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THE SPOKE



ENVIROMENT MONTH

During Environment Month, Rotary clubs around the world organize and participate in various activities aimed at protecting the environment. These activities can range from tree planting campaigns, beach and river clean-ups, to educational programs promoting recycling and conservation practices.

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Rotary



THE FOUR WAY TEST
OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY, DO

- 1 Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIP**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



PRESIDENT MESSAGE



Fellow Rotarians and Friends

As the President of the Rotary Club, I am excited to welcome all members and our community to the Environment Month. This April, we stand at a pivotal moment, recognizing our collective responsibility and power to foster a sustainable future.

The dedication of this month to environmental awareness and action reflects our commitment to Rotary International's area of focus on supporting the environment. It underscores our acknowledgment that environmental stewardship is not just a choice, but a necessity for the health and well-being of our communities and the planet.

This Environment Month, we are called to action. Together, we will embark on projects and initiatives that aim to make a significant positive impact on our environment. From planting trees that will grow to provide shade and clean air, to cleaning up our beaches and parks, every action counts. We will engage in educational programs to spread awareness about the importance of recycling, conservation, and sustainable practices, ensuring that our efforts extend beyond this month and become a part of our daily lives.

Our club's commitment to the environment is a reflection of the Rotary ideal of "Service Above Self." As we participate in these activities, let us remember that we are not only serving our community but also setting an example for future generations. It is through our actions today that we can hope to leave a healthier, more sustainable world for those who follow.

I encourage each one of you to actively participate in the Environment Month activities. Let's use this opportunity to come together as a community, to learn, to share, and to act. Your involvement and enthusiasm are crucial to the success of our environmental initiatives. Together, we can make a difference.

Let's make this Environment Month a turning point in our journey towards environmental sustainability. Let us be the change we wish to see in the world.

Yours in Rotary,

President Everton Sealey



THE 2023/24 BOARD



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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

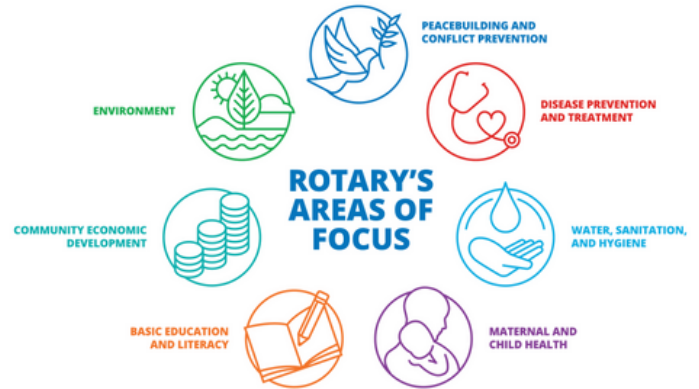
by Angela Coleby

Greetings, Rotarians and Friends,

This Environment Month, we have a powerful opportunity to reflect on our role as environmental guardians and take tangible steps toward sustainability. Our actions today lay the groundwork for a healthier planet tomorrow. June is more than a reminder; it's a catalyst for change, aligning with Rotary's mission to support the environment.

Our environment faces myriad challenges, from climate change to pollution. Yet, with challenges come opportunities to enact real, positive change. This month, our Rotary Club is committed to projects that not only improve our immediate surroundings but also foster a deeper appreciation for our environmental responsibilities.

Let's remember that every action, no matter how small, contributes to a larger collective impact. Reducing our carbon footprint, educating our communities, and supporting eco-friendly projects are steps towards a brighter, greener future.



A Common Rotary Grace

Oh Lord and Giver of all Good
We thank thee for our daily food
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve thee all our days.

Submit your ideas and suggestions for The Spoke to acoleby@gmail.com



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



R. Gordon R. McInally
President 2023-24

These are times that cry out for peace. The Middle East is in its most volatile condition in years. The war in Ukraine is the largest in Europe since World War II, and there are armed conflicts in Sudan and parts of Central Africa. Nearly every continent is experiencing a major armed conflict.

Rotary has a vital role to play in advancing the cause of peace — I often say Rotary needs to work toward peace as aggressively as those who wish to wage war. It's the spirit found in our vision statement: "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves." We must never lose track of that last call — that to bring about change in the world, we need to foster change within.

It is up to us to model peacebuilding behavior among each other. We can do better than questioning the motives of one another and jumping to the harshest possible explanation. After hearing words that might strain or offend us, we have an opportunity to ask, with compassion and curiosity, the intent of those offending words. And then we have another opportunity to repair the breach.

If we wish to be a beacon to the world, let us start by being so to one another. Let's help each other find greater understanding and productive alternatives to words that cause hurt and distrust. And let's stick to our principles, but never doubt the sincerity of each other to end conflicts, not inflame them.

I'm reminded of a speech that U.S. Senator Robert Kennedy made on 4 April 1968, that dreadful day when the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. Kennedy was in Indianapolis speaking to an audience in a predominantly African American neighborhood where people had yet to learn that Dr. King had been killed.

He shared the terrible news. He honored Dr. King for all he had done for the cause of justice and peace. And then he connected with the fuming, grieving crowd by saying: "For those of you who are Black and are tempted to be filled with hatred and distrust at the injustice of such an act, against all white people, I can only say that I feel in my own heart the same kind of feeling. I had a member of my family killed." It was the first time he had spoken publicly about President John F. Kennedy's assassination. And while many American cities exploded in violence that night, Indianapolis did not.

