

## FEBRUARY 2024

# THE SPOKE



### FEBRUARY ROTARY PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH

As we celebrate Rotary's commitment to peacebuilding this February, let us all take inspiration from their efforts and take action in our own lives to promote understanding, tolerance, and reconciliation. Together, we can make strides toward a more peaceful and harmonious world.

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**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

This month holds a special significance in the Rotary calendar as we focus our collective energies on a cause that lies at the heart of our organization's values – Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention.

In February, we have a unique opportunity to amplify our efforts and raise awareness about the importance of conflict resolution and peacebuilding. It is a chance for us to remind ourselves and the world that peace is not a passive state, but a result of deliberate, compassionate and sustained actions.

Our Rotary clubs, spread across the globe, have already initiated incredible projects that promote peace, foster dialogue and provide support to conflict-affected communities. These projects exemplify the Rotary spirit of Service Above Self. They remind us that even small actions can have a ripple effect, bringing about positive change far beyond what we may initially envision.

During this Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, let us redouble our commitment to creating a more peaceful world. Let us engage in dialogue, promote understanding and support initiatives that address the root causes of conflict. By working together, we can be a beacon of hope for those in need and inspire others to join us in this noble endeavor.

I encourage each of you to explore opportunities within our club to contribute to our peacebuilding initiatives and share your ideas on how we can make a lasting impact. Together, we have the power to turn aspirations for peace into a reality.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to Rotary's ideals, and I look forward to a month filled with meaningful actions that bring us closer to a more peaceful and harmonious 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,

With February being Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention month I would like to direct all Rotarians, seasoned and new to the Rotary Learning Center.

As well as being an excellent source of information on Rotary and a great way to brush up on your role in the club, there are a few courses on peace and conflict.

Learn about the Rotary Peace Fellowship program and how Rotary train leaders in peacebuilding and conflict prevention.

In Essentials of Understanding Conflict, you will learn the essentials of how to understand, manage, and resolve conflict. You'll define conflict and learn about the main types of conflict. You'll explore conflict management styles, their applications, and begin to assess your own style. You'll also review steps to solve conflict and think about how you can apply that to all kinds of conflicts you encounter yourself.

New topics are being added all the time so pop along when you have a spare moment or two.

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." - Benjamin Franklin

## THE STORY BEHIND THE PHOTO ON THE COVER



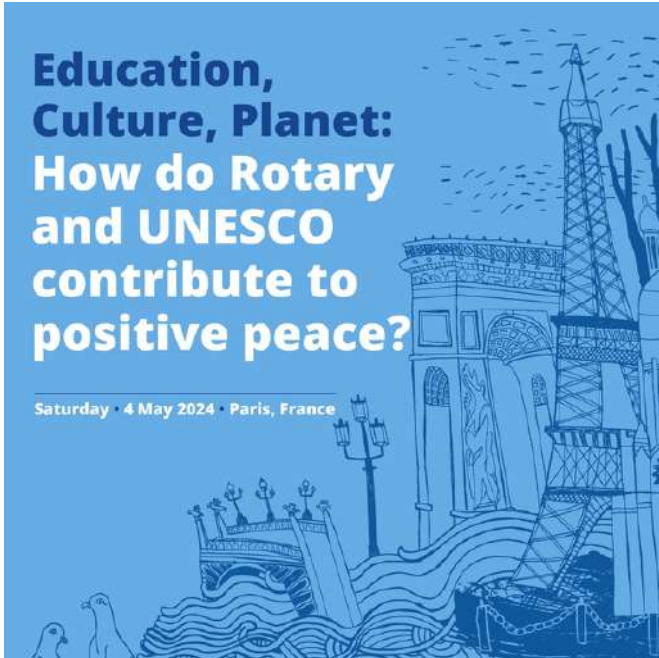
Emcee Skool was founded in Chicago in 2018 by the hip-hop artist Teh'Ray "Phenom" Hale. Phenom is also the founder of L.Y.R.I.C. Mentoring (Let Your Rhymes Inspire Creativity), which is a longtime peace partner of Rotary District 6450.

At Emcee Skool, young people (18-25 years old) from Chicago's West Side meet over two semesters to learn about the origins of hip-hop, the fundamentals of the music business, and how they can harness their craft to serve as a positive asset to their community through violence prevention and restorative justice.

Emcee Skool is a recipient of Global Grant 1873936. Chicago, Illinois, USA. 04 November 2021.

Submit your ideas and suggestions for The Spoke to [acoleby@gmail.com](mailto:acoleby@gmail.com)

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Fostering global peace and education is a shared commitment between Rotary and UNESCO. Together, we're dedicated to creating a more harmonious world. Rotary is hosting a day-long conference to highlight how our organizations champion the ideals of positive peace.

Save the date 📅

📍: Rotary Day at Unesco, Paris, France

📅: 4 May 2024

🔗: Details coming soon!

Rotary President-elect Stephanie Urchick 2024/25 revealed her Presidential theme. Let's ensure we use the logo correctly and together.



