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IT'S ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH



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TRY TO BE A RAINBOW IN SOMEONE'S CLOUD.

~MAYA ANGELOU

THE ROTARY 4-WAY TEST

The Four-way test 'formula' guides our International membership. The creed which states:

- Is it the **TRUTH**?
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

VISION: "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Giving in times of scarcity – Part 1

One of the most rewarding things in life is when we are able to put a smile on someone's face as a result of our giving. The true purpose of giving is not for show, lest anyone should boast. It is for the enriching of someone's life who is in dire need of assistance. Too many times our minds are dwarfed towards true giving and as a result impedes the blessings which are in store for us.

This month we focused our attention on Rotary foundation and the importance of giving back to the foundation. The funds donated are used for many projects worldwide including our sweet Helen of the West - St Lucia. I am very aware of the hard times we are living in. Many businesses have suffered leaving hundreds of individuals without a job. However, there are still some of us who are employed and though our situations may have changed in one way or another, we should not allow it to limit us in our giving. There is an old saying "your little becomes much when you place it in God's hand". I employ ALL Rotarians to give towards our Rotary foundation.



BOARD MEMBERS 2021/22



The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia Leadership Team 2021-22



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

PRES. KETURAH CHARLES-DONAI, PP SELMA ST.PRIX PHF, PE GORDON JULIEN, IPP LEATHON KHAN PHF, DIR. JULIAN CHARLES, PP CHESTER HINKSON, PP LEEVIE HERELLE, PP TIMOTHY MOFFAT PHF, DIR. NATOYA CASSIUS, DIR. IAN MITCHELL, DIR. ROGER HARE, PP MALCOLM CHARLES PHF, PP AZMINA LONG PHF & DIR. SHEBA O'BRIEN

EDITOR'S NOTE



As the season approaches, I believe it's safe to say that I'm mentally shutting down. Given how common this appears to be, I am quite sure that few people would argue with this.

During the month of December, we spend a lot of time thinking about and interacting with family and friends. Celebrations, food, drink and overall comforts are the ever tantalizing concepts in our minds.

My Christmas ritual centres around engaging in interactive exchanges with family and friends, having a heavenly slice of fruit cake and watching the Home Alone movies. Despite having seen these movie several times, I still appreciate the nostalgic feeling they give me. Glasses (water, wine, other) raised to reminiscences of the past and the creation of new memories. Whatever way you choose to enjoy your Christmas holidays, remember to be grateful, thankful, and see how much positivity you can spread this Christmas. I leave you with this quote from Margaret Mead, 'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.'



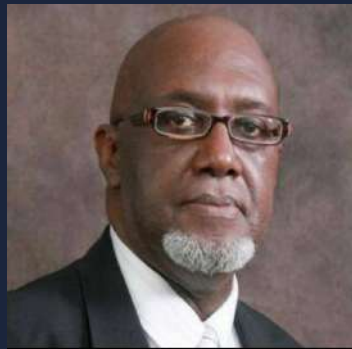
BUDDIES OF THE MONTH



What is the buddy system? A cooperative arrangement whereby individuals are paired or teamed up and assume responsibility for one another's instruction, productivity, welfare, or safety. Do you know your buddy?? See page 28.



240 POINTS



240 POINTS



ROTARY AREAS OF FOCUS

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Rotary is dedicated to causes that build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio forever.

We direct our efforts to enhance our local and global impact. Our most successful and sustainable projects and activities tend to fall within the following areas:

Promoting Peace

Fighting Disease

Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene

Saving mothers and children

Supporting education

Growing local economies

Protecting the environment

ROTARY THEME FOR NOVEMBER 2021

ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

What is your Rotary, Rotaract or Interact Club doing in November 2021 to celebrate and focus on The Rotary Foundation?

As the charitable arm of Rotary, The Rotary Foundation (TRF) taps into the global network of the Rotary family who invest their time, money, and expertise into our priorities, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact. Over the years, there have been many ideas, activities and initiatives which define how TRF transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world,

Strong financial oversight, a stellar charity rating, and a unique funding model mean that TRF makes the very most of your contributions.

