



# The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia "The Spoke"



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Rotary District 7030 PETS, Barbados April 20-23, 2016

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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 concerned?

	September 25	October 2	October 9
<b>Meeting</b>	Rotary Vocational talk	Rotary Educational talk	Rotary Business meeting
<b>Greeters</b>	Carole Charles	Ginelle	Andre Anthony
<b>Prize</b>	Brad	Soraya	Ginelle

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



### Birthdays in September

Timothy Moffat	September	8
Ian Mitchell	September	15
Digby Ambris	September	15
Albert Daniels	September	20

### Board 2015-16

*President*  
*Vice President*  
*President Elect*  
*Immediate PP*  
*Secretary*

*Timothy James*  
*PP Albert Daniel PHF*  
*Selma St. Prix*  
*PP Chester Hinkson*  
*Selma St. Prix*

### Directors

Club Administration:  
Community Service  
Vocational Service  
International Service  
Membership Service  
Youth Service:  
Rotary Foundation:

Joanna Charles  
Steve Johnny PHF  
Andre Cherebin PHF  
PP Leathon Khan PHF  
PP Tim Moffat PHF  
Ginelle Nelson  
PP Malcolm Charles, PHF

### District responsibilities

Assistant Governor  
District Advisor (TRF) Major Gifts  
Vice Chair IFRM D7020 & D7030

PP Konrad F Wagner PHF  
PAG Malcolm Charles PHF  
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# Club Meeting - September 18, 2015

This was a meeting with a guest speaker



## Meeting statistics

Attendance:

28 Rotarians	74 %
4 Visiting Rotarians	
9 Guests	

Pres. Timothy J. chaired the meeting

Acting Serge Doddy raised \$ 140.00

The raffle was donated by Rot. Peter K.

It yielded \$ 185.00 and was won by PP Charles



## Save the date

### September is New Generation Month

- October 3, 2015 couples event fundraiser for Dominica Tropical Storm Erika victims at PPP Doddy's home
- October 4, 2015 Club Fellowship. Venue to be announced
- Rotary Calabashers Concert, Saturday November 28, 2015, National Cultural Centre
- Visit of DG Milton December 14-16, 2015
- 14th. Annual Wine & Cheese Fiesta Saturday February 6, 2016

## October 23 is World Polio Day

### Visiting Rotarians



Pres. Dahlia Garia, RC Gros Islet

PP Maria Thom, RC Gros Islet

VR H.E. Lutz Goergens , RC in Trinidad

Rot. Cornelius Sidonie, RC Gros Islet

### and guests at the meeting



L. Isidore

A. Joseph

R. James

C. Laurent

Grant Morris

Pat Sammy

Marius Modeste

Dr. Horst Vogel

Daniel Kanaz

School representatives

Club guests

Guests of Rotarians

## Rotary mean it



The day's presenter of Rotary mean it was PP Tim M.

He talked about the uniqueness of district 7030, one of over 500 Rotary districts. After all our 68 Rotary clubs span over 14 countries and 19 different Territories, covering 3 official languages. He named the number of clubs in each territory.

From the most northern to the furthest southern club our district extends by 1,656 miles. This is of course no small challenge for the District Governor, who is every year expected to visit each club on at least 1 occasion, often requiring a combination of travel by air, sea and land. Especially to territories without daily flights a simple visit to countries like French Guyana can involve several days of travel, away from home and office.

Each of the over 500 Rotary districts has a District Governor and usually several Assistant Governors.

Every year the district holds a conference, more often than not in the home country of the District Governor. The next district conference will be hosted by DG Milton, April 20-23, 2016 in Barbados. It usually attracts between 300 and 500 Rotarians and partners in service.

The conference is usually held in English, with all discussions simultaneously translated into French. The Dutch speakers usually converse well enough in English.

PP Tim J. highlighted the importance for every Rotarians to visit a district conference. It is the ideal opportunity for new Rotarians to learn about the depth of Rotary and a perfect occasion for seasoned Rotarians to reacquaint themselves with long time Rotary friends and in the course of the district conference get reenergized with Rotary.

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## Rotary Guest Speaker



The day's speaker was Mr. Grantley Morris, a Barbadian National now living in Canada. He joined the Rotary meeting as the club's guest together with his partner in service, Patricia Sammy.

Throughout his life he received several Awards like the Barbados Award for Philanthropy, the Harry Jerome Lifetime Achievement Award from the Black Business and Professional Association, The African Canadian Achievement Award for Excellence in community Service and the Pride of Barbados Award. In June 2015 he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree.



He started out talking about growing up in Barbados and recalled not doing all that well in school. Something that did not go down well with his father who was a

teacher.

After leaving school he realized that he needed to further himself. During that time and in life many people extended a helping hand.

When he joined Jaycees he learned about community work. Around that time he decided he was best served by moving to Canada and did exactly that.

While working in Canada his then employer helped him by financing his University degree. Something he achieved very much to the amazement of his father, who all too often doubted his ambitions.

Eventually he became self involved and became again involved in community work in Canada.

Somewhat by accident he started "The Caribbean Event". It was initially aimed at gathering Caribbean people and got its name in recognition of the different islands representatives in the group. This fundraiser is by invitation only and takes place once a year in his backyard. And in all fairness, his neighbour's backyard when for a weekend the dividing partition gets removed.

Mr. Morris went on telling a touching story about a young lady, that became pregnant at a young age. He talked of her trials in life before she eventually became a medical doctor.

