

Rotary Club of Grenada Monthly Newsletter



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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President's Corner



Fellow Rotarians,

October was Vocational Service month. In recognition of that month the Club replaced the recitation of the 4-Way Test with The Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions, during that month. Club programmes included a very interesting presentation on the topic *Being Successful In Your Dream Job Even In Lean Times* by PP Hugh; and a sterling address to the Club on *Serving Others Through Our Vocations* delivered by Director Lester.



For World Polio Day, 24 October, the Club joined Rotarians around the world in creating awareness about the work of

Rotary in the drive to eradicate polio worldwide. Our own Club's efforts in helping to raise that awareness were many. Our media blitz included radio and television interviews and press releases to the newspapers. CDs containing the video of RI Humanity In Motion series, focusing on polio eradication, were delivered to television studios. I signed a petition for the Global Poverty Project's campaign, *The End of Polio. That campaign* was aimed at getting Governments, whose representatives attended the Commonwealth Heads Of Government conference held in Australia, to fully fund the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. And as a grand finale, Club members joined celebrities and many other concerned citizens around the world, in a social media blitz for the *This Close* campaign.





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The planning committee for RYLA District Conference 2012 was joined by District Governor Lara as she sought to obtain first-hand knowledge of the planning details thus far.



Rotary fellowship was once again in full gear as members participated in another interactive business and fellowship evening at Spice Basket. Members of the Board of Directors also met at PP Bobby's residence in Morne Jaloux for its monthly meeting. Indeed another wonderful evening of business and fellowship. Sincerest thanks to PP Bobby and PIS June for their hospitality. PP Leo just couldn't have enough of the dasheen log.





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Members of the planning committee of the Partners in Service organized Rotary Family, Fellowship, Food and Fun Day held their first meeting to plan this very exciting event.



November is Rotary Foundation Month. There are as many reasons to support The Rotary Foundation as there are ways to do good in the world. By <u>donating to the Foundation</u>, you support Rotary's six <u>areas of focus</u>, which help advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Contributions to the <u>Every Rotarian</u>, <u>Every Year</u> (EREY) initiative, are the primary source of funding for Foundation programs. By giving US\$100 a year through EREY, you become a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member. (*Rotary International News -- 8 November 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.

Julia G. Lawrence 2011-2012 President



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Rotary Basics

The Rotary Foundation (by Diana Schoberg and Susan Hanf, *The Rotarian -- November 2011*)

At the 1917 Rotary convention in Atlanta, Arch C. Klumph proposed setting up an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world." The Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, made the first contribution, in the amount of \$26.50. In 1928, after the endowment fund had grown to more than \$5,000, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation.

- In 1929, the Foundation made its first grant: \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children, as requested by Rotary founder Paul P. Harris.
- Shortly before Harris' death in 1947, the RI Board authorized a campaign to raise \$2 million for the Foundation. When Harris died, contributions began pouring in, and the fundraising drive became a memorial to him. In the 16 months after his death, Rotarians donated \$1,317,194 to the Paul Harris Memorial Fund. Part of the money went toward the first 18 Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study precursor of today's Ambassadorial Scholarships. The fellowships averaged \$2,000.
- Before November was designated Rotary Foundation Month, Rotarians celebrated Rotary Foundation Week, first held in November 1956. Members were urged to devote a club program to the Foundation and submit project ideas to the general secretary.
- The May 1957 issue of *The Rotarian* announced that people who donated \$1,000 or more to the Foundation would earn Paul Harris Fellow recognition. In 2007, the Foundation celebrated the millionth Paul Harris Fellow by recognizing 34 individuals, one from each Rotary zone. Notable Paul Harris Fellows include U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Russian President Boris Yeltsin, United Nations Secretary-General Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, U.S. astronaut James Lovell, and Jonas Salk, developer of the first polio vaccine. All were honored with donations in their names.
- The Foundation launched Group Study Exchange in 1965-66. Thirty-four teams from 17 pairs of districts participated in the first round of exchanges. Since then, more than 70,000 people have traveled the globe as part of the program.
- In 1965-66, the Foundation began awarding Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, later called Matching Grants, to support international service projects. Since then, more than \$430 million has been awarded through these grants.
- The first Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grant funded a project to immunize six million children in the Philippines against polio. In 1979, RI President James L. Bomar administered the first drops of vaccine, setting the stage for Rotary's decades-long commitment to polio eradication. RI President Carlos Canseco announced the details of PolioPlus at the 1985 RI Convention. There, Albert Sabin, who discovered the oral polio vaccine, urged Rotarians to maintain their commitment to immunization around the world.
- Rotary's first peace forums were held in 1987-88, leading to the Foundation's peace and conflict studies programs. The Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution opened in 2002. Since then, 591 fellows have graduated.
- One hundred districts are participating in the three-year pilot of the new grant structure under the Future Vision Plan, which will simplify programs and processes as the Foundation moves into its second century.
- From its start through June 2010, the Foundation has received contributions totaling more than \$2.6 billion.



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RI President's monthly message



My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary!

In 1885, the London *Times* ran a series of editorials honoring the 100th birthday of Sir Moses Montefiore, the British financier and philanthropist knighted by Queen Victoria. The editorials commented on his honesty, his generosity, and his willingness to come to the aid of anyone in need. One story was particularly telling.