In 2021-22, our Rotary Foundation turns 105. That's a century-plus of Rotary members changing lives and improving communities all over the world. And that's definitely something worth celebrating.

Through our Foundation, members have supported thousands of projects to provide clean water, fight disease, promote peace, provide basic education, grow local economies and, most recently, protecting the environment. We've also been a leader in the fight to eradicate polio worldwide.

Share this impressive record with the world. Join us in making sure that every Rotary, Rotaract and Interact member, as well as, people in every community know about the vital work of Rotary and its Foundation.

When you make a donation to our Foundation, you are helping members of the Rotary family make a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world, by promoting peace, preventing disease, bolstering economic development, providing clean water and sanitation and protecting the environment. Give and become a part of Rotary's life-changing work! Please ask your friends to donate too.

FEATURE

55TH ANNIVERSARY CHARTER CELEBRATIONS PRESENTER



DR. ZENO L. CHARLES-MARCEL, MD

Dr. Zeno L. Charles-Marcel pursued studies in four universities namely; Doctor of Medicine at Howard University College of Medicine, Electrical Engineering (hon) and Physics & Physiology at McGill University, Postgraduate Studies in Internal Medicine, Specialty Training and Cheif Resident at Loma Linda University and studies in leadership, international relations and affairs/ Health.

He co-founded the first academic lifestyle medicine Fellowship in the United States and has served as a Medical Missionary to India, the Middle East and Latin America. He has learned alot from serving in leadership in the Unisteed States Government..and in the denominational system overseas, Mission Hospital, lifestyle centers and academic programs. He is a former Dean of Health Sciences at Montefiore University and holds adjunct faculty appointment at three universities

Dr. Charles-Marcel emphasized Rotary's Four-Way Test, which, if implemented globally, would be extremely beneficial to humanity. He spoke on the concept of integrity; he says it makes 'you trustworthy and recommend you as a leader in your community. It contributes to the design of God for this desire to give the contribute to produce to serve and to improve your service not just on the tennis court but on the court of life.' He also spok on the concept of hope and of embracing altruistic activity. To him, 'there is honor actually in giving and seek honor to doing good regardless of whether you get recognized for it. There is honor in giving another expecting anything in return. There is honor in serving from the heart.'

He discussed the effect of the pandemic on persons; they were questioning their existence, asking 'why'. There was "an emotional tug of war' between being glad to be alive and asking the question, 'why am I alive and the persons are care for are not?' Survivor guilt arises when one person survives but another, whether a friend or family member, does not, and as a result, the survivor feels guilty. But it's worth noting that there is something we can do to help. He delved into techniques to improve your service; using your existence to help others. He expounded on the word CELEBRATE:

C- Choice: choose carefully

E- Exercise: Improve your resilience and strenth

L- To love is to act in the best interest of another; Love without boundaries

E-Eat and drink for health and strength.

B- Breathing: Take in the pure air of the ocean breeze.

R-Relaxation is vital to reduce stress and promote physical and mental health, as well as boost your mood. Set the tone; be the kind of person you wish everyone was; hope breeds optimism and tenacity in the face of adversity. Relaxation is necessary therefore decrease stress and physical and mental health. Rest: Sleeps improves our immune function

A- Air has health benefits to improve your respiratory health

T- Be thankful, accepting reality gracefully and grateful

E- Contribute to your environment. Help set the tone when you walk into a room or when you get onto a zoom; you have the power to create a new environment. Be your best self be kind of person that you would wish everyone else around you would be.

To conclude, we must interact with life and enjoy it, as well as engage with others—it is not good or wholesome to be alone; we were created to be in community, and we must engage with enthusiasm, purpose, and accountability. We should live intentionally and give from our scarcity.

Thank you Dr. Zeno L. Charles-Marcel.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS -NOVEMBER 2021

The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia hosted its weekly meetings via the zoom platform. Our monthly Board Meetings and Business Meetings have been happening as planned.

Our Rotary in a Minute Rotarian was yours truly, Natoya Cassius. Our 'Know Your Rotarian' for the month was PP Chester Hinkson gave a talk about his life from his boyhood to the present.



