

# THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



ROTARY DISTRICT 7030. ZONE 34

July 2019

## RI President John Maloney's Message

Happy Rotary New Year 2019-2020!



Dear fellow Rotarians and members of the family of Rotary,

I love to travel! I even enjoy the mundane process of getting from here to there. But last year, my wife, Gay, and I had one of those experiences that would strain the optimism of even the most cheerful traveler. We found ourselves with six hours to wait, at an airport where we were not scheduled to be, on a day we had not planned still to be traveling, having woken up that morning at a hotel unknown to us the night before. It was one of those days.

As we waited at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City, Gay and I took a walk to people watch. We went from one end of the terminal to the other and back, looking at every gate, every destination, every group of people waiting for their flights.

Each gate was its own island of humanity. When we walked down the center of the concourse, we were in New York, moving along with everyone in one river. But when you veered off into those seats, you left that current and landed on an island. You were already in Delhi or Paris or Tel Aviv.

As we started our walk, I thought: "All these different people, all these different countries, all in one place. This is like Rotary!" But as we walked past gate after gate, I realized something. It was not like Rotary at all. Because everyone in that river was heading for an island. And every island stayed an island. The people heading to Taipei might be talking to one another, but they were not talking to the people heading to Cairo or Lagos.

Contrast that with Rotary. Rotary allows us to connect with one another, in deep and meaningful ways, across our differences. It connects us with people we would never otherwise have met, who are more like us than we ever could have known. It connects us with our communities, to professional opportunities, and to the people who need our help.

Connection is what makes the experience of Rotary so very different from walking along that concourse at JFK Airport. In Rotary, none of us is an island. All of us are in Rotary together, whoever we are, wherever we are from, whatever language we speak or traditions we follow. We are all connected to one another — part of our communities and members not only of our clubs, but also of the global community to which we all belong.

This connection is what lies at the heart of the Rotary experience. It is what brings us to Rotary. It is why we stay. Please join your fellow Rotarians on this journey as Rotary Connects the World.

July 2019  
Mark Daniel MALONEY  
President, Rotary International

## RI Vision and Goals

- "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves".

### Goals for Priority 1 – Unite People

- ✓ Strengthen the process for activating leadership in clubs and districts
- ✓ Increase club membership by attracting new and retaining existing members
- ✓ Start new clubs
- ✓ Increase the number of female members, members under 40, and Rotaractors joining Rotary
- ✓ Enhance the engagement and collaboration among Interact, Rotaract and Rotary club members and other Rotary participants

### Goals for Priority 2 – Take Action

- ✓ Publicise the role of Rotary and Rotarians in polio eradication
- ✓ Increase local and international projects by fully utilising District Designated Funds to fund district grants, global grants, PolioPlus, and the Rotary Peace Centers
- ✓ Increase contributions to the Annual Fund and PolioPlus while building the Endowment Fund to \$2,025 billion by 2025
- ✓ Build awareness of Rotary, and promote the People

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## DG Trevor's Handover Remarks

I am indeed delighted, and at the same time, humbled, to accept the insignia of the office of Governor of this great district, Rotary International District 7030, from DG Dominique. I follow in the footsteps of a long list of distinguished men and women, some of which are here with us tonight, culminating with DG Dominique who has had a remarkable year. Please join me in congratulating Dominique for a successful tenure as Governor of this District. I can only hope that the ensuing year will be as successful.

