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ROTARY

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE 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

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE MONTH



Good day to all you Rotarians,

As March is the month of water, sanitation and hygiene, I am reminded of the importance of these basic necessities for a healthy and prosperous society. Clean water, proper sanitation, and good hygiene practices are not only essential for the well-being of individuals, but also for the development and growth of communities.

As Rotarians, we have always been at the forefront of providing access to clean water and sanitation facilities to those in need. Our efforts have helped countless individuals and communities around the world to lead healthier lives and build a better future.

In St. Lucia, we have been a forefront of clean water projects with the installation of the water tank in Barbonneau in 2013, which serves over 6,000 thousands of residents in the Barbonneau, Plateau, Boguis areas. This project was completed with the support of Rotary Clubs in District 6960 in Florida, District 7030 and the Rotary Club of St. Lucia and Rotary Club of Gros Islet in cooperation with WASCO and the Government of St. Lucia. This will continue to be an area of focus for our Club.

However, there is still much work to be done. Millions of people around the world still lack access to clean water, proper sanitation, and hygiene facilities.

This month, let us renew our commitment to the cause and work towards providing access to these basic necessities to as many people as possible.

I urge all of you to support our Rotary clubs' projects related to water, sanitation, and hygiene. Let us work together to create a world where everyone has access to clean water, proper sanitation, and good hygiene practices.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the Rotary mission.

Yours in Rotary service

President Gordon Julien

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



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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

by Angela Coleby



Welcome to this edition of our Rotary newsletter, which is dedicated to Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Month. As we all know, access to clean water and sanitation facilities is a basic human right, yet millions of people around the world still lack access to these necessities.

The club's previous major project of the installation of the 150,000 gallon water tank in Babonneau is still a great example of how all Rotarians in the island came together for the good of the community. Through our collective efforts, we made a significant impact and helped improve the lives of many people.

As many Rotarians are off to Grenada for the conference, I urge you to check out the Spotlight Initiative project by Rudo Udika, a member of the Rotary Club of Grenada. It addresses gender based violence and I recently caught an online presentation by Rudo which was so enthralling.

For those of us unable to attend the conference, there is a fellowship games night on Friday 14th. Let us all unite in having fun here and in Grenada! Come and thoroughly beat me at dominoes!

With a long Easter weekend ahead of us, I hope you all have a restful break and enjoy the time off! Good luck in the Rotary Raffle Draw too!



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

If you want the Spoke, feed the Spoke.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The need for inclusion is universal but every community faces different challenges.

We were grateful to discuss how we can build a better society for all with The Desmond & Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation and Nelson Mandela Foundation. We celebrated our Rotary #PeopleOfAction Champions for Inclusion and the work they do to empower people around the world.

We will be streaming the event in June, so stay tuned!



ROTARY DISTRICT 7030 NEWS



Did you know about the "Shadow Pandemic" of violence against women and girls and how it affects us all? Ever heard about the Spotlight Initiative and its comprehensive and targeted approach and activities to end gender-based violence?

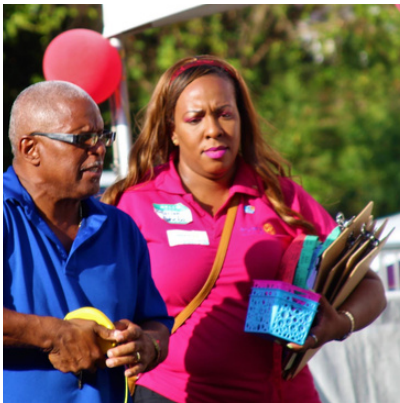
Rudo Udika - member of the Rotary Club of Grenada - provides an engaging and holistic overview of the Spotlight Initiative, its global goals and community approach, as well as, how her Rotary club got involved and participated to help curb gender-based violence in Grenada.

Watch the video: <https://youtu.be/Gd0SGrdlev4>

IT'S NOT FAREWELL, BUT SEE YOU AGAIN!

Dr Sheba O' Brien left our little island for another larger one and we wish her all the best for her adventure in the UK.

Dr Sheba has been a beloved Rotarian with the club since June 2017.





CLUB ASSEMBLY

20 members met at the NSDC on 21st March 2023 for a Club Assembly with many discussions on club issues.