It is in times of crisis and despair that we need empathy most of all. Empathy is the most powerful tool of peace, and it is vital if we are to take the first brave, humble steps to Create Hope in the World.

ROTARY DISTRICT 7030 CONFERENCE 2024

Rotary District 7030 | CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

DISTRICT 7030 CONFERENCE 2024
ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
April 18 - 20 | 2024

SharingHOPE

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

DAY 1
THURSDAY APRIL 18TH 2024

- Pre-Conference Workshop for Presidents and Secretaries Elect
- Opening Ceremony

EARLY ARRIVALS
WEDNESDAY APRIL 17TH 2024

- Pre-Conference Workshop for Presidents and Secretaries Elect
- Bar Crawl

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DAY 2
FRIDAY APRIL 19TH 2024

- Conference Day 1
- Partner-in-service Road Trip
- Vincy Market: A Taste of SVG!
- Fellowship Event: All-White Party

Vincy Creole Food!

DAY 3
SATURDAY APRIL 20TH 2024

- Polio Walk
- Conference Day 2
- Vincy Lunch
- Closing Ceremony: Unwind

END POLIO NOW

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DAY 4 - COOL DOWN
SUNDAY APRIL 21ST 2024

- Day Trip to Bequia
- Golfing in Canouan

THESE ACTIVITIES ARE OPTIONAL, BUT WE HIGHLY SUGGEST YOU TAKE THIS ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY!

Canouan

+ SO MANY MORE ACTIVITIES!
STAY Tuned!

Bequia

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MEET OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DR. TERRI-KARELLE REID

A Leading Event Host in the Caribbean and an award-winning Media and Communications practitioner.

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ROTARY GUEST SPEAKER MEETING

The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia Luncheon meeting on the 1st March 2024 had the Satellite club chair, Maurice from Wasco answering all our water concerns.

Visiting Rotarian John Nuttall from the Rotary Club of Hailsham joined us. Peta Cozier joined us again as a guest.

With the recent island water issues, Chair Maurice gave an interesting and informative talk on the current repairs of the pipelines and the new design in progress. IPP Gordon entertained us with Sarge duties.



Rotarian Sherlon was the raffle winner of the wine donated by PP Frank Myers



ROTARY GUEST SPEAKER MEETING

The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia Luncheon meeting on the 22nd March 2024 featured the guest speaker Colleen Edwards from Waterways. It was also World Water Day being perfect timing for our monthly theme and speaker.

Visiting Rotarian was John White from the Rotary Club of Richmond, USA and guests were Peta Cozier and Kyle Disluk.

Colleen Edwards gave an informative and engaging talk with a group interactive task to demonstrate pollution in waterways.

PE Doddy was on Sarge duties with an applicable fine for a clairvoyant guest speaker.



PP Leevie gave thanks to Colleen Edwards for being an entertaining speaker

Guest Kyle was the raffle winner of Easter chocolate donated by Rotarian Harold.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
APRIL	Saturday 6th	Wine & Cheese Fiesta Fundraiser
	Sunday 7th	World Health Day
	Thurs - Sat, 18th - 20th	District Conference, St.Vincent
	Monday 22nd	Earth Day
MAY	Thursday 25th - Monday 29th	Rotary International Conference Singapore
JUNE	Wednesday 5th	World Environment Day

ROTARIANS IN ACTION



Director Daniel Nunez attended the \$300 USD prize from Greenspace awarded to the Interactors at St Joseph's Convent Secondary School.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



PP Leevie Herelle
12 April



PP Charlie Serieux
29 April



APRIL ROTAVERSARIES

Congratulations!

Thank you for being a valuable member of our Rotary family.



Marcus Joseph
5 Years



Daniel Nunez
2 Years



Harold Adu
2 Years



Angela Coleby
2 Years

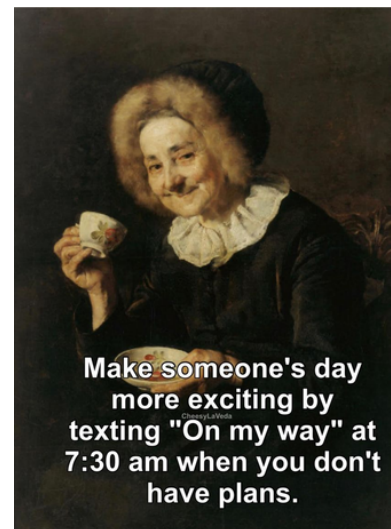
JOKE IN SPOKE

Light humor and a Rotary Quiz to enjoy with your morning coffee!

WHEN YOU TRANSPORT
SOMETHING BY CAR,
IT'S CALLED A SHIPMENT.
BUT WHEN YOU TRANSPORT
SOMETHING BY SHIP,
IT'S CALLED CARGO.



When I was a little
kid, I literally
thought "This little
pig went to the
market" meant it
went shopping.



Rotary Quiz


Test your Rotary knowledge
Answers will be in next months newsletter

The First Club, in a community of less than 100,000 population. What is...?








1. Chicago?
2. Dallas?
3. San Antonio?
4. Pueblo?

The answer for last month's quiz was #3

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES



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MONTH	DESIGNATION
JULY	 Maternal and Child Health
AUGUST	Membership & New Club Development
SEPTEMBER	 Basic Education and Literacy
OCTOBER	 Community Economic Development
NOVEMBER	Rotary Foundation
DECEMBER	 Disease Prevention and Treatment
JANUARY	Vocational Service
FEBRUARY	 Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention
MARCH	 Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
APRIL	 Environmental
MAY	Youth Service
JUNE	Rotary Fellowships