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Rotary Club of Grenada Monthly Newsletter



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President's Corner



Fellow Rotarians,

As we commence this New Year, I take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a healthy, happy and prosperous year ahead.

December was recognized by Rotary International as Family of Rotary Month. In recognition of that month the Club undertook two projects which focused on kindling the family spirit: A Christmas party for the School for Special Education; and Carols by Candlelight – a delightful family evening of enchanting Christmas music. Those two events were preceded by our Rotary Family, Food, Fellowship and Fun evening in November.

The Christmas party organized for the children of the School for Special Education is a classic Community Service project in every sense. This project has been an annual response to very real needs which improves the lives of the kids, providing them with an almost surreal experience of Christmas. The joy this project brings to those kids is beyond description. The event included treats, music, games, face painting and the highlight - individual gifts for each child presented by Santa himself. Santa engaged the kids in song and dance, to their delight. The contributions of Rotarians and members of our community were sincerely appreciated. I wish to express sincerest appreciation to PP Kay for the successful execution of this project. The public was made aware of this event via a press release which was aired on GBN radio and TV.





The Rotary Club of Grenada held its third annual Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 4 December 2011 from 6 p.m. at Quarantine Point, Morne Rouge. An evening of Christmas carols and holiday music for the entire family which featured international singer Edward Cumberbatch of the Lydian Singers of Trinidad, the Royal Grenada Police Force Band and other top local artistes.



Members of the Board of Directors also met at V.P John's residence in Mt. Parnasus for its monthly meeting. Indeed another wonderful evening of business and fellowship. Sincerest thanks to V.P. John and PIS Rose for their generosity.

January is Rotary Awareness Month. Members are urged to spread the word about RI's work. "Through Rotary, with the help of our Foundation, we can take on challenges that no one else has the ability or the inclination or the organizational resources to tackle. We in Rotary share what we have in a way that no one else does — with love, with kindness, and with simple generosity." 2004-05 RI President Glenn E. Estess Sr. 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. For this New Year, give the world hope; contribute to the Foundation.

The Rotary Clubs of Grenada will be hosting the 2012 Ryla conference from 26-28 January. Members are urged to participate fully to ensure the success of this conference.

Julia G. Lawrence
2011-2012 President





Rotary Basics



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive training program that brings together youth and young adults, ages 14-30, to further develop character and leadership skills and learn about Rotary. RYLAs often take the form of a seminar, camp, or workshop, generally 3-10 days in length, organized by Rotarians at the club, district, or multidistrict level.

Participants are nominated by local Rotary clubs, which often cover all expenses. For these young adults, this recognition offers the opportunity to build self-confidence, gain exposure to a variety of issues and people, meet active community leaders, and learn valuable information and career skills.

RYLA gives Rotarians the opportunity to mentor promising young leaders serving their own communities and beyond. Rotarians serve as resources for participants on the path to becoming professional and community leaders. In turn, RYLA can bring new energy to a Rotary district, inspire ideas for service, increase support

of community service projects, and develop future Rotarians.

Originating in 1959 in Queensland, Australia, RYLA was created as a festival highlighting local youth organized in honor of a royal visit by Princess Victoria. Through Rotarians' constant belief in the potential of youth, RYLA has since become an opportunity to help the next generation of leaders define themselves and expand their skills.

Officially adopted by Rotary International (RI) in 1971, this exciting program engages Rotary clubs and districts around the world.

Each RYLA shares the following program objectives:

- To demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth
- To encourage and assist young people in responsible and effective voluntary youth leadership by providing them with a valuable training experience
- To foster continued and stronger leadership of youth by youth
- To publicly recognize the many young people who are rendering service to their communities as youth leaders

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/694en.pdf





RJ President's monthly message



My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary!

At Arlington National Cemetery outside Washington, D.C., stands a memorial to the Seabees, formally known as the U.S. Naval Construction Force. An inscription reads, "With willing hearts and skillful hands, the difficult we do at once; the impossible takes a bit longer."

In Rotary, we already have our own mottoes. If we didn't, I might be given to nominate those two lines. The power of combined effort, as Paul Harris once wrote, knows no limitation. When we work together, the impossible becomes possible.

I thought of this when I read, a few months ago, an article in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the premier medical journal in the United States. Titled "The Polio Endgame," it outlined a strategy for a post-polio era, including managing post-eradication risks.

Thirty years ago, such an article could never have been published. Today, it is a testament to the power of dedication, of persistence, and of combined effort. The impossible has, indeed, become possible. A post-polio world, once the stuff of dreams, will soon be here.

My friends, the day that polio will be eradicated is close at hand. We have to be ready for it with a powerful Rotary – a Rotary of enthusiasm and confidence, of bold vision and clear ambitions. It is time for us to prepare by taking an honest look at our clubs. Are our projects meaningful, sustainable, and relevant? Are our meetings productive and enjoyable? Are our clubs welcoming to new members, and are our schedules and events friendly to young families? And once people join us, do we welcome them properly, involve them enough? Do we make them a part of the family of Rotary quickly enough?

The figures tell us that while enough new individuals join Rotary every year and everywhere, too many exit Rotary, on an ongoing basis. What unfulfilled hope do they leave with? What expectations are we not meeting? Can we do more and better?

Now is the time to focus our energies on our clubs, and on the way people see them. It is time to show our communities that the Rotary of today is not the Rotary of their preconceptions. Rotary is a way to connect, to do more, to be more – it is a way to take our idealism and our vision, and turn them into reality.

Kalyan Banerjee

President, Rotary International



RI NEWS

Rotary International News

- ❖ Rotary International has succeeded in meeting the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's US\$200 million match in funding for polio eradication, raising more than \$202.6 million as of 17 January.


- ❖ Rotary club members worldwide are cautiously celebrating a major milestone in the global effort to eradicate polio. India, until recently an epicenter of the wild poliovirus, has gone one year without recording a new case of the crippling, sometimes fatal, disease. India's last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal State on 13 January 2011. The country recorded 42 cases in 2010, and 741 in 2009.

- ❖ RI President-elect Sakuji Tanaka will ask Rotarians to build *Peace Through Service* in 2012-13. Tanaka unveiled the RI theme during the opening plenary session of the 2012 International Assembly, a training event for incoming Rotary district governors.

- ❖ 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!*



Club Activities – January 2012

<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity</i>				
18 Jan	Board Meeting – IPP Celia’s residence				
25 Jan	District Governor’s visit				
26 – 28 Jan	RYLA Conference 				
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Upcoming Events

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

Rotary Trivia

In what year was the RI Constitution changed to eliminate the ‘male only’ provision for all of Rotary?

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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.

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?

R I President – Kalyan Banerjee

District Governor – Lara Quentrall-Thomas

Assistant Governor – PP Roy O'neale

Answer to Rotary Trivia: 1989.

