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Building Bridges Where Others Build Walls



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In a world that headlines its fractures — wars of territory, rifts of ideology, the grinding friction of communities divided — there is an organisation that has spent more than a century doing the less glamorous work of preventing those fractures from forming in the first place. Rotary International, with its 1.4 million members spread across more than 200 countries and territories, has quietly embedded peacebuilding into the very architecture of what it means to serve.

Peace is listed first among Rotary's seven areas of focus — and that sequencing is deliberate. The organisation's founders understood, long before the phrase "conflict sensitivity" entered the lexicon of international development, that almost every other kind of service — health, education, economic opportunity — collapses in the absence of stability and trust between peoples.

The most visible expression of this commitment is the Rotary Peace Fellowship programme. Since 2002, Rotary has partnered with leading universities to train mid-career professionals in peace and conflict resolution; among them Duke, Uppsala, International Christian University Tokyo, and the University of Queensland. Fellows return to their home regions as mediators, diplomats, civil society leaders, and policy architects. They are not academics writing about peace from a distance; they are practitioners working in it.

But the fellowship programme, for all its prestige, represents only the most formal tier of Rotary's peace work. The deeper infrastructure is woven into the daily life of clubs themselves. When a Rotary club in Nairobi hosts a joint service project with a club in Tel Aviv, or when Rotarians in Belfast share a table with counterparts from Dublin, the organisation is enacting its founding thesis: that people who work together towards a common good are far less likely to go to war with one another. This is sometimes dismissed as idealism. The evidence suggests otherwise.

Building Bridges Where Others Build Walls



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“Peace is not merely the absence of war. It is the presence of justice, of opportunity, and of the trust that neighbours can extend to one another across every line that divides them.”

Conflict management, in Rotary's framing, is not crisis response alone. It is the sustained, patient work of building the social capital, the webs of relationship, mutual obligation, and shared identity that makes communities resilient before violence arrives. District-level peace committees, youth exchange programmes, and the Rotaract movement all serve this function, creating cross-cultural understanding in the generation that will inherit today's tensions.

Critics have, on occasion, pointed to the limits of Rotary's reach: the organisation operates most naturally in civic and professional society, and there are conflicts — structural, deeply historical — that no fellowship dinner can resolve. This is fair. Rotary has never claimed to be a substitute for statecraft or international law. What it offers instead is something states often cannot: the human scale. The handshake, the meal shared, the project completed together. These moments are not small. They are, in fact, the raw material from which durable peace is made.

As the world enters a period of renewed geopolitical strain, the case for Rotary's model — decentralised, relationship-centred, long-horized — grows stronger, not weaker. Governments negotiate treaties; Rotarians build the trust that makes those treaties hold. In this sense, every club meeting is, quietly, an act of peacebuilding.

1,800+

Peace Fellows
trained since 2002

8

Rotary Peace
Centres worldwide

200+

Countries with
active Rotary clubs

1905

Founded on fellowship
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RI President's Message

Peace Requires Liberty and Opportunity ...



Francesco Arezzo

A life free from conflict but marked by hunger, instability, or the inability to care for one's family is not true peace. Peace requires liberty, opportunity, and respect for human dignity.

At last month's International Assembly, President-elect Olayinka "Yinka" Hakeem Babalola called on members of the Rotary world to live out our presidential message for the 2026-27 Rotary year: Create Lasting Impact.

This February, as we observe Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, we have an opportunity to channel Yinka's call to action into real change.

Peace is not simply the absence of war. A life free from conflict but marked by hunger, instability, or the inability to care for one's family is not true peace. Peace requires liberty, opportunity, and respect for human dignity. Yet fear often blocks that path — fear of change, of cultural loss, of people we don't understand.

Fear isn't defeated through avoidance or aggression. Knowledge is the first step toward peace. Rotary embraces this idea. Our Rotary Peace Centers and their peace fellows, along with other peace education initiatives, demonstrate how knowledge builds trust and helps communities find solutions to conflict.

In Colombia, decades of conflict have left deep wounds. The 2025 Rotary Foundation Programs of Scale awardee, Pathways to Peace and Prosperity, partners with the United Nations World Food Programme to expand opportunity, improve conflict resolution, and connect people with social services. Its goal is to break cycles of violence, poverty, and food insecurity so peace can take root.

In Maharashtra, India, People of Action honoree Swati Herkal built peace through prosperity. Her project confronted farmers' declining soil health, rising debt, and illness caused by chemical fertilizers. She and her Rotary partners launched a regenerative agriculture program that revitalized the land, lowered costs, and restored stability. More than 1,100 farmers now participate and over 50 villages have adopted the model.

RI President's Message

Peace Requires Respect for Human Dignity



Francesco Arezzo

Peace is not a dream. It is the result of sustained action with a focus on true, lasting impact.

Rotary also advances peace by restoring dignity. In Chad, Rotary Peace Fellow Domino Frank discovered that more than 1,500 women who fought in a rebellion had been erased from reintegration programs. His advocacy led to Chad's first Rotary Foundation global grant and the creation of Corridors of Peace. More than 100 women — triple the goal — completed literacy and vocational training and formed a cooperative to support their families.

From Colombia to India to Chad, the lesson is clear: Peace is not a dream. It is the result of sustained action with a focus on true, lasting impact. To replicate these successes, Rotary clubs can take three steps: Learn from peace fellows and other peace experts in our organization, apply a peacebuilding lens to community assessments, and prioritize impact over ceremony.

In a world filled with fear, Rotary cannot be satisfied with half-measures and empty words. If we are truly people of action, then action must define us. Together, we can Create Lasting Impact — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

District Governor's Message

Peace Begins in the Heart ...



William "Bill" Aiken

Every time we collaborate or partner on a project, especially those which cross borders, cultures and races, we beckon the prospect of a world of peace incrementally closer.

As Rotarians we all aspire to see a world in which Peace and Conflict Prevention thrive, and though it remains an aspirational goal, we celebrate Peace and Conflict Prevention in the month of February on the Rotary calendar.

