

# 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

	January 23	January 30	February 6
Meeting	Guest Speaker	Vocational talk	Business meeting
Greeters	Albert Andre	Azmina Bert	Brad Carole
Prize	Anthony	Birgitta	Charles
If you can't make it as above, please tell Dir. Ginelle ASAP!			



### Birthday in January

**Anthony Bergasse - January 27**

### 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 PHF
<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 - January 16, 2015

This was a fellowship meeting

### Meeting statistics

Attendance:

25 Rotarians 64%

8 guests

Pres. Chester chaired the business meeting

Acting Serge Leathon raised \$ 120.34  
and the raffle donated by PP Frank earned \$ 170.34



### Save these dates

- Monday January 26 - Friday January 30, 2015 Visit of District Governor Elwin
- Tuesday January 27, 2015 joint Rotary Clubs lunch meeting
- Saturday February 7, 2015 13th. Annual Wine and Cheese Fiesta
- Tuesday February 10, 2015 Club Assembly

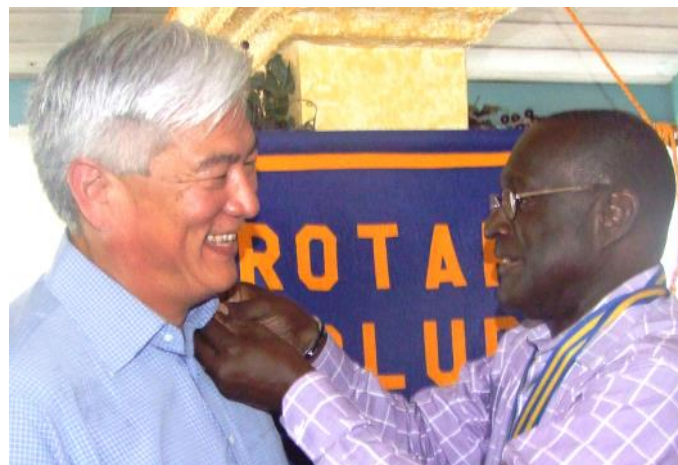


### Rotary induction of new member, Mark Ozawa



Mark is the Managing Director for Windjammer Landing Villa Beach Resort, a 331 room independent resort in Labrelotte Bay Bois d'Orange. Windjammer Landing features 5 restaurants, 3 bars, a shared ownership operation, privately owned villas, water sports operation, luxury spa, and a full activities program including the Jacquot Kid's Club. Mark joined Windjammer Landing in 2010 after 5 years in the consulting industry as Vice President for Tech Global Partners and earlier as President of Accuvia Consulting.

Accuvia was a boutique consulting firm focused on providing technology solutions in the lodging, food service, and retail industries which merged with Tech Global Partners which had a very strong history consulting about technology with both operators and suppliers in the retail sector. Previously, Mark headed Sceptre, a reservations and e-distribution business providing services to many small chains and independent hotels. Mark also spent 18 years working for Westin Hotels and Resorts in a variety of positions in operations and technology at both the corporate and property levels. Since 2010, Mark has increased Rooms revenue and Food & Beverage revenue at the resort. During that time, total revenue increased substantially. At the same time gross Operating Profits have increased during that period. In addition, under Mark's leadership, the team has increased guest satisfaction scores and improved its on-line review sites rankings. He is proud to lead a team of over 460 employees many of whom have worked for the resort for over 20 years.



Mark is married to wife Linda.

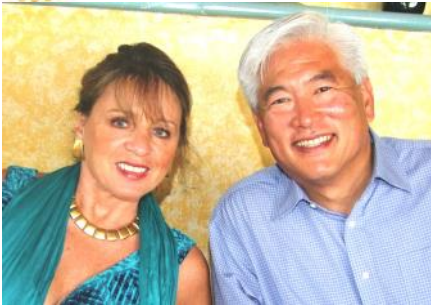
He was sponsored by PP Malcolm. Welcome to Rotary

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## Guests at the meeting



**Linda and Mark Ozawa**  
For the last time g. o. PP Malcolm



**Thea Simmons**  
g. o. PP Joe



**Debra Poyotte**  
g. o. Rot. Leevie



**Darnel Martial**  
g. o. PP Digby



**Andrew Callender**  
g. o. Rot. Leevie



**Girard Glace**  
g. o. PP Digby

## Visit of RI Team to evaluate the potential joint Rotary Wetlands Project for Aux Leon



During their visit Arch Klump Society Member and major donor Chuck Howey, PDG Steve Schlueter and RI Major Donor Representative Debra Lowe visited Aux Leon accompanied by PP Konrad, RCGI Rot. Adrian and Community activist Trevalyn Clovis.

They attended a planning meeting with the Project Committee representatives for the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia and the Rotary Club of Gros Islet.....



