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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

	February 21	February 28	March 7
Meeting	Guest Speaker	Vocational talk	Business
Greeters	Konrad Leathon	Lorne Mary	Paul Pedro
Prize	Leevie	Malcolm	Peter K

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



Birthdays in February

Robert "Bobby" Frederick - February 3
Fitzstephen "Steve" Johny - February 28

Board 2013-2014

<i>President</i>	<i>Rudolph "Doddy" Francis</i>
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Club Administration:	André Cherebin PHF
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Rotary Foundation:	PP Albert Daniels, PHF
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Club Meeting - Friday February 14, 2014

This was a fellowship meeting with a Rotaract presentation

Meeting statistics

Attendance: 27 Rotarians 71%
5 Guests

In Pres. Doddy's absence IPP Konrad started the meeting
before VP Carole assumed the chair
The raffle prize was donated by Rot. Keith
It was once again won by Rot. Pedro and earned \$ 125.00
Acting Serge Timothy M. raised \$ 120.00



Save these dates

- RI visit by Dist 6580 DG Tim Lee to review the water project February 23 - 28, 2014
- Rotary Club of Saint Lucia South Charter Night, Fox Grove Inn, March 1, 2013 7.00 PM
- Youth symposium coming up in March
- Annual Rotaract Youth Seminar March 15, 2014 themed inspiring change through Innovation and Entrepreneurship

RI visit program February 23-28, 2014

<u>Sunday Feb. 23, 2014</u>	2.00 pm	Arr. DG Tim Lee at UVF, evening at leisure
<u>Monday Feb. 24, 2014</u>	9.00 am	Team meeting at Pinnacle Saint Lucia, Choc Bay
	2.30 pm	Visit of project area
	7.00 pm	Dinner at leisure
<u>Tuesday Feb. 25, 2014</u>	12.30 pm	Rotary Club of Gros Islet lunch meeting. Please confirm your attendance.
<u>Wednesday Feb. 26, 2014</u>	9.30 am	Review educational component of project with Michael Walker
	11.00 am	Possible departure for Rotary Club of Saint Lucia South lunch meeting
	2.00 pm	Arr. PDG Steve Schlueter at UVF
	7.00 pm	Team dinner at The Golden Taste, Gros Islet
<u>Thursday Feb 27, 2014</u>	Time TBC	Arr. DG Herve at SLU
	9.30 am	Meeting with Minister of Health Ms. Alvina Reynolds
	11.00 am	Meeting with Minister for Sustainable Development Dr. Jimmy Fletcher
	6.30 pm	Joint Rotary Fellowship, The Saint Lucia Yacht Club
<u>Friday Feb 28, 2014</u>	?? am	Departure of DG Herve
	12.00 noon	Departure of DG Tim and PDG Steve

With some time to spare towards the end of the meeting

....Rot. Pedro and acting Serge Tim regaled all present
with a few jokes to end the lunch meeting.



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[Rotary Wine and Cheese Fiesta 2014 update](#)



Initial calculations indicate that app 400 invitations were sold for the event. This would constitute a new attendance record for the event. All Rotarians are urged to hand over the money for sold invitations to Dir. Andre and return any unsold invitations as soon as possible.

[Visitors and guests at the meeting](#)



Lydia
PP Digby's Valentina



Crysta
The Club's guest



Oliver
Rot. Paul's guest



Zack
The Club's guest



David
Pres. Diddy's guest

[The Rotary Foundation MG #77730 Saint Lucia review](#)



During February 23 –28, 2014 District 6580 Governor Tim A Lee will on behalf of The Rotary Foundation visit Saint Lucia to review the records processes, and actual success of our joint water tank project in Plateau Babonneau.

Also PDG Steve Schlueter from Florida and our District 7030 Governor Herve Honore will come to Saint Lucia from February 26 to 28 to attend the meetings. All records and documents are in good order and the visit should further our International relationships and reputation.



PP Lisle and AG Tim have confirmed the program for this visit.

The tank is in excellent condition and in full working order. On a visit to Babonneau over last weekend IPP Konrad established that water seemed to be flowing as anticipated. It is also fenced in properly with only the fence gate missing.



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Rotary International Polio News



President Barack Obama signed an omnibus appropriations bill in January that provides \$205 million to support polio eradication in 2014, through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and U. S. Agency for International Development.



The largest government donor to polio eradication, the U.S. has contributed more than \$2.3 billion since the mid-1980s, when 125 countries were polio endemic and the disease afflicted 350,000 people annually. Today, only Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nigeria are endemic, and in 2013, the combined incidence of polio in those countries fell to a record-low 157 cases. Last month, India reached a three-year milestone without polio, paving the way for the entire Southeast Asia region to be certified free of the disease.

"Eradicating polio will leave a lasting legacy of health care infrastructure, experience, and expertise that is already being used to benefit a broad range of global public health efforts," says James Lacy, chair of Rotary's Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for the United States and past president of Rotary International.

The task force leads Rotary's efforts to inform the U.S. government and other funding sources of the urgency and benefits of supporting the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI).

One of Rotary's chief responsibilities in the GPEI is advocacy. In addition to contributing more than \$1.2 billion to the initiative, Rotary has helped secure over \$9 billion from donor governments since the GPEI was launched in 1988.

Rotary member Terry Caster and his wife, Barbara, announced a \$1.1 million gift to Rotary to help eradicate polio. What's more, their gift will be matched two-for-one by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, resulting in \$3.3 million in new funding for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

The Casters' gift is one of the largest-ever individual contributions to Rotary for polio eradication. In addition to supporting our No. 1 goal of a polio-free world, the couple gave \$750,000 to the Rotary Peace Centers to fund a peace fellow's studies every other year. Both gifts were made to The Rotary Foundation in December.

"Barbara and I are blessed to be fruitful in our family business, A-1 Self Storage," said Terry, the company's founder and a member of the Rotary Club of La Mesa in California. "We've always felt it is important to give back and help others, so we are involved in numerous charities.

"But as a Rotarian, I can think of no cause more worthy than Rotary's work to end polio and promote peace," said Terry, who received Rotary's Service Above Self Award in 1993 for his humanitarian work.

Since the 1960s, the Casters have actively supported humanitarian efforts in San Diego and across the border in Tijuana, Mexico. They founded Serving Hands International in 1982 to help the poor in Baja California. After meeting Mother Teresa, the couple were inspired to expand SHI's work in Mexico.

Rotary is a leading partner in the fight to end polio. Through our advocacy, fundraising, and public awareness efforts, Rotary has helped reduce polio cases by 99 percent worldwide. The End Polio Now, Make History Today fundraising campaign makes contributions work three times as hard with matching funds from the Gates Foundation.



India celebrates 3 years without Polio



Throughout India and around the world, Rotary clubs are celebrating a major milestone: India has gone three years without a new case of polio. The last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal on 13 January 2011.

To mark this historic triumph -- reached after a decades-long battle against polio -- Rotary clubs illuminated landmarks and iconic structures throughout the country with four simple but powerful words, "India is polio free."

The three-year achievement sets the stage for polio-free certification of the entire Southeast Asia region by the World Health Organization. The Indian government also plans to convene a polio summit in February to commemorate this victory in the global effort to eradicate polio.