



JULY 2022

THE SPOKE

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

A NEW ROTARY YEAR TRANSITION 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

HANDOVER SPEECH



It is with a sense of humility that I accept the Presidency of this great organization, the Rotary Club of St. Lucia, an organization in its 56th year of existence, this year, and part of a global organization which first started by Paul Harris over 117 years ago.

The work of Rotary has become even more critical following the onset of the pandemic where the vulnerabilities and dire needs of so many persons have been exposed while at the same time, resources to support these needs have become more difficult to mobilize.

I am particularly proud, that my presidency coincides with that of our new Rotary International President, Jennifer Jones, the first woman President of Rotary International. This is significant for an organization which only started admitting women as members in 1989....84 years after it first started in 1905. Today women account for 23% of Rotary's global membership.

This year, the Rotary International theme is **Imagine Rotary** and the new Rotary International President, Jennifer Jones wants members to imagine the possibilities in the change they can make to transform the world. Rotarians are to dream big and harness their connections and the power of Rotary to turn those dreams into reality. In her words, "Imagine, a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference."

At the District level, Our District Governor Leslie Ramdhanny has announced that his main focus this year will be the Environment. This is particularly relevant for us in St. Lucia, as we are constantly reminding of the adverse impact of climate change and the urgent need to alter behaviors to protect the environment.

Clubs are encouraged to **GO GREEN** and to take up an Environmentally Sustainable projects that can be completed during the year.

As we execute our plans and programs for the year, we will keep in clear view Rotary International's Core Values of Fellowship, Integrity, Diversity, Service and Leadership. We believe that staying close to these values will not only make us a stronger and more vibrant club but will assist membership growth and retention.



Fellowship

One of the key aspects of being a Rotarian is good fellowship - the glue that binds us together in the common cause of service to our community. Rotarians have become exhausted with virtual meetings and lack of fellowship activities. As we find new ways to live with the pandemic and with the ability to have social gatherings, we will seek to have more fellowship activities, face-to-face meetings to build the level of engagement among Rotarians.

We will also be focusing on strengthening the bonds of friendship between the Rotary family in St. Lucia (Gros Islet club, the Satellite Clubs, the Rotaract and Interact clubs) and undertake joint projects where possible. We have started a strategic relationship with the Toastmasters Club in St. Lucia and we will be strengthening this relationship during the year.

Our club will also be fostering new relationships with Rotary Clubs around the world and strengthening existing ones. The presence of President Dr. Lexi Lain from the Rotary Club of Davidson, NC and President Ludovic from RC of Lamentin is an indication of this thrust.

Integrity

You don't build an organization with a 117 years history and 56 years in St. Lucia without operating with the high level of integrity. This is how we build our brand. Rotarians understand that and is something that we guard jealously.

Diversity

As I said before, for the first time our RI President is a woman and not surprisingly her main focus is on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI). The Rotary Club of St Lucia share those values and believe that our club must continue to reflect the environment in which we exist. Our Club has had a long history of women Presidents, the first being PP Carol Jn Marie (2002-03) and three other women Presidents including our IPP Keturah Donai in the ensuing years. We will continue to demonstrate our alignment through our recruitment and membership development efforts.

Service

This is where the rubber meets the road. This is the reason why we are Rotarians. There are two aspects to this. Our fund-raising efforts to provide the much-needed funds to support our plans and programmes and our community service projects. Our major fund-raising project, the Wine and Cheese fundraiser, held at the Governor General's house has not taken place in two years due to the pandemic. Thankfully, we have successfully hosted a virtual edition of the event which has provided some much-needed funds. I am here to tell you tonight that the traditional Wine and Cheese event will be taking place in February 2023. We will also be giving consideration to other means of raising funds to support our programmes. It is very important to note here that EVERY DOLLAR RAISED GOES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. We have no administrative cost.



Our community projects have touched the lives of so many people in our community and we will continue to focus on these projects such as our feeding programme, Christmas hamper. IPP Keturah provided a great summary of our involvement in these projects over the past year. In addition, we will be embarking on a project to raise awareness of climate change in an effort to alter social behaviour.

Leadership

Our leadership philosophy hinges on bringing new members into our club to assume leadership roles in the future as well as retaining the members that we have. Our recruitment efforts have been sluggish over the last few years, even before the pandemic. We believe that through fellowship and service, we can improve the level of member engagement and attract and retain new members.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge my wife, Avonelle, for putting up with me throughout my Rotary journey. The home hospitality, the zoom meetings at home, the long hours. I beg for your continued support over the next twelve months. Incidentally my sponsor was also named Avonelle from St. Kitts, among the first set of women admitted to the Rotary Club of St. Kitts (God bless her soul).

I will end with a line by a poet - Rabinranath Tagore:

"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy."





