



# The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia

## "The Spoke"

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**Caribbean Partnership Conference, Puerto Rico August 8-10, 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

### Weekly Duties

	July 25, 2014	August 1, 2014	August 8, 2014
<b>Meeting</b>	Fellowship	<b>No Meeting</b>	Business
<b>Greeters</b>	Bradley Charles	Emancipation Day	David Doddy
<b>Prize</b>	Carole		Digby

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



### Birthdays in July

Michael Ferdinand	July 6
Chester Hinkson	July 9
Pedro Barnard	July 23
Sabia Cherebin	July 24

### 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
<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 Albert Daniels, 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 - July 18, 2014



This was a meeting with a guest speaker

### Meeting statistics

Attendance: 29 Rotarians 74%

1 Visiting Rotarian

2 Guests



Pres. Chester chaired this guest speaker meeting  
The weekly raffle was won by Rot. Paul  
earning the club \$ 133.35  
Sergeant Tim raised \$ 155.34 for the club account



### Save these dates

- Tuesday August 5, 2014 Rotary Board Meeting
- July 27 - August 8, 2014 Two Rotary / RSLP Anti Drug Camps
- August will be Membership and Extension Month
- Saturday November 29, 2014 "The Calabashers at 10" charity concert

### Micoud Secondary School Library Project

Following up with Principal Guibion Williams, his team has started work on the drawings of the building as well as the material and labour budget for the refurbishing of that existing free standing building.



Unfortunately little assistance was forthcoming from the Ministry of Education in this regard.

PP Brad and PP Konrad will visit the school on Saturday July 26. a 9.00 am to meet with the school Principal and his team. All Rotarians are welcome to come along and see for themselves the scope of the work.

Kurt Phillip of Care Services has confirmed he will undertake the termite treatment free of charge.

### Wheel chair initiative update

Florida Rotarian Ed Snowden talked to PP Konrad again on Wednesday. He is making progress with the sourcing of wheel chairs. The possible donation is currently reviewed by attorneys and if approved he will attempt to take it to his DG to possibly make it a District wide partnership with District 7030.

### Visitors and guests at the meeting



Judy Deterville, PHF

President of the Rotary club of Gros Islet

Judy a former member of the Rotary club of Saint Lucia is serving her second term as President in Gros Islet. This was her 1. visit with us since assuming her Presidency.



Phillip Cross  
Guest of Pres. Chester

### A little fellowship solves many a problem - or so we believe





## The meeting's guest speaker



Today's speaker was an Honorary Member of the Rotary Cub of Gros Islet Mr. Michael Walker, PHF.

Rot. Ian introduced the guest speaker.

He started out with revealing that the first came to the island in 1971 before moving to Saint Lucia permanently in 1990. This of course means that now at age 71 he has spend 1 third of his life in the Helen of the West Indies.

He was fortunate to be able to retire at age 50 and most people think he is a children books writer. In reality he is a linguist and expert in teaching English as a second language. Walker did confirm that the books he wrote are indeed used by children, albeit not necessarily children books.

Walker became a bit nostalgic when he talked about cashing his first royalty cheque in real bills in Sweden and going with that cash in a briefcase to England to buy his mother a house she lived in until her death.

Much of his years were spent travelling as a professor all across the world, including repeated trips on the Concorde to teach in the USA. All in all he sold about 128 000 books giving him that financial independence that allowed him to retire at age 50.



He went on describing his first visit to the Debarras school and how, "Creolism" creole is present in the English language spoken in Saint Lucia.

With that retirement he started together with is wife Inga, a doctor and the Rotary Club of Gros Islet identifying charity projects in schools in the north of the island. A literacy project also took him to the Bordelais prison where he was told he would teach minimum security prisoners, only to find out he was spending his time with 17 men incarcerated for murder.

With Germain and Judy (Deterville) he produced 150 TV programs teaching the Creole language before founding the InTime Project donating over 40 Computes and TV to primary schools and producing hundreds of on-line educational modules that are to some degree used by primary schools today.

A bit like with Rotary it is difficult to see true long lasting effects of work done and much does not last as long as it should. All the same the work should never be considered wasted and the true joy was in the people they met along the way, even if there is seldom somebody that will pick up where he loft off to carry on a project.



After Walkers presentation he took a few questions.

PP Konrad wanted to know about the mapping of rivers. If asked people will say Saint Lucia has anywhere from 70 to 150 rivers. Walker had undertaken a helicopter survey at his expense that identified 121 named rivers. Some of these dry out during part of the year.

Rot. Leevie compared Walker's work with 16. Century Flemish painter Pieter Bruegel's "The Fall of Icarus". He expanded on the whole story behind the legend and compared some of Walker's work with Icarus' fate.



His message to Michael Walker: "Do not despair".

PP Brad added some humor about Maleways and home of Honkeys.



PP Malcolm inquired about the need to improve diction. Is it indeed worth the effort and time. Or have we with the new forms of communication and social media moved beyond that necessity

Pres Chester felt the real diction is what exists now, especially amongst newer generations. Old schooling may very well fast become a thing of the past.