In accepting the badge of office, I must, firstly thank, The Most High, Almighty God; without His goodness and grace, none of this would be possible. I must also thank my dear Mother, who delayed her return to the US in order to be here to celebrate with me tonight, for her boundless love and support, and her nurturing in my formative years, that has led me to be the person that I am today. I must thank my dear wife, Michele, who has been a pillar of support along the way. She has stood by me throughout, and without her love and support I could not have achieved any of this. I would also like to thank my Club, this club, for putting my name forward to the Nominating Committee; if they did not, I could not have nominated. I must also thank the Nominating Committee for considering me fit to hold this Office. I must also thank the 4 PDGs – PDG Stephen, PDG Herve and PDG Elwin, who are with us this evening, and PDG Milton extended his regrets for not being here – who I had the privilege to serve as Assistant Governor, for exposing me to Rotary at the District level. I am also indebted to Rtn Sir Errol Allen, now of the Rotary Club of St Vincent, for proposing my membership into Rotary. To PDG David, who was my Governor in my year as club president for his support and guidance, past and present. To DG Dominique, PDG Roger and DGN Lisle I also say thanks. Your support and advice has been invaluable.

It is noteworthy that first in this list of PDGs of our district in this incarnation as 7030, is our own PDG Fred Lam of blessed memory, Charter President of the Rotary Club of St Kitts, and a true pioneer of Rotary in this part of the Caribbean. I salute and applaud the late PDG Freddie, and thank him for blazing the path for me!

I assume the office of District Governor, with much trepidation, despite the being prepared for this day over the last two years. The PDGs here assembled would attest to the fact that Rotary International takes the preparation for this role very seriously, and there are a number of training activities that you go through from your year as DGN. The reality of the weight of responsibility of the Office, however, at least for me has come in the last few weeks! I can only say to DGN Lisle, who is up next, that the DGE year, is the shortest 12 months on this planet! It seems like it was only a few months ago that we travelled to Guadeloupe for Dominique's handover!

My preparation for the office, perhaps really begun back in 1985, when I first entered the Rotary family as a founding member of the Rotaract Club of St Kitts, and was inculcated in the principle of selfless service. The preparation then continued, after a hiatus of about 9 years, when I joined the Rotary Club of St Kitts in 1999, and, subsequently, assumed the presidency of the Club in Rotary's centennial year, 1994/95.



## District Goals

### Goals for Priority 1 – Unite People

#### Membership

- ✓ Increase membership district-wide by 3.5%
- ✓ Each club
  - Achieve a net gain of at least 1 member
  - Improve membership retention rate by at least 1%, if below 90%, or maintain rate, if 90% or higher
  - Achieve net gain in female members, or in members below age 40\*.

#### Family of Rotary

- ✓ Expand the family of Rotary
- ✓ Each club
  - Sponsor a new Rotaract, Interact or Earlyact club, if none already sponsored

### Goals for Priority 2 – Take Action

#### Foundation

- ✓ Goal of \$400,000 for year
- ✓ Each Club
  - Contribute minimum US\$100 per member to Annual Fund
  - Contribute minimum of US\$1,500 to Polio Plus
  - Achieves at least 1 new PHS member or gives at least 1 new PHF
  - Have a minimum of 2 members attend District Foundation Seminar
  - Appoint a Club Foundation Director before July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019
  - Assign Foundation goals in Rotary Club Central before July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

#### Public Image

- ✓ Raise awareness of the brand and image of Rotary and promote Rotarians as 'People of Action'
- ✓ Each Club
  - Post details of successful projects on club's, district's and RI's websites
  - Use Rotary's brand guidelines, templates, People of Action campaign materials, and related resources
  - Arrange for the club's members to talk with the media to tell your club's and Rotary's story
  - Appoint a Club Public Image/Public Relations Committee before July 1, 2019
  - Assign POI goals in Rotary Club Central before July 1, 2019

#### Projects

- ✓ 2 special projects – Youth at Risk and diabetes
- ✓ Each Club
  - To undertake 1 project focused on youth at risk
  - To undertake 1 project focused on the prevention and/or treatment of Diabetes
  - Report the contribution to service projects in cash and in volunteer hours in Rotary Club Central

*\*If female members less than 40% of membership, a net gain of female members must be achieved. If members under age 50 less than 40%, net gain in members under 40 must be achieved*

## DG Trevor's Handover Remarks cont'd

My four consecutive years as Assistant Governor, from 2012 to 2016, also provided a glimpse into the role.

