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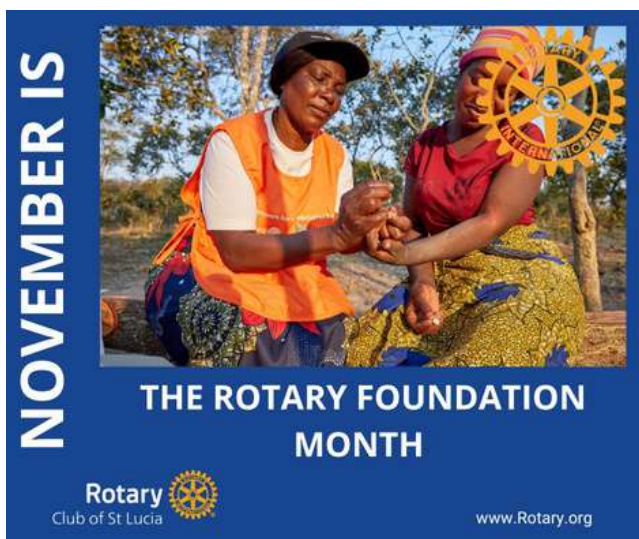


## ROTARY'S NOVEMBER: ROTARY FOUNDATION SPOTLIGHT

The Rotary Foundation is instrumental in helping Rotary clubs and Rotarians make a difference in communities around the world. It embodies the principles of service, goodwill, and peace that are central to Rotary International's mission.

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## ROTARY CLUBS OF SAINT LUCIA AND LAMENTIN DONATE MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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## The Four-Way Test

of what we think, say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



# PRESIDENT MESSAGE



Fellow Rotarians and Friends

As we step into November, we embark on a month that holds significant meaning within the heart of Rotary—November is Rotary Foundation Month. It's a time when we reflect on the incredible impact of our Foundation, celebrating its legacy and the transformative power it holds in our communities and across the globe.

The Rotary Foundation stands as a beacon of hope, driving our mission to create positive, lasting change. Through its unwavering support, we continue to implement sustainable solutions, tackle pressing challenges and make a tangible difference in the lives of those who need it most. From eradicating polio to supporting education and fostering peace, our Foundation remains at the forefront of driving impactful, life-changing initiatives.

This month, let's take a moment to appreciate and recognize the tireless efforts of our Foundation and the generosity of our members. Our collective contributions, both big and small, fuel the Foundation's work, enabling us to realize ambitious projects, foster goodwill and create a better world for all.

As we celebrate Rotary Foundation Month, I encourage each Rotarian to reflect on the power of our collective actions. Let's continue to support the Foundation, not just through financial contributions, but also by actively engaging in projects and initiatives that amplify our impact.

Whether it's through volunteering, advocating for our causes, or spreading awareness, each action propels us closer to achieving our shared goals.

Together, we have the ability to effect positive change, leaving a legacy that transcends generations. Let's use this month as an opportunity to recommit ourselves to Rotary's ideals and the Foundation's mission. Let's inspire others to join us in our endeavors, magnifying our impact and strengthening our commitment to Service Above Self.

Thank you for your dedication, generosity, and unwavering support. As we honor Rotary Foundation Month, let's continue to be the driving force behind meaningful change, making a profound difference in the world we share.

Yours in Rotary,

President Everton Sealey



# THE 2023/24 BOARD



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Sergeant at Arms  
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## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

by Angela Coleby

Greetings, Rotarians and Friends,

After a fantastic Charter night, it's time to look at the November theme of Rotary Foundation month. Rotary clubs typically celebrate November as "The Rotary Foundation Month" to highlight and support the initiatives and projects carried out by The Rotary Foundation. During this month, Rotary clubs worldwide engage in various activities to raise awareness, promote the foundation's causes, and support fundraising efforts.

The easiest way to help the Rotary Foundation is to donate.

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.

Every Rotarian Every Year" (EREY) is a significant concept within Rotary International that emphasizes the idea that each Rotarian should contribute something to The Rotary Foundation every year.

Participation in the EREY program is voluntary, but it is highly encouraged within Rotary clubs as a means to support the Foundation's mission and contribute to the betterment of communities worldwide.

