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Editorial

July has come and gone, and what have we achieved for our Club; The Rotary Club of Montego Bay, our community and Rotary?

The Club can be said to have, *hit the ground running* at the start of the Rotary year. This was mainly because we had prepared for the start of the Rotary year by having four Shadow Board Meetings between January and June. These meetings were well attended by members of the Shadow Board, and gave us the opportunity to focus on our aims and objectives for the year, and to plan.

The Club was therefore ready for the New Year, and accomplished its targets and goals for July.



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Activities and Achievements in July

July was a very productive month for the Club. In July we:

- **Launched our first ever Website** - This website design was donated by daughter of the Club President; Alisha Fuller-Armah. We continue to work to keep the site lively and updated, and to seek individuals and companies to advertise on the site - <http://www.rotarymontegobay.com/>
- **Submitted an Application to the District for a Simplified Grant** for the President's Literacy Project.
- **Produced Weekly Bulletins** – Wrote and circulated weekly Bulletins with brief notes of our Club Luncheons, announcements, list of opportunities for make-ups in Jamaica and more besides. These Bulletins are posted on the Club's Website.
- **Published Issue 1 of a Monthly Newsletter** – The Club's monthly Newsletter focuses on major activities, special features and projects that occur in that month. Copies are also posted on the website.
- **Conducted Scholarship Interviews** – We interviewed a number of young people for grants to be awarded in late August.
- **Interviewed and Submitted an Applicant for an Ambassadorial Scholarship**
- **Started Work on the President's Project** by visiting primary schools that will be participating in the *Read to me and I'll Read to You Programme*.



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We also had a productive meeting with the Regional and Senior Librarians about the President's Project Essay Competition (please see competition details below).

- **Hosted 2 Guest Speakers at Club Luncheon Meetings** – The Club hosted two Guest Speakers; PADG Haresh Ramchandani & Dr. Davidson (please see Bulletins 1 & 3 on the website)
- **Visited several other Clubs Installations and Meetings** – A number of Club members supported local clubs by attending Club meetings and Installation Ceremonies.
- **Attended Montego Bay Presidents' Meeting** - The President attended the first of planned regular meetings of the Presidents of the Montego Bay Clubs
- **Supported our Sponsored Rotaract Club, The Rotaract Club of Montego Bay** – Members attended their Installation ceremony, the President had a meeting with President O'Neil to plan joint activities and projects for the first quarter of the Rotary year. The President also attended the first meeting of the newly formed Rotaract District 7020 Jamaica North Western Regional Board meeting.
- **Named the first Rotarian of the Month** - One of the President's initiatives is a number of subjective categories to identify the Rotarian of the Year. Each month Club members are awarded points in various categories, and one is named Rotarian of the month. The members with most points at the end of the year will be the Rotarian of the Year and will be put forward for The RI President Avenues of Service Award



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(Please see Bulletin 5, and Club Documents on the Website) – **You will need to login and then click on *View Club Documents*.**

Photo Gallery

Scholarship applicant with her Guardian, Pres. Vernella & PP Conrad





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Ambassadorial Applicant being interviewed by Pres. Vernella





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President's Project – 2011-12

There are three aspects to the President's Project as follows:

1) Reading Clubs: "Read to me and I will read to you" – Primary Schools

- To facilitate the setting up or supporting of Reading Clubs in 4 Primary schools in St. James, and provide Book Boxes containing a number of reading books
- To support these schools by providing volunteers to listen to, and read to members of the Reading Club.
- To establish libraries in 2 primary schools in St. James, by providing appropriate furniture and books.

Aim:

- I.*** To encourage a passion for reading in children
- II.*** To encourage children to read for pleasure
- III.*** To encourage families/friends/volunteers to read to, and listen to children read by sponsoring a series of advertisements on the radio and local television

To encourage children from the Reading Clubs to participate in a Literacy Poster Competition
Reading Clubs – Literacy Poster Competition (Open to all 6 Reading Clubs & all Early Act Schools)

Design a poster to illustrate one of the following:

- 1. Reading is fun*
- 2. I love to read with my dad*
- 3. I love to read with my mum*
- 4. I love to read with my sister (s)*
- 5. I love reading with my brother (s)*
- 6. I love to read with my friends/family*
- 7. I love books*



