

#### Rotary Club of Grenada Monthly Newsletter



**Reach Within to Embrace Humanity** 

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#### President's Corner



Fellow Rotarians:

The month of April was a very active and productive month for the Rotary Club of Grenada. We were involved in several initiatives that supported the Club's focus for this year. Additionally, it was very historic month for our Club.

The highlight of the Club's activities for the month of March was certainly the hosting of a leg of District 7000 2012 District conference on Wednesday 25 April. We welcomed one hundred and thirty-two Rotarians and friends from twenty-two clubs of District 7000 (Puerto Rico), Brazil, Argentina and Mexico to our island and clubs. They were welcomed at the port by a welcome party of Rotarians headed by Assistant Governor District 7030, Roy O'Neale and myself.



The visitors were then taken on a guided tour of our picturesque St. George's with stops at the historic and breathtaking Fort Frederick and the aromatic Laura Spice Plantation.



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The party then headed to the Quarantine Point where a tree was planted by District Governor Paul of District 7000 to mark this historic occasion. At that ceremony our PDG Sir John Watts, presented a certificate of the activity to PDG Paul; and in turn accepted a banner of District 7000, on behalf of the Rotary Clubs of Grenada from DG Paul.





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The visitors then moved to the Flamboyant Hotel for fellowship with the members of the Rotary Clubs of Grenada. There they were addressed by AG Roy, DG Paul, RI President Representative Henrique and myself. Banners were exchanged. The highlight of that session was the presentation of supplies to the Grenada Diabetes Association by District 7000 and the Rotary Club of Grenada.





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The hope that the spark which had been lit that day will be fanned to fuel a dynamic relationship between our districts, promoting understanding and fellowship, facilitating international home visits, strengthening friendships, and most importantly promoting service that transcends club, district, and national borders, was echoed by all.

A truly remarkable day of Rotary family, fellowship and community spirit.



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On Thursday 12 April we welcomed into the membership of our club, Randolf Ghust. A man of action, we are sure that his youthful energies and ideas will redound to the benefit of the club. Once again, Welcome Rtn. Randy.



This month's Board Meeting was hosted by AG Roy and Rotary Ann Gloria (She told me does not like this PIS(piss) thing). Again another wonderful evening of fellowship. Heartfelt appreciation to the O'Neales for hosting our Board meeting and magazine collation activity.

Our Club was the proud recipient of several awards at the recently concluded District 7030 2012 Conference:

- The Club was recognised for its efforts in two of the District's four areas of focus; Family and Continuity
- We received the award for planting the most trees in the District.
- PE Alana received an award for her leadership of RYLA
- The PDG John Watts Award was approved by the District.
- AND
- The Rotary Clubs of Grenada won their bid to host the 2013 District Conference.



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In recognition of Magazine Month, and in furtherance of our PR efforts, the Club undertook a magazine collation activity under the watchful eyes of PP Leo and PIS Gloria. A one page write up on our Club's history and major projects over the years along with our contact information was placed on the inside of front cover past issues of the Rotarian. These magazines were subsequently taken by Rotarians for distribution to business places.





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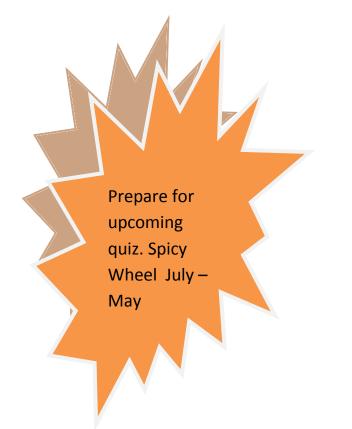
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The Club achieved another milestone, as it moved into the electronic era, launching its website rotaryclubofgrenada.org.

On 18 April Our Vocational Service Committee was once again in action. Director Lester Supported Director Lester delivered presentations at the Presentation Brothers College's Professional Development day. Congratulation to Director Lester for leading and delivering the Vocational service initiatives.

Julia G. Lawrence 2011-2012 President

### MARK THE DATE – FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2012 – DINNER AND QUIZ NIGHT AT SPICE BASKET





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#### Rotary Basics

#### **Annual Fund**

**T** he Annual Fund makes it possible for Rotary clubs to transform lives worldwide. Your generous support funds local and international projects that advance The Rotary Foundation's mission. All contributions to the fund are spent on <u>quality Rotary projects</u>. Help support these projects. <u>Make a contribution today</u>.

The Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) initiative encourages all Rotary club members to help us reach our goal to support The Rotary Foundation financially each year. **Our 2011-12: Worldwide EREY fundraising goal** (Annual Fund goal) is US\$104 million.

#### Designating your gift

You can direct your Annual Fund gift to SHARE, the World Fund, or an area of focus fund.

**SHARE** is the primary source of funding for Rotary Foundation programs. It's also the only Annual Fund designation that generates funding for the District Designated Fund. Rotary districts use their DDF to pay for the Foundation activities they choose to participate in.

