



A Celebration of Service

1973

In February 1973, Mrs Lottie Tynes, Bahamas Red Cross director, receives a donation for the victims of Managua Earthquake from Roy Smith, club president (right) and Ritchie Sawyer, International Service director (left).



In May, 1976 the club received the top award in the district for community service. The first ever won by a Bahamian club. Some of the services undertaken that year included: buying a \$30,000 half-way house for young drug users; providing interest-free loans to three college students; and building a storage shed for the Bahamas Girl Guides Association at its South Beach campsite. The club also was responsible for the formation of the first Rotaract Club in the Bahamas, comprising 26 enthusiastic young men.

Construction of the Salvation Army building, Mackey Street, jointly with the Rotary Club of Nassau.

1983

The first Cheshire Home began as a home for disabled servicemen.

The Cheshire Home in the Bahamas originally was a dream of Ms. Phyllis Aldridge and Captain Durward Knowles. This became a major project for the club and over four years, presidents Trevor Sunderland, Barry Rassin, Sidney Sweeting and Warren Knowles channelled the funds from four golf tournaments, two circuses into this project, and in May 1989 they broke ground on Dolphin Drive.

The home was officially opened on March 26, 1991 at a cost of \$320,000 and accommodated 16 physically disabled people and two resident staff.

On November 5, 1991 RCEN handed over the management of the home to a committee.

The Cheshire Home was eventually sold to the Government of The Bahamas in 2005. It remains an example of our Rotary club's willingness to take on a big project and get it done while using our professional skills, contacts and willingness to give service above self.



- Improvements to a facility for the Institute for the Mentally Retarded in a joint venture with other local clubs.
- Improvements to the Sandilands Hospital For Children.

1993

In its third decade the Rotary Club of East Nassau raised over \$1 million for needy causes and participated in over 30 projects.

- \$35,000 towards the purchase of a half-way house for recovering alcoholics and drug addicts.
- \$30,000 towards construction of a building for the Bahamas Association for the Physically Disabled.
- \$26,000 towards construction of an extension to the Hardecker Children's Clinic.
- Purchase of an ambulance for the Bahamas Humane Society.
- Purchase of a purpose built rescue boat for the Bahamas Air Sea Rescue Association jointly with the Nassau Rotary Club.
- Sponsorship of a series of wildlife films for the Bahamas National Trust, shown on ZNS TV.

2003

In the 10 years preceding the 40-year anniversary, saw some innovative fundraising efforts. Events included the first Bed Race and Fair in 1993 when the club got permission to close off Dowdeswell Street to have the races. There was the introduction of Imagine, a silent auction that at its zenith raised \$180,000 in one night. We continued to support the Fox Hill community with the Fox Hill Run, Project Read, the Bahamas Association for the Physically Disabled, Bahamas Sailing Association, the Salvation Army, the Bahamas National Trust, Sir Victor Sassoon Heart Association, Ebenezer Soup Kitchen and Bahamas Crisis Centre to name of few.



Contract signing the for the first phase of construction of the Cheshire Home.

2013

The Rotaract Club of East Nassau was chartered in May 2008. Their first president was Franchesca Smith and the other charter members were Noelle Pina, Rande Nichols, Roman Knowles, James Knowles Ari Mitchell, Anwar Mitchell, Ryan Knowles, Sheyna Sawyer, Janine Carey, Christian Knowles.



Pictured below is the original Rotaract RCEN formed on April 15, 1976 under Durward Knowles, was the club president. The Rotaract Club which was led by Wallace Allen.

2023

In its 60th year the club has grown to 163 members made up of active, satellite, corporate and honorary members, one of whom, Eric Crowch, was a charter member and now lives in England.

The club has produced one Rotary International President, Barry Rassin; four District Governors: Keith Duncombe, Al Cartwright,

Barry Rassin, and John Robertson; four Assistant Governors: Robin Brownrigg, Murray Forde, Lindsey Cancino and Diane De-Cardenas.

Over the years the club has raised millions of dollars which has been channelled back into the community in a variety of impactful projects across the seven Areas of Focus which are: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene; Basic Education and Literacy; Community Economic Development; Environment; Peace Building and Conflict Prevention; Disease Prevention and Treatment; Maternal and Child Health.

RCEN members worked along side many NGOs, fellow Rotarians to answer the call for help and expertise in disaster relief.

When the pandemic struck, RCEN and other members of RCOB and Inner Wheel volunteered at vaccination sites and were integral in the smooth running of the vaccination roll out and execution.

Diamond Sponsors




**Congratulations
to the
Rotary Club of East Nassau
on its 60 Year Anniversary!**

**BDO is honored to
celebrate this milestone
with you and recognize
the impact you have made
in the community.**



MESSAGES



Jennifer Jones
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6 May 2023

Dear Rotary Club of East Nassau members,

I am honored to congratulate the Rotary Club of East Nassau on its 60th anniversary.

Since your club was chartered, you have made the commitment not only to represent Rotary in your community, but also to do significant, meaningful work from which your community will benefit.

When we join Rotary, we make a commitment to Rotary values, to friendships and to a life of Service Above Self. You should be proud of all that we have achieved together and the lives we will improve in the years ahead.

We all feel the impact that Rotary service and Rotary values have on us ... now it's our opportunity to share that feeling with others. This is a year to *Imagine Rotary* by envisioning a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing we can make a difference. We don't imagine yesterday, we imagine tomorrow.

We imagine a world without polio, with clean water for everyone. We imagine a world free of disease and where every child learns to read. We imagine kindness, hope, love, and peace.

By reaching this milestone, you have shown a deep commitment to your members and to all that Rotary does and hopes to do.

I'm asking you to turn our call to service inward as well. If we serve our members, we serve our communities. And if we provide comfort and care for our members, they will truly come to understand the power of Rotary.


Congratulations once again on your 60 years. I know that you will continue to serve your community and beyond for many more years to come as we *Imagine Rotary*.

Warmest regards,



Jennifer Jones
President, Rotary International 2022-23

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Zones 33-34



April 19th, 2023

President Taran Mackey,
Rotary Club of East Nassau

Dear President Taran,

It gives me great pleasure as Director of Rotary International from Zones 33 & 34 to add my congratulations to those of Rotary International President Jennifer Jones and others, on the auspicious occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the Charter of the Rotary Club of East Nassau. Please pass my best wishes on to all your members as you celebrate this most important milestone in the club's history. And what a history it has been! One of leadership, fellowship, diversity and most notably excellent "Service Above Self".

When the club was formed in 1963, could its charter members have imagined the impact the club would make not only on the Bahamian community, but on Rotary in the Caribbean Region and across the globe? Would they have dreamt that one of its members would one day would not only be the first Rotary International Director from District 7020 in the Northern Caribbean but also make history by moving on to hold the highest office in the organization – that of Rotary International's President. Barry Rassin is now about to fulfil the next step in his Rotary leadership journey as incoming Chair of the Rotary Foundation. However Past RI President Barry will be the first to tell you that his Rotary journey has been inextricably linked to the support and strength of the Rotary Club of East Nassau which exemplifies the very best of what Rotary can and should be.

The Rotary Club of East Nassau is the largest in District 7020 and a model to the Rotary World both in terms of its impact on the Bahamian Community and the experience it offers its members. It has effectively supported the community through its many high-impact projects and has responded heroically to major local disasters such as the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian and providing leadership to the vaccination program during Covid. Regionally, it led Rotary's effort to provide relief to Haiti following its historic 2010 earthquake, just one example of its strong partnership with and tremendous support for The Rotary Foundation over the years, including Rotary's global effort to eradicate polio.

The club has also been a strong supporter of programs for youth and young professionals in the community such as Interact and Rotaract and boasts an enviable record for elevating Rotaractors into its membership.



I wish the club and its members all the best during your celebrations this week and raise my glass to what you've achieved in the past 60 years and to continuing to serve and enjoy Rotary over the next 60!

Warmest regards,



Jeremy Hurst
RI Director 2022-24

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27 April 2023

Rotary Club of East Nassau
New Providence, Bahamas


Dear President Taran Mackey,

I am honored to bring greetings on behalf of Rotary International District 7020. While I cannot be with you in person, It is with pride and pleasure that I congratulate the club on its 60th Anniversary. This milestone is a result of committed and dedicated Rotarians serving the community and engaging with the public; whereby the actions of Rotary speak for the organization. The impactful projects you have completed assist with the fundraising efforts because the community experiences the benefits and readily supports the club.

After 60 years, Rotary International and Bahamians are better because of the efforts and contribution of your club. You have been an integral part of your community, providing for the underserved and filling voids to ensure we improve the conditions of our neighbors. We are known by the fruits of our labor. 60 years of doing good and serving those in need exemplifies our Service above Self, motto. The club's history is promising as the legacy of your club reaches beyond your shores. The caliber of leaders who have called this club home are stalwart Rotarians. Additionally, the funds garnered for the Rotary Foundation are a testament to Rotary Club of East Nassau's appetite for superior performance.


As you position the club for the future, "Imagine Rotary" and its "Infinite Possibilities". I encourage the club to continue the positive trajectory you have exhibited along this journey. Rotarians will be known as the movers and shakers, people of action because Rotary Club of East Nassau continues to excel. District 7020 applauds you for 60 years of "Service Above Self" locally and around the world. Congratulations and best wishes for the future.

Yours in Rotary Service,



Deborah Y Howell
District Governor 2022-2023

Assistant/Area Governor
Bahamas East Clubs
AG Kendal Strachan, PP
President-Nassau:
Chante! Nesbitt
President-East Nassau:
Taran Mackey
President-Nassau Sunrise:
Doneth Cartwright
President-Abaco:
Ettamae Jones
President-South Ocean:
Damara Dillett



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Christiaan Sawyer
President-New Providence:
Daswell Cox
President-Eleuthera:
Maxwell Leary
President-South-East Nassau:
Johann Bain
President-Old Fort:
Shanley Toote

April 18, 2023

Dear President Taran,

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of East Nassau on your 60th anniversary! This milestone is a testament to the dedication and hard work of your members over the years. The impact you have made in your community through your service projects and charitable efforts is truly inspiring. Your commitment to Rotary's values of Service Above Self has made a difference in the lives of countless individuals, and your contributions have helped to make the world a better place. As you celebrate this special occasion, know that the Rotary Clubs of the Bahamas stand with you in recognition of your achievements and in gratitude for your service to humanity.