The spirit of EREY reflects Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self," promoting the idea that each member's contribution, no matter the amount, collectively makes a substantial difference in helping Rotary achieve its humanitarian goals.

Yours in the spirit of growth and service,

### 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>



Submit your ideas and suggestions for The Spoke to [acoleby@gmail.com](mailto:acoleby@gmail.com)



# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## RI PRESIDENT R. GORDON R. MCINALLY MONTHLY MESSAGE

Next year, Rotary takes a step toward supporting peacebuilding in the Middle East and North Africa region when recruitment begins for our newest peace center in partnership with Bahçeşehir University (BAU) in Istanbul.

A series of events in the coming year will recognize the new center at BAU and Rotary's work to promote peace. The 2024 Rotary International Convention in May will mark 25 years since the first Rotary Peace Centers were announced — coincidentally at the Rotary Convention in Singapore in 1999. Recruitment for the first cohort of Rotary Peace Fellows at BAU also starts in 2024, and selected candidates will begin their program in early 2025.



### [READ MORE HERE](#)

It's World Interact Week! Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to take action in their communities, build international understanding, and make new friends around the world.





## ROTARY DISTRICT 7030 NEWS

### ROTARY DISTRICT 7030 INTRODUCTORY MENTAL HEALTH MESSAGE

October 10th was globally recognized as World Mental Health Day, and Rotary District 7030 proudly aligns with the global theme: "Mental health is a universal human right." Within the Caribbean community, mental health disorders stand as the 5th major non-communicable disease, affecting numerous lives and posing significant challenges. District 7030 therefore echoes the World Health Organization's timeless wisdom from 1948, and firmly believes that health encompasses complete physical, mental, emotional and social well-being.

[READ MORE](#)

### YOUNG LEADERS IN ACTION

#### Participate in the 2023 Interact Awards!

This year's Interact Awards invites Interact clubs to create an Interact promotion!

Develop a promotional video, photo, and/or essay that raises awareness about Interact and shares what being an Interactor means to you and your Interact club. For the second year in the Interact Awards history, submissions will be accepted in Rotary's official languages (English, Spanish, French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, and Portuguese)!

Submit your video, photo, and/or essay nominations by 3 December 2023 for a chance to be named "Best Video," "Best Photo," or "Best Essay" and receive funds to support your Interact club.'





The Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary International, the global service organization dedicated to bringing together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards, and promote goodwill and peace in the world. Established in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, the Foundation initially focused on the purpose of "doing good in the world."

The Foundation's primary objective is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. It operates with the mission of promoting peace, preventing diseases, supporting education, growing local economies, and providing clean water and sanitation.

The Foundation is funded by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends who share the vision of a better world. These contributions support the Foundation's various programs, which include:

**PolioPlus:** An initiative dedicated to eradicating polio worldwide. The Foundation has been a key player in the global effort to eliminate polio and has contributed significantly to reducing cases of this disease.

**Global Grants:** These grants support large-scale international projects focused on sustainable, high-impact outcomes in areas such as water and sanitation, disease prevention, maternal and child health, basic education, and community economic development.

**District Grants:** Aimed at smaller-scale, community-based projects within local communities, these grants allow Rotary clubs to address immediate needs and serve their local populations.

**Scholarships:** The Foundation provides scholarships for individuals seeking to further their education or engage in academic studies related to peace and conflict resolution.

The Rotary Foundation has earned a reputation for its effectiveness and transparency in managing funds and ensuring that contributions translate into tangible, meaningful, and sustainable results. It plays a pivotal role in supporting Rotarians as they carry out service projects both locally and globally, making a significant difference in the lives of individuals and communities worldwide.



## ROTARIANS IN ACTION

Rotarian Riquette flew the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia flag whilst visiting Bermuda. She met with Greg Soares, the President of the Rotary Club of Hamilton on 17th October.





## **Rotary Clubs of Saint Lucia and Lamentin Donate Medical Supplies to the Ministry of Health**

In a heartfelt demonstration of commitment to public health and well-being, the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia and the Rotary Club of Lamentin have joined forces to donate medical supplies to the Ministry of Health. The generous contribution aims to support the healthcare system in Saint Lucia during these challenging times and further reinforce the collaborative spirit between the local community and service organizations.



