PP Duncan, PP Kay, Rtn. Karen, Rtn. Phyllis, PP Robin, PE Roxanne, Pres. Vernella, Rtn. Maria

Apologies: PP Erica, PP Larklin, PP Bhagwan, IPP Mexine, AGE Michelle

Speaker: Dr. Sheron Lawson

Topic: The State of Literacy in Jamaica – Moving to Full Literacy

- Dr. Lawson presented a range of statistics to demonstrate that Jamaica is lagging behind its Caribbean neighbours, and indeed other countries in the world, in literacy.
- She gave a number of explanations including poverty, and the high percentage of children of school age who are not attending school.
- She highlighted the importance of literacy in social development, nation building, reduction in crime, poverty and disease.
- Her talk was stimulating and encouraged lively debate about the reasons for this state of affairs. These included; lack of political will, the breakdown of values in society, teaching strategies, teacher training, poverty, to name but a few.

Dr. Lawson is CEO/ Management Consultant with Palet Consultancy, Ltd. specializing in customized management training. She is also a Lecturer at the University of the West Indies.

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Contributed by Director Maria Ho Sue from - McKinsey Quarterly: Boards: "When best practice isn't enough" on the role of Directors.

#### There are some good suggestions that we should note:

- 1. Develop the ownership mindset passion for the organization, the long term view, take personal responsibility.
- 2. Devote adequate time to Board responsibilities.
- 3. Get deeply involved in monitoring strategy and monitoring risk.
- 4. Probe and offer guidance but allow management to handle execution and other details.
- 5. Develop a strong understanding of the Industry (Club) visit facilities, suppliers, customers (projects, other Clubs, etc).

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#### **Announcements RCMB:**

- Club Assembly 21 August, Montego
   Bay Conference Centre Chair Director
   Maria Ho Sue
- Scholarship Disbursement Luncheon –
   29 August Hummingbird Hall
- Cocktail Evening Membership Drive and Fellowship – 30 August – Venue to be confirmed
- 4. Book Boxes donated to Primary schools week of 11 September
- President's Project Essay competition Launch & Volunteer Accreditation
   Scheme – week 11 September
- Sponsored Walk & Breakfast Hummingbird Hall Joint Project,
   Fellowship with Rotaract & Christmas
   Hampers Fundraiser, 25 September;
   6am-9am
- Guest Speaker Mr. Garfield Higgins
   UWI 27 September
- District Governor's Visit to RCMB 25
   October, 2011
- President's Project Book Appeal –
   Please contribute reading books for
   children age 5 to 12; fiction and
   nonfiction Bring to Club Luncheon or
   The English Language Centre (ELC), 2nd
   Floor, Montego Bay Club, Gloucester
   Ave.

### **Announcements RCMB (Continued)**

#### 7. Club Website -

http://www.rotarymontegobay.com advertising on Club Website- Please contact the Editorial Team for really competitive deals.

- **8.Volunteering-** President's Project Can you make a regular commitment to listen to children read in one of 6 Montego Bay Primary Schools? Please see PP Erica or Pres. Vernella
- 9. District Yellow Pages Website List your Business free

http://www.rotaweb.org/ypg\_search.cgi?district=702 0

#### **Announcements - Other Clubs & District:**

- Media Launch of Flow & Montego Bay Sunrise
   Computer Literacy Drive 9 Aug. 4pm, Wexford
   Hotel
- Negril Installation Beach Party 13 August, 2pm
   Half Moon Beach, Negril
- 3. Rotaract Club of Montego Bay Bake Sale 20 August, Fairview Shopping Centre
- 4. **Falmouth Club** Wine & Cheese Cocktail Party-27August, 7pm – Breezes, Falmouth
- 5. Rotaract Club of Montego Bay Launching of Project CARE 30 August
- Rotaract Club of Montego Bay Hosting of Installation of Montego Bay Comm. College – 31 August.

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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 Guide 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, 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. Jamaica, Jamaica, Jamaica Land we Love

### Occurring in the past week:

- Meeting with Pres. O'Neil of the Rotaract Club of Montego Bay - 5 August Pres. Vernella
- Rotaract District 7020 Jamaica North Western Regional Board Meeting- Sun 7, UWI Western Campus – Pres. Vernella

### Rotarian of the Month – July (75 points)

#### Rtn. Blondel for:

- Attendance 3 of 4 Club Luncheons in July
- Attendance at Board Meeting
- ❖ Attendance at Club Installation
- Inviting 2 Guests to Club Luncheons
- Weekly Collection of Luncheon fees

Runners up were:Rtn Maria (70 points) & PP Conrad (60 points)

Birthdays & Anniversaries in August:

- 1 August PP Duncan Birthday
- 9 August PP George Birthday
- 15 August IPP Mexine Birthday
- 19 August AGE Michelle Anniversary





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Photographs of the Week: (from top) Rotarian of the Month of July – Rtn. Blondel with Pres. Vernella



PP Alfred back form vacation with a banner from

RC of Washington DC, and meaning business as Sergeant.



Director Maria, introducing the Guest Speaker







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Dr. Sheron Lawson – Guest Speaker – UWI Lecturer & CEO/Management Consultant Palet Consultancy Ltd.



Members & Guests at lunch – from left: PE Roxanne, Direc. Maria, PP Denton, Mr. Ralph (brother of Rtn. Phyllis, Rtn. Phyllis, PP Robin, Sec. Karen & PP Duncan



PDG Pishu presenting Dr. Lawson with Guest Speaker Certificate and pen.







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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:

 Is it the TRUTH?
 Is it FAIR to all concerned?
 Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
 Will it be BENEFICIAL to all

#### **Avenues of Service**

concerned?

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.