

DECEMBER ISSUE

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

A message from the Club President: "Season of Service and Reflection"

Welcome to the 6th issue of the 2024-25 Rotary Club of Montego Bay Newsletter!

As we step into the holiday season, December reminds us of the power of generosity and connection—principles that lie at the very heart of Rotary. This month, we celebrate Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, a pillar of Rotary's global mission to transform lives and create healthier, more sustainable communities.

Reflecting on our journey this year, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the incredible work our club continues to accomplish. From impactful service projects to fostering new partnerships, we've not only set ambitious goals but are steadily realizing them. Each of you plays a critical role in making these successes possible, and I am deeply thankful for your dedication and commitment.

As we prepare for the coming year, let us renew our focus on working together to achieve even greater impact. Whether it's through small acts of kindness, innovative ideas, or continued collaboration, we have the power to make 2025 a year of growth and inspiration for our

I encourage each of you to embrace this season as a time to reflect on how we can live out Rotary's values in all that we do. Let us continue to uplift one another, foster meaningful change, and honor the Rotary spirit of Service Above Self.

Wishing you all a joyous holiday season filled with peace, love, and new opportunities.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Nerissa J. Persaud
President, Rotary Club of
Montego Bay
2024-2025



Rotarian Nerissa

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ROTARY CARES: THE 2024, ROTARY CLUB OF MONTEGO BAY HEALTH FAIR

HIGHLIGHTS



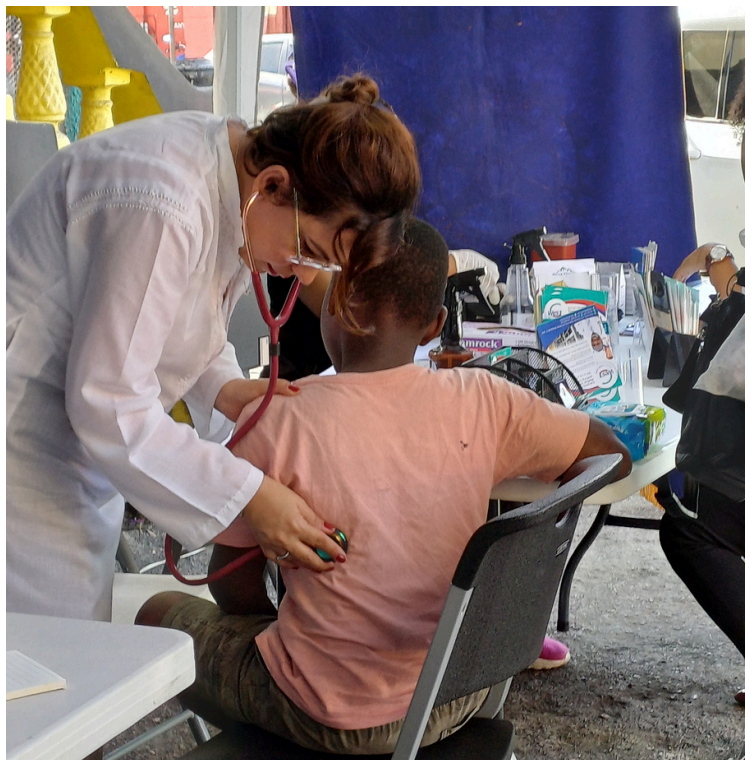
Making a difference



On Saturday, December 14th, the Rotary Club of Montego Bay hosted the Rotary Cares Health Fair at Barnett Street, a community-centered initiative dedicated to promoting wellness and access to healthcare. This impactful event brought together medical professionals, volunteers, and residents for a day of free health screenings, consultations, and wellness education.



Connecting to Purpose and Community.





ROTARY CARES: CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

HIGHLIGHTS



Welcoming DRR, Corinthia to our fellowship lunch



Pixie Exchange to spread the holiday cheer.





PARTNERING WITH OUR COMMUNITY TO SPREAD THE MAGIC AND BRING RELIEF!

