



January 3, 2014 Edition

# The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia

## "The Spoke"



Please visit us at

**[WWW.ROTARY.LC](http://WWW.ROTARY.LC)** for the online version of The Spoke

**[Rotary International Convention 2014 Sydney June 1- 4 , 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 concerned?

### Weekly Duties

	January 3	January 10	January 17
Meeting	Fellowship	Business	
Greeters	Tim M. Tim J.	Andre Anthony	Bert Birgitta
Prize	Albert	Azmina	Brad

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



### Birthday in December

**Anthony Bergasse - January 27**

### Board 2013-2014

<i>President</i>	<i>Rudolph "Doddy" Francis</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>PP Carole Jn Marie PHF</i>
<i>President Elect</i>	<i>Gloria Williams PHF</i>
<i>Immediate PP</i>	<i>Konrad Wagner PHF</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Gloria Williams PHF</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Lorne Charles</i>
<i>Sergeant at Arms</i>	<i>PP Robert "Bobby" Frederick PHF</i>
<i>Public Relations Officer</i>	<i>Sabia Cherebin</i>

### Directors:

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

**[WWW.ROTARY.LC](http://WWW.ROTARY.LC)**



## Club Meeting - Friday December 27, 2013

This was a fellowship meeting



### Meeting statistics for the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia

Attendance: 23 Rotarians 76%  
1 Visiting Rotarians  
2 Guests

The raffle prize donated by Rot. Steve as won by PP Leathon  
It raised \$ 255.00 and Serge Bobby raised \$ 125.00



### Save these dates

- Rotary Board Meeting, Tuesday January 7, 2014
- Club Assembly tentatively Tuesday January 14, 2014
- Rotary Wine and Cheese Fiesta, Saturday February 8, 2014.



### A new year has started

As the old year came to an end with rain and flooding affecting many people in low lying areas, especially towards the south of Saint Lucia we are turning to a 2014 full of challenges and opportunities.

The Spoke Editor's wish is to see more Rotarians involved in the work we do. So let us reflect back to the day we became members of the worldwide fellowship that is Rotary. Let us all recall the good intentions we had back when. There is no shortage of opportunities to assist in one of the clubs many projects. It is even not too late to extend a helping hand to the people affected by the "Santa Storm of 2013".

No member is asked to be involved in every project in these most challenging times for many businesses. Every Rotarian is however expected to be involved in one or the other activity. Hopefully involved in a hands on active and meaningful manner and apply our motto "service above self".

So here is a challenge for every Rotarian that did not have an opportunity to participate in a project last year. Please pick any one of our undertakings and volunteer to the relevant Director now. Make a point to honor this commitment and put that job first, keeping in mind that Rotary is a voluntary organization until you volunteer, after that it becomes a job we all should be committed to.

Don't do it for anybody else but yourself. Do it for the most selfish reasons of feeling good after you have actively participated in the work of Rotary. Just talk to an active Rotarian and see the spark in his or her eyes when they talk about work they have done or visit [WWW.ROTARY.ORG](http://WWW.ROTARY.ORG) or [WWW.ROTARY.LC](http://WWW.ROTARY.LC) our own website Where you will find hundreds of pictures of the proud work we have done in recent years.

Happy New Year

[WWW.ROTARY.LC](http://WWW.ROTARY.LC)



Visitor

.....and guests at the meeting



**VR Michael Leinwand**  
**RC Conway, Sout Carolina, USA**



**Lark Ambris**



**Nigel Wall**  
**guests of PP Digby**

### **Thank you Chester**

**Pres. Doddy also used the occasion to say thank you to our “Sandals Host” throughout the year.**

**Chester’s dedication and commitment to having our meetings set up in a timely and professional manner every Friday without fail did not go unnoticed.**

**If that was not enough, who could forget his performance as Santa Claus at last year’s Rotary Children Christmas party in Bexon.**



### **Rotary sponsored freezer arrives just in time for the Pizza delivery**



**Virtually minutes before the Salvation Army received their weekly donation of frozen pizzas from Dominos Pizza they also took procession of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia sponsored freezer. This now allows the Salvation Army to store the pizzas properly until they are ready to bake them and don’t have to any longer back them all at once to avoid spoilage.**



### **Rotary assists flood victims in the Bexon area**

**To formulate and come up with the right and timely response to the flood victims in the Bexon area has proven a bigger challenge than one should think. Despite forming a committee immediately after the disaster actual assistance has been sketchy. Several Rotarians mad individual efforts and visited the area to distribute small amounts of supplies. Others used the opportunity to lighten their closets and donated items of clothing via PP. Joe or directly via the NEMO. If you have not done so yet, it is not too late!**

**Others were through the assistance of PP Chris able to distribute water in the area. Several Rotary Clubs have offered financial and other assistance.**

**AG Tim is coordinating the Rotary Clubs of Saint Lucia’s joint effort and will hopefully very soon be able to secure items like beds and continue work on the rehabilitation work by supplying supplies or contributing cash for specific items.**

**WWW.ROTARY.LC**





## Christmas lunch for the less fortunate in Castries



Following through on tradition the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia treated less fortunate and in many cases homeless people in Castries to the annual New Year's lunch.

A special thank you go to Dir. Andre for organizing the event, Rot. Mary for catering and for Rot. Paul to once again come to the clubs assistance by making chaffing dishes available free of charge.



Rotarians and some spouses turned out in not recently seen numbers to plate and serve the food and the beverages.

It is estimated that app 230 plates of food were made available to the many people enjoying a hot meal in a pleasant atmosphere

*Maitre Duddy: 2 main courses and 2 fruit juices for the 2 gentlemen at table 8*



Rotarian and Restaurateur Mary outdid herself with the food preparation



and with so many Rotarians on hand to assist there was time in between for a little fellowship.

Out of fear to omit one the Spoke Editor does not want to list all the club members that made their way to the town hall assisting in the project.

Either way, excellent job Dir. David. Respect due.

## Rotary International remembers Nelson Mandela as an ally for peace and polio eradication



In 1996, routine polio immunizations in Nigeria and other African countries were anything but routine. Competing health priorities and lack of funding hampered many governments from putting polio eradication high on their agenda. The drive for a polio-free Africa needed a playmaker.

Enter Nelson Mandela. Herb Brown, Rotary's president in 1995-96, recalls seeking the South African leader's support.

"President Mandela was so gracious and listened as we described the problem,"

Brown says. "I told him only he had the influence to persuade the countries to resume immunization."

Mandela agreed to help. "I'm well aware of Rotary and all the work you've done, and all the work you did while I was in jail," he told Brown. At a press conference, with Brown at his side, Mandela asked all the heads of state in Africa to open their doors to polio National Immunization Days.

Mandela helped launch the Kick Polio Out of Africa campaign later that year with 1996-97 Rotary President Luis Giay and Rotary Foundation Chair Rajendra Saboo. Almost immediately, Africa's polio eradication effort was back on track. Using soccer matches and celebrity endorsements, the campaign raised public awareness of polio and helped spur more than 30 African countries to hold their first National Immunization Days.

In recognition of his vital work, Rotary presented the Rotary Award for World Understanding to Mandela in 1997, then Rotary's highest honor. "We chose President Mandela because of his significant contributions to world peace, human rights, and freedom," said Giay, adding that Rotary members especially appreciated "his strong support of the eradication of polio throughout Africa."

Mandela called the award "a tribute to the people of South Africa's rainbow nation." Rotary's work toward eradicating polio "has shown the power of a global network of people who are ready to roll up their sleeves and put their heart and soul into saving children from disability."

Mandela donated the award's \$100,000 prize to the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund.