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THE SPOKE



UNITE FOR MEMBERSHIP MONTH

Rotary Membership and New Club Development Month serves as a reminder of Rotary's incredible service legacy and its potential to change lives for the better. By understanding the importance of membership and actively working to overcome challenges.

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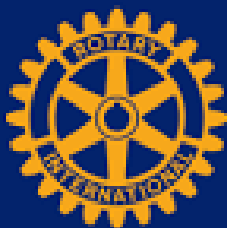


Rotary can continue to grow and expand its positive influence worldwide. By embracing new outreach strategies and fostering an inclusive environment, Rotary will attract diverse and passionate individuals who are committed to making a lasting difference in the world, one community at a time.



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Rotary



The Four-Way Test

of what we think, say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



PRESIDENT MESSAGE



Fellow Rotarians

As we embark on the vibrant journey of Membership and New Club Development Month, I am filled with immense pride and excitement to address our remarkable Rotary community. This month serves as a golden opportunity to celebrate the heart of our organization - its members - while also nurturing our collective growth and impact.

Rotary is a global organization that has been Rotary has always thrived on the strength of its members, who are the true architects of change. Your dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to service have made a lasting difference in countless lives, empowering communities and bringing hope to those in need.

Our growth as a club directly correlates with our ability to make a greater difference in the world. Hence, this month provides us with a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our journey so far, identify areas for improvement, and chart a course that takes us to new heights.

Our club has been a harbor of friendship and fellowship, where diverse minds unite under a common purpose. Let us open our doors wider and welcome individuals from all walks of life to join us on this transformative voyage.

As we march forward, let us make club development a top priority. By strengthening our club's infrastructure, promoting effective leadership, and fostering innovative projects, we equip ourselves to achieve greater strides in our service endeavors.

I encourage all members to participate actively in mentoring and supporting our new recruits. Your guidance can help them navigate the path of Rotary service, and in turn, they will infuse our club with fresh perspectives and ideas.

Remember, Rotary is not just an organization; it is a family - a family that celebrates diversity, compassion, and the unyielding spirit of service. Together, we are more potent, more impactful, and more capable of bringing positive change to the world.

Let us embrace the opportunities that Membership and Club Development Month brings and work together to make our club an even more exceptional force for good.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to Rotary. Your commitment to Service Above Self continues to inspire me every day.

Yours in Rotary service,

President Everton



THE 2023/24 BOARD



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD



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Immediate Past President

GORDON JULIEN



Club Secretary

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PP KETURAH DONAI



Youth Services

DANIEL NUNEZ



Elderly Care/After Meeting

PAG MALCOLM CHARLES



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Sergeant at Arms
JULIE BONNETT



EDITOR'S MESSAGE

by Angela Coleby

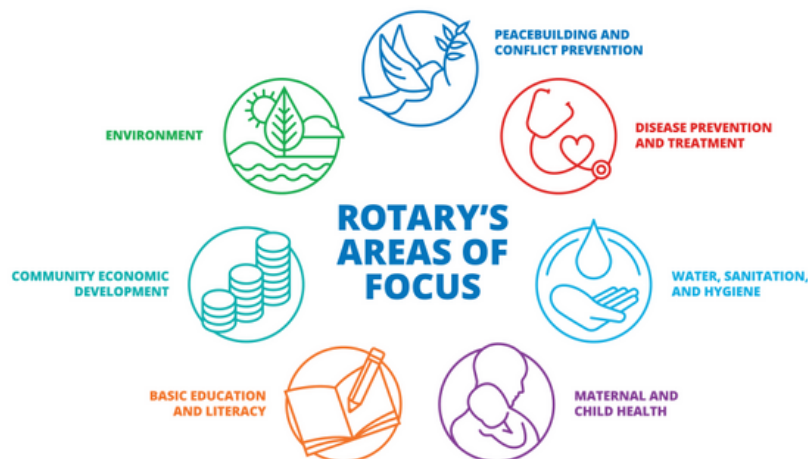
Rotary's strength lies in the diversity of its members and the collective energy they bring to the organization. This year's Membership and New Club Development Month calls for a renewed focus on fostering inclusivity and expanding our reach to embrace a broader spectrum of communities and cultures. By embracing diversity, we ensure that Rotary remains a powerful force for good, resonating with individuals from all walks of life.

