

# The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia

## "The Spoke"

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[Rotary International Convention Sao Paulo, Brazil, June 6-9, 2015](#)

Weekly Duties				
<b>The 4-Way Test</b>  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		December 5	December 12	December 19
	Meeting	Business meeting	Guest Speaker	Christmas lunch
	Greeters	Malcolm Paul	Peter Bobby	Selma Steve
	Prize	Mary	Pedro	
	If you can't make it as above, please tell Dir. Ginelle ASAP!			



## Birthdays in November

**Rudolph "Doddy" Francis - December 11**  
**Brad Paul - December 14**  
**Birgitta Hermansson - December 26**

## Board 2014-2015

<i>President</i>	Chester Hinkson
<i>Vice President</i>	PP Leathon Khan PHF
<i>President Elect</i>	
<i>Immediate PP</i>	Rudolph "Doddy" Francis PHF
<i>Secretary</i>	Timothy James
<i>Treasurer</i>	PP Robert "Bobby" Frederick PHF
<i>Sergeant at Arms:</i>	PP Timothy Moffat PHF
<i>Public Relations:</i>	PP Carole Jn Marie PHF

## Directors

Club Administration:	Ginelle Nelson
Service Projects:	PP Konrad Wagner PHF
Membership:	Joanna Charles
Rotary Foundation:	PP Digby Ambris, PHF
Youth Service:	Selma St.Prix

## District responsibilities

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



## Club Meeting - November 28, 2014

This was an official Assistant District Governor visit meeting

### Meeting statistics

Attendance:

20 Rotarians      50%  
3 guests

Pres. Chester chaired the meeting

Acting Serge Charles raised \$ 115 and the raffle earned \$ 130



### Save these dates

- Saturday December 13, 2014 Rotary / ARC tree planting
- Saturday December Children Christmas party .....
- Lunch for the homeless at the Castries city hall Friday January 2, 2015
- Saturday February 7, 2015 13th. Annual Wine and Cheese Fiesta
- Rotary Calabashers concert, new date to be announced



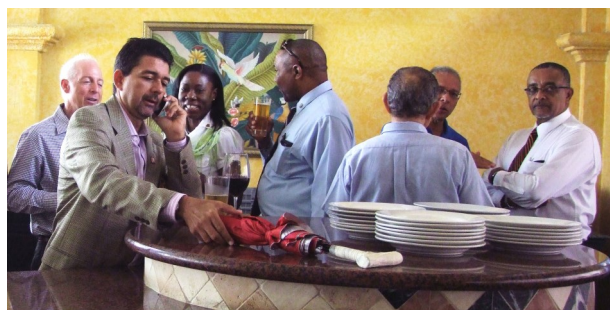
### Rotary Club of Gros Islet Golf Tournament



This annual fundraising activity, the biggest fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Gros Islet was once again a big success ... Teams competed for a series of prizes, all in the name of charity.

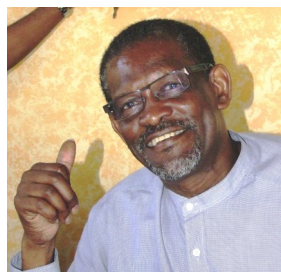
PP Tim is all smiles collecting his prize.

### Fellowship ...



AG Tim this is my Scotia Bank umbrella! I am telling you I don't enjoy being Serge what a smiling couple!

### ....and guests of Rotarians at the meeting



Rudolph David Williams  
guest of Pres. Chester



Mark Williamson  
guest of PP Brad



Roger Sutherland  
guest of PP Digby

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## ADG Timothy Moffat addresses Rotary Club of Saint Lucia meeting

That Friday the Assistant Governor paid the club an official visit to share some messages and goals of District Governor Elwin Atmodimedjo with the members of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia.

ADG Tim started out by extending greetings from DG Elwin who will be visiting Saint Lucia in January 2015. Here are some of the topics touched on:

- Overall the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia is working well and meeting its Rotary International requirements.
- Pres. Chester was asked to consider a joint Rotary meeting for the DGs visit at the end of January
- Members were encouraged to use the RI website, [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)  
There members can find extensive information on all projects  
Answers on many questions  
and find endless training and information material, forms and suggestions for projects
- The new phrase "One Rotary" is emerging throughout the world of Rotary. It is being coined by RI to emphasize the togetherness and common goals of all Rotary Clubs across the world. This may not be a problem where our Saint Lucia clubs are in relative proximity but we should always keep our possibly smaller club in mind and be ready to assist where and when appropriate.
- Keep paying attention to Rotary and Rotaract. ADG Tim confirmed that we have exceptionally good rapport with our youth clubs and encouraged all to keep it up.
- Remember to hold club Assemblies and have them for the right reasons to keep them relevant.  
Ideal are 4 Assemblies per annum and 2 or 3 are a good effort.
- The same applies for Committee meetings. They are ever so important for a vibrant all members encompassing club. So make them work for the club's benefit.
- Please focus on next year's Board of Directors and President as well as a PN for 2016-17. These positions are supposed to be announced by mid December.
- Encourage members to attend District Conference in Suriname on April 8-11, 2015. It will be an amazing conference and experience to visit South America. All Rotarians should consider attending
- Also the RI Convention will be held in Sao Paulo from June 6-9, 2015. No member is a true Rotarian unless he/she has attended at least one RI Convention. PP Charles has attended the last 5 RI Conventions and maybe it is time to pass on the mantle.
- The DG 2015-16 is from Barbados and his installation ceremony is most likely going to be held in Barbados around the end of June 2015. This will be a good opportunity to visit Barbados for some good fellowship.
- An annual Presidents meeting will again be held and the club should consider sending the PE for 2015-16 to attend this important gathering

AG Tim concluded by thanking all Rotarians for their support and the good work they do.

