

The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia

"The Spoke"

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[Rotary District 7030 PETS, Barbados April 20-23, 2016](#)

Weekly Duties				
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?		May 8	May 15	May 22
	Meeting	Fellowship	Business	Speaker
	Greeters	Azmina Birgitta	Bradley Charles	Cyril
	Prize	Bert	Carole	Chris
	If you can't make it as above, please tell Dir. Ginelle ASAP!			



Birthdays in May

Chris
Joanna
David

May 27
May 27
May 29

Board 2014-2015

<i>President</i>	Chester Hinkson
<i>Vice President</i>	PP Leathon Khan PHF
<i>President Elect</i>	Timothy James
<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 - April 24, 2015

This was a fellowship meeting

Meeting statistics

Attendance:

21 Rotarians 53%
1 Visiting Rotarian
1 Visiting Rotaractor
2 Guests

Pres. Chester chaired the meeting

Acting Serge Leathon raised \$ 100.00

The raffle earned \$ 95.00



The Club's Board of Directors for 2015 –16

President
Vice President
Secretary
Service Projects Director
- Vocation
- Community Services
- International Services
Treasurer
Membership Director
Rotary Foundation Director

Timothy James
Albert Daniels
Selma St. Prix
Phillip Cross

Steve Johnny

Bobby Frederick (Interim)
Timothy Moffat
Malcolm Charles - provisional

Immediate Past President
Sergeant at Arms
Club Administration

Chester Hinkson
Carole Jn. Marie
Joanna Charles

Youth Services Director
Public Relations Officer

Ginelle Nelson
Rudolph "Doddy" Francis

Visitors



VR Kitt Raye
RC Vegreville



V R'ctr Tzarmallah Haynes
Rotaract Club of St Lucia

and guest at the meeting



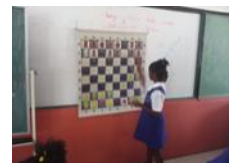
Crissy Laurent
g. o. Rot. Andre



Marcus Joseph
g. o. PP Frank

Rotary 1. move chess

Chess education continues in several schools in school districts 1, 4 and 5. Here at the Boys Training Centre in Massade, Gros Islet and another school where chess lessons are held every week.



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Notes from the fellowship meeting



PP Malcolm commented briefly on the upcoming meeting with the various Ministry and City Council representatives to discuss the Poverty Reduction Project on Monday April 27, 2015. He announced the additional committee members and was encouraged by having received another note of support from Canada.



Pres Chester hinted at another Poverty Luncheon in the 3rd quarter of the year. He thanked Rot. Paul and new Rot. Mark for their support at the last luncheon.



Past R'ct Pres. Tzarmallah advised that the 30th. Anniversary activities are going very well. She thanked Rotary for putting their contributions into the Spoke and reminded all present of the upcoming Charter Night. The dress code was lounge suit. So come and fellowship. Some activities like the construction of a dwelling house will continue after April.



Congratulations were expressed to PE Tim for a very constructive planning meeting with his new board of directors for 2015-16.



Treasurer Bobby took to the podium and thanked all members that had responded to his appeal to address their individual payables to the club. If you have not done so "please pay up and spread the word".



With time to spare Rot. Leevie used the opportunity to talk about the upcoming 125th. Anniversary of Saint Mary's College soliciting all Old Boys support of the celebrations. He started by stating the Presentation Brothers property was now for sale and could be purchased by the schoolSMC has with some most noteworthy graduates been a major contributor to Saint Lucia and the world. May 17, 2015 is scheduled as the date to launch the "legacy fund" starting with a 10.30 am church service followed by a gathering of as many Old Boys as possible on Derrick Walcott Square.



Some questions about the use of the anticipated funds were raised in reference to the 100th. Anniversary event of years gone by. Rot Levee assured all some most distinguished citizens will be the custodian of the money. Als the British High Commission has pledged its support by helping with the procurement of memorabilia to be used for a museum. According to Rot. Levee the time was now for Saint Maryans to recognize and support the institution. The money raised could be used to build a new structure with modern conference facilities integrating new technologies for the school and day to day teaching

He appealed to all Old Boys to make the event a success.