As we embark on this journey of growth, it is vital to recognize that attracting new members is not solely about increasing numbers but, more importantly, about broadening perspectives and enriching the Rotary experience. Each fresh face brings a unique set of skills, knowledge, and passions that can invigorate our projects and initiatives. Let us encourage an environment where new ideas flourish, and members feel empowered to make their mark on the causes they deeply care about.

One powerful way to promote Membership and New Club Development Month is through effective storytelling. Sharing inspiring stories of how Rotary has changed lives and uplifted communities can ignite a spark in potential members and rekindle the passion of existing ones. Personal narratives have the strength to connect on a deeper level, bridging gaps, and reminding us of the profound power of service.

As we celebrate Membership and New Club Development Month, let us reflect on the remarkable journey we have taken so far and set our sights on an even brighter future. Together, we can foster an atmosphere where passion and purpose converge, where hands join together to create lasting change, and where Rotary's spirit flourishes like never before

Yours in the spirit of growth and service,



Feel free to submit your ideas and suggestions for The Spoke to acoleby@gmail.com

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

End of an era as Rotary Club meets for the final time

Sad news as our parent Rotary club of Runcorn, closed.

In the 60s, club member George Killip founded the first St Lucia Rotary Club and helped set up a vocational training college on the island.



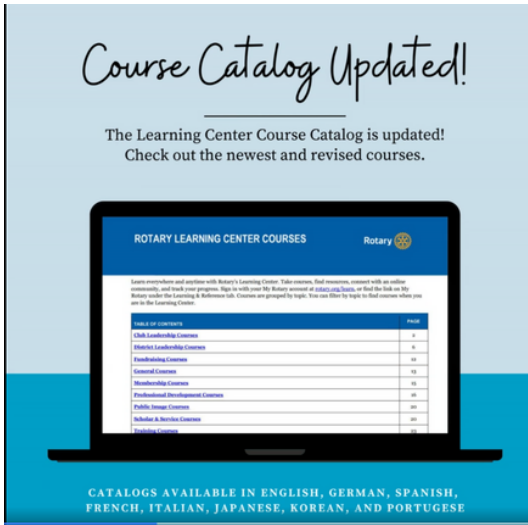
Rotary Club of Mental Health & Wellness

The Rotary Club of Mental Health & Wellness focuses on mental health awareness and prevention. The club comprises members passionate about this cause, like mental professionals and those who hold the issue close to their hearts. It will also focus on partnering with mental health organizations and organizations to assist veterans.

Read more here: <https://www.rotary.org/en/called-cause-rotary-club-mental-health-wellness>



ROTARY DISTRICT 7030 NEWS



Our course catalogs have been updated! With revisions to club and district learning plans, the Grant Management Seminar, and the new course Vibrant Clubs in Action, there are courses to help you develop in both your Rotary and personal skills.

Click on the link below to find out more.

<https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference>

MONTERO MEDICAL MISSION

Our project received a shot in the arm courtesy of the Saint Lucia Tourism Enhancement Fund, a project of the Saint Lucia Hospitality and Tourism Association. A true example of Tourism Dollars working all.

Tourism Enhancement Fund Program Manager Donette Ismael and SLHTA CEO Senator Noorani Azeez presented Lion Past Governor Eldridge Stephen and Rotary Past President Konrad Wagner with a cheque of EC\$ 44,400.00.

These funds will be used to purchase 3 portable x-ray machines for the September dental project, to be donated to the Ministry of Health for use in the Government Dental Clinics.



