

THE SPOKE

ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH



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2023-24 YEAR IN REVIEW

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we embrace the spirit of Rotary Fellowships Month this June, it's an opportune time to celebrate the vibrant tapestry of interests that enrich our Rotary experience. From sharing a passion for service to fostering lasting friendships, our fellowships embody the essence of Rotary's global community.

As President, I'm inspired by the diverse array of fellowships that unite us, spanning cultures, professions and hobbies. Whether it's connecting over a shared love for humanitarian efforts, exploring common vocational interests, or simply enjoying leisure activities together, our fellowships serve as pillars of camaraderie and collaboration.

This month, let's reflect on the profound impact of our fellowships, not only in strengthening our bonds as Rotarians but also in amplifying our collective impact on the world. Let's seize this opportunity to engage with fellow members, explore new horizons and deepen our commitment to Rotary's ideals of service, fellowship, and diversity.

Together, let's celebrate Rotary Fellowships Month with enthusiasm and gratitude, as we continue to inspire and be inspired by each other in our shared journey of service above self.



Everton Sealey

PRESIDENT

FROM THE EDITOR



ANGELA COLEBY

With this issue of The Spoke being the last issue of the year and my last issue as editor, I thought it would be a great opportunity to reflect upon the past year's events.

As I enjoy design, it would be remiss of me not to give this issue another fresh face too!

I hope you have enjoyed the last two years of the Spoke, the introduction of the online flippable edition and the different style for each year that I was editor. All whilst keeping true to the Rotary brand!



There is just one month left to donate on the Raise for Rotary set up for the club to raise funds for the Polio Fund.

<https://raise.rotary.org/acleby/fundraiser>

HANDOVER NIGHT

The handover of Presidency for the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia from IPP Gordon Julien to Everton Sealey was held at The Firefly Villa.





The pinning of President Everton Sealey.



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

Musical entertainment was provided by James Bailey and Special Blend.

The new board were sworn in and an evening of great food, drink and fellowship was had by all.



NEW LUNCH VENUES

The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia found two new lunch venues this year.

Konrad and Kris Wagner kindly gave the club a temporary venue at Calabash Cove & Spa until we found a more permanent home.

The meeting room had a great view and food, drink and service from the staff was top notch!

However, we needed somewhere larger, so it was time to reassemble.

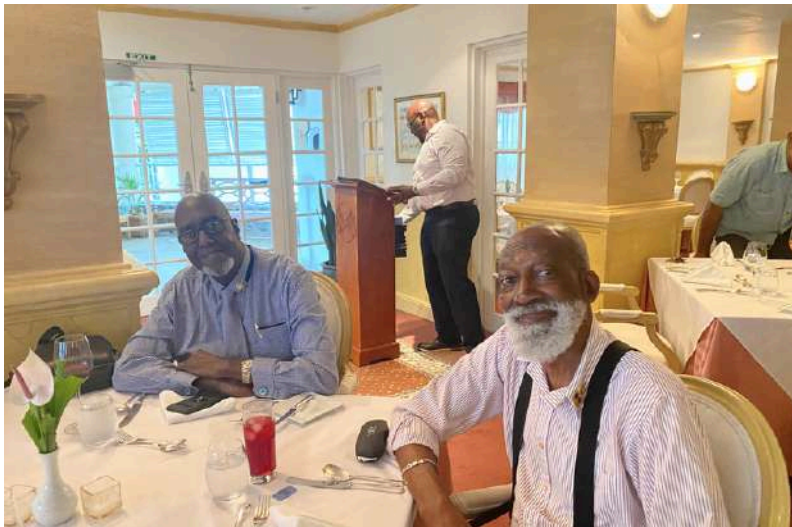
Our new lunch venue is now at Rendezvous, Stolen Time.

With amazing views of the Caribbean Sea, the attentive staff attend to our drinks and we enjoy a varied buffet each Friday. A great setting for speakers and fellowship.



LUNCH PHOTOS

A collection of fellowship and speaker meetings.



