

The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia

"The Spoke"

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[Rotary International Convention Sao Paulo, Brazil, June 6-9, 2015](#)

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		December 12	December 19	January 9
	Meeting	Guest Speaker	Christmas lunch	Fellowship
	Greeters	Peter Bobby	Selma Steve	Brad Carole
	Prize	Pedro		Charles
	If you can't make it as above, please tell Dir. Ginelle ASAP!			



Birthdays in November

Rudolph "Doddy" Francis - December 11
Brad Paul - December 14
Birgitta Hermansson - December 26

Board 2014-2015

<i>President</i>	Chester Hinkson
<i>Vice President</i>	PP Leathon Khan PHF
<i>President Elect</i>	
<i>Immediate PP</i>	Rudolph "Doddy" Francis PHF
<i>Secretary</i>	Timothy James
<i>Treasurer</i>	PP Robert "Bobby" Frederick PHF
<i>Sergeant at Arms:</i>	PP Timothy Moffat PHF
<i>Public Relations:</i>	PP Carole Jn Marie PHF

Directors

Club Administration:	Ginelle Nelson
Service Projects:	PP Konrad Wagner PHF
Membership:	Joanna Charles
Rotary Foundation:	PP Digby Ambris, PHF
Youth Service:	Selma St.Prix

District responsibilities

Asst. District Governor	PP Timothy Moffat PHF
District Advisor (TRF) Major Gifts	PAG Malcolm Charles PHF
Vice Chair IFRM D7020 & D7030	PAG Malcolm Charles PHF



Club Meeting - December 5, 2014



This was a business meeting

Meeting statistics

Attendance:

25 Rotarians 63%
2 Visiting Rotarians
4 guests

In the absence of Pres. Chester and VP Leathon
PP Konrad was asked to chair the meeting

Serge Tim raised \$ 230.34 an the raffle earned \$ 180.00



Save these dates

- Saturday December 13, 2014 Rotary / ARC tree planting
- Thursday December 18, 2014 10.00 am Children Christmas party Roseau Primary School
- Friday January 2, 2015 Lunch for the homeless at the Castries city hall
- Saturday February 7, 2015 13th. Annual Wine and Cheese Fiesta
- Rotary Calabashers concert, new date to be announced



The actual meeting was as usual preceded with fellowship



With Pres. Chester ill with the flu and absent from the meeting PP Konrad took to the podium. On the President's request he shared a message from him: *Pres. Chester wanted to thank all Rotarians that had supported the club and its activities over the first 6 months of the Rotary year and is looking forward to their continuous support. If some members are not pulling their weight they know who they are. These members are encouraged to pull up their socks and get more involved to make our Rotary Club all it can be.*

Visitors

and guests of Rotarians



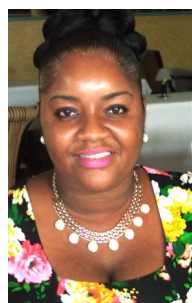
VR. Joel Crocker
RC Gros Islet



Richard Spalding
A RC in the UK



Yvonne Spalding
g. o. VR Richard



Stephie Mathurin
g. o. Rot. Paul



Mark Ozawa
g. o. PP Malcolm



Dale Lewis
g. o. PP Albert



Business meeting Directors reports



Club Administration, Dir. Ginelle:

Dir. Ginelle indicated that the 2. Club Assembly would have been due in December. Because of the other activities the Assembly will be scheduled for sometime in January.

Friday December 12, 2014 we will in H. E. Lopez Moreno, Ambassador of Mexico, have a guest speaker

Friday December 19, 2014 will be the Rotary family Christmas lunch. Members are encouraged to bring their spouse and children to the lunch. Members are asked to advise Dir. Ginelle of their guests so Sandals can be advised accordingly.



New Generations, Youth Services:

In Dir. Selma's absence for health reasons PP Albert asked to address the members.

In a business meeting last week he had met a Rotarian from Jamaica that remembered him from the RI Convention in Chicago when the Calabashers had performed.

He then emphasized the importance of Rotarians attending Rotaract events. He had attended a Rotaract meeting the day prior and several Rotary matters/requests for assistance were on the agenda indicating how serious the Rotaractors take their relationship with Rotary. Rotaractors took time to determine their participation in our Micoud Secondary School Library project, the ARC/Rotary tree planting and the upcoming Wine and Cheese Fiesta 2015.

This support surely must be met by Rotarians participation in Rotaract events.

During the questions opportunity PP Malcolm inquired about a "Rotary Liaison".

Rot. PP Tim M. thought there had in the past been a schedule and Secretary Tim J. stated that he attended many of the Rotaract activities and continues to support and guide them. Acting President Konrad acknowledged this support and thanked Secretary Tim for his continuous involvement in Rotary.



Service Projects, Dir. Konrad:

Dir. Konrad gave an update on the following activities:

- Saturday December 6, 2014: Interior painting of the Micoud Secondary School Library. All Rotarians are invited to participate and Rotaractors are scheduled to join us.
- Saturday December 13, 2014: Rotary/ARC tree planting in Belle Vue, Vieux Fort.
- Arrangements with the National Trust for tools and with the Forestry Department preparing the planting area as well as over 1000 native species trees are in place. App. 45 Interactors, Rotaractors and of course ARC sailors are scheduled to participate.
- Saturday February 7, Wine and Cheese Fiesta planning has started with mixed success.
- No date has been set for the annual children Christmas party and attempts to contact PP Carole

have so far been unsuccessful.

- Also no date has been set for the annual Christmas hamper preparation. This project urgently needs a champion. At the meeting no volunteer could be identified.



Accounts, Treasurer Bobby:

Treasurer circulated printed club and charity accounts balances for members to peruse.

He briefly commented on some of the figures and balances.

According to the Treasurer the receivables in the club account are trending in the right direction and he appealed to all present to keep this up in order to bring the balances to acceptable levels.

It should be noted that according to the club's bylaws all members that have a balance of over EC\$ 500 are asked to pay cash for their lunch until the balance is reduced.

The charity accounts balances are healthy and more detailed account information is available from the treasurer.

Here are some pictures from last year's Rotary/Rotaract/Interact tree planting in Belle Vue - Vieux Fort



If you can make it, join Rotaractors and Interactors at the Rodney Bay Marina on Saturday at 10.00 am or the Castries Library at 10.30 am and celebrate National Day doing something for the environment.

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Micoud library workday and project update



Work on the library is progressing steadily. Here is what the project looked like on December 3, 2014



On Saturday December 5, 2014 a Rotary and Rotaract team visited the library for a workday to apply the 1. coat of primer on the interior walls.

Before



.....During



.....and After



Meanwhile also the installation of the suspended ceiling and windows has commenced and most of the interior work should be completed by Saturday December 13, 2014



According to the Project Supervisor the ceiling will definitely be in place by Friday evening. Also the remaining interior plaster work is meant to be completed by that day. Remaining work will be the installation of the bathroom facilities and the lighting other wiring and air conditioning to be undertaken by

the school. Another outstanding matter are the book shelves and possibly movable partitions and the required new computer desks for the computer lab. These had all been lost in the fire app 2 months ago and now new ones are needed. Efforts to meet with the school Principal and the schools resource teacher have to date been unsuccessful. Once this meeting has taken place it is hoped that the shelves can be manufactured directly at the Micoud Secondary school by arts and crafts or woodworks students assisted by their teachers.

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