The Club held various activities for the month and are as follows:

RCSL's Guest Speakers were Minister for Tourism Dr. Ernest Hilaire and PDG Milton Innis-District Foundation Chair. They presented on Reimagining Tourism: Setting a New Agenda for a Sustainable Future and expanding on the foundation of Rotary respectively.

This month, the RCSL hosted the Feeding and Distributions of Packages for the Poor and Homeless on November 28th. In addition, the RCSL hosted a Certificate of Recognition Ceremony for its Interact Clubs that participated in World Interact Week. We also celebrated International Men's Day, giving hope and support to our young fathers. Lastly, funds were collected from members to support a cancer patient in need of a surgical procedure.



MINISTER FOR TOURISM DR. ERNEST HILAIRE

November 19th 2021: Honorable Dr. Ernest Hilaire was sworn into Saint Lucia's Cabinet of Ministers on August 5, 2021, to the role of minister for tourism, investment, creative industries, culture and information.

Dr. Hilaire spoke on Reimagining Tourism: Setting a New Agenda for a Sustainable Future. He spoke on fostering 'community tourism'. Noting that as climate changes visitors prefer a more authentic experience. As such, we should use the global setting and change in experience to drive and reimagine a tourism industry where our people can become more active participants of the tourism sector leading to a more sustainable sector.



PDG MILTON INNIS DISTRICT FOUNDATION CHAIR, DISTRICT 7030

November 29th 2021: PDG Milton spoke extensively on Foundation; (i) The Rotary Foundation; its causes and purposes, (ii) grants which are the mechanism which we interact with the foundation, (iii) funding and donating to the Rotary Foundation.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS -NOVEMBER 2021

ROTARY CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will:

- 1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
- 2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
- 3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
- 4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
- 5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities; report any suspected harassment; and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment

For more information, please visit link:
<https://my.rotary.org/en/guiding-principles>

ROTARY IN A MINUTE



Dir. Natoya, the youngest Rotarian choose to give her feedback on her experience in Rotary thus far. She has had a positive experience and has enjoyed getting to know the members of RCSL.

MEMBERSHIP PROFILE FEATURE

WILL RESUME NEXT MONTH

CALENDAR OF EVENTS -NOVEMBER 2021

KNOW YOUR ROTARIAN-CHESTER HINKSON

NOVEMBER 11TH 2021



Mr. Chester A. S. Hinkson born in St. Lucia was educated at St. Mary's College before taking up his profession as a banker.

After a seven-month stint with the 1st National Bank former\$ St. Lucia Co-operative Bank, he says he earned a hefty and healthy salary of EC\$100.00 per month, \$45.00 of which was used from the first month's salary to purchase a pressure cooker for his mother. He is now a proud husband and father of three sons.

Before returning to St. Lucia as the first local General Manager & Country Head of one of the world's 10 leading International Banks, The Bank of Nova Scotia, he held numerous managerial positions in the Bahamas, Guyana, Grenada, Haiti and in Canada where he held the position of Director Special Projects, following a brief stint with Grameen Bank in Bangladesh, (founded by Nobel laureate professor Mohammed Yunus) where he learned the modus operandi of Micro Credit. He subsequently pioneered Scotia bank's first Micro lending programme in Guyana. He also had the opportunity to spend one week in Singapore where he got additional training in Micro Credit.

In his role as General Manager & Country Head for St. Lucia, he had responsibility for all branches on the island. Mr. Hinkson brings to the position over 40 years of experience in the financial services sector. A professionally qualified banker, he continually benefited from numerous bank-training courses, workshops, and seminars. He holds the banker's professional designation of an Associate of the Institute of Canadian Bankers (AICB), A Bachelor of Commerce Degree in Financial Services (BCOMM) from Nipissing University in North Bay, Ontario in Canada and also The Personal Financial Planner (PFP) designation from the Institute of Canadian Bankers. This designation is also referred to as -Financial Advisor.

He was once the Chairman of The Caribbean Association of Indigenous Banks, Board Member and Director of Finance Committee of NRDF and past President of Bankers Association of St. Lucia. He currently serves as a Director of The Eastern Caribbean Asset Management Corporation, Board Member of The Rotary Club of St. Lucia, Member of The Rotary Calabashers, Past member of Scotiabank Regional Advisory Board and Past President of The St. Lucia Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture.

