



FEBRUARY 2023

# THE SPOKE

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

## PEACEBUILDING & CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH



VISION: "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."



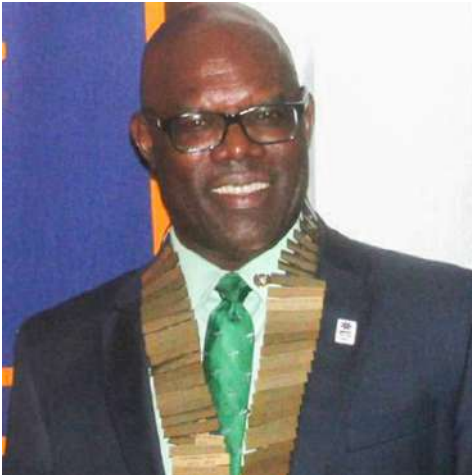
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## PEACEBUILDING & CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH



Good day to all you Rotarians,

As we embark on another month of service, I am reminded of the importance of peacebuilding and conflict resolution in our communities and beyond. February is designated as the Rotary International Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution Month, and it is a time for us to reflect on the ways in which we can promote peace in our world.

As Rotarians, we are committed to the ideal of service above self, and one of the most critical services we can provide is working towards peace. Our efforts can be as small as promoting understanding between neighbors or as large as mediating conflicts between nations. The goal is to build a more peaceful world, and it starts with each of us.

This month, I challenge all of us to redouble our efforts to promote peace in our communities. Let us seek out opportunities to bridge divides, promote understanding, and build relationships. Let us also support those who are working towards peace in other parts of the world. Our contributions, however small, can make a real difference.

I encourage all of us to take advantage of the resources that Rotary International has made available for this month. Let us educate ourselves about the root causes of conflict and the strategies for promoting peace. Let us also celebrate the many successful peacebuilding projects that Rotarians have undertaken around the world.

In conclusion, let us remember that peacebuilding is a lifelong commitment. We may not see the fruits of our labor immediately, but the work we do today will make a difference for generations to come. I am proud to be a member of Rotary, an organization that is dedicated to making our world a more peaceful place.

Yours in Rotary service

### *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.

## THE 2022/23 BOARD



President  
GORDON JULIEN



Immediate Past President  
KETURAH DONAI



Club Secretary  
SHEBA O'BRIEN



Director - Club Admin  
PP TIMOTHY MOFFAT



Director - Community Services  
PP LEEVIE HERELLE



Director - International Services  
RIQUETTE BONNE-SMITH



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ROGER HARE



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EVERTON SEALEY



Secretary Elect/Director - Vocational  
NATOYA CASSIUS



Director - Foundation  
PP FRANK MYERS



Director - Youth Services  
DANIEL NUNEZ



Treasurer  
MARCUS JOSEPH



Elderly Care/After Meeting  
PAG MALCOM



Sergeant at Arms  
CHARLES PHF



Spoke Editor  
ANGELA COLEBY

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

by Angela Coleby

February was a busy month with events so this issue of the Spoke is full of photos.



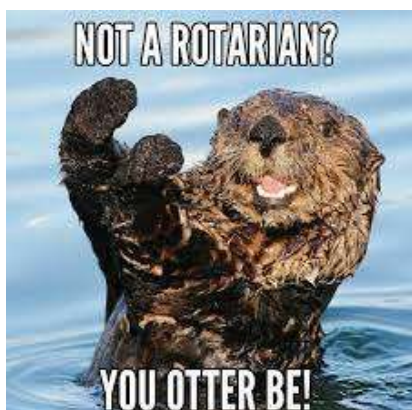
Leslie Ramdhanny, our District Governor visited St Lucia and met all the clubs and members. It was a packed schedule for him and we all enjoyed meeting him face to face.

It was a welcome return to our annual Wine and Cheese Fiesta at the Governor General's residence in February. PAG Konrad and his team gave us a great evening under the stars.

As fun as the Wine and Cheese event was and being a great fund raiser, let us not forget the importance of giving back to our communities and supporting those in need. One way we can do this is by contributing to The Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation is a vital tool for us to make a positive impact in the world. Through our contributions, we support projects that promote peace, provide access to clean water and sanitation, improve maternal and child health, and support education and economic development, among many other initiatives.

