



The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia "The Spoke"

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

The 107th Convention of Rotary International - Seoul 29 May - 1 June 2016

		Weekly Duties		
The 4-Way Test		July 3	July 10	July 17
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?	Meeting	Fellowship	TBA	TBA
	Greeters	Soraya Ginelle		
	Prize	Andre		
	If you can't make it as above, please tell Dir. Joanna ASAP!			



Birthdays in July

Chester Hinkson July 9
Peter Barnard July 23

Board 2015-16

<i>President</i>	<i>Timothy James</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>PP Albert Daniel PHF</i>
<i>President Elect</i>	<i>Selma St. Prix</i>
<i>Immediate PP</i>	<i>Chester Hinkson</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Selma St. Prix</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>PP Robert "Bobby" Frederick</i>
<i>Sergeant at Arms:</i>	<i>PP Carole Jn Marie PHF</i>
<i>Public Relations:</i>	<i>PP Rudolph "Doddy" Francis PHF</i>

Directors

Club Administration:	Joanna Charles
Service Projects:	T B A
Membership:	PP Tim Moffat PHF
Rotary Foundation:	PP Malcolm Charkles, PHF
Youth Service:	Ginelle Nelson

District responsibilities

Asst. District Governor	PP Konrad F Wagner PHF
District Advisor (TRF) Major Gifts	PAG Malcolm Charles PHF
Vice Chair IFRM D7020 & D7030	PAG Malcolm Charles PHF



Club Meeting - June 19, 2015

This was a speaker meeting



Meeting statistics

Attendance:

- 26 Rotarians 67%
- 1 visiting Rotarian
- 3 guests
- Pres. Chester chaired the meeting
- Serge Tim raised \$ 125.00
- The raffle earned \$ 170.00



Save the date

- Joint Rotary, Rotaract, Interact Presidents meeting Saturday July 4, 2015, Calabash Cove
- Rotary board meeting Tuesday July 7, 2015
- Visit of DG Milton December 14-16, 2015

President Chester commenced the meeting reminding all that this was the last time he would stand at that podium presiding over the lunch meeting as President of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia. He briefly thanked some people for their support over the last Rotary year. And what a year it was.

The faces of Pres. Chester



Visitor

and guests at the June 6th meeting



VR June Snowden



V Rct PE Keisha Alfred



Daria Poyotte



Charmaine Joseph
guests of Rot. Leevie



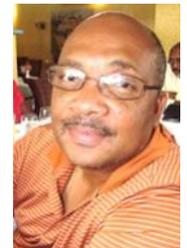
Kadijka Mason



Andrew Callender



Buzz Erlinger Forde
g. o. PP Digby g.o. PP Leathon



Gavin Huntley
g. o. PP Digby g.o. PP Leathon



Guest Speaker Mr. Richard Peterkin



Our guest speaker Mr. Richard Peterkin, a past President of the Rotary Club of Gros Islet as introduced by PP Tim Moffat. Peterkin a chartered accountant by profession was the founding President of the Saint Lucia N. O. C. and is now a permanent member of the I. O. C. He had been asked to talk about malfeasance in international Sports.

Peterkin outlined how all major sports have international Federations governing them. Even Golf founded such a body in order to obtain Olympic Sport status.

Most of them are located in Switzerland with the only major exception of Cricket.

There are good reasons for locating in Switzerland, such as good processes, political stability, taxation and of course the fact that Switzerland is neutral with a very long period of peace.

Peterkin talked about the election processes of these Federations, in particular as they relate to FIFA with its Confederations making up FIFA and there again the Caribbean region being part of CONCACAF.

Allegations of bribery and indifferent processes within FIFA are not new and date back for many years to the days when its President Sepp Blatter was still FIFA General Secretary. These allegations became much more pronounced and gained momentum after the FIFA World Cups, the largest sporting event in the world, were awarded to Russia and Qatar respectively. At the end it was almost impossible to avoid them despite FIFA'S internal commissions turned up no wrong doing.