**World Fund** contributions provide the Foundation's portion of funding for approved grants. Through the World Fund, the Foundation Trustees can allocate funds where the needs are the greatest.

**Areas of focus** contributions provide the Foundation's portion of funding for activities addressing critical humanitarian issues and needs. <u>Learn more.</u>

All options are available for <u>one-time or recurring contributions</u>.



Your contribution to Every Rotarian, Every Year makes humanitarian projects possible.



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## RI President's monthly message



#### My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary!

When we talk about building membership, we all recognize that welcoming a new member into a Rotary club is only the beginning of our task. To turn a new club member into a committed Rotarian, much more is necessary – and the first step is helping that new member to get involved.

Every Rotarian in every club should know that he or she is not only needed but relied upon. Every Rotarian should have a job within the club – a role to play. After all, why are we in Rotary? We are here to make a difference. Yes, we enjoy our Rotary service, but that is not enough if we are to make Rotary a priority week after week, year after year. The knowledge that we are having an impact, that we are changing lives – that is what keeps us going, no matter what other demands may compete for our time. And this is why each one of us, however long we have been in Rotary, must always be striving to grow as Rotarians – to find new ways to help others, and to bring about all the positive change we possibly can. For this, more than anything, is what makes our Rotary service worthwhile.

Whether we are new members or old ones, each of us can find ways to become more involved in Rotary service – at the club level, the district level, and beyond. Rotarian Action Groups are a wonderful opportunity to put specific expertise or interests to work, in a way that brings Rotarians from every part of the Rotary world together for a common goal. Whether your passion is water and sanitation issues, or microcredit, or blindness prevention – whether you want to volunteer your dental skills or help organize blood drives – chances are there is a Rotarian Action Group for you. And if not, why not organize one yourself? You can learn more about Rotarian Action Groups at www.rotary.org/actiongroups.

Rotary is and always has been an organization based on its clubs. The purpose of Rotary International is not to direct its clubs, but to connect, inform, and support them. Where and how each club, and each Rotarian, chooses to serve, is ultimately the decision of each one alone. So follow your own ambition and your own vision. Open your eyes to the challenges in our world, and use the strength you have through Rotary to find ways to overcome them. Every one of us has so much potential, and can achieve so much, when we *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*.

Kalyan Banerjee President, Rotary International



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### RI NEWS

#### Rotary International News

- For the first time ever, a convention plenary session will be available live online. The third plenary session, celebrating milestones in Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio, will be available through a <u>live webcast</u> at 09:15 on 8 May (in Thailand; <u>find the time for your location</u>). A recording of the webcast will be available later that day.
- Rotary International has recognized Goodluck Jonathan, president of Nigeria, with its Polio Eradication Champion Award for his leadership and dedication to achieving a polio-free world.
- Two new service partnerships announced this month by Rotary International will support humanitarian efforts by clubs and districts.

RI will combine resources with the <u>Global FoodBanking Network</u> to alleviate hunger worldwide. And Rotary and <u>YSA (Youth Service America)</u> will work together to encourage young people to participate in service projects in their communities.

Working with the Global FoodBanking Network, Rotary clubs and districts will be able to volunteer at food banks and help create new ones, organize food collection drives, sponsor trucks for food delivery and distribution, raise awareness of hunger, and distribute food to hungry children through the BackPack and other school food programs.



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# Club Activities – May 2012

Date	Activity	
10 May	Demonstration of features of Wheelchairs	
12 May	Distribution of wheelchairs	
16 May	Board meeting – PKF Conference room, Grand Anse	
24 May	Presentation on the topic Leveraging Social Media for Business.	
27 May	LEVERA Fete	
31 May	REGULAR MEETING MOVED TO Friday dinner meeting and Quiz – 7:00 p.m. Spice Basket -1 <sup>ST</sup> June.	
Birthdays		Anniversaries
09 Lenox Philips		
21 Richard Strachan		
31 John Watts		



# Upcoming Events

RI Convention - Bangkok, 6-9 May

# Rotary Trivia

Approximately, how many Rotary clubs are there worldwide?

### Download the Rotarian

May 2012 - http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/TheRotarian/Archives/Pages/May2012.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/Convention/Pages/HowtoRegister.aspx</u>



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#### Meeting Days and Place

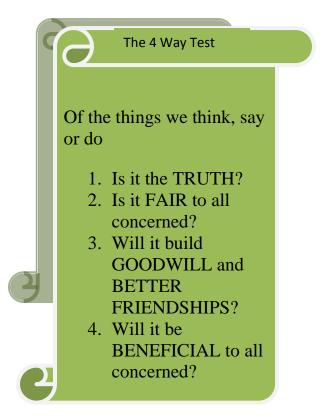
Rotary Club of Grenada meets

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: 34,000.