SPEAKERS

The Friday lunches have had an interesting and informative range of speakers, pertaining to each Rotary monthly theme.



SIMONE SOLOMON

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



MAURICE NORVILLE

The Satellite Club Chair, Maurice Norville gave two talks this year. One for Membership & New Club Development Month on Friday 18th August 2023.

The second was on the 1st March 2024 discussing water conservation and current island water issues.



PDG LISLE CHASE

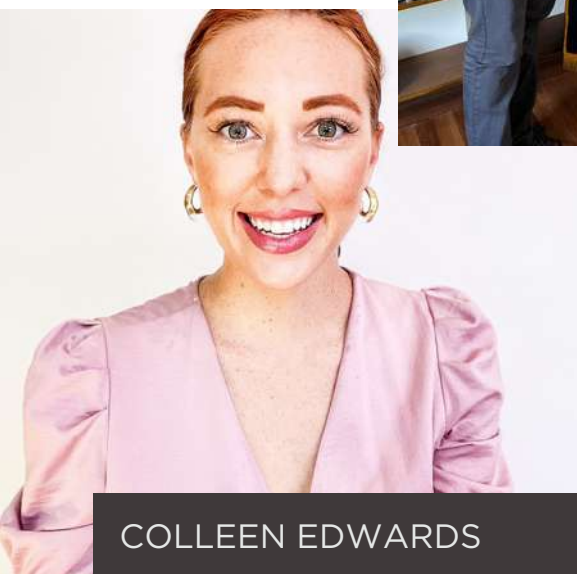
PDG Lisle Chase gave a great talk for Membership and New Club Development Month on Friday 25th August, 2023.

SPEAKERS



MICHELLE S CHARLES

Michelle S Charles, Permanent Secretary was the guest speaker on September 22, 2023 for Community Economic & Development Month.



COLLEEN EDWARDS

Colleen Edwards from Waterways gave an informative and engaging talk with a group interactive task to demonstrate pollution in waterways.



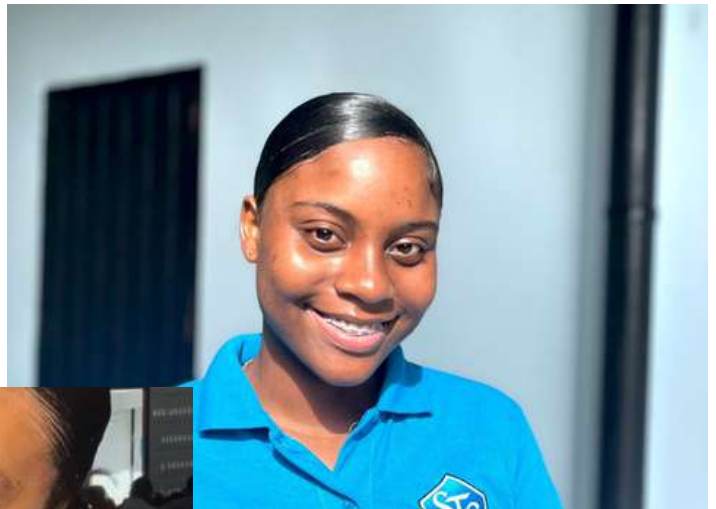
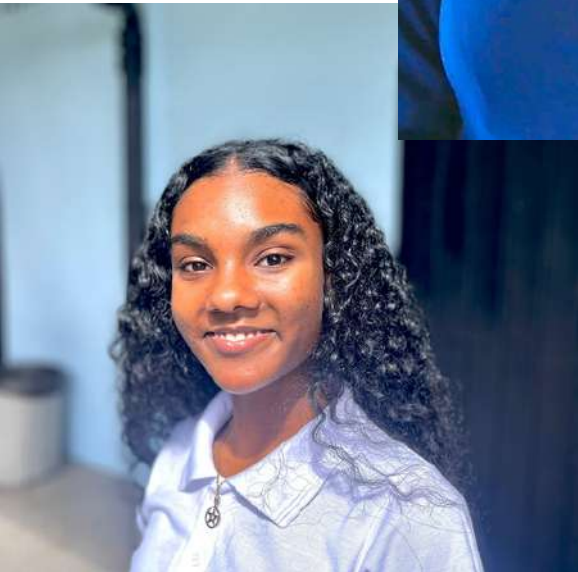
ALZELIA GLACE -GEORGE

Alzelia Glace-George is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and the Chief Dietitian at OKEU, gave a talk on obesity and nutrition.

