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# THE SPOKE

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## HANDOVER EDITION



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 EVERTON'S HANDOVER MESSAGE



Good evening fellow Rotarians and Guests

As I stand before you tonight I am filled with reverence and gratitude for the honor of serving as the incoming president of our esteemed Rotary club. I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for the trust and confidence that you have placed in me and I promise to fulfil my duties with the utmost dedication, integrity and compassion.

Rotary is a global organization that has been transforming lives, communities, and the world for over a century. For the past 57 years our club has been an integral part of this legacy and we have contributed to the noble causes of promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene, promoting youth development and supporting education. I am humbled to be a part of of this noble endeavor and inspired to take it forward with renewed vigor and commitment.

As we embark on a new Rotary year, we face unprecedented challenges and opportunities. The Covid 19 pandemic has fundamentally altered our lives and the way we do business - To date our club has not returned to normal- In the sense that we do not have a regular meeting place and while sometimes we improvise with zoom meetings, for the better part of our purpose- the virtual meetings are inadequate.

The pandemic has also laid bare the fault lines and inequalities in our society and highlighted the importance of empathy, resilience and adaptability. However, we must allow it to bring out the best in us as we continue to volunteer our time and resources to serve our community and support those in need.

As your president I would like to focus on three Key areas that are vital for the future of our club and community.

First, I would like to strengthen our engagement with our members and community. We need to create more opportunities for our members to connect, collaborate and contribute to our projects and initiatives. We also need to reach out to new members who share our values and vision and welcome them into our Rotary family. In this regard, I propose to grow membership by 10%. – We must grow

Second I would like to expand our outreach and impact. By Partnering with other organizations, leveraging technology and exploring innovative solutions, we can broaden our reach and deepen our impact.

Third, I would like to enhance our relevance and visibility. Rotary is a fantastic organization that has done incredible work but unfortunately, many people are not aware of our mission and achievements. We need to tell our story more effectively and showcase our impact on social media, local media and other platforms. By doing this we can inspire more people to join us support our cause and amplify our message.

As I conclude I would like to pledge my unwavering support and commitment to each member as you make the club what you would like it to be.

I thank you.

Yours in Rotary Service

President Everton





# EDITOR'S MESSAGE

by Angela Coleby



This is a special edition of the Spoke to share the Handover evening events with everyone. For those of us who attended, there are pleasant memories. For those of us who were unable to come, you can enjoy the photographs and speeches.

It was a great event in a beautiful villa at the BodyHoliday resort. The event organizers did a great job and the evening went smoothly with generous contributions from Rotarians.

With the new year, we have a new board, and also a new order of Rotary themes. It's going to be a busy but fun year ahead.

May the Rotary spirit of service and fellowship continue to shine brightly in our hearts and may we all strive to uphold the ideals of the Rotary 4-Way test in all that we do.

Cheers to another year of service, fellowship and laughter!

Yours in service

Angela

"As we embark on a new Rotary year, let us embrace the power of unity, ignite the spark of service, and illuminate the world with acts of kindness."

## 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)

### ***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 VENUE

The Firefly villa was a beautiful venue and the food served was delicious. Drinks flowed thanks to the generosity of Rotarians.





# THE EVENING BEGINS!



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Rotarians and guests mingled, nibbled canapes and enjoyed liquid refreshment.







# THE START OF THE HANDOVER

Before Immediate President Gordon performed the handover for President Everton, he presented the outgoing board with gifts. PP Tim was presented with a special gift for his support throughout the year.



# PAUL HARRIS AWARD

Rotarian Mary Dix was presented with a Paul Harris award for her outstanding work and commitment to helping others.





# ENTERTAINMENT

The talented James Bailey and Special Blend entertained us with their musical talents.





# RAFFLE WINNERS

No Rotary Club gathering would be complete without a raffle!



# THE HANDOVER

President Everton was pinned and sworn in to rapturous applause.





# THE NEW ASSISTANT GOVERNOR

The new AG, Albert Daniels gave a few opening remarks. This is his speech.

Thank you Master of Ceremonies. I have to be careful with the protocol list because while it IS the 1st of July, President Gordon has not yet officially handed over to President Elect Everton. So..., President Gordon Julien of the Rotary club of Saint Lucia, District Governor Nominee Soraya Gustave, Outgoing Assistant Governor Leathon Khan, President Lenita Joseph of the Rotary club of Gros Islet, Maurice Norville Incoming Chair of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia Sunset, fellow Rotarians, and Guests.

Since it is the 1 st of July, I must begin by wishing everyone a Happy Rotary New Year on behalf of District Governor for 2023-2024, Brian Glasgow. Rotary International President for 2023-2024 Gordon Mcinally emphasizes the power of continuity and calls on us as Rotarians to continue the work of past leaders. In this regard, he would like us to maintain the Empowering Girls initiative that was started in 2021-22 by then RI President Shekhar Mehta and continued in 2022-23 by RI President Jennifer Jones. Of course, this is fully supported by District Governor Brian and this is one of his District Goals.

