



# GENESIS' NEWS

CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE OF THE BOARD

Dear Rotary family and friends,

The third quarter of our Rotaract year has passed. During the past three months we were able to plan and execute successful projects. We congratulate all members on a fruitful quarter. We also had two wonderful projects with our sponsoring club and want to thank everyone for their contribution during these projects. Furthermore, a remarkable and challenging event of the quarter was our election for next year's president. We hereby want thank and congratulate our Incoming President Avieshka Sheonarain for taking this challenge upon her. We are confident that she will

lead our club to great successes. In the current quarter our long awaited District Conference Suriname will take place. We hereby kindly ask your full support and active participation to make District 7030 28<sup>th</sup> annual conference a great success. As a club we look forward to welcome our fellow Rotaractors to our beautiful country. We hope you enjoy the newsletter. Enjoy reading!

**Yours in Rotaract,**

President Tirza Burgos

Vice- President Avieshka Sheonarain

Secretary Virasia Hoft

Treasurer Martin Kortstam

Immediate Past President Daniëlle Vianen

Members from the club:

“A toast for a Happy World Rotaract Week”



**World Rotaract Week  
10/03/2014– 16/03/2014**

*It has been the way of Rotary to focus thought upon matters in which members are in agreement, rather than upon matters in which they are in disagreement.- Paul Harris*

**"Engaging Rotaract is our Goal and Changing Lives in the Community our Mission"**

## HOW TO LIVE A HEALTHY LIFE



Pupil drinking water

*When you are young and healthy, it never occurs to you that in a single second your whole life could change.- Annette Funicello*

On March 10th and 14th in the week of World Rotaract Week we organized a project named “How To Live A Healthy Life“. The meaning of this project was to make pupils of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade of O. S. Clevia, an elementary school, realize that an unhealthy life can be fatal. With the help of one the expert of Stichting Diabetes Educatie Suriname (Foundation for Diabetes Education Suriname) we succeeded in planning this project. It had two parts, the first part the pupils learned how to be and eat healthy and teach them about various chronic diseases. During the second part they brought the

information over to the rest of their schoolmates by singing, dancing, role play, picture report and poetry. It was clear that the pupils experienced that they must stay healthy and not eat food which have a lot of calories.



Groupspicture of the pupils and Rotaractors

## I WANT TO BE A ROLE MODEL FOR MY OTHER YOUTH FELLOW



Presentation of one groups' picture report



Boys having breakfast

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of February we organized a project named “How to be a role model for my other youth fellow” for the boy’s home of Stichting Engedi. The word Engedi means an oasis in the desert. Their mission is to integrate young people in society, who have come in contact with the police. And aims to encourage and promote the Gospel Preaching in both Suriname and abroad. Thirty seven boys participated in a training that was given by Mrs. Emmy Hart. She is a director of a foundation that counsels derailed dropouts. They are very talented even though some of them have a mental disability, they showed us that they also have

talent, it was a great to see. Furthermore they were separated in groups and each group had to make a photo report of their role model and other subjects. They presented it to the rest of the group and each group had done well. The head of Stg. Engedi was surprised to see the boys active; she did not know that the boys were that talented. With great pleasure we can say that the boys had a educational training.



Boys doing a teambuilding activity

# Rotary Family Calendar Project

On September 30th we announced the six winners of the Rotary Family Calendar project. They received a school package and other prizes. All the prizes were sponsored by thirteen companies. On that day we had a lot of media attention so we certainly promoted the Rotary family to the community. The drawing competition was during the holidays and we tried to keep the kids busy so that they could show their creativity to the world. The holiday was a very big challenge, because everyone has already planned other things for the holi-

days, but by sharing some tasks, we were able to execute this project. We had planned on minimum six drawings and we got sixteen drawings. With these six winning drawings we made our Rotary Family Calendar. We printed 500 calendars and received 50 extra from the printer as a gift. We have sold a total of 447 calendars. With the profit of this project we have planned to execute a community service project with the Rotary and the Interact.



The 6 best drawings



Front page of the calendars



Last page of the calendars

## Rotaract-Interact Chilling & Grilling

To start the year gratefully with not only the fellows of the Rotaract Club Genesis, we decided to have a joined fun project with our "little" sister club, the Interact Club Through Thick and Thin. We planned a wonderful barbecue evening together at Director Manu's house. The evening started at 6.30 pm when everybody slowly was arriving. Everybody was welcomed by PM Jamal (Genesis) and Interactor Rodney. President Tirza (RC Genesis) and president Anjay (IC-TTT) held an opening speech to encourage every fellow to participate at the fullest this evening. After the speeches we had dinner and started to play the first



Some images of the project

game of the evening which was "take a shoe, find the owner and get to know him/her". The second game of the evening was charades. The uniqueness of this project is the fun, the cohesion, strength and the love we have shared with one another. Based on the attendance and the impact, this project was a big success. The memories we have made will last forever but they will also contribute to engage our members to function as one family and strengthen the relationship between both clubs. We enjoyed the evening as one.

*Barbecue that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labour in freedom. – Albert Einstein*



*One isn't necessarily born with courage, but one is born with potential. Without courage, we cannot practice any other virtue with consistency. We can't be kind, true, merciful, generous, or honest.- Maya Angelou*

## WHAT ELSE HAVE WE DONE?

- Assisted at the project Bigi Sma Dey of Rotary Club Paramaribo Central
- Joined three meeting of Interact TTT
- Attended meeting of Rotary Club Paramaribo Central to present our half-yearly report & report about attending the Presidents' Meeting and District 7030 RYLA 2013
- Attended a presentation of IntEnt Suriname (an organization that promotes entrepreneurship in Suriname)
- Attended the annual Rotary Rotaract Interact Team-up of RCPC
- Attended project Baisigri Dey of Rotaract club F.R.E.S.H.