He is extremely proud of the positions he previously held (particularly his role as a banker), as they all have afforded him the opportunity to serve his country and his people. Outside his professional life, Chester Hinkson loves music. He is also an avid reader of books that bring added value to his life viz: Biographies, Psychology and religion, business, motivation and leadership. His mentor is Nelson Mandela. His mantra- Conceive it, believe it and achieve it.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS -NOVEMBER 2021



WHAT ARE OUR MEMBERS UP TO?

NOVEMBER 06TH 2021

KIWANIS CLUB OF CASTRIES INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND CLUB OFFICERS

Over very own, IPP Leathon Khan was an invited guest of the Kiwanis Club of Castries' installation of board members and club officers. He presented under the theme "Better Together. Making the Kiwanis Club of Castries Stronger". He spoke on four areas namely; Leadership, Strategic Planning, Membership (engagement and retention) and Partnerships and Collaboration.

NOVEMBER 13TH 2021

BRINGING COMFORT TO THOSE IN NEED

It is always heart-warming when we can extend our services to persons in need like Ms. R who is pictured here. Ms. R is an amputee and one could only imagine the discomfort that she was going through. Fortunately, PP Konrad, on behalf of RCSL was able to donate a mattress.



NOVEMBER 28TH 2021

HELPING THE ROTARACTORS

IPP Konrad, on behalf of RCSL was on hand to help the Rotaractors with their deliveries. The Youth Services Committee thanks you for your support.



HELPING HAND

Rot. Mary was able to donate a mattress to a single father in need. We thank you for your service.

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WORLD INTERACT WEEK: NOVEMBER 1-7

NOVEMBER 05TH 2021

World Interact Week is celebrated every year during the week of 5 November to commemorate the founding of the first Interact club in 1962. To mark this occasion with Interactors and Rotarians around the world, Interact clubs, in partnership with their sponsor Rotary clubs, are encouraged to participate in joint projects during World Interact Week.



This year our Interactors chose to consolidate their efforts to have a feeding/Soup Kitchen in the Constitution Park. Interact Clubs from SJC, SALCC and CCSS did a wonderful job along with their Teacher Advisors in getting the event on stream. Rotary's Youth Service Director Natoya was also on site to lend a hand.

 CCSS INTERACT CLUB

THE ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT INTERACT CLUB



INTERACT CLUB OF SALCC



CALENDAR OF EVENTS -NOVEMBER 2021

WORLD INTERACT WEEK

NOVEMBER 05TH 2021

ALL HANDS ON DECK- DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD TO THE POOR BY THE
INTERACT CLUBS FROM SJC, SALCC & CCSS



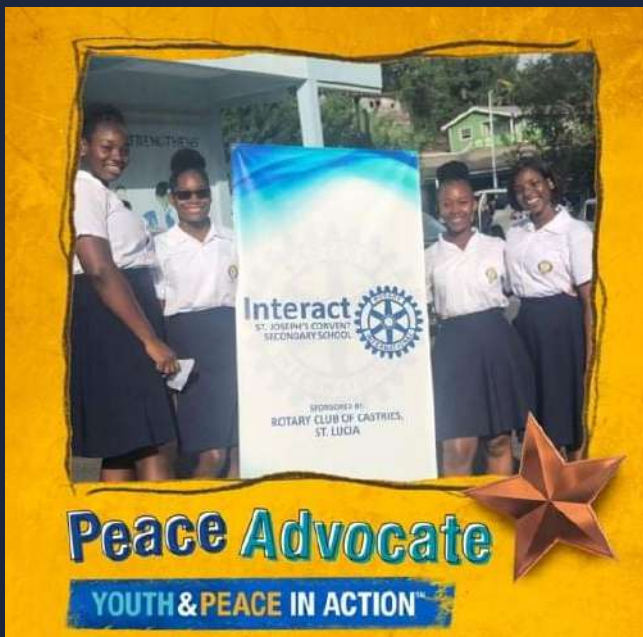
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YOUTH & PEACE IN ACTION PEACE BADGE

NOVEMBER 12TH 2021

YPA gives out badges to interact clubs in recognition of the number of registered participants.
Congratulations on your Peace Badges St. Joseph's Convent Interact Club

CONGRATULATIONS



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INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY

NOVEMBER 19TH 2021



INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY 2021



RCSL held a Father's Appreciation Day at the National Skills Development Centre on November 19th under the theme, 'Daddy's Gonna Buy You A Dream To Cling To'.