JULY 2024



Responding in the face of crisis: Hurricane Beryl

DISASTER RELIEF

In July, when Hurricane Beryl impacted the Parottee, Black River communities, we mobilised swiftly to provide much-needed relief. Partnering with Knutsford Express, and other Rotary Clubs, we delivered critical supplies to affected residents, demonstrating the power of collaboration and the Rotary spirit of Service Above Self in action.



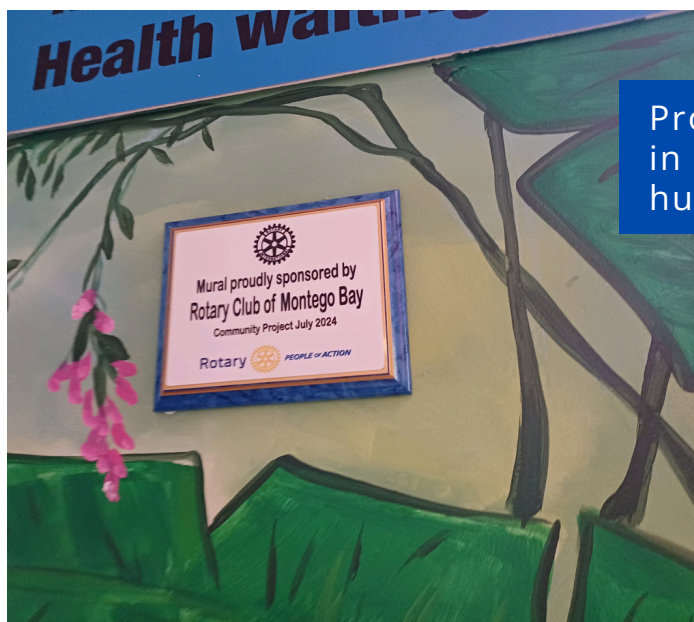
spreading magic through volunteerism





PEACE MURAL IN TYPE FIVE CLINIC, MONTEGO BAY

JULY 2024



Promoting psychological peace in spaces to improve basic human experiences.



Our transformative peace mural project in the maternity waiting room brought light and hope to an often-overlooked space. By creating an environment of peace and positivity, we helped inspire calm and comfort for mothers and their little ones.





TEAMING UP WITH THE ROTARACT CLUB OF MONTEGO BAY IN THE FIRST SOCIAL FOR THE YEAR!

AUGUST 2024



Leveraging knowledge and insights to improve how we think, say and do.

In August, our club hosted engaging network conversations with Zone 33/34 Director Patrick Eakes and Aide to RI President Tom Gump. These discussions highlighted the importance of staying connected to Rotary's global mission and underscored the value of ongoing Rotary education. By continually learning and adapting, we position ourselves to better serve and connect, unlocking new opportunities to serve our communities.

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Club of Montego Bay

THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

Virtual Event
A NETWORK OF MEMBERSHIP CONVERSATIONS

Unlocking Irresistible Membership Experiences with Flexible Thinking

Learn how to adapt and innovate in a rapidly changing landscape, ensuring your membership program stays relevant and compelling.

15 August, 2024
ZOOM STARTS: 12:45 PM

SAVE THE DATE

Special Speaker:
PATRICK EAKES
RI DIRECTOR ZONES 33/34

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ATTRACTING MEMBERS:
Why people join?
Why people leave?

Don't miss this opportunity to unlock the secrets to attracting and retaining members. Join us for an enlightening discussion!

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SAVE THE DATE

Special Speaker:
THOMAS A. GUMP
AIDE TO RI PRESIDENT 2024-2025

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Speaking on 'The Power of Not Knowing to build community partnerships and trust.' A personal journey full of igniting lessons.

7th August, 2024
ZOOM Rotary Club of Downtown Kingston

SAVE THE DATE

Special Speaker:
NERISSA PERSAUD
PRESIDENT, ROTARY CLUB OF MONTEGO BAY



SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



LAUNCH OF THE PRESIDENT'S PROJECT: EMPOWERING CHILDREN TO READ, WRITE AND PLAY.





TEAMING UP WITH ROTARY CLUB OF L.I.F.E IN AN UNDER WATER CLEAN UP EFFORT!