When asked to say what comes to mind when peace is thought of, there are as many words forthcoming as there are people. For me peace means harmony and calm, yet for others peace could be the smell of a freshly brewed morning coffee or the feeling one gets when held by a caring friend. Whatever Peace may mean to you and me, it is clear that peace is not merely the absence of conflict, but it is a mindset that understands we have a shared humanity, and this understanding engenders compassion and empathy for others and causes us to act accordingly.

Peace therefore begins in the heart, and we are all individually and collectively responsible for engendering its presence. The law of correspondence says that our outer world is a reflection of our inner world, and when it comes to Peace nothing could be truer.

It is this inner world of peace that engenders compassion and empathy that causes us to treat our brother fairly and to do unto others as we would wish others to do to us. Peace therefore perpetuates fair play and justice, and justice in turn perpetuates peace. If all mankind were to live by the Rotary Four-Way Test, we would soon realize the aspirational goal of peace! Rotary promotes peace in everything we do, through the spirit of cooperation and collaboration with others, especially when the "others" do not look like us.

District Governor's Message

Peace Perpetuates Fair Play ...



William "Bill" Aiken

Peace, I believe, is also a manifestation of an evolved and mature mindset that does not allow our reptilian brain to hijack our thinking when suddenly faced with potential threats. It is this evolved thinking that causes us not to react with violence when a reckless driver suddenly cuts us off in traffic. We engage in big-picture thinking which allows us to smile and muse to ourselves that perhaps he's just having a bad day!

As Rotarians we have a responsibility to share our mindset of peace with the world. More importantly, we must recognize that every time we collaborate or partner on a project, especially those which cross borders, cultures and races, we beckon the prospect of a world of peace incrementally closer. Let us all in everything we do as Rotarians help to bring peace to our world!

Shalom!

BUILDING BACK BETTER

RCSAN Supports Munro College

During the 2025–2026 Rotary year, District Governor William Aiken challenged clubs across District 7020 to intentionally pursue partnerships — between Rotary clubs, Rotaract clubs, private-sector organisations, and government agencies. His message was clear: collaboration multiplies impact. When we work together, we accomplish far more than we ever could alone.

The Rotary Club of St. Andrew North embraced that charge in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Melissa. What followed has been a powerful example of how partnerships can mobilize meaningful resources for disaster recovery. Through a strategic alliance, the club has secured over USD 75,000 dedicated specifically to Hurricane Melissa relief and recovery initiatives, strengthening support to disaster-affected communities.

Central to this achievement is the club's partnership with KR Method, a United States-based health and fitness company founded by Korey Rowe, brother of Past President Nakia Rowe of the Rotary Club of St. Andrew North. In the wake of the hurricane, Korey reached out with a genuine desire to assist Jamaica's recovery efforts. His initiative, leadership, and trust in Rotary's ability to execute projects efficiently transformed goodwill into tangible impact. The club expresses sincere gratitude to Korey for his commitment, generosity, and belief in partnership-driven service.



President of the Rotary Club of St Andrew North, Pierpont Wilson (left), hands over a cheque to Principal of Munro College, Dr Mark Smith (second left), at the school recently. Founder of KR Method, Korey Rowe (third left) and his brother, Past President of the Rotary Club of St. Andrew North, Nakia Rowe, are also at the presentation

The results have been significant. A JMD 1 million donation was provided to Munroe College, which suffered severe damage during the storm

Additionally, the partnership funded the full replacement of the roof of a civil servant's home — another JMD 1 million investment — supporting an emergency responder who remained on duty throughout the crisis.

BUILDING BACK BETTER

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As we reflect on this journey, we are reminded: “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.” Through partnership, we go farther — and we serve better.

This partnership stands as a model of what Rotary can achieve when relationships are nurtured and aligned with purpose. It demonstrates that disaster recovery requires not only immediate relief but sustained collaboration, accountability, and shared vision.

The disaster recovery efforts continue. The club is currently collaborating with the Ministry of Health and Wellness Jamaica to facilitate the donation of critical medical equipment to a hospital impacted by Hurricane Melissa. Plans are also underway to assist with the repair of three schools damaged during the storm, ensuring that students can return to safe and stable learning environments.

The Rotary Club of St. Andrew North is proud to have transformed partnership into progress, channeling international goodwill into structured, transparent, and impactful disaster recovery initiatives. Hurricane Melissa tested our communities, but it also reminded us of the strength found in unity.





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HURRICANE MELISSA RELIEF



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ASSISTANCE**

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Disaster Response: We Connect the Dots

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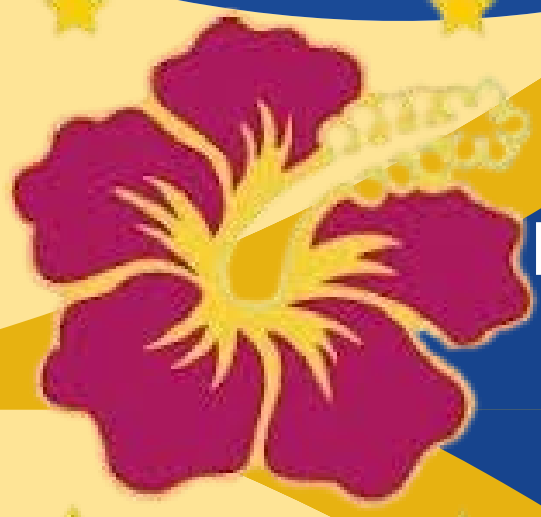
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Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Features



Rotary Club of ST ANDREW NORTH

Partnerships for Peace

Partnerships can be powerful and transformative, especially when united by a shared commitment to community development and social change. The Rotary Club of St. Andrew North Education Foundation, through the Rotary Club of St. Andrew North, is proud to lead such a collaboration through the Partnerships for Peace initiative. This impactful project is made possible by a grant of CAD 15,000 from the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI) of the Government of Canada, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Downtown Kingston.



