



# **Rotary Club of Saint Lucia**

## **2012 – 13**

### **The year in review**



**At the last handing over dinner newly inducted Pres. Konrad talked for way too long about all the projects his team was going to undertake in the Rotary Year 2012-13**

#### **These included and were not limited to**

- The Club's annual Wine and Cheese Fiesta for the 12<sup>th</sup> year running.
- A new more active approach to Public Relations.
- The launch of "The Rotary Bus" a left over from IPP Digby's year.
- The joint Rotary Babonneau water project
- A sustainable food source tree planting project with the Rotary Club of Oakdale California, USA
- A tree planting project in cooperation with the ARC in December in Dennery.
- A World ARC project with a Rotary Clubs in Bali, South Africa, Brasil etc.
- The Rotary 1st. Move Chess in Primary Schools.
- The 2. Rotary Camp D-Life with the Rotary Club of Gros Islet.
- For the 1st. Time a new Director of new Generation will focus on our Rotaract and Interact Clubs
- The Anti Drug Camp traditionally held over Easter.
- Christmas activities including feeding of the homeless, hamper distribution and children Christmas Party
- The Club will fully adopt Clubrunner and revise our website.

**For help with these numerous projects we were also looking for a few "new" good men and women to increase our numbers.**

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July 2012



Pres. Konrad visits Dennery to explore locations for the ARC tree planting activity in December 2012 with representatives from the Forestry Department. Here with Toussaint and Monti from Forestry



On July 18, 2012 the 1. presentation on the Rotary 1. Move Chess program for primary schools is made to principals of school district 1. As a result of meetings between Chief Education Officer Marcus Edward, NCF Director Juliana Alfred, Pres Konrad Wagner, PP Leathon Khan, PP Albert Daniels and Peace Corps Volunteer Robert Oberlander the Ministry of Education has agreed to make chess education part of the primary school curriculum.

The 1. Move Chess project is the brainchild of PP Leathon who's company EC Global has sponsored chess competitions in Secondary schools over the last few years.

With the assistance of the Ministry of Education and most important Mr. Evariste John the district 1 Education officer the program would eventually become reality.



The new website [WWW.ROTARY.LC](http://WWW.ROTARY.LC) and Clubrunner are launched. Thank you PP Albert for securing the domain [WWW.ROTARY.LC](http://WWW.ROTARY.LC) years ago with great forward thinking and Rot. Ian for the IT work.



## 2. Rotary Camp D-Life a big success

From July 24 -27, 2013 The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia and the Rotary Club of Gros islet hosted a group of diabetic youth for education on Diabetes, fun and fellowship. Venue: Oceanview Resort, Gros Islet

Before

After



and in between



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August 2012



Another presentation for 1st. Move Chess is made to the teachers of school district 1 at a meeting in Union in preparation for the chess launch in September.

### **The Rotary Bus is launched**

The big day for the launch of The Rotary Bus, a mobile youth clinic has arrived and the vehicle is on August 24 presented to the people of Saint Lucia. The Minister of Health and much of Saint Lucia's media is present for the grand affair. Saint Lucia and the Rotary club will for along time be thankful to PP Malcolm Charles and others like Dr. Stephen King for their tenacity foresight and support. What was 8 years in the making, became in August 2013 with much work from many Rotarians during PP Digby's year finally reality .



### **A beautiful job from start to finish**



### **and a proud day for every Rotarian**



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September 2012



### **Rotaract "Fun Auction"**

This year's Rotaract Fun Auction was held at VP Charles' Home on Mourn Fortune to raise funds for Rotaract projects



Pres. Konrad Dir. Marcus and Members of the Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia represent the Rotary family at a **Worldwide Views on Biodiversity workshop** held by the National Trust of Saint Lucia.



### **Rotary 1st. Move chess get's officially launched in a ceremony with the Minister of Education the Hon Dr. Robert Lewis**



The launching ceremony took place at Sandals Halcyon with an address by Minister of Education the Hon. Dr. Robert Lewis and was followed by a workshop conducted by Kathi Cirar a Rotarians and associate with the American Foundation for Chess. The program was until the end of March 2013 supervised by Peace Corps Volunteer Robert Oberlander.



