

Rotary Club of Grenada Monthly Newsletter



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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President's Corner



Fellow Rotarians,

The month of November was a pretty busy one for the Club.

Rotary International marked the month of November as Rotary Foundation month.

Rotary's main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. As Rotarians, we recognise that we are not alone in these efforts. History was created in the Club on Thursday 3 November when the Club hosted and paid tribute to its honorary Rotarians: on that day we welcomed into our club a number of persons from the community who have exemplified Service above Self.

These persons have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals and are also considered friends of Rotary for their permanent support of Rotary's cause. In other words, they have reached within to embrace humanity, in the words of this year's RI theme. Five of our six Honorary Rotarians were in attendance; Ann Pierre, Raymond Smith, Sir Daniel Williams, Winson Keens Douglas and Lennox Phillip. A wonderful afternoon of fellowship that was truly appreciated by the Honorary Rotarians. This event was covered by the media and was the subject of news items on both the evening and morning news of the Grenada Broadcasting Network. This event was also in recognition of this year's focus on the Rotary Family.





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On 3 November the Club also made a presentation to the Grenada Diabetes Association in the amount of \$2200.00 towards the promotion of Diabetes education and prevention. Details of the presentation was the subject of a news item on the evening and morning news of the Grenada Broadcasting Network. The GDA held a health walk on Sunday 13 November during which information on the prevention of diabetes was provided along the six mile route. The participants' T-shirts bore the logos of the Rotary Club of Grenada and the GDA. Our sincerest thanks to GRENLEC for underwriting our contribution to this event.





The Club once again supported the Rotaract Club of Grenada in its hosting of the annual Spelling Bee competition. Rotarians performed the duties of judges in the competition; and the Club presented monetary prizes to the finalists. My address to the finalists is reproduced as Rotary Basics in this month's newsletter. The entire event was carried live on GBN TV and excerpts of my address was rebroadcasted during evening and morning news on GBN TV.





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The Club held its 10 November luncheon fellowship *at NEWLO* to show its support to the staff and students of the institution. We were served a very delicious meal prepared by the students of the hospitality division of the institution.

During the luncheon, the Executive Director of NEWLO, Sr. Margaret Yamoah highlighted the role of the institution in providing underprivileged youths with life skills. The opportunities provided to these *at risk youths* not only mitigate the risks of them getting into trouble, but they also provide them with skills that will prepare them for taking up their rightful place in the community and making a valuable contribution to Grenada.

A cheque for \$1000.00 was presented to the institution as a mark of the Club's support. The Club also donated its weekly fines as tips to the students. Details of this activity was the subject of a news item on GBN TV's evening and morning news.



Members of the Board of Directors also met at Rtn. Terrence Craig's residence in Lance Aux Epines for its monthly meeting. Indeed another wonderful evening of business and fellowship. Sincerest thanks to Rtn. Terrence for his generosity.

Our activities for the month of November ended on a high note with the Partners in Service organized Rotary Family, Fellowship, Food and Fun Day. A very successful event, that evening saw some fifty nine members of our Rotary family: Partners-in-Service, children of Rotarians, Rotaractors and members of the Rotary Club of Grenada East rendering real meaning to the evening's theme. I hereby extend my sincerest thanks to the members of the planning committee and to all those who contributed to making the evening so successful. Special thanks to PP Bobby and PIS June for hosting this special event. You were exceptional hosts. This event was another which was aimed at placing focus on the family, in keeping with RI president's focus for this Rotary year; and a pre-cursor to *Family Month* – December.



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December, Family Month celebrates the family of Rotary, which, in addition to individual Rotarians, includes all of those who are involved in Rotary's work from Rotary Foundation program alumni to participants in Rotary youth programs in thousands of communities around the world. Spouses and children of Rotarians play a vital role in Rotary too. Rotary clubs benefit immensely when they strive to achieve a balanced interaction between Rotarians and their families, enhancing home lives and family interactions. (Rotary International News – 13 December 2011. I once again appeal to the spirit of Rotary in each of us, to take the opportunity to give life to this year's theme - Reach within and embrace humanity, through your contribution to the Foundation as it seeks to improve the lives of families worldwide.