Kind regards,

Deidree Bain
Assistant Governor, Bahamas West
Rotary Clubs of The Bahamas (RCOB)
Rotary International, District 7020

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

These principles have been developed over the years to provide Rotarians with a strong, common purpose and direction. They serve as a foundation for our relationships with each other and the action we take in the world.

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The Four-Way Test

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings:

Of the things we think, say or do
Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Avenues of Service

We channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity.

Club Service focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.
Vocational Service calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.
Community Service encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest.
International Service exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects and seeking partners abroad.
Youth Service recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange.

RCEN CHARTERED ON MAY 6, 1963

On May 6, 1963, the Rotary Club of East Nassau received its charter at a meeting in the now-demolished Montagu Beach Hotel attended by the Governor and Premier.

Sponsored by the City Club, that is now called the Rotary Club of Nassau, itself founded just one year before. The Rotary Club of East Nassau has since grown into the largest club in The Bahamas, and one of the largest in the district.

As founding president, Sigied Amoury, persuaded some two dozen other businessmen to form the second

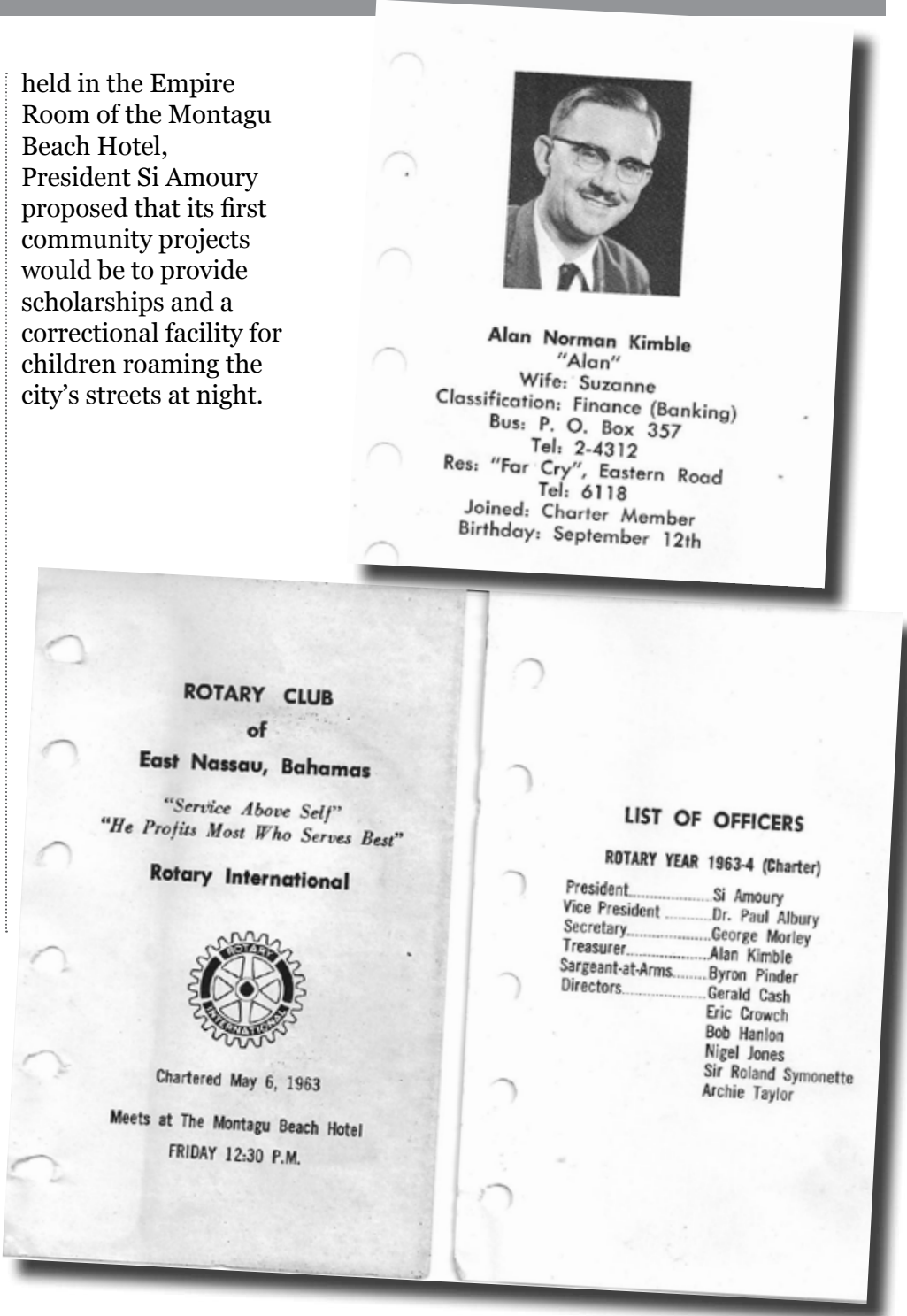
Rotary club in the Bahamas whose first year officers were: Dr. E. Paul Albury, Vice President; George S. Morley, secretary; Alan N. Kimble, treasurer; and Byron E. Pinder, sergeant-at-arms. The board of directors included Gerald Cash, Eric Crowch, Robert Hanlon, Nigel Jones, Sir Roland Symonette and Archie W. G. Taylor. The remaining members of the club during that first year were: Joseph T. Albury; Ian J. Allen; Leon J. Amoury; Dr. Peter Bennetts; Richard Bloomfield; C. Frederick Cadman; Roger P. Carron; Leonard V. Chee-A-Tow; King S. Darling; Timothy Donaldson;

Simon Harbord; Joseph S. Johnson; Roland M. Kenna; Kirkwood Malcolm; David Richardson; Jeffrey M. Roberts; Richard H. Roberts; Harry Wong; Rupert W. Roberts Jr.; and Joseph W. Petrie.

Over the years, RCEN members have been appointed to the post of Rotary District Governor. They were Al Cartwright, Keith Duncombe, Barry Rassin and John Robertson. Barry Rassin went on to become Rotary International President in 2018-2019, representing The Bahamas with distinction.

At the club's inaugural banquet,

held in the Empire Room of the Montagu Beach Hotel, President Si Amoury proposed that its first community projects would be to provide scholarships and a correctional facility for children roaming the city's streets at night.



PAST PRESIDENTS

Rotary Club of East Nassau

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| 1 | 1963-1964 | (Founder) Sigied J. Amoury |
| 2 | 1964-1965 | E. Paul Albury |
| 3 | 1965-1966 | Sir Gerald Cash |
| 4 | 1966-1967 | Byron E. Pinder |
| 5 | 1967-1968 | John H Chaplin |
| 6 | 1968-1969 | Sir Albert J. Miller |
| 7 | 1969-1970 | Nigel Jones |
| 8 | 1970-1971 | Edwin L. V. Deal |
| 9 | 1971-1972 | Kenneth N. Westbury |
| 10 | 1972-1973 | Roy V. Smith |
| 11 | 1973-1974 | George N. Macleod |
| 12 | 1974-1975 | William C. Dekle |
| 13 | 1975-1976 | Durward R. Knowles |
| 14 | 1976-1977 | Ritchie W. Sawyer |
| 15 | 1977-1978 | Keith M. Duncombe |
| 16 | 1978-1979 | C. Fred Cadman |
| 17 | 1979-1980 | Arlington L Cartwright |
| 18 | 1980-1981 | Macgregor N Robertson |
| 19 | 1981-1982 | Kenneth G S. Palmer |
| 20 | 1982-1983 | Tony Hing-Cheong |
| 21 | 1983-1984 | Phillip Worrell |
| 22 | 1984-1985 | John Robertson |
| 23 | 1985-1986 | Terry Mosko |
| 24 | 1986-1987 | Trevor Sunderland |
| 25 | 1987-1988 | Barry Rassin |
| 26 | 1988-1989 | Sidney Sweeting |
| 27 | 1989-1990 | Warren Knowles |
| 28 | 1990-1991 | Murray Forde |
| 29 | 1991-1992 | Robin Brownrigg |
| 30 | 1992-1993 | Robert V. Lotmore |
| 31 | 1993-1994 | Terry Hilts |
| 32 | 1994-1995 | Berkley Williamson |
| 33 | 1995-1996 | Rick Lowe |
| 34 | 1996-1997 | Andy Gape |
| 35 | 1997-1998 | Brian Hassan |
| 36 | 1998-1999 | Robert Brown |
| 37 | 1999-2000 | Lindsey Cancino |
| 38 | 2000-2001 | Clifford Culmer |
| 39 | 2001-2002 | Jeffrey Robertson |
| 40 | 2002-2003 | Alan Wilson |
| 41 | 2003-2004 | Everod Peart |
| 42 | 2004-2005 | Peter Andrews |
| 43 | 2005-2006 | Patrick Rollins |
| 44 | 2006-2007 | Ralph Forskin |
| 45 | 2007-2008 | Constantine "Dino" Mosko |
| 46 | 2008-2009 | Brian Moodie |
| 47 | 2009-2010 | Michele Rassin |
| 48 | 2010-2011 | Joanne Smith |
| 49 | 2011-2012 | Adam Darville |
| 50 | 2012-2013 | Geoff Andrews |
| 51 | 2013-2014 | Philip Cumming |
| 52 | 2014-2015 | Nathan Stone Lowe |
| 53 | 2015-2016 | Jason Robertson |
| 54 | 2016-2017 | Diane De Cardenas |
| 55 | 2017-2018 | Hope Sealey |
| 56 | 2018-2019 | Corinne Laville |
| 57 | 2019-2020 | Franny De Cardenas |
| 58 | 2020-2021 | Adrian White |
| 59 | 2021-2022 | Mayuri Deka |
| AND... | | |
| 60 | 2022-2023 | Taran Mackey |

RCEN's First Ten Presidents



1963-1964
Sigied J. Amoury



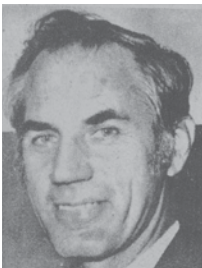
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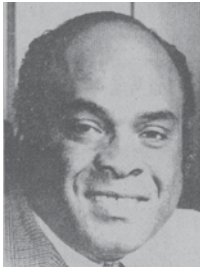
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Sir Albert J. Miller



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Nigel Jones



1970-1971
Edwin L. V. Deal



1971-1972
Kenneth N. Westbury



1972-1973
Roy V. Smith



This photograph, taken in 2012 at Mandy's Bakery, featured many Past Presidents. They called themselves the "Palmdale Club." Pictured from left: PP Sidney Sweeting, Gordon Pinder, Sir Durward Knowles, Peter Albury, PP Terry Mosko, PDG Al Cartwright, PP Roy Smith and PP Trevor Sunderland.