Implemented at Norman Manley High School, the Partnerships for Peace project is designed to reduce conflict among students and promote safer, more inclusive learning environments. The initiative focuses on empowering young people with practical tools in mediation, emotional regulation, and non-violent conflict resolution, helping them to manage disagreements constructively and responsibly.

Through a series of interactive workshops, thirty students are being trained as peer mediators and peace ambassadors. These sessions are supported by experienced facilitators and Peace Activators who provide ongoing mentorship and guidance. A

A Youth Crime Prevention and Mediation Workshop Guide is also being developed to support classroom learning and ensure the sustainability of the programme beyond its initial implementation.

A key feature of the programme has been the involvement of national stakeholders, including representatives from the Jamaica Constabulary Force and the Jamaica Defence Force, as well as Rotarians who have shared personal and professional experiences with the students. These engagements reinforce the importance of accountability, civic responsibility, and positive role models in youth development.

Recognizing the importance of student wellbeing, participants are also provided with meals and refreshment after each session, ensuring they remain focused, nourished, and fully engaged.

The project will culminate in a Youth Peacebuilding Symposium, bringing together educators, community leaders, security stakeholders, and partners to highlight the importance of peace and conflict prevention in schools.

Rotary Club of ST ANDREW NORTH

Partnerships for Peace

The workshop guide will remain a lasting resource, extending the project's reach beyond Norman Manley High.

At the heart of Partnerships for Peace is the message: "Talk 'bout it, nuh Fight 'bout it" (TBI nuh FBI) — a simple but powerful call to dialogue over violence. The Rotary Club of St. Andrew North expresses sincere gratitude to the Government of Canada and CFLI for their invaluable support, which has made this transformative initiative possible. Together, through partnership, leadership, and service, we continue to invest in Jamaica's youth and build a more peaceful future.





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Club of Downtown Kingston

Rotary Club of DOWNTOWN KINGSTON

Peace Initiative Transforms Innercity School

A transformative movement is taking root within the hallways of local inner-city schools as the "Partnerships for Peace" project officially launches its mission to reshape how youth handle conflict. Under the rallying cry, "Talk it Out, Not Fight it Out," the initiative seeks to replace physical aggression with the power of verbal negotiation and emotional intelligence.

The school environment frequently serves as a microcosm of the wider community. For many students, the default response to tension has historically leaned toward confrontation. This targeted intervention is designed to rewrite that narrative, moving beyond theoretical discussions to provide students with a practical, social-emotional toolkit for navigating high-stakes situations safely.

A Strategic Blueprint for Change

The project focuses on three primary pillars to ensure a sustainable shift in school culture:

- **Conflict Transformation:** Students are trained to identify personal triggers and utilize peer mediation to de-escalate tension before it results in violence.
- **Emotional Literacy:** The curriculum emphasizes the importance of articulating feelings, helping youth manage "bottled-up" aggression through healthy communication.
- **Community Cohesion:** By strengthening the bonds between students, faculty, and the surrounding neighborhood, the project fosters a unified front against crime.

Organizers believe that if the society is serious about curbing crime, it must equip the next generation with the tools necessary to resolve disputes without resorting to force.



Strength Through Collaboration

The success of Partnerships for Peace is rooted in a robust strategic alliance. The initiative is a collaborative effort delivered by the Rotary Club of St. Andrew North Education Foundation and the Rotary Club of Downtown Kingston.

This vital work is made possible through the generous support of the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI). Their contribution provides the essential resources, training, and mentorship required to turn these schools into hubs of stability and peace.

By investing in the emotional awareness of the youth, these partners are not merely keeping schools safe for the present; they are cultivating the next generation of peacemakers for the nation.



Rotary Club of ELEUTHERA

Promotes Peace Building in Local Schools



Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention is Rotary, theme for the month of February.

On February 16, 2026, members of the Rotary Club of Eleuthera (RCE) visited Emily G. Petty Primary School located in Governor's Harbour to promote Peace and Conflict Prevention. This is one of RCE five Peace Sites on the island of Eleuthera. Emily G. Petty is also home to one of RCE Earlyact Clubs.

Peace Ambassador, PP Elburt Ferguson, assisted by President Leahnora Knowles shared with the students and Faculty Rotary's focus on promoting Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention. There was a lively and fun discussion between the students and Rotarians. The students were fully engaged and were able to share their understanding of Peace and Conflict and ask questions regarding same.

Peace Building and Conflict Resolution Debate



The Rotary Club of Juvénat organized, on Friday, February 20, 2026, a conference-debate on the theme “Peace Prevention and Conflict Resolution”, held online via Google Meet from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., with the participation of 22 guests, including members and non-members.

The keynote speaker, sociologist Daniel Suplice, highlighted the importance of preventing conflicts rather than resolving them after they erupt. He analyzed the root causes of instability in Haiti: the weakness of the State, lack of institutional continuity, social and economic inequalities, the rise of armed groups, and persistent impunity.

He proposed solutions such as strengthening the rule of law, restoring institutional legitimacy, ensuring universal access to education and healthcare, and promoting inclusive dialogue across all social groups.

This meeting had a positive impact on participants, encouraging them to reflect on their role in society and to adopt behaviors that foster social cohesion, justice, and solidarity. It demonstrated that such conferences help transform the way Rotarians act, inspiring them to promote a culture of peace and to initiate concrete actions for a better future.

Rotary Club of NEW KINGSTON

Walking for Peace: Turning Steps into Strategy

In the stillness of an early February morning, as the city stirred awake and the first light stretched across the Emancipation Parks, members of the Rotary Club of New Kingston gathered—not for ceremony, but for purpose.

February, observed across Rotary International as Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, is often marked by dialogue, advocacy, and reflection. This year, however, the Rotary Club of New Kingston chose to embody the message in motion. They walked.

Rotarians, Rotaractos and interactors joined by friends and supporters, assembled at dawn for a Peace Walk and Exercise initiative that was as symbolic as it was practical. Moving together along the pathways of the park, their footsteps became a quiet declaration: that peace is not passive, but intentional; not abstract, but lived.

