



The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia

"The Spoke"



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The 107th Convention of Rotary International - Seoul 29 May - 1 June 2016

Weekly Duties

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?

	September 11	September 18	September 25
Meeting	Fellowship meeting	Guest speaker meeting	Rotary speaks Pres. Tim
Greeters	Pedro B Bobby	Steve .	Ginelle Timothy James
Prize	Peter K	Selma	Timothy Moffat

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



Birthdays in September

Timothy Moffat	September	8
Ian Mitchell	September	15
Digby Ambris	September	15
Albert Daniels	September	20

Board 2015-16

<i>President</i>	Timothy James
<i>Vice President</i>	PP Albert Daniel PHF
<i>President Elect</i>	Selma St. Prix
<i>Immediate PP</i>	PP Chester Hinkson
<i>Secretary</i>	Selma St. Prix
<i>Treasurer</i>	PP Robert "Bobby" Frederick PHF
<i>Public Relations</i>	PP Rudolph "Doddy" Francis PHF
<i>Sergeant at Arms:</i>	PP Carole Jn Marie PHF

Directors

Club Administration:	Joanna Charles
Community Service	Steve Johnny PHF
Vocational Service	Andre Cherebin PHF
International Service	PP Leathon Khan PHF
Membership Service	PP Tim Moffat PHF
Youth Service:	Ginelle Nelson
Rotary Foundation:	PP Malcolm Charles, PHF

District responsibilities

Assistant Governor	PP Konrad F Wagner PHF
District Advisor (TRF) Major Gifts	PAG Malcolm Charles PHF
Vice Chair IFRM D7020 & D7030	PAG Malcolm Charles PHF



Club Meeting - September 4, 2015

This was a business meeting

Meeting statistics

Attendance:

29 Rotarians 72 %
3 Visiting Rotarians
2 Guests

Pres. Timothy J. chaired the meeting

Acting Serge Doddy raised \$ 105.00

The raffle was donated by PP Digby
It yielded \$ 150.00 and was won by Rot Birgitta



Save the date

September is New Generation Month

- September 19-20 Rotary Presidents conference and Leadership training in Antigua
- September 23, 2015 Vocational visit to the new Hospital. Meet at the hospital at 12 noon
- Rotary Calabashers Concert, Saturday November 28, 2015, National Cultural Centre
- Visit of DG Milton December 14-16, 2015
- 14th. Annual Wine & Cheese Fiesta Saturday February 6, 2016

Visiting Rotarians

and guests at the meeting



VR Judy Deterville
PP RC of Gros Islet



VR Andrina Perez-Cardarelli
RC of Lake Mary
Florida



Jacqueline Theodor
guest of
VR PP Judy



William Cardarelli
guest of
VR Andrina



Wally Weeks
guest of
PP Keith

Dominica relief update



On Monday September 7, 2015 the sailing yacht Sir Martin II from the International Rescue Group departed from the Rodney Bay Marina. As it turned out there were more relief supplies than the boat could comfortably and safely carry. The boat docked at Woodbridge Bay Roseau on Tuesday September 8, 2015 after a slightly delayed departure from Saint Lucia.

Depending on the effects of Tropical Storm Grace and other weather systems in the area the Sir Martin II is scheduled to make another trip to Dominica this weekend. There may already be additional aid supplies awaiting transport to the "Nature Isle".

Plus some items are expected from St. Vincent with the hope we can assist in getting these items to Dominica





Rotary Directors report at the business meeting



PP Konrad was asked to give an update on the Rotary relief efforts for Dominica.

He mentioned that it was initially difficult to determine what help was needed where and at times contradicting information had to be considered. Following the initial request from Dominica ADG Haynes the 2 Rotary clubs had agreed to make a \$ 10,000 cash donation into the special Dominica disaster account. These funds were taken from the long ago established disaster account that had sufficient funds to disburse immediately. He thanked Rot. Andre for doing the relevant bank transfer work.

At the time of the meeting we were still awaiting permission to dispatch the 19 Shelterboxes to Dominica.

Pres. Dahlia and PP Konrad had opened the Shelterboxes and set up 21 tent. Pres. Dahlia and her team aired all the supplies and put them back into the boxes awaiting further word from Shelterbox. PP Lisle has repeatedly communicated with Shelterbox in the UK who has ultimate decision power over the fate of the boxes.

To date the decision to dispatch or not dispatch remains pending. The Red Cross had indicated the Shelterboxes were not needed while the 'disaster management office' wants them desperately. Should be get word to dispatch the Shelterboxes PP Matt, Rot. David and PP Konrad are on standby to go to Dominica with the Shelterboxes.

Unfortunately new storm Grace has put the decision on further hold to ensure no people or ship are endangered by the new weather system.

Irrespective the decision to send the Shelterboxes or not he made an appeal for donations to all present.

