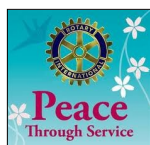




The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia

"The Spoke"



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[Rotary District Conference 2013 Grenada April 17 - 20, 2013](#)

The 4-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or 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?

Weekly Duties

	March 1	March 8	March 15
Meeting	Fellowship	Business	GSE talk
Greeters	Sabia Selma	Steve Tim M.	Andre Anthony
Prize	Soraya	Soraya	Azmina

If you can't make it as above, please tell Dir. Andre ASAP!

Birthdays in March



PP Dr. Azmina Long - March 9
Selma St. Prix - March 14
Cyril Landers - March 18

Board 2012-2013

<i>President</i>	Konrad Wagner PHF
<i>Vice President</i>	PP Charles Serieux PHF
<i>President Elect</i>	Rudolph "Doddy" Francis
<i>Immediate PP</i>	Digby Ambris PHF
<i>Secretary</i>	Rudolph "Doddy" Francis
<i>Treasurer</i>	Gloria Williams PHF
<i>Sergeant at Arms</i>	PP Timothy Moffatt PHF
<i>Public Relations Officer</i>	PP Dr. Azmina Long PHF

Directors:

Club Administration:	André Cherebin PHF
Service Projects:	Dr. Marcus Day PHF
Membership:	Chester Hinkson
Rotary Foundation:	PP Albert Daniels, PHF
New Generations:	Selma St. Prix



Club Meeting - Friday February 15, 2013

That was a Speaker meeting

Meeting statistics:



Attendance: 27 Rotarians 60%, 3 Visiting Rotarian
2 Rotaractors, 3 guests

Sergeant PP Tim raised \$ 100.00
and the raffle yielded \$ 160.00

The raffle donated by PP Malcolm was won by Rot. Peter K.



Save these dates

- Saturday March 2, 2013 Rotary club of Saint Lucia South Charter Night
- Saturday March 9, 2013 Rotary Calabashers perform in Soufriere
- RYLA 2013 Guyana 21st - 24th March, 2013
- Wheelchair distribution March 25, 2013
- Rotary Easter youth Camp April 4 - 7, 2013
- District Conference 2013 Grenada 17th - 20th April, 2013
- International tree planting with Michele Weber and the Oakdale, Angels-Murphy's, Atwater and Lodi Rotary Clubs in District 5220, California May 24 - June 1, 2013
- Cap Maison Anniversary party with Calabashers September 27, 2013 Theme "Sci-fi"

Rotary Easter 2013 raffle launched

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BRITISH AIRWAYS

Presents
A GRAND RAFFLE
Proceeds in aid of Comfort Bay Home for the elderly and Rotary Community Projects

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____

**2 WORLD TRAVELER PLUS TICKETS TO LONDON ON BRITISH AIRWAYS**
Tickets \$20
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Taxes Included: Special conditions apply
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All Rotarians are encouraged to sell as many chances as possible. The aim is to sell at least 1000 tickets. Proceeds are in support of the Comfort Bay Home and other Rotary community projects. Please ensure all ticket stubs are returned to Dir. Andre by April 18, 2013.

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Visitors to the lunch meeting



One of our guests was Rotaract President Samara Aurelien. This reminded the members of the upcoming RYLA conference in Guyana March 21-24, 2013 and our usual sponsorship of usually 2 Rotaractors attending RYLA. The board will address this matter at the next meeting on Tuesday March 5, 2013.

Also visiting us once again was PDG Tony Watkins from Barbados. He was in Saint Lucia on personal business and used the opportunity to fellowship with members of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia.



Other guests were PP Lisle Chase and Rot. Kitt Raye in addition to guests of Rotarians.

Dunnottar students are going to Martinique

In cooperation with the Rotary Club of Lamentin and with the assistance of the Alliance Francaise we were able to finalise a trip for 23 students and chaperones to Martinique. The group is leaving Saint Lucia on March 22 for 6 days. With the generous assistance of Pres. Claude de Jaham, the Rotary Club of Lamentin is assuming the accommodation costs for the entire group in Martinique including breakfast.

Visit to the Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia South in Laborie

On Tuesday March 19, 2013 AG Tim and Pres. Konrad attended a meeting of the Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia South. The club is struggling with attendance and membership numbers. The club members are currently in discussions about possibly relocating the club to Vieux Fort to possibly attract new members in that larger community. They need all our support and we should consider opportunities to assist them. The meeting was followed with fellowship at a local gathering place.