Someone once asked Sir Moses, one of the wealthiest men of his era, how much he was worth. In the face of such an ill-mannered inquiry, he merely paused for a moment's reflection before naming a figure – one that fell far short of his questioner's expectations. Naturally, it was met with an objection; surely he must be worth 10 times as much! Sir Moses merely smiled. "Young man," he replied, "you didn't ask me how much I own. You asked me how much I am worth. So I calculated how much I have given to charity this year, and that is the number I gave you. You see, in life we are worth only what we are willing to share with others."

When we calculate our own worth, do we think about it in terms of what we have, or how we use it? When we say that all human beings are of equal worth, do our actions follow our words?

I believe that being a Rotarian means looking at all of our resources differently. What is the most good that we could choose to do with what we have? What are the choices that will ultimately leave us the richest?

In Rotary, we are all aware of the great needs in so many parts of our world. And we all know how much we can do to help through our Rotary Foundation. We can change lives, we can restore hope, we can build futures – if we choose to.

In life, everything is a choice. We can choose to close our eyes to the needs of others, to keep what we have for ourselves, to declare the problems of others to be theirs alone. Or we can choose to look past distance, past color, past language and dress and culture, and see that people everywhere are just like us – and then refuse to walk away.

Kalyan Banerjee President, Rotary International



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RI NEWS

Rotary International News

- Following the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Perth, Australia, the governments of Australia, Canada, and Nigeria, along with the <u>Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation</u>, announced a combined pledge of more than US\$100 million to support polio eradication efforts.
- Rotary International has received numerous complaints of email scams targeting Rotarians. Please be aware of the following scams:
 - An email scam targeting Rotarians and Rotaractors claims the recipient has won hundreds of thousands of euros through an international promotional program conducted by the "Euro-Millones Lottery". Attached to the e-mail is a PDF letter signed by "Luis Alberto, Vice President" with a photo of Past RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar.
 - An email scam with the subject line "Dear Award Beneficiary!!!" has targeted Rotarians claiming the recipient has won US\$500,000 and two HP laptops from RI. The email asks for contact information and is signed by "Mrs. Sarah Olic, Programme Co-ordinator, Rotary International".

Rotary International does not solicit funds through e-mail, nor does it ask that personal information be updated by e-mail or other electronic means. RI encourages Rotarians and Rotary clubs to avoid becoming victims of such scams by deleting any e-mail that appears suspicious.

W hen Rotary launched PolioPlus in 1985, the "plus" signaled the belief that the polio eradication effort would increase immunizations against five other diseases prevalent in children: measles, tuberculosis, diphtheria, whooping cough, and tetanus. As time went on, the list of benefits grew.

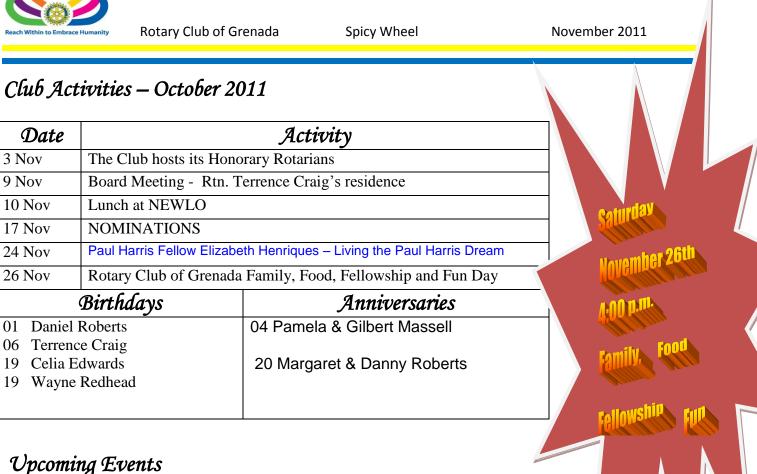
Polio immunization campaigns created an avenue for other lifesaving health interventions, such as the distribution of vitamin A supplements. New equipment for transporting and storing vaccines made it easier to combat infectious diseases in developing areas.

The cold chain

Transporting vaccines to developing areas is no easy task. From the time they leave the manufacturer until they reach recipients, vaccines must be kept between 2 and 8 degrees Celsius (though some may be frozen at -15 to -25 degrees). Variances of even a few degrees could spoil an entire shipment, leaving children without the protection they need.

The "cold chain" created to distribute polio vaccine has been used to transport other vaccines, such as measles, tetanus, and diphtheria. An estimated one-third of the cold chain capacity in sub-Saharan Africa was implemented to support polio eradication.





- 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

Who formulated the 4-Way test? *Download the Rotarian*

November - http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/TheRotarian/Archives/Pages/November2011.aspx

Answer to Rotary Trivia: Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor.

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



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Meeting Days and Place

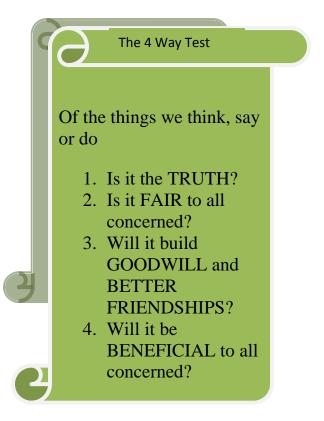
Rotary Club of Grenada meets Thursday at noon at Flamboyant Hotel, Morne Rouge,

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 6.00pm at the Ministry of Education, Botanical Garden, St. George's.



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District Governor – Lara Quentrall-Thomas

Assistant Governor – PP Roy O'neale