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8. *My Rotary Reading Club gets me reading every day*
9. *I love to read every day*
10. *To read is to learn*

Top of the poster - The following must be included at the: Rotary Club of Montego Bay Reading Club 11-12 with a space for the Rotary Logo

Bottom of the poster: "Read to me and I will read to you." & Logo

Reading Clubs Poster Competition Prizes:

- **1st - \$10,000 Book Voucher**
- **2nd - \$8,000 Book Vouchers**
- **3rd - \$6,000 Book Voucher**
- **10 Consolation prizes - \$2000 Book Voucher**
- **Award for Principal and Head of English in the participating schools**
- **Invitation to attend an Award ceremony in March 2012**
- **The winning poster to be used for future Literacy Clubs Promotions**

2) Virtual Reading Club - High Schools

Aim

To encourage children and young people to read on their own, for pleasure, and to critically review the books they have read.

- I. To provide a Book Box to the St. James Parish Library with reading books for children age 12 to 16 years
- II. To organise an Essay Writing competition based on the books available in the Book Box
- III. To promote the existence of this Book Box and the Essay Writing Competition.

Reading List – Books to be included in the Book Box (12 book for each title)



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1. *Life of Pi* – Yann Martell
2. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* – Mark Twain
3. *The God of Small Things* – Arundhati Roy
4. *Native Son* – Richard Wright
5. *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* – Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
6. *Song of Solomon* – Toni Morrison
7. *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* – Tom Angleberger
8. *Julie of the Wolves* – Jean George
9. *Things Fall Apart* – Chinua Achebe
10. *Hope was Here* – Jean Bauer

Essay Competition

ESSAY TITLE:

Part 1 Write a Comparative Review of 3 books from the Book Box. You must include the following in your Review:

- Title
- Author
- Setting
- Story line
- Conflict
- Point of View
- Character
- Theme
- Similarities and differences between the stories chosen
- Personal response

Part 2: The Rotary 4 Way Test & Your Favourite Book from the chosen 3.

What is your favourite book from the ones reviewed? What element (s) of the Rotary 4 Way Test can be said to be exemplified in this story? Give reasons for your response.

Minimum Length: 1200 words



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Maximum: 1500 words

3. Age Group 12-14 years (Grades 7 to 9) & 15-18 years (Grades 10-12) – Essay Competition - Comparative Book Review

- ***1st Prize - \$12,000 Book Voucher (1 for each of the 2 age group categories)***
- ***2nd Prize - \$10,000 Book Voucher (1 for each of the 2 age group categories)***
- ***3rd Prize - \$8,000 Book Voucher (1 for each of the 2 age group categories)***
- ***Consolation prizes X 10 in each group \$2000***

Essay Competition Launch: September 2011

Closing Date: 31 January 2012

Announcement of winners: March 2012

Award Ceremony: March 2012

3) To establish a Volunteer & Mentorship Accreditation Scheme:

- Where young adults can gain recognition for voluntary service through an Award Scheme
- Where adults can mentors children and young people
- To encourage philanthropy in young people & adults
- To give young people the opportunity to develop life skills and experiences that can be gained from giving of their time for specific tasks
- To give adult mentors the opportunity be a positive influence on children and young people by offering them direction and support.



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AWARDS

I. Volunteers and Mentors

- *Volunteer Scheme & Mentorship Awards*
 - *5 -11 hours verifiable volunteer – Bronze Award*
 - *12-23 hours verifiable volunteer – Silver Award*
 - *24-36 hours verifiable volunteering – Gold Award*
 - *37 hours and above – Platinum Award*
 - *Open Reference provided by the Rotary Club of Montego Bay*
 - *Recognition and Award at an Award Ceremony in March 2012*

How to Participate

- 1. This pilot project runs from September 2011-February 2012****
- 2. Request and complete a Registration Form***
- 3. Forms can be requested by email from:***
rotaryclubmobay@gmail.com, or collected from The English Language Centre, 2nd Floor Montego Bay Club, Gloucester Ave., Montego Bay.
- 4. Return the form by email, to the address above or give to any Rotarian from The Rotary Club of Montego Bay.***



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- 5. On approval you will be given a Volunteer Record Book.***
- 6. Volunteer & complete the Volunteer Record Book as required.***
- 7. Submit Record Book by 14 February 2012 to The English Language Centre.***

****It is hoped that this will be an ongoing project.***