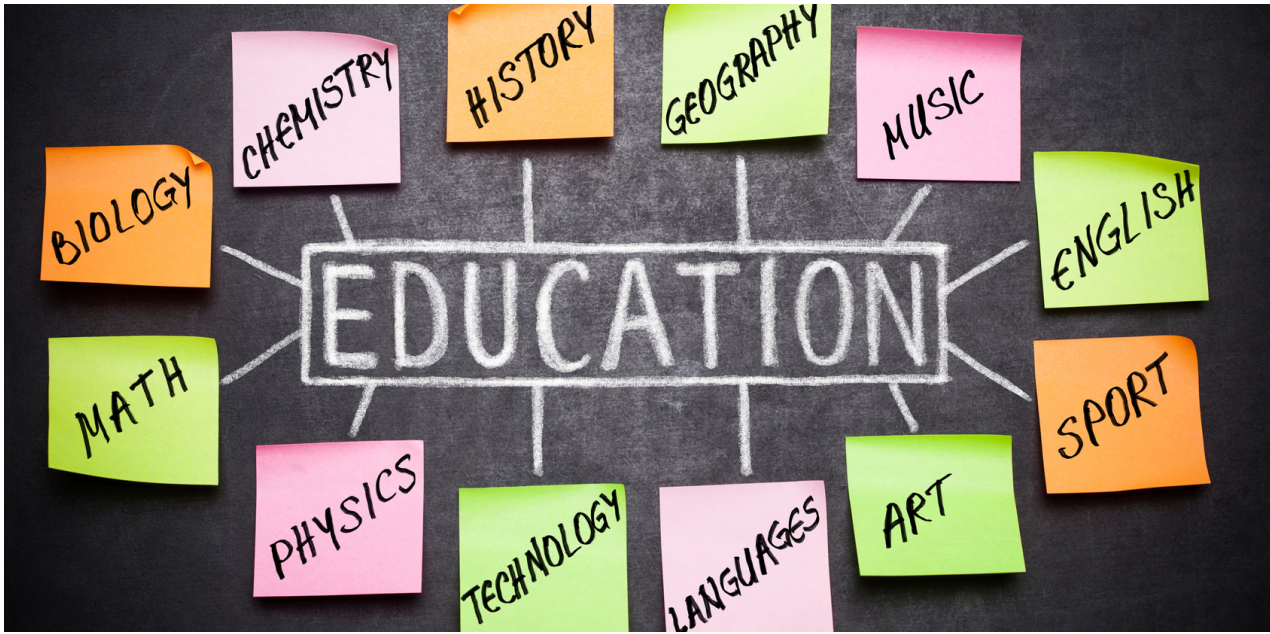


SEPTEMBER 2023

# THE SPOKE



## ILLUMINATING MINDS : CELEBRATING BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

With a focus on basic education and literacy, this month renews our commitment to fostering a world where every mind is ignited, every heart empowered, and every life transformed through the simple yet profound act of learning.

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SEPTEMBER IS

**BASIC EDUCATION AND  
LITERACY MONTH**

Rotary  
Club of St Lucia

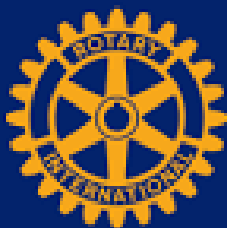
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As we engage with communities, support educators, and advocate for the importance of basic education, we sow the seeds of progress, nurturing a world where literacy is a right, and education a catalyst for positive change.



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## The Four-Way Test

of what we think, say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



# PRESIDENT MESSAGE



Fellow Rotarians

As we step into the vibrant month ahead, I am honored to share with you the theme that resonates deeply with our core values – Basic Education and Literacy. This month, we unite under the banner of empowerment, committing ourselves to enhancing lives through the gift of education and the power of knowledge.

At Rotary, we understand that education is the cornerstone of progress. It is not merely a privilege but a fundamental right that paves the way for a brighter future. As we embark on this journey during the Basic Education and Literacy Month, let us reaffirm our commitment to spreading literacy far and wide.

Imagine the world we can shape when every child, regardless of their background, has access to quality education. It is through education that we cultivate the leaders, innovators, and changemakers of tomorrow. By nurturing young minds, we foster curiosity, critical thinking, and the capacity to dream beyond limitations.

