



March 7, 2014 Edition

# 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  
concerned?

### Weekly Duties

	March 7	March 14	March 21
Meeting	Business	Speaker	Fellowship
Greeters	Paul Birgitta	Bobby Sabia	Steve Tim J
Prize	Peter K	Selma	Tim M

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



### Birthdays in March

**Dr. Azmina Long - March 9**  
**Selma St. Prix - March 14**  
**Cyril Landers - March 18**

### 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

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## Club Meeting - Friday February 28, 2014

This was a guest speaker meeting

### Meeting statistics

Attendance: 18 Rotarians 47%  
1 Visiting Rotarian

Pres. Doddy chaired the meeting.  
The raffle price was donated by PP Malcolm  
And won by PP Joe. It earned \$115.00  
Acting Sergeant Leathon. raised \$ 85.00



### Save these dates

- Sewing machine presentation to Mark Resident, Saturday March 8, 2014 12.00 noon
- Club Assembly, Tuesday March 25 2014 6.00 pm at Auberge Seraphine
- Fellowship evening, Saturday March 29, 2014 7.00 pm venue TBC
- Youth symposium coming up in March
- Annual Rotaract Youth Seminar March 15, 2014 themed Inspiring change through Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- 7030 District conference Martinique April 22-26, 2014. Register NOW

### Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia selects new board for 2014-15



At the club's meeting on Thursday 20th February elections for the incoming Executive for the Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia were held.

Present at the proceedings were Incoming President of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia Gloria Williams and Rotarian Timothy James.



### Congratulations to the new board, keep up the good work of Rotaract

President Elect - Rot. Nickey Desriviere

Treasurer Elect - Rot. Aarah Harris

Club Service Director Elect: Rot. Gareth Jules

Professional Development Director Elect - Rot. Keba Taliam

International Service Director Elect - PP Tzamallah Haynes

Vice President Elect - Rot. Keisha Alfred

Secretary Elect - Rot. Vernel Flavien

Community Service Director Elect - Rot. Isa Alexander

Immediate Past President-Ever JnMarie

### March 9-15, 2014 is World Rotaract week - here is the program prepared by the Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia

<u>Sunday March 9, 2014:</u>	8.00 am	Church service at the Castries Cathedral Followed by brunch at IPP Samara's Residence
	12.00 pm	Assist in kiddies section at the Flood Aid concert at Samaan's Park Start of the 7 Rotaract challenges given to members and guests each day
<u>Monday March 10, 2014</u>		
<u>Tuesday March 11, 2014</u>	5.30 pm	Visit to meeting of Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia South Media interviews
<u>Wednesday March 12, 2014</u>		
<u>Thursday March 13, 2014</u>	6.00 pm	The work we do changes lives . An open forum discussion at the ITC Centre, and a skype meeting with the Rotaract Club of the College of the Bahamas
<u>Friday March 14, 2014</u>	12.00 pm	Attendance at Rotary Club of Saint Lucia lunch meeting
<u>Saturday March 15, 2014</u>	9.00 am	Youth Leadership Seminar at the CCSS scheduled to finish at app. 3.00 pm
	7.00 pm	Rotaract—Rotary Fellowship at the home of a Rotarian.

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## Rotary Club of Saint Lucia South celebrates 39th. Anniversary of its charter



On Saturday March 1, 2014 members of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia met at the Fox Grove Inn near Vieux Fort to celebrate the 1975 charter of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia South.

The vent was very well attended by their members and a good number of visitors and guests. Despite the ongoing membership struggles with the club finding it difficult you attract new members the spirit was positive and upbeat. The club has currently 13 active members.



In what appeared to be an impromptu decision MC Ulric Alphonse asked Sen. the Hon. Debbie Tobiere to say a few words. Senator Tobiere addressed the audience briefly talking about her experiences visiting Rotary Clubs in Saint Lucia and of course the important and good work Rotarians do all across the island. She is by now Very familiar with the work of Rotary and Member would remember her from when she address3d the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia during the last Rotary year.



In the President's remarks Pres. Dr. Aleric Soanes talked about his personal Rotary story going back to his native India. When living in Mumbai he was invited to and became a member of an Interact Club getting and early introduction to the work of Rotary. When in Saint Lucia teaching at a medical school in Vieux Fort he was invited to join Rotary before of course becoming club President.

He elaborated on some of the projects the club had undertaken in recent months and thanked members and the public for their support. In closing Pres. Aleric talked about the importance of attracting new members including some of the guests present, to the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia South. He invited the guests to learn more about Rotary and issued an open invitation to people to contact him personally of any Rotarian for more details on the work of the worlds' premier service club.



On a lighter note Rotary Club of Saint Lucia Pres. Doddy was invited to add a little laughter to the evening by sharing one or the other joke. He of course did not need to get asked twice.

Sergeant at Arms PP Cass Elias became a little reminiscent by reminding all that he was one of only to founding of the club still amongst us today.

Do you know who the other surviving member is?

Club Secretary Marguerite Peters delivered the vote of thanks and the closing toast to a very enjoyable evening.





## Visitors at the meeting



Visiting for the second time in as many years was Rot. Hugh Mclean from the Rotary Club of Smiths Falk in Ontario, Canada.

This time Rot. Hugh brought a banner to exchange.

We know it is not the last time we have seen Hugh visiting at our club.

Here our sole visitor that day is presenting his club's banner to Pres. Doddy.

## Pillows donation coming for Christmas flood victims



Through an initiative of PAG Richard v K. Strachan from Grenada, the Costa Cruises ship *Mediterranea* will make pillows available to the Rotary clubs of Saint Lucia for donation to Christmas 2014 flood victims.



These pillows are expected to arrive in Saint Lucia on March 19, 2014 for collection shipside. Pres. Doddy is working on the custom logistics and legalities similar to the water donations, received earlier in the year. Volunteers to assist with the unloading and clearance on Wednesday March 19, 2014 are welcome. In addition to this preferably a clean closed panel van or two and a temporary storage facility are still needed. It is thought the pillows will be presented to NEMO for final distribution.

## Global star Angelique Geliquidjo champions Rotary's efforts in new song



In her new album, "Eve," Grammy award winner Angélique Kidjo honors the women in Africa, and pays tribute to Rotary's work to end polio worldwide.

The singer and activist from Benin chose to include Rotary in the soon-to-be-released video of the album's signature song, "Eva." Rotary's presence in the video is no coincidence. The relationship between the singer dates back to 2011, when she joined about two dozen celebrities, including Jackie Chan, Jack Nicklaus, and Jane Goodall, in Rotary's "This Close" polio awareness campaign.

"I am the cherry on top of the cake," says Kidjo in an exclusive interview with Rotary News. "The important work is done by the people in the field." With the voices of Kidjo and collaborator Nigerian signer Asa as a backdrop, the video shadows a young girl as she wanders about in an old novelty shop. The curious girl turns on an old TV and sees the singers on-screen, followed by footage of a Rotary Family Health Day project in South Africa.

She finds old photos and album covers of Kidjo and Asa and later, photos of polio survivors and polio immunization activities. The girl also finds a polio vaccine cooler used in immunization campaigns, and focuses on an "End Polio Now" pin.

### 'POSTER GIRL' FOR POLIO ERADICATION

During a visit on 10 February to Rotary's World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, Kidjo spoke passionately and candidly to Rotary staff about the importance of vaccinations, her experience as a UNICEF goodwill ambassador, her motivation behind "Eve," and her recently released autobiography "Spirit Rising: My Life, My Music."