

**JANUARY ISSUE**

# Vocation Services Month

## A message from the Club

### President:

## Let's find our passion!

Welcome to the 7th issue of the 2024-25 Rotary Club of Montego Bay Newsletter!

Happy New Year! As we step into 2025, I hope this year brings renewed energy, fresh opportunities, and continued service to humanity.

January was Vocational Service Month, a time to reflect on one of Rotary's fundamental pillars—using our professions to serve others with integrity and excellence. Our vocations are more than just careers; they are powerful tools for impact, allowing us to uplift our communities and drive meaningful change.

This month, we celebrated the diverse talents within our club, recognizing that every profession holds the potential to improve lives. We engaged in mentorship initiatives, highlighted ethical leadership, and explored ways to leverage our skills for the greater good. As Rotarians, we are called to uphold the highest standards in our fields, setting an example of service above self.

As we move forward into the rest of the Rotary year, let us carry this commitment with us. Let's continue fostering strong professional networks, empowering the next generation, and using our expertise to build sustainable solutions.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication and service. Here's to another impactful year ahead!

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



*Rotarian Nerissa*

### In this issue you can expect:

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PRESIDENT'S  
MESSAGE

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THINK OUTSIDE THE  
BOX!

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RECAP OF THE MAGIC!

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NEXT 6 MONTHS

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MEETINGS FEBRUARY

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## JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Rotary   
Club of Montego Bay

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MONTEGO BAY  
PRESENTS...

A Youth  
Empowerment  
& Interactive  
Workshop:  
Panel  
Discussions &  
Skills Building  
Training.

LET'S THINK  
OUTSIDE  
THE  
BOX

January is...  
**VOCATION**  
Service Month



## THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX!

In celebration of Vocational Service Month, the Rotary Club of Montego Bay hosted an engaging and thought-provoking session at Mount Alvernia High School, bringing together Interactors from Mount Alvernia, Cornwall College, and Montego Bay High. The discussion centered on vocation, passion, and ambition, encouraging students to explore their future paths with purpose and integrity.

Moderated by Club President Nerissa, the session featured an interactive Q&A with panelists—Lemar James, President-Elect, and Mrs. Hamilton, HR Generalist from Knutsford Express—who shared insights on career growth, personal development, and the importance of aligning passion with profession. The lively exchange sparked curiosity, inspiration, and motivation among students as they envisioned their futures. This initiative reinforced Rotary's commitment to empowering young minds, guiding them to become ethical and purpose-driven professionals of tomorrow.





## Winners of the 2024 Social Media Cover Art Competition

During the first half of the 2024-2025 Rotary year, Zones 33/34 hosted its second annual Social Media Cover Art Competition.

Rotary and Rotaract members were encouraged to create original designs showcasing the essence of our Zones, our members, our story, and our impact. An impressive total of thirteen entries were submitted!

The top three designs were chosen through a combination of community likes and evaluation by the Rotary Zones 33/34 Social Media Team.

# OUR PUBLIC IMAGE

## ...AND HERE ARE THE WINNERS

of the 2024 Social Media Cover Art Competition



Tracey-Ann  
Peharie



Nerissa  
Persaud



Jasiyah  
Ibrahiim

# CONGRATULATIONS!



# CLUB ASSEMBLY

**HELD JANUARY 25TH**

On January 25th 2025, the RCMB held its assembly with brainstorming sessions and inspired conversations led by Past District Governor Haresh Ramchandani. The assembly cultivated the results from membership satisfaction survey that allowed valuable insights into the operations, traditions and new perspectives.

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Notes from the assembly will be shared with all members of the club as they are completely compiled.

Action Plan to follow discussion with board of directors meeting in February.



# RCMB FEBRUARY AGENDA

Rotary   
Club of Montego Bay



## MEETINGS



### FEBRUARY 4TH

RCMB IN PERSON  
GENERAL MEETING.



### FEBRUARY 5TH

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S  
MEETING



### FEBRUARY 11TH

RCMB BUSINESS  
MEETING



### FEBRUARY 18TH

RCMB ONLINE  
SPEAKER'S MEETING



### FEBRUARY 25TH

RCMB IN PERSON  
GENERAL MEETING.



IN-PERSON MEETINGS ARE HELD AT HARBOUR CITY MALL. GOLDEN PHOENIX CHINESE RESTAURANT

## COMMUNITY SERVICE



### PUBLIC LIBRARY, MONTEGO BAY

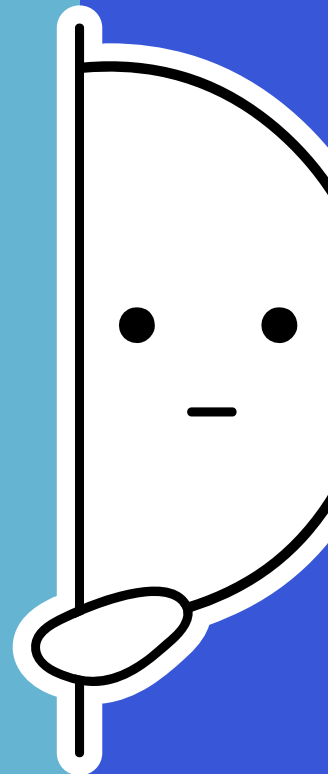
- Peace Mural and Peace pole planting
- Clean-up and restoration of Public sign and garden patch
- Community Peace Workshop

### IRWIN PRIMARY

- Supportive community service in peace workshop with the school's existing peace committee

### MT. ALVERNIA & CORNWALL COLLEGE

- Peace pole planting







## 2024 - 2025

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**JULY**  
MATERNAL AND  
CHILD HEALTH

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**AUGUST**  
MEMBERSHIP &  
NEW CLUB  
DEVELOPMENT

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**SEPTEMBER**  
BASIC EDUCATION  
& LITERACY

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**OCTOBER**  
COMMUNITY  
ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT

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**NOVEMBER**  
ROTARY  
FOUNDATION

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**DECEMBER**  
DISEASE  
PREVENTION &  
TREATMENT

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**JANUARY**  
VOCATIONAL  
SERVICE MONTH

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**FEBRUARY**  
PEACEBUILDING  
AND CONFLICT  
RESOLUTION

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**MARCH**  
WATER,  
SANITATION AND  
HYGIENE

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**APRIL**  
ENVIRONMENT

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**MAY**  
YOUTH SERVICES

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**JUNE**  
ROTARY  
FELLOWSHIP

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