INTRODUCING THE NEW BOARD FOR 2022/23



President
GORDON JULIEN



Previous President
KETURAH DONAI



President Elect/Club Secretary
SHEBA O'BRIEN



Director - Club Admin
PP TIMOTHY MOFFAT



Director - Community
Services
PP LEEVIE HERELLE



Director - International
Services
RIQUEETTE BONNE-SMITH



Director - Social
Media/Public Imager
ROGER HARE



Director - Membership
EVERTON SEALEY



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
AG/PP LEATHON KHAN



Spoke Editor
ANGELA COLEBY



EDITOR'S MESSAGE

by Angela Coleby

A new exciting Rotary year ahead of us with a lot of work for us all.

As a fairly new Rotarian, I've enjoyed all the handover ceremonies, but was particularly in awe of the Interactors.

Their energy, projects and contribution is truly inspiring. We need to make sure that we create a safe and healthy world for these inspirational young people to flourish and continue their great work.

Imagine
Making
A
Generation
In
Our
Nation
Excellent

CONDOLENCES

It is with deep sorrow that we share the news of the passing of the father of PP Timothy Moffat. Maurice Moffat was a great friend of many Rotarians and will be sorely missed.

We send our deepest and sincere condolences to the family.

THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of The Things We
Think, Say And Do:

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all
concerned?

Will it built goodwill
and better
friendships?

Will it be beneficial to
all concerned?

*"The willingness to share
does not make one
charitable; it makes one
free." ~Robert Brault*

Feel free to submit your ideas
and suggestions to
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**If you want the
Spoke, feed the
Spoke.**



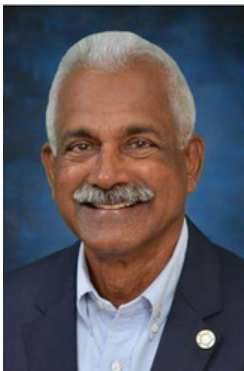
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Jennifer Jones, member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, will be the first woman to take office as Rotary International President in the service organization's 117-year existence on 1 July 2022.



During her one-year term, Jones will focus on building new relationships and establishing collaborations with organizations that share Rotary's commitment to driving impact through humanitarian service and to developing leaders around the globe. She has also made Rotary's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion a key part of her presidential platform.

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT 7030 GOVERNOR



My Fellow Rotarians Greetings and Happy Rotary New Year!

It is indeed an honour and a privilege to be District 7030 Team Leader for this Rotary year and to serve under the leadership of the first female President of Rotary International Jennifer Jones.

Following in the footsteps of an illustrious line of Governors is indeed a challenge but I pledge my full commitment to continue the fantastic work of this outstanding district. I look forward to the full support of all Rotarians as we engage in activities that would make a meaningful difference in the lives of persons and our environment.

A big thank you to Immediate Past District Governor Sonya and her team for the dynamic work achieved this past year. I think that we can safely say that they have seen the back of COVID-19 and that certainly augurs well for our clubs to return to some form of normalcy. Our district is the envy of many in the Zone and beyond! We must continue the great work that has been done and continue to raise the bar.



Message From District 7030 Governor

President Jennifer's theme is IMAGINE Rotary. A simple but truly deep meaning theme. A theme that stimulates us to dream of the infinite possibilities and how we can make them real. We dream every day but we must consider ways in which we can convert those dreams into meaningful activities that will improve the lives of others.

Following her priorities, the district's priorities will focus on our members as we can only grow Rotary if we have fully engaged them. We must therefore exemplify and embrace Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) in our clubs and communities, building stronger partnerships while executing life changing projects. By adopting the principles of DEI, we can stimulate club growth and enable them to become stronger. Clubs are also encouraged to improve our gender balance by growing our female membership to achieve Rotary International's target of 30% females.

We will continue to empower women and girls by providing them with opportunities for professional and economic upliftment.

Our members are our lifeblood, and we must offer them the care and comfort so that they can all feel welcome respected and valued. They must be given the opportunities to grow and succeed and to contribute their skills and talent to activities that would create more IMPACT through Rotary.

We can grow Rotary through the formation of new clubs and innovative club models attracting new types of membership.

By undertaking projects associated with the seven areas of focus and with special emphasis on the environment, we are creating a world of understanding, goodwill and peace. The world needs Rotary now more than ever because, as Rotarians, we can unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves.

We must continue to support our Rotary Foundation, with special emphasis on PolioPlus as we strive to #EndPolioNow. What a great joy it will be if this can be achieved this Rotary year!

The district's Childhood Obesity Prevention Programme has gained tremendous traction and we will continue to urge all clubs to keep it high on their agendas.

My friends, with all we do we must use available communication channels to let the world be aware of the impact we can make. Imagine having every human being aware of our organization and what we can achieve!