At the conclusion of the meeting Acting Serge Leathon implored all Rotarians to support the Rotaract activities. They are our partners and always ready to assist at our events.

A \$10.0 fine was suggested for all members that are not planning on attending the Rotaract 30th. Charter Dinner at Jardin Romantique in Cap Estate, Gros Islet.



Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia 30th Anniversary Celebrations continue

Special Thursday weekly meeting "A Journey Through the Years"



PP Tzarmallah Haynes started the meeting by suggesting that many Rotaractors were not all that familiar with the early days of the club and the distinguished members that had served the club over the years. She outlined the plans for the evening and introduced the presenters as follows:



Rotary PE Timothy James. He joined Rotaract on March 6, 1996 and fondly remembered his years in Rotaract. His 1. big activity was the planning of the 10th. Rotaract District Conference held in Saint Lucia and the assistance at the Rotary car raffle held at that time. Part of the proceeds from the raffle would go to Rotaract. He recounted club election stories and some of the hard feelings he initially had to overcome when losing an election. He talked about the ups and downs during his early years in Rotaract including the many projects undertaken across the island including the amazing fellowship experiences.

It was during his years on the board the Rotaract Pledge was introduced and the club bylaw were drafted. Timothy encouraged all Rotaractors to keep bonding, enjoy fellowships and always remember to maintain punctuality, discipline and keep protocol in mind.

Hon. Rotaractor Vaughan Adrian Eugene. He brought back memories of how he was involved and had supported the club through his vacation at the time being affiliated with supermarkets giving the club preferred access to food and beverage supplies. He took joy from the literacy projects undertaken during his years and remembered how at the time Rotaract President Ricardo Leonard influenced him and his work ethics. The camaraderie left a lasting impression on him always remembering how Rotaractors helped out each other.



Rotary PP Rudolph "Doddy" Francis called the names of some of the Rotaract members during his years in the Rotaract Club. At the time it was the only club that declined membership due to size constraints. He vividly remembered the pressures from projects that were incomplete, behind schedule or poorly executed. It was according to him good training for politics as he was at the time often the target of pressure. He left the audience with some advice:

- Think as a leader, set goals and aim high
- Practice all for one and one for all.
- Attend a district conference where your life as a Rotaractor will really start
- Become a good Rotaractor. I will open employment opportunities for you
- Grow with Rotaract, get confidence and develop skills. Make (genuine) friends for life. He recounted stories. With age you will appreciate different values, make the best of Rotaract now. Don't be intimidated, Rotaract gives you many resources

Rotaract PP 2005 and DRRR Lisa James remembered being assigned Rotaract work even before membership in the club and how she was from early on nominated for office. How her 1. Rotaract job was with a Rotarian. It is important to always give it your best effort. Be a good Rotaractor and apply the 4 way test. She recounted her 1. district conference in Martinique and how she eventually became a RDDR. Her story about "feel the pulse" drew laughter. She reminded all of an event slogan "feed the needy, then the greedy" and "once a Rotaractor, always a Rotaractor."



Rotaract PP Alisha Errance recalled her 1st. Rotaract meeting as a guest in 2003 how members had a "very animated at times argumentative meeting and afterwards all went for a lime. All members seemed to be genuine friends. The slogan "tell your boy/girl friend not to wait for you on a Thursday evening, because it belonged to Rotaract. Alisha recalled her 1st. District conference in Guyana and the genuine funs she had at Rotaract meetings despite the structure and discipline required at the weekly meetings. She reminded all to remember "what ever you put into Rotaract, you will get out of Rotaract. It will serve you well for the rest of your life.

