



The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia

"The Spoke"



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[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

Weekly Duties

	May 30, 2014	June 6, 2014	June 13, 2014
Meeting	Open forum discussion	Business	Fellowship
Greeters	Mary Malcolm	Leevie Peter	Sabia Selma
Prize	Paul	Bobby	Steve

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



Birthdays in June

Paul Lambert - June 2
Konrad Wagner - June 14
Frank Meyers - June 23

Board 2013-2014

<i>President</i>	<i>Rudolph "Doddy" Francis</i>
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Club Administration:	André Cherebin PHF
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Membership:	Chester Hinkson
Rotary Foundation:	PP Albert Daniels, PHF
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Club Meeting - Friday May 16, 2014

This was a fellowship meeting

Meeting statistics

Attendance: 22 Rotarians 56%
7 Visiting Rotarians
1 Visiting Rotaractor
5 Guests

Pres. Doddy chaired the meeting. The raffle donate by Rot Leevie was won by Rot. Peter. It earned \$ 207.00
Acting Sergeant Leathon raised \$ 106.00 for the club account



Save these dates

- Old and new joint boards meeting , Tuesday June 3, 2014
- Dunnottar school children lunch, Friday June 13, 2014 at the Wharf Restaurant
- An opportunity to fellowship on Sunday June 15, 2014 at 7.30 and 10.00 am
- Handover dinner at Jacques Waterfront dining, Rodney Bay, Saturday June 28, 2014



Visitors



Dr. Aleric Soanes
Pr. RC SLY South



Michael Colley
Pr. RC Wolverhampton



Tuffida Steward
RC Liamurga, St. Kitts



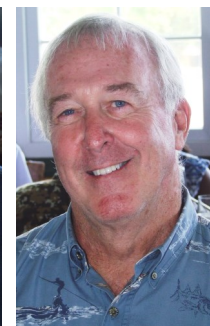
Cass Elias
RC SLU South



Douglas Bravo
RC Fort de France South



Michael Boyce
RC Wolverhampton



Tom Zahn
RC Sarasoa, Fla

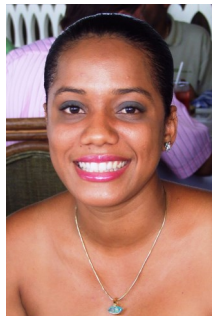
.....and guests at the meeting



Samara Aurelien
Rotaract Club of SLU



Merlisa Alexander
g. o. Treasurer Lorne



Emma Herman
g. o. Treasurer Lorne



Daniel Buechler
guest o. IPP Konrad



John Bruce
guest of VR Tom Zahn



Pres. Michael also presented
Pres. Doddy with his club's banner



At this Guest Speaker meeting PP Frank commented on the recently held budget presentations



Some of the thought was that there was just no new initiative in the budget. More of the same thing all over again. Prime Minister Anthony listed 4 general points in the approach to economic prosperity.

If one was to believe that our best hope out of the financial difficulties is **foreign direct investment** one has to ask the question, do we offer what it takes to attract such direct investment. Namely:

- Political stability
- Low crime rate and high rate of solving crimes
- Good infrastructure
- Good and sustainable airlift - to name some

In addition to **controlling expenses**. What are our genuine options?

- Reduce the number of public servants. An approach many would support
- Create one political space. 1 OECS or 1 Caribbean Jurisdiction.
- And as a consequence eliminate 9 Prime Ministers, 9 Ministers of Tourism etc. to just 1 each.
- Reduce unnecessary expenses like new office building or even the need of new furniture every time an administration changes.

Our hope would be **new ideas**. But where are they going to come from while political Pickering continues.

- It is high time for political consensus from all, in Saint Lucia's case only 2 sides that seem fairly equally divided with relatively little movement in position and affiliation.

Therefore **OECS unity** must be the answer.

- Life just cannot continue like this forever. If one cannot run faster than the guy in front we all know what will happen.

According to Pres. Duddy's presentation closing comments. OECS and CARICOM unity is the only hope. Change is needed indeed. Change in the mindset of our leaders to overcome territorial thinking and overcome that insular thinking and phobia



After his presentation PP Frank took a few customary questions from members. Before Rot. Joanna concluded the talk when she moved the vote of thanks.

Rotary Chess update

Despite the set back with the chess program in many of the primary schools there are cases where the game of chess is making a difference in the life of young people. Thanks to the dedicated work of Chess Coordinator Daniel Jasper and BTC Activities Coordinator Elvin Ryan Germain chess is alive and well at the BTC in Massade, Gros Islet.



Out of a group of app. 15 students....4 are particularly gifted and hope to participate in the schools tournament



On Monday May 26, 2014
IPP Konrad presented on behalf
of the Rotary Club of St. Lucia
additional chess supplies to Elvin
Germain at the BTC.



They also took chess on the road to Rodney Bay.
The boys practice every Monday 3.00 to 5.00 pm. Join them for a game they need us.

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And then finally the erection of the please don't litter signs was completed

After several setback like the signs designed incorrect, poles missing and of course the best - the signs being torn up by dogs - the project was finally completed and the signs now adorn the roadside in Cul de Sac.



Job number 1 was to pick up the garbage in the vicinity of the signs



.....look busy



...before we all watched as the signs were being planted.



...and finally the successful placement of the signs



Peace Corps and Rotary kick off historic collaboration



In an effort to promote global development and volunteer service, Rotary and Peace Corps have agreed to participate in a one-year pilot program in the Philippines, Thailand, and Togo. Under the agreement, Rotary clubs and Peace Corps volunteers are encouraged to share their resources and knowledge to boost the impact of development projects in these three countries.

Opportunities for collaboration include supporting community projects, training, networking, and community education. Through the [Peace Corps Partnership Program](#), Rotary clubs can continue to provide small

grants to support volunteers and their communities.

Peace Corps Acting Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet and Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko signed the [letter of collaboration](#) on Monday, 5 May, at Rotary's headquarters during a ceremony that was attended by RI President Ron Burton and RPCV Rotary staff. In his remarks to the audience, Burton applauded the collaboration and both organizations' commitments to service.

"Today's announcement is particularly meaningful for me because I come from a family of Rotarians," said Hessler-Radelet, referring to her father, grandfather, and aunt. "We are eager to join together in common efforts to inspire volunteerism across the country and around the world."

Hewko noted how both organizations are committed to improving lives and building stronger communities by addressing the root causes of violence and conflict, such as poverty, illiteracy, disease, and lack of access to clean water and sanitation.

The two organizations also agreed to explore expanding the collaboration to more countries based on the results of the pilot. Rotary will enlist the support of its members in recruiting Peace Corps volunteers and involving returned Peace Corps volunteers in service projects at home. See the full story at:

www.rotary.org/en/peace-corps-and-rotary-kickoff-historic-collaboration



At the end of the meeting Rot. Pedro delighted all present with a little Royal Navy story.

Something about taking the train from London to Jamaica.

Apparently the railway was at the time not completed and he was allowed to take an airplane at the Government's expense.

I wonder what the progress on that railway line is today?

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