President Keturah indicated that, 'much of today's social ills stems from families that are broken especially when the father figure is absent. We believe that Fathers play a pivotal role in the development of a child's life. Some fathers are young and are unprepared to deal with raising a child or children. They need guidance and support to lead their children aright and to know that they are not alone.' As such, RCSL is doing all we can to support our young fathers.

"Great men are not born, but molded by their fathers and their fathers before them."

-SAMI PACHA



@ Marius Modeste 2021 Photo



@ Marius Modeste 2021 Photo

**INTERNATIONAL
MENS DAY**
November 19

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INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY



NOVEMBER 19TH 2021



The Resident British High Commissioner, Lesley Saunderson enthusiastically gave a speech at our event. 'Some might say there is a gender imbalance regarding annual international days of recognition, with International Women's Day 'probably' being the frontrunner each year. I think we all understand how that came about but the point is Gender equality - applies to everyone in society of course. So, when we in the HC were looking at our plans for the year we (an all-female team) were committed to being part of IMD and we will keep doing our part to make sure that men get their support, recognition and celebration.'

International days these days have themes and objectives. Three of this International Day's objectives are all reasons why we are here today:

- (1) to celebrate the contribution that men make
- (2) to promote male role models;
- (3) to create a safer world for everyone.

Today is about responsible and caring fathers and fatherhood and we are going to hear about some brilliant local work being done on this area and hear from some men themselves. Being a father, or father figure is being a role model. It can be all too easy to forget, overlook or take for granted the contribution that fathers make to social cohesion and stability.

Societies work well when we are all involved and fulfilling our various roles as best we can. Children who are loved usually grow up to be loving and well-adjusted members of society, and usually means fewer issues with crime, delinquency, behavioural and other problems. Strong, caring and present fathers contribute to this immensely.

But good or consistent behaviours from adults, fathers, aren't always easy. Let's be honest: life throws us challenges every day: earning a living, providing a home, nutrition, health, school, relationships, stress, peer pressures, and, now a pandemic.

Today we are going to see a video which highlights the stories of men who are doing their best every day to be caring, nurturing and responsible fathers to their children often under trying circumstances. With any personal challenge it mostly always helps to know you are not alone, and that it is okay to overcome any perceived stigma, talk about it and ask for help.'

She concluded by extending thanks to our sponsors and to 'the men in the video for sharing their stories.'

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INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY

NOVEMBER 19TH 2021

Special thanks to Rev. Johan Douglas, Lesley Saunderson (resident British Commissioner), Dr. Venus Cherry for Opening Prayer and Brief Remarks respectively, our musical entertainment- Werner Semi Francis, Ronald "Boo" Hinkson and Curtis Pedro Julien, and our hands-on Rotarians.



SPONSORS

Special thanks to these organizations for making this event possible.



British
High Commission



RISE (St. Lucia) Inc.



NATIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE



CALENDAR OF EVENTS -NOVEMBER 2021

WORLD INTERACT WEEK: CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION CEREMONY

NOVEMBER 26TH 2021

In recognition of their efforts during World Interact Week, RCSL through it's Youth Services Committee paid due recognition to the Interactors of St. Joseph's Convent, Sir Arthur Lewis Community College and Castries Comprehensive Secondary School.