Our efforts go beyond classrooms and textbooks. They extend to communities where we can make a profound impact. Let us remember that literacy is not confined to reading and writing alone; it encompasses digital literacy and the ability to navigate an ever-evolving world. By embracing positive aspects of technology, we bridge gaps and ensure that no one is left behind in the information age.

As members of Rotary, we have a unique role to play in this transformative journey. Through our projects, partnerships, and unwavering commitment, we can create ripples of change that touch lives near and far. Let us collaborate with local schools, libraries, and organizations to amplify the impact of our efforts. Every book donated, every workshop conducted, and every moment spent mentoring can spark a chain reaction of growth and enlightenment.

This month, let us celebrate the successes we have achieved and renew our determination to do more. Let us engage with enthusiasm, share inspiring stories, and ignite conversations that underscore the importance of education and literacy. By working together, we can turn aspirations into realities and empower individuals to script their own success stories.

Yours in Rotary,

President Everton Sealey



# THE 2023/24 BOARD



CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD



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PAG MALCOLM CHARLES



Public Image/Spoke  
ANGELA COLEBY



Sergeant at Arms  
JULIE BONNETT



# EDITOR'S MESSAGE

by Angela Coleby

Greetings, Rotarians and Friends,

As the sun sets on another month, we turn our attention to a theme that is both timeless and transformative – Basic Education and Literacy.

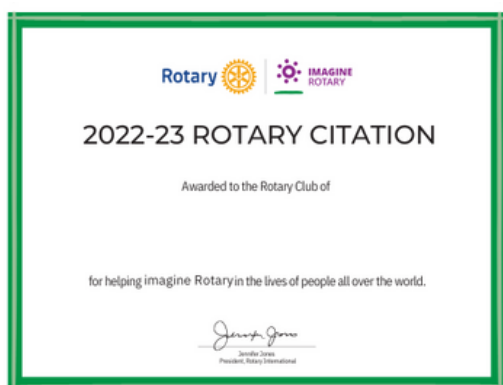
In a world pulsating with innovation and change, the importance of education and literacy remains steadfast. It is through the cultivation of knowledge that we empower individuals to grasp opportunities, transcend limitations, and envision a future rich with possibilities.

While this month is a designated moment to celebrate Basic Education and Literacy, let us remember that our commitment extends far beyond these pages. The steps we take today lay the foundation for tomorrow's leaders and visionaries. Our actions reverberate, creating a symphony of positive change that resounds in classrooms, communities, and beyond.

On another note, we should celebrate the citation the club received for last year's membership development.

Yours in the spirit of growth and service,

"Education is the beacon that illuminates the path to a brighter, empowered future for individuals and communities alike. Through literacy, we empower minds, ignite creativity, and unlock the doors of possibility. In the heart of every Rotarian beats the fervent belief that together, we can eradicate illiteracy and nurture a world where every mind is a wellspring of knowledge." - Rotary Club International



Congratulations on the Membership  
Development Citation

Feel free to submit your ideas and suggestions for The Spoke to [acoleby@gmail.com](mailto:acoleby@gmail.com)



## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

On September 10th, iconic artist Annie Lennox and others will unite at the historic Colosseum site in Rome, Italy to raise awareness for a mission dear to us: Ending Polio.



Learn more about the Time For Change event: [thetimeforchange.com/en/](https://thetimeforchange.com/en/)

### Women Supporting Women Leads to Success

Jennifer Montgomery, a Rotary Peace Fellow, co-founded the Magenta Girls Initiative, a non-profit that provides resources to at-risk women in Africa. The initiative empowers them to overcome harmful gender norms, generational poverty, gender-based violence, trafficking, and trauma.

Learn more: <https://on.rotary.org/3YhmL57>



# ROTARY DISTRICT 7030 NEWS

Ready to learn more about great projects and activities taking place in our clubs and communities? Ready to discover how to improve your club's actions and results in membership, foundation and public image? Ready to renew old friendships and make new ones?

Our next amazing District Conference will take place from 18th to 20th April 2024 in St. Vincent & The Grenadines, and promises a most memorable experience to all members of our Rotary family whether you are a veteran or a rookie.

Registration rates are available and you will soon be able to book your spot.

Join the District 7030 Conference Group

(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/district7030conferenceandconvention>) or follow the District 7030 Conference Event (<https://fb.me/e/2Jmlmvcyp>) to stay informed with regular updates and announcements.



