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### *Editorial*

September was new Generations' month.

The Club is proud of its achievement in this, the newest Avenue of Service.

The foundation for the growth and development of New Generation in the Club was set during the Presidency of Past President Kay, when the first Early Acts Clubs were formed; the first being at Greenwood Preparatory School.

The Club continues to work to maintain enthusiasm and interest in these Early Act Clubs, in Interact and Rotaract. They are undoubtedly the future of Rotary.



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

### **1. Project One**

*Director Natasha produced a **New Generations Calendar** for 2001 – 2012 including activities and events planned for the upcoming year*

### **2. Project Two**

***Visit to every New Generation club meeting** by New Generations Director or Rotarian - that is 5 EarlyAct clubs, 2 Rotaract Clubs, and 2 Interact Clubs in Montego Bay. (Rotarian from another club visited one of the Interact Clubs and 1 Rotaract club has not re-started for the term yet)*

### **3. Project Three**

***Beach clean-up event on 17 Sept in collaboration with Jamaica Environment Trust** which saw 90 New Generation club members in attendance.*

### **4. Project Four**

***Beach clean-up was featured in the local press** in Western Jamaica*



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### **5. Project Five**

***Obtained sponsors for Beach Clean-up event 4 companies sponsored the event with food, beverage, entertainment and t-shirts.***

### **6. Project Six**

***Linked with a USA based EarlyAct club to begin a Pen-Pal project***

### **7. Project Seven**

***New Generations Director oversaw the swearing in of the 2011 – 2012 executive of the Montego Bay Community College Rotaract Club***

### **8. Project Eight**

***Had President of Rotaract Club of Montego Bay (our sponsored club) as guest speaker during club luncheon.***

### **9. Project Nine**



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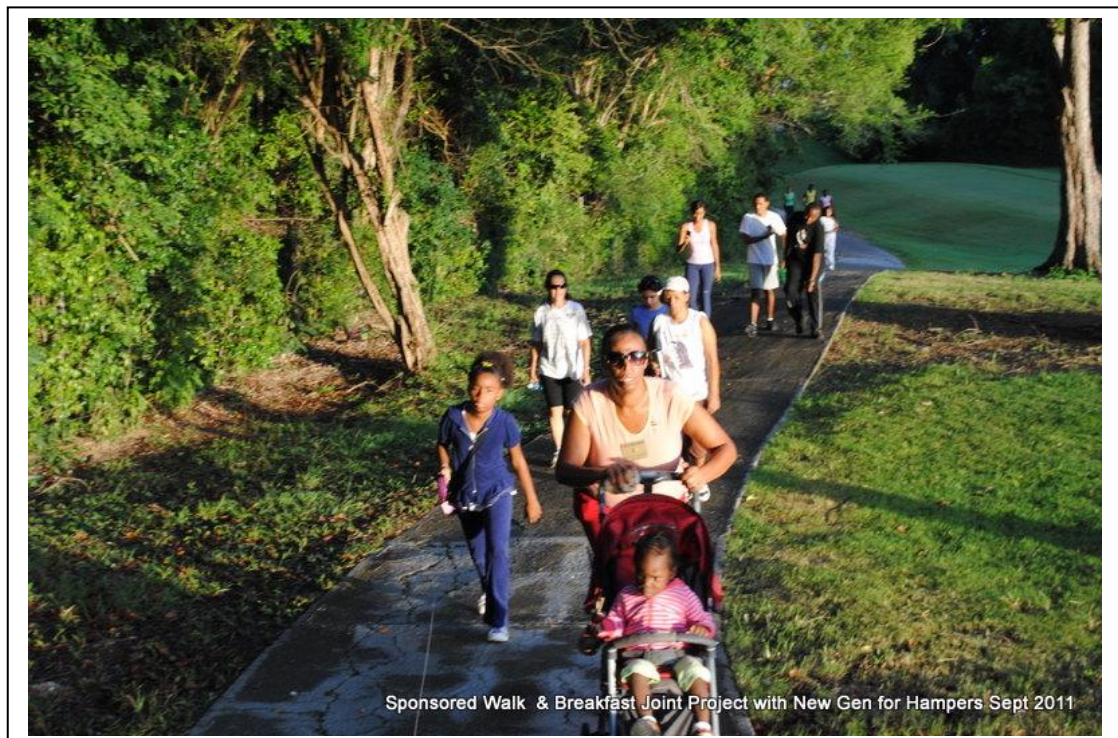
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***Had Rotaract Regional Liaison Officer for Western Jamaica as guest speaker during club luncheon.***

