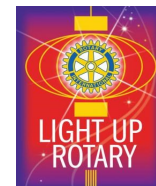




The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia

"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

	June 27, 2014	July 4, 2014	July 11, 2014
Meeting	Fellowship	Business	Fellowship
Greeters	Ian Joanna	Michael Ginelle	Andre Anthony
Prize	Joe	Albert	Azmina

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

2013-2014

President Rudolph "Doddy" Francis
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President Elect Gloria Williams PHF
Immediate PP Konrad Wagner PHF
Secretary Gloria Williams PHF
Treasurer Lorne Charles
Sergeant at Arms: PP Robert "Bobby" Frederick
Public Relations: Sabia Cherebin

Directors:

Club Administration: André Cherebin PHF
 Service Projects: David Shimeld
 Membership: Chester Hinkson
 Rotary Foundation: PP Albert Daniels, PHF
 Youth Service: Selma St.Prix

Board 2014-2015

President To be confirmed
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Club Meeting - June 20, 2014

This date was a meeting with a special guest and a speaker



Meeting statistics

Attendance: 18 Rotarians 49%
2 Visiting Rotarians
7 Guests

Pres. Doddy chaired the last regular meeting for the year
The raffle donated by Rot. David was won by Rot. Chester
It earned \$ 115.00
Acting Sergeant Chester raised \$ 110.00 for the club account



Save these dates

- Tuesday July 1, 2014 5.30 pm 1. new board meeting.
- Sunday June 29, 2014 4.00 pm Rotary Club of Saint Lucia South Handover ceremony NSDC Vieux Fort
- Thursday July 3, 2014 7.00 pm Rotaract Handover ceremony, Central Library, Castries

Rotarians extend condolences to the Francis and the Chitolie family

On Friday June 20 the mother of Pres. Rudolph "Doddy" Francis Mrs. Mary Helen Francis departed from this earth.

Sergeant Chester and the members remembered he in a minute of silence at the end of the Rotary meeting.

And on Monday June 24 Mrs. Marcelline Chitolie, President of the Rotary Cub of Gros Islet passed away in hospital in Trinidad.

The members of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia extend the most sincere condolences to the St. Prix, the Francis and the Chitolie family wishing them strength during these difficult days and the weeks and months ahead. It is times like these when we all look out for our fellow men and give them all the support they need. For those of us believing in god we trust they will find comfort in the thought that Mary Helen and Marcelline have gone on to a better place.

Pres. Marcelline was a relatively new but none the less very dedicated and active Rotarian. Condolence messages were arriving from DG Herve and the Rotary Community.

As PE Judy said:

This is a sad time for us. We spend many hours improving the quality of lives of our fellow citizens, and today it is our turn to console each other. When we heard that our President Marcelline had fallen ill we were all blind-sided, but we decided to continue on as she would have liked.

This is the time now more than ever, to pull together and to close ranks around each other. The news has reached us about President Marcelline's passing. This is unexpected for us. Her family must be even more affected. Let us try to offer whatever assistance we can for them in their time of need, and let us strive to be the light for each other in this our dark hour.

This too shall pass. In these coming days, do not be too afraid to grieve out loud if you have too. Find a fellow Rotarian and show how we can care for each other.

Let us try to continue to serve as President Marcelline would have done - with passion and energy."





This guest speaker heading a packed agenda was Mrs. Teresina Sieunarine



Dir. Andre introduced our guest speaker, Mrs. Sieunarine, who is the President of the Autistic society of Trinidad and Tobago.

A group comprising of parents with autistic children, relatives as well as volunteers.

Sieunarine started her presentation by introducing her autistic son via a powerpoint presentation.

Like some other illnesses it is largely invisible without any obvious signs or marks. As a result of that “invisibility” it is difficult to determine the actual number of cases in Saint Lucia.

The Dunnottar School has presently 14 autistic students with another 10 on a waiting list for admission.

At the same time the numbers are increasing every year. Diagnosis is made by intense observation requiring a level of expertise and experience.

Key in ensuring a good quality of life for autistic persons is early intervention. Diagnosis as early as ages 3—5 will reduce a lifelong care and assistance. The illness has a wide spectrum and there is no one person with the same symptoms as another. It is however more common in males than in females.

It is important to know that as a brain impairment it is a very treatable illness taking care of the wide range of challenges each patient experiences.

The quality of life for Autistic persons starts with receiving respect and dignity. It is essential that their rights are recognized and respected and their individual needs respected and not violated. They do benefit from a well structured environment and can have very successful life for example as self employed business people.

Continuing education and sanitation of the general public will be needed to achieve the above.



Visitors

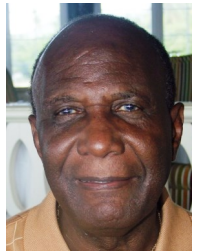


June Snowden, a PDG is visiting with us from the UK once again.

June, no stranger to our club visits Saint Lucia annually for extended periods to assist with charity work. Most of her activities centre around the Dunnottar School where she and her club assist financially as well as with hands on service projects.

Welcome back PP June.

PP Cass Elias, Rotary Club of Saint Lucia South



and guests of the club and members at the meeting



Dame Pearlette
Club guest



Carolyn Archibald
Club guest



Teresina Sieunarine
Club guest



Toni Blackett-Felix
Club guest



Sabrina Quarrie
Rot. Ginelle



Tanya Newton
Rot. Ginelle



“Shaggy” Isaak
Rot. Birgitta



Special guest of honour of this club meeting was

H. E. Dame Pearlette Louisy, Governor General of Saint Lucia



Dame Pearlette is an Honorary Rotarians and usually visits a regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia once every year. H. E. is the Patron for the club's largest annual fundraising event, the Rotary Wine and Cheese Fiesta held every year around February at the Governor General's official residence on Morne Fortune, Castries.

Part of the net proceeds are every year donated to Her Excellency's charities to be used at her discretion. Here she is receiving a cheque from Pres. Doddy.

A date for the Rotary flag to fly high at Government house for the 13. time will be announce shortly

Here are a few pictures from the last event.



Cheque presentation to Dunnottar School

Pres. Doddy made another presentation at this meeting.

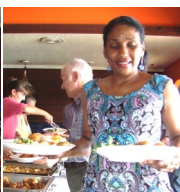
This time to Mrs. Carolyn Archibald, the Principal of the Dunnottar School.

The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia has a very long standing relationship with this school for differently able children. Over the years it has been tradition to treat the children for lunch as recorded in last week's Spoke. In addition the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia makes every year a cash donation to the school to assist with them many needs the school has.

Here Pres. Doddy presents the cheque to Mrs. Carolyn Archibald



In case you missed the most recent Spoke. Here some pictures from last week's luncheon





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