**THE ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT INTERACT
CLUB**



INTERACT CLUB OF SALCC



CCSS INTERACT CLUB

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WORLD INTERACT WEEK: CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION CEREMONY

NOVEMBER 26TH 2021



CONGRATULATIONS



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WORLD INTERACT WEEK: CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION CEREMONY

NOVEMBER 26TH 2021



CALENDAR OF EVENTS -NOVEMBER 2021

FEEDING AND DISTRIBUTION OF SANITIZATION SUPPLIES

NOVEMBER 28TH 2021

ALL HANDS ON DECK- FOOD PREPARATION AND PACKAGING



@Marius Modeste 2021 Photo



@Marius Modeste 2021 Photo

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS - DECEMBER 2021

Friday December 03, 2021 - Dynamic Duo Presentation

Friday December 03, 2021 - Voting commences for Christmas tree project with Rotary club of Davidson in US *

Tuesday December 7, 2021 - Board Meeting

Friday December 10, 2021 - Business Meeting

Thursday December 16, 2021- Launch ceremony for oximeters from Rotary Club in Lamantine and CMO

Friday December 17, 2021 - Face to face Christmas Lunch. Live band

Sunday December 19, 2021 - Children's Party - Fond Assau Primary school

Tuesday December 21, 2021 - Packaging of Christmas Hampers

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Decorated by Past Presidents Laurie Walker and Cristy Carrol and President Elect Lexi Lain



*Joint program with The Rotary Club of St Lucia to support St. Lucia citizens affected by Covid. Due to the decline in tourism due to Covid, many residents of St. Lucia have lost their livelihood and are unable to purchase basic hygiene products. The Rotary Club of Davidson is raising funds to purchase personal hygiene products such as bath soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and more to ship to the island of St. Lucia with the help of their Rotary club.

Sponsor- Davidson Soda Shop

You are donating funds via votes through The Giving Tree Village. This fundraiser is brought to you by Rotary Club of Davidson as part of Christmas In Davidson. Use this link for donating,

https://givingtreevillage.com/products/rotary-club-of-st-lucia?_pos=1&_psq=St.%20Lucia&_ss=e&_v=1.0

Further details will be provided closer to the event.

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UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS 2021

2021 GLOBAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT!

THEME: PUTTING YOUTH & PEACE IN ACTION

SATURDAY, DEC. 11, 2021

11AM – 2PM EST

THIS FREE EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

For more information, please visit link: <https://rotarydistrict7030.org/Stories/november-this-is-rotary-foundation-month>

HIGHLIGHTS

BIRTHDAY FEATURES



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
TIM JAMES!**

Wishing you a happy birthday, a wonderful year and success in all you do.

-From your Rotary Family



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
IRA SIMMONS!**

May all life's blessings be yours, on your birthday and always.

-From your Rotary Family



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
MALCOLM CHARLES!**

Wishing you much happiness on your special day. Have an unforgettable birthday.

-From your Rotary Family



JOKE OF THE MONTH



MONTHLY RIDDLE

Riddle: What has many teeth, but cannot bite?

Answer:

The answer will be revealed in the next issue of The Spoke; Stay tuned!!!

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S RIDDLE

Riddle:

I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. What am I?

Answer:

A Map



HIGHLIGHTS

INVESTIGATION SECTION



BAD BOYS CLUBS

The Bad Boys Club is back in full swing



MISCHEIF

Drinks on order.

Our sources are on the look out!! You may just make next month's issue!

STAY TUNED FOR MORE UPDATES!!

LET'S PLAY!

SUDOKU

LEVEL: MEDIUM

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SAFETY DURING THE OUTBREAK

Emergence of Omicron

On November 24, 2021, a new variant of SARS-CoV-2, B.1.1.529, was reported to the World Health Organization (WHO). This new variant was first detected in specimens collected on November 11, 2021 in Botswana and on November 14, 2021 in South Africa.

On November 26, 2021, WHO named the B.1.1.529 Omicron and classified it as a Variant of Concern (VOC). On November 30, 2021, the United States designated Omicron as a Variant of Concern, and on December 1, 2021 the first confirmed U.S. case of Omicron was identified.

CDC has been collaborating with global public health and industry partners to learn about Omicron, as we continue to monitor its course. CDC has been using genomic surveillance throughout the course of the pandemic to track variants of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, and inform public health practice. We don't yet know how easily it spreads, the severity of illness it causes, or how well available vaccines and medications work against it.

This information was obtained from the CDC's web-site- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/omicron-variant.html>

Rotary Prayer – During the Covid-19 Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced, remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have little risk factors,
remember those most vulnerable, with difficult choices to make.

May we who have the luxury of homes and jobs that pay,
remember those who are helpless and have no place to stay.