SEPTEMBER 2024





OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

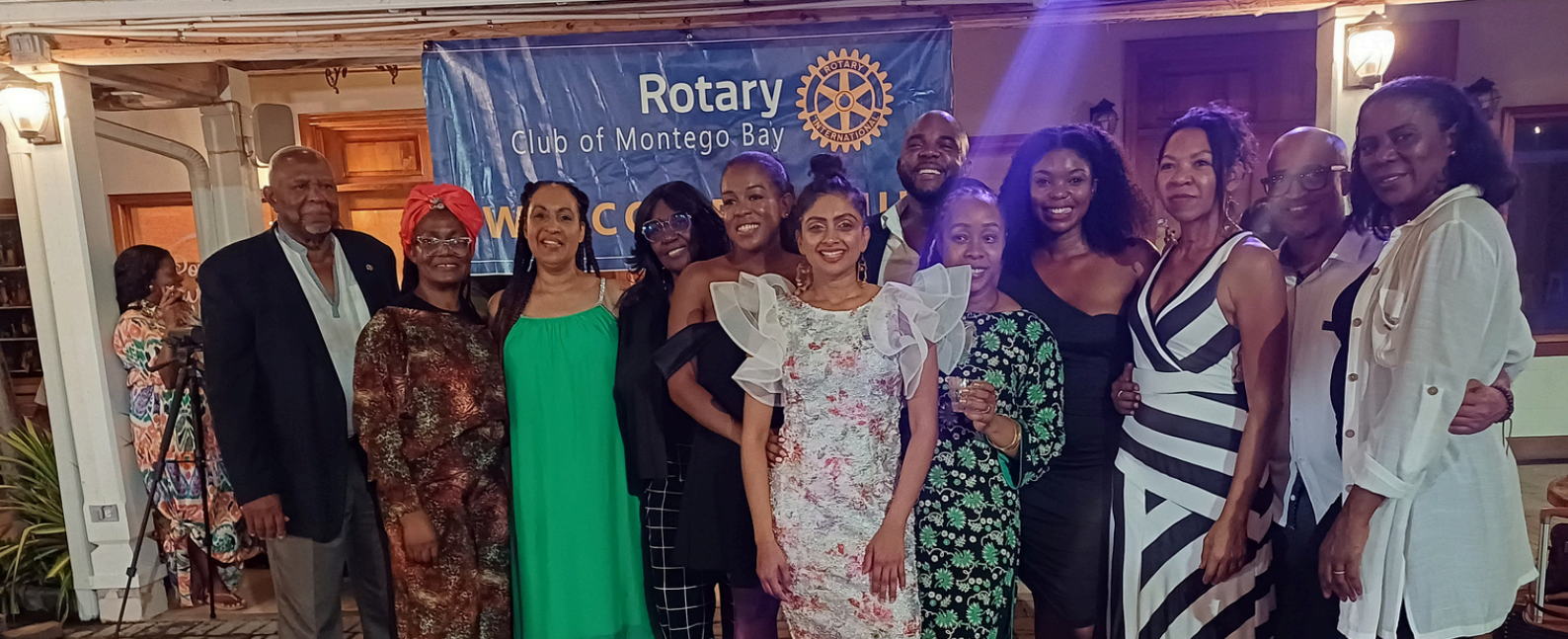


CREATING SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL HOPE (ON-GOING)

In October, we focused on empowering others to achieve financial independence. We are in the process of sourcing a sewing machine for a young girl who supports her siblings and family household. This initiative will bridge the gap in financial sustainability, creating opportunities for her to thrive and uplift those around her.

This project promotes social and economic development by empowering rural women through financial independence and skill-building. It invests in the next generation, like Alyssa, by supporting her education and talent, fostering sustainable livelihoods, and driving long-term community growth.

