

MARCH 2024

THE SPOKE

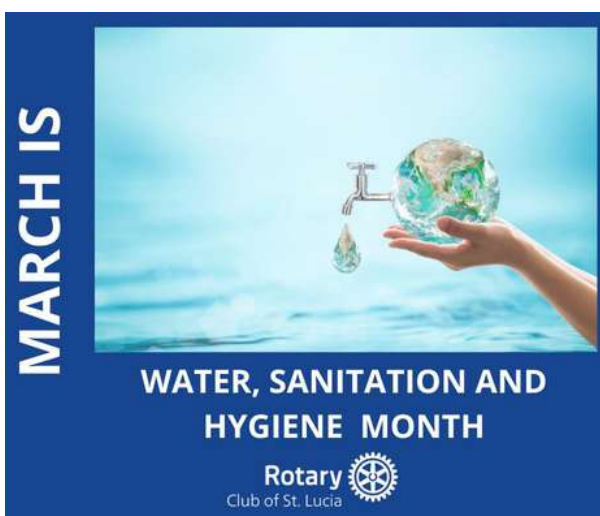


WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE MONTH

This month, we are dedicated to addressing crucial issues related to access to clean water, improved sanitation facilities, and promoting proper hygiene practices. Through collaborative efforts and impactful initiatives, we aim to make a positive difference in communities worldwide.

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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

As we step into the month of March, I am thrilled to share with you our focus for the month: water, sanitation and hygiene. These are essential pillars of health and well-being and our club has a unique opportunity to make a significant impact in these areas.

Water is a fundamental human need, yet millions of people worldwide still lack access to clean and safe drinking water. As Rotarians, we have the power to change this narrative by supporting initiatives that provide sustainable water solutions to communities in need. Whether it's through the installation of water filtration systems, the digging of wells or the promotion of rainwater harvesting techniques, our club can play a vital role in ensuring that everyone has access to this basic necessity.

Sanitation is another critical aspect of public health that cannot be overlooked. Proper sanitation facilities not only prevent the spread of diseases but also uphold human dignity. This month, let us focus on projects that improve sanitation infrastructure in underserved communities, including the construction of toilets, the implementation of sewage systems and the establishment of waste management initiatives.

Hygiene education is equally important in promoting overall health and well-being. By raising awareness about the importance of handwashing, proper sanitation practices and menstrual hygiene management, we can empower individuals to take control of their health and prevent the spread of illness in their communities.

As we embark on this month-long journey to promote water, sanitation, and hygiene, I urge each and every one of you to lend your support to these critical initiatives. Together, we can make a tangible difference in the lives of countless individuals and communities around the world.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to Rotary's mission, and let us continue to be the catalysts for positive change in the world.

Yours in Rotary,

President Everton Sealey



THE 2023/24 BOARD



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Elderly Care/After Meeting

PAG MALCOLM CHARLES



Public Image/Spoke
ANGELA COLEBY



Sergeant at Arms
JULIE BONNETT



EDITOR'S MESSAGE

by Angela Coleby

Greetings, Rotarians and Friends,

As we dive into the month dedicated to Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), let us embrace the profound impact our collective efforts can make in transforming lives and communities around the globe. At the heart of Rotary's mission lies the commitment to serve humanity and what better way to honor this commitment than by championing the fundamental rights to clean water, proper sanitation and improved hygiene practices.

Water is life's most basic necessity, yet millions of people worldwide still lack access to safe and clean water. Sanitation remains a challenge for many, leading to dire health consequences and perpetuating cycles of poverty. Additionally, promoting proper hygiene practices is essential in preventing the spread of diseases and ensuring overall well-being.

Fortunately, through the dedication and unwavering commitment of Rotary clubs worldwide, we continue to make significant strides in addressing these pressing issues. Whether it's through funding sustainable water projects, building sanitation facilities or conducting hygiene awareness campaigns, each action we take brings us closer to a world where every individual can thrive.

PETER KENT A SAD FAREWELL



It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Peter Kent. Sincere condolences go out to his family and friends.

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."

