



The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia

"The Spoke"

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Rotary District 7030 PETS, Suriname April 8-11, 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

	January 16	January 23	Tuesday January 27
Meeting	Fellowship	Guest Speaker	Joint meeting
Greeters	Michael Ginelle	Albert Andre	Azmina Bert
Prize	Frank	Anthony	Birgitta
If you can't make it as above, please tell Dir. Ginelle ASAP!			



Birthday in January

Anthony Bergasse - January 27

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 - January 9, 2015

This was a business meeting

Meeting statistics

Attendance:

31 Rotarians 79.5%
1 Visiting Rotarian
2 guests

Pres. Chester chaired the business meeting

Serge Tim raised \$ 145.34
an the raffle earned \$ 170.00



Save these dates

- Tuesday January 20, 2015 lunch meeting with PDG Steve and visitors at RCGI
- Thursday January 22, 015 Club Assembly, Auberge Seraphine
- Monday January 26 - Friday January 30, 2015 Visit of District Governor Elwin
- Tuesday January 27, 2015 joint Rotary Clubs lunch meeting
- Saturday February 7, 2015 13th. Annual Wine and Cheese Fiesta



Visitor

and guests at the meeting



VR Kitt Raye
RC Vegreville
Ontario, Canada



Dr. Maria Plummer
guest of
PP Albert



Mark Ozawa
guest of
PP Albert

A very attentive audience for this business meeting



Another opportunity for an International project

VR Kitt from the RC of Vegreville in Ontario, Canada is actively exploring the possibility of an international project at the Castries Comprehensive Secondary School. The school initially built by the Government of Canada and hence clad in red and white is in need of repairs. Especially the roof needs urgent attention. The Rotary Board for 2015-16 should, headed by the President Elect start an exploratory committee including PP Brad to consider the project.

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Business meeting Directors reports



Pres. Chester started the meeting by asking PP Malcolm to give a brief update on the poverty reduction initiative. PP Malcolm advised that ongoing communication with various Government offices and officials had resulted in a visit to George V Park. While there seems to be a willingness to allow the use of the old Save the Children Fund premises they are in a state of disrepair. The Government has meanwhile suggested other venues that could possibly be used as a place to accommodate, a small educational element, showers and changing facilities. During the visit of PDG Steve on January 20, 2015 Pres. Chester and PP Malcolm will use the opportunity to show these places to Steve and his group.



Service Projects Dir. PP Konrad

- The Rotary/ARC tree planting in Bellevue Vieux Fort in December was successful again. Together with Rotaractors, Interactors and ARC volunteers a total of app. 970 trees were planted. Unfortunately Rotarians once again barely participated in the activity that ended with nice fellowship at the Dennerly Fish Fry.
- The Children Christmas Party at the Roseau Combined School was very well organised by PP Carole and participation by Rotarians was good. The children were exceptionally well mannered and the club even received a very large thank you card together with a short concert and a vote of thanks.
- The lunch at the Castries town hall went well without a hitch.

With good participation from members over 150 hot meals were served.

- The Micoud Secondary School library project has met another challenge in that the school was closed due to air quality problems and students and faculty were reallocated to other schools. Despite this we will continue with the sanding of the floor.
- An Aux Leon Wetlands project committee consisting of member of the Rotary Clubs of Saint Lucia and Gros Islet met last week Thursday and another visit to Aux Leon was scheduled for Saturday. PDG Steve Schlueter is expected in Saint Lucia together with a small group of Rotarians for January 18-21, 2015. This is to evaluate the viability of the project together with possible funding. Members wishing to meet Steve and these Rotarians are encouraged to attend the meeting of the Rotary Club of Gros Islet on Tuesday January 20, 2015 at the Royal Saint Lucian hotel.
- Preparations for the 13th. annual Wine and Cheese Fiesta are in progress. Invitations/tickets are now available and every Rotarian is asked to sell these until all 400 are divested. Rotarians were reminded that with the unavailability of The Gaiety on Rodney Bay this may be the only significant fundraiser the club has this Rotary year.



Membership Dir. Joanna

- Members were once again reminded that membership numbers are dwindling.
- Attendance at some of the club's activity continue to be less than stellar.
- Dir. Joanna circulated a questionnaire and Rotarians are implored to complete it in detail and return it to her. The board would like to hear from members how they feel about their Rotary Club. It is all in an effort to make the club more active, vibrant, encompassing, in short better



Youth Services, Dir. Selma

- Youth has according to Dir. Selma a very active committee
- Rotaractors and Interactors were actively involved in the tree planting in December
- Sir Ira Simmons Secondary School has app. 45 new Interactors to be inducted. More info on this very soon.
- The Rotary Bus has a new schedule and SLPPA and the Belfund have rededicated themselves to the bus. A new schedule of the bus' activities will be available shortly.

The Rotary Foundation, Dir. PP Digby No further report



Treasurer, PP Robert "Bobby"

- At the start of PP Bobby's report the current accounts were circulated to members.
- The Treasurer thanked all Rotarians that made an effort to reduce their payables balances.
- The club continues to be in good financial standing.
- PP Bobby also made a point in reminding all that to date our fundraising activities have been limited for this year to date. Therefore all have to contribute ensuring the Wine and Cheese Fiesta will be a financial success.
- He will shortly submit a report on the expenses to date incurred at the Micoud library project.
- The Treasurer then outlined in detail why the cost of lunch will be increased to EC\$ 60.00 all

inclusive per person effective February 1, 2015

A brief debate initiated by PP Anthony on the quality of lunch ensued.



Rotary Team site visit to Aux Leon



On Saturday January 10, 2014 members of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia visited the Aux Leon community and extensively walked for app. 2 hours to get a better understanding of the waste water challenges faced. Once in Aux Leon, the team was led by Trevalyn Clovis a community activist intimately familiar with the area and its residents and the previously undertaken "wetlands" construction.



One of the purposes was to visit the existing wetlands. On one occasion the team talked to the beneficiary from one of the wetlands that was in excellent condition. He felt, even though the facility had been provided free of charge and was according to him working well, he should be paid for maintaining it and for talking to us!



One other wetland was still not functional and will be connected and repaired within a week.

One wetland was working but appeared in poor Maintenance.

The tour led by Trevalyn took the Rotarians all across the Aux Leon Community



The group encountered welcoming as well as suspicious residents and had a first hand look at the plumbing and waste water facilities. Almost all pipes were running on the surface without obvious plan or structure.



Almost all homes had some sort of septic tank in varying sizes either under the house or next to the home.



In, as far as the team could tell, all cases the outflow from these septic tanks was channeled downhill into a gully or into open troughs heading directly towards the local water ways.



The entire project is definitely very worthwhile and equally challenging in more than just one way.

Besides very interesting Rotary work the team also observed how pork was smoked and of course found a time for all important fellowship and the mandatory bread stop on the way home. For more photos go to:
<http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/Journals/JournalDetails.aspx?accountid=7155&jid=61822>