Directors Reports



Club Membership, Dir. Joanna advised the 2. committee meeting had taken place on September 4, 2015 with good fellowship

- Plans for the family of Rotary day in December are being worked on
- The schedule for Rotary Speaks and Rotary Mean it speakers was distributed to all members
- The training for new board of directors held by PDG Lara at Calabash Cove on Saturday August 29, 2015 was well received. Dir. Joanna touched on some of the topic covered giving a few examples.



New Club Project update; Pres. Tim asked PP Albert to advise members of a new club project referring to the newly "restarted" archiving attempts of historic club material and data.

- PP Albert stated that several PP and members have files and photos relating to Rotary in their possession and on their personal computers.
- An concerted effort to convert some of this material to electronic formats has started. To this extent PPs Malcolm, Konrad and himself are meeting next week to go over some of the material.
- For this reason he has reached out to all members like Spoke photographer Rot. Birgitta and others to make the material available.



New Generation, Dir. Ginelle; advised that Interact was largely dormant for the summer.

- The pinning for the CCSS Interact Club will be scheduled for late September / early October. 40-45 members are ready to get going.
- Some of them were involved in the bathroom refurbishing project carried out by Dir. Steve.
- Dir. Ginelle voiced her concern about the planning for the Rotaract District Conference scheduled for mid may 2016. At over \$ 200,000 it seemed high to her. Rotary involvement in the planning process is urgently suggested.

- The Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia is undergoing some challenges. They have for years operated largely independent of their Rotary club and been very successful in their projects. Dir. Ginelle gave a brief account of some of the issues. The club is this week's meeting undertaking a SWAT analysis.
- At that time PP Konrad announced that the acting President of the Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia South has officially advised RI that they are no longer viable. At last count there were only 2 active members.
- During questions PP Charles felt \$ 200,000 was not excessive and suggested that PP Frank could maybe help with the financial management of the event.



Directors Reports continued.....



International Service, Dir. Leathon; announced his committee had another good meeting at

the home of Rot. Pedro on Monday last.

- His team had discussed the GG Scholarship Award and sorted out some glitches with the release of the funds.
- Following up on the proposed Dyslexia project he has contacted the RC of Barking in the UK for possible cooperation and joint funding.
- The committee also discussed the Dominica disaster relief fund and a possible fundraising event. More detailed information to come soon.

50th Anniversary Celebrations; As the chairman of the Anniversary celebrations planning committee he gave an update on the plans so far.

- It is deemed important to establish timelines for all activities. Letters to other clubs internationally have already been drafted.
- He is planning on inviting our sponsor club the Rotary club of Runcorn in the UK to participate in our festivities.
- One suggestion is to prepare a list of out top 10 desired projects and seek international cooperation. To that extent Directors are encouraged to submit 2 projects to PP Leathon.
- The committee is planning an international visit. Possibly to Martinique.
- He was trying to initiate closer contact with the Rotary club of Runcorn, the Rotary Club of Georgia and possibly a Rotary club in Canada that past member Phillip Cross has joined.
- He is also talking to PP Judy of the Rotary club of Gros Islet to help with the celebrations.
- A finance committee needs to be established and asked pres. Tim to do so.
- Specific other activities considered include a logo competition, a thanksgiving service, a black tie event, a tree planting activities of possibly 50 Royal palms, honouring of 50 distinguished citizens,
- Everything should be planned in close cooperation with the Government.
- PP Judy is to be asked to recreate the Rotary public service announcements aired in the past.



Service Projects, Dir. Steve; also confirmed a committee meeting last week.

- He confirmed that the Rotary Club of Barking has been asked to consider sponsoring the airline ticket for the Dyslexia trainer. The training will empower 15 teachers to identify and handle Dyslexia cases better.
- Work on the Castries Comprehensive Secondary School bathroom will be completed by weekend. They were in absolute deplorable condition with grime, Termite infestation and hardly working. There are only 12 girls and 2 boys toilettes with 4 urinals for app. 800 students. Rotarians were invited to come by over the weekend and see the work.
- He thanked the many corporate sponsors supporting the project.
- Presentation of some of the computers is scheduled for September 18, 2015
- Other plans like the Easter Camp, Christmas activities and homeless people lunch are being worked on.



The Rotary Foundation, Dir. Malcolm; reminded members of EREY and PHS (the Paul Harris Society)

- Dir. Malcolm talked about major gift options of US\$ 10,000 in kind or via a will
- He touched on the ongoing challenges with the Poverty Reduction project held up by the Mayors office where TRF is on 'stand by' to assist. Advice was sought from the Orland Homeless Coalition
- As soon as the location is approved the plans can go into full gear.

Rotary Membership, Dir. Timothy; was not happy about being last and told to hurry up.

