

# THE SPOKE

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

## YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

# MAY



*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."*  
Margaret Mead

## YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

TAKE ACTION: Get Involved, Join Rotary



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## YOUTH SERVICE MONTH



Good day to all you Rotarians,

Youth Service Month is not only an occasion to recognize the vital role our young leaders play in shaping our communities, but also a time to reflect on the responsibility we hold as Rotarians to nurture and empower the next generation. It is our duty to provide them with the tools and support they need to become compassionate, engaged citizens who will carry forward the spirit of service.

I am deeply moved by the countless stories of young individuals who have harnessed their passion and channeled it towards transforming lives. From organizing impactful community projects to spearheading innovative initiatives, our youth have proven time and again that age is no barrier to making a difference. Their determination, resilience, and unwavering commitment inspire us all to reach higher and dream bigger.

During this Youth Service Month, let us embrace the theme of "Empower, Inspire, Transform." It is our chance to celebrate the incredible potential within each young person and provide them with the platform to shine. By empowering our youth, we empower our future.

Rotary clubs across the globe have already embarked on remarkable initiatives to support the dreams of young people. Let us continue to create spaces for mentorship, professional development, and leadership training, enabling them to flourish and become agents of positive change.

I encourage each one of you to engage with youth organizations, schools, and universities in your local communities. Collaborate with young leaders, listen to their ideas, and involve them in our Rotary projects. Together, we can inspire the next generation to join us in our noble pursuit of service above self.

As we celebrate Youth Service Month, let us not only focus on the impact we can make in their lives, but also on the transformative power they possess to shape the world we live in. Their fresh perspectives, innovative thinking, and boundless enthusiasm hold the key to solving some of our most pressing challenges.

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



Youth Service Month is a time to recognize and celebrate the potential of young people as catalysts for change. By providing them with platforms, resources, and support, Rotary plays a vital role in nurturing their skills and empowering them to create a better world.

Let's continue to inspire, mentor, and collaborate with our youth, ensuring a brighter future for generations to come.

This month is not only about recognizing the efforts of our youth but also about acknowledging the role Rotary plays in empowering them. Through our mentoring programs, scholarships, and leadership opportunities, we provide the platform for young people to grow, learn, and become the leaders of tomorrow.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all the Rotarians, community leaders, and organizations who have dedicated their time and resources to Youth Service. Your unwavering commitment to nurturing the potential of our young leaders is truly inspiring.

Together, let us continue to foster an environment where our young leaders can thrive, learn, and create a lasting impact. May their enthusiasm ignite the flame of service in our hearts and inspire us to build a better world.

"Empowering youth today cultivates leaders who will shape a better tomorrow."

## 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)

**If you want the Spoke, feed the Spoke.**



## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Rotary International President Jennifer Jones and her partner, Nick Krayacich, address the crowd during the closing session of the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, Australia.

During the convention's closing session, 2023-24 Rotary International President R. Gordon R. McNally explained why he's asking members to make mental health a priority. When his only brother took his own life, McNally said, he became determined to fight the stigma around mental health issues and expand access to care.

McNally urged Rotary members to Create Hope in the World by getting involved and taking action at a critical moment in history.

"To create hope, we must continue doing our important work, and do it better than ever before," he said. "We must refocus our efforts to build peace across the globe. And we must help each other find peace within — and share that ethic of care to the people we serve."



Watch Rotary's People of Action Champions of Inclusion event on **10 June** featuring the inspiring stories of our six honorees and other Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion thought leaders.

[Click for more information](#)

## ROTARY DISTRICT 7030 NEWS

To Change The World, Start Young



In 2022, Interact - one of Rotary's Youth Service Programs - celebrated its 60th anniversary!

Since 1962, generations of young people have discovered the power of Service Above Self and — judging from the pictures in the linked article below — had some serious fun along the way.

Read more [HERE](#)

## ROTARY CLUB OF SAINT LUCIA FUNDRAISING UPDATE

The wine and cheese fiesta raised net funds of \$41,673. \$5,000 is to be donated to a charity of the District Governor's choice and \$3,000 to the Rotaract Club \$3,000.

The Laptop Raffle, led by PP Frank raised \$14,330 (less \$500 lottery commission charge). 50% of funds raised will go to the Rotary Foundation and 50% to Club Projects.



# ROTARIANS IN ACTION



A new 4-way test sign was erected at the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College.

Rotarian Mary led a feeding program in Castries and with other fellow Rotarians distributed 80 lunches.



## FRIDAY GUEST SPEAKER MEETING



Mrs Andrea St.Rose was the guest speaker and gave an interesting and informative presentation on the recent budget. Opening her presentative with "don't blame the messenger", she engaged the room and generated the most questions at a Friday meeting this Rotary year.