For years the reputation of long time FIFA Vice President Jack Warner was questioned by many and believed by most. In recent weeks the "cash for votes" conference held in Trinidad has become well documented and it is widely believed that all attending delegates received envelopes containing US\$ 40,000 cash for the pledge of their vote for a specific candidate.

After Warner's resignation from FIFA it had been quiet around his person and only recently old stories have gained new attention. One reason is the revelations from US FIFA Executive turned whistle blower Chuck Blazer who has allegedly been secretly recording conversations for the FBI.

Talk was about the arrests of FIFA Executives in Switzerland followed by an extradition request for Jack Warner who was home in his native Trinidad. Warner has meanwhile announced he will fight all extradition attempts to the USA.

One of the questions presented was why did Sepp Blatter stand for election to FIFA President and then resign after having won with a clear majority. Why and how was he re-elected in the first place with many allegations already in the room. Even Blatter himself announced that changes within FIFA are needed and will have to come.

One of the questions is, should the 1 county 1 vote system remain or not? At this time every country member receives the same rights and financial support from FIFA. I. e. Montserrat is equal to the USA.

Also the question of Michel Platini's future and chances of becoming FIFA President are in the room. The question of the rights of European FIFA members and their dominance is high on the agenda. It was noted that Platini had voted for Qatar in support of an arms deal for the French Government as well as for Sepp Blatter in the last election. This questions his credibility.

The speaker asked the audience about how Rotary International elected its President and brought up the United Nations with the major nations veto power often times curtailing general UNO assembly resolutions.

Casting an eye on the future the question arises, how should elections be held? Should it be an Executive Committee decision or the right and responsibility of the general assembly?

Comparisons to the International Olympic Committee arise where the final decision is made by the IOC Executive Committee and not the general assembly.

In a public document the FIFA contributions to the Saint Lucia Football Federation are listed showing that the island received in 2015 an amount of over US\$ 1,000 000.00. The Saint Lucia Football Federation accounts for how that money is spent.

There is wide speculation on how future FIFA elections will be held and what candidate stands the best chance to be successful. It is almost a given that the next President comes from the Asia region unless some kind of deal or agreement is reached between East and West to give Michel Platini a majority. Without Prince Ali Bin Hussein's support Platini has little hope to amass a majority. At this time nobody knows where this is heading or ending up. Only one thing is for certain, Football the beautiful game will survive and continue to be popular across the world.

After the presentation Peterkin accepted questions from the audience.



PP Leathon referring to FIFA as Friends of International Fraud Addicts found the timing of the raids suspect.

Peterkin speculated that having all delegates together resulted in that timing. The Swiss Authorities must clearly have agreed to the operation. Football is huge and these allegations have to be taken seriously.



PP Tim M. felt FIFA will always have a degree of corruption based on the sums of money involved. The quality of officials would have to improve keeping in mind that the English speaking Caribbean benefits greatly from FIFA without offering much (besides votes)

Peterkin is not so pessimistic. We must have scruples. Officials like Jack Warner are just not acceptable in today's world of sports and politics.



Rot. Phillip commented rather emotionally that Qatar needed no money from FIFA and simply wanted a show. What was 1 million US\$ for Saint Lucia when Qatar has all the money in the world. This is wrong! He questioned who in Saint Lucia truly benefitted from the FIFA money?

Peterkin felt that in this regard the Saint Lucia Football Federation will have to speak up. Their records as of late are transparent and they do operate several youth programs with the FIFA money received.

Guest Buzz Erlinger-Forde also stated the importance of these international cash contributions to local sports.



PP Konrad inquired where the IOC stood in all of this, having been accused and found guilty of bribes in the past. He wondered if in this light Kazakhstan even has a chance against China in the Olympic bidding process?

Peterkin assured all that the processes at the IOC are far superior to FIFA, with much better procedures and checks and balances. He was not even allowed to visit the nominated countries prior to the awarding of the games. In his view the Olympic application process was in good hands.





Handover dinner Saturday June 27, 2015

This year with sufficient notice for incoming Board and President the handing over ceremony took place in form of a nice dinner, held at the Dragonfly Restaurant at Windjammer Landing.