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10 YEARS AGO AT NAGB...



LINDSEY CANCINO PRESIDENT 1999-2000

My year 99-00 continued with many traditional RCEN endeavours and added a unique event to an existing fundraiser to set a new record in fundraising for the club .

We did our annual golf tournament per usual and better \$120,000; the second fundraiser was the fourth iteration of our very successful but extremely labour intensive charity auction, Imagine. The 1999 version of this event added a unique event in our first (and only I believe), Duck Race which was conducted the night of the Imagine '99 auction in the Atlantis lazy river and netted \$60k. Combined with another

\$120,000 from the auction event, the fundraising for the year topped \$300,000 for the first time in the clubs existence.

As with many presidents before and since I expect, I was happy with what we accomplished in the year but also disappointed I didn't get all goals done and almost wished for another year to complete them; almost!!!

It was a singular honour to serve as president of this club and my membership in it is a source of great pride and satisfaction in my choice to join in March of 1990. Continue to thrive RCEN and I look forward to the Platinum jubilee!



The idea to light up the iconic Atlantis Resort was led by Lindsey Cancino and executed in February 2012 to mark the anniversary of Rotary. Adam Darville was president.

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Home Club of 2018-2019 RI President Barry Rasson

ENGAGE ROTARY, CHANGE LIVES

In 2013-14 RCEN Certainly Did That!

There are too many highlights from 2013-14 to include everything, but the project brought to us by our Rotaract club in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan which hit the Philippines that year stands out an example of Rotary and Rotaract working together around the world to help those in need. A \$600 donation was all that was required to supply a family with a fishing boat and enable them to earn a living again. Our club supported it, and when we made a plea to our membership, several individuals gave their support as well as Meridian Primary School who showed

Cancer Institute. Both Thelma Gibson School and the Ranfurly Home for Children were made to look a bit brighter thanks to a lick of Rotary paint. Ten scholarships were given to Bahamian students enabling them to continue their higher education. Over 100 underprivileged adults and children enjoyed a hot meal at Christmas at Ebenezer Church and the Crises Centre, and our club's contributions to Rotary's Polio Plus program through events like the Bed Race and the Worlds Greatest meal paid for enough vaccines for over 60,000 children around the world

Symphony Orchestra an event that raised over \$9,000 for scholarships. But of course, it can't be all work and no play, and we have had some fantastic fellowship events throughout the year. The joint Rotary/Rotaract wine tasting at 1st Cru brought out the sommelier in us all, while the annual Halloween party at the Yacht club brought out the beast in some. Our second Burns Supper brought a bit of much needed culture to many of our members. There were rumours that some may have overdone the whiskey again, but I can honestly say that I never saw anyone who was the worse for wear. Another highlight for me personally was the Bahamas Association for the Physically Disabled walk-a-thon where we danced to the Junkanoo beats of Barabas & The Tribe from Fort Charlotte to Rawson Square raising funds and awareness for that organization.

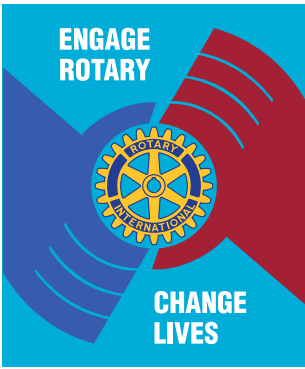
At that year's Rotary International Conference in Lisbon, President Burton said that if we did engage Rotary, the life that would change most would be our own. I can say with certainty that he was right in my case and I will be forever grateful to the Rotary Club of East Nassau for giving me the opportunity to serve as its president.



In a tribute to the help given by RCEN that helped rebuild the fishers' boats.

their compassion with a donation of \$1,000. In total \$7,200 was sent to the Philippines to change the lives of twelve families and the Rotaract Club of Manila saw the project through to completion. Closer to home, 135 people with disabilities in the Bahamas were given wheelchairs allowing them to be mobile. Thirteen children were given the gift of hearing through Dr. Kim Scriven's Listening Ear project, allowing them participate fully in school and home life. Fifty adults who had difficulty reading have improved their literacy levels at Project Read. Five hundred Bahamian women were tested for the BRCA gene by the Bahamas Breast

to live without fear of contracting that crippling disease. All that great work costs money, and we have had an amazing year of fundraising. 102 golfers took part in our 28th annual golf tournament which netted over \$94,000 for our club. Twelve boats took part in our 13th annual Tuna Classic which raised \$20,000. A packed house at Watling's Distillery enjoyed a night of music with the Bahamas National



Pictured at right: The participants in the fundraising march with Sir Durward and Lady Holly. Sir Durward was president of the Bahamas Association for the Physically Disabled.

Below: Past President, Brian Moodie puts up a hopeful first place winner as the Bed Race to End Polio teams parade before the crowd.



President Phil and RCEN members memorialised the visit of District Governor, Jeremy Hurst, with this photo taken after the meeting.

- 102 golfers took part in our 28th annual golf tournament in May, and event which netted over \$94,000 for our club
- 12 boats took part in our 13th annual Tuna Classic which raised \$20,000
- A packed house at Watling's Distillery enjoyed a night of music with the Bahamas National Symphony Orchestra an event that is sure to become an annual favourite and raised over \$9,000 which was split between the East Nassau Rotary Club Charitable Trust Foundation and the Denis Donaldson Annual Music Scholarship.
- But of course, it can't be all work and no play, and we have had some fantastic fellowship events throughout the year;
- The joint Rotary/Rotaract wine tasting at 1st Cru brought out the sommelier in us all,
- While the annual Halloween party at the Yacht club brought out the beast in some
- Our inaugural tennis tournament helped Rotarians from all clubs mix and started friendly rivalries that are sure to last years!
- Our second Burns Supper brought a bit of much needed culture to many of our members. There were rumours that some may have overdone the whisky again, but I can honestly say that I never saw anyone who was the worse for wear.
- We got closer to one of our pet projects by hosting our first Junior Sailing Regatta
- And danced to Junkanoo beats along Bay Street at the BAPD walk-a-thon

Raising the bar as Fellowship Director, Jonathan Pinder aka JP dragged out his Red Riding Hood costume. 242 Colour Run organized by Membership Chair, Lee McCoy, was a huge success and netted a donation towards our community service fund.

Past General Secretary Ed Futa gives a congratulatory hand shake to District Foundation Chair, Lindsey Cancino on a job well done for the Foundation Bequest Society.

The fellowship event at Premier Cru was hosted jointly with our Rotaract Club to attract new members to both of our clubs. The rivalry continues. East Nassau Rotaract Club vs. Rotary Club of East Nassau in the 2013 Bed Race. We raised over \$6,000 in the fight against Polio.

- Some of our members went from the couch to 5k with early morning walks culminating in the Susan G Komen Race for the Cure
- And the Bed Race saw our brave team go head to head with the best of them (and come up just a little bit short) while raising funds for a great cause.
- It all made for another fantastic year for RCEN and that we inducted 17 (SEVENTEEN!) new members during the last twelve months was the icing on the cake!



Rotary
Club of East Nassau



HAPPY
60th
ANNIVERSARY

Celebrations

Diamond Jubilee Anniversary
Congratulations!

The Rotary Club of East Nassau has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of our fellow Bahamians and those around the world, through community service, fellowship and fundraising.

We thank all Rotarians for your hard work over the last 60 years and for making The Bahamas a better Nation!

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RCEN & RCOB'S DISASTER RESPONSE

Hurricane Dorian...



Volunteering in Eleuthera and Spanish Wells welcoming storm evacuees to those islands.



We were at Odyssey Aviation greeting new arrivals from storm ravished Abaco and Grand Bahama. Processing people, handing out supplies and helping in the children's play area. Rotarians cooked and served 500 hot meals to the new arrivals.



Rotarians and Rotaractors at New Providence Community Church packing relief supplies.



Handing out ice cream cones at the relief shelter at Fox Hill Community Centre



Erecting Rotary Shelter Box tents as temporary shelter for evacuees from Abaco and Grand Bahama.



Making water at the Grand Bahama Emergency Relief Foundation Water plant that was built with funds from Rotarians worldwide and local corporate sponsors. Even though some equipment was lost from flooding, the plant is producing 6,000 gallons of water per day and is being run in partnership with Rotaract leadership.



Above, a Charity Art Auction was organized to raise fund for hurricane relief in November 2019. Many prominent artists gave their paintings to the auction to raise funds.



Building beds for evacuees from the Grand Bahama Children's Home which was severely damaged in Hurricane Dorian. They were temporarily housed at the Ranturly Home for Children in Nassau.



At left, Sound Waves with Tim Daniels hosted a concert at the Bahamas National Trust Retreat Gardens as a fundraiser for hurricane relief. Many RCEN members volunteered in shifts to help with event coordination.



DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

The Pandemic...



Our IT specialist taking the first jabs, PAG Lindsey Cancino.



"Coordinator Extraordinaire" PDG John Robertson.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PHF AWARDEES! While the PHF awards were made last year we were finally able to gather all the honourees and present them with their pins and certificates as acknowledgement of their contribution to the Covid Vaccination drive in the country. Pictured from left: Dr Danny Davis, RCNP Past President Gus Roberts, RCEN President Mayuri Deka, Ed Fields, Jessica Robertson, Dr Gail Archer, Patrice Tavares, PAG Lindsey Cancino, Roz Roberts and Katrina Lightbourn.

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RCEN, A PROUD PARTNER OF BAPD

The Bahamas Association for the Physically Disabled (BAPD) came about at the request of young people with spinal cord injuries who were tired of lying at home, rarely visited by friends once discharged from hospital. They wanted their mobility back.

