

NOVEMBER ISSUE

# ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

## A message from the Club President: Connecting people and needs around the world.

Welcome to the 5th issue of the 2024-25 Rotary Club of Montego Bay Newsletter!

November is here, and with it comes the time to spotlight the Rotary Foundation—a beacon of hope and transformation that has stood tall for over a century. As we reflect on its legacy, let us also celebrate how we, the Rotary Club of Montego Bay, contribute to this impactful tradition.

We kicked off the month with our first Cocktails & Fashion Show at Main Street Rosehall. Even as the rains poured, spirits soared. It was an unforgettable night, proving that when we come together with purpose, not even the elements can dampen our energy. The event taught us the value of perseverance, the strength in our camaraderie, and the power of community to rise above any obstacle.

I am truly proud of our Rotarian spirit that came out, our models and everyone who went above and beyond to connect our community with what we do.

But how exactly are we helping by supporting the Rotary Foundation?

Our contributions to the Rotary Foundation enable life-changing projects—providing clean water, eradicating polio, supporting education, and fostering peace worldwide. As a club, we're not just building within our community but contributing to global change, creating ripples that reach every corner of the globe. Each project, each meeting, each shared experience is a step toward building a legacy that connects us all.

Thank you for your continued support, enthusiasm, and commitment. Let us carry this momentum forward as we honor the Rotary Foundation's legacy and work together to make a lasting impact.



*Rotarian Nerissa*

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# RCMB COCKTAILS & FASHION SHOW

A NIGHT OF GOOD FUN!

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



Spreading the Magic of Rotary

Inspired by the magic of Rotary, we spread the magic of Rotary. Our Cocktails & Fashion Show was a night of fun, food, and drinks, where laughter echoed, friendships blossomed, and the spirit of giving united us all. The evening was not just about celebrating style and community—it was about showcasing the power of Rotary to bring people together with purpose and heart. Through every shared story, every smile, and every toast raised, we created memories that reflect Rotary's true magic: connection, compassion, and a commitment to making a difference.



Connecting to Purpose and Community.

THANK YOU!



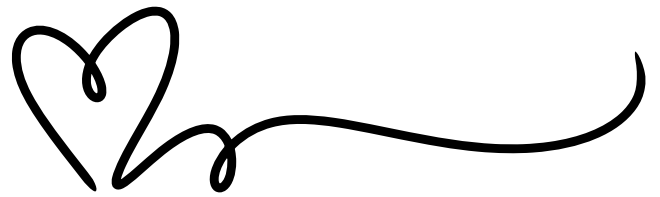




## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



We are thankful to **Earl's Fashion and Branding** for assisting us with the fashion element in good fun and community spirit to ensure our efforts were a success!



# NEXT MONTH...

## DECEMBER PROJECT

Director Joan Johnson



### >>> POP-UP HEALTH TENT AT HARBOUR CITY MALL

As we look ahead to December, our Director of Community Service is hard at work planning an impactful initiative to align with Rotary's Health and Disease Prevention theme. We're targeting the first week for a community pop-up tent, organized in collaboration with local health authorities. This event aims to serve as many people as possible, offering essential health screenings, preventative care, and vital health education.

While the details are still being finalized, we're committed to creating a space that not only meets immediate health needs but also brings greater awareness to the role Rotary plays in enhancing the well-being of our community. Through this initiative, we hope to make a tangible impact by connecting with those in need and reinforcing Rotary's dedication to building a healthier, more informed community. Stay tuned for more updates, and we look forward to everyone's support in making this a successful, meaningful event.



## SHARE YOUR IDEAS

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT IN OUR COMMUNITY?



**Do you have a creative idea, a fresh perspective, or a new project in mind that could make a difference?** We want to hear from you! Share Your Ideas is a new section dedicated to fostering collaboration, boosting engagement, and giving every member a voice in shaping our club's future. Whether it's a unique fundraising idea, a community project suggestion, or a thought on enhancing our events—no idea is too big or small. Let's work together to make our club even more impactful. Submit your ideas, and let's make a difference, one idea at a time!