Statistics

Attendance:

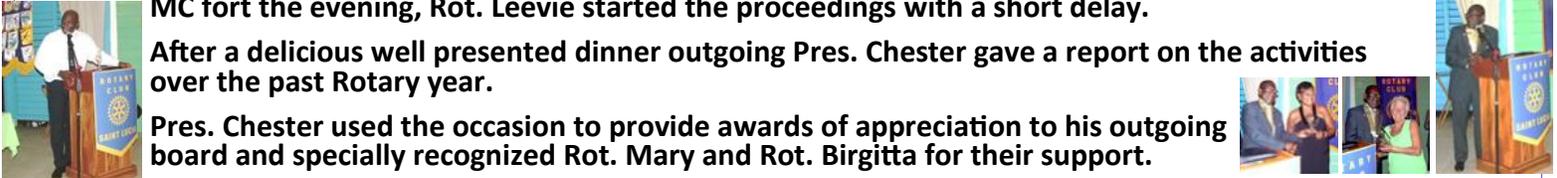
26 Rotarians	67%
1 visiting Rotarian	
2 visiting Rotaractors	
21 guests	

The acting Serge Lorne raised \$ 125.00 There were 2 raffles earning \$ 170.00 In addition a Chinese auction of a painting donated by outgoing Pres. Chester earned \$ 510

MC fort the evening, Rot. Leevie started the proceedings with a short delay.

After a delicious well presented dinner outgoing Pres. Chester gave a report on the activities over the past Rotary year.

Pres. Chester used the occasion to provide awards of appreciation to his outgoing board and specially recognized Rot. Mary and Rot. Birgitta for their support.

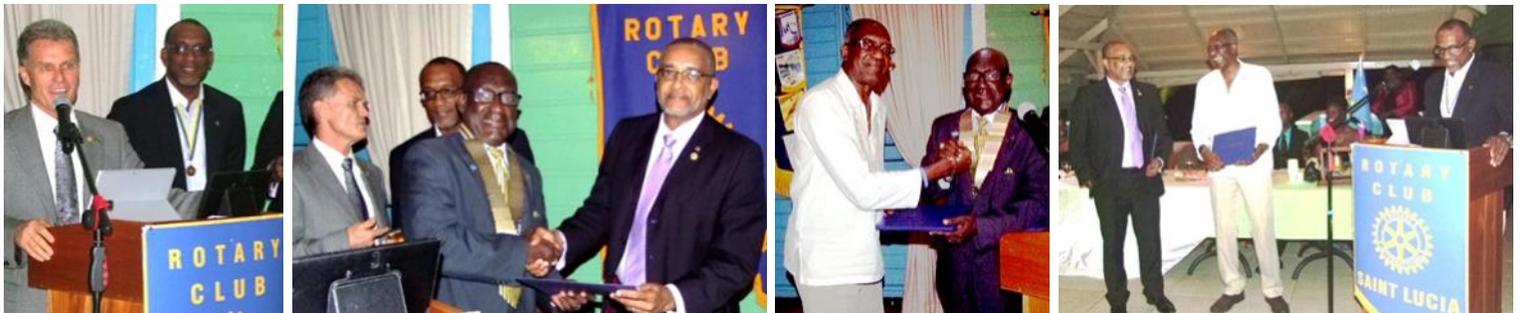


After dinner and a little fellowship it was time to recognize 2 Past Presidents



Robert "Bobby" Frederick and Digby Ambris were recognized as Paul Harris Fellows

PP Konrad used the opportunity to talk about the Paul Harris Fellowship, it's history and what it means to the global fundraising efforts of The Rotary Foundation and after each introduction PP Leathon completed the presentations with the reading of the Paul Harris Fellowship citations.



Part of the evening's celebrations included musical performances from Dir. Selma and outgoing President Chester





Then it was time for President Timothy James to take charge
...with taking the oath office and receiving the President's regalia.



President Tim went right to work, giving a brief outline of his plans for 2015-16

He started his term in office by showing a video of RI Pres. Ravi Ravindran before challenging all members present to help him to "light up Saint Lucia". He briefly listed some of the work planned for his term in office.