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## October 2012

RI Representative Paul Derstine visits Saint Lucia to evaluate the proposed joint Rotary water project for the Babonneau area. Paul is a member of the Rotary International Cadre of Engineers. He spends 4 days in Saint Lucia to participate in meetings with the planning committee, WASCO and the community in addition to different site visits. District 6960 Governor Steve Schleuter returns after an initial visit to Saint Lucia back in May 2012 returns to the island to participate in these meeting together with District 7030 Governor Stephen Ramroop. The project was originally initiated by PP Malcolm Charles and the planning committee has up to this time compiled a 40 page dossier with background information on the project as well as details on persons, companies and organizations coming together for this unique undertaking that would eventually provide 3000 residents with fresh drinking water.



Rotary GSE participant Laverne Verdant departs for England. 27 years old Laverne holds a Bachelors Degree of Science. Her vocational focus is on Macroeconomics, Computer programming, Management accounting, as well as Applied and Statistical Mathematics. An aspiring Management Professional she wants to focus on creating business value for Shareholders. By all accounts she represented us well and enjoyed her experience



## Thank you to Rotary Calabashers and Cap Maison



For the second year in a row the Rotary Calabashers performed at Cap Maison's Annual Birthday Party.

This year their performance was complimented by a Life auction. Part of the gate receipts and the auction proceeds are donated to the charity fund of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia.

Cap Maison General Manager Ross Stevenson later in the year made a donation of the proceeds to the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia. The Rotary Calabashers are once again invited to perform for charity at this year's Anniversary Party on September 27, 2013.

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## November 2012

**Time for a charter night with a difference was celebrated at the residence of Rot. Chester and Delicia Hinkson**  
For the 1st. time the Charter Night Organizing Committee under the stewardship of Dir. Andre opted for a private venue versus a hotel. Delicia and Chester made everybody welcome at their residence and all had a good time.



**Rot. Pedro was welcomed back in the Rotary circle after a brief absence for medial reasons**

**Guest Speaker PP Richard may have spoken a tad too long on matters relating to challenges for small island state economies and the Olympic Games in London but all enjoyed it and this could be the format for future Rotary celebrations like handover and charter night.**



**Keeping with tradition Rotary recognized to members from our community for their exceptional service to our fellow men and woman!**



**Dr. Jacky Bird well known for her work with children and RISE St. Lucia Inc.**

**Ms. Jennifer Gaston famous for her tireless efforts in organizing sporting events in Saint Lucia and promoting Calypso.**



**Good news from the Rotary Foundation. The Babonneau Water Project was officially approved this month.**  
Work by the planning committee commenced immediately with setting up bank accounts and finalizing duty free arrangements with the Government of Saint Lucia.

This.....



would be replace by.....

.....this

just larger!!!



### Interact Club at Saint Joseph's Convent update

Friday November 16, 2012 the Interact Club at Saint Joseph's Convent had a "pinning ceremony and the board was introduced to Rotary. They showed Pres Konrad, VP Charles, Treasurer Gloria, Dir. Selma and Rot. Ian a powerpoint presentation on Interact and their club's projects realized to date.



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November 2012



## **Annual Calabashers concert at Gaiety to the theme “Calabashers with love”**

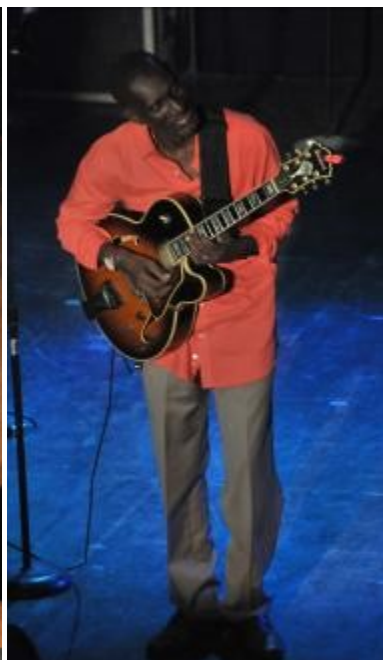
Once again the singing Rotarians took the Gaiety on Rodney Bay by storm. To a packed forum and in the presence of Her Excellency Dame Pearlette Louisy it was the group’s best performance at Gaiety to date.



