



# 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

### Weekly Duties

	October 17	October 24	October 31
<b>Meeting</b>	Guest Speaker	Fellowship	No meeting
<b>Greeters</b>	Birgitta Carole	Carole Charles	<b>Charter dinner Saturday November 1</b>
<b>Prize</b>	Azmina	Bradley	

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



### Birthdays in October

**Bert Pierre - October 10**

**Leathon Khan - October 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
<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 - October 10, 2014



This was a business meeting

### Meeting statistics

Attendance: 26 Rotarians 65%  
1 Visiting Rotarian  
2 Guests

Pres. Chester chaired the meeting  
The weekly raffle prize was provided by PP Albert

The raffle earned the club \$ 110.00  
Sergeant Tim raised \$ 100.00 for the club account



### October is Vocational Service Month

Please don't forget to give your vocational service award nominee to Pres. Chester

### Save these dates

- Saturday November 1, 2014 Charter Night.
- Friday November 7 and Saturday November 8, 2014 Rotary Club of Gros Islet Golf Tournament
- Friday November 28, 2014 "The Calabashers at 10" charity concert
- Saturday February 7, 2015 13th. Annual Wine and Cheese Fiesta

## THE WHITE HOUSE HONORS ROTARY WOMEN FOR THEIR HUMANITARIAN SERVICE

Senior Rotary leaders gathered Tuesday at the White House to honor 10 women for their service projects, an event attended by members of U.S. President Barack Obama's senior staff.

The Rotary members presented their projects, in the hopes of creating new inroads for government partnerships and support.

"This is recognition of the great work that they do but also serves as a great vehicle to inspire others to do similar kinds of things," said Rotary General Secretary John Hewko. "One of the things we're doing a better job of is sharing our story to the non-Rotary world."

The honorees were selected by Rotary senior leaders and endorsed by the White House from clubs around the U.S. but their projects touch lives across the globe.

Our combined mission today is not only to provide small grants but to serve as advocates for our families and provide life-skill training and mentoring and case management where needed."

The event in D.C. was also an opportunity for the honorees to share ideas with each other.



### Guest



Gene Lawrence  
Hon. Rot. RC Gros Islet

### and visitors at the meeting



Daria Poyotte  
guest of Rot. Leevie



Andrew Calender  
guest of Rot. Leevie



## Directors reports



### Pres. Chester's comments

He talked about the poverty reduction project so very dear to him.

The initial aim was to raise an amount of EC \$5,000.00 for the project from individual members and ask the club to match what was raised. He was pleased to advise all present that on the night of the fellowship at Rotarian Phillip's house an amount of \$1,320.00 was donated. As of today we have raised from members \$5,732.00. A generous Rotarian decided to bring the figure up to \$6,000.00 which is the amount we now have. The board had already approved to match this amount from charity funds.

It is our intention to take to the streets one night to distribute a hot meal, a blanket and a toiletries to the needy as a starter to our program. We also hope to increase the frequency of providing a decent meal to the poor to more than just at Christmas.

P.P Malcolm Charles has provided invaluable support and has finally been able to have the Minister of Social Transformation address our club on October 17th as to the Government's plan in dealing with the subject at hand and to give us a better understanding of the gravity of the problem. We hope to partner with the ministry in identifying the priority needs and come up with a plan of action thereafter.



### Joanna Charles, Dir. Club Membership

Dir. Joanna reminded everyone that the goal for new members this Rotary year was 4. We are in quarter 1 of the Rotary year and only one member has been recruited. Identifying new members and membership retention was the business of all members not just the committee and everyone was urged to make an effort towards achieving the clubs goals.