- He advised that PP Albert has started work on a formal orientation plan/document.
- A new classification list will be circulated shortly
- He encouraged members not to miss committee meeting because they were very important.
- Dir. Tim talked about the trip to Martinique where we could even meet with more than just one club for a joint fellowship activity.
- He complemented all Directors for having "resurrected" the committee meetings and encouraged all members to continue with them.



Vocational Services, Dir Andre; was brief in announcing the vocational visit to the new Dr. Owen King hospital on Wednesday September 23, 2015

- He also asked for nominations for the annual Vocational Service Awards





Rotary bathroom project at Castries Comprehensive Secondary School



Dir. Steve and his team have over the weekend completed the bathrooms at CCSS.
Here are some pictures showing before.....



.....and with a fair amount of work using partly sponsored material



.....after



This was the first sizable project undertaken by the club.

Dir. Steve must be commended for having taken on this project with time running out as the new school year was approaching. Awaiting the final figures the work was budgeted to cost app. \$ 10,000. Considerably larger expenses were avoided through Steve's diligent and persisting appeals to the business community when all kinds of materials like tiles, grout, aluminum sheeting, lumber, plumbing supplies etc. were sourced at discounted prices.

It must also be stated that especially the electrical work seen in the building can almost be considered "criminal". There is as good as no evidence that care is given to the maintenance of the school buildings. Even a little cleaning and as much effort as putting panel cover back on exposed cables could go a long way to avoid a possible real disaster for the school.

It will further be interesting to see in what condition these "new" bathrooms will present themselves by the end of the school year.

Meanwhile,

Thank you Steve.
Please take a bow.

And smile, you have all reason



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Rotary Club of Gros Islet enjoys weekly lunch meeting at Fond Latisab



The members of the Rotary Club of Gros Islet decided to take their weekly Tuesday meeting into the country side.



The venue of choice was the Heritage Tourism site on the way to the Chassin rainforest sky rides in the Babonneau area. Fon Latisab is in essence a small vegetable farm where you find lettuce, tomato, various herbs as well as mature nutmeg, cinnamon, mango, breadfruit, and other trees. The land is situated between two small rivers and is said to flood every year. Apparently this is not a bad thing for the land! The vegetables and other plants certainly seemed to thrive

In addition to farming, the owners have developed Fon Latisab as a tourism attraction where some of the old food preparation and cooking practices are demonstrated. For one, farine production is practiced and demonstrated for visitors. The process starting from the peeling and grating of the cassava roots to the baking of the cassava bread in old sugar caldrons is demonstrated to visitors. On the farm one can find a variety of cassava plants of different sizes. During a walking tour that usually takes app. 1 hour the different cassava plants are pointed out and advantages and disadvantages in various varieties are explained.



One of the highlights of the tour was the “old time” plank cutting seen here.

This kind of cutting of timber was practiced up to the end of the last millennium and can on very rare occasions still be observed in the country side.

For the demonstration the cutting was accompanied by the beat of a drum.

After the buffet lunch the Rotarians were treated to a display of local dances.

The Spoke Editor understands Rotarians were not shy in participating.

Rotary International

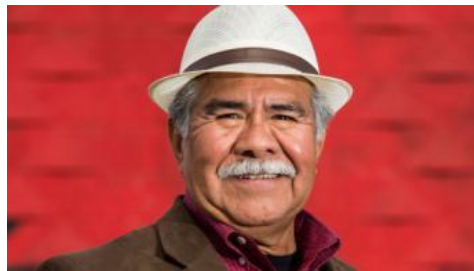
We are 1.2 million neighbors, friends, and community leaders who come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world

What makes us different?



Rotary is Monica Kinyua

A former Rotary peace scholar and founder
Children Peace Initiative Kenya
Who empowers Africa's youth to create peace



Rotary is Roberto Sanchez

A former chief financial officer
who draws on his business sense and bilingual
skills to mentor Latino entrepreneurs in Detroit



Rotary is Rachel Coupaud

A diplomat at the Haitian Embassy in Taiwan
who uses her Rotary network to connect
with her new community

Our differing occupations, cultures, and countries give us a unique perspective. Our shared passion for service helps us accomplish the remarkable. Our distinct point of view and approach gives us unique advantages:

- We see differently: Our multidisciplinary perspective helps us see challenges in unique ways.
- We think differently: We apply leadership and expertise to social issues—and find unique solutions.
- We act responsibly: Our passion and perseverance create lasting change.

We make a difference at home and around the world: Our members can be found in your community and across the globe.

How do we work?

Our impact starts with our members—people who work tirelessly with their clubs to solve some of our communities' toughest challenges. Their efforts are supported by Rotary International, our member association, and The Rotary Foundation, which turns generous donations into grants that fund the work of our members and partners around the world. Rotary is led by our members—responsible leaders who help to carry forward our organization's mission and values in their elected roles.

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