Every dollar we give to the Foundation has the potential to change someone's life for the better. So, I encourage you to consider making a contribution, no matter how small. Together, we can make a difference in the world and continue to uphold Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self."



## THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of The Things We Think, Say And Do:

**Is it the truth?**

**Is it fair to all concerned?**

**Will it build goodwill and better friendships?**

**Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**

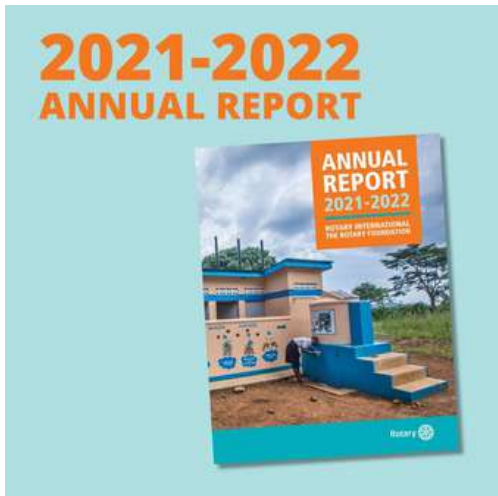
*Be the reason someone feels welcome, seen, heard, valued, loved and supported.*

Feel free to submit your ideas and suggestions to [acoleby@gmail.com](mailto:acoleby@gmail.com)

**If you want the Spoke, feed the Spoke.**



## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Creating a legacy of change

We're implementing evidence-based programs that help define and measure our impact. Each year, Programs of Scale will provide \$2 million to expand a well-developed service program that is led by a #Rotary club or district and has demonstrated success in effecting change. Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia is the first recipient of The Rotary Foundation Programs of Scale grant.

Learn more in our 2022 Annual Report:  
<https://on.rotary.org/3CCKTKJ>

## ROTARY DISTRICT 7030 NEWS

### GROW YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH MEETUP

Maybe you know about Meetup, the 49-million-member online resource for coordinating and hosting events all over the world. Maybe your club already lists its meetings there. But if you're not thinking strategically about your Meetup presence, you won't see the kind of membership growth this amazing platform can generate.



On Meetup, you have the power to message everyone who subscribes to your group or RSVPs to an event. Use that power! Ask new subscribers if they have any questions or offer a bit more information about what's coming up. Personal touches like that make users sit up and pay attention, increasing the chance that they'll RSVP. After all, people come to Meetup looking for a sense of connection – they want to make new friends and find meaningful activities. You can create that connection even before a user comes to your meeting.

# CONGRATULATIONS

Our club glows with pride and gives a warm applause to the national award given to our PP Selma from the St Lucia government on independence day.

## SAINT LUCIA LES PITON MEDAL - SILVER

For having performed long and meritorious service in the field of Community Development.

She truly is our Rotarian super hero! (Pictured in the Batman costume below!)



## NEW APPOINTMENTS

Sadly, Dr Sheba had advised us that she is unable to assume the Presidency in the upcoming Rotary year.

The board has approved the appointment of Everton Sealy as President Elect. PE Everton has chosen Natoya Cassius as his Secretary. Congratulations to you both!



# ROTARIANS IN ACTION

The vocational committee put up the Rotary 4 Way Test sign at the NSDC in Bisee.



## CONDOLENCES



Our sincere condolences go to the parents of deceased 9 year old Leslie Lorrimer who passed away in Martinique from leukemia.

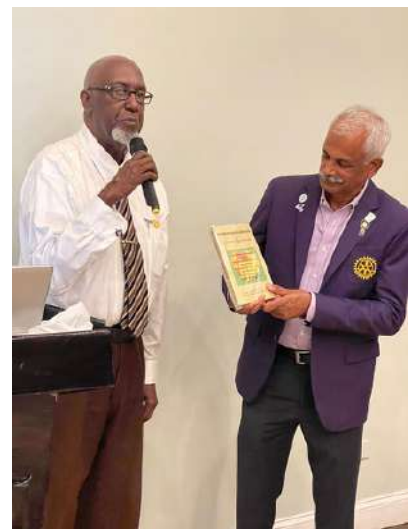
A donation was presented to the parents for assistance during this heartbreaking time.

# DISTRICT GOVERNOR, LESLIE RAMDHANNY VISITS ST LUCIA

It was a packed visit to our beautiful island for our District Governor, Leslie Ramdhanny and we hoped he got some sleep back on the plane home!



