

Rotary Club of Grenada Monthly Newsletter





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President's Corner



Fellow Rotarians,

Under the chairmanship of our Alana Wilson, District 7030 hosted a very successful RYLA conference during the period January 26-28 2012. I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Rotary Clubs of Grenada to express our sincerest appreciation to PE Alana and her committee for their hard work; and commend them on a job well done.

The District Governor, Lara Quentrall – Thomas paid her official visit to the Club on Wednesday 25 January, ahead of the RYLA conference. The DG met with the Club's Board on the morning of the 25th and reviewed the Club's progress with its 2011-2012 plans. Generally, we were on track. She urged the Club to consider strategies for attracting new members, including varying meeting format / times and improving fellowship. She was particularly impressed with our PR efforts, especially in our ability to get RI's *Humanity In Motion* series aired on television. No other club in the district had accomplished that feat.





The DG's meeting with the Board was followed by an Inter city meeting of the Rotary Clubs of Grenada. That meeting was well attended by members of both clubs. The DG addressed the meeting and at the end of her address, a presentation was made to her by PDG Sir John Watts on behalf of both clubs.



Julia G. Lawrence 2011-2012 President



Rotary Basics

RYLA Grenada 2012 By Alana Wilson,

District 7030 RYLA Chair 2012

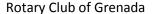


Over 140 young delegates, specially invited guest, and Rotarians gathered for RYLA Grenada 2012 opening ceremony at the Grenada Grand Beach Resort. It was held Under the Distinguished Patronage of His Excellency Sir Caryle Glean KCMG-Governor General, who delivered remarks and officially declared the RYLA conference opened. The young adults were in for a treat from the start with an impressive flag ceremony by the Grenada Cadet Corps representing the 14 countries from which the participants were drawn. Remarks were delivered by the Prime Minister Honorable Tillman Thomas, Minister of Youth Empowerment Hon. Patrick Simmons, District Governor Lara Quentrall-Thomas and the President of the Rotary Club of Grenada Julia G. Lawrence.

In keeping with the theme: Our Youth, Today & Beyond, Senator the Honourable Vynnette Frederick (St. Vincent & the Grenadines) delivered an outstanding and moving keynote address that without a doubt set the tone for the remaining 3 days.

The morning sessions of the second day started off with another powerful keynote address by Immediate Past President Celia Edwards, QC where she encouraged each participant to believe in themselves and reach for their true potential. Similarly to day one, this was followed by a plenary session by knowledgeable and enthusiastic panelists. The afternoon sessions encapsulated the participants where they were exposed to various topics affecting them on: Ecology & the Environment; Sex & Sexuality; Music & Fashion and the Effects on Young People; Crime & Young people; Leadership; Etiquette & Protocol; Entrepreneurship; Spirituality-Defining Relationships; Community Awareness-Embracing Humanity; Social Responsibilities; Conflict Resolution; Emotional Intelligence; Health & Environment-Nutrition & Wellness.

The morning of the third day of the Conference saw the participants involved in community projects at two locations: tree planting and painting at the Dorothy Hopkin Children's Home and painting at the Codrington Senior Citizen Home. During the evening's closing ceremony,



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the Keynote address was delivered by Luis A. Viguria from the Youth Americas Business Trust/Organization of American States (YABT/OAS) where he shared with the young minds, opportunities available to them within the Caribbean region. The delegates presented their pledges and we were delightfully entertained by; the dance group from the Grenada School for Special Education, Joshua Joseph on tenor pan and the young participants. They were excellent in their portrayal of the selected talent presented by their group depicting aspects of what they learnt over the three day period. They were phenomenal. The evenings were equally filled with activity where the participants were treated to a movie and social/games evening where they were able to interact and form lasting friendships.

At the end of the Conference I can assure you that each delegate left challenging themselves to set higher goals than they had previously set; left with increased self-confidence, more knowledge of critical issues and a greater awareness of civic responsibility while **embracing humanity**; and left with lasting friendships.

The Rotary Clubs of Grenada and the RYLA Committee will like to thank the District for affording us the opportunity to host RYLA in the Island of Spice. Special thank you to each participating Club for supporting RYLA Grenada 2012 and for believing in the potential of our youth. Without a doubt, they are tomorrow's leaders and the RYLA programme is one way of empowering them for this responsibility.

























