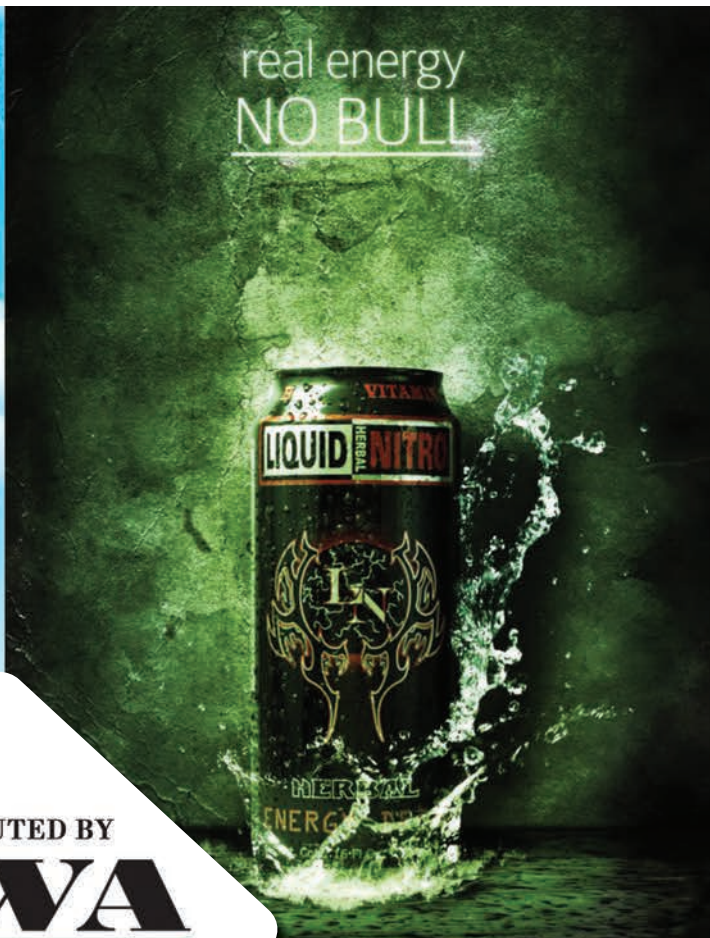




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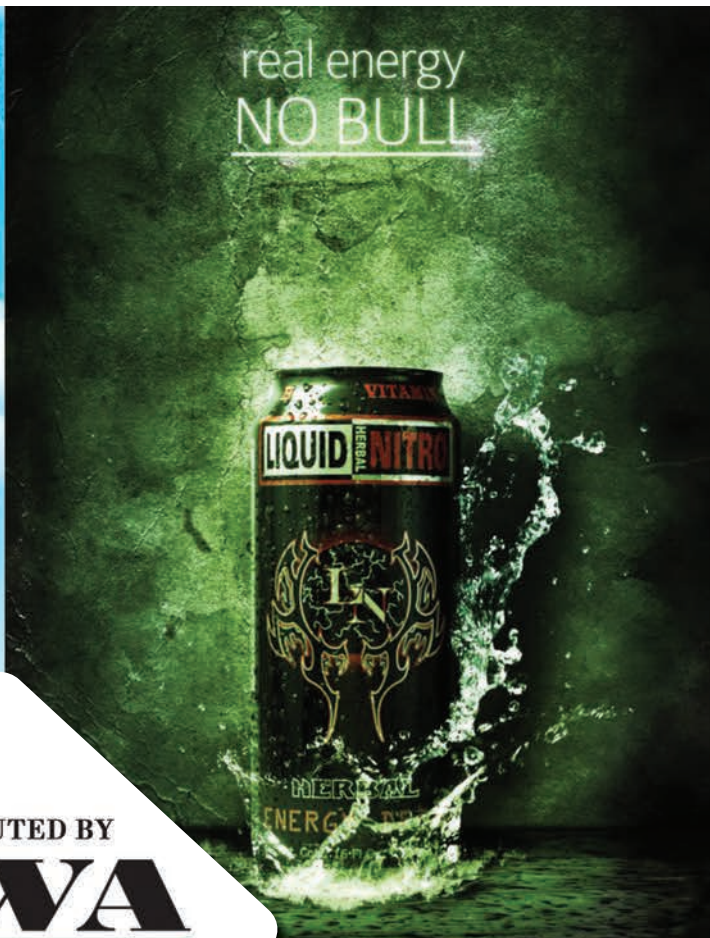


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To the members of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, Bahamas:

I am delighted to congratulate the Rotary Club of East Nassau on the fiftieth anniversary of its charter.

Every Rotary club has its own personality and its own character; each one finds its own unique ways to serve. When a community gains a Rotary club, it also gains a heart: a group of caring and committed men and women who come together every week to make that community a better place.

It has been many years since I became a charter member of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Japan. I did not know at the time what a momentous decision that would be. But in the years since, I have always been grateful to those who decided to form a new Rotary club in my town, and invited me to join. Because of them, my life has been richer, happier, and more fulfilling in too many ways to count. And because of them, Yashio has become a better place as well.

I am confident that Nassau has benefited greatly from your club's service over the last 50 years. I send you my congratulations on reaching this important milestone, and my best wishes for a year of *Peace through Service*.

Yours in Rotary,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "S. Tanaka". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sakuji Tanaka
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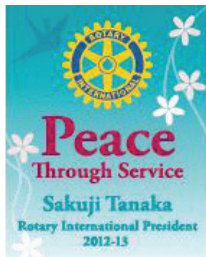


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Congratulations to Rotary Club of East Nassau

On 6th May, 2013, the Rotary Club of East Nassau celebrates 50 years of successful and wonderful Rotary service within the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. This is a significant moment in Rotary history.

Your history shows that at the birth of your now famous club, there were 26 charter members and that you are currently the seventh oldest club in District 7020. Today, you can all look back with pride on how the efforts of your founders have borne fruit by your having several thriving generations of the Rotary family serving the Bahamas community.

And Rotary's final chapter in the East Nassau is far from being written. Over the years, you have continued to grow Rotary by continuing to induct new and younger members and to improve diversity. Your sponsorship of Early Act, Interact and Rotaract clubs ensures your survival and along with your historic and continued generous support for the Rotary Foundation, are measures of your club's engagement.

As governor of Rotary International District 7020 for the Rotary year 2012 - 2013, I am both pleased and proud to salute all members of the Rotary Club of East Nassau for 50 years of responsible leadership and excellent service to humanity.

Monica and I warmly congratulate all members of the Rotary Club of East Nassau on the achievement of your golden anniversary and urge you to continue to protect Rotary's core values that have served you and the Bahamas community so well for five decades, in order that they can last an eternity.

Yours In Rotary Service,

Vance Lewis

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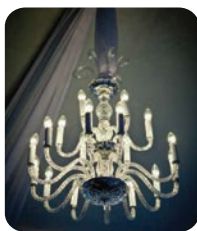
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Greetings from

LINDSEY CANCINO

Assistant District Governor, Bahamas East

It is with a tremendous amount of pride and pleasure that I congratulate The Rotary Club of East Nassau on achieving the milestone of 50 years of service as a Rotary Club.

In those years, a great deal has been accomplished by this club, not just in the Bahamas but in the region and internationally; RCEN boasts four District Governors (Al Cartwright, Keith Duncombe, John Robertson and Barry Rassin), six Assistant Governors (or DG Reps as they used to be called – Trevor Sunderland, John Robertson, Barry Rassin, Robin Brownrigg, Murray Forde and yours truly) and the only Rotary International Director (Barry Rassin) from this region in its list of Rotary accomplishments, to name but a few.

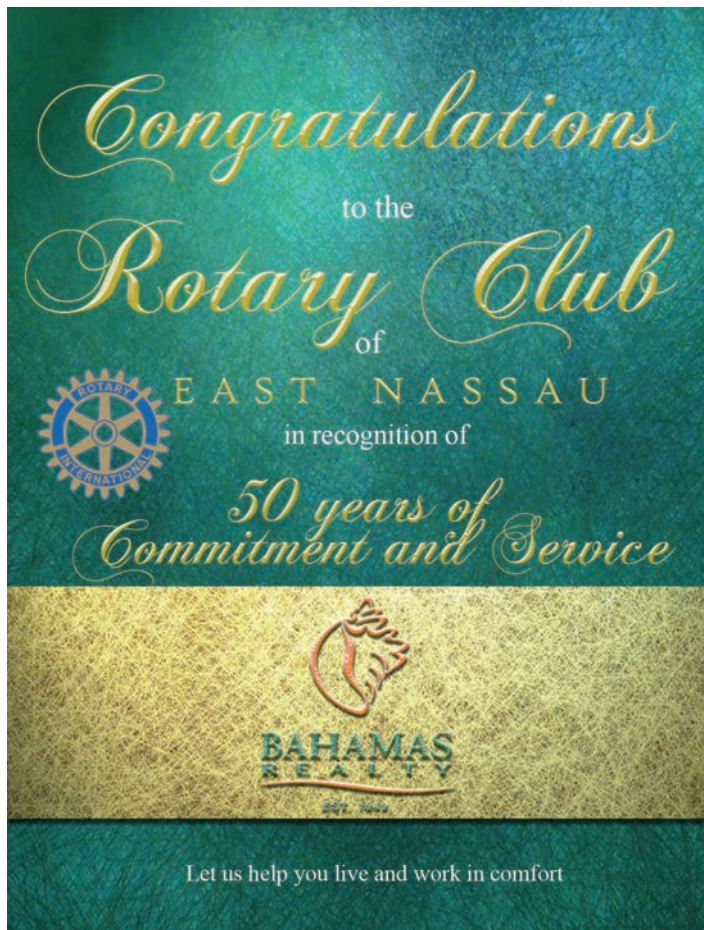
In addition, RCEN is largely responsible for introducing the concept of major charity fundraising to the service club culture in this community and is often touted regionally and internationally for its innovation in this regard. The initial Horse Show, Golf Tournament, FSU Flying High Circus, Imagine charity auction, The Tuna Classic, All have been used to as catalysts to accomplish major projects to help virtually every aspect of community need in the Bahamas as well as elsewhere. The list of beneficiaries would take pages to name but the point is, much has been tackled and achieved in the past 50 years.

Internationally, RCEN has been a major supporter of The Rotary Foundation and thereby the work that it does, has the largest membership in the District 7020 Paul Harris Society of any club in the district and has been a major supporter in times of disaster to many neighboring islands, countries and of course in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake, to Haiti in early 2010. Its tremendous support of the Polio Plus fundraising initiative led to the club being recognized recently for its contribution over the past 25 years.



So, as you embark on the next 50 years, remembering from whence you came and what you have done is hopefully instructive and inspirational to reach even greater heights as you continue to lead Rotary into the future.

Congratulations!