I take office at a transformative time in Rotary. Rotary International is embarking on a new strategic direction, with a new vision and strategic priorities with related objectives, all of which comes into effect on July 1. At the District level, we are reviewing our own strategic plan, to ensure its alignment to the Rotary International's new strategy thrust.

This is necessary in order to ensure that our organization remains relevant and continue to meet the changing needs of your community in the future. While transformation is oftentimes unsettling, we must embrace change; we cannot escape it! As the Greek philosopher, Heraclitus of Ephesus, is quoted as saying *'change is the only constant in life'*. As the District Governor, therefore, it is incumbent on me to inspire and support the clubs of the District in navigating these waves of change, to ensure positive outcomes in this dynamic environment.

Consistent with the new Rotary International vision, *'Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves'*, RI President in 2019 – 2020, Mark Maloney, has chosen the theme *'Rotary Connects the World'* for our year in office. He has charged us, as Rotary leaders, to focus on connections to i) grow Rotary; ii) bring families together; iii) build a new generation of Rotary leaders; and iv) to connect Rotary to the world. He reminds us that we are all connected, members not only of our own clubs, but of the global community to which we all belong. We must, in District 7030, build and strengthen these connections, in our clubs, in our local communities, across our district, and within the entire Family of Rotary, especially those between Rotary, Rotaract and Interact. As District Governor, with the support of your District Leadership Team, I commit to leading this charge.

I look forward to the support of all of the Rotarians in the District in the coming year.

District Governor 2019-2020

## Pics from DG Handover



### *District Executives*

**District Governor-Elect**

D Lisle Chase (Gros Islet)

**IP District Governor/Council of Governors' Chair**

Dominique Venere (Basse Terre)

**District Governor Nominee**

Sonya Alleyne (Barbados South)

**District Secretary**

Leah Sahely (St Kitts)

**District Treasurer**

Howard McEachrane (St Kitts)

**District Governor Special Advisor**

David Edwards (Barbados)

**District Training Chair/RLI Director**

Herve Honore (Le Francois)

## Updated RI Manual of Procedure and Constitution

Clubs and districts are guided by the Manual of Procedure, RI Constitution, and RI Bylaws. These documents provide the structure for RI's policies and procedures. Every club and district can propose amendments to constitutional documents through the Council of Legislation.

Visit the link below to get the updated RI Manual of Procedure and Constitution

<https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/governance-documents>

### *District Officers and Directors*

**District Finance Chair**

Roger Bose (San Fernando)

**District Disaster Relief Chair**

Steven Ramroop (San Fernando)

**District Membership Development Chair**

Elwin Atmodimedjo (Paramaribo Residence)

**District Rotary Foundation Chair**

Milton Innis (Barbados West)

**District Grants Chair**

Roger Bose (San Fernando)

**District TRF Fundraising Chair**

Leslie Ramdhanny (Grenada East)

**District Special Projects Chair – Youth at Risk**

Waddy Somna (Paramaribo Residence)

**District Special Projects Chair – NCDs**

Tony Watkins (Barbados)

**District Public Image Chair**

Lara Quentrall-Thomas (Central POS)

**District Rotaract Chair**

Bobby Morris (St Kitts)

**District Rotaract Representative**

Rtr Anya Blankendal (Rotaract Club FRESH)

**District Interact Chair**

Luana Falconer (Stabroek-Georgetown)

**District Earlyvact Chair**

Thierry d’Abadie De Lurbe (Schoelcher)

**District RYLA/New Generations Exchange Chair**

Tamira La Cruz (Curacao)

**District Conference Chair**

Charles Wilkin (St Kitts)

**RI Convention Promotions Chair**

Ken Budhoo (Sangre Grande)

### *Assistant Governors*

**Antigua and Barbuda/Montserrat**

Sharon Cordner (Antigua)

**Aruba/Bonaire/Curacao**

Rita Merkies-Groothuizen (Willemstad)

**Barbados**

Lisa Cummins (Barbados)