CLUB MEETINGS

The sequence of weekly meetings is to be:

- Business - to be held virtually on Zoom
- Lunch - Face to face with a speaker at an established venue
- Fellowship - A discussion of whether to hold this on a Thursday was held.

A long debate on where to hold our weekly face to face meetings was held with a few possible venue options still being assessed.

INACTIVE MEMBERS

Inactive members are to be reviewed, with the sponsors to be following up with any absence from the club.

FUNDRAISING

The final figures for the Wine and Cheese Fiesta are not yet available but we had 268 people attend. AG Leathon and PAG Konrad sold the majority of the tickets.

CLUB DUES

A request for members to pay settle their accounts with the club promptly was made.

ROTARY FOUNDATION

We are down on our contributions to our Rotary Foundation as a District. An appeal for members to contribute at least \$100 was made.



KEEP THE FLAME ALIVE

PP Albert send this great message the next day in response to our discussion at the Club Assembly on inactive members.

A man, who regularly attended Community meetings suddenly without any notice stopped participating.

After a few weeks, one very cold night the leader of that Group decided to visit him. He found the man at home, alone, sitting in front of a fireplace where a bright fire burned.

The man welcomed the Leader. There was a great silence. The two Men only watched the dancing flames around the logs that crackled in the fireplace. After a few minutes the Leader, without saying a word, examined the woods that formed the fire and selected one of them, glowing most brightly of all, removing it to the side with a pair of tongs. Then he sat down again.

The host was paying attention to everything, fascinated. Before long, the lone Member flame subsided, until there was only a momentary glow & the fire soon went out. In a time what was previously bright light and heat had become nothing more than a black & dead piece of wood. Very few words had been spoken since the greeting.

Before preparing to leave, the leader with the tongs picked up the useless piece of wood & placed it again in the middle of the fire. Immediately, the member piece of wood was rekindled, fueled by the light & heat of the burning coals around him. When the leader reached the door to leave, the host said: Thank you for your visit and for your beautiful lesson. I'll return to the group soon.

Why is a Group important? Very simple: **Because each member that withdraws takes fire & heat from the rest.**

It's worth reminding group members that they are a part of the flame. It's also good to remind us that we are all responsible for keeping each other's flame burning. And we must promote the union among us so that the fire is really strong, effective and lasting.

It doesn't matter if sometimes we are bothered by so many messages, quarrels, misunderstanding etc. What matters is to be connected. We are here to meet, learn, exchange ideas or simply to know that we are not alone.

Let's keep the flame Alive. Life is Beautiful when we lift one another up!

ROTARY MEMORIES

This month's step down memory lane takes us to the Easter Anti-Drug Camp





BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!



Upcoming Birthdays



APRIL

PP Leevie Herelle
12th April

PP Charlie Serieux
29th April

Rotary Anniversary

It's been a year on the 29th April that these 3 members
were pinned!

Harold Adu
Angela Coleby
Daniel Nunez

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2023

13-15th
Thurs - Sat

District 7030 Conference, Grenada



Rotary District 7030

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/

14th

Friday

Friday Night Games Night

A night of fellowship and games at Island Mix in Rodney Bay
6:30pm

September 2023

The Montero Medical Mission will be visiting in September and Rotarians are requested to help and support.

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



ROTARY FOUNDATION

The work of The Rotary Foundation is made possible by donors who take action to build a brighter future for all. Named after the sixth president of #Rotary, the Arch Klumph Society (AKS) recognizes The Rotary Foundation's highest tier of donors. Last weekend, we celebrated several members of AKS in an official ceremony at One Rotary Center. Please join us in celebrating these members.



Learn about the Arch Klumph Society:

<https://on.rotary.org/40DqURk>

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>

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

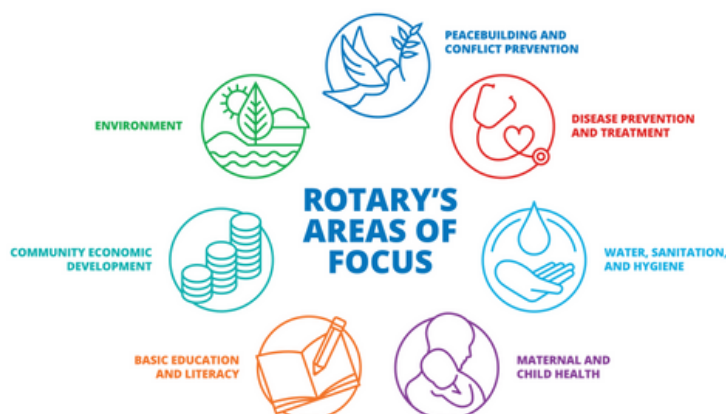
Each month has a different Rotary theme. Start your planning now!