Lindsey Cancino
(Very Proud) Past President, 1999-2000
Rotary Club of East Nassau
Assistant Governor, District 7020




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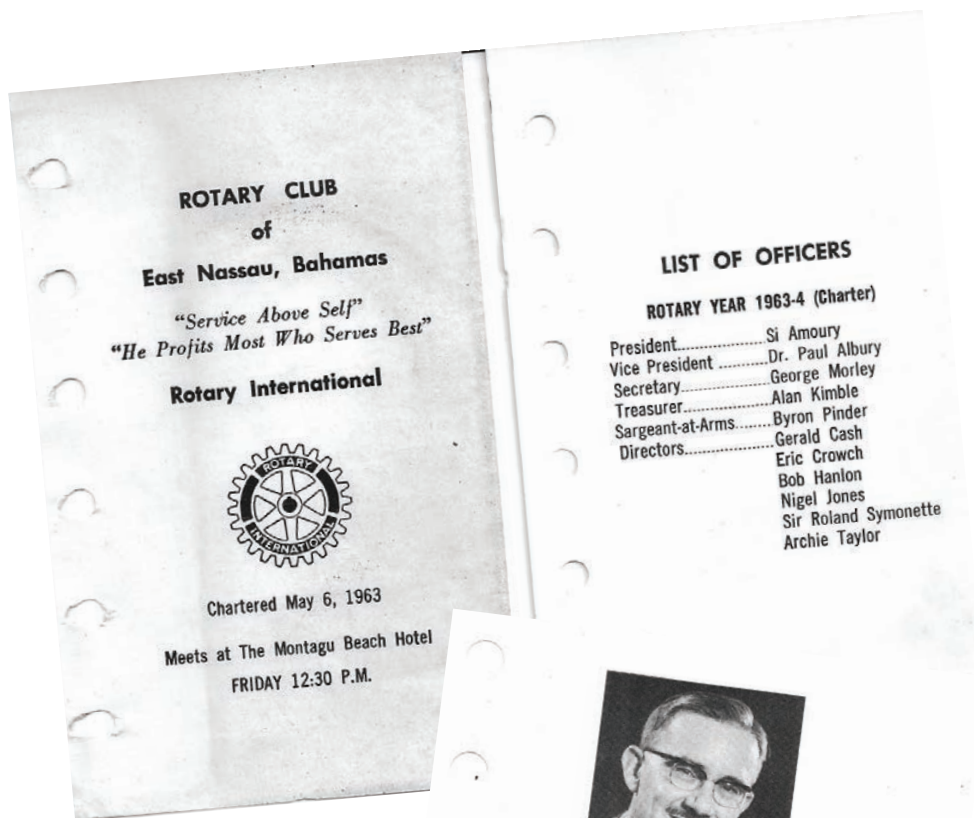
Assistant District Governor, Bahamas West

I take this opportunity to congratulate the Rotary Club of East Nassau on achieving this momentous milestone of 50 years of Rotary in The Bahamas as a service club. May 6, 2013 marks the Golden Anniversary of The Rotary Club that has always been a leader in many aspects in District 7020 and specifically as it relates to giving to the Rotary International Foundation or championing the fight for the eradication of polio in the world.

The Rotary Club of East Nassau is the epitome of our motto 'Service Above Self' and can always be counted on to take the leadership role on important community service initiatives such as Hurricane Relief for damaged islands or countries, construction of major projects like the Cancer Caring facility or the water facility completed a few years ago in Grand Bahama or even the coordination of the annual Rotary Clubs of Bahamas Bed Race at the Mall at Marathon. The Bed Race is an event which has encouraged friendly competition amongst our local clubs as well as corporate citizens.

So on behalf of the Rotary Clubs of The Bahamas West (Nassau Sunrise, Nassau West, New Providence and Eleuthera), I extend heartfelt congratulations and encourage your club and its members to continue to soar to higher heights in District 7020 and in The Bahamas. The Rotary Clubs of Bahamas needs and depends on your continued support as we seek to help those organizations and persons in the community who really need a helping hand.

Stanford A. Charlton
Assistant District Governor – Bahamas West
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Timothy Baswell Donaldson
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Rotary Club of East Nassau First Nine Presidents



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Sigied J. Amoury



1964-1965
E. Paul Albury



1965-1966
Sir Gerald Cash



1966-1967
Byron E. Pinder



1967-1968
John H. Chaplin



1968-1969
Sir Albert J. Miller



1969-1970
Nigel Jones



1970-1971
Edwin L. V. Deal



1971-1972
Kenneth N. Westbury

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PAST PRESIDENTS

Rotary Club of East Nassau

- 1 1963-1964 (Founder) Sigied J. Amoury (d.)
- 2 1964-1965 E. Paul Albury (d.)
- 3 1965-1966 Sir Gerald Cash (d.)
- 4 1966-1967 Byron E. Pinder (d.)
- 5 1967-1968 John H Chaplin
- 6 1968-1969 Sir Albert J. Miller
- 7 1969-1970 Nigel Jones (d.)
- 8 1970-1971 Edwin L. V. Deal (d.)
- 9 1971-1972 Kenneth N. Westbury (d.)
- 10 1972-1973 Roy V. Smith
- 11 1973-1974 George N. Macleod
- 12 1974-1975 William C. Dekle (d.)
- 13 1975-1976 Durward R. Knowles
- 14 1976-1977 Ritchtie W. Sawyer
- 15 1977-1978 Keith M. Duncombe (d.)
- 16 1978-1979 C. Fred Cadman (d.)
- 17 1979-1980 Arlington L Cartwright (d.)
- 18 1980-1981 Macgregor N Robertson
- 19 1981-1982 Kenneth G S. Palmer (d)
- 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



Rotary Year 1973-1974 presidential changeover. IPP Roy Smith passes the baton to George Macleod with club officers pictured from left: Ritchie Sawyer, Macgregor Robertson, George Macleod, Roy Smith, Bill Dekle and Durward Knowles.



Rotary Year 1976-1977 presidential changeover. IPP Durward Knowles passes the baton to Ritchie Sawyer with club officers pictured from left: David Rees, Pierre Dupuch, Keith Duncombe, Durward Knowles, Heinz Wsolek, Ritchie Sawyer, Ken Palmer, Fred Cadman, Al Cartwright and Haydn Middleton.



Rotary Year 1977-1978 board. IPP Ritchie Sawyer passes the baton to Keith Duncombe who is flanked by his board of directors.



Rotary Year 1983-1984 board, from left: Barry Rassin, Kip Duncombe, Warren Knowles, Francis Cancino, John Robertson, Garth Thompson, President Phillip Worrell, IPP Tony Hing Cheong, Paul Froggart, Ernie Raynor, Alan Wilson, Trevor Sunderland, Herbie Thompson, Thomas Pinder.



Rotary Year 1985-1986: Seated from left: Hugh Sands, John Robertson, IPP; Terry Mosko, President; Percy Campbell. Standing from left: Arnold Shephard; Rupert Roberts, Sidney Sweeting, Robert Lotmore; Murray Forde; Warren Knowles; Peter Bradshaw; Barry Rassin.

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PROJECTS ON OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY...

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, 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, the late 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; 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.

Of these, six are still members: Sir Gerald Cash, Leonard Chee-A-Tow, Richard Roberts, Eric Crowch, Leon "Buddy" Amoury, and Fred Cadman, who joined two weeks after the club received its charter.

Over the years, three Bahamians have been appointed to the post of Rotary District Governor, all emerging from the Rotary Club of East Nassau. They are Al Cartwright, Keith Duncombe and Barry Rassin.

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.

Thus began 30 years of community service by the Rotary Club of East Nassau. 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.

Over three decades, the club has raised more than \$1 million for needy causes and participated in over 30 projects. Some of the club's major achievements have been:

- \$35,000 towards the purchase of a half-way house for recovering alcoholics and drug addicts. The property has since been given over to the Drug Action Service for drug rehabilitation.
- \$30,000 towards construction of a building for the Bahamas Association for the Physically Disabled.
- \$30,000 towards a workshop for the Institute for the Mentally Retarded.
- \$26,000 towards construction of an extension to the Hardecker



A 'Rescue Unit' bus was donated to the Bahamas Humane Society in 1975. Pictured from left: John Bethell, Durward Knowles, Bill Dekle, Betty Kenning, Bernard Thompson and Ritchie Sawyer. RCEN has made many other donations to the BHS over the years.

Children's Clinic.

- \$12,000 for extensive repairs to the Bahamas Youth Camp at Gladstone Road.
- Purchase of an ambulance for the Bahamas Humane Society.
- Construction of the Salvation Army building at Mackey Street in a joint venture with the Rotary Club.
- Purchase of a purpose built rescue boat for the ' Bahamas Air Sea Rescue Association in a joint fundraiser Rotorama, with the Nassau Rotary Club.
- Construction of a wing for the Centre for the Deaf in a joint venture with the Nassau and West Nassau Rotary Clubs.
- Sponsorship of a series of wildlife films for the Bahamas National Trust, shown on ZNS TV.



In January, 1978 members are shown around master control room at ZNS TV-13 by programme director, Carl Bethel.

- 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.
- Improvements to the Hardecker Clinic, Genesis House, Cancer Society buildings and other charitable facilities.
- \$6000 for the construction of a children's wing at the Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre.
- Improvements to Boy Scout Association facilities. Purchase of a van for use at club fundraising events.
- \$11,000 for repairs to Hope House
- Donations to Alcoholics Anonymous
- \$2,000 for the purchase of tools for the Mentally Retarded workshop.
- \$3,000 for the purchase of uniforms for members of the Bahamas Ama-



Pictured outside the \$20,000 new extension to the Agnes Hardecker Children's Clinic which was built in June 1978. From left: Herbie Thompson; Nigel Jones; Dr Julie Wershing, head of the Hardecker Clinic; Keith Duncombe, club president; Lilian and Ossie Hale, District Governor of District 404; Fritz Humphreys; Al Cartwright and Ken Palmer.

teur Athletics Association.

- Major renovations and improvements to the Persis Rodgers Home for the Aged.
- Financial support for the Chamber of Commerce's Crime Stoppers programme.
- Donation of knitting machines to Hopedale Centre with assistance from the Inner Wheel Club.
- Contributions to the Jamaica Scholarship Fund.
- Construction of a new classroom



Mrs Nancie Dumbell, Red Cross director thanks John Chaplin, Acting President of RCEN in 1967.



While some rest from their labours, other Rotarians put finishing touches to their project of a new building for the Salvation Army on Mackey Street in 1970.



1976 - Members of RCEN present Genesis House to Mr Hesketh Johnson for Crossroads



Rotary volunteers paint the Girl Guides headquarters.

for the Centre for the Deaf.

- Student exchanges with Canadian Rotary Clubs.
- Renovations to the Children's Emergency Hostel.
- \$8,000 towards construction of a new roof for the Anglican Central Deanery Hostel.
- Improvements to Genesis House for the Drug Action Service.
- Provision of an alarm system for the Ranfurly Home for Children.
- Annual participation in the Salvation Army's Christmas Bell Ringing Project.
- Hosting of a 1986 visit from the one-millionth Rotarian, together with other local clubs.
- Cleaning the grounds of the Bahamas National Trust headquarters.
- Donations for Bahamas Human Society training courses for animal inspectors.
- Assistance for Rosebud Bell, a double amputee with diabetes, to

obtain eye surgery overseas.

- Participation in "Hands Across the Bahamas" fundraising event to raise \$300,000 for a drug detoxification centre in Nassau, together with all local clubs.
- \$320,000 for construction of a Cheshire Home for the physically disabled (a four-year project). The home was opened in 1991.
- \$72,000 towards the construction of one building (the first of four planned buildings) for the Hopedale Centre, a school for special children at their new location in Highbury Park.
- Donation of the club's hamburger van, bouncy castle, popcorn and cotton candy to various fund raising activities of local charitable organizations.