In May of 1977 an initial meeting was held with the late Dr. Granville Bain, Orthopedic Consultant at The Princess Margaret Hospital, the late Dave Smalley, Kiwanian, and a wheelchair user, Phyllis Aldridge, the then Director of The Bahamas Red

Cross, John Sands, Brian Rolle, and other wheelchair users. They were initially called The Bahamas Paraplegic Association.

This then became the Bahamas Association for the Physically Disabled which was registered as a non-profit charitable organization in 1973. It's driving force was Phyllis Aldridge who saw the need the for physically challenged children and adults in The Bahamas.

Sir Durward Knowles was appointed president in 1991 and remained so until his passing in 2018. Under

his leadership, an extension was added to the existing facility to meet the growing needs of the association. Assistance with staffing was provided by the Ministry of Social Services and Special education teachers and aides were provided by The Ministry of Education. The Rotary Club of East Nassau has been a consistent benefactor to the organisation. A Physical Therapist was employed also.

Ms. Charlotte Albury, is now the President of BAPD.



SUPPORTING THE HEARING IMPAIRED


Dr. Kim Scriven, from the Audiology Clinic at Doctors Hospital has presented to RCEN on her programme several times. Dr. Scriven earned bachelors and masters degrees in speech and audiology. She worked at a general hospital in Washington DC. She gives back to the community via the Gift of Hearing Programme which Rotary East Nassau donates to annually.

The audiologist said that hearing loss is very common as 3 of 1,000 babies are born with hearing disabilities. This can contribute to academic and speech problems. Thirty-five per cent of these children are diagnosed with special education needs and twenty-five per cent have

permanent hearing loss. The Rotary Club of East Nassau's involvement with the Gift of Hearing Programme started during Past President Michele Rassin's year (2009-2010) when she learned that hearing devices were not easily accessible to the less fortunate. She decided that something had to be done about this and pooled resources to get children fitted for hearing aids. Since the programme started, 190 kids have been fitted which amounts to \$190,000 over 12 years. The kids in the Gift of Hearing Program are monitored annually and get free hearing tests. As the children grow, they need additional fittings which is an additional expense. The criteria for the programme

is that the child must have hearing loss in one or both ears, live in a single parent home or have unemployed parents.

James Knowles thanked the speaker. Coincidentally, James is a past patient of Dr. Scriven. He thanked her for her crucial, hard work. In 8th grade, James was having difficulty hearing and he was taken to Dr. Scriven. James confirmed that being able to hear makes a difference in your life especially when it comes to your education and social life. James went on to college and law school since being treated and is a walking testament of the good things that Dr. Scriven does for society.




James Knowles presents the thank you certificate to Dr Kim Scriven.

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Pictured from left: Shanalee Storr; Joanne Smith; Mayuri Deka; Kenrad Wilchcombe; Constance Gibson; Mike Russell; Assistant Governor, Deidre Bain-Toote; Lindsey Cancino, District Governor, Deborah Howell; President Taran Mackey; Christian Knowles; Royann Dean; Rafique Symonette; Tiffany Smith-Cartwright; SherVonne Johnson. Not pictured are Erin Bethel Jones, Shana Lee, Amol Pendharkar, Kera Rollins and Geoff Andrews.



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Fundraising Events

GOLF TOURNAMENT - Pledges: approximately \$140k of which \$35k was for the Scouts, so net \$105K for RCEN.

FISHING TOURNAMENT - Net \$20,000

HOLLYWOOD GLAM PARTY - Net \$18,000 with \$10,000 of those proceeds being donated to University of The Bahamas, with the balance being given to East Nassau Club Charitable Trust (ENRCCT)

Highlights of the Year

RI Pres.-Elect Barry Rassin Community Service Day - April 7, 2018
Mangrove Restoration - A Rotary Clubs of Bahamas Project. This project continued in June with visiting Rotarians from District 6780, USA
Project Name: Mangrove propagation project
Brief Description: Restoration of our mangroves through cleaning up a national park and planting baby mangrove trees, which protect the land from flooding during hurricanes and climate change
Location: Bonefish Pond National Park, Cowpen Road

AIDS Foundation – exterior restoration project. Clean, paint and landscape headquarters.

5. Donated \$5,000 to the Sir Victor Sassoon Heart Foundation.
6. Donated \$5,000 to the “The Music Project,” a high school band competition attended by over 2,000 high school students
7. “Breakfast at Potters Cay” feeding program for 120 homeless. Project done jointly with the assistance of the Princess Margaret Hospital’s kitchen staff.
8. Donated \$5,000 to “Bahamas Youth Network (Leslie Cancino) to assist housing for children “aging out” of the Ranfurly Home for children.
9. Donated \$1,500 to Swift Swimming Program to help young children learn how to swim.
10. Donated \$10,000 to the Bahamas Sailing Association to expose young, less fortunate children to the art of sailing.
11. Donated \$10,000 to BAPD - Physically Disabled to assist the purchase of 100 wheelchairs.
12. Also donated Christmas gifts and hosted Christmas party for all of the children at BAPD.
13. Donated \$2,500 to Majorie Davis School to purchase computer tablets for the classrooms.



AIDS Foundation exterior restoration project. From left Michele Moodie, Diane DeCardenas, Constance Gibson, Corinne Laville, and Hope Sealey.



Above, former MP for Shonel Ferguson, John Robertson, Hope Sealey and Constance Gibson. At right, Joanne Robertson and John Joseph.



The whole club celebrated Sir Durward's 100th birthday where he dressed up

Community Service Projects

We continue to support the following:
1. Donated \$1,500 to Junior Baseball League to assist fees for less fortunate children.
2. Project Read - donated \$5,000 to assist with this adult literacy program, which now has 100 adult students learning how to read. Also held hands-on painting, cleaning at a cost of \$650.
3 . Assisted with travel costs and workshop attendance for “Road to Peace” conference in Canada for \$2,000.
4. Assisted \$1,500 in funding for roughly 50 students to attend local Rotary Youth Leadership Awards event .

14. Donated \$5,000 to EN-RCCT (scholarship arm of RCEN).
15. Donated \$6,000 to the Hearing Aids Foundation to outfit children with hearing aids.
16. Donated \$1,000 to PACE to assist with tiling and supplies for teen-pregnancy centre.
17. Donated 8 new children’s wheelchairs to Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre.
18. Donated funds for uniforms for students at Sandilands primary.
19. Held two community clean-ups at Fox Hill Park. Provided dumpsters and hands-on support to clean up the properties of some of the disabled and elderly persons in the community.
20. Donated \$1,500 to “Core of Hope” back-to-school initiative to assist children with school supplies.
22. Held a hands-on project with The Bahamas Aids Foundation along with RIPE Barry Rassin,



Together We Transform, One Mangrove at a Time

Storm damage and coastline erosion are threatening many shores around the world, especially islands in the Caribbean. On top of these concerns, climate challenges are vastly affecting the natural ecosystems of these islands. And the island of New Providence, Bahamas, is no exception.

Bonefish Pond National Park, which was established in 2002, has one of the last remaining mangrove systems on New Providence island. During the time of its establishment, part of the park was a dumping ground but the Bahamas National Trust (BNT) – a non-profit organization that manages the country's national parks – has been working ever since to clean up the park and turn it into a thriving mangrove area.

Some people might ask, why mangrove trees? They play a crucial role in maintaining a healthy environment for small fish and crawfish, as well as protecting the island from storm damage and coastline erosion. But the mangrove population has declined and been destroyed by development all over the world – causing alarm for those of us who recognize the massive benefits these trees provide for our habitats.

Nevertheless, BNT’s effort to boost the mangrove population on the island has not been in vain.

In December 2017, the Rotary Club of East Nassau, along with Nassau Sunrise, Southeast Nassau, West Nassau, and the Rotaract Club of East Nassau, joined forces to help plant mangrove propagules (seedlings) donated by Atlantis and the Leon Levy Native Plant Preserve.

The main objective of this initiative is to preserve the environment for future generations and more importantly, to prepare our communities for the effects of climate change which is causing tide levels to rise. For low lying countries, such as the Bahamas, this is huge challenge to overcome.

By conserving the mangrove system in the park, we’re hopeful this project will serve the habitat and people of New Providence well for future generations, as well as set an example of how other coastal communities can protect their own shorelines.

– Extracted from Rotary Voices, April 20,2018




Clockwise from left: Anton and Hope Sealey entering the Hollywood Glam Party; Glam guests with Karen and JR MacDonald and his wife. Rotarian Phil Andrews poses with his John Lennon portrait, Ed Fields, event auctioneer and Jamaal Rolle who painted the portrait during the Glam Party. PP Rick Lowe and Amol Pendharker.



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Geoff Andrews
Past President 2012-2013



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THE PRESIDENT’S PRESIDENT 2018-2019

In her words...Corinne Laville

My Rotary journey started in one of the side rooms at the Yacht Club where I was fast tracked into membership on March 29th 2007. At that meeting there were no membership packages so when it was time to receive my pin, PRIP Barry Rassin who was present at that meeting, gave me his pin. A connection was made then, especially as both of us were sponsored by PDG John Robertson. It never occurred to me that I would become the 56th President of this great club.

I became a member of the board in 2008 as the Human Development Director-Fox Hill Run and I stayed with the Fox Hill Run until 2018 when I became President. I was very surprised to receive my first PHF recognition in 2009 less than two years after joining and it confirmed that I was in the right place and time in my life where Service Above Self was my intention.

Fast forward to the most amazing year in my Rotary life...2018-2019. This President was on FIRE! There are not too many Club Presidents who have a member who happens to be the Rotary International President. As a result I coined the term, ‘The President’s President’. My theme for my year was “To take the best from Rotary and re-invest in Rotarians, our youth and community” ...and INSPIRE our civic partners to do the same.

In keeping with the theme, I was proud to partner with most of the Rotary Clubs of The Bahamas in cash or in kind, either supporting a project like RCOF STEM program or working side by side cleaning with RCN.

Other memories include

-Meghan Taylor, who

decided to give back for her 30th birthday by presenting gift boxes to Senior citizens. We also provided breakfast, books and entertainment during our visit.

-Embassy of The Republic of Cuba , where we hosted a night of salsa and Cuban cuisine. We sponsored Cuban percussionist Eduardo Cordova who gave a percussion presentation and master-class at South Haven Christian Academy and the Royal Bahamas Police Band with the assistance of The Nassau Music Society.

- In conjunction with, MegaMergers and some of the employees of Tito’s Vodka, who were visiting The Bahamas for a sales conference, RCEN members teamed up to refurbish the playground at Centreville Primary School under the theme Play for Peace .

-An increase of Club banner exchanges from Rotarians all over the world who dropped in with the hope of meeting the RI President at his HOME Club. Our Rotarians who visited other clubs also exchanged the RI President’s club banner. We had bragging rights!

-Involvement of Rotaract East Nassau in the Earlyact and Interact programs.

-Disaster Recovery Director Kenrad Wilchcombe began to build a custom google map for the club charting the location of all members. It would include all emergency shelters and any essential government services. The idea of having our very own google map is to allow all members to be easily located in the event of emergency. We did so well that the District Disaster Chair commended us for our innovation.

-Student Leavers Sem-



Past Presidents assembled with Corinne for a historic photo. Seated from the left: Joanne Smith 10-11; Michele Moodie 09-10; Corinne Laville 18-19; Diane DeCardenas 16-17; Hope Sealey 17-18. Standing from left: Brian Moodie 08-09; Murray Forde 90-91; Philip Cumming 13-14; Cliff Culmer 00-01; Brian Hassan 97-98; Geoff Andrews 12-13; Robert Brown 98-99; Robert Lotmore 92-93; Lindsey Cancino 99-00 and Peter Andrews 04-05.



Some of the crowd who attended the Cuban Salsa night.

inar sponsored by Rotary and Rotaract East Nassau Clubs with Queen’s College Centre for Further Education. This comprehensive programme was presented at the Ranfurly Home for Children. A program that should be instituted for all high school leavers.

-Receiving Platinum awards for The Club and Public Relations as a result of the team effort of a most amazing board and active club members. We all made a special effort to shine as our club was recognized throughout the Rotary world.

-Ending the year with the highest donation

to the Rotary Foundation of over \$83K. This was the result of a challenge initiated by Adrian White 2nd VP – Fundraising, to the Club and the District to make donations to the Foundation in PRIP Barry’s .

-Fellowship with the Rotating Bar

- Last but not least the invocation at the RI Convention in Toronto. Dressed in my Rotary Androsia, my intro was “ I bring greetings from District 7020, especially The Rotary Clubs of The Bahamas, and I bring INSPIRATION from the Rotary Club of East Nassau, home to RIPE Barry Rassin”.



Pictured from left: Corinne Laville, Meghan Taylor, Ash Henderson, small henderson and Iona Henderson



During the 2018-2019 Rotary Year when Barry Rassin was Rotary International President many Rotarians visited our club and exchanged banners from their home clubs as is the Rotary custom.

BARRY RASSIN

THE ROTARY CLUB OF EAST NASSAU ROTARY JOURNEY

I joined Rotary in 1980, after being invited by my sponsor John Robertson, in order to meet some key business leaders in Nassau and made it a point to meet each member as time went on. Within a couple years I was asked to be on the Board and was the chair of the Community Service Committee. In that position I was asked to give a speech on Community Service to a District from New York. My first major speech ever which was

nerve wracking. As nervous as I was I got through it and Rotary kept asking me to do it. I then became the Secretary of the Club and next President of Club for 1987-88. For 1990-91 I was asked by our District 404 to represent the District Governor (DG) in The Bahamas. From there I was elected to be the District Governor for 1991-92 at the same time as the District number changed to 4040 only to be changed again the next year to 7020. After serving as the

DG, I served in many roles during the 90's – Secretary to the DG Council, Chair of the Polio Plus Committee, the Caribbean Consolidated Polio Plus Committee, Polio Eradication Campaign Chairman for the Caribbean, Auditor for a Fish Farming project in Haiti, Member of the Council on Legislation in India representing District 7020, Advisor to the Zones 33, 34, and many years as the District Trainer. In 2002 I was asked to be a Rotary

International (RI) Trainer to train DG's from around the world. I was asked to do it again in 2003 and then from 2005 to 2007 I was asked to be the Trainer of the RI Trainers. During the decade from 2000 to 2010 I was – Trainer for DG's in Zones 33, 34, promotion chair for the Osaka Convention for RI, Advisory Committee to the Zone Director, represented the District at two more Council on Legislations, Chairman of the RI Leadership, Development and

Training Committee, and service as Director of RI for 2006 – 2008. Served on numerous other committees during that decade. During the next decade I was involved with many more aspects of Rotary and sat on three different Nominating Committees for President of Rotary International, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Membership Committee, Chair of the Haiti Earthquake Relief Committee, Senior Coordinator of the Child Mortality

into the organization as a member and encouraging change and additional service projects and programmes for clubs around the world. To see the extent of service provided by our 47,000 clubs in over 200 countries and regions was an inspiring opportunity to visualize the 47 million volunteer hours that Rotary does every year in order

to make our world a better place. The theme for the year when I was the President was "Be The Inspiration". The idea was to inspire our

individual members to inspire others to do more than we have ever done before, because there are many people who need help from us. I was elected to be the Chairman of HANWASH which mission is to bring potable water to every citizen of the country of Haiti. Also became Chair the Shaping Rotary's Future Committee to think of a new structure for the organization. Then was elected to once again be a Trustee for The Rotary Foundation from 2020 to 2024 and elected to be the Chairman of The Rotary Foundation for 2023 – 24.



Being part of the Rotary story on the walls of Rotary International Headquarters.



2018-2019 RCEN President, Corinne Laville and 2018-2019 Rotary International President Barry Rassin, with the banner that marks this historic honour for the Rotary Club of East Nassau.



2012-2013 Rotary year president, Geoff Andrews presents a prize to the winning team of PDG John Robertson and PRIP Barry Rassin. John was Barry's Rotary sponsor.



PRIP Barry Rassin has been awarded the Order of Distinction (OD) which he received from Governor General Cornelius A. Smith at an Investiture ceremony at Government House yesterday. Persons awarded this Honour are recognized for exemplary service provided to The Bahamas. A very proud moment for RCEN, The Rotary Clubs of The Bahamas, Rotary District 7020, and Rotary International!



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FRANCISCO DE CARDENAS

PRESIDENT 2019-20

I had the pleasure of being President during two of the worst environmental/pandemic events ever to hit the Bahamas. In the latter part of 2019 and 2020 we were very focused on Disaster Relief Fundraising.

After March 2020, thanks to PRIP Barry Rassin, I probably had the most amazing line-up of Zoom Speakers

ANY President could have possibly had in a four month period.

I enjoyed ‘hustling’ for the Annual Rotary Golf Tournament, which I was not able to have in my year.

I became very involved in the Bahamas Association for the Physically Disabled and since my involvement have brought in over 800 (876)

wheelchairs through our partnership with The Wheelchair Foundation and the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, Florida.

I raised \$18,000 prior to becoming President on a very personal initiative that was all donated to Rotary in the Disaster Relief efforts for Hurricane Dorian and the pandemic.



The King of Clean Up is on his throne



A speaker line up of Rotary Who's Who was a silver lining of the pandemic where ever meeting was on Zoom.



Franny was determined to redeem the investment made on the Blood Mobile by making sure repairs were done to get it road worthy and given a new skin.

RCEN made a \$10,000 donation for these specialty chairs. The easily adapted chair is fully customizable for use in the classroom as well as home. It enables proper posture when feeding and reclines when resting. It is simple to use for parents and comfortable for children with varied disabilities.

The RIFTON Activity Chair has revolutionized adaptive seating and continues to de-



Pictured from left: BAPD Executive Director Linda Smith, President Taran Mackey, PP Franny De Cardenas and Charlotte Albury, President of the BAPD.

light therapists with its versatility for people of all shapes and sizes, all

conditions and special needs.

ADRIAN WHITE

PRESIDENT 2020-2021

During 2020 / 2021 was the Rotary Opens Opportunities year under RIP Holger Knaack, DG Charles Sealey, and Club President Adrian White. It was the year of the continued Covid-19 pivot. A year our members should always remember and be proud of. We saw Polio eradicated in Africa, the nomination of the first female RIPE Jennifer Jones, and we received Rotary Foundation \$1,000,000. Recognition as the first Club in District 7020 to reach that total donations milestone, making President Adrian White and Secretary Dianne Miller the first Million Dollar President and Million Dollar Secretary in Club history.

We collaborated with RCOB on major national projects. We packed for the National Food Program, closed the Digital Divide and led the Volunteer Vaccination Rollout Campaign.

With no likelihood of a Golf Tournament during the year the Board agreed to split our available community service budget to ensure a financial cushion for the next year. Under

that conservative budget, and by balancing the risks we ensured the Fox Hill Run project continued. We continued making community impacts in literacy with My First Book donations to the primary students at Sandilands Primary, and MindPlay Literacy Software projects with BTVI. The Blood Mobile was renovated and used for the collection of blood and vaccination efforts. Rotary-branded Waste Bins were created and placed in over-the-hill communities.

Meatless Mondays, and creating the first-ever Food Forest in Fox Hill, through a collaboration with Bahamas National Trust, were other first-of-their-kind “green” projects in this great Rotary Year. We made donations to our RAD Satellite Club, and our Rotaract Club, and collaborated with them on medical supply and literacy projects. Our Interact Clubs made donations to R.E.A.C.H. and participated in our Backyard Farming initiative.

Membership goals saw the club offer members a 50/50 Paul Harris level opportunity to donate to the Rotary

Foundation and saw a vote to amend the Bylaws for the creation of a Virtual Membership category not meeting the necessary quorum.

Corporate Partners including Corner Bank, CEMEX, and Bahamas Waste, as well as private donors all contributed to our community service. We recognized Dr. Dahl Regis and front line doctors and nurses with Paul Harris Fellow Awards. Dianne Miller and Valentino Bethell were honoured Rotarians of the Year, and Bahamas Waste received our Corporate Partner Recognition Award. The Immediate Past President’s \$500 Honorary Donation from the Community Service Budget was pledged by outgoing President Adrian White to the newly formed Rotary Club in Cat Island.

Our 2020-21 year of service completed strong with a Bahamas Humane Society Day on the 27th of June, 2021, and donations to the Salvation Army, PACE, and the Bahamas Red Cross Centre for the Deaf all delivered by club Secretary Dianne Miller on the last day of the Rotary year, 30th of June 2021.



