



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

	January 24	January 31	February 7
Meeting	Speaker	Vocational talk Rot. Ginelle	Fellowship
Greeters	Carole Charlie	Chris Cyril	Frank Gloria
Prize	Chester	Digby	Ian

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



Birthday in January

Anthony Bergasse - January 27

Board 2013-2014

<i>President</i>	<i>Rudolph "Doddy" Francis</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>PP Carole Jn Marie PHF</i>
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<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



Club Meeting - Friday January 17, 2014

This was a business meeting

Meeting statistics

Attendance: 21 Rotarians 54%
1 Visiting Rotarian
2 Guests

Pres. Doddy's chaired the meeting
The raffle price donated by PP Bradley was won by
PP Joe and earned \$ 115.00
Serge Bobby raised \$ 105.00



Save this date

- Rotary Wine and Cheese Fiesta, Saturday February 8, 2014.

In Dir Andre's absence IPP Konrad distributed Wine and Cheese Fiesta invitations to all members present. An appeal was made to take the responsibility of selling all 400 invitations seriously to ensure the financial success of the fundraiser.



At the outset of the meeting Pres Doddy provided an update on some general issues

Referring to the last board meeting held on Tuesday January 14, 2014 Pres. Doddy touched on:

- a possible project involving George V park and a number of young mainly from troubles single parent Households that are currently looked after during the day. Work would involved a structured assistance with the improvement to the facilities and support of these children
- the planed work at the Boys Training Centre in Massade, Gros Islet. Despite repeated visits to Gros Islet efforts to finalize a mutually beneficial approach with the Director of the Boys Training Centre have been without success. In Pres. Doddy's view the project, namely repairs to the fence can still be undertaken and efforts to touch base with Mr. Terrence will continue.
- the Rotary board has agreed in principle to help reestablishing the business of an amputee taylor in the Marc Area who had lost his machine and supplies in the recent floods. The plan is to purchase a new sewing machine and supply him with up to \$ 1000.00 of sewing supplies.
PP Charles pointed out that is was important his home and shop were in a condition to accommodate the new machine and material securely. This is to ensure the donation is not made in vain.
- the planned 'Youth Symposium' now scheduled for February.
Indicating that there seems to be a disconnect or gap between Young and Old the aim is to bring app. 50 young people together with Rotarians and civil leaders for an open symposium.
In moderated discussions ways to narrow the ever widening gap between the generations may be discussed.
The possibility to afterwards hold a televised discussion or debate was tabled by Pres. Doddy. At that time Rot. Tim James proposed it may be best to involve the media from the outset in the forum and get PR exposure for the entire exercise.



Being a business meeting the Directors presented their report



Dir. David Schimeld - Service Projects

The Vocational Service Committee met earlier in the month and discussed were:

- the ongoing 4 way test sign project. It is proposed 2 new w way test signs should be erect in areas to be recommended by PP Azmina.
- the 3 names for the annual Vocational Award winning students will be obtained from SALCC. Rot Paul is following up on this matter
- the 4 way test is to be added to exercise books. Rot. Paul is looking into practical ways to achieve this with the Saint Lucia National Printing Company.
- at least 1 school is to be identified to receive a vocational talk from a member of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia.

- Rot. Paul is to meet with all 3 Interact leaders to guide them on their vocational projects for the year.

Also the International Service Committee met their discussions focused on the following:

- practical ways to create a document that can be used to promote the values of Rotary fostering world under standing and peace.
- Possible ways to participate in the next RI conference in Sidney, Australia.
- possibilities to twin with other Rotary Clubs
- the importance of Rotarians to attend a Rotaract meeting. These are held every Thursday at the Central Library in Castries from 6.30 PM
- design a brochure to portray the goals and projects of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia for distribution



Dir. Selma StPrix - Youth Services

- Dir Selma updated members on the ongoing efforts to reestablish the Interact Club at CCSS where a meeting with the school principal was scheduled for Monday January 20, 2014.
- Only the SJC Interact Club participated in the Rotary / ARC tree planting activity on December. 19, 2013
- Unfortunately Rotary did not get sufficient notice to participate in a feeding of homeless people in Castries organized by the Interact Club.
- Also specific individual Rotarians are no assigned to liaise with Rotaract and 1 Interact Club each.

- The MOU for the operation of The Rotary Bus has finally be signed by all parties involved in the operation of the vehicle. Also the insurance is in place despite outstanding payments from 2 of the organizations involved.

Rot. Timothy James and PP Malcolm had comments on the reports.

In particular PP Malcolm indicated that the Rotary Calabashers have been invited to perform at the RI Convention in Sidney. He has meanwhile been in contact with the SLTB and the diplomatic missions to explore practical ways promoting Saint Lucia with assistance of the SLTB and financial support from the international missions.

Unrelated to the report PP Charles asked about a CFL Community initiative he and IPP Konrad were advised off during a CFL 10th Anniversary event the previous week. IPP Konrad indicated that the project Submission documents are with Dir. Selma who is in the process of preparing a project paper for submission. And Rot. Pedro reminded all that there are as good as for every vocation a “special interest” affiliation with Rotary International.

Dir. Albert and Treasurer Lorne were absent from the meeting

At that time IPP Konrad voiced his concerns about the absence of the Treasurer and Treasurer’s report for the last 2 meetings. There are several payments to be made urgently like the reimbursement of the travelling expenses to Peace Corp Volunteer and 1st. Move Chess coordinator Daniel Jasper who no urgently needs this money.



Relief efforts update



Trinidad and Tobago

Here is a message from Trinidad and Tobago Rotary AG Roger Bose

This is to advise that the shipment of mattresses has finally taken place over the weekend via the ODPM on the MV "Shamrock".

The ODPM were able to get 150 mattresses sent to both St Vincent and St Lucia. (300 in total donated) The ODPM says they will advise the receiving NEMO's that the mattresses are being donated by the Rotary Clubs of Trinidad & Tobago and expect the Rotary

Clubs in the recipient islands to have access to collect and distribute locally.

We all hope this will help to alleviate those still suffering from the terrible floods.

Please confirm when received.

Thanks & Best Regards,

Roger



Martinique



Large quantities of donated clothing were received on a container from Martinique . The clothing has been collected by members of Rotary clubs in Martinique. All items were in excellent condition, looking almost new, ironed and neatly packed in boxes clearly labeled for ladies, gentlemen and in some cases children.



UK

John Hare and Lisa Jardin guests at Calabash Cove donated EC\$ 400.00 towards our relief work

USA

Beachbum Vacations and Beachbum Cares who have worked with us in the past on community projects have donated US\$ 1,000. The funds have been received into the clubs charity account

A big thank you to all our friends near and far

Stay tuned - or close to your e-mail - for information on how you can assist in the distribution

Visitors and guests at the meeting



VR Jim Miners
Haliburton Canada

VR Jim had visited us in the past.
Welcome back!
With the current weather and temperatures in Canada we imagine you

would not have minded staying a little while longer.
We hope you keep warm.



Maia Lyn-Simmor
g. o. Rot. David



David Hird
g. o. Pres. Doddy

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