



May 16, 2014 Edition

The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia

"The Spoke"



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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

	May 16, 2014	May 23, 2014	May 30, 2014
Meeting	Fellowship	Speaker	Vocational
Greeters	Joanna Joe	Konrad Leathon	Mary Malcolm
Prize	Keith	Leevie	Paul

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



Birthdays in May

Joana Charles - May 27
Mary Anna Lewis - May 27
David Shimeld - May 29

Board 2013-2014

<i>President</i>	<i>Rudolph "Doddy" Francis</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>PP Carole Jn Marie PHF</i>
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<i>Sergeant at Arms</i>	<i>PP Robert "Bobby" Frederick PHF</i>
<i>Public Relations Officer</i>	<i>Sabia Cherebin</i>

Directors:

Club Administration:	André Cherebin PHF
Service Projects:	David Shimeld
Membership:	Chester Hinkson
Rotary Foundation:	PP Albert Daniels, PHF
Youth Service:	Selma St.Prix

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Club Meeting - Friday May 9, 2014

This was a business meeting



Meeting statistics

Attendance: 26 Rotarians 67%
2 Visiting Rotarians
2 Guests

Pres. Doddy chaired the meeting.
The raffle prize was donated by Rot Ian
and won by Rot. Ginelle. It earned \$ 120.00
Sergeant Bobby raised \$ 115.00 for the club account



Serge Bobby came once again well prepared and shared some thoughts on “feedback” and its importance as a management tool as well as the whole question of attendance in Rotary club meetings all around the world. He of course also lightened the mood considerably with a story about little Johnny and the importance of having ears for bearers of reading glasses. His presentation ended in laughter with a horse on medication much to the detriment of a poor goat.

Save these dates

- Club Fellowship bbq at the home of Rot. Mary, in Rodney Bay on Sunday May 18, 2014 from 12.00 noon
- First meeting of PE Gloria's Rotary board for 2014/15 on Tuesday May 20, 2014 5.30 pm at Calabash Cove
- Handover function tentative for Friday June 27, 2014

Visitors and guests at this meeting



PDG Richard Grant from the Rotary club of the USVI
A Rotarian since 1985 PDG Richard is now retired.
He is no stranger to Saint Lucia and our club.

Richard continues to serve Rotary in many forms - District Trainer for D-7020, Zone 34
Coordinator for the Concerns for Health Task Force (2004-2005), Zone 34 Coordinator for the
Water, Health & Hunger Task Force (2005-2006), Zone 34 Rotary Foundation Newsletter Editor.
District Rotary Foundation Chair (2006-9) and Delegate to the Council on Legislation (2005-10).
Retirement however allows him more time for himself and he was therefore for the first
time able to visit the Helen of the West Indies for the Saint Lucia Jazz and Arts Festival.

Great idea. We hope to see him soon again.



Rot. Richard Ratcliffe
Visiting from a UK RC



Pamela Ratcliffe
IPP Inner Wheel



Antoinette Dunston
g. o. Rot Lorne



This was a business meeting with Directors reports

2 Directors delivered their report.



Pres. Doddy started the reports by reflecting on the failed signs erection in the Cul de Sac area highlighted in a previous Spoke. Efforts to get the signs made and put in place will continue upon Dir. David's return from the UK.

He advised all present that Peace Corps Chess Coordinator had attended the board meeting to give an update on the Rotary 1st. Move chess Program. The outlook for the program is rather poor as too many schools failed to participate. A small committee is currently exploring the possibility of modifying the program to an after school event.



Dir. Andre, Club Service announced the date and venue of the next joint Fellowship.

It is scheduled for the home of Rot. Mary on Sunday May 18th. From 12.00 noon in form of a barbeque.

Charges will be minimal and members are asked to confirm their attendance with Dir. Andre to allow for proper planning for food and beverage requirements.



Dir. Chester, Club Membership deferred is report.

Pres. Doddy advised the Dir. Chester is reviewing a request from a former member of the club

A small committee has been named and it will meet with this person and report back to the club at a later stage.



Dir. Selma, Youth Service talked briefly about the successful pinning of apr. 70 members at Saint Mary's college last month.

The Interact Club at CCSS has challenges with the meetings and its times.

Dir. Selma and VP Carle will be visiting the school this month to finalize some meeting requirement details.

A new schedule has been established for the Rotary Bus. Upon request she explained the use of the bus and the cooperation between Rotary, the NSDC, the HIV Alliance and others. She is awaiting funding confirmation from some of these partners.

Pres. Doddy concluded the Directors reports by mentioning a possible project at the Micoud Secondary School where PE Gloria and IPP Konrad are together with 2 American Organizations exploring the possibility of creating a new library. He also added to AG Tim's report from last week on the District Conference.



He then invited Treasurer Lorne's guest to say a few words to the members and guests present.



Antoinette Dunston is an American citizen living in Guadeloupe. She was in Saint Lucia to attend the recently concluded Invest Saint Lucia Conference held at Sandals Grande Saint Lucian.

She reminded all that Martinique and Guadeloupe are since April Associate Member of the OECS and this should allow for additional business opportunities for local and regional companies.

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A possible project for PE Gloria's Rotary year 2014-15

In a meeting with Tom and Harriet Linskey from Hands Across the Sea, Micoud Secondary Representatives Principal Guibion Ferdinand, Learning Resource Mgr. Randall James, Dist. Education Officer Gabriella St. Paul, Curriculum Officer Angela Mariatte, PE Gloria and IPP Konrad the possibility of creating a new library for the 800 students Micoud Secondary School was explored.



IPP Konrad was a few weeks ago approached by Cyndie Branson Sr. Project Manager for a special project with Maritz Travel and Edward Jones Investments.

Edward Jones has teamed up with Drury University which supports an organization called Enactus. Enactus encourages students at almost 2,000 universities in 41 countries around the globe to change the world through social entrepreneurship programs. Over the past several years the team has led service projects that have brought economic opportunity to nearly a dozen communities in South Africa, India, China, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Belize, Turkey, Puerto Rico, and Argentina. Some of the past projects include work on water purification systems, building a playground at an orphanage, remodeling a library, etc.

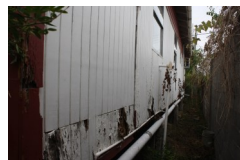
The Enactus Team/Edward Jones/Maritz would like to provide a service project during the St. Lucia 2014 Diversification trip. They have a budget of about \$5,000.00 and would like to explore options for any community projects on the island during one or more of the waves in July 2014.



The Rotary and Hands across the sea are now spearheading the cooperation of a suitable project. With Micoud Secondary having no proper library and Hands Across the Sea willing to assist with books valued several thousand US\$. Rotary will only have to contribute the balance of money needed and provide project management and manpower during the implementation in July 2014.



There is a district education office building currently vacant and in need of termite treatment. The school will attempt to get permission for the use of the building. It will be up to the cooperating sponsors to rehabilitate the building and furnish it with shelves, chairs, tables and of course books etc.



Independent from seeking permission for the use of the building and effort is made to have the building treated against termites. If this is not taking place in a timely manner IPP Konrad is also in discussions with a private pest control company to undertake the work at a nominal cost or free of charge.

At this time the ball is in the court of the school Principal and the district 5 Education Officer to get permission for the long term use of the building as a library.

The structure is certainly large enough to accommodate a library and a computer lab