What distinguished the initiative was not simply the act of walking, but what followed. After the physical exercise, participants paused—not merely to rest, but to engage. Conversations emerged organically, grounded in the realities of a society where tensions, misunderstandings, and divisions often threaten cohesion. In that shared space, the walk evolved into a forum.



Participants discussed strategies to promote peace within their own spheres of influence—families, workplaces, communities. The emphasis was not on grand declarations, but on practical, sustainable actions: improving communication, fostering empathy, addressing conflict early, and modelling respect in everyday interactions.

It was a reminder that peacebuilding is not confined to diplomatic tables or formal interventions. It begins in ordinary spaces, among ordinary people, making deliberate choices.

The inclusion of exercise in the initiative underscored the connection between personal well-being and communal harmony. A healthy body, it was suggested, supports a healthy mind—one better equipped for patience, clarity, and constructive engagement.

By creating a space where movement met meaning, the Club demonstrated that peacebuilding does not always require grand platforms. Sometimes, it requires presence, participation, and a willingness to begin.

As the morning concluded and participants dispersed into the rhythm of their day, the impact of the walk lingered—not in spectacle, but in intention. For those who gathered, peace was no longer a distant ideal. It was a practice. One step at a time.

Rotary Club of PETION - VILLE

Peace Begins With Me



In Haiti today, speaking about peace is not a luxury... it is an urgency. And at the heart of this urgency are our young people. They are growing up in a context marked by uncertainty, tensions, and challenges that no child should have to bear. Yet within them lies an equally powerful force: the ability to hope, to imagine, and to build differently.

Through panels and interactive workshops, they explored the essential values of a peaceful society, such as respect, empathy, and tolerance, while also identifying the different forms of violence present in their environment.

What made this experience truly powerful was not only what they expressed, but what they chose to do with it.

Participants identified concrete actions to implement within their schools and communities. The creation of Peace Committees marked a turning point, transforming the symposium from a one-time event into the beginning of a youth-led movement, supported and guided by the Rotary Club of Pétiön-Ville.

A highlight of the day was the keynote address by guest speaker Isabelle Clérié, who encouraged the youth to understand that peace is not only built around us, but also within us. She spoke about responsibility, the choices we make in difficult moments, and the courage to forgive, reminding everyone that breaking cycles of violence begins with inner transformation.

The day concluded with a symbolic gesture: each participant received a “tree of peace,” representing life, growth, and the future.

In February 2026, the Rotary Club of Pétiön-Ville chose to recognize this potential by placing young people exactly where they belong, at the very center of the conversation.

Through the Youth Peace Symposium, organized around the theme “Peace Begins with Me...,” more than 70 students came together, not simply to talk about peace, but to define it themselves, based on their realities and experiences.

Throughout the day, these young participants engaged in rich and sincere discussions, sharing their stories, listening to one another, and reflecting on what it truly means to live in peace on a daily basis



Rotary Club of TRAFALGAR NEW HEIGHTS

Building Peace Through Creative Engagement

On Thursday, February 26, 2026, the Rotary Club of Trafalgar New Heights hosted a dynamic **Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution Workshop** for boys at the **Maverley Primary and Infant School** in Kingston, Jamaica. The initiative, undertaken in partnership with Quilt Performing Arts Company, was designed to equip young students with practical tools to manage conflict, build respectful relationships, and strengthen their leadership and communication skills.

The workshop was facilitated by Rayon McLean and Desmond Dennis of Quilt Performing Arts Company. The Facilitators used drama-based learning, movement, and structured activities to actively engage the students and bring the lessons to life. Through interactive exercises, role-play scenarios, and group challenges, the boys were encouraged to reflect on how they respond to disagreements and to explore healthier, more constructive ways of resolving conflict at school, at home, or within their communities.

The workshop focused on several key themes: conflict management, respect for peers and authority, teamwork and leadership, and constructive communication. Students learned that disagreements are a natural part of life but that the way conflicts are handled can determine whether relationships are strengthened or damaged.



By working together in groups, the boys were able to develop trust, build confidence, and recognize the importance of collaboration.

The timing of the initiative was especially significant. Earlier in the month, the Maverley community experienced a troubling flare-up of violence, including a double murder on February 7, 2026. These events served as a sobering reminder of the challenges faced by many young people growing up in inner-city communities and underscored the urgent need for proactive peacebuilding initiatives.

Recognizing the importance of early intervention, the Rotary Club of Trafalgar New Heights sought to provide the students with tools that could positively shape how they navigate conflict both now and in the future. By introducing these concepts at the primary school level, the project aimed to nurture a culture of respect, dialogue, and non-violent problem-solving among the next generation.

The workshop was met with enthusiastic participation from the students, who embraced the opportunity to express themselves, learn from one another, and develop new skills in a fun and engaging setting. Teachers and parents also welcomed the initiative and expressed appreciation for the positive impact it had on the students.

A Transformational Woman...

Some leaders build careers. A few build institutions. Rarer still are those who quietly reshape the possibilities of a society.

For more than three decades, Past Assistant Governor Marie Powell has lived at that intersection—where professional excellence meets an unwavering commitment to national transformation. It is this legacy of service, leadership, and vision that the Rotary Club of New Kingston celebrates as it presents her with the Rose Marie Gibbs Transformational Woman Award.

The award itself carries the name of a pioneer. Past President Rose Marie Gibbs made history as the first female member and the first female President of the Rotary Club of New Kingston. Her leadership cracked open doors in a space long defined by tradition, and her example demonstrated what a transformational woman looks like: someone who breaks barriers, mentors others, and uses her influence to create change that reaches far beyond herself.

In many ways, Marie Powell's story continues that legacy.

Her professional journey spans more than thirty years and reflects a clear philosophy: leadership is most meaningful when it serves the public good. Corporate success, in her view, must be more than a balance sheet; it must be a platform for building stronger communities and a more equitable society.