The handover ceremony took place on Friday 27th October 2023 at Stanislaus James Building, where representatives from both Rotary Clubs gathered to present the much-needed medical supplies to the Ministry of Health. The event was marked by an atmosphere of unity and shared purpose as the clubs reaffirmed their dedication to the betterment of healthcare services within the region.



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.



Speaking at the handover ceremony, President Everton expressed profound gratitude and emphasized the commitment of both clubs to supporting the tireless efforts of healthcare professionals. "I would like to express heartfelt gratitude to the Rotary Club of Lamentin for such a generous donation of medical supplies and I would also like the thank the Ministry of Health for your hard work in ensuring that the items were received and cleared through the ports."

Representatives of the Rotary Club of Lamentin, Past Presidents Ludovic and Jean-Claude both expressed their club's commitment to continue working with the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia as we seek to create hope. They also expressed thanks to the Consulate General of Saint Lucia, Ms Alison Joseph for assisting with logistics.

Jean-Claude commented that "this ceremony is important because it celebrates a very good cause, that of Health, which is the manifestation of a fundamental right, namely the Right to Health. The presentation of this important batch of sanitary materials and equipment, acquired as part of our "Health Support Project" complements these initiatives.



The Ministry of Health, represented by Ministry of Health Permanent Secretary, Ms Jenny Daniel and Chief Medical Officer, Dr Sharon Belmar-George both conveyed sincere appreciation for the generosity of the Rotary Clubs.



This donation stands as a symbol of the enduring partnership between service organizations and governmental bodies, united in their mission to serve and uplift the community.



## 57th CHARTER ANNIVERSARY NIGHT CELEBRATIONS

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

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.



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# DR STEPHEN KING'S PRESENTATION & EVENING ENTERTAINMENT



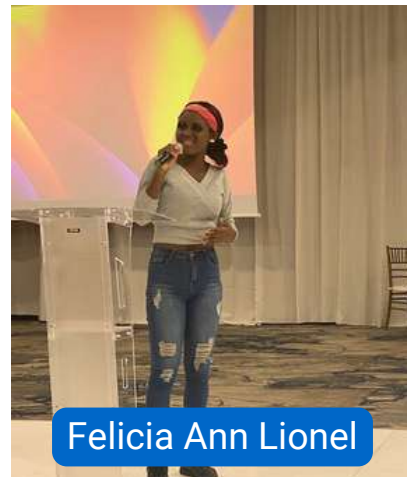
Dr Stephen King Delivers A Interesting Presentation



Dr Nyalla Lewis Gave the Vote of Thanks



A "Chat" Challenge



Felicia Ann Lionel



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dates for your diaries

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	Sun 12th	Rotary Feeding Program
<b>DECEMBER</b>	Mon - Sat 18th-23rd Sat 23rd	Packing & Distribution of Christmas Hampers  Children's Christmas Party
<b>JANUARY</b>	Tues 2nd	Christmas Feeding Program
<b>APRIL</b>	Easter Weekend  Thurs - Sat, 18th - 20th	Anti-Drug Youth Camp "Love & Respect"  District Conference, St.Vincent



## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



PP "Joe" Ira Simmons  
19th November



PAG Dr Malcolm Charles  
23rd November



## NOVEMBER ROTARVERSARIES

Congratulations!

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



IPP Gordon Julien  
19 Years



PP/VP Selma St.Prix  
12 Years

# JOKE IN SPOKE

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



*"We're sorry. Your answer to your secret question was incorrect. Your bank account has therefore been erased from our system"*



*"And, for what we don't cover, there's insurance insurance."*



*"The way it works now, sir, is we've planted cookies in your computer, and you pay us to remove them."*

## Rotary Quiz

Test your Rotary knowledge  
Answers will be in next months newsletter

### Arch Klumph. Who was a...?

1. Manufacturer who donated shoes to victims of polio?
2. (the) First District Governor from the original district?
3. (is) a present RI Director?
4. Past RI President from Cleveland, credited with starting the Rotary Foundation

**The answer for last month's quiz was #1.**

# 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.