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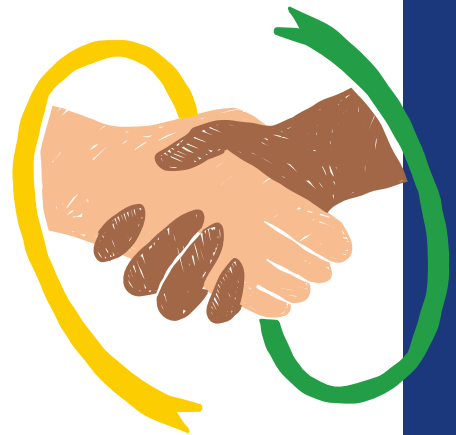
# THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD: MEMBERSHIP GOVERNANCE

# MEMBERS ONLY

**IMPORTANT**

## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

A quick reminder to all members: If you haven't already, please ensure your Rotary dues are up to date. Dues are USD 260 or JMD 40,300, and they support not only the club's operations but also our ability to create meaningful impacts within our community and beyond. ***Reach out to our Club Secretary or Treasurer to ensure a payment is made to maintain the validity of your membership.***



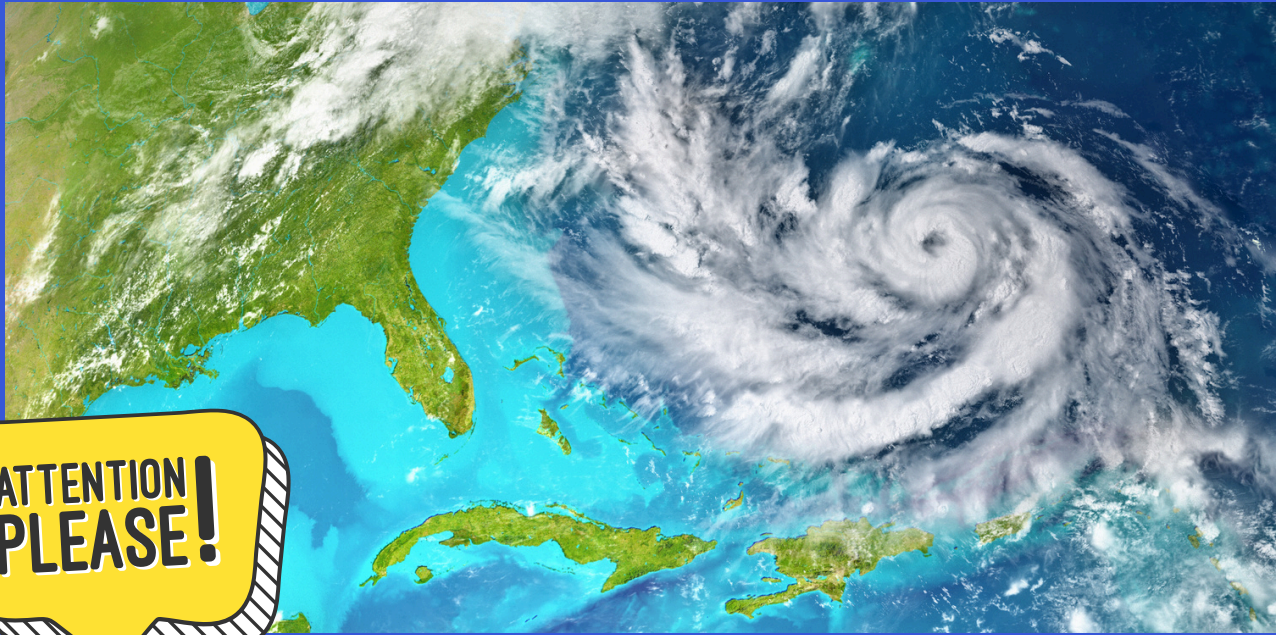
## WHY YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Your Rotary membership comes with unique benefits, including access to a global network of leaders, opportunities for personal and professional growth, and the chance to be a part of impactful projects that change lives. It's your investment in service, leadership, and lifelong friendships.