Jus Mitch

Marie's Leadership Legacy

That philosophy found powerful expression during her decade as Executive Director of the Scotiabank Jamaica Foundation. There, Marie did far more than manage philanthropic initiatives. She became a hands-on architect of community development projects across the island. From poverty alleviation programmes to education and community infrastructure initiatives, she remained closely involved in the work itself—ensuring that each project moved from idea to impact.

Colleagues often remarked that she does not simply fund programmes; she built systems designed to strengthen communities for the long term.

She approaches each initiative with a strategist's mind and a servant's heart, ensuring that every intervention is both sustainable and transformative. The result is not temporary relief, but lasting change that continues to shape lives long after the initial investment has been made.

Marie does not simply build relationships or touch lives. When she walks into your life, something begins to settle into place. She has a way of helping you see yourself more clearly—beyond doubt, beyond limitation—drawing out strengths you did not know you possessed. There is a quiet recalibration that happens in her presence: priorities align, confidence steadies, and purpose feels within reach. She does not impose change; she awakens it, calling forth the best version of who you are meant to be.



Citation presented to AG Marie by President Alex while District Secretary Kereese who read the citation looks on

Today, through Advantage Marketing Limited, Marie continues to shape the philanthropic landscape in Jamaica. She advises organizations on establishing their own foundations, helping corporate leaders understand that meaningful philanthropy must be intentional, structured, and sustainable. In doing so, she is quietly embedding social responsibility into the DNA of Jamaican business.

But Marie Powell's leadership has always been drawn toward those who stand at the margins.

One of her most profound contributions has been her work supporting young people transitioning out of state care—a group whose struggles often remain invisible to the wider public. As Chair of a USAID Steering Committee, she championed programmes designed to provide guidance, stability, and opportunity for these youth as they step into adulthood.

Her commitment to vulnerable young women became especially evident in a project that now stands as a tangible symbol of hope: a J\$6 million facility at the Homestead Place of Safety. Recognizing the precarious journey faced by teenage girls preparing to leave institutional care, Marie mobilized resources and partnerships to create a safe and supportive space for them.



Her leadership extends across more than fourteen boards and committees, where she brings the same clarity of purpose and strategic insight to governance. Those who serve alongside her often note that she approaches every role with a single guiding question: *how can this institution better serve the people of Jamaica?*

Within Rotary, her influence has been equally significant. As Past President of the Rotary Club of St. Andrew and Past Assistant District Governor for District 7020, she has strengthened the network of service that lies at the heart of the Rotary movement. Her contributions have not gone unnoticed. The Government of Jamaica recognized her extraordinary commitment to volunteerism and national development by awarding her the Badge of Honour (BH(M)).

Marie's Leadership Legacy

The facility does more than offer shelter. It offers dignity, stability, and the opportunity for young women to imagine futures that once seemed out of reach.

Transformation, however, does not occur only in buildings and programmes. It also happens when public attitudes begin to shift.

For more than twenty years, Marie Powell has been a dedicated advocate with the Jamaica Cancer Society, helping to strengthen the organization's outreach and visibility. As a four-time Chairperson of Relay For Life, she played a central role in turning what could have remained a fundraising event into something far more powerful: a national movement that encourages survivors, families, and communities to stand together in courage and hope.

Yet those who know Marie Powell well often point to something even more remarkable than her achievements: the quiet determination with which she pursues them. She leads without spectacle, builds without fanfare, and measures success not by recognition but by the lives that are changed along the way. It is precisely this spirit that the Rose Marie Gibbs Transformational Woman Award was created to honour.

In Marie Powell, the Rotary Club of New Kingston celebrates a leader whose career has been guided by purpose, whose philanthropy has opened doors of opportunity, and whose vision continues to strengthen communities across Jamaica.

And like the pioneer whose name the award bears, she reminds us that transformational leadership is not simply about breaking barriers. It is about building pathways in which others follow.

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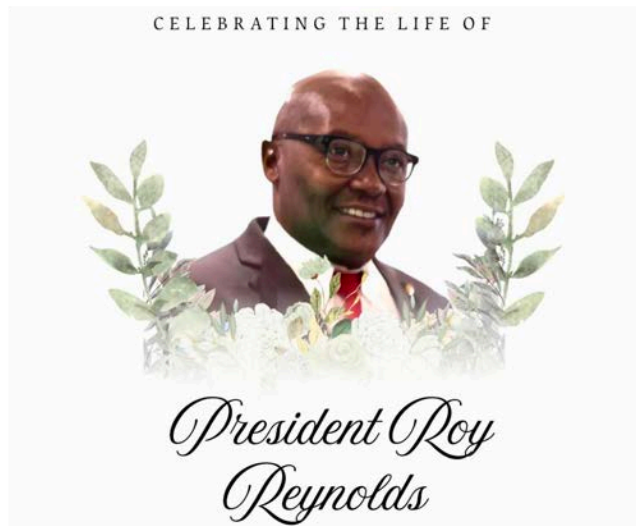
President Roy Reynolds

It is with deep sorrow and a profound sense of loss that I, on behalf of Rotary District 7020, pay tribute to the life and service of our dear friend and colleague, the President of the Rotary Club of Kingston East and Port Royal.

Since joining Rotary in November 2021, he exemplified what it means to live the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self. In a remarkably short period, his passion for service, commitment to fellowship, and dedication to community impact distinguished him as a Rotarian of exceptional promise and purpose. His recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow stands as a fitting acknowledgement of his meaningful contributions and unwavering devotion to humanitarian service.

Throughout his Rotary journey, he served his club faithfully in several capacities, including Sergeant-at-Arms, where his reliability, organisation, and spirit of fellowship strengthened club operations and member engagement. His elevation to the role of President of the Rotary Club of Kingston East and Port Royal reflected the confidence and respect he earned among his peers, as well as his natural leadership and steadfast commitment to advancing Rotary's mission.

