

The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia "The Spoke"

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<h3>The 4-Way Test</h3> <p>Of the things we think, say or do:</p> <p>Is it the truth?</p> <p>Is it fair to all concerned?</p> <p>Will it build goodwill and better friendships?</p> <p>Will it be beneficial to all</p>	Weekly Duties			
	August 15, 2014	August 22, 2014	August 29, 2014	
	Meeting	Rotaract	Speaker	Fellowship
	Greeters	Frank Joanna	Joe Konrad	Leathon Lorne
	Prize	Ian	Keith	Leevie
If you can't make it as above, please tell Dir. Ginelle ASAP!				



Birthday in August
Ginelle Nelson - August 22

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
<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 Albert Daniels, 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 - August 8, 2014



This was a business meeting

Meeting statistics

Attendance: 25 Rotarians 64%
4 Guests



Pres. Chester chaired the business meeting
The weekly raffle was won by Rot. Timothy James
It earning the club \$ 127.67

Sergeant Tim raised \$ 130.00 for the club account



August is Membership and Extension Month

Save these dates

- Saturday August 16, 2014 Rotary workday at the Micoud Secondary School Library Project
- Saturday September 6, 2014 Rotaract Fun Auction
- Friday November 7, 2014 evening Rotary Club of Gros Islet Golf Tournament reception
- Saturday November 8, 2015 Rotary Club of Gros Islet Golf Tournament
- Saturday November 29, 2014 "The Calabashers at 10" charity concert

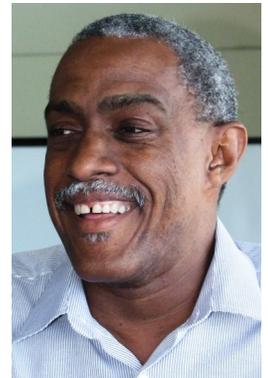
The President's comments preceding lunch

Prior to proceeding to lunch Pres. Chester used the opportunity to read a letter he had received from PP Albert. In this letter he was advised that PP Albert will effective immediately no longer be able to serve as Director for the Rotary Foundation on the Rotary Board for 2014-15.

PP Albert cited his extensive travel schedule as the reason for being unable to meet his commitment in attending regular board meetings. Pres. Chester accepted the resignation and thanked PP Albert in his absence for his work to date. It was hoped that PP Albert's travel schedule will one day soon become more manageable for him to continue as a vibrant senior member of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia

Pres. Chester stated he had preliminary talks with a few Rotarians and hopes to have more details on a suggested replacement to be approved in due course.

As is often the case, some Rotarians used the opportunity for a little humour in relation to the reason for PP Albert's hectic travel schedule and the destination in question. It was all in good spirits and without ill intent.



Guests at the meeting



Ruzna Khan
g. o. Rot. Birgitta



Gene Lake
g. o. PP Malcolm



Phillip Cross
g. o. Pres. Chester



Jordan Khan
g. o. PP Leathon



Business Meeting

Pres. Chester announced that today was Phillip Cross' the last lunch meeting as is guest. His membership in Rotary had been approved and he would be inducted on August 15, 2014.

Prior to the start of the Directors reports Pres. Chester talked briefly about the last board meeting held on Wednesday August 6, 2014 at IPP Doddy' home. The board meeting and the previously held Club Assembly had been well attended and on both occasions very good discussions took place. While these discourses can at times be emotional, they are very good for the club and can only benefit all of us.

It is hope that as a result of these at times animated conversations more participation and involvement of all members in projects is going to be the outcome. Pres. Chester was encouraged and at the same time challenged all members to continue to live up to the ideals of Rotary.

Later in the meeting he reminded all that a good start to this will be attendance at the closing ceremony of the Rotary / RSLP Summer Camps 2014 on Saturday August 9, 2014. It also counts as a make up.

PP Malcolm added a little humor by relaying his experience when attending the Rotary / RSLP Youth Camp earlier in the week when the talk was of drugs. It was interesting to hear of the differences in terminology surrounding Cannabis, Marihuana etc.

Pres. Chester talked again about the importance of poverty reduction and how dear it is to his heart to find a way to provide a meaningful feeding event that can be sustained. The pros and cons of working with other organizations were mentioned briefly. There is clearly much opportunity to assist the less fortunate in our society. He announced that he donated \$ 1,000.00 towards the project and challenged members to make up the balance to \$ 5,000.00 At that time the board will consider matching the \$ 5,000.00 from the charity account to creates such feeding event. Following this also the Government and the in particular the Ministry of Social Transformation could be approached to participate.

Directors reports

Service Projects, Dir. Konrad Wagner:



He gave a brief up date on the Rotary / RSLP Youth Camp. With the program being more extensive than ever before it is difficult to compare with the Anti Drug Camp from years gone by. If anything, some of the topics chosen may not be all that suitable for the younger children ages 8-12 in the first week.

He thanked all the volunteers, especially the presenters PP Leathon, Dir. Selma, Dir. Ginelle, Rot. Ian and IPP Doddy for their time and contributions.

He then advised all present that the board has approved the next project, the library at the Micoud Secondary School. An amount of \$ 50,000 has initially been earmarked for the undertaking. In the new spirit of members participation all Rotarians were encouraged to come to Micoud on Saturday August 16, 2014 for a workday at the library building. The goal is to remove and burn all termite infested partitions and have them burned. Once this is accomplished Care Services will treat the building for termites before the repairs can start.