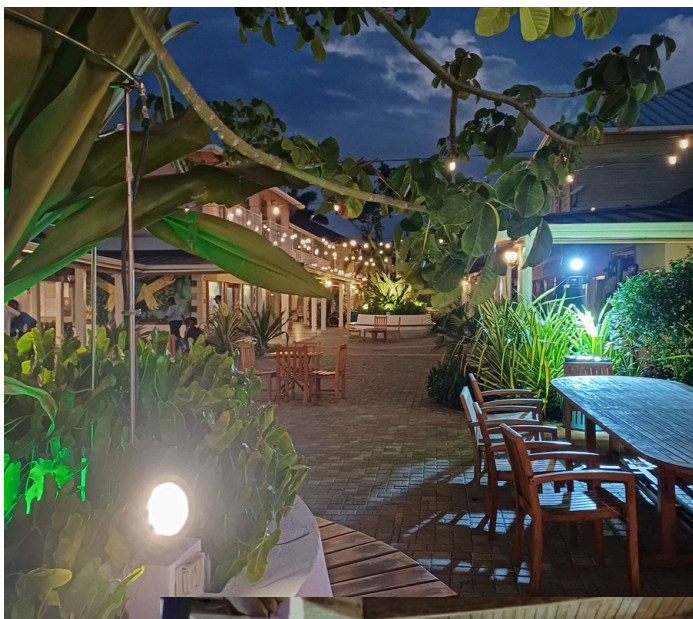




NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

BECAUSE OF OUR HARD
WORK TOGETHER....

Over US\$2000 will go
towards Rotary
Foundation for the
2024-2025 Year Giving
Goals





DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



ROTARY CARES HEALTH FAIR

In December, we hosted the Rotary Cares Health Fair on Saturday, December 14th. This initiative brought together healthcare professionals and volunteers to provide vital health services to the community. It was a day filled with compassion and dedication, where we were able to offer free health screenings and education, supporting the well-being of our neighbors and highlighting Rotary's commitment to health and service.



NEXT 6 MONTHS



JANUARY: VOCATION SERVICE MONTH

In this month our Club will continue its usual support with our Interactors and Irwin Primary as needed. We will also be looking at supporting the Vocation learning room of the Public Library to strengthen community outreach for adult education. President Nerissa has also volunteered to Guest speak at the monthly forum supporting Senior citizen education and training at the public Library.

FEBRUARY: PEACE-BUILDING AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

A joint initiative with the City of Montego Bay and the Mayor's Step Up Program peace poles are being organised to be planted in 5 locations designated by the Mayor with the understanding of have Youth involvement in its rollout. Additionally we will also be working again with local Artist Christopher Scott to be the artistic guide in helping students of selected schools design and create peace poles. This month will also see another peace mural which will be designated to the Public Library as part of ongoing peace efforts.

MARCH: WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE

Rotarian Marcia currently works on the Water harvesting project as well as another water tank project that will be in the works for this time.

APRIL: ENVIRONMENTAL

Partnering NEPA to grow awareness on Jamaica's coastlines and marine life.

MAY: YOUTH SERVICE

The completion of the President's project will see the final distributions to select schools and refurbishment of library space at Anchovy High School.

JUNE: ROTARY FELLOWSHIP

An inter club Rotary Fellowship Luncheon in celebration of the 2024-25 Rotary Year. Giving thanks to sponsors, community partners and Rotarians.



MEETINGS: JAN 2025

JANUARY 7TH

GENERAL IN-PERSON MEETING

12:30PM to 2:00PM

JANUARY 13TH

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING (ONLINE)

6:00PM to 7:00PM

JANUARY 14TH

BUSINESS MEETING ONLINE

6:00PM to 7:00PM

JANUARY 21ST

SPEAKER'S MEETING ONLINE

6:00PM to 7:00PM

JANUARY 25TH

RCMB CLUB ASSEMBLY

11:30AM TO 2:00PM

JANUARY 28TH

GENERAL IN-PERSON MEETING

12:30PM TO 2:00PM

2024 - 2025

JULY

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

JANUARY

VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

AUGUST

MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT

FEBRUARY

PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

SEPTEMBER

BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY

MARCH

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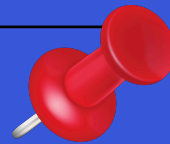
ROTARY FOUNDATION

MAY

YOUTH SERVICES

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DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT



JUNE

ROTARY FELLOWSHIP