In closing he relayed how his group of volunteers procured the computers that were donated to the schools in the Caribbean after they had been fully reconditioned and reprogrammed. In communication with his major donor he anticipates to receive approx. 500 Personal Computers over the next few years.

Last year the "backyard" The Caribbean Event raised CA\$ 75,000, an amount he hopes to surpass this year.

When receiving his Honorary Doctor Degree he had done so on behalf of all the people of The Caribbean Event. The Saint Lucia vacation was also a gift from "his people", feeling he needed and deserved a nice Caribbean vacation.



PP Charles moved the vote of thanks. He felt it was very commendable that many different Caribbean countries should benefit from Grantley Morris' Caribbean Event initiative. In Charles' view The Caribbean Event is of particular interest because the initiators like Grantley Morris and his fellow West Indians understand and know who can help in their new home country Canada and they also know who needs the help. On behalf of the Rotary club of Saint Lucia he gave an assurance the computers will be put to good use and Rotary is proud to be part of this wider Caribbean initiative. On behalf of the club he thanked all the people of The Caribbean Event.

The talk was followed by the presentation of computers to 4 school representatives.

## Welcome back IPP Chester



PP Chester, fresh back from vacation in Canada used the opportunity to talk about a make up meeting at the Rotary Club of Ajax, in Ontario Canada.

He made a point to talk about the cost of the lunch he was offered there and what he paid for it, comparing it to the very favourable conditions we enjoy at our weekly lunch meeting. Referring to quality and choice as well as price.



The Rotary Club of Ajax has very much the same challenges we have. An aging membership and the challenge of opening up the club to new and younger candidates. Despite these challenges they, just like us still believe in the Rotary principle Service Above Self. He presented a table place mat with the 4 Way test as a possible item to be used during our club's 50 Anniversary celebrations. The Serge was not able to determine if the item had been purchased, received or otherwise acquired! :-)

## Rotary Club of Gros Islet raffle

Member sort the Rotary club of Gros Islet had joined their meeting to solicit the purchase of raffle tickets. Their club is in the process of initiating a music project at the Boys Training Centre in Massade. The undertaking is the brain child of PP Gene Lawrence. The proceeds from the raffle will go towards the purchase of musical instruments. This will then be used for music lessons with the eventual goal to start a band.





## Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia in Action

Saturday September 19, 2015 10.00 am—2.00 pm Rotaract "Job Prep 101" at the Castries City Hall



Members of the Rotaract organized a workshop for young school leavers and job Seekers. The different sessions were conducted by Rotaractors and resource persons from the business community.



Members of the Rotaract club of Saint Lucia . also supported the drive for relief supplies to Dominica Tropical Storm Erica victims.

Here Pres. Keisha and Rot'ct. Eldon deliver water to the Sir Martin II in Rodney Bay.

## Computer presentations

In collaboration with Rotarians in Canada and The Caribbean Event 10 fully reconditioned and now as good as new personal computers were brought to Saint Lucia. They come ready to go with new operating system and in some cases new keyboard and mouse. Together with the Community Service Committee the board had decided to share them between 4 schools on the island. The lucky recipients on behalf of their schools were Lincia Isidore, Antonia Joseph, Randall James and Celestin Laurent.



Following the presentations of the computers to each school representative was invited to say a few words.



## September 23, 2015 Vocational visit to the new Dr. Owen King Hospital



A total of 25 Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of Saint Lucia and Gros Islet and friends took advantage of a vocational visit to the new hospital arranged by Dir. Andre and PP Joe. They were welcomed by Project Manager Wendell Bernard. The original design of the hospital was in form of a hand with 5 fingers. At this time 4 fingers are built and space for the last 5th. part still exists. The design had to be modified. For example the car park was reduced in size and staff parking moved off site.

The tour started in the very large outpatient area with an explanation of this area including reception and the canteen. Bernard pointed out the electronic key control system.



The facility is on mainly 2 stories with some sections having a 3rd floor taking in the hillside location. In total the hospital is designed to accommodate 122 inpatients.



Next came the very generous Dialysis Centre. When completed it will accommodate 10 dialysis machines/stations simultaneously. It is designed with a separate reception area and resting spaces as well as private examination rooms.

This was followed, now upstairs by a special 10 bed pediatric care unit and maternity ward with 5 delivery rooms. Each will eventually be equipped with 2 special beds



Down another corridor followed 4 different operating theatres. As our guide Wendell Bernard pointed out, each with a different focus and purpose.





## September 23, 2015 Vocational visit to the new Dr. Owen King Hospital cont.

This was followed by a visit to the sterilization room where we had explained how the 3 automated sterilizers functioned once in operation. Once started they cannot be opened and then accessed from the other side of the unit and wall. Mainly small equipment will be sterilized. The linen is treated elsewhere.

Is one Rotarian already making a reservation for sterilization???



The Dr. Owen King hospital operating as 1 facility consists of 11 structures all were built to high Earthquake and Hurricane standards. While demonstrating the patient emergency call system Bernard pointed out that recent tremors no effect was felt at the hospital. A feature of the patient emergency system is that it cannot be turned off at the base but each time the patient must be visited to silence the sounder. Similar system are in place for the dialysis machines, water supplies etc. The hospital also has a stand by generator.



Next came a visit to the ICU. It can accommodate 6 patients at one time.



The visit continued downstairs touring the A and E facilities, the ambulance entrance and 12 semi private cubicles



and concluded with visits to the resuscitation room, X-ray facilities, CT scanner, MRI, and Mammogram unit still under wraps. On behalf of the clubs PP Bobby thanked Mr. Bernard for accommodating us with this visit.



Thank you again PP Joe and Dir. Andre.

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