All Rotarians and their partners in service are asked to meet at the Castries Central Library at 8.00 am on Saturday August 16, 2014.

Invitations for participation have been sent to the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia South and the Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia. The aim is to make this a true joint project with the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia South and Rotaract. A further appeal will be made to the school's Principal Guibion Ferdinand to get the community involved. The budget can only be achieved if material is sources at concessionary rates and some labour is made available free of charge.



Directors reports continued

New Generation, Dir. Selma: Dir. Selma had communicated her apologies and asked PP Konrad to submit her report

The sponsorship proposal for the Consolidated Foods 10th. Anniversary sponsored project “Unity in Community” was submitted in time for the deadline.

In detail the project seeks funding for services in the Micoud Dennerly area where in particular unemployed persons and families older than 18 years of age will be targeted

Specific services to be offered are counselling, health care services and after school support services for primary and secondary school students.

Initial discussions have begun with persons in these communities. It is important to note that these discussions are ongoing once the program is finalized and implemented.

Upon receipt of funding the program will be implemented immediately and be monitored for an initial period of 3 months.

After the initial start up funding of \$ 10,000.00 additional expenses will be leveraged through in-kind contributions from Rotary and collaborating institutions.

It is envisioned that “The Rotary Bus” will be the vehicle to execute the project in collaboration with the NSDC, the HIV Alliance, the SLPPA and other fundraising activities.

The project will be monitored by the Rotary club of Saint Lucia.

At that stage Pres. Chester announced that the Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia has set a date for their annual “Fun Auction” formerly known as the slave auction. The event is scheduled to take place on Saturday September 6.

It is usually held at the home of a Rotarian. In the case that no such suitable home can be identified, Rot. David Shimeld has offered the free of charge use of his private party area at the Marigot Beach Hotel in Marigot. Thank you David.



Club Administration, Dir. Ginelle Nelson:

Dir. Ginelle announced that there was a switch in next week’s program.

There will be a presentation by the Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia as well as the first induction of a new member for this Rotary year.

The following week we will have a guest speaker.

The club is also due a fellowship activity and one suggestion as to have a talent night.

To make this a reality volunteers are solicited. If you are willing and able to assist please reach out to Dir. Ginelle

Club Membership, Dir. Joanna Charles:

Nothing to report

The Rotary Foundation, Dir. Albert Daniels:

Nothing to report. Plus with Dir. Albert’s resignation from the board a new Director is to be identified.



Club Treasurer, Robert “Bobby” Frederick:

The Treasurer started out by appealing to everybody’s cooperation and patience.

For starters he asked for the members cooperation by recording their attendance at the lunch meeting. Especially late comers are asked to briefly advise him of their presence for proper record keeping.

While printed statements were distributed he really hoped that this could in future be done Electronically, as tis was clearly the way to go in 2014.

He further used the opportunity to remind members to please balance their accounts so that the club can meet it’s financial commitments.

Pres. Chester closed the meeting by saying that it was up to every single one of us to take the club to new heights and there is absolutely no reason why this should not happen.



Rotary / RSLP Summer Youth Camps

Our annual summer camps at the SDA Academy in Sunny Acres continued with the second week of educational workshops and presentations for students ages 12—16.

Amongst others IPP Rudolph “Doddy” Francis presented on conflict resolution



One of the most popular sessions was with Untold Stories’ Dale Elliot



Elliot was well prepared and brought guests with true untold stories to the camp. While the campers were often fascinated by these “guests” anecdotes of their recent past, come the contributions from the campers were of equal interest for Elliot.

Saturday morning saw a last presentation by Pres. Chester

He talked on Leadership at Home, at Work and in the Community



Pres. Chester expanded one last time on the importance of the campers to see themselves as winners and in no way loses. He ended talking of a young man and his trials and successes in life by revealing that he was using himself as the example for that story reminding all that nothing was impossible once they put their mind to it and kept the almighty in their thoughts.

The MC, Inspector of Police Michael Alexander found the right tone in leading a relaxed and extended closing ceremony



He picked up on Pres. Chester's theme of being winners not loser, being lovers not fighters. He kept the campers involved at all times and the proceedings flowing and all encompassing as he introduced the various speakers and presenters.

He definitely closed the camp on a high note.

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**While some Rotarians enjoyed a little fellowship during a break in the program
Public Relations interviews were arranged**

Interactors and Pres. Chester talked to the media about the camp



Rotary / RSLP Summer Youth Camps Closing Ceremony

For a second time this morning Pres. Chester was asked to say a few words.

He made light of the fact that no man should be asked to speak twice at the same event on the same morning.

This was followed by a brief address from Assistant Commissioner of Police Erol Alexander. He reiterated the importance of initiatives like this, expressed the RSLP's pleasure and satisfaction in the cooperation with Rotary and ended by stating that the RSLP was hoping these summer camps will continue in years to come.



A big part of the closing ceremony were the "testimonials" from the campers

Inspector Alexander involved the students by encouraging them to share some of their camp experiences with the Rotarians present. They spoke with confidence and especially the food came in for high praises.



Certificates presentation to the campers and all support staff as well as the presenters



And then a good thing came to an end



A fair number of Rotarians were present to enjoy the closing ceremony and presentations

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