- Annual support, through the Christian Children's Fund, for five refugee children in various countries.
- Contributions to the Abilities Unlimited Anything A-Thon for many years.
- Contributions to the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Crippled Children's Fund, Centre for the Deaf, Children's Emergency Hostel, Stapledon School, Ranfurly Home, School Welfare Committee, the Star of the Bahamas, the Boys Industrial School.
- Assistance for a young polio victim in 1975.
- Donation of books to T.A. Thompson Primary School library.
- Provision of scholarships for Bahamians at Florida State University.

Other activities sponsored or undertaken by the Rotary Club of East Nassau at this time include:

- Compilation and distribution of a Careers Guidance Booklet for the Ministry of Education and a summer Youth Job Placement Service.
- Distribution of food parcels to needy persons in the Fox Hill area every two weeks.



February 1973 - Pictured from left: Ritchie Sawyer, International Service director, Mrs Lottie Tynes, Bahamas Red Cross director, receiving a cheque for the victims of Managua Earthquake from Roy Smith, club president.



September 1978 - Three guest of honour are shown here with Fred Cadman, club president. From left: Paul Cole, Mr Cadman, Shonel Ferguson and Lee Callendar.

AT OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY...

May 23, 2003
Past President's Day –
A Look Back at 40 Years
by PP Murray Forde

Today, we are reflecting back on the past 40 years of The Rotary Club of East Nassau and want to focus, in particular, on the 40 Presidents that have had a hand in leading this Club. This truly has been an International Club.

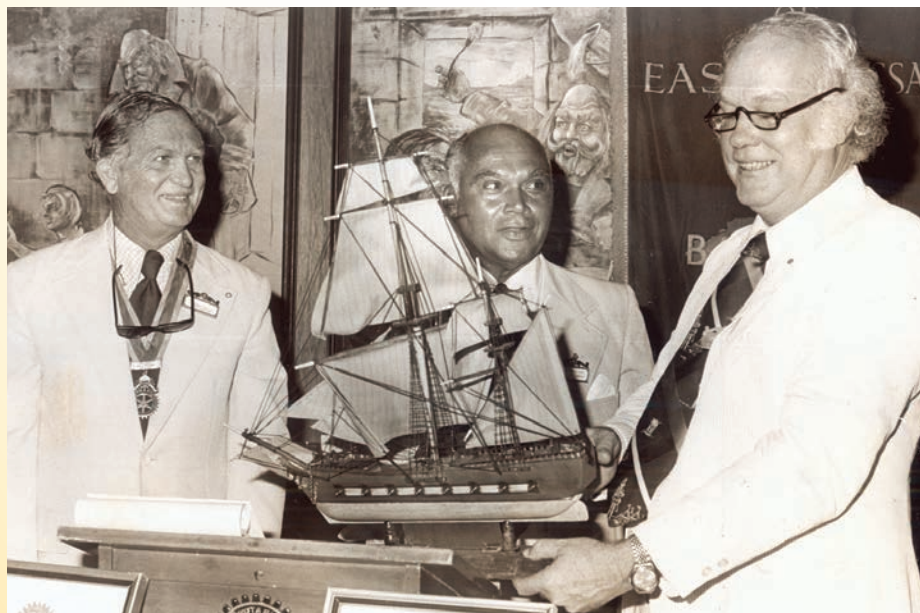
- 27 of our Presidents have been Bahamians (including one Greek)
 - Seven have hailed from England
 - One came from Wales
 - One was Scottish
 - One was Guyanese
 - One was American
 - There have been two Canadians
 - And next year, we look forward to breaking new ground with our first Jamaican President
- Many of our Presidents have distinguished themselves in many ways:
- Three have been knighted by the Queen; Sir Gerald, Sir Albert and Sir Durward
 - Four became District Governors, Keith, Al, Barry & John
 - Two have represented our District at the R.I. Council on Legislation
 - Two went on to become Presidents for a second time in other clubs; Edwin Deal was the Charter president of S.E. Nassau and

George MacLeod, President of the Stornoway Club in Scotland. A third was invited to be President of The Rotary Club of Barbados and, although it was very tempting, I had to decline.

- One President won an Olympic Gold medal in Star Class sailing
- One was Governor General of The Bahamas (and we all agree was one of the best G.G.s the country has seen)
- One was President of the Grand Bahama Port Authority for several years
- One wrote History Books that, I believe, are still used in the School system
- Two have been awarded Rotary International's highest honour, the "Service Above Self Award". Those two outstanding Rotarians, of course, are PDG Barry Rassin and Sir Durward Knowles
- And...at least one that I know of has fathered twin girls I feel very honoured, to have been included in this group of Past Presidents.

Looking back a little more than 40 years, at what is now District 7020; Rotary started in this part of the world with the chartering of the Rotary Club of St. Thomas, USVI in 1957. Rotary was first extended to St. Croix, where the club was chartered in 1958. Next was Kingston, Jamaica in 1959 and then The Rotary Club of Nassau in 1962, now commonly referred to as the "City Club". The City Club sponsored it's first offspring, giving birth to East Nassau, which received it's charter on May 6, 1963 with 26 members and Si Amoury, founder of the Amoury Company, as Charter President.

Various Rotary Clubs around the world have become well known for various things. East Nassau, I venture to say, has become best known for fund-raising and thinking big. I can't speak too much to the earlier years (being a young boy at the time), but one thing I can say for sure, is that this club has done a lot of fun raising in it's fund raising projects over the years. You have



October, 1975 - Dr Paul Albury is shown being presented with a replica of a Spanish ship, the *Bombarda 1682*, by the Hon. Gerald Cash (who later became Governor-General of the Bahamas) on behalf of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, 'in recognition of his outstanding service to his country and community through his writings and discourses on Bahamian history. Pictured from left: Sir Durward Knowles, club president, Sir Gerald Cash and Dr Paul Albury.

been reminded of some of them at our last three meetings. I recall hearing something about Rotarama, which must have been the first "BIG" fundraiser. It started under President John Chaplin in 1967-68 and ran for two years as a joint project between the Nassau and East Nassau Clubs and, in the third year, included the new West Club. I am told it was a "glorified fair" and understand it was held at the Hobby Horse Race Track, included an air show by the World Famous Thunderbirds, horse races and "Casino-type" gambling. It raised about \$50,000 the first two years, but after the second year it was discovered the gambling was "not quite legal" and had to be dropped, so proceeds were much smaller in the third & final year.

I also recall an event called an "Anything-a-Thon" in the mid 70's



that many organizations participated in. Some were riding bicycles, pushing baby carriages, wheelchairs, anything that could roll. East Nassau Rotarians took shifts in pulling this giant wheel around the track. I have no idea how much money was raised, but it was a lot of fun.

Horse Shows, held at Camp-erdown, were started by Pres. Durward and ran for several years, by which time Kiwanis and other organizations had started running them as well.

We developed a race called something like "The Great Roving Rotarian Race", where Rotarians had to run from one end of the track to another, drink a beer and run back.

I recall winning a white ribbon one year. I think it was Alan Wilson and Heinz Wzolek that beat me, because of the beer lap.

President Durward also started the fairs on the Eastern Parade. These proved to provide some of the best fellowship events the club has ever experienced. Especially, in the days when we used to set up the stalls ourselves on the Friday evening and clean up ourselves on the Sunday morning. The club would have 100% participation, in some form or other at the fairs. As the years went by, we started hiring people to – first – clean up – and then to erect the stalls. After about 15 years of fairs, some of our members started voicing the opinion that it was "too much work" for what we got out of it. Personally, I never thought there was anything wrong with raising \$15,000 in one day in a

project that really enhanced fellowship and was very visible to the community. East Nassau has pioneered many Fund-raisers that have been picked up by others. One was a \$100 all-inclusive formal dinner – the brainchild of former member, Alex Knowles (Geoff's big brother). The \$100 included dinner, drinks and a raffle on a car. One year

we had a boat & trailer. That year, I collected four tickets, two for myself and two for Robert Pinder (Bob Thompson's brother-in-law). I asked Robert to pick 2 tickets out of the four in my hand and, of course, he won the boat. I never even got a ride in it. But the important thing was, it was a successful fund-raiser and a lot of fun, to boot. We dropped it after too many others started doing it and moved on.

Another fund-raiser – no doubt, our most consistently successful one to date – is our Golf Tournament, introduced by PP Sidney Sweeting during Terry Mosko's year. Many other organizations, including other Rotary Clubs are running Golf Tour-

naments, but I think ours remains the most popular.

One that no service club tried to copy was a live concert and you heard about our one and only attempt with Gloria Estefan and The Miami Sound Machine last week. It was a great idea, but got detrimentally affected by outside influences.

One that no other service club has tried and I doubt, no group, other than a well organized Service Club could make a profit on was the Florida State University Flying High Circus, introduced by President Andy Gape. This was an event that needed and got 100% participation from the Club as well as some volunteer help (without asking) from some of the other clubs – the West Club, in particular. It was a lot of work, but also great fellowship and while it started as a fund-raiser, it was a Community Service project event in itself. We brought the FSU circus here five times. I will never forget the magic, the first time we did it in 1985 and the look on Rotarian Don Young's face as he walked around the big tent. No doubt, in my mind the most spectacular thing that touched the biggest amount of people that we have ever done.

Congratulations and thanks again to Andy for sticking with an idea he knew would work.

Other "Fun Raising" Fund Raising projects included the Bed Race, introduced by President Rick Lowe, where we got permission to block off Dowdeswell Street.

One that I think we are going to try and repeat is the "Duck Race". PP Jeff Robertson and I tried to find a way to do this during my year, but couldn't get it going. President Lindsey, though, found a way to do it with a little cooperation from Atlantis and some support from a certain PP's daughter during his year.

Another of our most successful and certainly biggest fund-raisers started with an idea by PP Robert Brown that, although he got some pushback, he insisted would work, whether anyone wanted to help him



The Imagine fund raiser was held in conjunction with the Governor-General's Youth Award (GGYA). It took place five times.



Some the artists who contributed their paintings to the Imagine Silent Auction.

or not. That, of course, was the Silent Auction that raised about \$20,000 the first time and evolved into "Imagine" that has produced sums over \$200,000 per event.

The biggest joint project that included all Rotary Clubs was "Hands Across The Bahamas" in 1987. This was a huge undertaking designed to bring attention to the scourge of drugs that had infiltrated our country and to try and do something about it, by uniting citizens in protest and raising funds to help those who had been negatively affected.

A smaller fun/fund raising event – and one that is near and dear to my heart - partnered our Club with The Kiwanis Club of Cable Beach for a few years. When the first Antique Car Shows were held,

the Antique Auto Club was very small and did not have the necessary manpower to properly run the shows. Rotary and Kiwanis joined together to assist and get these shows on their way. The proceeds were divided equally between the two Service Clubs for the first few years. My personal thanks again to both clubs.

A more exclusive – and not highly publicized – event were the Paul Harris Dinners that raised substantial dollars for Polio Plus. I don't even know how many of these were held, but I know one was organized by PP Trevor and one by PP Rick.

