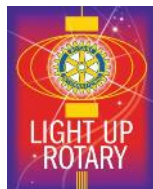




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# The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia "The Spoke"



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[Rotary District 7030 PETS, Suriname April 8-11, 2015](#)



## 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?

	March 27	April 3	April 10
<b>Meeting</b>	Fellowship	No meeting Good Friday	Business
<b>Greeters</b>	Pedro B Peter K		Timothy M Timothy J
<b>Prize</b>	Bobby		Ginelle
<b>If you can't make it as above, please tell Dir. Ginelle ASAP!</b>			



### Birthdays in March

<b>Dr. Azmina Long</b>	<b>March 9</b>
<b>Selma St. Prix</b>	<b>March 14</b>
<b>Cyril Landers</b>	<b>March 18</b>
<b>Mark Ozawa</b>	<b>March 19</b>
<b>Soraya Warner-Gustave</b>	<b>March 25</b>

### Board 2014-2015

<i>President</i>	Chester Hinkson
<i>Vice President</i>	PP Leathon Khan PHF
<i>President Elect</i>	Timothy James
<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 - March 20, 2015

This was a guest speaker meeting




### Meeting statistics

Attendance:

19 Rotarians	48%
1 Visiting Rotarian	
4 Guests	

IPP Rudolph "Doddy" chaired the meeting  
 Acting Serge David raised \$ 118.01  
 The raffle was donated by Rot. Paul

### Save these dates

- Easter Monday April 6, 2015 Easter lunch for the homeless, Castries City Hall
- Saturday april 25, 2015 Rotaract club of Saint Lucia Charter Night 

### The Club's Board of Directors for 2015 –16

President	<b>Timothy James</b>	Immediate Past President	<b>Chester Hinkson</b>
Vice President	<b>Albert Daniels</b>	Sergeant at Arms	<b>Carole Jn- Marie</b>
Secretary	<b>Selma St. Prix</b>	Club Administration	<b>Joanna Charles</b>
Service Projects Director	<b>Phillip Cross</b>		
- Vocation			
- Community Services	<b>Steve Johnny</b>		
- International Services			
Treasurer	<b>Bobby Frederick (Interim)</b>	Youth Services Director	<b>Ginelle Nelson</b>
Membership Director	<b>Timothy Moffat</b>	Public Relations Officer	<b>Rudolph "Doddy" Francis</b>
Rotary Foundation Director	<b>Malcolm Charles - provisional</b>		

### Who are these 2 gentlemen on the roof?

Pursuant to a request by VR. Kitt Raye from the Rotary Club of Vegreville Alberta, Canada PP Brad and Rot. Steve visited the Castries Comprehensive Secondary School.

VR Kitt is still exploring the possibility of having the school's roof repaired using the assistance of her home district in Canada. The school was initially built with funds provided by the Government of Canada and is often referred to as an independence gift to Saint Lucia.

The roof is now leaking in several places and urgent repairs are needed. The measuring of the roof will allow for more accurately budgeting of the cost of roof repairs.

At a size of 45,130 square feet it is not a small job.





## Mr. Richard Payne from the Saint Lucia School of Music addresses Rotary

Richard Payne is an accomplished musician, mainly playing piano and keyboard having performed on main stage at the Saint Lucia Jazz and Heritage Festival and the Director of the Saint Lucia School of Music. He was introduced by Rot. Gene Lawrence of the Rotary club of Gros Islet. PP Gene is a well known musician and Calypsonian himself and a member of the Board of Governors at the Saint Lucia School of Music located in Tapion, Castries.



Payne talked about an upcoming Easter Workshop for young musicians in collaboration with the Simon Bolivar Musical Foundation known worldwide for "El Sistema" reaching out to young people in deprived areas that would otherwise not likely get introduced to playing an instrument. El Sistema "Changing Lives Through Music" originally founded by José Antonio Abreu has been lauded as well as on occasion criticized all across the world for its approach to teaching music to young people.