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EAST NASSAU ROTARY CLUB CHARITABLE TRUST HISTORY

Presentation made to the Rotary Club of East Nassau by Joanne Smith in September, 2021

The idea of the foundation was the brainchild of Past President Trevor Sunderland. At a breakout session at the International Rotary Convention, he attended in Las Vegas 1986, he learned that several clubs in the US had created foundations to cover their charitable missions.

However, back home, there was some reticence because it was felt that the use of “Foundation” in a name would confuse and distract from the Rotary International Foundation.

Nevertheless, Trevor persevered, driven by the awareness of the need in the community and support from his biggest ally, Sir Durward Knowles. It was Sir Durward’s suggestion that members be asked to give \$1 or \$2 to mark their birthdays – what we would now call a crowd funding effort.

Sir Durward, was always the first in line to donate, and gave a minimum of \$100 for his birthdays. Trevor was so keen to proceed, as a thank you for his year as President he created the Rotary Club of East Nassau Foundation using a Charitable Deed he had in the office at Bank of America and the trust was initially settled with a \$1,000 from himself and his wife, Barbara.

The first meeting of the East Nassau Rotary Club Foundation Trustees was held on August 25 1995, and in attendance were all of the founding Trustees, PP Sir Durward Knowles, PP

Nassau at that time, Rick Lowe.

The Trustees affirmed that the mission of the ENRC Foundation should be to “...help achieve nationwide understanding and peace through humanitarian, educational and cultural exchange programs.” They also wanted to ensure that the ENRC Foundation was established to complement and not compete with the Rotary International Foundation which is one of the largest philanthropic organizations in the world.

At that time, Rotary didn’t encourage the ownership of real estate. However, East Nassau had interests in two properties which were initially owned by individual



Trevor Sunderland
Past President

undertaken mainly by this club, was built to accommodate disabled individuals. The building was sold to the Ministry of Social Services in 2005 with the net proceeds being paid into the ENRC Foundation.

The big advantage to having property owned by a trust, is that unlike individuals, a trust does not die. And now the gifting of real estate is gratefully accepted by the Rotary Foundation particularly as these gifts are tax deductible



PDG John Robertson (centre) receives his Sir Durward Recognition from PRIP Barry Rassin (right) while PP Joanne Smith looks on.

Rotarians. They were Genesis House and the Cheshire Home.

Genesis House - for which Ritchie Sawyer, Sir Durward, Keith Duncombe and Al Cartwright were the “owners” was leased to the Drug Action Service, a body which Phillip Worrell, who was our club president in 83-84, was also president of and for a while Trevor was the

in some jurisdictions.

It was the suggestion of Sir Durward that the Foundation focus on scholarships and that is what we have done ever since. For the past decade we have given 10 to 15 scholarships per year. So over the past 26 years of our existence, our contribution to education of Bahamians has been

Recognition which is given to individuals who exemplify the Humanitarian spirit that Sir Durward has always demonstrated with action and/or financial support. We have raised a considerable amount for the foundation through this \$2500-tribute as many individuals in the community and our club have been honored this way.

Folks like PDG Dick McCombe for his incredible work for Haiti after the 2010 earthquake, PDG John Robertson for service to the club, Errol Brown for charity work for the children of the Bahamas, Trevor Sunderland for starting it all, Keith Parker for his contribution to the sporting community, Barry and Esther Rassin, Sonny Waugh and Mike Stafford for work in Grand Bahama. Other honorees were Carl Treco, Jane Waterous, Sir Arthur Foulkes, Lindsey Cancino, Frank Crothers, Paul Aranha, Bob MacDonald. And the last one was given to Alexandra Maillis Lynch for her work at the Ranfurly Home after Hurricane Dorian and the lockdown due to the pandemic.

In 2016, we changed the name to East Nassau Club Charitable Trust because that truly reflects what we are but the service we provide is the same. The trustees are now myself, PP Robert Brown, PAG Murray Forde, PP Robert Lotmore and PRIP Barry Rassin.

In 2020 we received the generous donation of \$87,000 from EFG Bank for scholarships specifically for students in Abaco who were impacted by Hurricane Dorian. The scholarships are \$3,000 per year for qualifying applicants.

Our most recent cohort include students who are studying at colleges and universities across the US, Canada and the West Indies in courses like, medicine, biology and chemistry, elementary education, mass communications, business administration, accounting, electrical engineering, nursing, drama and political science. We were able to give 14 students

scholarships this year.

Symone Walkine, whom we have supported for the last five years, is now Dr Walkine. And we are very proud to have helped her on her career journey. Some kids we help for four years but others start out with us then are able get funds from other sources.

In our selection of students for our limited scholarship funds, we always give precedence to students who are reapplying, making sure they meet the GPA criteria which is 2.0 and receiving transcripts from their school so we can follow along on their progress. Funds are paid directly to the educational institutions whether the student is new or reapplying

Our committee, which is made up of several past presidents (because the president is always invited to join us and often stays on for the fellowship), and includes, Murray Forde, Robert Brown, Phil Cumming, Mayuri Deka, Rafique

Symonette, Franny DeCardenas, Adam Darville, Robert Lotmore, Cliff Culmer who is treasurer, Corinne Lavielle, Geoff Andrews and myself.

Speaking for myself and I’m sure the others, we are proud to make a meaningful contribution to the lives and the livelihoods of our scholarship recipients and continue our mission to “...help achieve nationwide understanding and peace through humanitarian, educational and cultural exchange programs”

But as you can see this work needs to be funded so if anyone would like to make a donation to ENRCCT whether in funds, property, fundraising ideas please contact us at enrchartibletrust@gmail.com.

Thank you to the club for all the years of funding and you Rotarians who give on your birthdays. The kids appreciate your help!



Sir Durward Knowles (left) gives a congratulatory handshake to Errol Brown after the presentation.



PRIP Barry Rassin presents a Sir Durward award (left) to Sonny Waugh for his contribution towards the Grand Bahama Emergency Water Relief Foundation.



Members of the East Nassau Club Charitable Trust committee at a fundraiser at the Balmoral Club. From left: Rafique Symonette, PP Adam Darville, PP Joanne Smith, PP Robert Brown, PP Mayuri Deka, Bob McDonald and PP Philip Cumming. Other committee members not pictured are PP Corinne Lavielle, PAG Murray Forde, PRIP Barry Rassin, PP Robert Lotmore, PP Cliff Culmer and PDG John Robertson.

MacGregor Robertson, PP Sidney Sweeting, PP Trevor Sunderland and PP Barry Rassin, along with the President of the Rotary Club of East

Rotary representative to the Drug Action Service.

The Cheshire Home, a three-year construction project

over \$750,000.

In a special tribute to Sir Durward the Foundation created the Sir Durward Knowles Humanitarian

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PRESIDENT 2021-2022

2021-2022 was an extraordinary year: both in its challenges and accomplishments. We transitioned to hybrid and re-learned to be ‘normal’.... or at least what we call normal now. The theme for this year was “Re-engaging All Members” as we tried to connect with each and every member and involve them actively in service after the COVID hiatus. Rotary After Dark Satellite Club pivoted and created hybrid spaces where they engaged not only in fellowship but also impactful community service such as the Monthly Book Run. We also established a five-year plan highlighting core principles of the club along with a strategic plan which would guide the running of the Club. The Health Check and Disaster Preparedness Survey that our Club undertook this year was seminal in the scrutinizing, sustaining and strengthening of these core principles with an eye toward diversity. The Past-President’s and Club Forums also drove our membership and allowed the space for innovative re-thinking of our processes and projects. Indeed, the COVID period stressed the importance of flexibility and modernization which our Club has always embraced.

In light of Rotary International introducing “Environment” as a new focus area, we established July as our Environment month with projects and events centred on sustainability and eco-conscious behaviour. Also, the unprecedented support of our Club to the country’s vaccination efforts was evident not

only in the planning and execution stages but also in the running of the seven centers. The hard work of our members in this endeavor was greatly appreciated and the Club recognized the work of exemplary members and non-members with Paul Harris Fellowships. Indeed within the COVID restrictions, we were able to engage in over 50 service projects and 20 fellowship events. We also continued our national, zonal, and global outreach by not only partnering with various organizations such as Girl’s Guides, Kiwanis, and Road to Peace but also signed a twin club agreement with Rotary Club of Freeport. Our global grant partnership with our Twin Club in India continued as did our long-running investment in the Guatemala Literacy Project. The highlight of this year was the sponsoring of a well in the community of Gwayav in Haiti through the HANWASH initiative.

This engagement is epitomizes our Club’s dedication to the Rotary’s motto “Service Above Self.” All of our service projects are only possible by fundraising and this year we raised the highest amount in the almost 60 year history of the Club. Our efforts in this unprecedented year were well recognized through a sweep of awards and citations at the international and District level. The community outreach and service that we were able to do this year points to the deep commitment of our Rotarians and the long-standing partnerships with Corporations such as Bahamas Waste,

John Bull, Bahamas Wholesale Agency and Harbourside Marine. A warm thank you to each and every one of you who have been making a difference every day with your actions!

- PROJECTS:**
- Our Paul Harris Fellows recognized for their contribution to the COVID Vaccination drive in the country
 - RAD Satellite Club monthly book run– Pinewood Park
 - Coordinates for the RCEN sponsored well in Gwayav, Haiti
 - Community service project at the Bahamas Girl Guides Camp
 - Discovery to celebrate Rotary Day

- Beach clean-up joint project with Rotary Club of Nassau Sunrise and the Rotaract Club of Nassau Sunset which was sponsored by Barefoot Wines – August 14, 2021

Hamburger Helpers from left: Kera Rollins, Mayuri Deka, Royann Dean. Seated Llewellyn Burrows.



Bahamas Girl Guides’ Tree Planting, a joint project with Rotary Clubs of Bahamas, July 31, 2021

FOX HILL RUN GOING STRONG FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS



RCEN Rotarians and Rotaractors and friends responded to the call to get back to in person visits to the families we help on the Fox Hill Run.

The Fox Hill Run is the longest running community service project of The Rotary Club of East Nassau. This important initiative began in 1975 when the Club was inspired to take over the outreach from Rev. John Siltstone of the Methodist Church, as he sought someone to run the programme when he eventually left the island. The initiative is deemed so important to the club that it is a mandatory event for all new members to participate at least once.

The Fox Hill Run provides food assistance to individuals and families in the community, with a focus mainly on the elderly, disabled, sick and shut-in. Over time, Rotarians have been able to build strong bonds with many recipients, and took pleasure in gathering twice monthly to pack the food bags, and delivering them together to each recipient’s home.

But these became more like visits than mere deliveries, as many of the people who receive the food have become friends. The time is spent in fellowship to catching up, cracking jokes and talking about current affairs.

This aspect of the Run unfortunately was changed due to the pandemic and related country lock downs.

However, once things started getting back to normal it was relaunched and revamped in July 2022, as members rallied to the call of Fox

Hill Run Co-Chair Valentino Bethell, to come out and be a part of the in-person visits to this community.

On this day, there was record breaking 25 Rotarians present, including five Past Presidents, Rotaractors, and prospective members. Currently there are nine recipients on the list, and their needs are great. From time to time, new recipients are added as we consult churches in the community and Social Services. The Fox Hill Run committee has revamped the initiative for this Rotary year. The “Run” now takes place on the last Saturday of the month. The donation bags are much heartier with increased quantities, and no longer just food items, but now also include toiletries and cleaning products.

“The relaunch” was certainly a heart warming and emotional experience, as we reconnected with some old friends, and made some new ones...Our fellowship with all of them was so moving”, said Co-Chair Valentino Bethell

Pastor Gary Sweeting, Co-Chair, expressed the feeling of the club this way, “We feel humbled to continue this work and thank our corporate sponsors for their generosity.”



Labelling native trees on the trails at the Bahamas Girl Guides campsite.

PROMOTING SAFETY FOR BABIES



RCEN President Brian Moodie and VP Michele Rassin donating car seats to new mothers at PMH’s maternity ward.



During the 2018-2019 year, the Rotary Club of East Nassau extended an invitation to corporate Bahamas to partner with them to provide car seats. These seats were donated to the Princess Margaret Hospital Maternity Ward. This month’s Rotary theme is Maternal & Child Health. The car seats would be provided to those who cannot afford a car seat and need one in order to transport their newborn from the hospital. We welcomed Multi Discount Furniture who willingly participated in this initiative and gave us their best pricing and donated additional seats. The presentation was made in time for Mother’s Day and was well received.

WHAT IS ‘ROAD TO PEACE’?

Road to Peace is a committee created by the Rotary Clubs of The Bahamas (RCOB) to address the problem of crime and violence in The Bahamas. Rotarians are committed to promoting peace and conflict resolution in the evolving climate of violence in The Bahamas.

RCEN has been very supportive of the initiatives promoted by the RTP committee. RCEN members on the committee include Past Presidents, Joanne Smith and Mayuri Deka, and RTP chairman is Mike Russell, the club’s Community Service Director. The club has also hosted a number of speakers who are working with RTP to promote peace in our community. They include Cure Violence Interrupters Cobe Williams and Brent Decker and Dave Lockett, from PACT, Urban Peace Programme in Toronto, Canada

WHY ‘ROAD TO PEACE’?

According to the Inter-American Development Bank, our murder rate has doubled over the past decade and is now among the highest in the region - at 31.9 per 100,000. Violence against women and children is also a major concern — The average rate of rapes reported over 2009–2013 was 27 per 100,000 population. This is above the already-high regional average. Crime and violence threatens the stability of our communities and has prompted the RCOB to action.

Road To Peace’s MISSION

Road to Peace is developing social-based strategies and proactive interventions to foster change, promote peace and support a reduction of crime and violence through partnerships with others.

Road To Peace’s GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To help reduce crime in The Bahamas.
2. To promote peaceful relations.
3. To encourage citizen security and community engagement.
4. To advocate for more civic collaboration with law enforcement agencies.
5. To foster mutual responsibility through effective partnerships.
6. To support conflict resolution training.
7. To pursue viable and meaningful social-based programmes that fight crime and violence.



RCEN members observe World Peace Day by joining the Peace March organized by Road to Peace in Bain and Grants Town.



Joanne Smith (left) presents a Certificates of Appreciation to Cobe Williams and Brent Decker from Cure Violence with President Hope Sealey (right).



RCEN MEMBERS

as at April 23, 2023

Active Eronjha Adderley-McIntosh	Active Davinia Grant	Active Barry Rassin	Active - Satellite Alexandria Adderley
Active Ben Albury	Active Rekeall Griffin	Active Rosamond Roberts	Active - Satellite Timothy Bain
Active Jeffrey Albury	Active Tiffany Hall-Sweeting	Active Rupert Roberts	Active - Satellite Cyprian Collie
Active Winifred Alleyne	Active Mark Hammerton	Active Jason Robertson	Active - Satellite Howard Evans
Active Geoff Andrews	Active Anna Hanson	Active Jennifer Robertson	Active - Satellite David Knowles
Active Peter Andrews	Active Brian Hassan	Active Joanne Robertson	Active - Satellite Kimiko Knowles
Active Phil Andrews	Active Ashley Henderson	Active John Robertson	Active - Satellite D'Ondre Miller
Active Frederick Arnett	Active Iona Henderson	Active Patrice Robinson	Active - Satellite Candace Nicot
Active James Bain	Active Mark Henderson	Active Jamaal Rolle	Active - Satellite Andrew Symonette
Active Stephanie Barnett	Active Edward Humes	Active Sherran Rolle	
Active Jeffrey Beckles	Active L. Desiray Ingraham	Active Warren Rolle	Active - Corporate Richard Fox
Active Valentino Bethell	Active SherVonne Johnson	Active Hugh Rollins	Active - Corporate Jonathan Pinder
Active Erin Bethell Jones	Active John Joseph	Active Kera Rollins	Active - Corporate Sydney Symonette
Active Erin Brown	Active Kristy Kemp	Active Michael Russell	
Active Gravette Brown	Active Christian Knowles	Active Keith Sands	Honorary Paul Amoury
Active Robert Brown	Active Geoffrey Knowles	Active Hope Sealey	Honorary Eric Crowch
Active Robin Brownrigg	Active James Knowles	Active David Slatter	Honorary Ralph Forskin
Active Garth Buckner	Active Karen Knowles	Active Joanne Smith	Honorary Andrew Gape
Active Alan Burrows	Active Paul Knowles	Active Michael Stewart	Honorary Thomas Hartley
Active Llewellyn Burrows	Active Roland Knowles	Active Shanalee Storr	Honorary David Jenner
Active Utha Butler	Active Davin Lakin	Active Gary Sweeting	Honorary Claudio Lins
Active Novalette Cambridge	Active Corinne Laville	Active Craig Symonette	Honorary Maria Lins
Active Lindsey Cancino	Active Shana Lee	Active Julia Symonette	Honorary Bob MacDonald
Active Lonise Carey	Active Jaime Lewis	Active Rafique Symonette	Honorary Keith Parker
Active Paul Cartwright	Active Jacqueline Lightbourn	Active Theodore Symonette	Honorary Esther Rassin
Active Tiffany Cartwright	Active Katrina Lightbourn	Active Stuart Tavares	Honorary Macgregor Robertson
Active Alexander Christie	Active Michael Lightbourn	Active Martin Todd	Honorary William Simons
Active Gavin Christie	Active Robert Lotmore	Active Donald Tomlinson	Honorary Herbert Thompson
Active Frank Crothers	Active Elmer Lowe	Active Ryan Treco	Honorary Dana Wells
Active Clifford Culmer	Active Taran Mackey	Active Patrick Tully	Honorary Berkley Williamson
Active Philip Cumming	Active Joshua Major	Active Ulrich Voges	Honorary Alan Wilson
Active Adam Darville	Active Michelle Malcolm	Active Burton Wallace	
Active Angela Davis	Active Edward Marshall	Active Adrian White	
Active Kandice Davis	Active Cherry Martin	Active Kenrad Wilchcombe	
Active Zelpha Davis	Active James Ray McDonald		
Active Diane DeCardenas	Active Dianne Miller		
Active Fernando DeCardenas	Active Joshua Miller		
Active Francisco DeCardenas	Active Brian Moodie		
Active Royann Dean	Active Michele Moodie		
Active Mayuri Deka	Active Fintan Mooney		
Active Pierre Dupuch	Active Oswald Moore		
Active Jean Marc Fellay	Active Terry Mosko		
Active Cyd Ferguson	Active Roshan Noronha		
Active Karen Forbes	Active Kahlil Parker		
Active Murray Forde	Active Amol Pendharkar		
Active Adrian Forsythe	Active Darron Pickstock		
Active Hannah Foster-Middleton	Active Craig Pinder		
Active Stephanie Frith	Active John Pinder		
Active Eddie Gardner	Active Michael Pinder		
Active Constance Gibson	Active Richard Pyfrom		



GB EMERGENCY WATER RELIEF FOUNDATION

In 2004 when hurricanes Frances and Jeanne ripped through Grand Bahama, they created a dismal scene where thousands of residents were left scrounging for food and water in their aftermath.

The Grand Bahama Emergency Water Relief Foundation has taken a proactive approach to help islanders become better prepared with the construction of a reverse osmosis water plant on the island.

The Foundation raised nearly \$220,000 for the plant's construction, including a \$120,000 donation by the T.K. Foundation (a creation of Teekay Shipping).

It is comprised of members from the Rotary Club of East Nassau, the Grand Bahama District and California (Santa Monica and Beverly Hills).

The plant is located on Grand Bahamian Way on property donated by the Grand Bahama Port Authority and will be able to produce up to 6,200 gallons per day.

Lindsey Cancino, who was then the Assistant District Governor for Rotary Clubs of The Bahamas,

explained that the water plant will commence the storage of water once a storm is tracked in the Grand Bahama area.

Jillian Alexander, Co-chair of Rotary District 5280 WCS and co-chair for the Bahamas Clean Water Project for District 52ED in Los Angeles said that in 2006 Rotary International took on "clean water" as a major initiative for the group.

However, she said it was the story of Grand Bahama's devastation that encouraged Rotarians to pour themselves into this project.

She said there were eight clubs in the Los Angeles Region who participated in fund raising efforts, raising \$22,000.

NEMA Co-ordinator and administrator in the Office of the Prime Minister Don Cornish commended Rotary for setting the tone for other organisations to forge such partnerships.