## ROTARY DISTRICT 7030 NEWS



**WEBINAR** Rotary

**ROTARY'S SHIFT FROM TRAINING TO LEARNING**

13 February 2024 10:00am Chicago Time (UTC-6)

English Spanish French Italian Portugese

Register <https://bit.ly/FebLearning1>

### FROM TRAINING TO LEARNING

As Rotary's approach to building knowledge and skills shifts from a training model to a learning model, we're putting participants at the center of the learning experience so they can direct their own learning and skill development.

Join Rotary International's webinar on 13 February to explore how to create dynamic learning experiences through facilitated dialogue and idea sharing.

10:00 Chicago time (UTC-6): English, Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese  
Register here: <https://bit.ly/FebLearning1>

## 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

INTRODUCING OUR **GUEST SPEAKER**

**PROFESSOR RICHARD "RICHIE" ROBERTSON**  
A Leading Caribbean Geologist

#RotaryinSVG24 #District7030Conference #SharingHope



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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 PEACE CENTERS

Rotary Peace Centers are located at premier universities with leading programs in peace studies, conflict prevention and transformation, and sustainable development.

The programs focus on research-informed teaching, experiential learning, global networking, and cross-cultural experience. The academics can be rigorous, but the rewards in peacebuilding are immense.



Rotary Peace Centers increase the capacity of dedicated peace and development leaders from communities around the world through academic training, relevant field experiences, and global networking opportunities.

If you're a peacebuilding who wants to increase your impact, learn more about applying by 15 May for a fully funded master's degree or professional development certificate fellowship: <https://on.rotary.org/3J6sYLP>



# ROTARIANS IN ACTION

## CASTRIES FEEDING PROGRAM

Rotarians and the Satellite club came together to feed the homeless in Castries at the Town Hall on Sunday 7th January 2024.



[MORE PHOTOS ON THE WEBSITE](#)



## ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The first Rotary Club of Saint Lucia Luncheon meeting was held on Friday 12th January 2024 at Stolen Time by Rendezvous, our new weekly meeting venue.

Visiting Rotarians were PP Chester Hinkson and Jean Paul from Rotary Club of Gros Islet.

Visitors Jane and John Kennedy were a blast from PP Brad's past with John being the son of DG David Kennedy, from Ontario. They worked together on projects between the Rotary Club of Guelph and the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia a "few" years ago.



PP Azmin was the raffle winner of bottle of wine donated by PP Leevie



## ROTARIANS IN ACTION

# MONTERO MEDICAL MISSIONS CONTAINER ARRIVES

After a long journey the container from the Montero Medical Missions finally arrived in Saint Lucia on 17th January 2024. Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia and Rotary Club of Gros Islet and the Lions helped to unpack the dental equipment and medical supplies, ready for distribution.



[MORE PHOTOS ON THE WEBSITE](#)



## ROTARIANS IN ACTION

### DISTRIBUTION OF DENTAL & MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Once the unpacking of the container was completed, it was down to the distribution of supplies.



Medical supplies donated to Dennerly Hospital



Medical supplies delivered to Millennium Heights Medical Complex



Oral care items to be repacked for distribution.

[MORE PHOTOS ON THE WEBSITE](#)

## ROTARY LEARNING CENTER

The Rotary Learning Center can be accessed using a mobile app. If you have never been to the site, log in for the first time on your desktop or laptop and accept the privacy policy.

1. On your mobile device, use a browser to go to [my.rotary.org](https://my.rotary.org) and sign in to My Rotary.
2. Tap the **≡ menu** at the top left of your screen.
3. Tap the **plus sign** next to **Learning & Reference**, and then choose **Learning Center**.
4. Go to your app store and download Go.Learn. **Don't** open it from here.
5. Return to your browser. From the same Learning Center page in My Rotary, tap the link to the Learning Center.

You can now explore and use the Learning Center on your mobile device.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dates for your diaries

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Friday 23rd	Rotary International Anniversary
<b>MARCH</b>	11th - 17th March	World Rotaract Week
<b>APRIL</b>	Saturday 6th Thurs - Sat, 18th - 20th	Wine & Cheese Fiesta District Conference, St.Vincent
<b>MAY</b>	25th - 29th	Rotary International Convention, Singapore



## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



Julie Bonnett  
25th February

## FEBRUARY ROTAVERSARIES

Congratulations!

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



Dr PP Azmina Long  
24 Years

# JOKE IN SPOKE

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



*"You have fits of rage, followed by temporary spells of euphoria, all within several hours. Are you, by chance, a golfer?"*



A friend's business "Cooking with Spices" has not been successful. His bank have called in the bay leafs.

## Rotary Quiz

Test your Rotary knowledge  
Answers will be in next months newsletter

**Give service to your customers and you'll make more money. What was the...?**

1. Four Way Test?
2. The "Business Sharing" in early Rotary Clubs?
3. "Fred" Sheldon's business philosophy?
4. A violation of the "Rotary Code of Ethics?"

The answer for last month's quiz was #3

# ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

Each month has a different Rotary theme.

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.