Submit your ideas and suggestions for The Spoke to acoleby@gmail.com

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

"I was humbled last night to be inducted as the Sino Phil Asia Peace Foundation's 2004 Humanitarian Laureate, all the more so because my fellow 2004 Laureates include Bernice King, daughter of one of my inspirations Dr Martin Luther King jr. Even better was to spend today doing hands on service with the foundation distributing wheelchairs and food parcels to a school in one of Manila's poorest Barangays." RI President Gordon McInally



We are proud to announce and celebrate our #PeopleOfAction:
Champions of Impact! ✨

This award recognizes honorees' who have led projects with positive, long-term impact around the world. Their work exemplifies Rotary's areas of focus, including fighting disease, growing local economies, and protecting the environment.

Meet the honorees: <https://on.rotary.org/3US3wjg>



ROTARY DISTRICT 7030 NEWS

DG Brian Glasgow began his first official district tour at the Rotary Club of St. Kitts with courtesy calls on the Head of State, Her Excellency Dame Marcella Liburd - Governor General as well as Hon. Dr. Geoffrey Hanley - Deputy Prime Minister. DG Brian was accompanied by Assistant Governor Leah and Presidents Nichole & Charles from @rotaryliamuiga and @rotaryclubofstkitts



ROTARY DISTRICT 7030 CONFERENCE 2024



CONGRATULATIONS

The President Elect and President Nominee for 2025/26 have now been confirmed. PP Doddy Francis will be our President Elect and Roger Hare will be President Nominee/Secretary Elect.



PE Doddy Francis



PN Roger Hare

Dr. Selma Daphne Auguste - St. Prix



Our VP/PP Selma completed her doctorate in Business Administration (DBA) through the Consulting Capstone program of Walden University utilizing the Baldrige Performance Excellence Framework with Specialization in Leadership. Achieving 4.0 summa cum laude (the highest honor).

Public Image Citation

We have now obtained the Platinum Public Image Citation thanks to the Public Image Director's work throughout the year. A first for the club (*Editor thinks*).



Year	Zone	Team	Score	Rank	Achievement	Citation	
34	7030	Rotary 6825	San Fernando (6825)	Y	3	Bronze	Y
34	7030	Rotary 21313	San Fernando-South (21313)	Y	7	Gold	Y
34	7030	Rotary 25236	San Juan (25236)	N	0		
34	7030	Rotary 72394	Sangre Grande (72394)	Y	6	Silver	Y
34	7030	Rotary 75504	Schoelcher (75504)	N	0		
34	7030	Rotary 66016	Southwest-Tobago (66016)	Y	7	Gold	Y
34	7030	Rotary 6826	St. Augustine (6826)	Y	6	Silver	Y
34	7030	Rotary 22450	St. Augustine West (22450)	Y	3	Bronze	Y
34	7030	Rotary 6829	St. Kitts (6829)	N	5	Silver	Y
34	7030	Rotary 6816	St. Lucia (6816)	Y	9	Platinum	Y
34	7030	Rotary 6818	St. Vincent (6818)	Y	8	Gold	Y
34	7030	Rotary 31040	St. Vincent South (31040)	N	0		
34	7030	Rotary 222398	St. Vincent-Bequia (222398)	N	0		



BABONNEAU WATER PROJECT

With it being water, sanitation and hygiene month it would be remiss of us not to reflect upon this major project.

On May 27, 2013 the Rotary sponsored Babonneau water tank was officially presented in a ceremony headed by the Acting Prime Minister The Hon Dr. Robert Lewis, and other Government Ministers, Community Representatives and Rotarians form the USA and Saint Lucia.



ROTARY FELLOWSHIP OF LOVE MEETING

The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia Luncheon meeting on the 16th February was a meeting of love and cupcakes, initiated by PP Leevie.

Guests were Stephen McNamara, Favionne Burnett, Clendon Donai and Mindy Kohra-Nunez.

Some Rotarians dressed for the occasion in pink or red. Members conveyed what they love about other members, PP Leevie and President Everton delivered poetry, birthday greetings were sung for Clendon Donai and red velvet cupcakes were distributed.



PP Tim was the raffle winner of bottles of "his and her" prosecco donated by DGN Soraya.