## THE IMPORTANCE OF TIMELY DUES

When dues go unpaid, our club's financial stability is at risk, impacting our ability to fund projects, organize events, and contribute to Rotary International's initiatives. This means our status as a chartered Rotary Club becomes at risk. We all share in this responsibility to hold up our end. Ensuring that dues are paid on time means that we can keep building, connecting, and making a difference together.



## TIPS FOR HURRICANE SEASON: STAY SAFE. BE PREPARED

- Check thoroughly the roof of your house, hurricane shutters, hooks and latches and repair where necessary.
- Make sure you have emergency equipment in your home. These include water boots, raincoats, flashlights, batteries, portable radio, kerosene lamps and matches.
- Trim trees that hang over your house and other buildings for those that touch power lines call the Jamaica public service
- Be ready to evacuate if you live in low-lying or flood-prone areas. Decide early on evacuations route Avoid flooded water-ways i.e. fords, gullies, streams or rivers, either on foot or in vehicles.
- Ensure that all important documents are secured in plastic bags or waterproof containers.
- Turn off all electrical power, gas and water supplies in areas that are in immediate danger from flooding.
- Avoid areas with damaged roadways.
- Avoid where necessary areas prone to landslide & flooding.
- In case of extensive rainfall avoid going on the road except where absolutely necessary.
- Make sure your emergency kit is stocked and includes non-perishable food, cash, charging devices, a flashlight and batteries in case of power outages.
- Check in with friends, family and neighbors to see if older adults and people with disabilities need assistance.
- Don't forget the needs of your pets. Shelters do not take household pets, so remember to create a plan and have supplies available for your animals.
- Have a designated safe house or location to quickly evacuate if necessary.

**CHECK ON THESE EMERGENCY ITEMS: WATER, RAINCOATS, WATER BOOTS, FLASHLIGHTS AND BATTERIES, BATTERY-POWERED RADIO, HURRICANE LAMP, MATCHES, HURRICANE SHUTTERS, HOOKS AND LATCHES. KEEP A WRITTEN LIST OF IMPORTANT NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES IN CASE OF BATTERY FAILURE IN POWER OUTAGES.**



# EARTHQUAKE SAFETY TIPS

## HOW TO SAVE YOURSELF DURING AN EARTHQUAKE



## MEETINGS:



**LOCATION: ZOOM**  
**NOVEMBER 5TH**  
**RCMB ONLINE MEETING**  
12:30 pm to 2:00pm



**LOCATION: ZOOM**  
**NOVEMBER 11TH**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
6:00PM to 7:00PM



**LOCATION: MYSTIC THAI**  
**NOVEMBER 12TH**  
**BUSINESS MEETING**  
**MEMBERS ONLY**  
12:30pm to 2:00pm



**LOCATION: ZOOM**  
**NOVEMBER 19TH**  
**ROTARY FOUNDATION SPEAKER**  
**GUEST SPEAKER: PDG DAVID KIRKALDY**  
12:30pm to 2:00pm



**LOCATION: LUCCA**  
**NOVEMBER 26TH**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
12:30pm to 2:00pm

## NOVEMBER 2024 ROTARY FOUNDATION

**JULY**  
MATERNAL AND  
CHILD HEALTH

**JANUARY**  
VOCATIONAL  
SERVICE MONTH

**AUGUST**  
MEMBERSHIP &  
NEW CLUB  
DEVELOPMENT

**FEBRUARY**  
PEACEBUILDING  
AND CONFLICT  
RESOLUTION

**SEPTEMBER**  
BASIC EDUCATION  
& LITERACY

**MARCH**  
WATER,  
SANITATION AND  
HYGIENE

**OCTOBER**  
COMMUNITY  
ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT

**APRIL**  
ENVIRONMENT

**NOVEMBER**  
ROTARY  
FOUNDATION

**MAY**  
YOUTH SERVICES

**DECEMBER**  
DISEASE  
PREVENTION &  
TREATMENT

**JUNE**  
ROTARY  
FELLOWSHIP

