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Board meets Wednesday

by Laura Grasse

Board meeting rescheduled

As announced at last week's meeting, the club board meeting for May has been rescheduled for this Wednesday, May 14, at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at Harrington Financial Services, 2580 Highway 95, Suite 118.

Two new members inducted

by Art Harrington

Welcome, Dana and Mike!

Dana M. Rice and Michael K. Byrd were inducted a week ago as our two newest members of the Bullhead City Rotary Club.

Dana is the Chief Nursing Officer at Valley View Medical Center. She is married, and her husband's name is Paul. Both she and Mike are being sponsored as new members by Past President Mike Conner.

Mike is no stranger to Rotary, having served as a Rotarian in Florida for three years, prior to moving here. He is the Director of Diagnostic Imaging at Valley View Medical Center. He and his wife Sandi have a son who will be entering college this fall.

We hope to have photos and additional information about these new members in a future issue of the bulletin.

Caribbean report

by Art Harrington

An awesome experience

In spite of my best intentions, I was unable to transmit a club bulletin to you last week. I



discovered, upon our arrival at our destination in Nassau, Bahamas, that we had no internet connection. Given our schedule, which kept us going from early morning until late at night for the entire week, I'm not sure when I would have found the time or energy to put the issue together anyway.

It was our great privilege to serve as the personal representatives of RI President Wilf Wilkinson and his wife Joan at the first joint district conference of Rotary Districts 7020 and 6930. Representatives from eleven countries and four territories comprised the **1,100** who attending this joint conference - including 118 from Haiti and 180 members of Rotaract Clubs (Rotary for those 18-30 years of age).

Held at the world-famous Atlantis Resort on Paradise Island, one cannot begin to imagine a finer or more beautiful setting for such an incredible Rotary gathering. We had arrived early for the conference, in order to assist with the PETS and Assembly for club leadership training that always precedes the conference for D7020. With such geographical expanses between the island nations represented in that district, it is cost-prohibitive to train club leaders on the recommended Rotary schedule. So they come early to do it all at once.

I mentioned the Rotaract Clubs in D7020. There are 35 of them, and they have their own District Rotaract Governor. They held a concurrent Rotaract District Conference with that of Rotary. Then on Saturday afternoon these Rotaractors led the way in a joint service project that dramatically transformed a neglected and unsightly section of the harbor waterfront in Nassau into a beautiful and functional public park. In the photo, I am meeting with some these energetic Rotaract workers who led in that remarkable project.

District 7020 sponsored three Group Study Exchanges this Rotary year - each from different island nations within that district. Completely coincidentally, the GSE Team from The Bahamas is the one being exchanged with our own District 5490. We will be hosting them here next week in Bullhead City. Consequently, Sharon and I had the opportunity to meet this exciting team and their leader last Saturday, just before they had to leave to catch their flight to Arizona.

Bahamas team on their way
by Art Harrington



Bahamian GSE Team

here in Bullhead City next week

Our club is in for a real treat next week when we host the GSE Team from District 7020. **Dr. Bridgette Rolle**, the Rotarian team leader, is a specialist in education and training. She has contributed to the development of education policies, administration and programs for the Government of The Bahamas. She also does private consulting in customer service, training and management.

Team member **Elsie Bain** is employed as a Librarian at The College of the Bahamas. She is single and has a love of books and a passion for helping people. Elsie is an avid reader and enjoys travel, feeling there is much to be learned from people with differing cultural backgrounds.

A teacher of Secondary Mathematics and Computer Studies, **Clint Higgs** is with the Ministry of Education in The Bahamas. He has taught at all levels and has written and published a series of mathematics workbooks for the junior high schools in his country. An avid musician, Clint has been playing the piano since age 12, and has composed choral and piano solo works.

Employed with the First Caribbean International Bank as a home finance specialist, **Ericka Rolle** will be assuming a new role as a bank manager when she returns from this GSE trip. She is a single mother to her 11-year-old son, Aaliyah. She loves interior decorating, baking, reading, making wreaths and garland, and motivating others.

An elementary teacher, **Tonia Ferguson** serves in one of the Bahamas' quaint fishing settlements known as Sandy Point on the island of Abaco. Finding her students lacking in essential reading and mathematics practice books, she has managed to obtain these for them since arriving on the island a little over a year ago. Fascinated with the environment, she conducts an after-school environmental program. She and her students have worked on beach cleanups, birding counts and artificial reef construction. She also writes for the island newspaper.

Photo: Dr. Bridgette Rolle

Fax me your choices
by Sharon Harrington

Where do you want to serve?

Each club member should have received in the mail last week a letter, along with a copy of the club's organizational chart.



On the same sheet of paper containing that portrayal of our club's organization and committees was a place for you to indicate your first, second and third choices of where you *prefer* to serve in our club this next Rotary year, beginning July 1.

Rather than arbitrarily assigning everyone to a committee or task, the club's board would like to have you tell us what you would like to do. (Nothing is *not* one of the options. Remember we *are* a service club.)

If you did *not* receive the letter and organizational chart, please call me at 763-1440, and we will send you a copy of both. If you *did* receive this mailing, please take a few minutes to review that chart, list your 1st, 2nd & 3rd choices, and fax it to me at 763-2088.

Thanks, Joe Heath and Mike Conner for leading the way!!

Enjoy a night at The Bowl

by Art Harrington



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