And, of course, for the past



July 1992 - At the Rotary Changeover meeting held on the cruise ship *Fantasy*, Robert Lotmore became president of 128-member strong RCEN for 1992-1993. Pictured from left: Robin Brownrigg, Immediate past President, Robert Lotmore, Barry Rassin, District Governor for District 4040 which was renamed District 7020 on July 1, 1992.

20-something years our Rotary Van has been used at fundraising events and fairs for other organizations, too numerous to mention.

I'm sure I have probably missed a few, but hope this has served as a reminder of many of the innovative things we have done.

And what has East Nassau done with all this money we have raised (that someone has calculated to be over \$3 million)?:

We don't have enough time to list all of them, but here are some of the larger ones:

- The purchase of "Hope House", initially used as a Halfway House and held in Trust for a number of years. It was later given to the Drug Action Service, at the time headed by PP Philip Worrell, during PP Robin's year.
- Construction of a building for



November, 1987 - Club President Barry Rassin presents a cheque to Stephen Turnquest, Chief Inspector, Bahamas Humane Society to complete a Management/Leadership course in South Carolina. Pictured from left: Dr Sidney Sweeting, President Elect; Barry Rassin; Stephen Turnquest; Betty Kenning, President, Bahamas Humane Society.

BAPD, favourite charity of PP Sir Durward, who remains very active in this organization.

- Construction of the Salvation Army Building on Mackey Street (a joint project with the City Club).
- Improvements to the Girl Guide Headquarters.
- Purchase of a rescue boat for BAS-RA (another joint project with the Rotary Club of Nassau).
- Building a classroom & other additions to the Centre for the Deaf Building
- Repainting various buildings for other organizations
- Funded renovations at the Children's Emergency Hostel, a project also strongly supported by Kiwanis
- Renovations and improvements to

- Construction of the first of a four building complex at a new location for the Hopedale Centre.
- We have committed \$100,000 to the Cancer Society of The Bahamas "Cancer Caring Centre"

1990-91

Now, I wouldn't be me, if I didn't take an opportunity to talk "just a little bit" about my year – 1990-91.

Each of the Past Presidents seated here at the Head Table were members of my Board.

Eight PPs in all were on that board, including Warren Knowles, IPP, who sends his regrets. He was unable to attend today, but thanked



March 1991 - A joint club meeting was held to celebrate Rotary International's 86th Anniversary. Pictured from left: Anders Wiberg, President RCN, Roston Miller, President RCWN; Barry Rassin District Governor- Elect; Murray Forde, President of RCEN.

the "Persis Rodgers Home for the Aged".

- A new roof for the Anglican Central Deanery Hostel (now the Dean Grainger Centre).
- Paid for training courses for Inspectors of the Bahamas Humane Society
- A "Detoxification Centre " was built at Sandilands as a joint project from funds raised in "Hands Across The Bahamas"
- Probably our largest undertaking; Four years of Fund-raising funded construction of The Cheshire Home.

me for the invitation. Terry Hilts, the other PP, is away on business and also conveys his regrets. Other members of my board were: Johnny Bethell, George Cox, David Jenner, Ozzie Moore, Gordon Pinder, Hubert Sands, Michael Thompson and Bill Thomson.

1990-91 was a very busy year. We had three separate major fund-raising events:

- The Fair (yes, we had the fair and great fellowship along with it).
- The Golf Tournament
- AND, The Flying High Circus, which

was chaired by PP John Robertson.

We included a Home Hospitality Night that year for the student performers that was well received. Keith Parker and I even convinced one of the trapeze artists to be the Page Three Girl in *The Punch* for some added publicity. A fun part (which intentions could probably have been misinterpreted) was in the two of us "checking them out" and unanimously deciding on who we would approach.

PP Andy and I had first travelled to Tallahassee to preview part of the Circus performance and sign the contracts, etc. On the second day we were surprised by PPs John and Rick, who on a whim following a couple of beers had decided to fly to Ft. Lauderdale, rent a car and drive to Tallahassee to join us. It turned out to be a good Rotary fellowship weekend. But we found out weeks later that our honorary member,

Dickie Brinson had gotten some flack, apparently related to some liquid refreshment in the trunk of our car. He probably would have been OK if we hadn't taken it into the tent in Coca-Cola cups. (All John's fault, I think).

There were also a couple of smaller events and, together with a contribution from Inner Wheel, led by President Debbie Krukowski, we raised roughly \$110,000, (the first time we went into six figures). That record remained for a few years, to be broken in 1995-96 by- who else? – President Rick Lowe.

Our Major Project for the year was construction of the first classroom for the Hopedale Centre – a school for children with special needs - at their new location at a cost of some \$78,000 as I recall. As a result of our commitment, matching funds were pledged by another organization to fund the second of four buildings.

We also funded a new roof for the Anglican Central Deanery; purchased basketball uniforms for a basketball team in Bain Town; and supported seven other organizations in a smaller way.



July 1989 - President Warren Knowles and board members pictured standing from left: Berkley Williamson, Craig Symonette, Hubert Sands, James Bain, Dave Jenner, Terry Hiltz, Bill Simons. Seated from left: Sidney Sweeting, Robin Brownrigg, Warren Knowles, Murray Forde and Jeff Albury. Not shown: Robert Lotmore, Bill Thomson, Gordon Pinder, Oswald Moore.

As a "Preserve Planet Earth" environmental project, we provided funding to The Bahamas National Trust for an educational poster that was distributed to schools and other organizations.

Of course, we also continued the Fox Hill Run, the Club's longest running Community Service project. It was headed by Mick Guy at the time. I rode with Mick a few times and it was such a pleasure to see the love and admiration for him that was displayed at each home. I admit that I don't know who started this project - I'm sure someone here does - but it certainly one of the better things that this club does. I remember one District Governor, in particular (I think it was Aadu Abel)

who was more impressed with that project than the thousands of dollars we were spending on others.

I had the pleasure of presiding at the official opening ceremony of the Cheshire Home to which the four presidents before me had directed most of their fund-raising efforts and they were Trevor Sunderland, Barry Rassin, Sidney Sweeting and Warren Knowles.

We started a road safety campaign that included a series of ads warning about the hazards and costs of fines for traffic offences. Unfortunately, to look at the streets today, one would never know that anyone had ever tried to do such a thing.

One thing the Board was very proud of, particularly PP Warren, was the formation of our first Interact Club at Queen's College, thanks to the efforts of Gordon Pinder.

Thanks to Chairman George Cox, we increased the membership that year from 112 to 120. One of our inductees was President Elect Everod Peart.

We won the District Award for attendance

with an average of 92%. 57 of our 120 members recorded 100% attendance for the year. And this was before the "Makeup" rules were liberalized.

We awarded four Paul Harris Fellows that year to: Valda Mosko (the first awarded to an Inner Wheel member), Warren Knowles, Arnold Shepard and Herbie Thompson. We also presented a multiple Paul Harris to Sir Durward.

I still refer to that year as the best year of my life and am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as President of this Club.

I want to end with a sobering message now and I am probably taking a risk in doing so.

We often hear references to East Nassau as "the best Club in the District and perhaps the World". Gentlemen, I agree that we WERE, but I look around The Bahamas and the District and must say, we are no longer the best club in the District. And this comment should have no reflection on our President or Past Presidents, who have all done commendable jobs. My view is (and there may be some that will disagree) that, we are still GOOD and I am proud to be an East Nassau Rotarian, but if we don't stop believing we are the BEST and resting on our past laurels, we will not get back to where we were.

Think about it, fellow Rotarians and think about how we each contribute. We have some catching up to do and all need to do our part to get back there. We can do it. It has been a pleasure chairing this 40th Anniversary Celebrations Committee. I give special thanks to the members of my committee for the support the past couple of months: Sir Durward, Keith Parker, Rick Lowe, PE Everod, Pres. Alan, Robert Brown, Brian Moodie and James Owen and Kathy Bancroft and Janet Moore of Inner Wheel (if I left out anyone, my apologies). Thank you all.

—Murray Forde



Getting help from a special 'demolition' crew to refurbish our Hamburger Van.

OUR PROJECTS IN THE LAST 10 YEARS

The club was instrumental in creating Project Read, an adult literacy programme that has proven very successful. The programme has been expanded to inmates at Fox Hill Prison. A computerised version is being developed to expand class sizes.

A signature community service project of the club is the Fox Hill Run - which supports a number of indigent families in that district with food, clothing and home repairs. This project has been on-going for the last 38 years.

Through the club's leadership, and the generous support of Rotary clubs in the United States, a mobile blood donation vehicle was acquired at a cost of \$100,000 in 2010. The Bahamas won one of 16 grants awarded worldwide for this important acquisition.

The club also acquired over \$250,000 worth of training equipment for the Nursing School in Nassau, as well as incubators for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of the Princess Margaret Hospital.

With the help of a matching grant from Rotary International (in conjunction with the Rotary Clubs of Santa Monica and Beverly Hills in California), and working with the Grand Bahama Emergency Water Relief Foundation, a 6,200-gallon water purification plant was built on Grand Bahama for \$217,000. The TK Foundation contributed \$120,000

to this effort, which is aimed at providing potable water following a hurricane or other emergency for the northern Bahamas.

RCEN members donated over \$250,000 for relief and cholera control in Haiti since the January 2010 earthquake.

RCEN is also the largest contributor (in both the Bahamas and the district) to the End Polio Now programme. Before the 3-year challenge in the early 2000's, RCEN had donated \$50,000 to this campaign. An additional \$28,000 plus has since been donated.

RCEN has long been the biggest supporter of the Rotary Foundation in District 7020 (in both dollar and per capita terms). This is largely the result of having 22 members in the Paul Harris Society. As testimony to this achievement, Lindsey Cancino was recently cited for Meritorious Service for his work for the Foundation.

RCEN has made regular donations to the Bahamas Sailing Association, the Bahamas Association for the Physically Disabled, the Salvation Army, BREEF, the Bahamas National Trust, the Hopedale Centre and many other worthwhile causes.

During club year 1994/95, the East Nassau Rotary Club Foundation was established and now supports Bahamian students pursuing a tertiary education. The ENRC Foundation also introduced Sir Durward Knowles Recognition Award that is



PP Robin Brownrigg presents a cheque to Jimmy Lowe of the Bahamas Sailing Association. The BSA has been able to expand its sailing courses to inner city kids through community sponsorship.



August 2007 - The Bahamas National Trust in partnership with the Rotary Club of East Nassau completed a boardwalk at the Wilson & Harrold Ponds National Park to give residents from Pride Estates access to the park. Pictured from left; Glenn Bannister, Lynn Gape, Ralph Forskin and Pericles Maillis.

given to persons who exemplify the generosity and community spirit of the country's first Olympic Gold Medallist.



Over the years, RCEN has sponsored the formation of three new Rotary Clubs — South East Nassau, New Providence and Nassau Sunrise, as well as Interact Clubs at Queens



Manning the gate for the basketball game at DW Davis - \$3 was a lot of money back in those days!



May 2008 - The Rotaract Club of East Nassau's first President, Franchesca Smith, accepting the Certificate of Charter from RCEN president, Dino Mosko. They are surrounded by the club's founding members and Rotarians.



RYLA participants in Abaco building boats out of cardboard boxes.

College, St Anne's and Christian Heritage high schools. The club also sponsored the Rotaract Club of East Nassau, and this year, for the first time in the Bahamas, introduced Early Act (for students aged 7-11) at Queen's College.

