



The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia

"The Spoke"



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Rotary International Convention 2014 Sydney June 1- 4 , 2014

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

	January 17	January 24	January 31
Meeting	Business	Speaker	Vocational talk
Greeters	Bert Birgitta	Carole Charlie	Carole Charles
Prize	Brad	Chester	Chester

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



Birthday in January

Anthony Bergasse - January 27

Board 2013-2014

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Club Administration:	André Cherebin PHF
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Club Meeting - Friday January 10, 2014

This was a fellowship meeting with an impromptu speaker

Meeting statistics

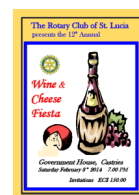
Attendance: 30 Rotarians 61%
7 Guests

In Pres. Doddy's absence IPP Konrad chaired the meeting
The raffle prize donated by PP Azmina was won by
Rot. Timothy James and earned \$ 170.00
Serge Bobby raised \$ 110.00



Save this date

- Rotary Wine and Cheese Fiesta, Saturday February 8, 2014.



The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time - Abraham Lincoln

The Rotary Foundation - strong and vibrant as ever

In Japanese, there is a saying: 継続は力な. Literally, this means, "In continuing, there is strength." Throughout the 2012-13 Rotary year, we experienced the truth of this as we saw the rewards of our careful planning, forward thinking, and steadfast commitment. We prepared for full rollout of Future Vision, a simpler and more effective grant model that will challenge Rotarians to aim higher in their service. We came closer than ever to our goal of Every Rotarian, Every Year, with record Annual Fund contributions of more than \$115.1 million. And we saw a wonderful return on decades of investment with historic progress toward the eradication of polio. In 2012, India was removed from the list of polio-endemic countries, and we ended the year with only 223 cases of polio in the three remaining endemic countries. This tremendous achievement could not have been possible without the generosity of Rotarians, who have supported this effort so strongly for so long.



RI Pres Sakuchi Tanaka RF Chair Wilfrid Wilkinson

Rotary's consolidated financial activities include those of Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation (TRF), and their wholly owned subsidiaries.

Figures as of June 30, 2013

ASSETS	2012-13	2011-12
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 50,512	\$ 54,891
Receivable, net	44,301	8,811
Investments	919,581	846,541
Property and equipment, net	39,741	36,094
Other assets	37,942	35,609
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,092,077	\$ 981,946

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A guest speaker in disguise?



Despite being a business meeting PP Joe's guest offered to address the club briefly on the matter of weather forecasting as it relates to the Christmas rains.

When PP Joe introduced his guest at the lunch meeting he suggested that Mr. Kenny Seon had predicted the Christmas "trough" and associated rains. Several members wanted to hear more about it. Mr. Seon a Saint Lucia national living in Canada talked about his long time fascination with weather patterns, forecasting and metrological science in general. He touched on all the new technology and communications devices available to us and the importance of taking advantage of all the information available at our fingertips. All too often it seems as if the human element is the weakest link in the accurate forecasting of severe weather systems. A whole different topic is of course the matter of flood and wind damage prevention.

Afterwards Mr. Seon took questions from the audience on a topic once again clearly of interest to all present. PP Frank moved the vote of thanks



Guests at the meeting



Quina Hermansson Fredrika Gauffin
G.o. Rot. Birgitta G. o. Rot. Birgitta

Kenny Seon
G. o. PP Joe

Isias "Shaggy" Isaac
G. o. Rot. Birgitta

Jason McFarlane
G. o. PP Joe

Michael Ferdinand
G. o. Rot. Chester

Erik Simmons
G. o. PP Joe

Miscellaneous club matters

At the end of the meeting Treasurer Gloria made an appeal to member to please settle their outstanding ticket payments from the Rotary Calabashers Christmas concert in December 2013. It is important that all Outstanding balances are settled in order to prepare a final profit and loss statement for the event. All indications are that it was the financially most successful Calabashers concert to date.

IPP Konrad gave a brief update on the status of the Wine And Cheese Fiesta 2014 plans. An issue is the every year greater challenge to find sponsors. Clearly a sign of the ongoing difficult business environment. None the less several of our long standing supporters like Barbay Ltd and ADMAC Ltd are confirmed as the main Sponsors. Several other partners will be finalized over the next days and invitations will be available for sale to and by the members for the next meeting.

AG Tim updated members on the relief work plans for the weekend. Food items have been purchased and also water is available for distribution over the weekend. All Rotarians and their partners in service were invited to meet at Pres. Doddy's house on the weekend to start the activity from there.



Update on Rotary relief effort

In recent days and weeks individual Rotarians had visited some of the flooded areas in Bexon and surrounding areas. This last Sunday members met at Pres. Doddy's home before distributing relief supplies in Bexon, Marc, Anse LaRaye, Choiseul etc.



Pres. Doddy took charge of breakfast preparations and ensured nobody had to go out on an empty stomach. Rumor has it even the bar opened early that Sunday morning to warm more than the heart of some Rotarians



PP Frank now in tune with the weather forecast had heard Another trough was approaching and came prepared.

Job #1 was to prepare food bags with canned Tuna, beef, Mack-erel, rice, pasta etc.

While participation was good there could always have been more members to assist. If you were not there you missed an amazing opportunity to do Rotary work.



Then it was time to meet some of the people affected by the heavy Christmas rains



On Monday morning some additional drinking water donated by Rotarians in Martinique and delivered via Express des isles had to be moved from Port Castries to Pres. Doddy's home. A visit to Doddy's home could give the impression he has in addition to law also entered the water business



The perfect opportunity to burn off some of that Christmas ham and milk punch

All Rotarians are encouraged to participate at this coming weekends relief activities

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