## INTRODUCING.....

- Can you introduce yourself?

Dear all,

I am Avieshka Sheonarain and I am 27 years old. I studied Agogics at the Anton de Kom University of Suriname. Now I am employed by Fernandes Bakery N.V. at the HRM department as HR employer. Gardening and making flower arrangements are my hobbies. I also do some other creative art work in my free time like making greetings cards.

- How did you come in contact with the Rotary family?

I was always on of the best students at school. At high school I graduated the first. I got an invitation from the Rotary club Paramaribo Central to participate in their project named: Student Excellence Award. This is a project where the Rotary invites all the best graduated students from all the high schools of Suriname to participate in this project. Here I met the Rotary and the Rotaract club Genesis for the first time. I continued my study at the University and I got a study fund from the foundation program of the Rotary. At the end of my study in 2008 I received a invitation from the Rotactact club Genesis for a Bingo drive. I went there and noticed how young professionals do such great job by helping the community. I decided to join and in June

2008 I became member.

- What is your current position within the club?

I had several positions in the club. In July 2008 I was the Director of Finance. After this I had positions like Treasurer and Vice President. Now I am Vice President of Rotaract club Genesis and the Incoming President.

- Why have you decided to take the step to become the President of the club?

I decided to become President because I want to experience more. It is a great responsibility to be a leader of a group. With this I want to give my contribution to bring the club to higher heights. I look forward to a great year!

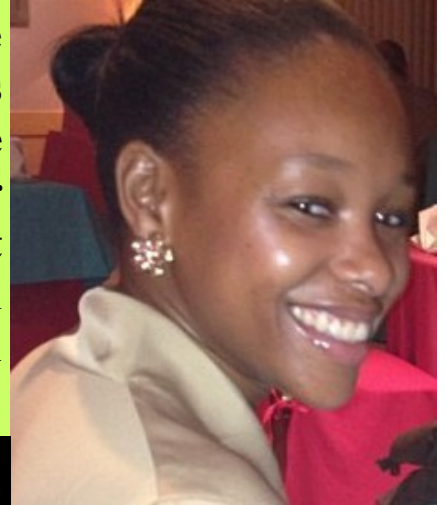


*"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." – Winston Churchill*

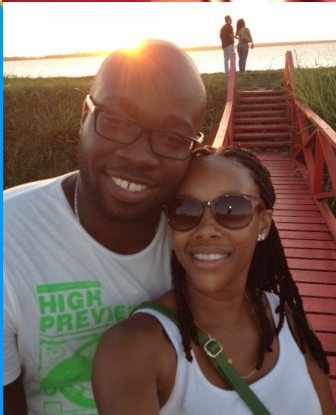
# MOST OUTSTANDING PM



Visiting our meetings since January 2013. PM Charlene has been most outstanding in the period of July 2013 till December 2013. She has shown great interactive and organizational skills and has participated in many of our club activities.



## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



On Wednesday, April 9th, 2014 at 9:02 in the morning the proud parents PM Charlene Dijksteel & Quincy Pique welcomed their son

**Gianni Sonny Quincy Pique**

his name means:

**Gianni = God is gracious**

**Sonny = our son**

We hereby congratulate the parents with the birth of their son!



# CONGRATULATIONS DIRECTOR ANYA!

On Wednesday, March 26 2014 the design of a natural visitor for Boskamp was chosen as the winning design. It has been produced by a group of environmental and infrastructure students of the Anton de Kom University of Suriname.

One of the groupmembers is **Director Anya Blankendal**. Of the five groups that participated her group won the first prize in a design competition, which was organized by the Ministry of Physical Planning, Land and Forest Management.

We hereby congratulate Director Anya with this remarkable result.



**A+ and a Job Well Done!**

*Everyone designs who devises courses of action aimed at changing existing situations into preferred ones. - Herbert Simon*

## Januari

- 05: HM Wendy Ramautarsing (1977)  
06: PP Samentha Maaijen (1986)  
08: PM Vincent Rijniner (1986)  
09: PRO Ilona Blaaker (1990)  
16: Director Vienoula Hertsberg (1989)  
17: Director Anya Blankendal (1990)  
23: Fellow Latheefa Bel (1988)

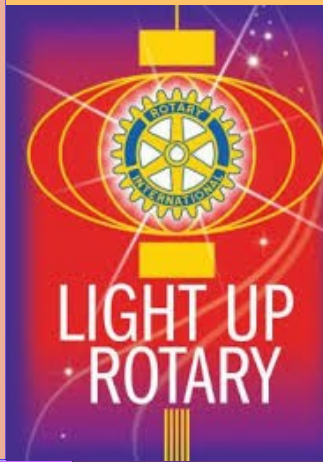
## Februari

- 04: Director Abygail Dapaloe (1988)  
09: Fellow Euodia Linger (1987)  
27: HM Eudia Donald (1983)  
8: PM Samuel Blankendal (1990)

## Maart

- 08: PM Charlene Dijksteel (1986)  
09: Secretary Virasia Hoft (1990)  
25: Fellow Suzan Hek (1985)

MEMBERS WITH  
100% ATTENDANCE:  
Director Anya Blankendal  
PP Liselle Blankendal  
President Tirza Burgos  
Secretary Virasia Hoft



*Light Up Rotary is the RI theme for 2014- 2015 chosen by RI President-elect Gary C.K. Huang. Fellows let's Light Up!*

### DISTRICT 7030 LOGO



### DISTRICT 7030 YEAR THEME 2013- 2014



*Renew! Innovate! Evolve!...as we take pride in the service we provide*

### ROTARACT CLUB GENESIS

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**International**

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