In a brief questions and answer session Pres. Chester talked/inquired about the challenges in attracting new member into the club. In his view more flexibility in the attendance requirements would be helpful.

*AG Tim felt not everybody can be a Rotarian. In this case the old quality over quantity may apply. No good Rotarian has in the past been asked to leave the club for poor attendance reasons. Plus there are many ways including e-meetings for make up.*



PP Leathon wondered with work, a struggling economy and more and more demands on the time of individuals affecting all members and participation fellowship events and Rotary projects in our club, does the same take place throughout the district? Maybe some of the new RI formats play part in this?

*AG Tim felt that RI never mandated the adoption of all new policies like Committees etc. Are we maybe simply using some of these new guidelines as excuses? Are they simply an excuse not to hold or attend committee meetings?*

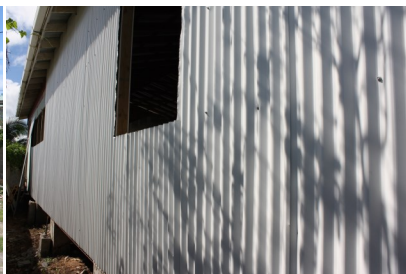


Pres Chester asked PP Konrad to deliver an impromptu vote of thanks and PP Konrad thanked AG Tim on behalf of the members for the timeliness of his remarks and point by point reminders of what is important to have a successful Rotary club. These were reminders why we are Rotarians and how we should not wait for Rotary to define us but that it is up to every single one of us to define Rotary.





## Micoud library project update



Despite some minor delays the project is taking shape nicely. The new outside walls are meanwhile completed and all the interior partitions for office space and bathrooms will be in place by the weekend. This

will allow Rotarians to apply the first coat of paint primer in the interior walls.

All members of the Rotary Club are invited to a workday at the Micoud Secondary Library on Saturday December 6, 2014. Rollers, brushes and paint will be provided. If you have your own tools please feel free to bring them along. Meeting point for Saturday morning: Castries Library 8.30 am.

Hopefully by Saturday 1.00 pm these walls will all have a coat of paint



## Rotary International news

### **WORLD POLIO DAY: HEALTH OFFICIALS LAUD POLIO ERADICATION ACHIEVEMENTS, POINT TO DISEASE'S ENDGAME**

After a year of shrinking polio cases worldwide, the crippling disease is now on the cusp of being eradicated, said top health officials at Rotary's second annual World Polio Day event on 24 October.

At a special [Livestream program](#) -- World Polio Day: Make History Today -- Rotary leaders joined global health experts and celebrity singers to hail the progress of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#). After nearly 30 years, the GPEI, which includes Rotary, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is on the brink of ending polio by 2018, making it the second infectious disease to be eradicated. "A world without polio is within our grasp more than at any point in the past," said Tom Frieden, director of the CDC, during a video message to the audience. "The poliovirus continues to lose ground. Next month we will mark two years since the last case of wild poliovirus type 3, giving every appearance of eradication, and leaving only type 1 in the world."

The total number of global cases to date is 247, compared with 298 for the same period last year. Outside Pakistan, which saw its polio cases spike this year, the number of cases has been 35, a dramatic decrease from 187 a year ago. Pakistan accounts for 85 percent of global cases of polio this year, Frieden noted. Pakistan, along with Afghanistan and Nigeria, are three remaining polio endemic countries.

The GPEI is on the verge of a major polio achievement in Nigeria. The country has registered only six cases to date this year. "Nigeria is in excellent position to stop circulation of polio this year," said Frieden. "It has gotten 'this close' to eradicating polio by a remarkable turnaround of the program, implementing an emergency operations center, developing a proactive approach to eradication, finding innovative ways to reach children in insecure areas."

Frieden talked about how Nigeria's Polio Emergency Operations Center aided in the quick and effective response to the country's Ebola outbreak. Senior officials from the center were sent to Lagos to lead the effort. They opened an Ebola treatment unit and conducted contact tracing with up to 500 people per day.

"In spite of these efforts, polio activities did not suffer," said Frieden. "This is the legacy of polio eradication in action, and it saved lives by successfully stopping the outbreak."

Most of the polio cases in Afghanistan in 2014 are the result of reintroduction from Pakistan, said James Alexander, senior medical epidemiologist for the CDC. But the country has made significant progress the last two years because of the implementation of its emergency action plan, he said.

"To ensure progress in 2015, there needs to be engagement with new national leadership, intensified focus on 'missed' children, and continued dialogue with other countries," Alexander told attendees. In March a key milestone was met when the World Health Organization certified its 11-country Southeast Asia region had eradicated polio. Now, 80 percent of the world's population live in areas that are certified polio-free.

Co-sponsored by Rotary and [Sanofi Pasteur](#), the program took place before a live audience in Chicago and streamed online for viewers worldwide. Time magazine science and technology editor [Jeffery Kluger](#) moderated the event. Olivier Charneil, president and CEO of Sanofi Pasteur, the largest manufacturer of polio vaccine, said in a video address that this year's World Polio Day is significant "because we are beginning the last chapter on polio."

