As the 49th. President of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia, Tim will also be responsible for the planning for the 50th. Anniversary celebrations leading up to June 21, 2016



Pres. Tim then presented an award of appreciation to IPP Chester



The evening came to an end with a Chinese auction of a painting donated by IPP Chester and auctioned by PP Doddy and PP Bobby.

...followed by first time Sergeant at Arms Rot. Lorne doing an excellent job

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Here are the committees for the Rotary year 2015-16

Service Projects			Club Administration - Joanna Charles	Rotary Foundation - Malcolm Charles	Youth Services/ New Generations - Ginnelle Nelson	Membership - Timothy Moffat
Community Service - Steve Johnny	Vocational— Andre Cherubin	Intl. Service - Leathon Khan				
Charlie Serieux	Leevie Herelle	Anthony Bergasse	Timothy James (P)	Konrad Wagner	Frank Mayers	Albert Daniels
Mark Ozawa	Joe Simmons	Digby Ambris	Albert Daniels (VP)	Albert Daniels	Ian Mitchell	Carole Jn. Marie
Mary Anna Lewis	Cyril Landers	Birgitta Hermansson	Chester Hinkson (IPP)		Lorne Charles	
Bradley Paul	Azmina Long	Bert Pierre	Selma St. Prix (S)		Soraya Gustave	
Paul Lambert	Selma St. Prix (S)	Pedro (Peter) Bernard	Bobby Frederick (T)			
David Schimeld			Timothy Moffat (M)			
Bert Pierre			Malcom Charles (F)			
Peter Kent			Carole Jn. Marie (SAA)			
Keith Scotland			Rudolph Francis (PRO)			
Chris Renwick						PR. SUB Committee - Rudolph Francis
Konrad Wagner						Ian Mitchel
						Chester Hinkson
						Selma St. Prix



Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia handing over



On Thursday July 2, 2015 also our Rotaract Club in the annual routine changed its leadership.

The handing over ceremony held at the Castries Public Library was also attended by ADG Konrad, Pres. Timothy J., PP Albert and New Generation Dir. Ginelle and Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia South Pres. Brittney.



Rot. Pres. Tim James was invited to speak first. He congratulated the outgoing Pres. and Board on a job well done and ensured Rotaract of the continuing support of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia.

In his last meeting, President Nick talked about "his" year, the joys, opportunities, fears and successes. He thanked all Rotaractors and Rotary for their support. He pledged his continuing support to the club and asked all to "big up the Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia", telling the new board their work will be as easy as they will make it. They will just like him, overcome initial hesitation and anxiety, before every project intended will become a success. He wished the new board all the best.

The Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia had indeed an excellent year serving our community. This thank you poster only shows some of the achievements for the past Rotaract year.



Before handing over all Directors were encouraged to make short parting comments.



Without exception the Directors talked about how after a weary start in a challenging year they achieved much. All commented on the good cooperation within the board and support of Pres. That it was a great pleasure to work with the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia. The 30. Anniversary World Rotaract week and final fundraising boat ride were very successful. Board members all across felt they had learned and grown from the experience.

What a wonderful year.

This was followed by the exchange of President's medal and pins of all Board members. Pres. Keisha Alfred took the oath of office. After talking of the plans for her term as Club Leader she touched on the planned District Rotaract Conference to be held in Saint Lucia in May 2016, before announcing the new club theme for "her Rotaract year". **Guide, Inspire, Volunteer, Evolve.** She thanked all club members for allowing her to serve as their President.



Every new board member expressed appreciation for the confidence placed in them. As pins and information were passed on from the old to the new Director each pledged her and his full commitment to the club.

Towards the end of the handing over meeting visitors ADG Konrad, Dir. Ginelle, Rotaract PP Ever and Rotaract South Pres. Brittney extended congratulatory messages and well wishes to the club and new leadership.



Rotaract Pres. Keisha and ADG Konrad

The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia has all reasons to be extremely proud of its Rotaract Club, deserving all the support it ever needs.

After in true Rotaract fashion various Sergeants at Arm had assigned fines the very well executed evening event concluded with fellowship.