SATELITTE HANDOVER

President Everton started the new year attending the Satelitte club handover with new chair Maurice Norville on 5th July 2023 at the NSCD, Bissee



FIRST NEW BOARD MEETING

Straight to business, Board met at President's Everton's house on 4th July. The cake made by President Everton's wife, was a Rotary piece of art.





FRIDAY MEETINGS RECAP

Here's what you missed at the weekly Friday meetings in July



BUSINESS

The business meeting was held virtually on 7th July 2023

Guests: Trudy and Marvin from the Gros Islet Rotary Club

Sergeant-at -Arms, Julie, opened the meeting and welcomed all members and visiting Rotarians.

President Everton thanked everyone for making the handover ceremony a success and particularly PP Selma and PP Keturah for arranging the event.

- **Club Registration** - This year the club registration process will commence, and a set of audited financial statements produced.
- **Weekly meeting venue** - a permanent place to meet on Fridays will be sought along with a review of the number of meetings to be held monthly.
- **Fund Raising** - in addition to the Wine and Cheese event, an International Food Fair will be in November.
- **Projects planned for the year ahead will be:**
 - Youth Video Challenge - to challenge the youth to post positive videos of helping others. Prizes will be offered and this will be an ongoing project throughout the year/
 - Quarterly Feeding Program
 - Christmas School Party
 - Resumption of the Youth Drug Free Camp
 - Empowering girls with the Period Poverty Project, which is a joint project with the Gros Islet Rotary Club
 - A project with teenage boys

Prior Year Unfinished Business

IPP Gordon presented the unfinished issues

- **Rotarian Transfer** - Bernadette from the Dominica Rotary Club is still to be pinned.
- **Giving Tree** - the check from the Rotary Club of Davidson for the Christmas Giving Tree seems to have been lost in the post.
- **Peace Pole Project** - Has been installed at the Derek Walcott Square but is awaiting the formal dedication.

Club Admin- PP Selma

PP Selma thanked all Rotarians for their support and help of the Handover ceremony.

The new admin committee has been created and consists of PP Selma, PAG Konrad, PP Joe, PP Keturah and Rotarian Harold.

The committee have already met and a schedule of events for the year will be issued. A request for members to help with raffle prizes for the weekly meetings was made.

Community Service - Steve

The community committee has been assembled and will meet once everyone is back on the island. The members are Steve, PP Frank, Julie, PP Sean, PAG Leathon, Timmy, Harold, PP Selma and Angela.

Community projects for the year will be:

- Christmas Hampers
- ARC tree planting
- Christmas children's party
- Feeding of the needy, quarterly
- Doctors in Action bus to be back in action
- Easter Anti Drug Camp, with a theme of "Love and Respect"

International - PP Charlie

The relationship with the Rotary Club du Lamentin will continue.

Membership - Mary

Membership development will continue with the each one, bring one program.

Treasury - PP Keturah

95% of the handover ceremony have been collected.

A reminder that the annual \$400 fees are due from each member by the end of July.

Foundation- PP Leevie

Currently off island, but will continue the great work set by PP Frank.

Eldery/AMF- PAG Dr Malcolm

Looking to revive the After Care booklet manual procedures. Copies have already been issued to the board members.

Public Image - Angela

Press release for the handover ceremony was issued promptly, has been featured in the press and on social media, along with a special edition of The Spoke.

Youth Services - Daniel

Currently off island, but will continue serving in this role.

Vocational - PP Brad

Looking to revive the Rotary manual for how to look for a job along with more talks to students.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Reverting to the stricter guidelines for non attendance of meetings if no excuse is provided is being considered.

DGN Soyara advised that the club needs to reach out to the Rotactor clubs to support them.

The Interactors from St Joseph Convent were 2nd place in the Green Space Competition.



The raffle prize was donated by Julie and won by Sherlon. His first raffle win of the club!