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# 21st WINE & CHEESE FIESTA



Ahead of our wine and cheese event President Gordon and PAG Konrad appeared on the Wave radio station to promote the club and our event.

A lot of work and preparation started on the Friday and went up to the wire on Saturday..



# 21st WINE & CHEESE FIESTA

The selection of food and drinks was fantastic, and the raffle "Rotary" cake was amazing!





# 21st WINE & CHEESE FIESTA

Guests were greeted, food devoured, wine and rum cocktails drank, music and a fashion show were enjoyed.

More photographs of the event are on our website.

[www.rotary.lc](http://www.rotary.lc)



# ROTARY MEMORIES

This month's step down memory lane takes us to the Rotary Motor Treasure Hunt.



# BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!



## Upcoming Birthdays



### MARCH

PP Dr Azmina Long  
9th March

PP Selma St.Prix  
14th March

PP Soraya Warner-Gustave  
25th March

**FUND RAISING RAFFLE**  
Rotary Club of St. Lucia

*Grand Prize*  
**DELL LATITUDE 3520 LAPTOP**  
**TICKET \$10**  
DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE ON  
EASTER MONDAY  
APRIL 10 2023

**CONTACT ANY ROTARIAN OR  
CALL 453 1471**

All Proceeds Go To Support Rotary's Charitable Projects  
Authorised by the National Lotteries Authority

## RAFFLE

Have you purchased your book(s) of raffle tickets? Contact PP Frank

**Raffle ticket stubs to be given  
to PP Frank by Thursday 6th  
April**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 2023**

**13-15th**  
Thurs - Sat

## District 7030 Conference, Grenada

**Rotary**  
District 7030

**IMAGINE**  
ROTARY

**2023 DISTRICT  
CONFERENCE**  
Come Experience Grenada With Us!!  
Venez découvrir la Grenade avec nous !!

**APRIL 13 - 15, 2023**

**RADISSON BEACH RESORT**

- ENJOY DISCOUNTED HOTEL RATES
- BEACHFRONT DINING
- PARTNER-IN-SERVICE ACTIVITIES
- DYNAMIC SPEAKERS
- ROTARIAN HOME HOSPITALITY EVENING
- CLOSING PARTY

**REGULAR CONFERENCE**  
Book Before **March 16 To**  
Avoid Late Fees

CLICK HERE TO  
**BOOK NOW**

☎ **473-410-6847**    🌐 [www.districtconference7030.com/2023/](http://www.districtconference7030.com/2023/)

**If you are planning an event, please let the social media and PR committee know so we can help share it!**

# ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

Each month has a different Rotary theme. Start your planning now!

MONTH	THEME
July	Transition Month
August	Membership & Extension
September	Basic Education & Literacy
October	Economic & Community Development
November	The Rotary Foundation
December	Disease Prevention & Treatment
January	Vocational Service
February	Peace, Conflict, Prevention/Resolution
March	Water & Sanitation
April	Maternal & Health Care
May	Youth Service
June	Rotary Fellowships

# ROTARY AREAS OF FOCUS

No challenge is too big for us

For more than a century, we've bridged cultures and connected continents. We champion peace, fight illiteracy and poverty, help people get access to clean water and sanitation, and fight disease. Our newest cause is to protect our planet and its resources.



# ROTARY FOUNDATION

Although November is Foundation month, it should be kept in our minds all year as it is a way of making a global difference. As Rotarians, we may work on local projects but should not forget the purpose of delivering a better world through the Rotary Foundation.

## MAKE A REGULAR DONATION

If we all donate a small amount each month then we can make a difference and help others. If 30 members donated just \$25 a month, that would be a total of \$750 making a total of \$9000 a year. Small and steady can make a large impact.



## WHY SHOULD I DONATE TO THE FOUNDATION?

When you make a donation to The Rotary Foundation, you are helping Rotary members make a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world, by promoting peace, preventing disease, supporting education, bolstering economic development, and providing clean water and sanitation

## WHAT IMPACT CAN ONE DONATION HAVE?

It can save a life. A child can be protected from polio with as little as 60 cents. Our partners make your donation go even further. For every \$1 Rotary commits to polio eradication, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has committed \$2.

