



The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia "The Spoke"



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Weekly Duties

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?

	August 21	August 28	September 4
Meeting	Speaker meeting	Vocational talk	Business meeting
Greeters	Joe Joanna	Leathon Lorne	Mary Paul
Prize	Keith	Leevie	Malcolm
If you can't make it as above, please tell Dir. Joanna ASAP!			



Birthdays in August

Ginelle Nelson August 22

Board 2015-16

<i>President</i>	<i>Timothy James</i>
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<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>PP Robert "Bobby" Frederick PHF</i>
<i>Public Relations</i>	<i>PP Rudolph "Doddy" Francis PHF</i>
<i>Sergeant at Arms:</i>	<i>PP Carole Jn Marie PHF</i>

Directors

Club Administration:	Joanna Charles
Community Service	Steve Johnny PHF
Vocational Service	Andre Cherebin PHF
International Service	PP Leathon Khan PHF
Membership Service	PP Tim Moffat PHF
Youth Service:	Ginelle Nelson
Rotary Foundation:	PP Malcolm Charles, PHF

District responsibilities

Asst. District Governor	PP Konrad F Wagner PHF
District Advisor (TRF) Major Gifts	PAG Malcolm Charles PHF
Vice Chair IFRM D7020 & D7030	PAG Malcolm Charles PHF



Being a fellowship meeting Pres. Tim invited comments on world and local events and “what made me happy and what made me mad”



Pres. Tim talked about the 20 medals the Saint Lucia Special Olympics Team had won at the Special Olympics in Los Angeles. How it made him proud commenting on what an amazing achievement this was. At the same time he was distressed over the many road accidents. Especially the fatal death of a cyclist hitting a pole at 1.20 am seemed so very unusual and sad.



PP Charles had no happy thought. He was unhappy about the nation complaining about the new traffic and licensing laws. According to him, it is not the need to carry your drivers license but rather the possible draconian fines. He has a schedule of all the fines and they can be up to EC\$ 2,000 per offence. He was also unhappy about the “call for discretion” by the Royal Saint Lucia Police Officers.



PP Tim felt the law was the law. It was not up to the Police to use discretion. Just do the right thing – and the fines will not affect you. He agreed with the fines structure. After Pres. Tim’s intervention PP Tim stated jokingly that Pres Tim was Judge, Jury and Executioner in this debate. As a society we were too undisciplined. We must build society from the bottom up. He felt it was perfectly reasonable to expect a driver to have the drivers license on him.



PP Leathon stated that he often rushed out of his home and forgot his license. He was reminded that a photo copy was also acceptable. One could possibly leave a copy in the car. Maybe NOT A GOOD IDEA!



PP Frank feels the application of the law is not equal across all segments of society. In Saint Lucia certain members of society seem immune to prosecution. He then proceeded on recounting an example of a Prime Minister meeting with students in Canada as it related to the eventual implementation of visas for Saint Lucian Nationals travelling to Canada. This upsets him to no end as it once again has impeded his travel plans to see his daughter. According to him it is difficult to forgive our politicians for letting us down so often.



Rot. Ginelle has no personal grudges. She believes right is right and wrong is wrong. As an example she mentioned a drunk driver driving his car getting stopped by the Police. Since there are no breathalyzers, that man can not be legally charge. Where are the priorities?



Rot. Ian was rather curious how these laws were passed so fast, knowing how slow our legislators can work at times. In his view fines should fit the infraction. He does not support lawlessness and was wondering if these fines were designed to drive Government revenue?!



PP Tim added all these points raised were good. So let’s go back to the basics. He then recalled an interview with Alan Greenspan. When questioned on what was the most important issue in The development of a nation he answered “the lawfulness of all its decisions and Government”.



PP Digby said he shared PP Tim’s sentiments and stated. *“Government should be of laws and not of men”*. What a profound statement!



PP Joe changed the subject to health matters. He told a story of a 7 years old Epilepsy patient that can in essence not be treated and cared for because the hospital is missing a breaker to make the x-ray machine operable and there is money to pay for one. Meanwhile the child is possibly developing a very dangerous kidney infection.



P. E. Selma had a happy thought. I makes her happy that he committee meeting (at PP Bobby’s home) was so enjoyable and lasted until late into the evening. According to her, she almost stayed for the night. What made her mad was the ongoing Police visa situation and the problem with visas for the general public as a result of the crime situation in Saint Lucia.



PP Tim stated that the Embassies have to carry out background checks on visa applicants and that will take time.



PP Bobby volunteered how the OECS was just not operating as one unit. He named examples where our independent island nations pursued their own agendas. Why can the OECS not cooperate it efforts when it comes to external and internal challenges like the Economic Citizenship Program or the introduction of VAT.

That of course is for an entirely new discussion (the spoke Editor)



A new initiative at the weekly Rotary meeting

In its second committee meeting it was on PP Bobby's recommendation agreed that there should be a Rotary minute called "Rotary Mean - it" at every lunch meeting to talk about Rotary. This is aimed at enhancing member engagement and education. A schedule on speakers and topics will be forthcoming shortly.



PP Bobby was the first to present "Rotary mean - it". He explained how this segment will be quick and not so long as to put members to sleep. Next week's presenter will be PP Tim. Members scheduled to speak and unable to attend are responsible to find a replacement, ensuring the talk took place.

PP Bobby's subject was Rotary's strategic plan. The 5 points are:

He selected to address the improvement of membership.

It was not just a question of numbers but also an issue of quality and age. The age dynamic was of particular importance in keeping the club dynamic and viable. PP Bobby read excerpts from the RI on-line manual and appealed to members to use the RI web sources to learn more about Rotary and understand our wonderful worldwide organization better.

For more information please visit:

www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/strategic-plan



Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia South

In recognition of the likely upcoming changes for the Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia South AG Konrad and New Generations Dir. Ginelle attended a club meeting on Tuesday August 18, 2015. The club meets alternating between Laborie and Vieux Fort. This is aimed at generating more interest in new membership directly in the Vieux Fort area.

At this meeting the attendance was relatively good.

AG Konrad gave a presentation on Rotaract and what is expected from Rotaractors within the family of Rotary and gave examples of some successful Rotaractors. Pres. Tim voiced some of his views as a former Rotaractor and Dir. Ginelle introduced herself to the members as the New Generations Director and talked about planning of club activities. In addition to the Rotarians also Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia Pres. Keisha, R'act. Eldon and PP Everistus showed their support for the Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia South



