

OCTOBER 2023

# THE SPOKE



## ROTARY'S OCTOBER: BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES THROUGH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

During this month, Rotary clubs worldwide engage in activities and projects aimed at improving the economic well-being and overall development of local communities.

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**OCTOBER IS**



**COMMUNITY ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

Rotary  
Club of St. Lucia

[www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)

## MONTERO MEDICAL MISSION DENTAL MISSION - ST LUCIA

A very successful collaboration with the Montero Medical Mission with 10 dentists and 5 hygienists covering 8 dental clinics in 3 days. In addition to lectures and training the project delivered a great impact to the community.



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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 welcome the beautiful month of October, we also embrace the spirit of Community and Economic Development Month. This is a time when we come together to celebrate our commitment to building stronger communities and fostering economic growth, both locally and globally. It's a reminder of the positive impact we can have when we work together as Rotarians.

In our journey towards community and economic development, we are guided by Rotary's core values of service, fellowship and diversity. These values shape our actions and inspire us to create lasting change in the world. As we focus on this month's theme, let us reflect on the following key principles:

**Local Engagement:** We understand that strong communities are the foundation of a prosperous society. This month, let's renew our dedication to serving our local communities. Whether it's through community service projects, supporting local businesses, or advocating for policies that enhance economic opportunities, our actions make a difference.

**Global Impact:** Rotary's reach extends far beyond our local clubs. Through our international projects and partnerships, we contribute to global economic development, improve living conditions, and combat poverty. Our commitment to building a better world knows no borders.

**Collaboration:** Effective community and economic development require collaboration. Rotary clubs, businesses, governments and community organizations can achieve more when they work together. Let's seek opportunities to forge partnerships that amplify our impact.

**Innovation:** As we address the evolving challenges of our times, let's embrace innovation and creativity. Whether it's finding new ways to support small businesses, addressing environmental sustainability, or promoting inclusive growth, Rotary can be a driving force for positive change.

**Empowerment:** True development is not about charity alone; it's about empowering individuals and communities to create sustainable change. Through education, vocational training, and support for entrepreneurship, we can help people achieve self-reliance and dignity.

As we celebrate Community and Economic Development Month, let us remember that our work as Rotarians is a force for good in the world.

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

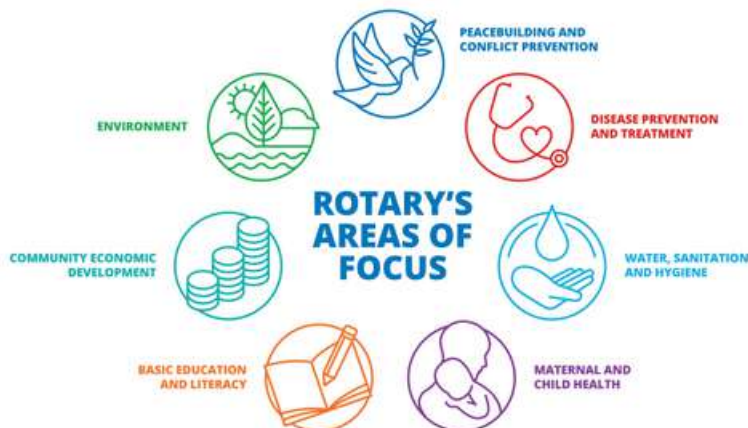
Greetings, Rotarians and Friends,

One of the key principles of Rotary is collaboration. Rotary clubs often partner with local organizations, governments, and businesses to maximize their impact. This spirit of cooperation is essential for the success of community economic development initiatives. When different stakeholders work together, they can leverage their resources, expertise, and networks to create meaningful and sustainable change.

This principle was in full force with the recent collaboration of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia, Rotary Club of Gros Islet, the Lions and the Montero Medical Mission. It was a project that has been developed since December 2022 and seeing it come together was amazing. Let's hope that this continues into a long term project for the communities of Saint Lucia.

Community Economic and Development Month is a time to celebrate the spirit of Rotary and the profound impact it has on our communities. It reminds us of the power of collaboration, the importance of inclusivity, and the potential for positive change when we work together. Let us continue to embrace the principles of community economic development and strive to create brighter, more prosperous futures for all.

Yours in the spirit of growth and service,



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



## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rotary clubs in Morocco and ShelterBox are responding to the devastating earthquake in partnership with Moroccan authorities and other national NGOs.

"Together, we will be providing shelter to people, giving them a sense of privacy and protection from the cold nights and heat of the day," said Saadia Aglif, Rotary District Governor in Morocco.

Learn more and contribute to the Morocco Earthquake Response Fund:

<https://on.rotary.org/3tMiAzv>



## ROTARY DISTRICT 7030 NEWS

As you may be aware, the annual Rotary Zones 33/34 Action Summit is happening in late October and taking place in our neighborhood - Nassau, Bahamas.

The last time this event took place in the Caribbean was about 15+ years ago and the significance of the occasion this year is not being missed by the organizing team.

Consequently, one of the special offerings for the 2023 Action Summit is to open its doors and include a sincere and definitive Caribbean Rotary presence. To do this, Rotarians and Rotaractors from all three of our Caribbean Districts (7000, 7020 and 7030) are invited to register for and attend the 2023 Action Summit and join members from across the region, including past, present and future leaders from all 31 Districts in Zones 33/34, as well as, from Rotary International including none other than RI President Gordon McInally, Past RI President Barry Rassin, RI Director Jeremy Hurst and many more.