There is a unique opportunity in the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia to embrace the concept of continuity by reviewing the 3-year Strategic Plan pioneered by Past Assistant Governor Leathon when he was president, to find opportunities to leverage it for the benefit of those less fortunate in our communities.

A handover ceremony is not about closing down and forgetting the previous year and starting another, but the as RI President Gordon Mcinally tells us, is about building bridges from one year to the next.

So while some things will change at handover, such as the Rotarians in roles like President, and the Board; we should not lose sight of things that ought to remain the same such as the important connections and relationships with our friends and collages that facilitate genuine fellowship and collaboration on projects. This we must continue to develop and grow along with our collective interest in serving the community and helping the less fortunate

Another constant in Rotary must be the importance we place on integrating the 4 way test into our daily lives; every past President and past Secretary who has attend PETS would have been told by District Trainers that there will never be a problem in your club or even in your professional or family lives for that matter where some reflection on the application of the 4 way test would not give inspiration to help with resolution. We must continue to value this fantastic tool that we have in Rotary.

District Governor Brian wishes to recognize and applaud the successes and achievements of outgoing President Gordon and his Board and Congratulates incoming President Everton and his team on their appointment, and looks forward to the fresh ideas, new vision of Rotary in the Rotary club of Saint Lucia and renewed vigor and enthusiasm for assisting those who need help in our community.

DG Brian encourages setting achievable, relevant, and measurable goals aligned with Rotary's mission and working to identify and attain related objectives. He is of the view that Clubs must manage conflicts, encourage collaboration and involvement among each member, and assess and track our progress.

DG Brian encourages clubs to undertake projects that are relevant to communities and prioritize for example, the reduction of Childhood obesity, and improving mental health services.

He urges us to help Rotary grow by paying adequate attention to Membership Issues and Engaging with Rotaractors so that we maintain our relevance as a service Organization. As arguably the most diverse District in the Rotary world DG Brian motivates us to embrace our diversity as One District, support the Rotary foundation and the fight to eradicate Polio, and promote peace in our communities, and the world.

In closing I encourage each of you to watch RI President Gordon McInally's short video on how he chose the theme for the year based on how Rotary provided a sense of Hope for someone who had lost everything in the Tsunami in Thailand.

In conclusion therefore, let us Build Bridges and Connect People throughout our District as we continue to 'Create Hope in the World'.





# THE NEW BOARD

Pinned, sworn in and ready to serve (with a couple of absent members)





# THE 2023/24 BOARD



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President

EVERTON SEALEY



Immediate Past President

GORDON JULIEN



Club Secretary

NATOYA CASSIUS



Vice President/Club  
Admin

PP SELMA ST PRIX



Vocational

PP BRAD PAUL



Community Services

PP STEVE JOHNY



Foundation

PP LEEVIE HERELLE



International Services

PP CHARLES SERIEUX



Membership

MARY DIX



Treasurer

PP KETURAH DONAI



Youth Services

DANIEL NUNEZ



Elderly Care/After Meeting

PAG MALCOLM CHARLES



Public Image/Spoke

ANGELA COLEBY



Sergeant at Arms

JULIE BONNETT

# ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

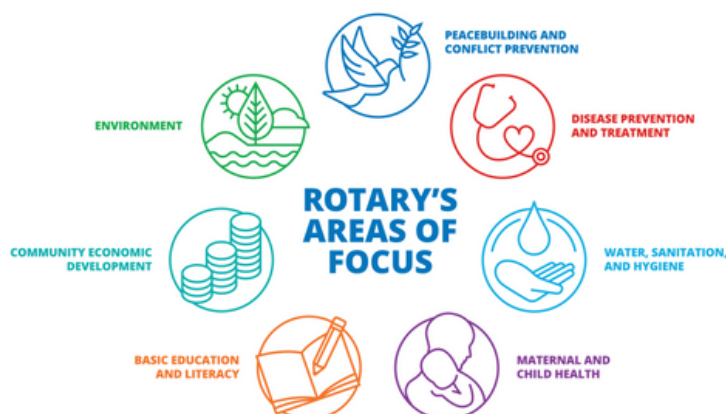
Each month has a different Rotary theme. This year has changed slightly.  
Start your planning now!

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



# 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  
Dixon, Genevieve  
Fennell, Vanessa  
Francis, Lorenzo  
Hare, Roger  
Herelle, Leevie  
James, Timothy  
Johnny, Fitzstephen

Jonas, Jeremiah  
Joseph, Marcus  
Julien, V. Gordon  
Kent, Peter  
Khan, Leathon  
Laurent, Crisy  
Leon, Sherlon  
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**