May we who have close families and surrounded by friends who care,
remember those who have no options, who survive on loneliness and fear.

May we who have each other, as Rotarians willing to give,
remember the least among us who only wants to live.

May we with our Rotary ideals and a purpose to fulfill,
Keep fighting for humanity and not be found standing still.

Amen

ROTARY CLUB OF ST. LUCIA COMMITTEES

LEADERSHIP TEAM

President	Keturah Donai
Vice President	Past President Selma St. Prix, PHF
President Elect	President Elect Gordon Julien
Immediate Past President	Immediate Past President Leathon Khan
Secretary	President Elect Past President Gordon Julien
Treasurer	Julian Charles
Sergeant at Arms	Past President Chester Hinkson, PHF
Club Administration	Past President Selma St. Prix, PHF
Service Projects	Past President Leevie Herelle, PHF
Membership	Director Sheba O'Brien
Rotary Foundation	Director Past Assistant Governor Timothy Moffat, PHF
Youth Services	Spoke Editor Director Natoya Cassius
Spoke Editor	Director Ian Mitchell/ Director Natoya Cassius
Social Media Strategist	Director Roger Hare
Public Image/Relations	Immediate Past President Leathon Khan, PHF
After Meeting Chair	Past President Malcolm Charles, PHF
International Service Director	TBD
Caregivers Director	Past Assistant Governor Malcolm Charles, PHF
Vocational	Past President Azmina Long, PHF

ROTARY CLUB OF SAINT LUCIA COMMITTEES

Club Administration Committee

This Committee is responsible for all operations of the Club including its day-to-day activities, club announcements, club assemblies, raffles etc.

Members:

PP Selma St. Prix, PHF (Chair)
Marcus Joseph
Jeremiah Jonas
Riquette Bonne Smith

Rotary Foundation Committee

Foundation is the lifeblood of rotary as the funds collected through Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) go back into funding our big projects as global funds. Part of Foundation is polio the first disease that began rotary's journey. Foundation must be kept alive as it plays a pivotal role in the existence of every club. You get out of it what you put into it, hence the importance of ensuring we all contribute to EREY.

Members:

PAG Timothy Moffat, PHF (Chair)
PP Chester Hinkson
Rtn. Julian Charles

Community Services Committee

The Service Projects Committee develops and implements educational, humanitarian, and vocational service projects that help our community.

Members:

PP Leevie Herelle, PHF (Chair)
PP Brad Paul
Rtn Steve Johnny
Rtn. Mary Dix

New Generations/Youth Services Committee

This committee focuses on fostering relationships with the Rotaract, Interact and Early Act Clubs and support their members in their professional development and assist with their projects as appropriate. We also engage the wider community and other established organizations to find ways to promote and engender youth development and entrepreneurship. Historically, this has involved financing participation in regional workshops and conferences, holding professional development conferences, facilitating youth study exchanges, and providing mentorship.

Members:

Dir. Natoya Cassius (Chair)
PP Timothy James, PHF
PP Rudolph Francis
PP Soraya Gustave, PHF

Membership Committee

Membership Service Committee identifies the needs of members and recommends the development of services to meet those needs.

Members:

Dir. Sheba O'Brien (Chair)
PP Digby Ambris
Rtn. Julie Bonnett
Rtn Everton Sealy

ROTARY CLUB OF SAINT LUCIA COMMITTEES

International Service Committee

The Club's International Service Committee seeks to execute projects that support communities in need throughout Saint Lucia. We engage international Rotary Clubs and other Friendly organizations seeking collaboration in the execution of these projects.

Members:

TBD (Chair)

PP Konrad Wagner, PHF

PAG Malcolm Charles, PHF

Rtn Justice Francis Belle

Vocational Committee

Vocational Services calls on Rotarians to empower others by using their unique skills and expertise to address community needs and help others discover new professional opportunities and interests

Members:

PP Azmina Long, PHF

PDGA Charlie Serieux, PHF

PP Joe Simmons, PHF

PP Frank Myers, PHF

Fund Raising Committee

The main purpose is to generate funds to undertake community projects such as feedings of the homeless, supplies to various homeless shelters, provision of Computers for schools, and many more

Members:

PP Azmina Long, PHF

PP Gordon Julien

Riquette Bonne Smith

Sean Devaux

Public Relations Committee

The role of the club public relations committee is to inform the public about Rotary and promote the club's service projects and activities. This ensures that the club's work is known and generates a positive public image whereby current members are motivated to be active and prospective members are eager to join.