Registration is available via the Action Summit website - [RotaryRecharge.org](https://RotaryRecharge.org) - with two options for members:

Full Registration which includes participation in general sessions, workshops, meals and events from 26th-29th October

Saturday Only Registration which provides a day-pass for all general sessions and lunch on 28th October



**Rotary**  
Zones 33/34

Bahamas  
Action  
Summit 2023

*Recharge*  
Rotary Style

October 26-29, 2023  
Paradise Island, Bahamas  
[RotaryRecharge.org](https://RotaryRecharge.org)

**CALLING ALL CARIBBEAN ROTARIANS & ROTARACTORS**

Want to experience the annual leadership Summit? Looking to make some new Rotary friends? Seeking new opportunities for learning and growth?

Members from Districts 7000, 7020 and 7030 are invited to register and attend Zones 33/34's Action Summit and gain new insight into the world of Rotary

This special offer does not come along too often...so take advantage now!

Register for the full Summit or a single day (Saturday) pass!

For more information, visit: [RotaryRecharge.org](https://RotaryRecharge.org)



## Satellite and Rotary Club Back to School Drive

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.



# GUEST SPEAKER MEETING



Michelle S Charles, Permanent Secretary was the guest speaker on September 22, 2023.





## ROTARY, LIONS & MONTERO MEDICAL MISSION SAINT LUCIA DENTAL PROJECT

An evening reception welcoming the team from the Montero Medical Mission was held at Rotarian Sean Devaux's house, with food and refreshments served by Calabash Cove Resort & Spa. In attendance were Mayor Geraldine Lendor-Gabrielle, members of the Lions's club, Rotary Club of Saint Lucia and Rotary Club of Gros Islet.



**FULL ALBUM OF PHOTOGRAPHS ON THE CLUB WEBSITE**

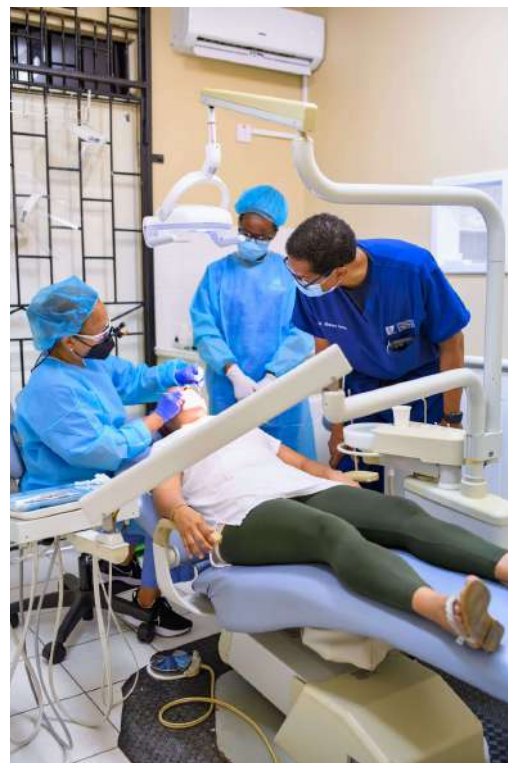


Lectures and presentations were held at the NSDC, Bisee with 20 Dental Assistants receiving certificates.





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





After 3 days hard work, it was time to relax and enjoy the beauty of Saint Lucia. A boat trip was full of fun, fellowship, waterfalls, great food and rum punch.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dates for your diaries

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
<b>OCTOBER</b>	Tues 24th	World Polio Day
	Thurs 26th	Charter Anniversary
	Saturday 28th	Charter Anniversary Night
	Sun 29th	Feeding the Needy
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	Sat 11th	Rotary National Tree Planting
	Sun 26th	International Food Fair
<b>DECEMBER</b>	Mon - Sat 18th-23rd	Packing & Distribution of Christmas Hampers
	Sat 23rd	Children's Christmas Party
<b>JANUARY</b>	Tues 2nd	Christmas Feeding the Needy
<b>APRIL</b>	Easter Weekend	Anti-Drug Youth Camp "Love & Respect"
	Thurs - Sat, 18th - 20th	District Conference, St.Vincent



## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



Harold Adu  
10th October



PAG Leathon Khan  
26th October



## OCTOBER ROTARVERSARIES

Congratulations!

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



PP Leevie Herelle  
14 Years



President Everton Sealy  
4 Years

## JOKE IN SPOKE

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

**It's never too late to  
start exercising.**

**That's why I'm  
waiting until later.**

I let my husband label the spices and  
this happened



A sign in a shoe repair store, "We will heel you,  
We will save your sole,  
We will even dye for you!"

At an Eye Clinic: "If you don't see what you're  
looking for, You've come to the right place.";

On a Plumber's truck : "We repair what your  
husband fixed";

In a Restaurant window : "Don't stand there  
and be hungry; come on in and get fed up.";

In the front yard of a Funeral Home: "Drive  
carefully. We'll wait.";

Sign on the back of Septic Tank Truck :  
"Caution - This Truck is full of Political  
Promises"

### Rotary Quiz

Test your Rotary knowledge  
Answers will be in next months newsletter

**This famous Rotarian was expelled from a university. Who was....?**

1. Paul Harris?
2. Chesley Perry?
3. Arch Klumph?
4. Herb Taylor?

**The answer for last month's quiz was #2.**

# 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.