President of Waugh Construction, Sonny Waugh, who supervised the plant's construction,



Rotaractors contribute greatly to the working of the plant



WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE

The Grand Bahama Water Project Update

- The project started as a partnership between Rotary and the TK Foundation. There was a total of \$217,610 raised for the foundation with \$95,000 coming from Rotary and \$122,610 in matching funds from the T.K. Foundation.
- The Grand Bahama Emergency Water Relief Foundation is a registered non-profit organization. The funds were spent on a hurricane proof building and a reverse osmosis machine.
- The building houses a 5,500-gallon storage tank.
- There were initially 10 water trailers (four went missing in Dorian). District 6990 has now funded a second machine, so the Foundation now has two identical reverse osmosis machines that can produce 7,500 gallons per day
- The owners of Walker's Cay have donated a new 30Kw generator and the Rotary Club of Perrine has donated a new truck and trailers.
- A fill station has been installed for self service.
- After Dorian, the plant was the only source of water for the first six to seven weeks.

GBEWRF Plant Snapshot

Hurricane proof building

4 inch thick solid cement walls with metal roof, steel doors 10 feet above grade (Dorian did flood the Plant)
All equipment elevated
½ mile from NEMA HQ & warehouse

Reverse Osmosis Machine

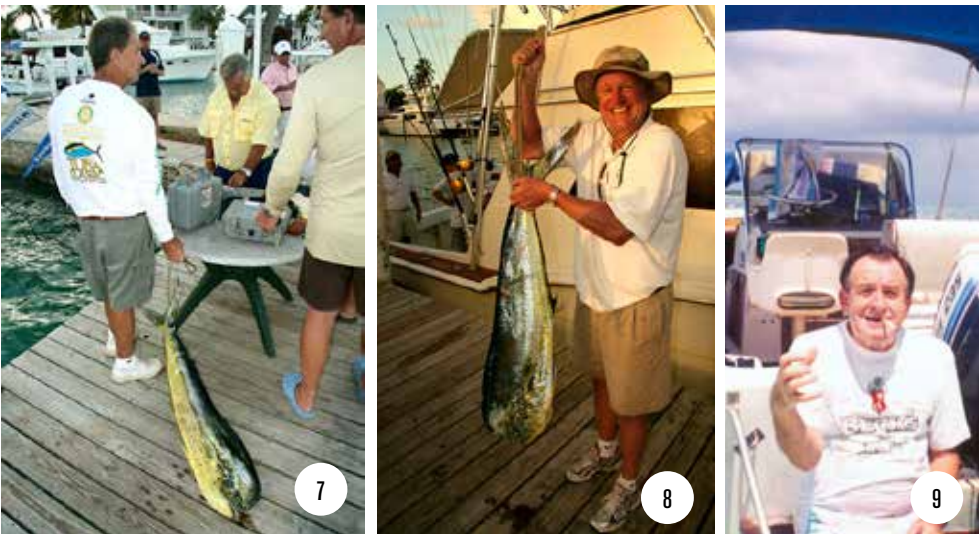
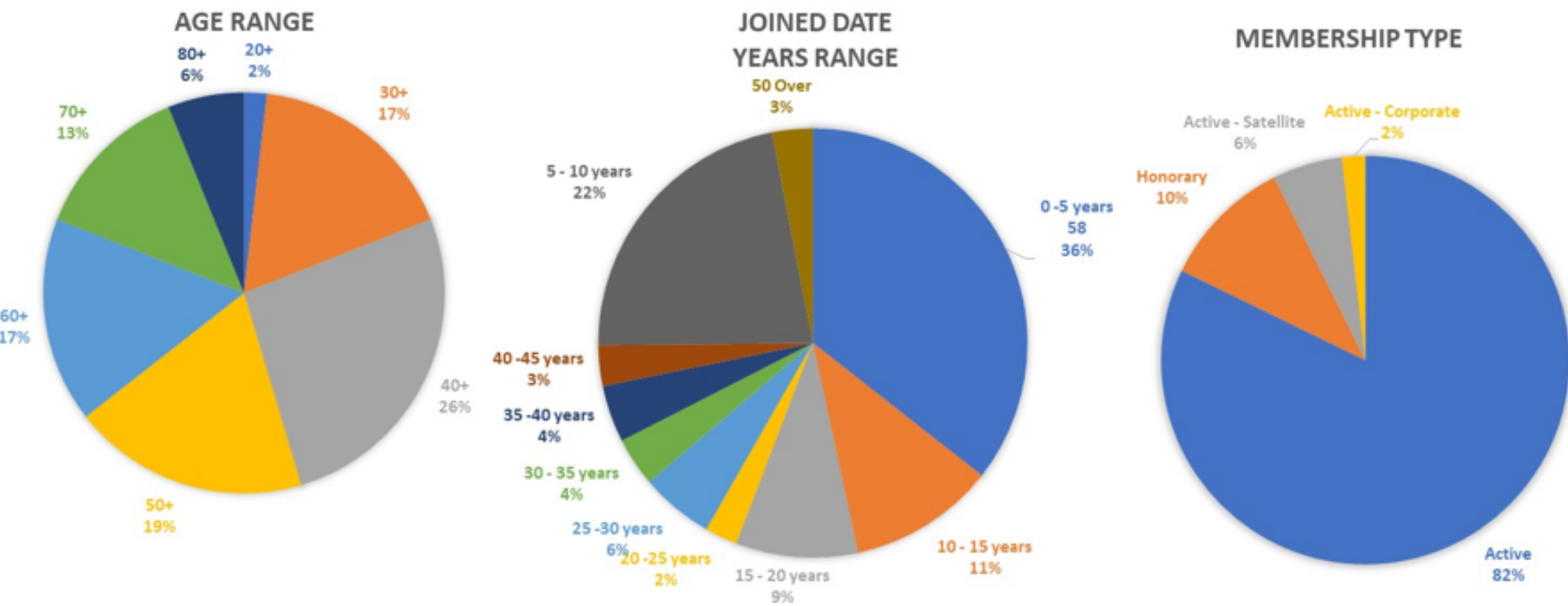
Two identical 7,500 gallon-per-day reverse osmosis machines with one wall mounted in case of flooding
Fully automatic
Draws water from it's own well
Self cleaning weekly
No proprietary parts

30 KW Diesel generator

Water quality (measured in Total Dissolved Solids TDS)
GBEWRF produces water at approximately 20-30 TDS
World Health Organization standard is 1,000 tds

MEMBERSHIP DEMOGRAPHICS

as at April 23, 2023



1. What a dapper looking group of RCEN Past Presidents! From left standing: Murray Forde, Alan Wilson, Fred Cadman and Jeff Robertson.
From left sitting: Tony Hong-Cheong and Phil Worrell.

2. Rotary After Dark Satellite Club induction. Standing from left: PRIP Barry Rassin, Roy Solomon, Kimiko Knowles, President Franny DeCardenas, D'Ondre Miller, PAG Lindsey Cancino, Rafique Symonette. Sitting from left: Andrew Symonette, Kristen Duncombe, Robert Symonette, Candace Nicot and David Knowles.

3. The Andrews Brothers (and daughters) in song.

4. RCEN members at the All Club Social for Felix Stubbs as the new District Governor, 2015-2016.

5. Rotaractors who had transitioned to Rotary Club of East Nassau with RIPE Barry Rassin. From left: Raymond Hutcheson, Joanne Robertson, Adrian Forsythe, Puppy Robinson, Barry Rassin, Iona Henderson, Christian Knowles, Karen Knowles and Taran Mackey.

6. Eye testing with the Rotary Club of Roswell, Georgia.

7. Richard Pyfrom the Paradise Island weigh station for the 2008 Tuna Classic.

8. Donny Tomlinson showing off his big Tuna at the Paradise Island weigh station, 2008 Tuna Classic.

9. Ernie Grindrod, Treasurer and Sargent-at-Arms.

10. Rotaract vs Rotary 2023 was a family affair. And the winner is Rotary Club of East Nassau.





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Thank you to the Rotary Club of East Nassau for 60 years of Service to The Bahamas



INVESTING IN A SUSTAINABLE WATER PROJECT-HANWASH

In January, 2022 the Rotary Club of East Nassau sponsored a well in Gwayav, Haiti.

According to Ryan Rowe, Executive Director, HANWASH, Gwayav had undertaken the necessary activities in a number of different communities that qualified them to receive a well.

This is a momentous occasion for the residents of the village, who invest their time, leadership, and efforts to help their community along this path.

The population breakdown is 207 people; 37 girls, 52 boys, 61 women, 57 men. There are 50 homes in this community.

When HANWASH first began working with the Gwayav community they only had 23 latrines, which meant that more than half of households did not have a latrine for their own use. As part of community engagement hygiene

training is conducted to raise awareness among local citizens about the risks of inadequate sanitation and the impact on environmental and public health, and individual and community hygiene measures they can take to protect themselves.

A key condition of HANWASH support for the community is that local citizens commit to addressing the lack of sanitation, and this means building it or financing it themselves. The community has since progressed to 38 latrines from the initial 23. The fact that they have made such significant progress is a promising sign of the community's commitment to their own development.

Currently, the main water source for this community is an unprotected spring located nearly a mile away from the village. The photo, at left, shows of a young boy collecting water from that spring. The



A donation of \$20,000 was given to the programme to pay for the well in Gwayav to be dug. From left: Lindsey Cancino, HANWASH Co-Chair and Past Rotary International President Barry Rassin.



Well digging in Haiti.

water may look clean but since the spring is unprotected and there is insufficient sanitation coverage, this water puts people's health at risk, not to mention the fact that it is quite a distance to walk every day for drinking water.

As the community nears the threshold level of sanitation coverage (approximately 85%), we are preparing the process and paperwork to hire a local well builder.

This process includes drilling the well, conducting a pump test to determine the true flow capacity of the well to provide drinking water, as well as conducting a water quality test.

The partner guiding this effort is Haiti Outreach, a well-regarded NGO with a strong record of success and sustainability and which has been working in Haiti for about 25 years.



On behalf of everyone at Bahamas Waste, we want to extend our congratulations to the Rotary Club of East Nassau on its

60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee!

Six decades of service and dedication to the community is a truly remarkable achievement, and we are proud to celebrate this milestone with you. Your unwavering commitment to making a positive impact throughout The Bahamas is an inspiration to us all, and we look forward to seeing the continued growth and success of your club in the years to come.



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