The vote of thanks was delivered by PP Leathon who assured the audience he also had a second language, Jamaican English. He found the anecdote about the first royalty cheque interesting and could not help wondering about subsequent cheques and how it would turn out trying to move with all that cash through UVF in these times.

For a foreign national it is truly impressive that Walker is so intimately involved in local culture and language. Maybe some of the benefits of his work are evolving slowly.

He thanked Michael Walker for his presentation and all the work Michael Walker did in Saint Lucia over the years.



# Annual Rotary and Royal Saint Lucia Police Youth Camp

## Week 1 July 27 to August 2, 2014 – 42 Campers at SDA Academy



Time	Sunday July 27 2014	Monday July 28 2014	Tuesday July 29, 2014	Wednesday July 30, 2014	Thursday July 31,, 2014	Friday August 1, 2014	Saturday August 2, 2014
6.00 -7:00 am		Wake up and showers	Wake up and showers	Wake up and showers	Wake up and showers	Wake up and showers	Wake up and showers
		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8.10 - 8.40 am		Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship
8.45 -9.30 am		Opening Ceremony	Sexual Offences, VPT Police	Visit to Sandals Halcyon PP Konrad	Self defense using your smarts Corp. 130 king	Leadership at home at work and in the community Pres. Chester or PP Albert	Cleaning of dorms and general facilities
9.45-10.45 am		Anti – Bullying Mrs. Fortuna Anthony	Sexual Abuse Ms. Modeste	Violence and Emotional Effects Rot. Ginelle	Conflict Resolution Hon. Rot Dr. Stephen King	Reflections Thaddeus Joseph	Certificates Presentation RSLP and Rotary
10.50-11.00 am		Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	KW 18.07, 2014
11.00 am-12:00 pm		Types of drugs, DU Police (Simeon)	Physical Abuse VPT Police	Domestic Violence Rot. Selma	Crime Prevention SPC 117 Antoine	Preparation for field trip Police	
12.00- 1.00 pm		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
1.00 – 1.45 pm	Registration	Effects of alcohol Mr. Phillip, Turning Point	Self Esteem Thaddeus Joseph	Dangers of the Internet Rot. Ian	Anti Gang Workshop Const. 606 Laure	Field trip to	
2.00 -2.45 pm	Ice breaker Rotaract or RSLP ASP Alexander	Pringles	Pastor Ben	Dale Elliot	Interact, Rotaract, Rotary PP Konrad	Wellness Centre	
3.00 – 4.45 pm		Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports		
5.00 – 7.00 pm	Shower and dinner	Shower and dinner	Shower and dinner	Shower and dinner	Shower and dinner	Shower and dinner	
7.00 – 9.00 pm	Introduction to chess PP Leathon	News and Movie	Game night Rotary, Rotaract, Interact	News and Movie	Games night	Talent night with “Taboo”	
<b>Notes:</b>							

## Week 2 August 3 - 9, 2014 – 42 Campers at SDA Academy

Time	Sunday August 3 2014	Monday August 4 2014	Tuesday August 5, 2014	Wednesday August 6, 2014	Thursday August 7, 2014	Friday August 8, 2014	Saturday August 9, 2014
6.00 -7:00 am.		Wake up and showers	Wake up and showers	Wake up and showers	Wake up and showers	Wake up and showers	Wake up and showers
		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8.10-8.40 am		Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship
8.45-9.30 am		Opening Ceremony	Sexual Offences, VPT Police	Visit to Sandals Halcyon PP Konrad	Self defense using your smarts Corp. 130 king	Preparation for field trip Bordelais Facilities Police	Cleaning of dorms and general facilities
9.45-10.45 am		Anti – Bullying Ms Fortuna Anthony	Sexual Abuse Ms. Modeste	Violence and Emotional Effects Rot. Ginelle	Conflict Resolution Hon. Rot. Dr. Stephen King		Leadership at home, at work and in the community Pres. Chester or PP Albert
10.50-11.00 am		Break	Break	Break	Break		Closing Ceremony RSLP Commissioner of Police  and Rotary President Chester Hinkson  KW 20.07, 2014
11.00 am-noon		Types of drugs, DU Police (Simeon)	Physical Abuse VPT Police	Domestic Violence Rot Selma	Crime Prevention SPC 117 Antoine		
12.00 -1.00 pm		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
1.00 – 1.45 pm	Registration	Effects of alcohol Mr. Phillip Turning Point	Self Esteem Thaddeus Joseph	Dangers of the Internet Rot. Ian	Anti Gang Workshop Const. 606 Laure	Field trip to	
2.00 -2.45 pm	Ice breaker Rotaract RSLP ASP Alexander	Pringles	Pastor Ben	Dale Elliot	Interact, Rotaract, Rotary PP Konrad	Bordelais Facilities	
3.00 – 4.45 pm		Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports		
5.00 – 7.00 pm	Shower / dinner	Shower and dinner	Shower and dinner	Shower and dinner	Shower and dinner	Shower and dinner	
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