Rotaract Pres. Nickey Desriviere also recounted his first 3 meetings as a Rotaractor and how he promptly missed them. He suggested how he was till shy and apprehensive to public speaking. Rotaract allegedly introduced him to alcohol and his 1st. Kiss. He treasures the fund as well as the hard work associated with Rotaract and recalled the RYLA conference he attended fondly. He has learned how to organize projects, write memos and also accept criticism. Rotaract taught Nickey how to deal with people better and improve his communication skills. In order to be counted, you need to show.





Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia 30th Anniversary Carter Dinner

Rotaract Rotary Club Partner

"Creating Opportunities for Empowerment, Fellowship and Growth Through Service"



After the traditional Rotaract Meeting Ritual Pres Nickey gave his President's Report. He was proud to say that he was not the same man that took office last year as he had developed in so many ways. Some of the projects he highlighted was the US\$ 5,000 contribution received from overseas to carry out the construction of a house for a homeless family in the south of the island.

This was followed by a salsa performance by Rotaractors Ida and Jamie



Before R'ctor Jada introduced the guest speaker Mrs. Barbara Jacobs –Small a Past President of the Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia and the 1st. RDR. She made light of the very long introduction and suggested possible fines for various infringements setting the tone for a very entertaining evening.

The guest speaker remembered her years in Rotaract as empowering and sensitizing, in many ways setting the focus for the rest of her life.

Referring to the powerful theme for the evening Jacobs-Small gave a captivating presentation on empowerment and the creation of opportunities repeatedly drawing attention to global personalities of the past and present. Mentioning names like Gandhi and Winfrey and their relevance in today's world and the significant role they played and to this day play in empowering people just like all Rotarians and Rotaractors grow through fellowship and service.



On behalf of R'ct, Rot. Pres. Presented the speaker with a token of appreciation.

Then it was time for dinner at the well attended celebration



Rotarians Selma, Ginelle, Chester, Brad, Keith, Leathon, Doddy, Timothy J and Konrad attended the festivities

Funny Awards

Over the years it has become tradition to award funny awards. They highlight the little idiosyncrasies R'ctrs display over the year. These can be funny as well as challenging to fellow Rotaractors. Presenter R'ctr Kerryl



The Forgetful Award

The Hulk Award

The Toujou Chau Award

The Phonitis Award

The Technical Award



Pres Nickey



Rot. Eldon



Rot Vernel



Rot Desmer



IPP Ever

The Love of the Year Award

The Bullet Proof Award

Secret Lovers Award

The Pretty Boy Award

The Confidential Informant Award



Rot Shana



Pres. Nickey



Rots Shana and Rhondell



IPP Ever



Rot Desmer



Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia 30th Anniversary Charter Dinner



"Club Awards"

Throughout the Rotaract year members are observed and judged on their commitment to the club and its goals. And every year during Charter Dinner celebrations these outstanding Rotaractors are recognized by their peers and Rotarians in the following categories.

Best New Rotaractor



Shanna Etienne

Director of the Year



Isa Alexander

Committee of the Year



Dir. Jada, Pres Chester, PP Tzar and Rot Eldon International Service Committee

Rotaractor of the Year



Rot Crysta Asson



Rotary President Chester used the opportunity at the end of the Awards presentation to congratulate all Rotaractors on the wonderful work they do year in and year out.

In reference to JF Kennedy's famous quote "do not ask what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country" he told the Rotaractors that they epitomize this quote and encouraged them to keep up the good work for the benefit of others.

Then it was time to cut the Birthday cake. Pres Nickey and PE Keisha did the honours



Also the new Board for the Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia 2015-16 was introduced



Soon IPP Nickey, Kerryll, Glendon, Maurice, Isa, Tzarmallah, Shana Eldon, Pe Keisha

And to make some much needed money for the club account PP Rudolph "Doddy" officiated as auctioneer for a necklace. The lucky Chinese Auction winner was Past Rotaractor Vaughan Adrian Eugene generating \$ 720 before the Sergeants at Arm concluded the Charter Dinner Meeting.

Where is the necklace?



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