**ROTARY DISTRICT 7030 DISTRICT CONFERENCE**  
St. Vincent and The Grenadines 2024

*Save THE Date*

**APRIL 2024**

**THU 18<sup>TH</sup> TO SAT 20<sup>TH</sup>**

St. Vincent and the Grenadines



**ROTARY DISTRICT 7030 CONFERENCE DE DISTRICT**  
St. Vincent and The Grenadines 2024

*Reservez Vos Dates*

[www.districtconference7030.com/2024](http://www.districtconference7030.com/2024)

**AVRIL 2024**

**JEUDI 18 AU SAMEDI 20**

St. Vincent and the Grenadines

REGISTRATION FEES		*PCW ONLY	CONF. ONLY	PCW & CONF.
Early Bird	Aug 1 - Dec 31, 2023	US\$100	US\$460	US\$560
Regular	Jan 1 - Mar 15, 2024	US\$190	US\$505	US\$695
Last Minute	Mar 16 - Apr 11, 2024	US\$190	US\$610	US\$800

Frais D'inscription		*PCW SEULEMENT	CONF. SEULEMENT	PCW & CONF.
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\* PCW | Pre Conference Workshop (Presidents and Secretaries Elect Only) will be held on April 17th, the District Conference commences on April 18th

\* PCW | Pre Conference Workshop (Presidents et Secretaries élu seulement) se tiendra le 17 Avril, la Conference commence le 18 Avril 2024

# ROTARY, LIONS & MONTERO MEDICAL MISSION SAINT LUCIA DENTAL PROJECT

The exciting arrival of 19 Montero Medical Mission participants is fast upon us! This looks to be a great project to improve the dental health of our communities and a great collaboration.

A container is on its way to Saint Lucia with 14,000 oral care kits for children, along with portable X-Ray units.

Below is the timetable of activities and events. Let's see that Rotary spirit this week!

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Saturday 16th Sept 6pm - 7:30pm	Welcome Reception	Held at the home of Rotarian Sean Deveaux \$90 XCD per person
Sunday 17th Sept	Presentation and Lectures	NSDC Bisee
Monday 18th Sept	Team visit dental clinics around the island	
Tuesday 19th Sept	Teams work at Government clinics	
Wednesday 20th Sept	Teams work at Government clinics	
Thursday 21st Sept 9:00am to 4:30 pm	Boat trip to Soufriere	\$100 USD per person Depart from Rodney Bay
Friday 22nd Sept	Media Conference Golf Outing Gros Islet Street Party	



# ROTARY CLUB'S IMPACT: ADVANCING BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

The Rotary Club International's mission to enhance basic education and literacy plays a pivotal role in empowering communities globally. By emphasizing core programs and collaborations, Rotary is effecting positive change through education. This article explores Rotary's approach, key initiatives, and the resultant impact on societies.

## Rotary's Approach

1. **Key Focus Area:** Basic education and literacy are one of Rotary's six main areas of focus, highlighting its commitment to addressing these crucial issues.
2. **Strategic Partnerships:** Collaborations with diverse organizations enable Rotary to pool resources, expertise
3. **Global Grants:** Through its Global Grant program, Rotary supports projects like school construction, teacher training, and adult literacy programs.

## Key Initiatives

1. **Rotary Community Corps:** Local volunteer groups known as RCCs drive community-centric initiatives, from tutoring to reading workshops, promoting literacy at grassroots levels.
2. **"Rotary Readers" Program:** Rotarians and volunteers promote the joy of reading among children, fostering early literacy development.
3. **"Literacy Month":** Rotary dedicates September as "Basic Education and Literacy Month," channeling efforts towards events and campaigns that underscore literacy's significance.

## Impact and Success

1. **Fighting Illiteracy:** Rotary's efforts have led to marked declines in illiteracy rates, particularly through adult literacy programs.
2. **Educational Infrastructure:** Rotary's support has facilitated the creation of schools in underserved regions, granting children access to quality learning environments.
3. **Empowering Women:** By prioritizing education, Rotary contributes to gender equality and empowerment for women and girls.

## Conclusion

Rotary's unwavering dedication to basic education and literacy epitomizes its commitment to positive community transformation. Leveraging partnerships and innovative programs, Rotary is driving education forward, cultivating a brighter and more inclusive global future.