SPEAKERS



Saint Joseph Convent Interactors Advisor, VP, 2nd VP and Secretary talked about their well deserved achievements including placing second in the District for an Interact Environmental Project.

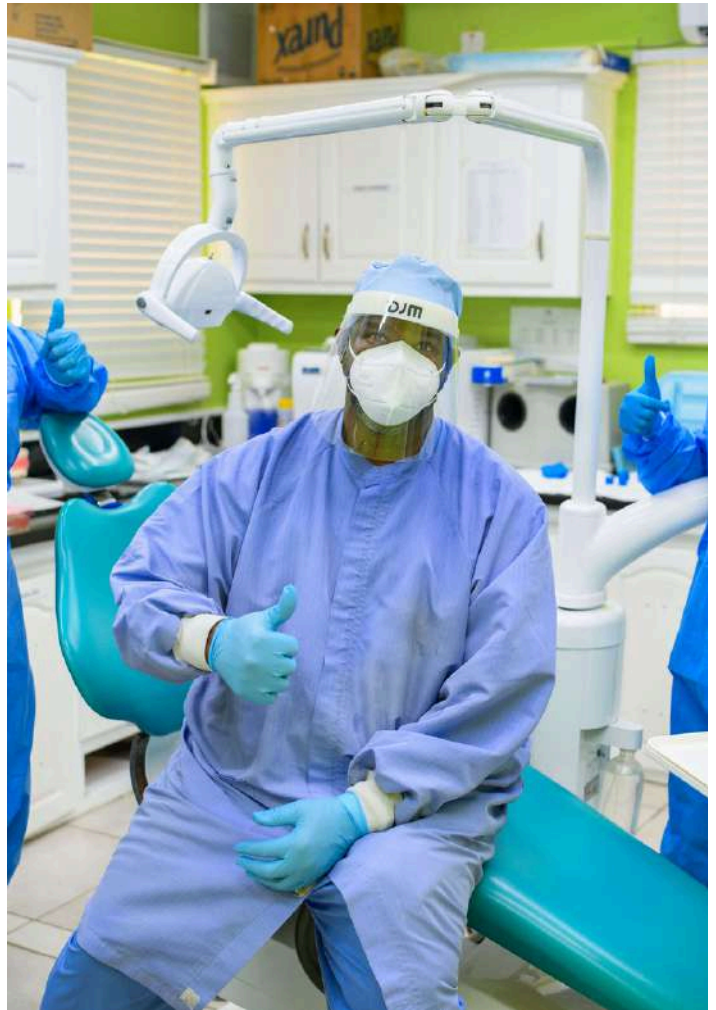


PROJECTS



At the heart of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia lies a commitment to service above self, and this year, we aimed to exemplify this spirit through a diverse range of projects that addressed the needs of our local community and beyond. Through our collective efforts and unwavering dedication, we strive to make a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve.

MONTERO MEDICAL MISSIONS DENTAL PROJECT



On September 16, 2023, the Montero Medical Missions sent a dental team comprising of 10 dentists and 5 dental hygienists to Saint Lucia for 6 days. With accommodation and logistics organized by Konrad Wagner from the Rotary Club and Eldridge Stephen from the Lions, the team were ready to get to work!

A 3 day marathon was in full progress with 10 dentists and 5 hygienists working in 8 clinics across the island. A Colgate Virtual Van Educational Preventive Dental Care Presentations reached 11,000 Primary Students.

MONTERO MEDICAL MISSIONS DENTAL PROJECT



A 40ft container donated by Reese Jackson, CEO of Chesapeake Regional Medical Center (CRMC) was sent to Saint Lucia. Filled with new and used medical equipment including wheelchairs, an entire dental office of equipment donated by Dr Charles Johnson.