....visited George V Park to meet with the Mayor of Castries and attended the Rotary meeting of the Rotary Club of Gros Islet where they met the Minister of Health Mrs Alvina Reynolds and the Minister of Youth and Sport and Aux Leon MP Mr Shawn Edwards.

After the Rotary lunch meeting attended by several members of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia PP Lisle took the RI visitors to see the water tank that Rot. Chuck had in no small way helped financing. Rot. Debra even climbed to the top of the very large water tank for a better view.



Prior to the Team's departure on Wednesday the Planning Committee was hosted by PP Lisle and his partner in service, Maggie for some good old home hospitality and fellowship. All indications are this Wetlands project will now proceed. The planning work can start.





## Fellowship meeting

Pres. Chester started the official part of the lunch meeting with an invitation for some Rotarians to bring up current pressing matter.



In this regard PP Konrad gave an update on the status of the preparations for the 13th Annual Wine and Cheese Fiesta. He indicated that the commitments from food sponsors are difficult to obtain. At the same time Rot. Mary has confirmed that she will assume responsibility for 1 Chateau House by preparing a meat and a seafood Paella.

This brought up the need for a Rotarian to assume responsibility for the distribution of invitation/tickets and the resulting collection of money. Without hesitation PP Charles agreed to assume this task and immediately took possession of the first 300 invitations. Thank you PP Charles.



ADG/PP Tim then gave an update on the visit of District Governor Elwin. The dates are still not 100% confirmed and there is still a chance that he will be long enough on island to attend regular meetings of all 3 Rotary Clubs. If this is indeed the case there will be no need for a joint meeting on Tuesday January 27, 2015. PP Tim emphasized the importance of the DG's visit and the need to prepare a detailed program for the visit as soon as the final dates are confirmed.

Pres. Chester

- made an appeal to members for the return of the questionnaires distributed at the previous meeting.
- he asked on behalf of Treasurer Bobby if all members had received their account statement.
- And in the traditional thank you message he extended his appreciation to PP Malcolm PP Leathon, Rot. Selma, Rot. Steve and Rot. Phillip for their assistance with the Poverty Reduction project and the visit to "the Gardens"

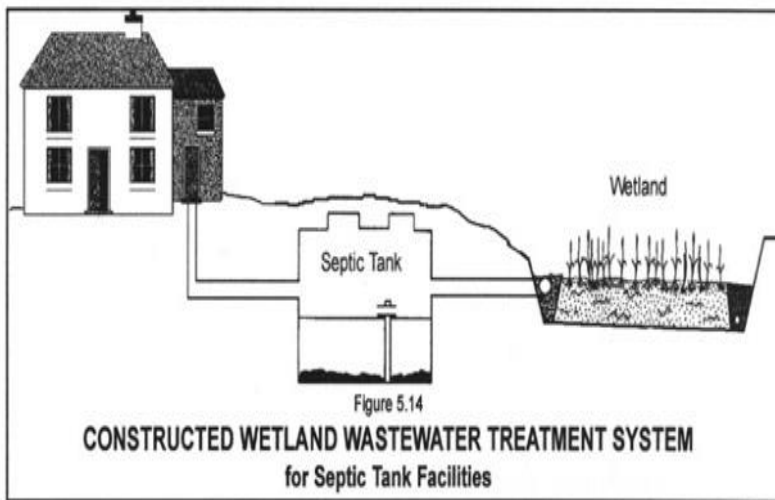


Rot. Phillip shared how much he enjoyed the Rotary project site visit to Aux Leon and confirmed that there is a Montego Bay on the upper Aux Leon area. It was an eye opener for him to see some of the "living realities" in the Helen of the West Indies.

PP Konrad talked briefly about the Aux Leon Wetlands project and the upcoming visit of Rotarians from the USA to explore the potential and practicality of the project from January 18 to 21, 2015.

He encouraged all members to attend the meeting of the Rotary Club of Gros islet on Tuesday January 20, 2015 and advise Rot. Joel or him accordingly.

### What is the Wetlands water project about:



The community of Aux Leon is located within the Fond D'Or Watershed and like many other communities around the island, Aux Leon is built on impervious rock. This presents a problem as there is no opportunity for water to percolate into the soil. Instead, all water, including grey and black water, runs off into gullies and waterways, which eventually enter the marine environment. This rock face on which the community is built presents a challenge regarding the construction and functioning of septic tanks and soak-aways. As such, much of the grey and black waters directed from septic tanks ends up directly in natural waterways. The black and grey water coming from the community of Aux Leon ends up in streams that eventually connects to the main Fond D'Or River. Through the creation of a constructed wetlands that will receive water from the septic tanks, the water quality in these streams will be improved

before it joins the main river, thereby serving as a natural waste water treatment plant.



### The meeting was brought to closure by acting Serge PP Leathon

He used the opportunity to welcome Rot. Mark into the worldwide fellowship that is Rotary and then extracted money while also sharing the 10 Rotary Commandments according to PP Leathon. Much to the enjoyment of himself and the audience