In February 2011, in a joint effort with the other Rotary clubs of the Bahamas the first RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) was held in Abaco. The approximately 90 participants

came mainly from the local Interact clubs and spent a very productive weekend there.

RCEN has held many successful fundraisers over the years. Among the more memorable events were the Florida State University Flying High Circus, the Imagine Live and Silent Auctions, and a popular golf tournament that usually nets about \$100,000 per annum.

These funds are supplemented by monies from the annual Rotary Tuna Fishing Tournament, and - lately - from the revival of the Rotary Bed Race. This last event has given all Rotary clubs in the Bahamas a higher profile.

RCEN Foundation Support

RCEN has been a long supporter and user of The Rotary Foundation. In the 1980's and 90's particularly, Ambassadorial Scholarships were frequent through the chairmanship of PP Bill Dekle (not just for RCEN but the Bahamas and the district) and a number of youth exchanges particularly between the Bahamas and Mexico were effected.

RCEN has been a supporter of Polio Plus from the beginning in the late 80's but also when the fundraising was escalated in the late 1990's and early 2000's, it responded to the call to lead the district in contributing \$50,000 over three years to the fund. Again in 2008 to 2011 when the Gates Challenge was issued, support from RCEN was significant not only in the Bahamas but in the district where it has been one of the

biggest supporters of the challenge not just from members but through innovative fundraisers like the Bed Race For Polio and the End Polio Now Lighting event held at Atlantis in 2012. Initiatives like these have led RI and TRF to name RCEN as a Polio Hero in the fight to eradicate Polio in Nov. 2012.

Similarly, fundraising for the Annual Programs Fund has been significant in RCEN's entire history but particularly in the last five to eight years where RCEN has perennially been the largest per capital and Dollar amount giver to the APF from the entire district. This is in large part because of the club's enthusiastic embrace of the District 7020 Paul Harris Society launched in 2005 and which RCEN has had the distinction of having more members



At left, Felix Stubbs with Lindsey Cancino with his Rotary International Meritorious Service for his work for the Foundation at the District Conference in Jamaica in 2010.

from a single club than any other in 7020 (currently numbering 23).

It has led a number of significant projects funded through Matching Grants from TRF also, both locally and internationally.



Robert Brown (left) and Brian Hassan (right) with exchange students who stayed in the Bahamas for a year.



January 1989 - Rotary Scholarship recipients pictured from left: Lawrence Knowles, Therese Turner-Huggins, both Rotary Foundation alumni; Bill Dekle, chairman of the scholarship committee; Mrs. Trudy Hamilton, Bahamas representative for UWI, and Ed Fields, Rotary Foundation Alumni.



January 2011- Second place winners Doctors Hospital being awarded their trophy



2008- Ericka Rolle presented to the club on her experiences as a member of the Bahamas GSE team.



PDG John Robertson and Robin Lyons, Ambassadorial Scholar.

IN THE PRESIDENT'S WORDS

William 'Bill' Dekle 1974-1975

- 1) WEEKLY LUNCHEON meetings were held at the Flagler Inn, later known as Loew's Harbour Cove, Paradise Island. Previously we met at the Fort Montagu Beach Hotel. (Before we were kicked out).
- 2) The DISTRICT GOVERNOR was Dr. John Watts (Johnny) from Grenada. He was our first DISTRICT GOVERNOR.
- 3) PROJECTS COMPLETED OR STARTED -
 - a) Donation of an ambulance van to the Bahamas Humane Society
 - b) An addition to the Deaf Centre with funds raised from a joint raffle with the City and West Clubs
 - c) Continuation of compiling the Careers Guidance Handbook
 - d) And numerous other projects under Vocational and International Service
- 4) NUMEROUS SMALL FUND (FUN) RAISERS
 - a) "Anythingathon" - we put together 2-built-for-2 bicycles and called it the "4-Way Test"
 - b) "Pot Cake" Jump-Up - Dance and Barbecue
 - c) Golf Tournament - mostly fun raising between the 3 Rotary Clubs.
 - d) Fishing Tournament - just among Club Members
- 5) UNUSUAL STORIES OR ANECDOTES
 - a) This was our first year in a district (404) - 41 Total Clubs. We objected to being in a District, but to no avail as we had no choice in the matter. Governor Johnny was a wealth of information about District matters, and we had many questions. Johnny never said he didn't have an answer, but would refer to the Manual of Procedure and look it up for all to see. Note: Every member in the Club should have this Manual.
 - b) Lunch prices for weekly meeting at the Flagler Inn were \$4.50 and hard drinks were \$1.25, including gratuity and bridge toll!
 - c) There was one Editor of the Axis, PP Ken Westbury, who penned the name of Axis as our newsletter. And the one and only one Sgt.-at-Arms was Ernie Grindrod. He raised from \$1 fines the amount of \$4,800, which was an enormous amount in those days.
 - d) The Club reached 100 members that year for the first time. We had a lot of turnovers back then as the Club was made up mostly of ex-pats.
 - e) Only two Paul Harris Fellows were awarded that year for the entire District.
 - f) Tickets for dinner, dances, and live band were only \$10.00 each.
 - g) We had five Honorary Members - Sir Roland Symonette, Sir Milo Butler, Leslie Hammond, and Orfilio Paleaz.
 - h) We had a dress code - except for the month of May, we were required to wear coat and tie.

BOARD MEMBERS: Ritchie Sawyer, Al Cartwright, Eric Crowch, Durward Knowles, Terry Mosko, Macgregor Robertson, Keith Duncombe, Ross Thompson, and Keith Parker.

FINAL NOTE: The Club continued to grow and learn, and although our accomplishments were small, we were strengthened through good fellowship, and as noted by Gov. Johnny, "the best Club he visited in all the Clubs in the District".



Trevor Sunderland 1986-1987

RCEN President: Trevor Sunderland
 First Vice President: Barry Rassin
 Second Vice President: Sidney Sweeting
 Third Vice President: Warren Knowles
 Secretary: Murray Forde
 Assistant Secretary: Robert Lotmore
 Treasurer: Jeff Albury
 Assistant Treasurer: Ray Winder
 Directors: Peter Albury Geoff Knowles Robin Brownrigg Arnold Shephard Mick Guy Terry Hiltis Ray Wong
 Rotary District Convention: May '86 at Montego Bay, Jamaica
 Rotary International Convention: May '86 at Las Vegas, Nevada
 Rotary Motto: Rotary Brings Hope
 District Governor 86-87: Al Cartwright (RCEN)
 Meetings held at: Loews Harbor Cove Hotel (a.k.a. Flagler)- Paradise Island



Major Fund Raising Events: September: Annual Fair at R.M. Bailey Park
 May: FSU Flying High Circus at the QE Sports Centre
 Items of Interest:

Membership at Start of year 111
 Membership at End of Year 115
 Overall average attendance = 93%

July: Meeting with Inner Wheel Club of East Nassau and seeking their support
 August: Commencement of the first RCEN Golf Tournament under IPP Terry Mosko
 Consideration and funding of an RCEN Foundation Fund
 October: Club Fellowship - Yellow Bird Cruise.
 Discovery Day presentation (including ladies) given by Dr. Cleveland Eneas
 November: Fellowship and fun weekend with the Rotary Club of Marsh Harbour
 December: Guest Speaker - US Ambassador - Mrs. Carol Boyd Hallett re War on Drugs
 Luncheon for the Elderly at Epworth Hall
 Christmas luncheon with invited guests from Ranfurly Homes.
 January: The "John & Barry" Awards show
 The Rotary Clubs in the Bahamas celebrated 25 years of Service
 February: Scavenger Hunt and wiener roast
 March: Steakout & Dance for District Governor's banquet
 Fellowship - Fun & Games night at Loewe's Harbour Cove Hotel
 May: Hosting District Governor's Banquet at Cable Beach Hotel
 June: Fellowship - Bowling evening.
 Paul Harris Fellow Award to Phyllis Aldridge - first female non-member recipient
 Undated: US Supreme Court decision that Rotary Clubs must admit women
 Commencement and introduction of the major R.I. project - POLIOPUS
 Hamburger Van was present at many charity events
 The "Fox Hill Run" was successfully continued throughout the year
 Commencement of Community Service Project - Cheshire Home Bahamas

Clifford Culmer 2000-2001

When I became the 38th President of this Club I said that I would strive to continue the fine tradition of my predecessors.

The year has quickly gone and I am grateful to the Board and the members for making this at a memorable one.

Rotary International's theme this year was "Create Awareness - Take Action" in our Clubs, in our communities and in our world.

The main accomplishments of the Club were:

- 1) Fundraising of \$103,000 (net) from Imagine and \$100,000 from the Golf Tournament.
- 2) Maintaining attendance at 85%.
- 3) Maintaining/sustaining members in RI at 85%.
- 4) Making members more aware of the Blacklisting of the Bahamas and Crime by having speakers address the Club on these topical issues.
- 5) Holding a Seminar where the District Governor and the Past District Governors addressed the Club together on information on Rotary.
- 6) Carrying out by the Membership Development Committee of a classification survey.
- 7) Sponsoring the New Rotary Sunrise Club.
- 8) Incorporating the Club as a charity
- 9) Sponsoring a Group Study exchange for District 7570 which is in Virginia and Tennessee to which we have sent four Bahamians and a leader PP Murray Forde and we hosted in 7020 District a similar team from that District

- 10) Maintaining the sponsors of three Interact Clubs in Nassau
- 11) Continuing the relationship with Rotary Clubs in Mexico and maintaining an Exchange Student Programme involving three students
- 12) Supporting the Cancer Caring Centre with a donation of \$40,000 in the second year of a 3-year donation totalling \$100,000 as well as adding them to the list of participating beneficiaries of Imagine along with the College of the Bahamas Endowment Fund and the Governor General Youth Awards
- 13) Continuing the Fox Hill Run - food parcel distribution to needy families and repairing of one of the homes
- 14) Supporting the Persis Rodgers Home for the Aged, the Junior Baseball League which is naming one of its fields 'The Rotary Club of East Nassau Tee Ball Field', the Disaster Centre of the Bahamas Red Cross; and carrying out beautifications at the Ranfurly Home for Children as a courtesy of one of our honorary members, Peter Kluger.

Our Club is proud to have 10 of its members actively involved in District Affairs this year and many of its members have supported the District Conference. We are particularly proud of PDG Barry Rassin in his continuing role as District Trainer and District Representative to the Council on Legislation

Finally I was pleased and proud to present all the Paul Harris Fellow recognition awards this year but the most memorable one was to Herbert Roberts who celebrated his 90th birthday.

My special thanks to Inner Wheel and to hard working secretary Brian Self. My special best wishes to my successor Jeff Robertson

It has been my pleasure to serve.



Clockwise from the top: President Cliff thanks guest Godfrey Kelly; community service project to beautify the Ranfurly Home speaker; Cliff Culmer receives his PHF pin from Lindsey Cancino, District Foundation.