## NEW CLUB MEMBERS

3 new Rotarians were pinned in May. Let's give them a warm welcome to the club.



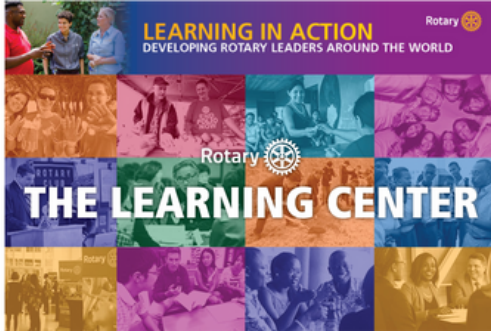
Genevieve Dixon



Vanessa Fennell

Sherlon Leon

# ROTARY LEARNING CENTRE



Before you jump into the Rotary Learning Center and take advantage of all its valuable content, browse the newly updated course catalog to see what is available, what is new and what has been revised. Explore courses to determine what is best suited to your current or future roles, as well as, what may be of interest to you, as a Rotarian/Rotaractor, as a professional, as a person.

Find downloadable course catalogs here:

<https://my-cms.rotary.org/.../learning-center-course-catalog>

# ROTARY PODCASTS

For those of you who enjoy the spoken word, enjoy the many Rotary podcasts. Click the link below to explore this further.



[Rotary Podcast link](#)

# ROTARY MEMORIES

This month's step down memory lane takes us to the Rotary Bus





## Upcoming Birthdays



### **JUNE**

Natoya Cassius

1 June

Konrad Wagner

14 June

Frank Myers

23 June

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## June 2023

TBC

Installation of Peace Pole

## July 2023

1st  
Saturday

Handover Ceremony  
Location and time TBC

## September 2023

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

## May 2024



2024 Rotary International Convention  
25-29 MAY 2024  
SINGAPORE

**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

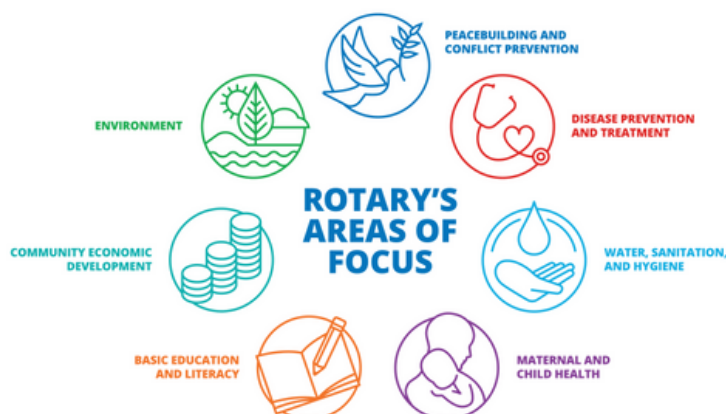
Each month has a different Rotary theme. Start your planning now!

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

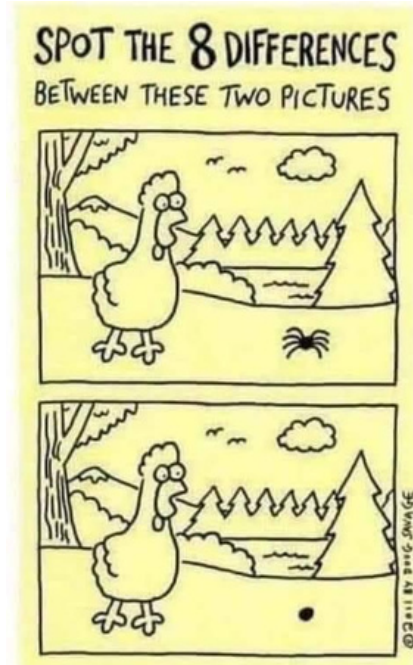
Let's welcome the new committee members for 2022/23

*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart". Elizabeth Andrew*

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

# Joke in the Spoke

*Some light hearted humour*



Doctor: Your blood pressure is a little high.  
 Me: I have 4 kids. Two are in college. One just got his driver's license and my youngest is about to become a teenager.  
 Doctor:  
 Me:  
 Doctor: Your blood pressure is a little low.

**Two men are playing golf. One of them is about to take a swing when a funeral procession appears on the road next to the course. He stops mid-swing, takes off his cap, closes his eyes, and bows his head in contemplation.**

**His opponent comments: "That must be the most touching thing I've ever seen. You are a very feeling man." The man, recovering himself, replies, "Yeah, well we were married 35 years."**

The average human walks  
**900 MILES PER YEAR,**  
 and drinks  
**22 GALLONS OF BEER,**  
 Which means...  
 The average human gets  
**41 MILES PER GALLON.**  
 Not bad!

# 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**