**PE Doddy as MC**

**Boo supporting Rotary**

**and the new generation .....**



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## December 2012



### Rotaract Presidents conference held in Gros Islet Nov 30 to Dec 4, 2012

As a result of proper planning and excellent organization the event went really well and even achieved a small surplus. After the conference was from an early date oversubscribed admission had to be curtailed and eventually almost 100 Rotaractors from across district 7030 attended.

Visiting Rotarian Kitt Ray presented a cheque from her Vegreville Rotary Club in Canada in support of our Rotary Anti Drug Camp 2013. Kitt who spends part of the winter months in Saint Lucia had made a similar presentation last year in support of our Rotary Camp d-life. Thank you



### Rotary ARC tree planting in the Dennery River Valley

A large number of Interactors together with Rotaractors, Rotarians and ARC sailors turned out to plant over 750 trees along the Dennery River Valley. After the planting participants visited the Errand Waterfall and the Dennery Fish Fry.

The project received extensive TV and newspaper coverage island wide and will continue in the future



### Joint Rotary Water project for Babonneau officially launched

In a ceremony with Minister of Education and District Representative the Hon. Alvina Reynolds Community Representatives and Members of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia and the Rotary Club of Gros Islet the water project was officially launched.



Following through on Club tradition in December a **Christmas Party** was held for students at the La Croix Maingot Primary School and food hampers were distributed to folks in need. Rot. David pulled out all the stops and with other Rotarians put on a Christmas party that the children will remember for a very long time



And less fortunate, often house bound folks were treated to Christmas hampers

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## January 2013

Keeping to tradition the new year started with the **lunch for homeless people** in Castries. As usual it was held at the Castries City Hall and Rotarians and their families were on hand to serve the food and drinks.



## Rotary workday and fellowship at the Babonneau tank site.

On the last Saturday Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia and the Rotary Club of Gros Islet met at the Babonneau water project site for some hands on work and a little fellowship. The aim was to clear the area of the new access road of trees and bush. Afterwards all present enjoyed some refreshments and a little sushi.



Also the old water tank was finally cut into pieces and removed







## February 2013

Time to learn more about RI's **Future Vision**. The perfect opportunity for PDG Lara to pay us a visit, conducting a workshop and joining a beautiful fellowship on the Brig Unicorn



Work on the **Babonneau water tank** is now in full swing and the with steel reinforced foundation if cast under the watchful eye of Rotary Project Manager PP Brad Paul



## Wine and Cheese Fiesta 2012

The Rotary Wine and Cheese Fiesta in it's 12th. year is thanks to Her Excellency Dame Pearlette and all our friends and sponsors another social and financial success with record revenue and profit recorded for charity.







**March 2013**

**World Rotaract Week March 10-16, 2013 activities by the Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia**



Skype meeting with Milton Rotaract Club Canada



"World Peace, We Peace, I Peace" workshop with 4 Interact Clubs assisted by Rotarians Pres Konrad, PE Doddy and Dir Albert



### **Rotary Calabashers perform in Soufriere in support of the Soufriere Foundation**



According to many a wonderful performance and exceptional atmosphere and after party

### **100 wheelchairs arrive in St Lucia, and distribution starts with our US and Trinidad friends**



### **Interact Club at Saint Mary's College Chartered**



In a beautiful ceremony with Pledge and an address from Principal Seon 27 young men became Members of the International Fraternity of Rotary and Interact..

### **Dunnottar School visits Martinique**

This visit was made possible with the generous financial contribution from the Rotary Club of Lamentin who covered all accommodations expenses and coordinated the week's program of activities.