14,000 Oral Care kits (toothbrush, toothpaste and dental floss) will be given to every Primary School.

The medical supplies were distributed with deliveries to Marian Home, Comfort Bay and Soufriere hospital..

JOINT CLUBS MEDICAL SUPPLIES DONATION



The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia and the Rotary Club of Lamentin joined forces to donate medical supplies to the Ministry of Health.

The donated supplies, carefully selected to address critical needs within the healthcare system, include 2 Pallets of Antigen Tests, 1 Pallet Self Tests, lifts, crutches, 1000 Surgical gloves and folding transfer boards. These vital resources will significantly bolster the Ministry of Health's efforts in providing adequate care and treatment to the community, particularly amidst the ongoing health challenges faced by the nation.

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE



The pinning of President Everton Sealey.

The Satellite club partnered with its parent club, Rotary Club of Saint Lucia for a “Back to School Supply Drive”. Back packs and school supplies were presented to the students of the Gros Islet Primary School on Monday 18th September.

WELLNESS CENTRE DONATION



Rotarians from the Rotary Club of St Lucia visited the Mental Wellness Center to make a donation of clothing and supplies to the patients of the Hospital. The supplies included a wide range of toiletries, sanitary products and delicacies.



FEEDING PROGRAMS



The Community Service Committee with the help of other Rotarians provided meals for the homeless in Castries in November, January and May.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER PACKING



Rotarians came together to pack the Christmas hampers at the NSDC and distributed to those in need.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Food, drinks, a bouncy castle and presents were provided to Rosa's Place on Saturday 23rd December 2023 for an afternoon of Christmas cheer. Santa Claus was performed by our Sarge, Julie who did such an amazing job that it may be an annual role for her!

END PERIOD POVERTY PROJECT



The End Period Poverty Project is a joint collaboration between the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia and the Rotary Club of Gros Islet aimed at addressing and eradicating period poverty, which refers to the lack of access to menstrual hygiene products, education and proper sanitation facilities.

Thousands of sanitary napkins and other products from the Norfolk Links and the Norfolk Jack & Jill, organizations of Black Professional women, were donated to the Rotary “Ending Period Poverty Program”.

EVENTS



Our calendar was full of a diverse range of events designed to foster camaraderie, inspire action, and make a positive impact in our community and beyond.

WINE & CHEESE FIESTA FUNDRAISER



Our annual Wine & Cheese Fundraiser was held at Government House for an evening of music, laughter and love. New sponsors joined the event and an online ticketing service was introduced for the first time, along with an art display by Llewellyn Xavier. Additional funds were raised with an auction and raffle. The atmosphere was joyous and it was hard to get guests to leave! The Committee did an outstanding job.

57TH CHARTER NIGHT



An evening at the Royalton Resort saw Rotarians and guests come together to celebrate 57 years since the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia was formed.

PP Leevie presided over the evening as Master of Ceremonies, with a musical performance from the talented Felicia Ann Lionel.

Great raffle prizes were donated and won. AG Albert was on excellent form in his role of "Sarge", entertaining everyone as he administered fines to all attending.



Dr Stephen King was the guest speaker and received a standing ovation for his passionate and interesting presentation.



CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT WINNERS



A team from the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia attended a the fundraising quiz night for Pawasol Pour Ti Mamai – a charity for Saint Lucia’s children in need. Great fun was had by all but the highlight of the evening was that the team won first place!



Rotarian Natoya won the main raffle prize and PAG Konrad walk off with many other prizes (which he won on behalf of his staff).



JOINT CAREER FAIR



To commemorate Interact Week, members from the Rotary Club of Gros Islet and Rotary Club of Saint Lucia collaborated with teacher advisors to organize a Career Fair. Professionals from around the island volunteered to share the pros and cons of their fields



JOINT CHESS NIGHT



A Joint Chess Project was launched between the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia and the Rotary Club of Gros Islet.