Julia G. Lawrence 2011-2012 President



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Rotary Basics



Address by President of the Rotary Club of Grenada, Julia G. Lawrence at the Rotaract Club of Grenada Spelling Bee Finals – 5 November 2011

President Denson and members of the Rotaract Club of Grenada, representatives from sponsor: GUT and Haliberange – Seven Seas, members of the media, parents, teachers, students - Good afternoon.

It is indeed an honour for me to make some brief remarks at the final of the Rotaract Club of Grenada's 25th annual spelling Bee competition. The Rotary Club of Grenada is very proud of the work and achievements of the Rotaract Club of Grenada.

The Rotary Club of Grenada is a member of Rotary International which is a global service organization consisting of more than 34,000 Rotary clubs worldwide. Building upon a century-long tradition of Service Above Self, Rotary's 1.2 million members, who are volunteers, provide humanitarian service, encourage integrity in all professions, and help build goodwill and peace worldwide. Clubs are nonpolitical and nonreligious, and the professional men and women who volunteer their time and talents come from all cultures, races, and creeds.

Rotary International has adopted basic education and literacy as one of six areas of focus, that reflect critical humanitarian needs that club members are addressing. Rotary clubs support literacy and education through local and international service initiatives.

R otaract is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young men and women ages 18 to 30. As one of Rotary's most significant and fastest-growing service programs, with more than 8,400 clubs in about 170 countries and geographical areas, Rotaract has become a worldwide phenomenon.



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Each Rotaract club is sponsored by a local Rotary club. This sponsorship is a result of Rotary's belief that young people, or New Generations, should take an active interest in community life and have the opportunity for professional development.

One of the goals of Rotaract Clubs is to serve the community and promote international understanding and goodwill toward all people.

In 1985, Rotary International declared basic literacy to be a pre-condition to the development of peace. Through this organizational emphasis, more than half the world's 33,000 Rotary clubs address the full range of literacy and mathematical challenges for primary, vocational, and adult learners as well as teacher training.

It is against that back ground that our Roraract Club of Grenada started The Rotaract National Spelling B in 1987, a project for which the club won a Commonwealth Youth Award in 2000. The Rotary Club of Grenada has proudly supported this venture throughout the years.

Literacy has never been more important than it is in today's knowledge economy: People with low levels of literacy have a harder time finding employment and earn less money than those with better language skills. Many more people with reading problems find themselves in trouble with the law.

Spelling bees help to promote literacy by providing children with a positive goal to work toward, and give them a forum to display the fruits of their hard work. But they also do much more: In addition to improving spelling, also aid children in learning concepts, improving comprehension and developing study skills.

The benefits of spelling bees extend beyond language: Since children are required to spell words while on stage, kids also develop self-confidence, communication and public speaking skills, and the ability to perform under pressure.

The lessons learned by participating in a spelling bee can therefore last a lifetime, and can benefit even those who don't outlast all competitors. That will surely spell success for their futures.

May I point out that spelling instruction is still important in the computer age, even with spell checks for self-monitoring and revising spelling. No matter what the computer professional may say, no combination of technological checks and suggestions will ever create a simple sentence, in good, clear English better than a human being can.

And spelling is even more critical in this era of texting and social media; as youngsters you now have a particular challenge where nonconventional language is widely used and accepted. Abbreviations are an integral part of computer culture, and have become very popular with both Internet and mobile phone users. Many text message abbreviations have thus evolved to represent common phrases that people use while chatting to each other.

Thus this competition is very relevant in this era. Let us applaud the Rotaract Club for this initiative.

To all the students who participated in this year's competition, I congratulate you on your efforts. As a result of your participation in this event you would have improved your spelling, increased your vocabularies, learnt concepts, and developed correct English. As a result, you will read and write more effectively and score higher academically. The impact lasts a lifetime.



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Even if you don't win the competition, you'll leave the experience of competing with an expanded vocabulary and you would have developed friendships with students from other schools.

Do enjoy the competition and may the best speller win.

Thank you.





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RI President's monthly message



My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary!

In late August, Binota and I were in Ghana, where Rotary Foundation Trustee Vice Chair Sam Okudzeto and enthusiastic local Rotarians took us to the ribbon-cutting for a water project in a little village, Abutia Teti, about 60 miles from Accra.