NAME: Geoff Andrews
MEMBER SINCE: 1995
ACTIVITIES: President, 2012-2013
Board Member
DESIGNATIONS: PHF
PHS Member
Sustaining Member



NAME: Corinne Laville
MEMBER SINCE: 2007
ACTIVITIES: Board Member, 2012-2013
Fox Hill Run Coordinator
DESIGNATIONS: PHF
Sustaining Member



50 YEARS OF FUND RAISING & FELLOWSHIP

During this time the community service project could not have been attempted without considerable fund raising efforts. And businesses in the Bahamas have always been generous even in hard times. Their support over these last 50 years has been incalculable.

The club has raised funds through horse shows, fairs, tuna fishing and golf tournaments, the Florida State University Flying High Circus, silent auctions & raffles, duck races, beer fests, fairs; and more recently, a bed races and Bond Movie nights. These events are planned and staffed by volunteers and all proceeds are donated to charity. In addition to the more serious projects, fellowship events are an important part of the club's calendar.

Each year, the club hosts a Christmas party for children at the Ranfurly Home, complete with

Santa Claus and gifts. This tradition started in the club's second year when a Christmas party was held for children of parents confined to the Chest Wing of the Princess Margaret Hospital. The club also holds an annual Christmas luncheon for the elderly at Epworth Hall.

Members have played the D.W. Davis High School basketball team, the club's adopted school, and helped the school with it's fairs and other projects. There have been numerous inter-club sporting events, including tennis and softball games. Members realise that while it is important to spend monies on projects and events, it is equally important to spend time with people. Over the past 50 years there have been many changes, but the ideals and the commitments of the Rotary Club of East Nassau remain the same today as they did on May 6, 1963.



February, 1978 - East Nassau Rotarians making plans to host their third Horse Show at Camperdown. From left: Macgregor Robertson, Jack Munsey, Keith Duncombe and Manny Kelly.



September, 1984 - The annual fair was a major fund-raiser, with an anticipated purse of \$25,000. Pictured from left: Murray Forde, Sidney Sweeting, Tony Hing-Cheong, John Robertson, Len Chee-A-Tow, Alan Wilson, Jeff Albury, Terry Mosko, Herbie Prescod, Barry Rassin and Warren Knowles.



April, 1991 - RCEN hosted the Florida State University Flying High Circus five times as a major fund-raiser that involved almost every club member, Interactors, Inner Wheel members and other volunteers in a hands-on way.



Promoting the circus on television.



President Peter listens intently to Simon Townend sell the Tuna Tournament.

FUN(D) RAISING, RCEN STYLE



The Masqued Silent Auction in 2011 was held in conjunction with the Rotaract Club of East Nassau. Pictured from left: Jay Fiske Auctioneer, Robin Brownrigg, RCEN event co-chair and Jaime Lewis, Rotaract's event co-chair.



Fund raising committees - where you really get to know your fellow Rotarians. From left: Phillip Worrell, Berkley Williamson, Al Cartwright and Terry Hilts. This year marks the 27th time the club has hosted a golf tournament.



Beer Fest fund-raiser at Sandy Port.



Fund-raising for ENRC Foundation can be a privilege and an honour as seen in this photograph of Barry Rassin presenting the Sir Durward Knowles Humanitarian Recognition to Sonny Waugh, shortly before he passed away in 2012.



2008 - Rotary Tuna Tournament committee.



Imagine - Just an excuse to take the tuxe out of mothballs.



Hamburger helpers from the 'back table' at BNT Jollification. They couldn't resist the temptation of the camera.



2010 - The Blood Mobile was donated to the Bahamian people by the Rotary Clubs of the Bahamas, Districts 7020, 6980, 6900 and the Rotary International Foundation.

A BLOOD MOBILE IS DESTINED TO SAVE LIVES

The two local blood banks at the Princess Margaret Hospital and Doctors Hospital in the Bahamas now have access to a art bloodmobile destined to travel around the Bahamas and family islands to collect blood donations and ultimately save lives. All of the blood collected from donations will be shared equally between the two local hospital blood banks.

The Rotary Clubs of the Bahamas Blood Mobile, came to fruition by a joint fund-raising effort by the Rotary Clubs of The Bahamas, District 7020, Rotary Clubs of Florida, District 6980, Rotary Clubs of Georgia, District 6900 and the Rotary International Foundation which was funded by a matching grant from Rotary International and was one of only 16 such competitive grants provided worldwide this year. The project enables Rotary to present a fully equipped vehicle for the two hospitals to work together for the benefit of both blood banks and the country. Rotary will also serve as a

catalyst to provide a new dynamic for getting blood donations.

The unique custom vehicle built by specifications from OBS Inc. in Ohio, the Rotary Clubs of the Bahamas Bloodmobile was driven down through Georgia and Florida to pay a visit to the Rotary Clubs that participated in the funding of the bloodmobile. The first of its kind in the Bahamas and District 7020, the Rotary Clubs of the Bahamas Blood Mobile is destined to save lives, one drop at a time through the efforts of Rotary and the local hospital blood banks. Designed to host blood drives in Nassau and through the family islands by ferry service, the bloodmobile will reach more of the Bahamian population to collect blood and provide education about healthy living.

Currently there is a national blood shortage in the Bahamian community. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) standard, the country should collect blood from 5% of the population. The

required needs for the Bahamas would be 16,000 pints each year. Unfortunately, the local blood banks only collect 5,000 pints each year. The results of the national shortage equates to prolonged hospital stays, delayed surgeries, people being treated without the required units of blood, cancer patients unable to receive necessary replacements, and ultimately persons dying from inadequate supplies. Also, there are no reserves in the event of a disaster or mass casualty. The Rotary Clubs of the Bahamas Bloodmobile will be the best alternative in reaching the population in their own communities and tapping into the tourism market. The bloodmobile would also assist in retrieving voluntary, non-remunerated donation in addition to replacement donation.

Many thanks to the other organizations who have contributed to the Rotary Clubs of the Bahamas Bloodmobile: Tropical Shipping, Sunshine Insurance, Tavares & Higgs, Bahamas First, and Creative Spot Design.

THE FOX HILL 'RUN'

Our Longest-running Continuous Community Service Project

(Reprinted from The Tribune August 28, 1991)

Every other week, Rosebud, and nine others wait eagerly to see what their grocery bags will hold. Bill Pyfrom and his crew pull up in front of their small homes, and their appreciative smiles are all the thanks these men needed. These people are all involved in the East Nassau Rotary Club's Fox Hill Run project. The original project was taken over by Rotarians in 1975. It had been implemented a few years earlier by Rev. John Silverstone, of the Methodist church. He was transferred to Freeport, and rather than let the project dwindle to nothing, he began searching for someone to take over. Rotary has been doing it every other Saturday, ever since.

Of course, the recipients of the biweekly gift have changed, and those who show up Saturdays to stuff grocery bags and deliver with a smile have come and gone over the years, but the principles is still the same. People of all ages are on the Run. Some because they are too ill to support themselves and in some cases their families, some are too old, and others are just going through some bad times. What these people do have in common, however, is that they have been deemed worthy of the Rotarians' help. Whenever they are able to add another person to the list, Bill Pyfrom, and others before him, ask Father Pugh who he would recommend. "I believe he knows everyone in Fox Hill," says Mr. Pyfrom.

The food is kept in a storage shed and Rotarians gather early in the morning to fill the bags. The people get the basic staple foods, like rice, canned vegetables, and juices, but often enough there are special extras to throw in, like chocolate

bars and Smarties. This particular week, there is an excess of ketchup, and those on the Run speculate on the many weird and wonderful uses of ketchup.



The first lady on the run is Rosebud. She is sitting on her front porch, happier than ever to greet her visitors. To look and speak with her, one would never guess that Rosebud had a care in the world. Then you find out that she needs new glasses, and has to make three weekly, three-hour trips to the hospital for dialysis. Rosebud, always with a smile, says to Mr. Pyfrom as he leaves, "I appreciate everything you do for me, because you know, sometimes things get so rough." With Rosebud's cheerful disposition to guide us along the way, we make a few more stops. Some are in, others have stepped out, but have made sure that one of the kids would be waiting. There is one man, a single parent off our who is not very talkative, until John Stewart starts asking questions about the old foreign car he is working on in the front yard. Then his face comes alive. They talk for a while, as kids pop in and out of

the home, wondering what's going on.

We persevere and find ourselves at the home of a 109-year old lady. She is sitting cross-legged on her bed in the back of the house, sipping on a lukewarm Pepsi. She, who has all the spirit and energy of a teenager, says "I just take my time. Some people come in the world and try to take the world on their heads. You've got to slow down." She then holds out an empty bottle and puts in her request for some more sweet pickles.

On the road again, one woman informs Mr. Pyfrom that she won't be there the next week because she has a wedding to go to. Her daughter is getting married. Another lady whispers to me, while pointing to a large stainless steel bin that she's just about to hop in the tub. After stopping and catching up on the lives of these 10 people, we head out of Fox Hill, our eyes opened just a bit wider. We all wonder how these people can be so happy and thrilled with life when they have so many problems. We realise that they make the most of the small things that they do have, like the ability to walk, or sight, or the bulging grocery bag that appears every other week.

Fox Hill Run in 2013

by Corinne Laville

"Let me introduce you the Fox Hill Run, the longest running project of The Rotary Club of East Nassau. First, we assemble at the ungodly hour of 7:30am every other Saturday morning come rain or shine in the parking lot of the old City Market on Village Road. Everyone is told to look for the 'red jeep'. We don't give much

of a grace period as some of us need to travel far to get there. We all jump in one car in order to explain the Run to the new comers or just to catch up and fellowship with the regulars!

Then we go Stor-it-All where the food is kept. Gary Sweeting does the shopping and I do the driving. Each recipient gets one brown bag with dry goods. We give them rice, grits, sugar, corned beef, sardines, mackerel, tuna, vienna sausages, tomato paste, pigeon peas, condensed milk, evaporated milk, Kraft macaroni and cheese and ramen noodles. Once the bags are packed, we hit the road.



Meet Ian Gilcott of Davis Street on the Fox Hill Run from a request from his sister. Ian is paralysed from the waist down.



Here is Ms. Anastasia(Stacey) Sweeting, always ready with a smile. Stacey is an amputee confined to a wheelchair due to bone cancer and sickle cell anaemia. She lives on her own with her 10 year old daughter.



Here is Mr. Tyrone Curry, legally blind but very much aware of his environment. Keeps his surroundings spic and span and always ready for a discussion on current events.



Our very own, Jane Doe and family were kept on the Run after the death of her father. Not much of a talker, but she lives with her two younger brothers, one of whom is confined to his bed due to a gun shot wound.



Here is Gidget Grant. She wears her heart on her sleeve and is the gift that keeps giving. She is always looking out for her neighbours and shares all her goods with those in need.



Our next stop is to see Mr. Stuart, a carpet layer in his good days, who awaits our arrival. He always has a story to tell. Mr. Stuart is an amputee.



Next we cut across Fox Hill Road and go on to Ms. Hazel Kemp, all of 91 years old with a memory as sharp as a tack. She will tell you in a second who is a Foxhillian from who 'just come here'. Here is a picture of Hazel happily smoking her leaf tobacco which she says she has been doing since the age of six. My favourite shot of Ms. Kemp.



Last but not least is Ms. Sophie Rolle, who unfortunately due to ill health has lost sight in one of her eyes."