Members:

IPP Leathon Khan, PHF (Chair)

Dir. Roger Hare (Social Media Strategist)

Dir. Ian Mitchell

Rotary Care Giver and After Meeting Chair Committee

The main responsibility at present is the 'Rotary Caregiver Project' which connects the Club with 'Shut In/ disabled or incapacitated/elderly Rotarians. A 'Manual of Procedure' to guide Rotarians as to eligibility criteria for the Rotary Care Giver Program.

Members:

PP PAG Dr Malcolm Charles PHF (Chair)

PP Digby Ambris

PP Dr Ira Simmons

Rtn Justice Francis Belle

PAG Konrad Wagner

PP Leevie Herelle (Discussion Lead)

IPP Leathon Khan, PHF (ex officio).

ROTARY CLUB OF SAINT LUCIA MEMBERS

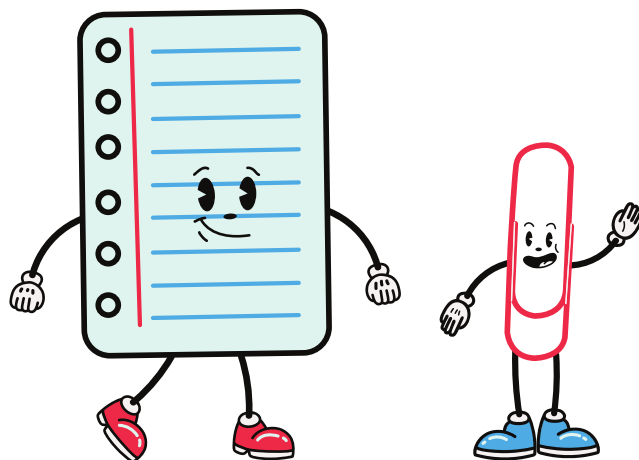
FULL MEMBERSHIP

Ambris, Digby	Herelle, Leevie	Mitchell, Ian
Belle, Francis	Hinkson, Chester	Moffat, Timothy
Bonne-Smith, Riquette	James, Timothy	Myers, Frank
Bonnett, Julie	Johnny, Fitzstephen	O'Brien, Sheba
Cassius, Natoya	Jonas, Jeremiah	Paul, Brad
Charles, Julian	Joseph, Marcus	Sealy, Everton
Charles, OBE, JP., Malcolm	Julien, V. Gordon	Serieux, Charlie
Charles-Donai, Keturah	Kent, Peter	Simmons, Ira
Daniels, Albert	Khan, Leathon	St.Prix, Selma
Devaux, Sean	Laurent, Crisy	Wagner, Konrad
Francis, Lorenzo	Lewis- Dix, Mary	Warner-Gustave, Soraya
Hare, Roger	Long, Azmina	

BUDDY MEMBERS: JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022

What is the buddy system? A cooperative arrangement whereby individuals are paired or teamed up and assume responsibility for one another's instruction, productivity, welfare, or safety. Know your buddy today...!

1 Keturah Donai	Everton Sealy
2 Selma St. Prix	Riquette Bonne Smith
3 Gordon Julien	Sean Devaux
4 Tim Moffat	Leevie Herelle
5 Natoya Cassius	Francis Rudolph
6 Sheba O'Brien	Julian Charles
7 Justice Belle	Tim James
8 Azmina Long	Joe Simmons
9 Roger Hare	Steve Johnny
10 Leathon Khan	Konrad Wagner
11 Malcolm Charles	Digby Ambris
12 Chester Hinkson	Soraya Gustave
13 Ian Mitchell	Julie Bonnett
14 Marcus Joseph	Frank Myers
15 Crissy Laurent	Peter Kent
16 Charlie Serieux	Jeremiah Jonas
17 Mary Dix	Brad Paul



VISION: "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."



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