### Charles Serieux, Service Projects, In Dir. Konrad's absence PP Charles presented the report.

**Micoud Secondary School Library:** A contractor will on Monday start with the work on the interior and exterior walls. PP Brad is meeting with the Principal on Monday to start the work. We are committed to have it completed by the end of November. Another workday will be organized as soon as it is practical to do so. The new books are scheduled to arrive in Saint Lucia in the next 2 weeks. PP Brad was invited to add to these comments

**Vocational visit:** A vocational visit is planned for a Friday in November, 2014.

It is envisioned to visit the DenRos distillery. We would meet in the Roseau Valley at 3.30 pm for an app. 1 hour tour followed by fellowship in Marigot.

Michael Speakman from Saint Lucia Rums has agreed in principal to accommodate us. The Vocational visit would take the place of our regular lunch meeting. By show of hand app. 10 members indicated an interest in the activity.

**Model UN conference in Trinidad:** The club has been invited by PDG Lara to sponsor 2 youths to participate in this event. We are in talks with the relevant Government Ministries to assist in identifying 2 suitable students. The event takes place in Trinidad March 20-22, 2015. More on it in the next business meeting



### Selma St. Prix, Dir. New Generation

The New generations / Youth Services committee met on the last Wednesday of the month and decided that would continue every month.

The team were assigned to school Interact clubs as follows:

Comprehensive - Carol, Convent - Soraya, College - Leevie, Sir Ira Simmons - Malcolm

All contact information was passed on and PP Malcolm has tabled an official letter to sir Ira on behalf of Rotary to the Head faculty to officially start the Club over with a meeting to arrange new Advisors.

To assist membership from her team it was suggested to prepare Rotractors and Interactors with work shops for succession planning.

The Rotary bus partners have not been faithful and are saying that because of economic times and cuts they may not be able to assist with the insurance. Also HIV Alliance has been closed down in the Caribbean therefore they cannot assist either.

This will have to be discussed further.



### Robert "Bobby" Frederick, Treasurer

The Treasurer circulated club account details for all members to see.

He made another appeal to members to settle their accounts or make part payments.

The charity account continues to be healthy and the club is in a good position to carry out all the projects intended for this Rotary year.



## Update on the Micoud Secondary School library project



Our assistance is timelier than ever. Only last week the Spoke Editor received these pictures from the school showing the existing "LRC" Learning Resource Centre. Little did we know it would be the last photos taken the LRC.

The pictures were to illustrate the confined space students had to study.



Well even that small room is now no longer. A fire, most likely caused by an electrical fault has on Saturday October 11, 2014 destroyed the room. Only the quick action of some students, at the school at that time calling the fire service prevented the fire from spreading and endangering the rest of the school.

This only means that our project is ever so urgent.



*According to Pres. Chester: God works in mysterious ways and everything in life happens for a reason. We are called to provide service above self and to help who we can, when we can. We must now do what ever is humanly possible to ensure this project to completion. Those kids need the project and both the project and the kids need us. Let's get to work team and thanks for all you have done before and all you will do in the weeks or months to come.*

Independently from this PP Brad was at the school over last weekend and met with the appointed contractor. Mr. Winston Cyril of "RECS" is the designated builder and the project manager is from the community of Micoud. He has started with another termite treatment and is in the process of replacing the badly damaged T 1-11 at the back walls with metal siding. PP Brad was also able to secure the donation of a free suspended metal ceiling. They will meet with the school representative to finalize the electrical requirements.

Subsequently the Spoke Editor visited the site this week and some work has started.



The 2. termite treatment was meanwhile completed and most of the windows and doors were removed. These pictures show parts of the badly damaged back wall were removed.

The initially required building material has been ordered by PP Brad and was expected for the site shortly. When passing by Micoud Secondary School on your way or to from Vieux Fort please feel free to stop by for a look at the progress.

### Charter Night 2014

The charter night celebration venue has tentatively been confirmed for Jack's Waterfront Dining in Rodney Bay. The competitive cost will allow us to offer tickets for a reasonable price. This will hopefully ensure good attendance. Dir. Ginelle and PP Konrad are currently finalizing menu and function details with the owners. Suggested cost to members may be EC\$ 125.00 inclusive of all food and beverage tax and service charges.

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