FELLOWSHIP MEETING



The first fellowship meeting of the year was held at the Calabash Cove Resort and Spa on Friday 14th July.

Visiting Rotarian: Tanja Lieuw of Rotary Club of Punta Cana Bavaro

What a great start to the new Rotary year with a great lunch meeting! The room was full of positive energy, a great joke from Sergeant-at-Arms, Julie, laughter and merriment, all topped off with great food, service and drinks!

Rotarian Harold gave a vocational talk and we learnt more about him and his career in the motor vehicle industry.



Visiting Rotarian Tanja Lieuw



Sarge takes the bell



Harold gives a talk



Rotarians at lunch



Steve won the raffle of a body wash set, donated by Angela

GUEST SPEAKER MEETING



Nurse Specialist, Simone Solomon gave a talk for Maternal and Child Health Month on Friday 21st July, 2023.

Visiting Rotarian: Lark Digby
Guest: Manther Francis and Levi Solomon

Simone Solomon gave a passionate and information talk on the issues and education of maternal and child healthcare. She brought some interesting props too! We learnt about the services offered by the Castries health care and that Simone is also a kick boxer enthusiast.



President Everton, Simone & Levi Solomon



Manther Francis



Digby and Lark



A token of appreciation



PP Selma rocking sunglasses



PP Joe won the raffle of a Massy voucher donated by PP Brad

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
SEPTEMBER 16th - 23rd	Montero Medical Mission
OCTOBER 24th 26th	World Polio Day Charter Anniversary
NOVEMBER 26th	International Food Fair



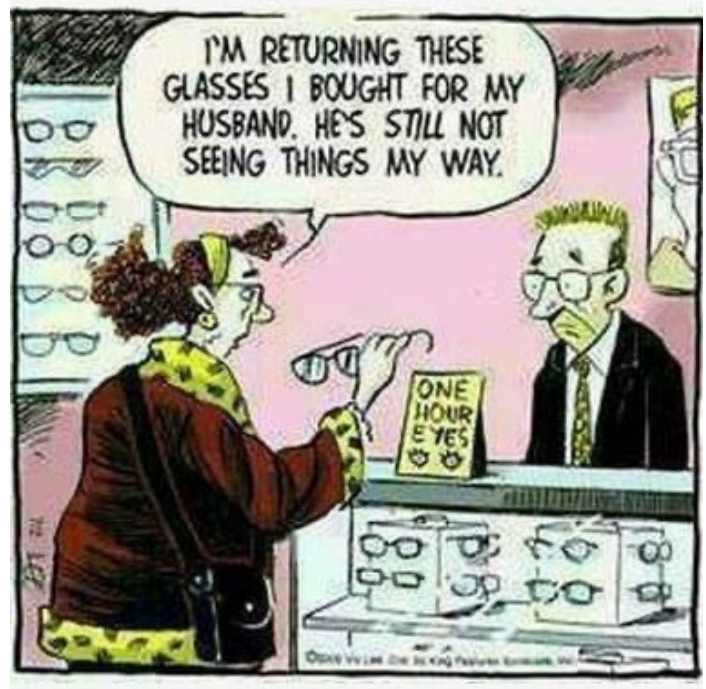
BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



23rd August

PP Gordon Julian

JOKE IN SPOKE



Two factory workers are talking. The woman says, "I can make the boss give me the day off." The man replies, "And how would you do that?" The woman says, "Just wait and see." She then hangs upside-down from the ceiling. The boss comes in and says, "What are you doing?" The woman replies, "I'm a light bulb." The boss then says, "You've been working so much that you've gone crazy. I think you need to take the day off." The man starts to follow her and the boss says, "Where are you going?" The man says, "I'm going home, too. I can't work in the dark."

"Do you, Linda, take David the Optometrist to be your lawfully wedded husband, for better or worse? Better... or worse? Better... or worse?"



ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

Each month has a different Rotary theme. This year has changed slightly. Start your planning.

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

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.