



April 25, 2014 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

	April 25, 2014	May 2, 2014	May 9, 2014
Meeting	Fellowship	Vocational talk Rot. Michael	Business
Greeters	Charlie Chester	Cyril David	Frank Gloria
Prize	Chris	Digby	Ian

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



Birthdays in April

Charlie Serieux - April 29

Birthdays in May

Joana Charles - May 27

May Anna Lewis - May 27

David Shimeld - May 29

Board 2013-2014

<i>President</i>	<i>Rudolph "Doddy" Francis</i>
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<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 April 11, 2014

This was a fellowship meeting



Meeting statistics

Attendance: 27 Rotarians 69%
2 Visiting Rotarians
1 Visiting Rotaractor
9 Guests

Pres. Doddy chaired the meeting.
The raffle prize was donated by Rot. Bert
and won by Rot. Peter K. It earned \$ 130.00
Acting Sergeant Tim raised \$ 120 for the club account.



Save these dates

- Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia Charter Dinner, Saturday April 26, 2014 Marigot Beach Club
- Rotary Board Meeting, Tuesday May 6, 2014
- Joint Community Project at the BTC in Gros Islet June 14 or 21, 2014

Planting of "please don't litter signs" scheduled for Saturday April 26, 2014

Rotarians please join Dir. David in Cul de Sac at 9.00 am

Rotary Club of Gros Islet celebrates Charter Night

On Saturday April 12, 2014 celebrated with a delayed dinner the 26. Anniversary of it charter in 1993



As special guest at the dinner District 7030 Governor Herve Honore from Martinique joined the celebrations.
He was also the evenings speaker.

A toast to the club PP Brad , PE Judy



F l-r RC Saint Lucia Pres. Doddy, DG Herve, RC Gros Islet Pres. Marcelline, RC Saint Lucia South Pres. Aleric



Interact Club at Saint Mary's College visit our Rotary meeting



In the past 2 years since the establishment of the SMC Interact Club the members have undertaken a number of activities Including :

An anti- bullying campaign

A visit and donation to the St. Joseph Preschool

An environmental clean-up campaign in the school

Visit to and donation of goods to the Corner Stone home

And most recently a sponsored fund raising walk for Polio Plus

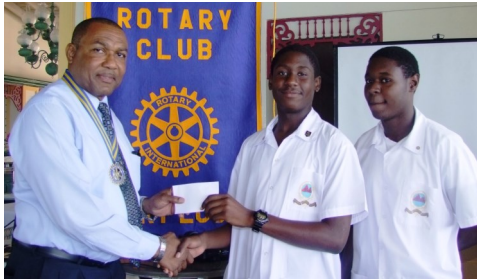


As well as other smaller activities

The Boys have been exposed to a number of experiences that have shaped their school experience at SMC and fostered a sense of community service and charity.

In the upcoming term the club intends to continue its work with the residents of The Corner Stone Home as well as pay a visit to the Boys Training Centre. The club also hopes to facilitate some sessions for leadership training amongst its members.

The Club members have decided to create Club Service and Community Service committees in order to give more members the opportunity to take an active role in the leadership of the club. Given that this upcoming term is a short one with exams beginning in early June we hope that the intended activities are accomplished.



SMC Interact Club Leaders
Small Fanis and Osbert Marley presented
cash contribution to Stop Polio Now



Very important, the glue holding together every club—fellowship



Visitors



VR Kitt Ray
RC Vegreville
Ontario
Canada
Kitt is a regular
visitor to the
club



VR Corliss Charles-Sulton
RC St. Kitts
Corliss has taken up a new
position with her employer
in Saint Lucia and will
hopefully transfer to the Rotary
Club of Saint Lucia shortly



Vernel Vlavian
Visiting Interactor
Vernel was at the
meeting to invite
Rotarians to the Charter
Dinner Saturday April 26,
2014 at Marigot Beach Club.

.....guests of the club



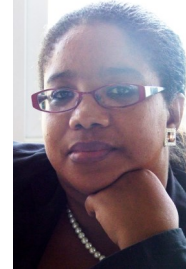
Dr. Kim Gardner
Club guest



Elaine Clement
Club guest



Chrysta Lee,
Co-facilitator Interact



Augusta Duvall
PP Charles



Val Lawson
VR Kitt



Bill Edwards
VR Kitt

and Rotarians at the Rotary meeting



This meeting's guest speakers were

Dr. Kim Garner and Elaine Clement from the Saint Lucia Early childhood Development Centre

<http://childdevelopmentstlucia.org/>



There have been significant achievements made regarding the overall health of children in St. Lucia over the past 20 years. Improved pre-natal care, high immunisation rates and reduction of malnutrition are some of the major areas that have been given attention. However, it wasn't until the 1990's that comprehensive developmental screening of children at 6 weeks, 8 months, 3 to 5 years was instituted in the Health

centres across the nation.



The ECDC Team



According to Dr. Kim Gardner and Elaine Clement previously there were limited intervention services available and no paediatric therapists (e.g., speech/ language therapists, paediatric physiotherapists or occupational therapists) available for children who were identified through this screening process.

The need for further assessment and for the development and implementation of individualized intervention and treatment was the rationale for the initiative in 1997 to start the CDGC in Saint Lucia. In 2001 the CDGC was registered as a non-profit organization.

The Child Development and Guidance Centre's (CDGC) aim is to ensure that children from birth to the age of sixteen receive all the necessary support and help that is required. This will enable them to achieve their full potential and become contributing members of society.

With both local and international support, a CDGC team was realised with Dr. Brigitte Schuling at the helm. Between 1998 and 2002 the team organised an annual three-week summer camp for children with special needs. Under the theme "Moving Towards an Independent Future", children with multiple disabilities received assessment and individual therapy, to learn

how to function and better integrate their daily routine at home. Experienced volunteer physiotherapists, speech and language therapists and occupational therapists came from the UK, USA and Germany to provide their expertise. In 2002 the CDGC was adopted by the St. Lucia Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilities of which the Dunnottar School for children with learning disabilities is also a part. The CDGC was initially housed at the school, but a new home for the CDGC opened in March 2005 consisting of one office for the paediatrician and one for the physiotherapist. This building was jointly funded by local businesses and Villa Kunterbunt – the German foundation for CDGC.

In 2007 Dr. Schuling returned to Germany after working tirelessly on the CDGC project for 12 years. In 2010 Dr. Kim Gardner took over as director.

The Child Development and Guidance Centre continues to function as the only multi-disciplinary developmental assessment centre in St. Lucia. To date it has over 50 volunteer therapists providing thousands of hours of therapy. Over 1,000 children have been assessed at CDGC over the years and hundreds more within the school system. The referral numbers are increasing with over 150 referrals in 2013 alone. This compares to the 2010 figure of an average of 80 children.

Moving towards and independent future!

The ECDC needs assistance. With the daily growing number of children their existing facilities have become too small. They are therefore looking for larger accommodations for the increased services to be provided.



They may have identified a suitable larger new venue in the Vice Bouteille area. It is at this stage way out of reach due to missing funding.