ROTARIANS IN ACTION

DISTRIBUTION OF DENTAL & MEDICAL SUPPLIES

The distribution of medical supplies continues with deliveries to Marian Home, Comfort Bay and Soufriere hospital.



Delivery to Comfort Bay



Supplies to Soufriere hospital



ROTARY END PERIOD POVERTY PROJECT

The generous donation from the Montero Medical Missions has given over 5,000 sanitary items including sanitary towels, tampons and cups that are being distributed to young girls in Saint Lucia.



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.

The project focuses on raising awareness about the issue, advocating for policy changes, providing menstrual products to those in need, and promoting education about menstrual health and hygiene. It aims to ensure that menstruating individuals have access to the resources and support they need to manage their periods with dignity and without financial hardship.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dates for your diaries

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



Presents the 22nd Annual

Wine & Cheese Fiesta

Saturday 6th April 2024

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Government House

\$200 per person

Wine champagne open bars and cheese products
courtesy of



Live entertainment

Silent Auction

Art Display by Llewellyn Xavier

In cooperation with our sponsors



Chef Frank's Sausages



Dress Code: Formal. Jacket required for men



Tickets available online at <https://4circlestickets.com/>

Or from any Rotarian



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



Dr PP Azmin Long
9 March



Dr PP Selma St Prix
14 March



DGN Soraya Warner-
Gustave
25 March

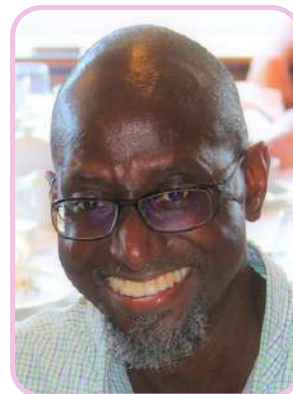
MARCH ROTAVERSARIES

Congratulations!

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



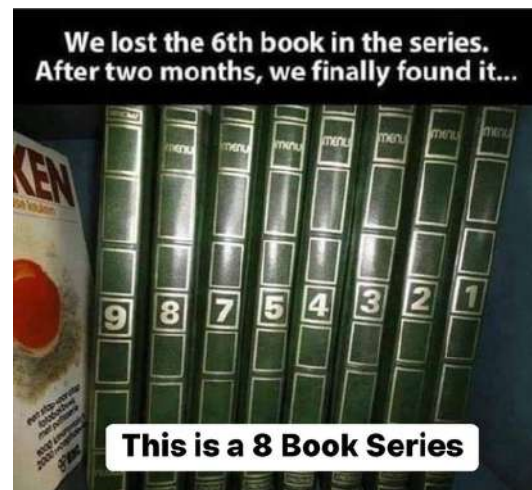
PE "Doddy" Francis
32 Years



PN Roger Hare
4 Years

JOKE IN SPOKE

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



Rotary Quiz

Test your Rotary knowledge
Answers will be in next months newsletter

Cowboy, Desk Clerk, Marble Salesman, Actor, Merchant Seaman, Fruit Picker. What were...?

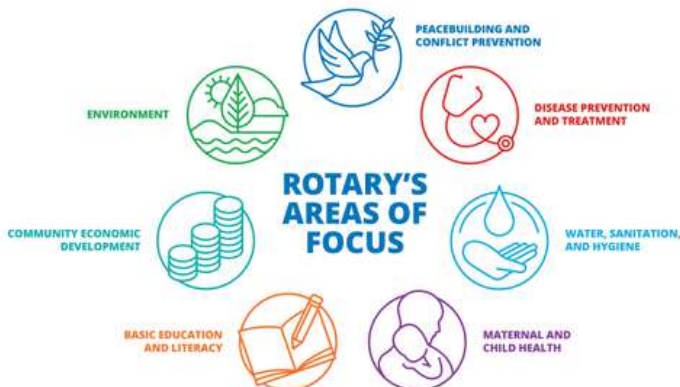
1. The fifth through the tenth members of the first Rotary Club?
2. Classifications not included until after the convention of 1922?
3. Paul Harris' jobs between 1891 and 1896?
4. Occupations not thought to be good material for Rotary membership?

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.