# FELLOWSHIP MEETING



A fellowship meeting was held at the Calabash Cove Resort and Spa on Friday 11th August

A Friday lunch meeting full of laughter, fellowship and great food. Sergeant-at-Arms, Julie delivered another great joke, whilst keeping the meeting to order.

Rotarian Angela gave a vocational talk and we learnt more about her life as an online entrepreneur.



President Everton starts the meeting



Sarge takes charge



Angela gives a vocational talk



Fellowship before lunch



Harold won the raffle prize donated by Steve

# GUEST SPEAKER MEETING



Satellite Club Chair, Maurice Norville gave a talk for Membership & New Club Development Month on Friday 18th August 2023.

*Visiting Satellite Club Member: Ryan Cazaubon*  
*Guest: Favienne Burnett*

Satellite Club Chair Maurice delivered an interesting talk of his journey joining the Rotaractor club, then the Satellite club. Now an civil engineer in Wasco, he looks forward to leading this year with the support of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia.

PP/VP Selma covered Sarge duties and was ruthless with the fines.



President Everton, and Chair Maurice



President Everton with guest Favienne Burnett



PP Keturah gets a special menu mention



A great talk with many questions from the club



AG Albert presented the new theme banner



PAG Dr Malcolm won the raffle donated by PP/VP Selma

# GUEST SPEAKER MEETING



PDG Lisle Chase gave a great talk for Membership and New Club Development Month on Friday 25th August, 2023.

PDG Lisle Chase delivered an informative and entertaining talk to a packed room of Rotarians on membership development and retention. Lively questions from the members made this a great lunch meeting.

In the absence of President Everton, PP/VP Selma presided over the meeting. Sergeant-at-Arms Julie delivered a great joke and many fines.



PP/VP Selma led the meeting



An animated PDG Lisle



PP Digby and PAG Malcolm



Rotarian Riquette



Vote of Thanks by PAG Konrad



IPP Gordon was victorious with his raffle win, donated by PP Frank.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dates for your diaries

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
SEPTEMBER	16th - 23rd	Montero Medical Mission <b>(Details on Page 7)</b>
OCTOBER	Tues 24th Thurs 26th Sun 29th	World Polio Day Charter Anniversary Feeding the Needy
NOVEMBER	Sat 11th Sun 26th	Rotary National Tree Planting International Food Fair
DECEMBER	Mon - Sat 18th-23rd Sat 23rd	Packing & Distribution of Christmas Hampers Children's Christmas Party
JANUARY	Tues 2nd	Christmas Feeding the Needy
APRIL	Easter Weekend Thurs - Sat, 18th - 20th	Anti-Drug Youth Camp "Love & Respect" District Conference, St.Vincent

# BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



PP Tim Moffat  
8th September

PP Digby Ambris  
15th September



President Everton Sealy  
18th September

AG Albert Daniels  
20th September

Riquette Bonne-Smith  
28th September

## SEPTEMBER ROTARVERSARIES

Congratulations!

Thank you for being a valuable member of our Rotary family.



PP Frank Myers  
28 Years

PP Tim Moffat  
24 Years

# JOKE IN SPOKE

Light humor and a Rotary Quiz to enjoy with your morning coffee!



The wife came home with four cases of beer, three boxes of wine, two bottles of whisky and two loaves of bread. "Are we expecting guests?" I asked. "No," she replied. "Then why did you buy so much bread?"

Where do Bad Rainbows go?

Prism

It's a light sentence, and gives them time to reflect.

## Rotary Quiz

Test your Rotary knowledge  
Answers will be in next months newsletter

**A 1900 Walk after dinner by Paul Harris. What was...?**

1. The Day Paul Harris' Grandfather died?
2. The inspiration for Rotary?
3. Paul's cure for irregularity?
4. A desperate attempt to find legal work?

# ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

Each month has a different Rotary theme. This year has changed slightly. Start your planning.

MONTH	THEME
JULY	Maternal and Child Health
AUGUST	Membership & New Club Development
SEPTEMBER	Basic Education and Literacy
OCTOBER	Community Economic & Development
NOVEMBER	The Rotary Foundation
DECEMBER	Disease Prevention & Treatment
JANUARY	Vocational Service
FEBRUARY	Peace and Conflict Prevention
MARCH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
APRIL	Environmental Month
MAY	Youth Service
JUNE	Rotary Fellowships

*A Common Rotary Grace*

Oh Lord and Giver of all Good  
We thank thee for our daily food  
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways  
Help us to serve thee all our days.