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**April 2013**

## **The new water tank arrives in Saint Lucia and is transported to Plateau**

Where installation work starts immediately

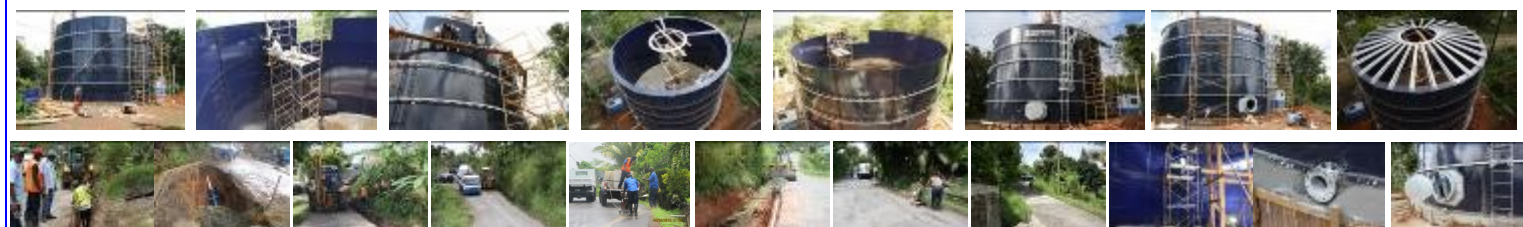


Did you know it was so heavy the truck taking the tank from the dock had "4" burst tires.

## **Rotarians used the opportunity for another work day at the tank**



## **While work on the tank and the water main undertaken by WASCO continued**



Within weeks the new water tank is taking shape and the new water main is in place

## **The Rotary GSE Team from District 9660 in Florida visits Saint Lucia**

Group Leader Bob and his angels Suriya, Kendra and Sara were welcomed at Vigie Beach and participated In the RCGI Charter Night, enjoyed a day sail to Soufriere where they presented a wheel chair, walked Tete Paul and visited Government House and us.



## **And the winner is.....**

The Rotary Easter Raffle came to a "draw" on April 16, 2013.



Amazingly the winner Ms. Lavina Hepburn did not even know she had the winning ticket. Apparently her father purchased the ticket in her name and when Dir. Andre called her she said "but I don't have a ticket"! A truly lucky Lady.



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**April 2013**

### **Rotary ARC tree planting project confirmed**

During a tour of the south of Saint Lucia ARC MD Andrew Bishop, Pres Konrad and Forestry Officials confirmed the Belview water catchment area as the re planting site for the next 3 –5 years.

The next planting date is set for Saturday December 14, 2013



### **Rotary Calabashers rock Saint Mary's College for charity**

Calabashers perform in support of one of their first musical Directors, Ms. Barbara Cadet and her family. Money raised at the concert from gate receipts and a raffle was donated towards medical expenses for Mr. Oliver Cadet who is recovering from a serious road accident that had left him for 3 weeks in a coma. Oliver is recovering steadily and will need medical assistance for at least the next 2 years for ongoing therapy.



With guest performances  
By Ronald  
"Boo" Hinkson

Barbara  
Cadet

PE Doddy  
was MC for  
the evening



the Cadet Youth Orchestra performed



Principal Seon was there  
and everybody chipped in



### **Rotary Club of Saint Lucia receives Presidential Citation**

In recognition of the excellent work throughout the Rotary year 2012-13 the club received a Presidential citation after meeting this year's criteria in the 6 areas of focus

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**May 2013**

**4 days workshop for young men at risk, the male students of George Charles Secondary School held with a high profile opening ceremony at the Marchand Community Centre**



**76 young men were hosted to participate in discussions on sexuality, drugs, violence, discipline, self expression, school, respect, goal setting etc.**

**Time to hand over the new Babonneau water tank**

**After only 4 months of close International and local cooperation it was time to celebrate. In a ceremony with local MPs and 6960DG Steve and 7030DGE Hervee the water tank was officially dedicated and handed over. Once again the Acting PM the Hon Dr. Robert Lewis lauded the work of Rotary.**



**A tree planting project with a difference**

**When PE Michele Weber came to Saint Lucia in 2011 it was clear she wanted to arrange an Environmental Project with Saint Lucia. After many e-mail conversations a project was finalized and a Matching Grant was secured. It was time to plant sustainable food source trees in every school in Saint Lucia that wanted them.**

**The Team that for 4 days drove up and down the island of Saint Lucia to visit schools**



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June 2013

## Help for Comfort Bay



During a visit to the home the last wheel chairs were delivered. Work on the partitions for the bedrooms has started and cost estimates for the replacement of the glass windows to fixed wooden louvers and a kitchen exhaust are being obtained



## Dunnottar School Lunch

Time for Rotarians to serve lunch to the children



Before the entertainment and a speech from Principal Carolyn Archibald



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