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

When hurricanes Frances and Jeanne ripped through Grand Bahama several years ago, 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), some of whom were not afraid to put their hands to the plough for the plant's construction. 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, 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. The plant,

which has its own generator, and will be managed by Grand Bahama Utility Company. If the needs arises, water could be shipped to other islands affected by water shortages due to a natural disaster.

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.

"That was something that we really needed to understand. The initial concept from Los Angeles was that people from Grand Bahama should be able to deal with such an issue on their island. We didn't know that you were flying in emergency water and that was another thing that touched all of the hearts of the Rotarians who participated in raising the funds."

She said there were eight clubs in the Los Angeles Region who partici-

pated 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.

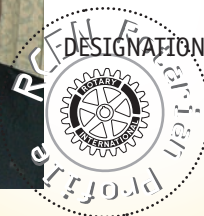
President of Waugh Construction, Sonny Waugh, who supervised the plant's construction, became very passionate as he spoke about the nearly 40 businesses on Grand Bahama who donated their services. "We bulldozed the land and as it was in the flood zone, we brought in a pile of fill from Bahama Rock. If you were to see our donors list on the plaque afterwards, you will see how many firms in the community donated to this and how many hours I must have spent on the telephone, on my knees begging, begging. They really came through for us," he said.



NAME: Joanne Smith
Member SINCE: 2005
ACTIVITIES: Club President, 2010-2011
Bed Race Chair
DESIGNATIONS: PHS Member
PHF
Sustaining Member



NAME: Denzil Sirra
Member SINCE: 2010
ACTIVITIES: International Service Director, 2012-2013
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To the Members and friends of the ROTARY CLUB OF EAST NASSAU:

It certainly has been a privilege and an honour to serve as President of the Rotary Club of East Nassau during the year in which we celebrate our 50th anniversary, especially since I also celebrated my 50th birthday during this Rotary year. Starting with the district conference in Haiti followed by the International Convention in Thailand, my knowledge of Rotary and our district in particular have been greatly enhanced, and it has been incredibly illuminating to witness all the great work of Rotary both here and abroad.

The Rotary theme of "Peace through Service" has been particularly relevant this year considering current conditions here in The Bahamas, and we have participated in several peace initiatives including financial support for a peace conference led by The Crisis Centre; working with the Royal Bahamas Police Force; and participation in the Unity Walk for One Bahamas spearheaded by our own Sir Durward Knowles and Sir Orville Turnquest. In addition, we have continued to support the Rotary Foundation; Project Read; BAPD; the Salvation Army; Ebenezer Church; the Bahamas Sailing Association; Polio Eradication; Hopedale Centre; Junior Baseball League of Nassau; the East Nassau Rotary Club Foundation (scholarships), and many other worthy causes.

It has also been wonderful working with our next generation Rotary clubs, including the dynamic Rotaract Club of East Nassau,

our three strong Interact Clubs at Queen's College, St. Anne's, and Christian Heritage, and the Queen's College EarlyAct Club.

What has been rewarding this year, aside from our traditional fund-raising vehicles like our golf and fishing tournaments and hands-on service projects, was our members' creativity in exploring other fund-raising options. For example, the Bond night held at RND JFK Drive not only succeeded in raising significant money for the Rotary Foundation, but it heightened the awareness of Rotary and polio eradication in the community and demonstrated the capacity to utilize social networks to promote our causes as we sold out prior to the event. Thanks to the continued efforts of Paul Cartwright we have developed our own mini-carnival which has been utilized to raise funds and Rotary awareness at various community events. Our involvement

along with the Rotary Clubs of The Bahamas in beverage distribution at the Carifta games evoked fond memories of the Florida State Flying High circus visits in the 1980s and 90s. And still to come is our potential involvement with an international LPGA golf tournament which will continue to enhance awareness of Rotary while generating additional funds to support our community service efforts.

Of course none of this would have been possible without the tremendous support from the Board and members of RCEN, and I am extremely thankful for all of your efforts over the past year. In particular I would like to thank the many past presidents who have been so active in my year, as they have provided inspiration for me to continue to ensure that this great club maximizes its potential and impact on our community.



Pictured from left: President Elect, Phil Cumming, International Service Director, Denzil Sirra; Immediate Past President Adam Darville; Club Secretary, Diane DeWitt; President, Geoff Andrews.

Our 50th Anniversary Board of Directors

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Members of the ROTARY CLUB OF EAST NASSAU at our 50th Anniversary



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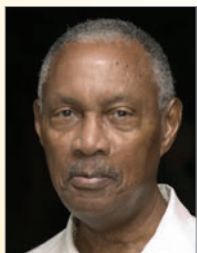
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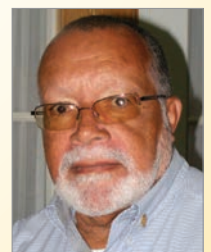
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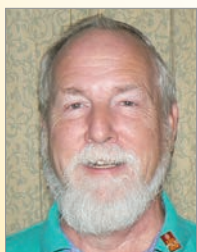
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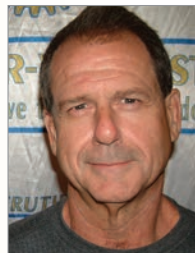
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Patrick Rollins (PP)



Michael Russell



Hope Sealey



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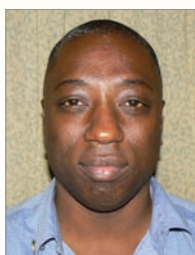
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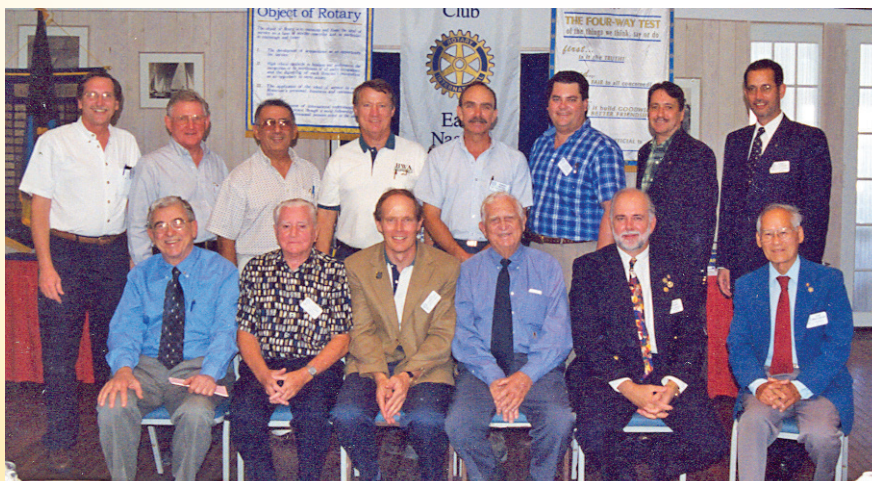


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Herbert Thompson
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Dana Wells



Fourteen of our Past Presidents, standing from left: Rick Lowe ('95-'96), Macgregor Robertson ('80-'81), Terry Mosko ('85-'86), John Robertson ('84-'85), Robert Brown ('98-'99), Lindsey Cancino ('99-'00), Andy Gape ('96-'97), Robert Lotmore ('92-'93). Sitting from left: Sidney Sweeting ('88-'89), Fred Cadman ('78-'79), Jeff Robertson ('01-'02), Sir Durward Knowles ('75-'76), Barry Rassin ('87-'88), Tony Hing-Cheong ('82-'83) ('82-'83).



Members of the Rotary Club of East Nassau signing the contract for the first phase of construction of the Cheshire Home. Seated from left: John Sands, Bahamas Association of the Physically Disabled, Brendan Watson, contractor at Watson Construction Company; Cpt Durward Knowles, Sidney Sweeting, East Nassau president. Standing from left: Phyllis Aldridge, director of the BAPD; Keith Duncombe; Warren Knowles and Barry Rassin.

CHESHIRE HOME BAHAMAS

In 1948, Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, now Lord Cheshire, a retired Royal Air force bomber pilot and World War II hero, heard that an ex-serviceman he knew was dying, with nowhere to go, following his discharge from hospital.

After a determined effort failed to find him a home, Lord Cheshire took him into his own home and nursed him until he died. Others in need followed, and these he took in also. But he was soon to discover that the real need was for the young, disabled adult, for whom no specialised provision existed at that time. This is when the first Cheshire Home came into being, because of the acute need for homes for disabled people.

Each home can be formed with any suitable building of almost any size where all kinds of physically disabled people enjoy the fullest

lives they can. Each home is different because each has been set up by local people to meet local needs. The Cheshire Foundation is truly international with nearly 200 homes in 47 countries.

The Cheshire Home in the Bahamas began as a dream approximately ten years ago by Ms. Phyllis Aldridge and Captain Durward Knowles. Six years ago the Rotary Club of East Nassau joined them both in their dream for a Cheshire Home in Nassau, and decided to make this a major project.

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. It has been designed for future expansion, but presently it can accommodate 16 physically disabled people and two resident staff.

The home is run by a management committee drawn from medical, religious and professional backgrounds. The board of directors is headed by a representative of the Anglican church in the Bahamas, which took over the Cheshire Home for the Rotary Club of East Nassau on November 5, 1991.

The Cheshire Home was eventually sold to the Government of The Bahamas in 2005. But 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.



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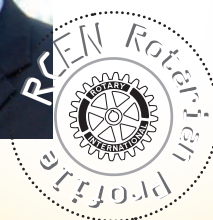


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NAME: Adam Darville
 Member SINCE: 1996
 ACTIVITIES: Club President,
 2011-2012
 DESIGNATIONS: PHS Member
 PHF
 Sustaining Member



PROJECT READ

Eradicating Illiteracy in The Bahamas

Project Read Bahamas is a free, confidential service that teaches adults reading, writing and basic math skills. Since it was founded by East Nassau Rotary in 1991, Project Read has helped improve the literacy levels of over 1,000 Bahamians.

"The purpose of Project Read is to enable individuals to acquire the listening, speaking, reading, writing and comprehension skills they need to solve the problems they encounter in daily life, and to participate fully in the positive transformation of Bahamian society," said past president Jeff Robertson.

Today, scores of volunteers share their time and expertise teaching students how to read and write using the methodology of Frank C. Laubach - Each One, Teach One.

"Following Rotary International President Rajendra Saboo's 1991 challenge to develop a programme to

enable at least 20 people to become functionally literate, I was assigned to the job by the Rotary Club of East Nassau," Robertson recalled.

"My research started with a phone call to the Palm Beach Public School Board and on their advice I contacted Laubach Literacy International. The programme has now expanded to include teenagers at risk of becoming high school dropouts, and Project Read is now a fully independent non-profit incorporated under the laws of the Bahamas."

According to Robertson, Barbara Burks of Laubach contacted a trained Laubach tutor in Florida, Janet Hansen, to see if she would help. Hansen, who worked for the Broward County Library, came to Nassau to conduct a tutor training workshop.

"At the time, there was no known literacy project here," he said. "So I formed a committee - an essential ingredient for a successful programme, which sub-committees for recruitment and fund-raising. We developed a three-year plan to teach adults or older youth, who had English as their first language, how to read.

"Initially, we had 24 tutor volunteers," Robertson said. "Tutors don't require any special qualifications, just the desire to help someone achieve literacy. Also a commitment of nine months to a year to take a student from zero to grade five level - the level at which one is able to read a newspaper. Tutor training consisted of over 12 hours of classroom instruction."

