



March 28, 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

	March 28	April 4, 2014	April 11, 2014
Meeting	Vocational talk	Business	Speaker
Greeters	David Albert	Azmina Anthony	Birgitta Brad
Prize	Andre	Bert	Carole

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



Birthdays in April

Peter Kent - April 1
Chris Renwick - April 10
Leevie Herrelle - April 12
Charlie Serieux - April 29

Board 2013-2014

<i>President</i>	<i>Rudolph "Doddy" Francis</i>
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<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Gloria Williams PHF</i>
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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 March 21, 2014

This was a fellowship meeting



Meeting statistics

Attendance: 29 Rotarians 74%
6 Visiting Rotarians
1 Rotaractor
3 Guests

Pres. Doddy chaired the meeting.
The raffle prize was donated by PP Tim Moffat
and won by Pres. Aleric of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia South
It earned \$175.00
Acting Sergeant Ginelle did the position truly proud and
raised \$ 140.00 for the club account.



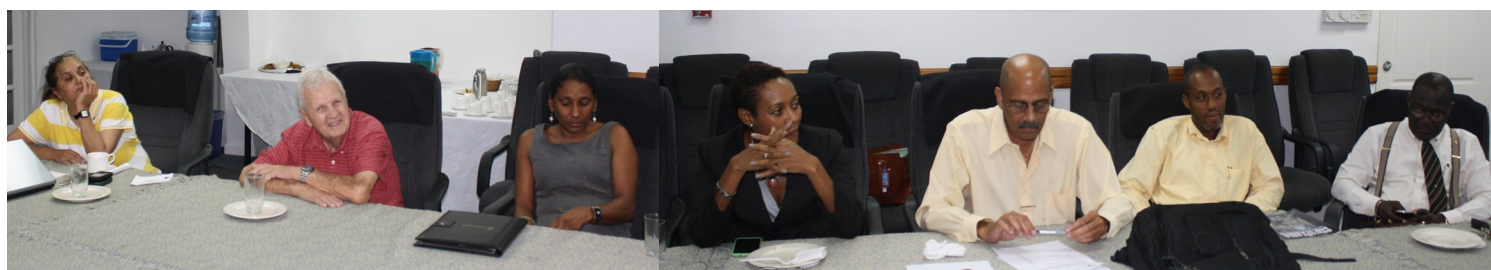
The lucky raffle winner was our Visiting Rotarian from the rotary club of Saint Lucia South.

As soon as the prize was received a discussion arose whether the liquid contents and therefore the bottle will reach Vieux Fort in sealed condition.

Save these dates

- Interact Club at SMC induction ceremony Monday March 31, 2014 2.00 pm
- Board meeting, Tuesday April 1, 2014
- Rotary Club of Gros Islet Charter Night, Saturday April 12, 2014
- 7030 District conference Martinique April 22-26, 2014. Register NOW

Club Assembly held on Wednesday March 26, 2014



After a slow and late start a total of 14 Members were present to discuss club affairs in an open forum for members only.
It is customary not to publicize agenda items and discussion points raised.
However several topics were debated at length and 2 issues of interest to members were after the discussion voted on by all the members at the Club Assembly.





Donated pillows arrive on Costa Cruise ship



On Saturday app 400 decorative pillows were received at Port Castries. After unloading they were transported to the SLASPA shed across the harbor . There the pillows were placed in a shipping container provided free of charge with the compliments of Gerard Bergasse, of Tropical shipping before being fumigated by Care Services as stipulated by customs. That was thanks to Kurt Phillip also done free of charge.



It is now up to Rotarians and Rotaractors to distribute these pillows in an appropriate fashion.

Visitors and guests at the meeting

**A visiting group from
the Rotary club of Saint Lucia South**



**President Dr.
Aleric Soanes**



**Secretary
Marguerite Peter**



**Rotarian
Ulric Alphonse**



**President Elect
Kitt Raye
RC Vegreville**



**Frank Clegg
RC Burnham on sea
RC Somerset, UK**



**3 x PP
Sten Andersson
RC Stockholm**



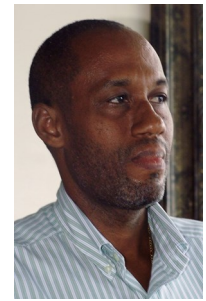
**President "Ever"
Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia**



**Marilyn Henville
Guest of PP. Charlie**



**Margit Andersson
Guest of Rot. Birgitta**



**Michael Ferdinand
Guest of Rot. Chester**

Pres. Ever attended the meeting to give a report on the recently concluded World Rotaract Week activities. According to him the events were very successful and all scheduled activities took place as planned. He expressed the appreciation of the Rotaract Club to the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia for the ongoing support extended and continuing participation and guidance.

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The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia welcomes a new member



Mr. Edwin Ferdinand was sponsored and introduced to the club by Membership Director Chester Hinkson. He reminded all members that the personal and professional details for to be inducted Michael Ferdinand had been circulated already and he was not going to waste everybody's time

In case you missed it here are some details again

Michael Edwin Ferdinand was born at La Clery in Castries, Saint Lucia on 6th July, 1964 as the last son of Linda Martha Mathurin and Edwin Ferdinand of La Clery, Castries.

Mother Linda died on 4th January, 1970 at the age of twenty two, leaving behind three sisters. Michael's grandparents (Linda's parents) had passed away before he was born. He therefore grew up with his father and his second grandmother (Lillian Ferdinand) who also lost her husband Oliver Ferdinand and her last son, Lester Ferdinand in 1969 within six months of each other prior to his mother's passing. Aunts, Christina, Monica, Joan and uncle, Anthony then became his sisters and brother. Being the youngest in the house, these family members helped to mould Michael into being the person that he is today. His father shortly thereafter left him with his grandmother while he started his new life with his present wife June Louis Ferdinand of Castries. Michael has one sister Latoya Ferdinand, who was born in 1979.



He attended the Vide Bouteille Government Combined School prior to moving on to St. Mary's College. At school he was often involved in extra-curricular activities like the Sea Scouts, an acolyte at the Lady of Fatima Church, La Clery and the youngest member and also junior floor rep of the Vide Bouteille Cultural Club (VBCC) where he served on the Executive for many years in positions as Games Organizer, Treasurer and also Auditor for a number of years. He loved sports and took part in football, cricket, volleyball, table-tennis, lawn-tennis, track and field and cycling. He was known as an unassuming, versatile player on the Volleyball court and graduated from St. Mary's College after earning the title Volleyballer of the year.

After graduating from St. Mary's College he immediately entered the working world to pursue his dreams and career in accounting. He initially worked for a small company (T&R Novelties) as an Accounts Clerk and then moved on to Professional Management Services Ltd/ Michel Michael & Co. as a Junior Auditor. After being with the company for two years he was promoted to Supervisor of the Audit department up until the company closed down and he moved to Claude V. Griffith & Co. where he spent ten years before for one year working with Stewart & Associates as Assistant Manager of the Northern office.

In 1997 he decided to start his own firm and formed Ferdinand Accounting Services.

Within this time of working long hours and studying he also made the time to be a member of the Rotaract Club of St. Lucia, Danna's Freewheeler, St. Lucia Cycling Association, St. Lucia Shooting Association and not to forget VBCC. In all of these clubs and organisations he held positions on the Executive. New Rotarian Michael is proud to say that he has served with distinction. He loves music, travelling, meeting people and also served as a volunteer with the St. Lucia Tourist Board from inception of the St. Lucia Jazz Festival for a number of years. He became a member of the Chamber of Commerce and served for several years on the Jazz on the Square Organizing Committee.

Michael continues to strive to become a better person, friend, worker and citizen of St. Lucia. He is unmarried and has no children despite always wanting to have a family. As he looks forward to his fiftieth birthday, maintaining his good health, we look forward to having him for many more years as an active member of the Rotary club of Saint Lucia serving our Communities and our Country. The Rotary club of Saint Lucia welcomes him in the classification of Business Accounting.