CHRISTMAS 2023 LUNCH



The club Christmas party was held at Rendezvous, Stolen Times on Friday 22nd December 2023 with entertainment, carol singing, visiting Rotarians and the debut of the club raffle tombola.



CLUB REGISTRATION



The process to register the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia as a non-profit organization is near completion with the official letter from the Attorney General now received.

This has been a long and arduous process which we give thanks to PE Doddy for taken this task on board and pursuing.

By being registered as a non-charity, our club can more easily collaborate with other non-profit and for-profit entities, both locally and internationally. This allows for greater flexibility in forming partnerships and leveraging resources to make a broader impact on communities worldwide.

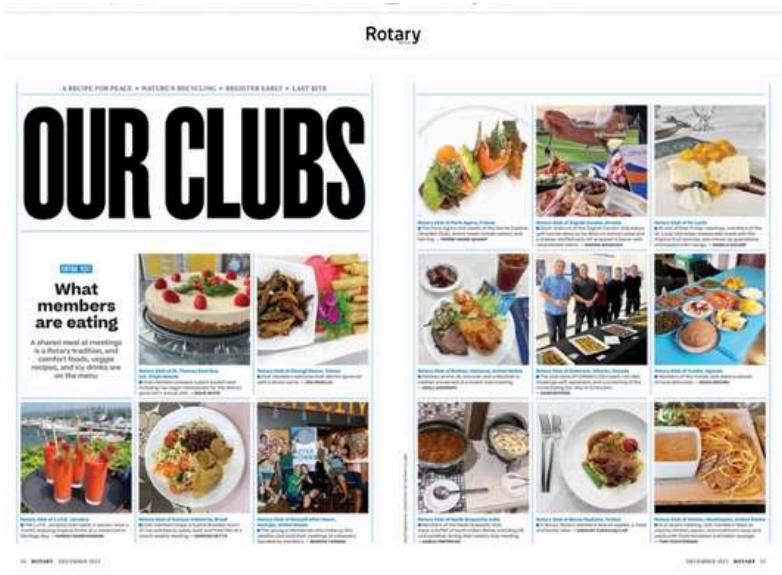
PUBLIC IMAGE HIGHLIGHTS



A historic first platinum citation for the club for Public Image.



Not only did the Public Image Director win a Rotary Zones 33/34 Design award, she was the only one from from District 7030. This design was displayed on all social media channels for the Rotary Zones 33/34 for 4 months.



If you turn to page 55 in the December 2024 issue of The Rotary International Magazine, the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia is mentioned with the tasty soursop cheesecake we have enjoyed at Friday meetings, at Calabash Cove.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



NATOYA CASSIUS

1st June 2024



PAG KONRAD WAGNER

14th June 2024



PP FRANK MYERS

23rd June 2024

June Rotaversaries

Congratulations!

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

PP BRAD PAUL - 57 YEARS

PAG LEATHON KHAN - 38 YEARS

AG ALBERT DANIELS - 27 YEARS

STEVE JOHNY - 26 YEARS

PAG CHARLIE SERIEUX - 24 YEARS

RIQUETTE BONNE-SMITH - 7 YEARS

SHEBA O'BRIEN - 7 YEARS

PP KETURAH DONAI - 7 YEARS

SHERLON LEON - 1 YEAR

VANESSA FENNELL - 1 YEAR



A SAD FAREWELL



It is with great sadness that we lost Peter Kent. Peter was a cherished Rotarian whose dedication to service and community uplifted countless lives. With a heart full of compassion and a spirit of generosity, Peter exemplified the true essence of Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self."

The Rotary Foundation

THE IMPACT OF ONE DONATION

60 Cents	\$50	\$500
A child can be protected from polio.	Can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness	Can launch an antibullying campaign and create a safe environment for children

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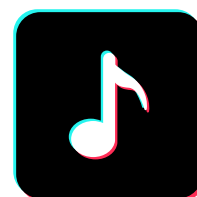
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NEXT YEAR



The Rotary Presidential Theme for 2024/25 is The Magic of Rotary

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