**Dominica**

Sammy Wyke (Dominica)

**French Guiana**

Claude Bertoncini (Cayenne)

**Grenada**

Richard Strachan (Grenada)

**Guadeloupe**

Jean Marc Solva Coudair (Point-a-Pitre Fleur d’Epee)

**Guyana**

Renata Chuck A Sang (Demarara)

**Martinique**

Nathalie Giles (Schoelcher)

**St Kitts and Nevis**

Frances-Ann Satney (St Kitts)

**St Lucia**

Charles Serieux (St Lucia)

**St Vincent and the Grenadines**

Francois Truchot (St Vincent)

**Suriname**

Djaienti Hindori (Paramaribo)

**Trinidad Central**

Lisa Francis (Felicity/Charlieville)

**Trinidad East/Tobago**

Gary Williams (St Augustine)

**Trinidad North**

Gordon Paul (Diego Martin)

**Trinidad South**

Debbie Roopchand (Princes Town)

### *District Calendar of Events*

6 July 2019 – Post PETS 2019 in Guyana

*July is New Leadership Month*

Each year Rotary Clubs and Districts across the globe induct new leaders. Congrats to all our new leaders!

*August is Membership and New Club Development Month – now is a good time to start working towards meeting District Goal Priority 1*

## District 7030 Statistics as at 1 July 2019 On Dashboard on Rotary Club Central

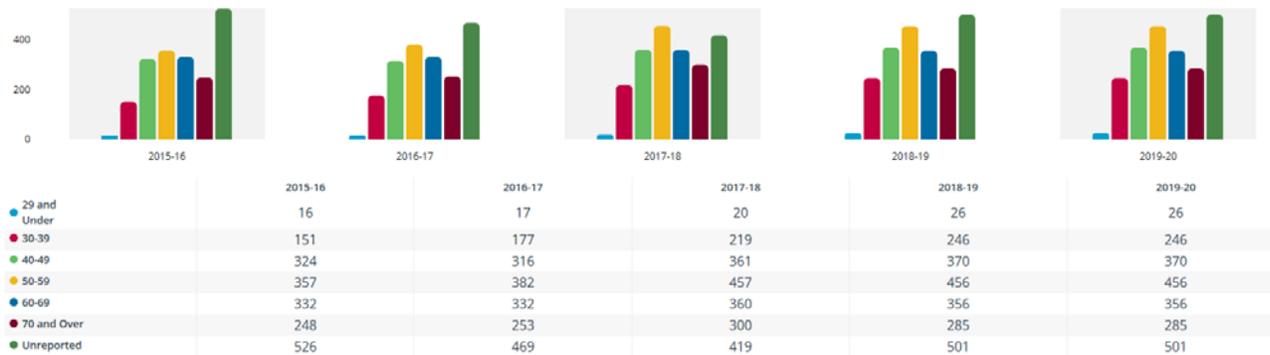
### Membership Trends



### Gender Trends



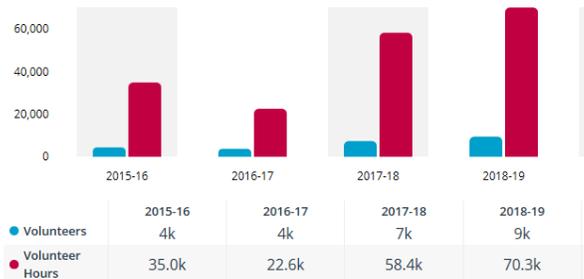
### Age Trends



### Project Trends - Funding



### Project Trends - Volunteers



as of: 01-Jul-2019

### Annual Fund Trends



as of: 30-Jun-2019

## Plug for Newsletter Submissions

Please send articles and photos by e-mail. Articles should be submitted by the 20th of each prior month of publication to District Secretary Leah, at: dsleah7030@gmail.com. To avoid delays, please include the following with each e-mail: Attn—District Newsletter and the intended month of publication. Thanks! Hope you like our first issue for RY 2019-2020!