### **10. Project Ten**

***Completed a New Generations Sponsored Walk to generate funds for Christmas hampers for shut-ins and elderly in St. James. Raised U\$350 and hosted 30 New-Gen walkers at a breakfast at the President home.***

#### *Photo Gallery*



Sponsored Walk & Breakfast Joint Project with New Gen for Hampers Sept 2011





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### *Beach Clean-up*



Beach Clean up New Gen Project Sept. 2011





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## Early Act Club & Media Coverage of Beach Clean-up



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### Rotarians cleanup Freeport Lagoon

By Volney Barrett

The edges of the Montego Freeport Lagoon are much cleaner, thanks to the Rotary Club of Montego Bay.

In support of International Coastal Clean-up Day, Saturday, September 17, 2011, various organizations, including the Rotary Club of Montego Bay, were kept busy throughout the length and breadth of Jamaica, doing their part.

According to event organizer, Rotarian Natasha Parchment-Clarke, "One hundred and seven volunteers were in attendance at the early morning three-hour event that started at the Montego Freeport round-a-bout and ended at the gate of the cruise ship pier."

Members of the various arms of Rotary from 15 schools and colleges, were involved, among them EarlyAct from prep schools, Interact from high schools and the community college-based Rotaract. They worked alongside family members.

Parchment noted that while she was delighted with the team support she was, "disgusted by the findings." The waste they found presented a very unpleasant sight and they had to move quickly to clean it up.

"The surprising find this year was car parts: 143 of pieces, and 89 bottles of oil. A group of children actually built a car out of the tyres, radiator, batteries, shocks, brake pads, axle, CV joints and oil filters found," she added.

Parchment also gave the Western Mirror a breakdown of the debris found at the location. "Some things were expected, but not in such high quantities: 1,176 food containers, 1,123 pieces of plastic cutlery, 1,794 plastic drink bottles, 682 plastic bags, 281 glass bottles, 221 metal drink cans, 184 paper bags and 107 straws.

"It was as though we only scratched the surface; there were layers and layers of rotting garbage. We were able to pull out the non-biodegradable items, but there was years' worth of dumped garbage in the bushes that fringe the Freeport Lagoon. Of particular concern were the oil bottles, some full of dirty oil which had been leaking into the lagoon," she concluded.

In an effort to minimize the pollution on an ongoing basis, the Rotary Club has so far collected more than 100 signatures to a petition that asks persons to pledge to "Stop using plastic bags and bottles – choosing re-usable bags and bottles instead."

The cleanup was sponsored jointly by Cornwall Beach, CPJ, Margartaville and Rainforest Seafood.



Ninety-six garbage bags weighing a total of 1,465 pounds is no laughing matter but Rotarian Natasha Parchment-Clarke manages a broad grin as she lifts one of the nearly 100 bags of garbage collected from the edge of the Freeport Lagoon for weighing



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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*
- 8. My Rotary Reading Club gets me reading every day*
- 9. I love to read every day*



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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:**

- **1<sup>st</sup> - \$10,000 Book Voucher**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> - \$8,000 Book Vouchers**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> - \$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)**

1. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* – Mark Twain



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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

Maximum: 1500 words





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

- ***1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$12,000 Book Voucher (1 for each of the 2 age group categories)***
- ***2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$10,000 Book Voucher (1 for each of the 2 age group categories)***
- ***3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## ***AWARDS***



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## ***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](mailto:rotaryclubmobay@gmail.com), or collected from The English Language Centre, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.***
- 5. On approval you will be given a Volunteer Record Book.***



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- 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.***