The Laubach Way to Reading is a four-level adult literacy programme that has been used successfully by over 60 million people worldwide. Other books are used for more advanced students. Significant reading gains can be achieved in as little as 10 hours of training.

This method takes the student through the alphabet step by step, learning to recognize, pronounce and write each letter. Students are

elevated according to their degree of literacy and placed with a tutor.

"After our first tutor-training workshop we had 24 trained volunteers," Robertson said. "And our aim was to eventually have our own tutor trainer. We began the programme with 12 students and a library of books available for beginners."

In addition to free individual tutoring, Project Read provides basic and advanced training for volunteers, regular workshops for tutors, a newsletter for tutors, and a free lending service of books available for all reading levels.

In 2009 Project Read started using the Computer-Assisted Literacy Solution (CALS), based on School Specialty Literacy and Intervention's Academy of READING and Academy of MATH programmes. They now have eight computers on site but the system can be accessed anywhere and presently have 368 registered users who can log on for free. The hosting charges are paid by Project Read with maintenance costs being underwritten by the Ministry of Education.

In an stand alone agreement, Her Majesty's Prison at Fox Hill also acquired 15 computers with a server that allows 39 inmates to use CALS to improved reading and math skills. As one teacher commented. "There are times when the inmates have to miss class due to circumstances of which they have no control. However, the attendance is good. I noticed that their attitude has changed due to the fact that their reading levels have improved." CALS at Fox Hill Prison was made possible by donations from the Lyford Cay Foundation, Rotary Club of East Nassau and the Rotary Clubs of the Bahamas.

Plans are being finalised for the children from Ranfurly Home and Nazareth Centre to have access to CALS in the coming months.

RCEN's continues to donate to Project Read as literacy remains one of the focuses of Rotary. Project Read is based on Village Road next to Queen's College.



Bill Simmons

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SIR DURWARD KNOWLES GETS HIGHEST ROTARIAN HONOUR

(Reprinted from *The Nassau Guardian*, Friday, April 5, 2002)

Sir Durward Knowles was awarded Rotary International's highest honour when he received the Service Above Award on March 22.

In receiving the award, Knowles fondly called "Sea Wolf" thanked his wife Lady Knowles for her tremendous support throughout his life.

The award was created by the Rotary International Board of Directors to recognize exemplary humanitarian service in any form and at any level. The RI Service Above Self Award is an internationally competitive award granted to a maximum of 150 Rotarians around the world each year who are living examples of Service Above Self.

In presenting the Award to Sir Durward, Rotary International Director Donald Osborne, representing RI president Rick King, and who flew in from Maryland to honour Sir Durward, said the award recognises outstanding efforts in the promotion of RI objectives in any avenue of Rotary service, and constitutes Rotary's highest honour.

Also flying in from St Croix especially for the ceremony was District Governor Richard Grant. DG Richard is Rotary International's liaison for District 7020 which includes oversight of Rotary Club in the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos Islands, Haiti, US Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands, Anguilla, St Barts, St Martin/Mar-teen, Cayman Islands and Jamaica.

Sir Durward was also recognised for his generous monetary



Pictured from left: AGE Dick McCombe, ADG Robin Brownrigg, PDG Al Cartwright, RI Director Donald Osbourne, PDG Eddie Bostwick, PP Sir Durward Knowles, PDG John Robertson, DG Richard Grant, PDG Barry Rassin and PE Carla McCombe.

support of the Rotary International Foundation over his many years as a member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau. As a result he was presented with a beautiful crystal recognition and Paul Harris diamond pin, placing him in the company of major donors to Rotary throughout the world.

In addition to these Sir Durward was also recognised for his pledge to the Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund to become a Charter Member of Rotary Foundation Bequest Society from Rotary District 7020.

The evening climaxed with a tribute to Sir Durward's life by for-

mer Governor General and Honorary member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, Sir Orville Turnquest.

Sir Durward joked that as he looked around the room, there was no one more deserving of the award than himself.

The Rotary Foundation is a non-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and health care, clean water, food education, and other essential needs primarily in the developing world. One of the major humanitarian programmes is PolioPlus which seeks to eradicate the polio virus worldwide by the end of 2005.


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Greetings from the **INNER WHEEL CLUB OF EAST NASSAU**

50 years of dedicated community service is an outstanding achievement. The Inner Wheel Club of East Nassau offers sincere congratulations to the members of The Rotary Club of East Nassau on this important milestone in your history. It has been our honour and pleasure to work together throughout the decades on many community projects and our members know firsthand the commitment RCEN has to making a real difference in the lives of those that need it most.

Service Above Self is not just a grouping of words, it is a way of life to Rotarians and the members of the Rotary Club of East Nassau are the embodiment of this message. From the founding members of RCEN to the present membership, we thank you for your commitment and wish you many years of continued excellent community service.

In Friendship,
Kelly Cartwright-Meister – 2012/21013
President, Inner Wheel Club of East Nassau

Innner Wheel is one of the largest women's service voluntary organisations in the world and is active in more than 103 countries.

The Inner Wheel Club of East Nassau was presented its charter in 1978 by Rotary Club of East Nassau president Fred Cadman to Nancy Cole, the first president of IWEN. From the beginning, the focus of Inner Wheel was and remains service. The Club's primary role was assisting RCEN with their community projects and events. Inner Wheelers worked side-by-side with East Nassau at many a fair, sporting event, circus, carnival, ball, and more, all in the name of raising funds to help our community.

Thirty five years later, the Club is thriving with more than 75 members and growing. The goal of Inner Wheel today is to focus primarily on supporting community projects and events that improve the lives of women and children around the world. The Inner Wheel Club of East Nassau has certainly

devoted its time and efforts toward that aim.

Breast cancer and cervical cancer rates among women of The Bahamas are alarmingly high. Hereditary breast cancer in the Bahamas is particularly high and is increasing. The Inner Wheel Club of East Nassau has dedicated much of its community service to tackling this issue and has made significant strides. The Club has raised more

than \$50,000.00 through various events to assist the Cancer Society of The Bahamas with their ongoing cancer screenings and research for breast and prostate cancer in the Family Islands. Their programs have also created awareness of the importance of being screened.

Through the determination of Inner Wheel Club of East Nassau member Dr. Olga Stokes and the help of funds through Inner Wheel Club of East Nassau, the Rotary Club of South East Nassau, the Rotary Club of Ft. Lauderdale South, and Rotary International, along with other many other private donors, provided over \$70,000.00 worth of HPV equipment and testing reagents for the women of our country. The first of its kind in The Bahamas, the HPV testing machine is used for the early detection of women at risk of developing cervical cancer. The project also included the training of medical personnel and operation of the equipment.

Cervical Cancer is the number two cancer affecting women in The Bahamas and HPV is the main cause. HPV is suspected to be highly prevalent in The Bahamas and at least half of the abnormal pap smears suggest-



Inner Wheel member, Dr. Olga Stokes, received the Paul Harris Fellow from Rotary Club of South East Nassau Past President, Frank McGwier for her tireless work in raising awareness for the serious need for affordable Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) testing in The Bahamas.

ing HPV infection are from women between the ages of 13 and 29. Before this machine was donated, the test had to be sent to Florida at a cost of approximately \$200.00. Many women in The Bahamas simply could not afford the cost and did not receive testing and as a result did not receive preventative treatment. Approximately 1,500 women require the HR HPV test yearly resulting from abnormal pap smears. With the machine now in The Bahamas at the Princess Margaret Hospital and the test being offered at a reasonable cost, many lives have already been saved. Dr. Olga Stokes received a Paul Harris Fellow from the Rotary Club of South East Nassau for her tireless work in raising awareness for the serious need for affordable Human Papilloma Virus testing in the Bahamas.

The Club is also devoted to improving the lives of children and has continued to support the Robert Smith Ward at Sandiland's through service projects, spending time with the children and young adults and raising funds for necessities such as blankets or clothing. The Club has also volunteered time through Project READ; the Bilney Lane Children's Home; and donated funds to many organizations for programs or equipment that will benefit the children of our country.

The Inner Wheel Club of East Nassau is proud of its service and remains committed to assisting the Rotary Club of East Nassau with their community projects, as well as improving the lives of women and children in The Bahamas. The Club is founded on friendship with its members and through its service will remain a friend to all it serves in our community.



Pretty in Pink, pictured from left: Karen Carey, Vice President of Inner Wheel Club of East Nassau, Bahamas; Amy Sands, Manager of the Cosmetic Boutique; Kelly Meister, Inner Wheel Club of East Nassau, Bahamas; Dorian Roach, Division Leader, John Bull; Heather Peterson, Secretary, Inner Wheel and Robin Symonette, Treasurer of Inner Wheel, at the Pretty in Pink party held at The Cosmetic Boutique in aid of breast cancer research and awareness.

Chartering Inner Wheel Club of East Nassau



The Inner Wheel Club of East Nassau received its charter in 1978 with an evening of festivities. From left are officials: Jean Hall, secretary; Susan Robertson, overseas service organizer; Isabel Middleton, treasurer; Gweneth Munnings, president of the Inner Wheel Club of Nassau, the "motherclub"; Fred Cadman, president of the Rotary Club of East Nassau; Nancy Cole, president of the new club; Mary Lowe, first vice president and Coral Cartwright, second vice president.

On February 18, 1986, the Inner Wheel Club of East Nassau presented a \$400 cheque to the Bahamas Association of the Physically Disabled. During that year they had also contributed to Persis Rodgers Home for the Aged, the Bahamas Red Cross and the Drug Action Service. Pictured from left: Mrs Lavern Pinder, first vice president of IWCEN, Bob Thompson, proprietor of Super Saver (where this picture was taken), Miss Phyllis Aldridge, welfare officer at BAPD; Mrs Lynn Gape, president of IWCEN; Mrs Diane Simmons, assistant treasurer of the club.



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IWCCN celebrates 25th anniversary



Supporting Basketball Smiles training camp for the third time.



PHF award for Anne Lever



And Robin Symonette from PP Jeff Robertson



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February 2012 - Lighting of Atlantis for Rotary International's anniversary.



Community Service at Thelma Gibson Primary.



2011 - The Eye Project was hosted twice with Rotary Club of Roswell.

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2010 RCEN won Club of the Month for Foundation for the first time.



2007 - Our bell ringing gets noticed by the Salvation Army.

Alan Wilson seeks the wisdom of Mudda Sikh aka Mac Robertson.



January 2011- RCEN took home third place with this bed.



Another happy Hair Club for Men client! Barry donates his hair to John.

President Geoff pins Christian Heritage Interactors.



July 2004- Pres. Evered Peart pins incoming president Peter Andrews. Women members were introduced into the club during 2003-2004.



President Berkley (l) inducts Dr Harry Munnings.

From left: Garth Thompson, President Rick Lowe, Pierre Dupuch and George Cox.



2010 - The International Service and Community Service committees got together to host Interactors from South Florida we brought a five-man dental team to work on New Providence, Bimini and South Andros. The Interactors are seen here with teachers from TG Glover Primary School, President Michele Rassin and Corinne Laville Community Development; where they had given a demonstration of proper dental hygiene to students.



The shirt says it all...Gordon Pinder, Sidney Sweeting, Terry Hilt.

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