



May 2, 2014 Edition

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

	May 2, 2014	May 9, 2014	May 16, 2014
Meeting	Vocational talk	Business	Speaker
Greeters	Cyril David	Frank Gloria	Joanna Joe
Prize	Digby	Ian	Keith

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



Birthdays in May

Joana Charles - May 27
May 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>
<i>President Elect</i>	<i>Gloria Williams PHF</i>
<i>Immediate PP</i>	<i>Konrad Wagner PHF</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Gloria Williams PHF</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Lorne Charles</i>
<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 April 11, 2014

This was a fellowship meeting



Meeting statistics

Attendance: 27 Rotarians 69%
2 Visiting Rotarians
3 Visiting Rotaractor
9 Guests

IPP Konrad chaired the meeting.
The raffle prize was donated by PP Chris

Sergeant Bobby was at is usual best



Save these dates

- Rotary Board Meeting, Tuesday May 6, 2014 at Calabash Cove
- Joint Community Project at the BTC in Gros Islet June 14 or 21, 2014

Visitors



Rotaract Pres. Ever and Rotaractors Vernel and John had joined the meeting to invite Rotarians to the Rotaract club's annual charter dinner at Marigot Beach Club.



It will be the 29. Anniversary of the Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia. With guest speaker Stephenson King it is expected to be an exciting evening. All members of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia are invited to join the festive occasion.

and guests of Rotarians at the meeting



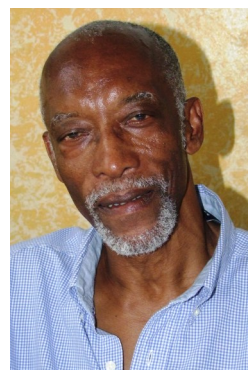
Micaiah Felix
Rot. Lorne



Annax Visram
PP Azmina



Isaiah "Shaggy" Isaac
Rot. Birgitta



Brian Courtenay Dean
PP Malcolm



Roderick Meril
PP Frank



The planned erection of signs that never was

Saturday April 26, 2014 9.00 AM was scheduled for the placing of “please don’t litter” signs along the highway in Cul de Sac.

Dir. David and IPP Konrad were promptly on location at 9.00 am awaiting the arrival of the 4 signs to be delivered by a team from Excel Signs. Dir David had used the opportunity to invite a visiting Rotarians from a Rotary Club in Dallas and his wife staying in a hotel in Marigot, along for the service project. As one has come to expect these days the pretty blue Excel Signs truck was nowhere to be seen. Being a Saturday and not a Sunday morning the thought the crew may have stopped for prayer service at the Cathedral in Castries on their way from Marisule to Marigot was soon put aside. More realistic was the thought that we were experiencing true Saint Lucian service, or lack thereof.

App. 10 phone calls and 1 hour and 55 minutes later the truck appeared in the hot morning sun “*Fata Morgana*” like on the horizon along the boiling hot highway.

A Fata Morgana is an unusual and complex form of superior mirage that is seen in a narrow band right above the horizon. It is an Italian phrase derived from the vulgar Latin for “fairy” and the Arthurian sorceress Morgan le Fay, from a belief that these mirages, often seen in the Strait of Messina, were fairy castles in the air or false land created by her witchcraft to lure sailors to their death. Although the term Fata Morgana is sometimes applied to other, more common kinds of mirages, the true Fata Morgana is not the same as an ordinary superior mirage, nor is it the same as an inferior mirage.

Fata Morgana mirages distort the object or objects which they are based on significantly, often such that the object is completely unrecognizable. A Fata Morgana can be seen on land or at sea, in polar regions or in deserts. This kind of mirage can involve almost any kind of distant object, including boats, islands, and the coastline.

A Fata Morgana is often rapidly changing.

Our Fata Morgana proved to be the real truck and no fairy tale.

The only problem, besides the minor delay “!” was that the signs were different from the sample provided in size and material.



That put aside also the poles to mount them were neither Fata Morgana or real. They were simply nowhere to be seen.

Maybe it was a good thing we did not look for tools to plant the signs.

To cut a long story short after some uncalled for invoking of the lord, who had clearly no hand in this and good laugh all present disbursed again in the hope to reconvene again in the very near future to complete the task at hand.

Here a picture of the incorrect sign.

Clearly no work was done on that International Rotarian a work day.

Rotary, UNESCO IHE announce new graduating class aims to improve water and sanitation

DELFT, The Netherlands (24 April 2014) — The first class of five Rotary sponsored scholars has graduated with Master of Science degrees in water education from the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education. The graduates now will apply their education to water and sanitation projects in their home countries of Argentina, Uganda, Nigeria, Ethiopia and Ghana. Established in 2011, the partnership between Rotary and UNESCO-IHE -- the world’s largest graduate water education facility -- addresses the global water and sanitation crisis by increasing the ranks of trained professionals critically needed to devise, plan and implement solutions in countries where communities lack access to clean water and safe sanitation. Rotary provides scholarship grants that enable local Rotary clubs and districts to select and sponsor eligible students to the program. Rotary members mentor the students throughout the program, building positive relationships that continue after graduation.

“We’re proud of the Rotary and UNESCO-IHE partnership and especially proud of our first class of Rotary water scholars, who will now use their expertise to develop sustainable water and sanitation solutions in their home countries,” said Rotary Foundation Trustee Stephen R. Brown. “The mentoring of the students by Rotary clubs and Rotary members – during their studies at UNESCO-IHE, as well as after they return home – is essential to the success of the scholarship program. These relationships and networks will enable students to effectively implement their skills in their own local communities. Their work to improve water and sanitation conditions will have a positive, lasting impact around the world.”

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The Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia celebrates its charter

Members of the Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia came together at the romantic Marigot Beach Resort in Marigot to celebrate the 29th anniversary of its charter.



The guest speaker was former Prime Minister and past Rotaractor Stephenson King. He gave a brief history of his days as a Rotaractor and the times when he was the 2. President of the Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia after the club had been chartered by Kenneth Hilaire. Former PM King recalled the passion he had for Rotaract up to the year 1987 when he resigned from the club to pursue his career in politics and public office. He related in his remarks to the challenges and opportunities young people have today highlighting the importance of service clubs for young people like Rotaract



Pres. Ever giving his President's remarks

More pictures at: <http://www.crsadmin.com/Gen/Journals/main.aspx?aid=7155>

Rotary District Conference Martinique 2014

Despite extensive research on the District 7030 FB page with hundreds of photos not a single picture of a member of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia could be found. Where were they?



DG Herve and DGE Elwin Atmodimedjo



DG Herve from a different side



DGN Milton Ennis

Start planning for District Conference 2015 from now. Suriname here we come.



Find many more district Conference 2014 pictures at

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.462226420575787.1073741846.350463181752112&type=1>