As President, he led with energy, humility, and an inclusive spirit. He was deeply engaged, consistently present, and genuinely invested in his club's success and the well-being of the communities it serves. His leadership was marked not only by action but by inspiration. Encouraging fellow Rotarians to serve with purpose, collaborate with sincerity, and lead with compassion.



Beyond his official roles, he will be remembered as a Rotarian whose dedication was evident in every project, every meeting, and every moment of fellowship. He embodied Rotary values through his enthusiasm, reliability, and genuine desire to make a difference. His legacy is one of service, leadership, and heartfelt commitment to community upliftment.

On behalf of Rotary District 7020, I extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and fellow Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Kingston East and Port Royal. While his passing leaves a void that cannot be filled, we take comfort in the enduring impact of his service and the inspiration his life provides to all who had the privilege of knowing and serving alongside him.

May his soul rest in eternal peace, and may his example of service continue to guide us as we strive to honour his memory through our own commitment to Rotary's mission.



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DISTRICT 7020 MONTHLY CLUB CHALLENGE

with Margarett Georges



Inspiring Projects that Demonstrate Commitment

On behalf of the District 7020 Club Challenge Committee, congratulations to the winners of the District 7020 Club Challenge for the month of February!

To all the clubs that submitted projects for Peacebuilding & Conflict Resolution Month, we would like to say thank you and job well done! Your projects are inspiring and truly demonstrate your club's commitment to promoting peace and encouraging non-violent conflict resolution.

We encourage you all to continue to submit your projects for March, as this is the last month for the challenge.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. Submissions received after March 5 at midnight will not be considered.
2. Once submitted, you will receive a confirmation copy of your submission, thereafter, please email your AG a copy of the submission for reference.
3. Only Presidents or Secretaries may submit a challenge, and only 1 project submission will be allowed, so choose your best one!
4. Wild-Cards may only be submitted 1 time in place of any monthly theme.
5. Projects must be completed before the last day of each month related to the monthly theme.

We are looking forward to receiving your submissions and celebrating your success!

AND THE CLUB CHALLENGE
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JANUARY

Rotary	1st - St. Martin Sunrise 2nd - Grand Cayman Sunset & Petition Ville 3rd - Mandeville
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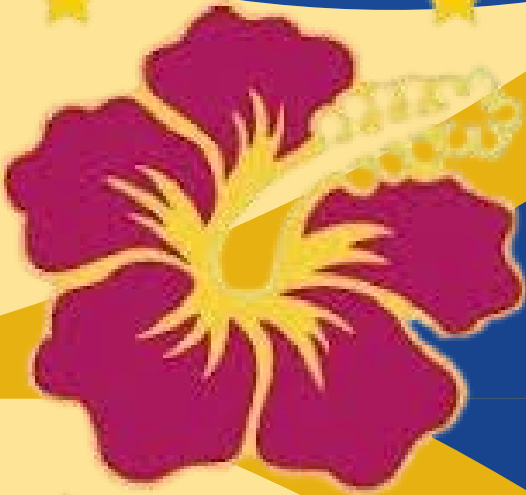
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Rotary  Interact
District 7030

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Barbados
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Curaçao
Dominica
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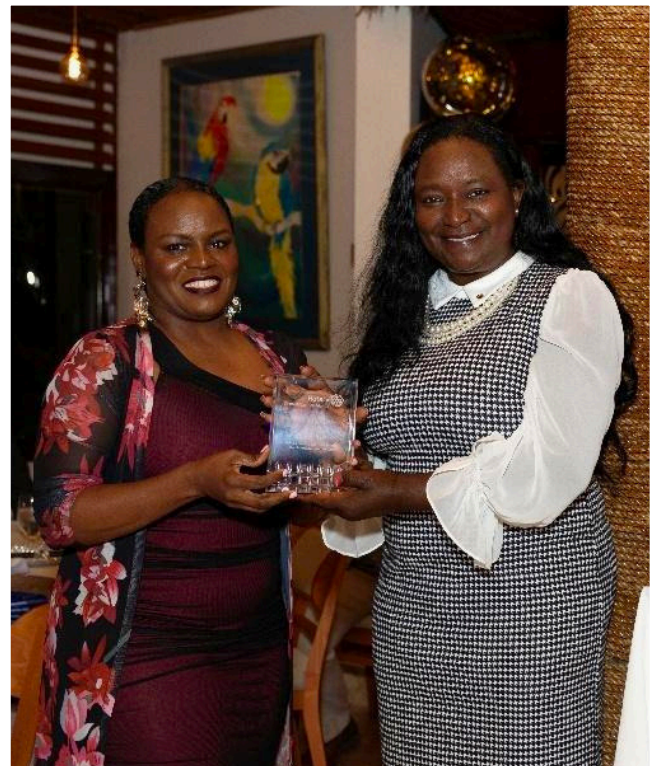
Rotary Club of **CENTRAL CAYMAN ISLANDS**

Vocational Services Awards



Rotary Central Cayman Islands concluded a month dedicated to celebrating the dignity and beauty of vocations with its annual Vocational Services Awards. Established to spotlight one profession each year often those that are essential yet under-recognized the awards have previously honored librarians, paramedics, and journalists within the local community.

For 2026, the club turned its focus to healthcare professionals, specifically the dedicated group of doctors, nurses, administrators and health education specialists who have volunteered their time for the club's health screenings over the past fourteen years. Their long-standing commitment has supported both local and international screening initiatives, making a profound impact on community wellness.



Rotary Club of CENTRAL CAYMAN ISLANDS

Vocational Services Awards

Honorees received hand-delivered invitations for themselves and a guest to an elegant evening at Ristorante Pappagallo, hosted by the club. A warm cocktail reception welcomed attendees before they were guided into the dining room, where live music created an atmosphere of celebration and gratitude.

Ahead of the event, honorees were asked why they chose to dedicate more than a decade of service to Rotary Central's health screenings. Their responses reflected a shared passion for community service and a desire to increase access and awareness around non-communicable diseases.