For more information please visit: [www.elsistemausa.org](http://www.elsistemausa.org)

### The Aims of The Workshop in 2014 were

- To demonstrate the power of music as a vehicle for positive social change.
- To continue the process of intense orchestral workshops for youth and music teachers across Saint Lucia.
- To create a foundation for a Saint Lucia National Youth Orchestra and Choir.
- To build sustained public/private sector support for the School's outreach programmes.

### And that 2014 Workshop was very successful

- Over 300 children actively participated in a rigorous programme (many from vulnerable communities).
- Music teachers in training received valuable training to address deficient areas.
- Over 700 people attended the final concert at the Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception.
- Combined concert involved many agencies.
  - Youth enjoyed themselves immensely and were energized by the experience.
  - Transforming lives through the power and beauty of music.

### The Challenges of 2014 are very much the same in 2015

- Limited public sector support for the activity citing resource challenges.
- Insufficient media covering the activities.
- SLSM resources were stretched.
- Major Government funding cuts to community outreach programmes.

### The big dream remains a National Youth Orchestra and Choir

- Creating a National Youth Orchestra and Choir.
- Adapting El Sistema to a Saint Lucian environment.
- Saint Lucia as a platform for regional expansion.
- An orchestra with Caribbean flavour - Traditional orchestral infused with indigenous Caribbean elements.



### With this in mind the objectives for the Workshop 2015 are

- To continue the important work and target 400 youth.
  - To give students and the general public the opportunity to see a world class orchestra perform live.
- To build support the reinstatement of the community outreach programmes.
- To build support for a National Youth orchestra.

### With these goals the Workshop 2015 needs funding

The total cost of the project is \$ 25,600. Out of this amount the main expense is for meals in the tune of \$ 11,250



After an appeal to the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia for financial assistance Mr. Payne answered questions from the floor before PP Albert moved the vote of thanks.





## Visitor

## and guests at the meeting



PP Gene Lawrence  
RC of Gros Islet



Crissy Laurent  
g. o. Rot. Andre



Moulton Mayers  
g. o. PP Brad



Isaiah "Shaggy" Isaac  
g. o. Rot. Birgitta



Richard Payne  
Club guest

### Only 12 days left to the District conference

Get ready for the District 7030 PETS, Assembly and Conference 2015, hosted by the three Rotary Clubs of Suriname [Rotary Club of Paramaribo](#), [Rotary Club of Paramaribo Central](#) and [Rotary Club of Paramaribo Residence](#).

Brasa is Surinamese for a warm hug, an embracement of people wishing each other the best. At this conference we aim to share with you the experience of a Surinamese Brasa.

Join DG Elwin and Brasa the Suriname Spirit!

- See more at: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/60070/Stories/district-conference-2015#sthash.TtLQNzka.dpuf>

### Rotary International News

**"Be a Gift to the World"** RI President-elect K.R. Ravindran, announcing his theme for 2015-16



**Be a gift to the world**

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran is CEO and founder of Printcare PLC, a publicly listed printing, packaging, and digital media solutions company. It is arguably the world's largest supplier of tea bag packaging, catering to nearly every major tea brand, with manufacturing facilities in Sri Lanka and India. Printcare is the winner of national and international awards of excellence. Ravindran has been a featured speaker at several international print and packaging forums. Ravindran also serves on the board of several other companies in Sri Lanka and India and charitable trusts, including the MJF (Dilmah) Charitable Foundation. He is the founding president of the Rotary-sponsored Sri Lanka Anti Narcotics Association, the largest such agency in Sri Lanka. During the country's civil war, Ravindran was involved in the business community efforts to find peaceful solutions to the conflict and was a featured speaker at the United Nations-sponsored peace conference in New York for the Sri Lankan diaspora in 2002.

A third generation Rotarian and a member himself since the age of 21, Ravindran has served on the R I Board of Directors and The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees and as RI treasurer.