President's monthly message



My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary!

This November, I had the opportunity to speak at the Rotary institute in Kolkata, India. The focus of this institute was on peace and the ways in which we in Rotary could work to build peace. When I received the invitation, I began to think about what I might say, knowing that with all that Rotarians do in this area, my main challenge would be keeping within the time limit!

But just before I arrived in Kolkata, I spoke at a water conference in Tel Aviv. It was a wonderful event at which Rotarians and non-Rotarians from all over the world came together to discuss the many challenges of keeping an ever-growing population supplied with an increasingly scarce resource. Before I could begin to talk about Rotary's contribution, however, I had to explain what Rotary is and what we do – because even in that very educated audience of scientists and entrepreneurs and executives, there were many people who had simply never heard of Rotary.

As I left that event, I began to think again about what to say in Kolkata, because so much of what we do in Rotary to build peace depends on public awareness of who we are. Why have we been so successful in our work to eradicate polio? Because Rotary is able to go where no government and few other nongovernmental organizations can – into homes, into schools, and into communities, with the trust and confidence of the people we serve.

When we in Rotary work for peace, we don't do it by negotiating treaties or demonstrating in the streets. Instead, we build peace by example – by working together, whatever our nationality or background, and putting others' needs above our own. We build peace by dealing with the problems that disrupt people's ability to live normal, peaceful lives – whether those problems are a lack of water, or sanitation, or safe, affordable housing; whether they stem from a shortage of education or health care, or a need to build productive and positive connections between communities. In everything we do, we rely on our good name.

This is why all of us have a responsibility to be sure that our good name is indeed known. We need to not just work through Rotary, but talk about Rotary – letting the world know about the work we are doing, the differences we are making, and the benchmarks we are setting. Our Rotary work speaks to our belief that a better, more peaceful world is possible, and we need to be sure that our voices are heard.

Kalyan Banerjee President, Rotary International Rotary Club of Grenada



RI NEWS

Rotary International News

Glenn E. Estess Sr., who served as 2004-05 RI president during Rotary's centennial year, died on 7 February. He was 84.

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- Rotarians have significant reasons to celebrate Rotary's 107th anniversary on 23 February. Major gains have been made in the fight to eradicate polio, Rotary's top priority. In January, India reached a historic milestone by marking a full year without recording a new case of polio. The country has been an epicenter of the crippling childhood disease.
- ❖ In the wake of India achieving one year without a case of polio, the Indian Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in partnership with Rotary International, is organizing Polio Summit 2012. It will be held 25-26 February in New Delhi.
- ❖ 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.
 - o Thank you very much. Khawp khun maak krup/kha.
 - O What is your name? Khun chew a-rai krup/kha?
 - My name is ... Pom chew ... (for men)/Dee-chan chew ... (for women)
 - o 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?
 - O Where is ... ? ... yoo tee nai krup/kha?
 - o How much? Tow rhai krup/kha?
 - o No problem/Never mind. *Mai pen rai krup/kha*.
 - o I like Thai food very much. Pom/Dee-chan chawp aa-haan Thai maak krup/kha.
 - o But not too spicy! Tey, mai ped maak na krup/kha!



Club Activities – February 2012

Date	Activity	
19 Feb	Pre-Lenten All Day Fete – Spice Basket	
22 Feb	Board Meeting – PP Gilbert's residence	
23 Feb	World Understanding and Peace Day - Presentation: The Middle East Today –	
	H.E. Hassan Hadeed Ambassador-at -Large	
Birthdays		Anniversaries
03 Bobby Frederick		06 Gloria & Roy O' Neale
08 Vernon Lawrence		11 Champa & Clive
16 Denis Paul		23 Rotary International
23 Sandra Lawrence		
Margaret Wilkinson		

Upcoming Events

District Conference - 2-8th April 2012 – visa requirement

Rotary Trivia

What anniversary will Rotarians celebrate on 23 February 2012?

Download the Rotarian

January-2012 - http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/TheRotarian/Archives/Pages/January2012.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

• 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.

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

Answer to Rotary Trivia: RI 107TH ANNIVERSARY.

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