During the ceremony, each honoree stood as their reflections were read aloud, followed by personal tributes delivered by a Rotarian who had worked closely with them over the years. The heartfelt acknowledgments moved many to visible emotion, and a photographer from a sister club volunteered her time to capture these meaningful moments.

Rotary Central presented each honoree with an award, along with contributions made in their names to the Rotary Foundation, recognizing them as Paul Harris Fellows. One honoree received a Paul Harris Fellow Plus One distinction, having been inspired to join Rotary through his involvement in the health screenings.

The honorees expressed deep appreciation for the recognition and reaffirmed their commitment to supporting future screenings, including the next event scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2026. The club was also delighted to welcome one of the honorees as a guest at the following Rotary meeting.

Rotary Central was proud to host this intimate celebration as a gesture of gratitude for the hardworking volunteers whose dedication strengthens the club's service to the community.



Rotary Club of CENTRAL CAYMAN ISLANDS

Rotary Means Business Networking Event

In celebration of Vocational Services Month, Rotary Central Cayman Islands hosted an evening dedicated to networking, fellowship, and community connection on January 22, 2026, at Union in Camana Bay. Attendees were encouraged to bring flyers and business cards to showcase their vocations, promote their businesses, and support the wider Cayman community. Guests were also reminded that Rotary itself began as a networking club in 1905, founded by Paul Harris, who believed that professionals should uplift and support one another—a principle still at the heart of Rotary today.

To add a fun twist, Rotarians participated in a friendly competition, with a prize awarded to the member who brought the most guests. The turnout was impressive, with more than 55 people attending throughout the night. Door prizes were raffled, and refreshments were generously provided by the club.

As an icebreaker, attendees took part in a Vocational Services Selfie Scavenger Hunt. Participants had just a few minutes to snap photos with a Rotarian, someone from a different industry, and an attendee holding a business card sparking quick introductions and lively conversations.



The event proved impactful on many levels. Several guests shared that they made meaningful connections that later developed into business opportunities. Interest was also sparked among prospective Rotarians, some of whom have since returned as repeat visitors to club meetings. Representatives from various organizations attended as well, exploring opportunities for collaboration with Rotary Central.

Hosting the event at Union, Camana Bay allowed the club to support a fellow Rotarian from a sister club, who was delighted to welcome the gathering. Guests also enjoyed live music from a Caymanian saxophonist, whose performance was so well received that attendees requested his contact information for future bookings, perhaps even for an upcoming Rotary Central event.

It was another enjoyable and productive evening for the club. Rotary Central Cayman Islands looks forward to hosting its next Rotary Means Business Networking Event before the end of the Rotary year.



Rotary Central INTERACT CLUB CAYMAN ISLANDS

Launches a New Era of Youth Leadership

The Rotary Central Interact Club of the Cayman Islands has officially marked the beginning of an exciting new chapter in youth leadership, service, and international collaboration. As one of the newest additions to District 7020, the club brings together passionate young leaders dedicated to making a positive impact both locally and globally.

Founded with the unwavering support of Rotary Central and the guidance of Youth Director Michael Pope, the club is led by an enthusiastic executive team committed to service above self. The inaugural board includes President Zara Majid, Vice President Rayne Harding, Treasurer and Membership Director Ashutosh Pathak, Secretary Elise Codilla-Shelley, and Communications Director Nevaeh Taffe. Together, they represent a new generation of changemakers eager to combine leadership with meaningful action.

The Rotary Central Interact Club of the Cayman Islands officially received its Certificate of Organization on January 6 and held its first board meeting on January 10, where members began planning projects for the year. Since January, the Interact Club has already participated in District 7020's "Move Your Heart" initiative by submitting a heart health awareness video. The Club also engaged in mental health advocacy through participation in the Addison Kelly 5K.



In addition to local engagement, the Rotary Central Interact Club has stepped onto the international stage through cross-district collaboration. On February 5, representatives from Districts 7020 and 7030 met to introduce new partnership opportunities, and the newly formed Rotary Central Interact Club of the Cayman Islands was partnered with the Trillium International School Interact Club of Trinidad and Tobago. We look forward to this partnership as we build bridges beyond borders and foster cultural exchange among youth leaders.

Rotary Club of **CENTRAL CAYMAN ISLANDS**

Launches a New Era of Youth Leadership

Looking ahead, the club is preparing a dynamic calendar of service initiatives leading into Quarter 2 of 2026. Upcoming initiatives include supporting the Chamber of Commerce Earth Day Island-Wide Cleanup on April 18, assisting with the Rotary Central Science Fair, and planning “EcoFest,” a proposed island-wide climate festival tentatively scheduled for June 6.

For President Zara Majid and the founding board, the launch of this Interact club represents more than just a new organization - it symbolizes a platform where young people can develop leadership skills, provide valuable community service, connect with peers worldwide, and take action on causes that matter to them.

These upcoming projects aim to expand youth involvement and membership, strengthen environmental and community service efforts, and create opportunities for students across the Cayman Islands to engage in Rotary’s global mission of service, leadership, and friendship.

As the Rotary Central Interact Club continues to grow in membership, it stands as a powerful example of how youth-led initiatives can inspire change, strengthen communities, and shape the future of service in the Cayman Islands.



Rotary Club of ELEUTHERA

Supports Savannah South Community



On February 6 and 7, 2026 the Rotary Club of Eleuthera (RCE) began work on a project at the Community Park located in Savannah Sound, Eleuthera. At the park there is a need for additional seating, and replacement of bleachers/ benches that are in a state of disrepair and unsafe.

Two sets of bleachers 20 ft. long by 6ft. high with six rows each were constructed under the leadership of RCE Community Service Chair and Contractor of A Meadows Construction, Rtn. Audley Meadows. Rotarians and members of Central Eleuthera High School Interact Club worked along with Rtn. Audley as he shared with them his vocation. One set of seating was placed by the pickleball courtside, and the second set was placed by the basketball court.