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.



2022/23 ROTARY CLUB COMMITTEES

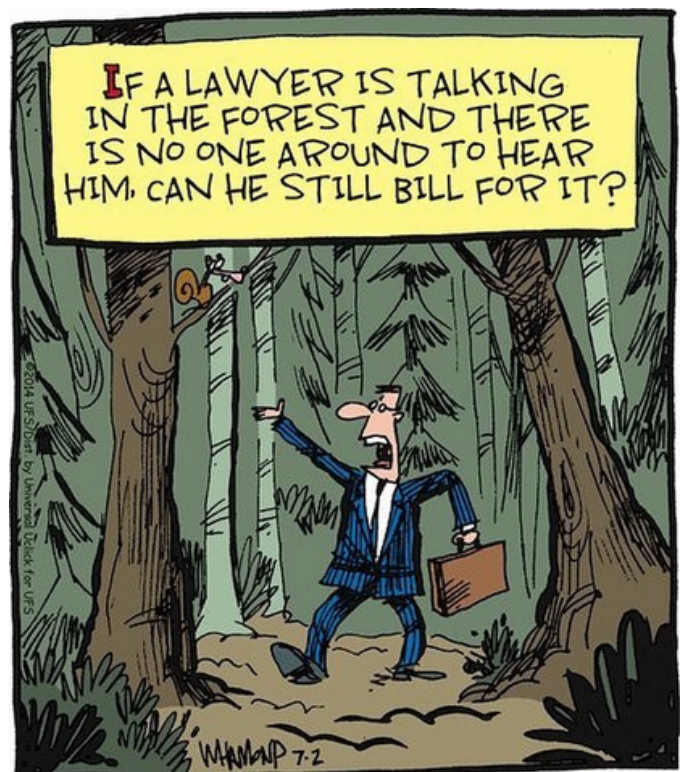
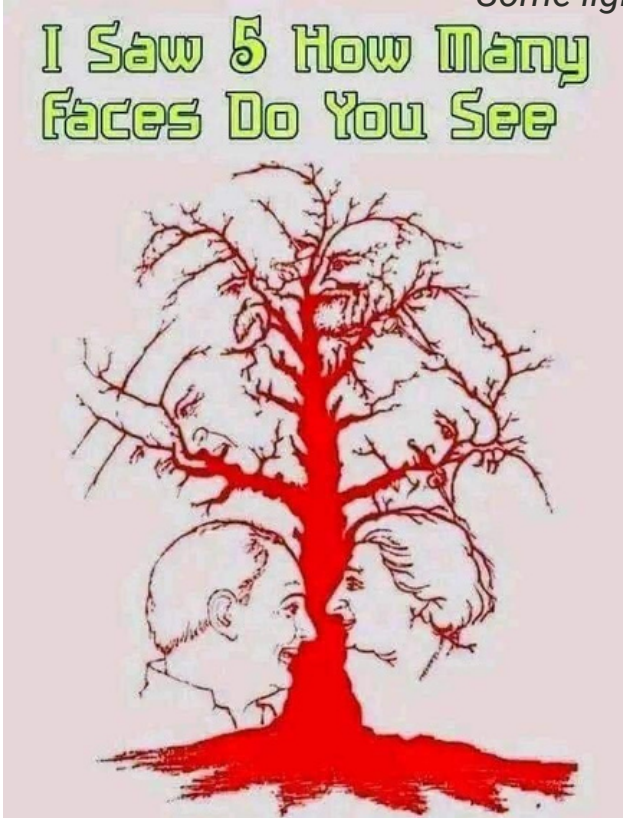
Let's welcome the new committee members for 2022/23

"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 Sheba O'Brien Julie Bonnett</p>	<p>FUND RAISING 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 Secretary Elect 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 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 President Elect 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</p>	

Joke in the Spoke

Some light hearted humour



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



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