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Rotary Club of Grenada Monthly Newsletter



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President's Corner



Fellow Rotarians,

We have completed our first month of the 2011-2012 Rotary year - a month in which I was still settling in as President. Many thanks to all of you for your support in making the transition take place as smooth as possible for me.

Short though it was, already we were able to accomplish several initiatives, in keeping with the Club's focus for this year:

- **Improving Communication & Fellowship in the Club**

- Monthly issue of the Club's news bulletin – The Spicy Wheel – continues to role.
- Our first Board meeting since taking office was a true fellowship event and included non-Board members. The meeting was hosted at my residence on 13 July – my birthday - so it was double fellowship.



- Our tree planting activity on 31 July was a bumper success with a large turnout of Rotarians and a number of Partners-in-service. Even though we had finished planting some forty trees by 1:00 p.m. the fellowship continued until after 3:00 p.m.



- A very interesting programme: *Tips on Tree Planting* was delivered by Agronomist Cecil Winsborrow, in preparation for our tree planting activity.



- Directors provided updates to the Club during meetings.
- **Advancing the Recognition and Public Image of the Club.**
 - Our PRO and I made quest appearances on two talk shows: GIS TV and Sundays with George Grant. PP John Williams and PRO Terrence also appeared on Godfrey's midday radio programme. These appearances facilitated the outlining of the Club's upcoming activities and plans for the year.

August is Membership Extension Month; members are urged to bring potential members to the Club.

Thank you for a good beginning. Let us continue to **Reach within to Embrace Humanity.**

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Julia G. Lawrence

President 2011-2012

Rotary Club of Grenada



Rotary Basics

Membership recruitment and retention

To keep clubs strong, every Rotarian must share the responsibility of bringing new people into Rotary. Even new members can bring guests to meetings or invite them to participate in a service project. The value of Rotary speaks for itself, and the best way to engage the interest of potential members is by letting them experience fellowship and service firsthand.

Keeping members interested in Rotary is another responsibility. Good club fellowship, early involvement in service projects, and involvement in club operations are some of the best ways to sustain the club's membership. The ideal composition of a Rotary club reflects the community's demographics, including professions, gender, age, and ethnicity. Such diversity enriches every aspect of the club's fellowship and service.

Tips on Proposing a New Member

Proposing new members is essential to achieving Rotary's goals of providing community and international service. As a Rotarian, one of your primary responsibilities is to help identify and propose new members.

Consider the following approaches for finding future Rotarians:

- Wear your Rotary pin to initiate conversations about your involvement with Rotary.
- Share stories of exciting club projects with colleagues, friends, and acquaintances.
- Invite friends, co-workers, and colleagues to join you at your weekly Rotary meeting.
- Offer information that outlines the club's history and highlights recent service projects and social events.
- Ask potential members to become involved with a club activity or service project.
- Encourage prospective members to tour the RI Web site, view membership videos, and complete a Prospective Member Form (www.rotary.org/membershipreferral).

(Exerpts from Rotary Basics – http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/595en.pdf;

How To Propose A New Member - http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/254en.pdf)



RI President's monthly message

My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary!



There is an old saying in India: “When you help your neighbor’s boat across the water, you find that your own has reached the shore.” By helping others, we often find that we have helped ourselves as well.

Each of us came to Rotary to serve – and found the joys and satisfactions of friendship and fellowship. In August, the month we dedicate to membership and development, we focus on spreading the message of Rotary. By serving well, without hiding our Rotary light under the proverbial bushel, we find ourselves closer to our own goal: a stronger, more vibrant Rotary for generations to come.

Public image and membership go hand in hand. Too many people – intelligent, educated, involved people – simply have no idea what Rotary is. This is something we need to confront. We have heard again and again about communities where, despite all the good work that Rotary clubs do, many people are unaware that those clubs even exist. This is not the way forward for our organization.

Serving well is the essential first step – but it is only the beginning. We have to raise our profile with all the tools that are available to us, and there are more tools today than there ever were. We have to use social media such as Twitter and Facebook, and we have to be sure our clubs have an online presence. Having a website is not enough; it must be up to date, it must be appealing, it must reflect the work we are doing. And it must offer a way for prospective members, once they see what we do and become interested, to take the next step.

Rotary has so much to offer. It is up to us to let others know what a fantastic organization we have, and to show people how they can integrate Rotary into their lives. Service does require time, and time is something nobody has enough of these days. So we need to ensure that all the time we spend with Rotary is worthwhile – that it is rewarding and never wasted. When we reach within ourselves and our clubs, when we learn what we are capable of and harness that power, we will elevate our communities as never before – and elevate Rotary as well.

Kalyan Banerjee
President, Rotary International



RI NEWS

- ❖ As of 31 May, Rotarians have [raised about \\$174.7 million](#) for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. These contributions will help Rotary raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting \$555 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families.
- ❖ All Rotarians now can update their contact information online in [Member Access](#) with the new My Account section, which was formerly called My Profile.
- ❖ For the 2009-10 Rotary year, approximately 308,000 Rotarians participated in the [Every Rotarian, Every Year](#) initiative, which funds the Annual Programs Fund. About 235,000 of those contributors are [Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members](#) contributing \$100 or more a year. As of 1 July, the start of the Rotary year, to 31 May, about \$87.8 million has been raised toward the Foundation's \$95.5 million goal. If every one of the 1.2 million Rotarians contributed just \$2 a week, in one year the Foundation could raise almost \$125 million.

Club Activities – August 2011

<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity</i>
4 August	Club Programme – RYLA 2011-2012 Conference – District’s RYLA Chr
7 August	Rotary All Day Carnival Fete
10 August	Board meeting – PP Kay’s residence 5:30 p.m.
11 August	Business meeting
18 August	Club Programme - The Joys of being a Rotarian – PP Leo
26 August	Friday dinner meeting – 7:00 p.m. Spice Basket

<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Anniversaries</i>
08 Leo Cromwell	16 Julia Lawrence and Vivian Louison
12 Alana Wilson	27 Gloria & Henry Joseph
15 Margaret Roberts	31 Cuthbert and Florence Williams
22 Lucia Andall	
23 Rotary Club of Grenada	
30 Franka AlexisBernadine	



Upcoming Events

- Rotary All Day Carnival Fete – 7 August 2011
- RYLA Conference - 26-28 Jan 2012
- District Conference - 2-8th April 2012 – visa requirement

Rotary Trivia

Where and when was the first Rotary club meeting held?

Important Links

District Website: www.rotarydistrict7030.org

Rotary International Website: www.rotary.org

Register for the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand: 2-6 May 2012

- <http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/HowtoRegister.aspx>

Meeting Days and Place

Rotary Club of Grenada meets

Thursday at noon at Flamboyant Hotel, Morne Rouge, St. George's; except the final Thursday of the month, when the Club will meet on the following Friday at 7:00 p.m. at a place to be announced.

Rotary Club of Grenada East meets

Wednesday at noon at Bain's Hall, Ben Jones Street, Grenville, St. Andrew's.

Rotaract Club of Grenada meets

Wednesday at 6.00 p.m. at the Ministry of Education, Botanical Garden, St. George's.

R I President – Kalyan Banerjee

District Governor – Lara Quentrall-Thomas

Assistant Governor – PP Roy O'neale

Answer to Rotary Trivia: Chicago, 23 February 1905.