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Editorial

August was Membership Extension Month.

The Club focused on a number of activities to promote interest in the Club, and to encourage individuals in the community to see Rotary as an attractive & productive organization to be a part of.

We are aware of the number of competing charitable organizations and projects in our community that seek support from the same companies, and that seek individuals for membership and participation.

As Rotarians we seek to find ways to distinguish ourselves so that individuals who share our motto will be aware of our presence and be keen to join us to further the laudable aims of Rotary.



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Activities and Achievements in August

Summary of Accomplishments. *This month our club completed the following projects:*

1. Project One – Scholarships & Grants Presentation Luncheon with children and their families.

- The Club hosted a luncheon and presented a number of grants and scholarships for children entering High Schools.
- This is the beginning of what will be a long term relationship with the children and their families; through encouraging them to join or start Interact Clubs in their new schools, and through the Club's mentorship scheme.



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2. Project Two – Membership Drive Cocktail Evening

- The Club held a membership drive Cocktail Evening.
- Members were asked to bring a bottle, a dish and most importantly a Guest/potential member.
- The event was held around the poolside of a hotel owned by one of the members.
- 14 guests attended of which 10 were potential members, 4 were family members.
- Towards the end of the evening each Rotarian addressed the group on; their classification, time in Rotary and why they are Rotarians – these were short, snappy, interesting and informative.



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In August we also:

- Held our first Club assembly for the year.
- Published Issue 2 of the Monthly Newsletter.
- Continued to post weekly Bulletins.
- Named the second Rotarian of the month.
- Continued work on the President's Project by visiting schools & a bookshop that will be participating.
- Attended Rotary Club of Lucea's Installation
- Attended Rotary of Falmouth's Wine and Cheese Event
- Met with Pres. O'Neil of the Rotaract Club of Montego Bay to discuss Plans for the year
- Attended Rotaract District 7020 Jamaica North Western Regional Board Meeting.



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- Attended the Media Launch of Flow and Rotary Club of Montego Bay Sunrise's Computer Project.
- Attended Rotary Club of Negril's Installation Beach Party.
- Attended Rotary Club of Montego Bay East's Scholarship Presentation
- Held the 2nd Board Meeting for the Rotary year.
- Attended a Wine & Cheese event in honour of PDG Richard Grant who was visiting from USVI.
- Hosted Guest Speakers: PP Michelle, Dr. Sheron Lawson of UTECH, AG Govind.



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Photo Gallery

Director Maria and Sec. Natasha at Club Assembly



Rtn. Phyllis & PP Larkie at Club Assembly





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Membership Drive Cocktail Evening - Pres. Vernella with Guests



Pres. Vernella, Guest Elaine, Guest Trina, PDG Pishu and Rtn. Phyllis with





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Scholarship Presentation Luncheon at Hummingbird Hall, Rose Hall



Scholarship Recipients, their family members & Rotarians.





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