The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids), founded in 1875 and affiliated with the University of Toronto, is Canada's most research-intensive hospital and the largest centre dedicated to improving children's health in the country. As innovators in child health, SickKids improves the health of children by integrating care, research and teaching.

The Caribbean-SickKids Paediatric Cancer and Blood Disorders Strategy

About the Project:

With the Caribbean-SickKids Paediatric Cancer and Blood Disorders Strategy, SickKids is working to develop a pan-Caribbean network aimed at improving clinical outcomes and quality of life for children who are afflicted with cancer and other serious blood disorders by:

- Collaborating with Caribbean leaders and partnering institutions to identify the needs, priorities and areas for capacity building
- Working with partners to identify strategies and activities for improving diagnosis, best practices and protocols for children with cancer and serious blood disorders
- Building on opportunities to enhance existing healthcare systems to ensure long-term sustainability via an established Caribbean network

The Caribbean-SickKids Paediatric Cancer and Blood Disorders Strategy will help to identify the partnerships, priorities and activities to advance the treatment and care of children living in the Caribbean region.

Country Partners:

Bahamas, Barbados, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent, and Trinidad and Tobago
The project representative in Saint Lucia is Dr. Jacqueline Bird.

For much more information please visit www.sickkids.ca

Rotary's involvement in the project:

The current proposal is for district 7020 and 7030 to contribute US\$ 1,000 000.00 over a period of 5 years. In other words district 7030 would be asked to raise US\$ 100.00 per year for the next 5 years. The total amount is then to be matched by The Rotary Foundation for a grand total contribution of US\$ 2,000 000.00

The immediate goal is to raise US\$ 8,000 000.00 within the next 5 years and implement the program. To date over US\$ 2,000 000.00 have been made available from donors in the Caribbean. Amongst them private citizens, the Sandals Foundation, and discussions are taking place with representatives from banks and other regional and international organisations and businesses with a prominent presence in the Caribbean.





Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia elects new board



On behalf of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia Pres. Konrad attended the election of the new board on Thursday February 21, 2013 at the RC Boys primary School in Castries. The election was conducted in the most professional manner with the following results:



The Rotaract Board 2013-14

President - Everitus Jn Marie Jr.
Vice President - Crysta Frederick-Asson
Secretary - Aarah Harris
Treasurer - Brittney Gonzague
Community Service - Keisha Alfred
Professional Development - Vernel Flavien
Club Service - Eldon Paul
International Service - Okizia Lambert.





The guest speaker was Mr. Michael Cowing



Mr. Cowing is a citizen of both the UK and Saint Lucia.

He is a chartered Environmental Scientist with 25 years of local and international experience having worked in over 50 countries around the globe. Some 15 years ago he facilitated the establishment of the Saint Lucia Solid Waste Management Authority..

He currently works on projects in Africa and the Middle East on waste management and environmental undertakings.

Mr. Cowing gave a most interesting presentation on the challenges caused by natural disasters and used pictures from his work after the Tsunami in Japan to illustrate the damage caused, the cleaning up work undertaken, the challenges and expenses faced during the cleaning up, the lessons learned from it and the mistakes made and not made.

It showed how little protection man made installations offered during this disaster generated from an under-sea earthquake off the coast of Japans islands.

Mr. Cowing highlighted the very real dangers faced by Caribbean islands should a similar natural disaster face us. He illustrated the very real question of when and not just if we will be faced with an earthquake or volcanic eruption and how little most of are prepared for such a scenario. He pointed out that Japanese communities with proper disaster plans and according previously carried out drill fared extensively better than communities that had not prepared for this or a similar emergency.

It presents the question what will we do if?

The subject matter is dear to the heart of all present and manifested itself in the number of interested questions addressed to the presenter.

Outgoing GSE update

After a delayed confirmation of the GSE details we were finally advised that unfortunately our nominee to participate in the last outgoing GSE Team to Florida was no selected by the district selection committee. This is particularly disappointing as the GSE is with district 6960 that is the main funding district behind our joint water project in Babonneau. We were of course hoping to strengthen our ties with district 6960 in light of the water project and the expected visit from that district for the official handing over ceremony and activities of that new water tank.

The selected participants for the visit to district 6960 are:

**MAYVIS GIBUS from MARTINIQUE
MELI'SA -KAYE ROBOTHAM from GRENADA
NAETTE LEE from TRINIDAD
TAMARA ARTHUR from BARBADOS
GAYARERSAD BEHARRY from TRINIDAD.**

Congratulations to the selected candidates

The Caribbean team is scheduled to travel in April 2013 while a GSE Team from district 6960 will during the same period be visiting the Caribbean.