Fellow Rotarians the clock started ticking from July 1 so as we embark on this new year, I ask for your fullest support as we continue to build our district through your engagement and participation taking full advantage of our flexibility and adaptability to transform lives.

Remember we are people of purpose, people of influence, people of action!

Let us IMAGINE Rotary.

**CEO Leslie Ramdhanny
District Governor (2022-23)**



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



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.



Promoting Peace



Fighting Disease



Providing Clean Water



**Saving Mothers
& Children**



Supporting Education



Growing Local Economies



Supporting the Environment



ROTARY HANDOVER

A NIGHT AT THE BODYHOLIDAY HOTEL

The handover event was held at the BodyHoliday Hotel with a great turn out. The newly installed President of the Rotary Club of Lamentin, Martinique, President Ludovic Clausel with his Secretary Clement Fontanet and their partner in service Samia and Chrystelle joined us.



President Gordon and staff of Republic Bank





The 2022/23 Rotary Club of St Lucia Board All Freshly Pinned





ROTARY HANDOVER





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President Gordon with President Ludovic and Secretary Clement of the Rotary Club of Lamentin

NIC TOASTMASTERS AWARDS



President Gordon with President Joele August-Alexander at the Annual Awards and Executive Installation Ceremony on the 3rd July at the NSDC.



ROTARY SATELITE CLUB HANDOVER



IPP Keturah pinning Chair Miguel President Gordon with Chair Migel



President Gordon addressing
the Satelite Club



Installation of Chair Miguel of the Rotary Satelite Club of
St Lucia Sunset



ROTARY INTERACTORS HANDOVER



District 7030 held it's Interact Conference from 7th July and culminated with the Awards ceremony on 10th July.

We should be very proud of our Interact Clubs who received several awards

District Governor Awards

Sir Arthur Lewis Community College
St Joseph's Convent

Silver Citation

Saint Mary's College
Castries Comprehensive School

Award for Work on Polio

St Joseph's Convent

The energetic presentation from Dr Todd Bowtie was very inspiring with the question of "**What Motivates You? What Makes You Happy?**"

The celebration of Interact in District 7030 formed the culmination of PP Soraya's very successful years as District Interact Representative.

PAG Konrad who was chairperson for the event and PP Soraya received a special mention for their work with the event.

We should give a special thanks to IPP Keturah, Director Natoya and the RCSL team too.



FRIDAY MEETINGS RECAP

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



BUSINESS

The first business meeting with the new board was held on 8th July 2022

The new board are putting together their committees and discussed the move to more Face to Face meetings for the year.



FELLOWSHIP

One Fellowship meeting was held virtually on the 15th July 2022

A surprise guest joining the meeting was the club's first female President, Carole E Marie.

Visiting Rotarians were Andre Cherebin and Vanessa Fennel,

The upcoming carnival was discussed along with people's plans. PP Azmina shocked a few of us at her Colour Me Red Fete plans.
(Editors note: Would love photos!)

PAG Malcom informed us that he is currently working on a list of subjects of concern and project for his committee.



Sarge at Arms AG Leathon handing out fines for those with camera's off on a virtual meeting, causing his imagination to picture members at Fetes, Kweyol pronunciation and those who would get the extra business from any carnival vandalizers on cars.

The raffle prize of a Kweyol Dictionary was donated by PP Frank and won by PP Brad. Brad amused the meeting with his Kweyol pronunciation!



FRIDAY MEETINGS RECAP



SPEAKER

The first guest speaker for the Rotary year was Kareem Guiste, Head of the OECS Competitive Unit on 22nd July 2022

Visiting Rotarians were Tracy George, from the Gros Islet Rotary Club and Kasha George from the Rotaractors. Vanessa Fennel joined us again.

Kareem Guiste delivered a fascinating and informative talk on the Oceanic Landscape and how "Blue Economy" is being developed. The MSM development of reform is still developing and there are many opportunities for Saint Lucia.

There is a World Bank Project with a \$6M fund available. Grants for unskilled businesses are able to apply for a grant, with many Incubator Projects already supported.



PP Azmina gave the vote of thanks for an amazing speech. Kareem will be contacted by many interested Rotarians for more information now! A request to return was made too!

Sarge at Arms AG Leathon handed out fines for trying to poach the guest speaker, mispronunciation of a name, sneaking a Republic into the toast, a great vote of thanks and for a Rotarian currently enjoying snow capped mountains in Sweden

The raffle prize of a French Brandy was donated by Rotarian Sean Devaux and won by PP AG Leathon.

DISTRICT TRAINING

President Gordon, Rotarians Roger Hare and Angela Coleby attended the District training on public image. This dealt with the appropriate use of the Rotary image and guidelines for an audit of all social media and websites.