- For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio.
- \$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.
- \$500 can launch an antibullying campaign and create a safe environment for children.

## HOW DO I MAKE A DONATION?

To make a donation either transfer the funds to our bank and inform the Treasurer what the payment is for or follow the link on our website:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

# 2022/23 ROTARY CLUB COMMITTEES

Let's welcome the new committee members for 2022/23

*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart". Elizabeth Andrew*

<p><b>ELDERLY CARE/AMF</b> <b>PAG Malcolm Charles</b></p> <p>PP Digby Ambris PP Konrad Wagner PP Ira Simmons PP Leevie Herelle PP Chester Hinkson Peter Kent</p>	<p><b>CLUB ADMIN</b> <b>PP Tim Moffat</b></p> <p>IPP Keturah Donai Sheba O'Brien Julie Bonnett</p>	<p><b>FUND RAISING</b> <b>Sheba O'Brien</b></p> <p>PP Konrad Wagner Sean Devaux Marcus Joseph Julian Charles Steve Johny</p>
<p><b>COMMUNITY SERVICE</b> <b>PP Leevie Herelle</b></p> <p>PP Brad Paul PP Selma St.Prix Mary Dix Steve Johny</p>	<p><b>VOCATIONAL</b> <b>Secretary Elect</b> <b>Natoya Cassius</b></p> <p>PP Konrad Wagner PP Soraya Warner-Gustave PP Rudolph "Doddy" Francis PP Frank Myers PP Azmina Long</p>	<p><b>INTERNATIONAL</b> <b>Riquette Bonne-Smith</b></p> <p>AG - Leathon Khan PP Leevie Herelle Sheba O'Brien PP Albert Daniels Francis Belle Harold Adu Angela Coleby</p>
<p><b>FOUNDATION</b> <b>PP - Frank Myers</b></p> <p>PP Charles Serieux PP Brad Paul Steve Johny</p>	<p><b>MEMBERSHIP</b> <b>President Elect Everton</b> <b>Sealy</b></p> <p>AG Leathon Khan Crisy Laurent Mary Dix</p>	<p><b>SOCIAL MEDIA/PUBLIC</b> <b>IMAGE</b> <b>Roger Hare</b></p> <p>AG Leathon Khan Angela Coleby</p>
	<p><b>YOUTH SERVICES</b> <b>Daniel Nunez</b></p> <p>PP Konrad Wagner PP Tim James</p>	

# Joke in the Spoke

*Some light hearted humour*

at work



**AT WORK**

when you are behind someone at a cash machine  
gently kiss their neck to let them know  
you are not a threat



**A fear of mine is a  
proctologist with  
poor depth  
perception.**

Netflix needs to stop asking if I'm still watching and start asking if I switched the laundry over yet.

## **BENEFITS OF A GOOD VOCABULARY!**

**I recently called an old Engineering buddy of mine and asked what he was working on these days.**

**He replied that he was working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum and steel under a constrained environment."**

**I was impressed until, upon further inquiry, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.**

sun-gazing.com  
insubry

My wife makes us put \$5 in the "find jar" every time we make her find something we can't locate in the house.

After 13 months of saving, today we are buying a Ford Explorer

# FULL MEMBERSHIP

## ROTARY CLUB OF ST LUCIA

Adu, Harold  
Ambris, Digby  
Belle, Francis  
Bonne-Smith, Riquette  
Bonnett, Julie  
Cassius, Natoya  
Charles, Julian  
Charles, OBE, JP., Malcolm  
Charles-Donai, Keturah  
Coleby, Angela  
Daniels, Albert  
Devaux, Sean  
Francis, Lorenzo  
Hare, Roger  
Herelle, Leevie  
Hinkson, Chester

James, Timothy  
Johnny, Fitzstephen  
Jonas, Jeremiah  
Joseph, Marcus  
Julien, V. Gordon  
Kent, Peter  
Khan, Leathon  
Laurent, Crisy  
Lewis- Dix, Mary  
Long, Azmina  
Moffat, Timothy  
Myers, Frank  
Nunez, Daniel  
O'Brien, Sheba  
Paul, Brad  
Sealy, Everton  
Serieux, Charlie  
Simmons, Ira  
St.Prix, Selma  
Wagner, Konrad  
Warner-Gustave, Soraya



**Rotary the World Over**