



December 20, 2013 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

	December 20	December 27	January 3
<b>Meeting</b>	Joint meeting with Rotary Club of Gros Islet	Fellowship	Fellowship
<b>Greeters</b>	At the Edge Restaurant in Rodney Bay	Sabia Selma	Tim M Tim L
<b>Prize</b>		Steve	Albert
If you can't make it as above, please tell Dir. Andre ASAP! Next regular Club meeting/lunch Friday December 27, 2013			



### Birthdays in December

**Rudolph "Doddy" Francis - December 11**  
**Bradley Paul - December 13**  
**Birgitta Hermansson - December 26**

### 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 December 6, 2013

This was a business meeting  
In Pres Doddy absence IPP Konrad chaired the meeting

### Meeting statistics

Attendance: 30 Rotarians 76 %  
2 Visiting Rotarians  
2 Guest

The raffle donated by Rot. Leevie,  
was won by Rot. Pedro. It earned \$ 185.00

Sergeant Bobby made everybody laugh with a little story  
about 3 guys taking a trip and meeting a little lamb  
He raised \$ 125.00 in fines from members present.



Friday December 13, 2013 National Day was no meeting

### Save these dates

- Packing of Christmas hampers Saturday December 21, 2013 **date subject to change**
- Feeding of the homeless, Castries town hall, Thursday January 2, 2014.
- Rotary Wine and Cheese Fiesta, Saturday February 8, 2014.



### A moment of silence in memory of President Mandela

At the start of the meeting members were reminded that President Mandela had during his visit to Saint Lucia on the occasion of CARICOM's 25th. Anniversary had lunch in the same venue we use for our regular Friday lunch meetings.

On the suggestion of PP Frank a moment of silence was observed.

With some time to spare at the end of the meeting Rot. Leevie talked about his trip to South Africa and his visit to Robben Island where he like so many before and after him visited the very prison cell Nelson Mandela had been kept captive in for many years.



### Visitors

### and guests at the meeting



VR Marcia Elkins  
RC Greater Huntsville  
Alabama USA



VR Pres. Ed Stone  
RC Greater Huntsville  
Alabama USA



Vernel Flavien  
guest of  
Rot. Steve



Ruzna Khan  
guest of  
Rot. Birgitta



Robert Nordstrom  
guest of  
IPP Konrad

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## Directors reports



### Dir. Andre Cherebin, Club Administration

Dir. Andre gave a detailed update on the plans and duties for the Calabashers Concert at Gaiety that weekend. He reminded Rotarians of their duties and invited volunteers to assist with the setting up of the venue on Saturday morning from 9.30 am. He renewed the appeal to return unsold tickets right away so they could be made available for sale.

PP Malcolm suggested particular attention be paid to the music selection for the after party. Members were reminded of the joint Christmas Lunch with the Rotary Club of Gros Islet on Friday December 20, 2013 at The Edge in Rodney Bay.



### Dir. David Shimeld, Service Projects

Dir David gave an update on the sub committee meetings as they are slowly “regrouping” according to the old avenues of service.

He reminded members of the children Christmas party in Bexon on December 10, 2013. The purchase of food for the Christmas hampers was coming along slowly and he was still looking for avenue to do the packaging of the food into the hampers.

Arrangements for the feeding of the homeless at the Castries town hall are all confirmed with the city council and Rot Mary has agreed to cook the food.

Treasurer Lorne Charles will give a more detailed update on the finances at the next meeting. Meanwhile the club is in excellent financial standing.

Directors Selma Saint Prix and Albert Daniels were absent and Dir Chester Hinkson had no news to report on Membership.

## Rotary Chess Corner

These pictures are from the Bexon Infant School. They are doing particularly well with the Implementation of the Rotary First Move chess program.







## The Rotary Calabashers bring The Gaiety to life with Christmas songs



One of the longest traditions of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia is bringing Christmas cheers to a rural community. This year Bexon and there the Bexon Infant School were selected for a visit by Santa Claus and Rotarians. Dir David and VP did just like in previous years much of the planning and preparation work and Rotarians, Gloria, Sabia, Carole, David, Digby, Malcolm, Timothy J., Brad and Konrad were on hand to give Santa Claus a helping hand. Especially Santa Claus himself was exceptionally good.

The activities started with carol singing



....followed by Christmas lunch



....face painting

a little showing off



.....and most importantly  
a visit from Santa Claus



That was before Rot. David went to work on the fireworks







## Rotary Calabashers once again fill Gaiety to the rhythms of Christmas music



After almost a decade the Calabashers are going as strong as ever. What came to life in time for the Centenary of Rotary in 2005 is now in it's 9. year. On Saturday December 14, 2014 The Rotary Calabashers had what was by many considered their finest hour to date. Despite strong competition from other events carded for that very same evening, The Calabashers and by extension the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia was once again able to draw a capacity crowds at The Gaiety on Rodney Bay. In the presence of Her Excellency Dame Pearlette Louisy, Governor General the app 500 + guests were treated to a number of well rehearsed and choreographed Christmas songs from all across the globe followed by the best after party since inception.



The more mature stallwards in a duet

and the next generation ready to take over

And of course the entire ensemble , here lead by the good Doctor Joe







## Rotary Club of Saint Lucia and ARC continue tree planting project



On Saturday December 14, 2013 volunteers from the ARC, members of the Interact Club at Saint Joseph's Convent, The National Trust, the Forestry Department and (painfully few) Rotarians came together to continue the tree planting project. Thank you David, Shaggy and Konrad for joining the effort. initiated in 2012. After planting trees in the Dennery river valley last year a much larger site has meanwhile been identified.

The new location to be visited over the next few years for ongoing reforestation is in Bellevue, Vieux Fort. An area of 25 ha is scheduled to be replanted to eventually be considered for a drinking water dam for they south of Saint Lucia. Much of the area was purchased by the Government and banana plants are gradually being replaced with native tree species.

**After the initial orientation and a planting demonstration participants were divided into small teams before heading into the valley. All in all app 600 trees were planted on the day**



**ARC MD Andrew Bishop did not hold back**

**and Rot. David as well as Shaggy were equally active**



**This was made possible with the assistance of Alfred Prospere, his team from the Forestry Department and the ARC volunteers**



**David keep on smiling**



**Konrad take a load off**

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