The new seating will provide opportunities for Eleuthera residents and visitors to relax and enjoy the sporting facilities, promote peace and wellness and make the park more comfortable and safer especially for the youth. Facilities at the Park include a basketball court, softball field, pickleball court, stage area, restrooms, food stalls and a beautiful beach where swimming and sailing competitions take place.

The park is also used for community meetings, festivals, and classrooms without walls. It was a pleasure to have Rotarian Linda Muth from Cincinnati and a few of her friends visit the project site.

This project was sponsored in part by a District Grant from Rotary District 7020 along with donations from residents of the Savannah Sound Community and the Rotary Club of Eleuthera.

Rotary Club of PETION - VILLE

Empowering Young Leaders Through RYLA



“Ayiti cheri, pou jan mwen renmen w”

In today’s Haiti, loving one’s country is no longer just a feeling, it is a responsibility. In a context marked by uncertainty and social tensions, leadership is not an abstract idea reserved for tomorrow. It is a daily necessity. That is what gave profound meaning to our one-day RYLA.

RYLA created a rare and safe space where young people could reflect, speak, and strengthen their skills, guided by committed Rotarians who deeply believe in youth potential. Throughout the day, it was inspiring to witness the maturity of their reflections and the clarity of their vision for change.

The leadership session, led by PP Gary Pérodin, reminded participants that a leader does more than direct, a leader inspires and brings people together. Students explored essential leadership qualities such as emotional intelligence, respect, and active listening, as well as the importance of making thoughtful decisions despite constraints. They naturally recognized the strength of participatory leadership, grounded in collaboration.



Rotary Club of PETION - VILLE

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With PP Marlene, the citizen engagement workshop challenged students to identify real issues within their schools and propose realistic solutions. A powerful idea emerged: building stronger communities requires giving young people both a voice and a role in decisions that affect them.

The peace-building session, guided by Faïmy and Pamela, helped participants understand that peace is not merely the absence of violence, but a skill and a daily commitment. They envisioned themselves as peace ambassadors within their schools.

Finally, the communication session with PP Carine and Staphie demonstrated that speaking and listening are acts of leadership. Mastering public speaking and active listening strengthens cooperation and prevents conflict.

The day concluded with a talent showcase and a moving performance of “Ayiti Se” by Mikaben, a moment filled with pride and hope.

“Mwen vin depoze ti kè mwen nan men w”

RYLA reminds us why Rotary International places such importance on this program: investing in youth leadership is investing in Haiti’s future.

Rotary Club of ST ANDREW NORTH

Celebrating Excellence in Service to Jamaica



Vocational Service lies at the very heart of Rotary. It is the recognition that our professions are not merely means of earning a living, but powerful platforms through which we can serve humanity, uplift communities, and act with integrity. During Vocational Service Month, the Rotary Club of St. Andrew North proudly brought this principle to life by honouring two outstanding Jamaicans whose professional lives exemplify Service Above Self.

At a special Vocational Awards Ceremony, held in the presence of members and guests, the atmosphere was one of reflection, pride, and appreciation as the club recognised Mrs. Kim Mair, Chief Executive Officer of the JMMB Joan Duncan Foundation, and Mr. Evan Thompson, Principal Director of the Meteorological Service of Jamaica, for their exceptional contributions to national development through their respective vocations.

Mrs. Kim Mair was honoured for her exemplary leadership in philanthropy and social investment, and for her unwavering commitment to empowering individuals and communities across Jamaica. Through her work, she has helped to channel resources, opportunity, and hope to some of the most vulnerable among us.

Her vocation reflects a deep understanding that leadership is not about position, but about purpose —grounded in compassion, integrity, and measurable impact. In recognising Mrs. Mair, the club celebrated a life of service that continues to shape lives far beyond boardrooms and balance sheets.

Mr. Evan Thompson was recognised for his distinguished service in meteorology and public administration, and for the critical role he plays in safeguarding lives and livelihoods. Through his leadership at the Meteorological Service of Jamaica, Mr. Thompson has strengthened disaster preparedness, enhanced climate resilience, and advanced national awareness.



Rotary Club of ST ANDREW NORTH

Celebrating Excellence in Service to Jamaica



Mr Evans' vocation stands as a reminder that behind every weather advisory and forecast is a commitment to scientific excellence, public safety, and national responsibility.

For the Rotary Club of St. Andrew North, the Vocational Awards are more than a ceremony — they are a reaffirmation of Rotary's belief that ethical professional service builds stronger communities and a better society. By honouring individuals who use their vocations to serve others with excellence and humility, the club continues to celebrate role models who inspire us all to view our work not simply as employment, but as a calling—and our service as a responsibility.

NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES

As people of action, we know you're eager to showcase the inspiring projects, events, and social activities taking place across our district. While doing so, please be reminded of the following:

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- Please submit your articles by the 21st day of each month
- Submissions made after the deadline, regrettably, will not be published.

Submission format

- Please submit your articles in Word format and ensure all images are captioned.
- Effective August 31, 2025, articles should not exceed 350 words
- The number of photos per article should not exceed 4
- For articles which exceed the 350 words and up to a maximum of 450 words, these should be accompanied by one photo only
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- Photos should be shared either as JPEG or PNG
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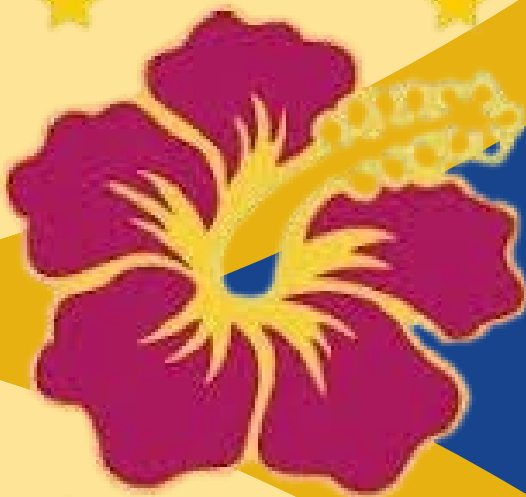
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