CLUB ASSEMBLY MEETING

Held at the NSDC on 27th July 2022

President Gordon welcomed everyone at the face to face meeting held at the NSDC. He looked forward to a busy but successful year ahead. Membership growth, continuation of previous projects and working with other local clubs are a focus this year.

Committee Members

The list of Rotary Committees were shared with a couple requests from members to be added. The complete list is on page 11.

Club Goals

President Gordon shared the Rotary Club goals for the year

Membership	4
Service Participation	30 members attendance
New Member Sponsorship	2
Rotary Action Group Participation	1
Leadership Development Participation	5
District Conference Attendance	5 (held in Grenada)
Rotary Fellowship Participation	5
District Training Participation	5
Annual Fund Contribution	\$2000 USD
Polio Plus Contribution	\$1000 USD
Service Projects	10

Rotary Meetings

The Friday lunch meetings were discussed and will return to Sandals Halycon at a cost of \$70. There is currently a discussion about the payment being made at the door, rather than after the month.

Rotary Finances

Members were reminded that the annual dues will sent soon and prompt payment is expected. AG Leathon has emailed the Club Credit terms to all members as a refresher.



PROFILE FOR THE MONTH

Since this is a new Rotary year, what better way to start the "Profile for the Month" feature with 2 new Rotarians. They both joined at the end of April 2022, sponsored by Chester Hinkson and are also husband and wife. It was a 2 for 1 membership deal in April!!



HAROLD ADU

Rotary for me is an great opportunity to contribute to the community on an island that has welcomed us warmly. It's a great way to give back and I look forward to serve this coming Rotary year and beyond.

ANGELA COLEBY

To have the chance to collaborate with teams to improve the lives of others both within our community and the region is an exciting yet humbling prospect. Creating positive actions with positive energy.





BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!



JULY

Belated Wishes

Mario Leandre
4th July

Chester Hinkson
9th July

Tzarmallah
Haynes-Joseph
13th July

Daniel Nunez
25th July

Upcoming Birthdays

AUGUST

President Gordon Julien
August 23

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

PAG Macolm Charles
41st Year of Joining Rotary Club
August 1



Joke in the Spoke

Some light hearted humour and a word quiz

I never wanted to believe that my Dad was stealing from his job as a road worker. But when I got home, all the signs were there.

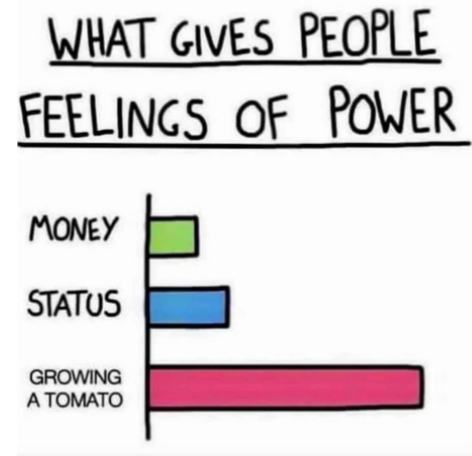
TRANSITION MONTH WORD PUZZLE

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P B N F F K W I U F E I B G O
E E N Q W E X I U Y M B U V G
X M F M Q O L X D A X N O Y O
B C K H G N P L G U G C T M O
B Y A J S X G I O L K I R V D
D J W F D J N J H W S P A T W
Y T I R G E T N I R S I N Z I
E N V I R O N M E N T H S X L
S J L T P N M V L W U S I G L
U E P R E S I D E N T R T P O
O P R Y W D L H A R G E I N Z
H O B V Z K C M U S A D O I I
O Q X G I D A T D I P A N O U
A H D A Y C H S Q U O E P L C
T N P V X Y E J I I Q L S Q K
  
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Find the words in the puzzle

Diversity	Environment	Fellowship
Goodwill	Imagine	Integrity
Leadership	President	Service
Transition	Truth	



One day, a man came home and was greeted by his wife dressed in stunningly sexy lingerie. "Tie me up," she purred, "And you can do anything you want." So he tied her up and went golfing.

A doctor and a lawyer are talking at a party. Their conversation is constantly interrupted by people describing their ailments and asking the doctor for free medical advice. After an hour of this, the exasperated doctor asks the lawyer, "What do you do to stop people from asking you for legal advice when you're out of the office?" "I give it to them," replies the lawyer, "and then I send them a bill." The doctor is shocked, but agrees to give it a try. The next day, still feeling slightly guilty, the doctor prepares the bills. When he goes to place them in his mailbox, he finds a bill from the lawyer.



NEXT MEMBERSHIP MONTH

**August is Membership &
Extension Month**

WHY JOIN ROTARY?

Realization of Service Above Self
Opportunities to be involved with community
and international projects
Team up with other volunteers to make a
difference
Appreciation for your contribution
Respect, fellowship and fun
Your skills and talents are shared

"it's easy to do bad things, it takes effort to do good things" - D. Considine



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