We arrived at about 11 a.m., and the whole village seemed to be there. Everyone had been waiting since early morning to welcome us. In the past, the women had to walk over 3 miles to carry pails of water from a river. Now they had a supply of safe, clean water from tube wells in the village itself. It was a simple but effective project in which Rotary and USAID had worked together. But what struck us most that day was family: The men, the women, the children were all there together, dancing, singing, and welcoming us. It made me think about how everywhere around the world, people come together in families, and families join together as communities.

And this made me happy that the first of our emphases in this Rotary year is the family, because the family is where everything begins. It is where life begins, it is where our day begins, and it is where our Rotary service must begin. Because it is the family, and not the individual, that is the building block of the community – and of Rotary.

It is one of my great priorities to encourage the involvement of families in Rotary service. I feel incredibly strongly that Rotary should never, ever come between the Rotarian and the family. Rotary service should be something that brings the family closer together. For myself, if I cannot bring Binota with me to a Rotary event, it's simple – I don't go! Rotary is not just for me; it is for both of us. This is why I encourage districts to welcome families at district conferences, to involve spouses and children in service projects, and to plan meeting times with families in mind. The more that families are involved in Rotary, the more Rotary will thrive – today and tomorrow.

What is Rotary about? It's about so many things, but at its core, Rotary is about these words: *Love your neighbor as yourself*. Rotary is about love, and that love has to start with us – and with those closest to us.

Kalyan Banerjee President, Rotary International



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Rotary International News

- "This year, there have been just over 500 cases worldwide. The fact that only one of those cases is in India is a tremendous achievement that reflects the determination of the nation's leaders and its citizens to finally rid their country -- and the world -- of this terrible scourge," Hewko wrote in an article published earlier this month in the *Hindu Business Line*.
- Rotary clubs will be helping train engineers and scientists to solve problems in water and sanitation, particularly in developing countries, through a new strategic partnership between The Rotary Foundation and UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education.
- Along with a smile, a few simple phrases will make your time at the RI Convention in Bangkok, 6-9 May, more pleasant. (Note: To convey politeness, men should end sentences with the word *krup*, while women should use *kha*.)
 - Hello/goodbye. Sa-wat-dee krup/kha.
 - Thank you very much. *Khawp khun maak krup/kha*.
 - What is your name? *Khun chew a-rai krup/kha?*
 - My name is ... Pom chew ... (for men)/Dee-chan chew ... (for women)
 - Pleasure to meet you. *Yin-dee tee dai rujaak krup/kha.*
 - See you later. Laew jer gun krup/kha.
 - Excuse me, do you speak English? *Khaw-tote na krup/kha, poot paa-saa Angrit, dai mai krup/kha*?
 - Where is ... ? ... yoo tee nai krup/kha?
 - How much? Tow rhai krup/kha?
 - No problem/Never mind. *Mai pen rai krup/kha.*
 - I like Thai food very much. *Pom/Dee-chan chawp aa-haan Thai maak krup/kha.*
 - But not too spicy! Tey, mai ped maak na krup/kha!

Birthdays	Anniversaries
05 Richard Duncan	04 Pamela & Gilbert Massell
19 Phillip Gittens	
17 Gloria O'Neale	23 June & Bobby Frederick
17 Vivian Louison	



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Upcoming Events

- Vocational Talks at secondary schools
- School for Special Education Health Check Day
- RYLA Conference 26-28 Jan 2012
- District Conference 2-8th April 2012 visa requirement

Rotary Trivia

An RI President's theme was first introduced in 1947- 48 under S. Kenrick Guersney, what was the theme?

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December - http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/TheRotarian/Archives/Pages/December2011.aspx

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

• <u>http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Conventio</u> <u>n/Pages/HowtoRegister.aspx</u>

Meeting Days and Place

Rotary Club of Grenada meets

Thursday at noon at Flamboyant Hotel, Morne Rouge, St. George's.

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 6:00 pm 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



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Rotary Club of Grenada Spicy Wheel December 2011 The 4 Way Test Of the things we think, say or do 1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Answer to Rotary Trivia: Enter to Learn, go forth to serve.