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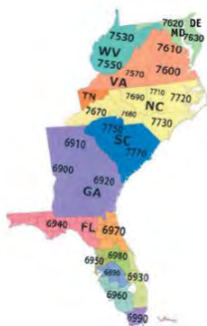


# Caribbean Wave

2013-14

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*Like us on Facebook – Caribbean Partnership*


## DISTRICTS 33 & 34 CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP



Please give your Rotary Clubs – and your Caribbean Partnerships – the recognition that you all deserve!

Send your stories to the newsletter for publication. Don't let us have to discover them accidentally!

With such excellent projects and so much hard work, you all deserve so much thanks and recognition!




### Rotary Zones 33-34

**Anne L. Matthews**  
RI Vice President  
Director, Zones 33-34

Rotary Club of Columbia East  
Columbia, SC  
District 7770

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*Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern USA, the Caribbean, Puerto Rico, French Guiana, Guyana, Suriname*

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# CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP

## Caribbean Partnership

*The Caribbean Partnership provides opportunities for Rotarians in the United States and throughout the countries of the Caribbean and North Atlantic to*

- *become better educated as to our respective cultural similarities and differences and*
- *to develop relationships, share knowledge, ideas, and interests that would result in partnered clubs.*

## December message from the Chair of the Caribbean Partnership



*CP Chair  
Horace McCormack*

*Dear Fellow Rotarians and Family of Rotary,*

*Our Caribbean Partnership program continues to lead the charge with creating partnership opportunities between the Rotary Clubs of the Mid-Atlantic and South Eastern United States and the Countries of the Caribbean.*

*We have numerous programs in operation and being planned between clubs of the mainland and those of the Caribbean. Strong relationships exist between these clubs, through which we have seen great service projects being planned and performed by Rotarians in collaboration with other non-governmental organizations and institutions.*

*We strongly recommend that all clubs having a desire or interest in working with the Caribbean Partnership Program log onto our website at [www.caribbeanpartnership.org](http://www.caribbeanpartnership.org) and complete the applicable forms. The idea is to submit your clubs' name and details along with your interest in partnering with a particular club in Zones 33-34.*

*This process continues with effectively following-up with your targeted clubs, advising them to do likewise in logging-on and registering their interest in a partnership connection with your club.*

*With this information uploaded, our partnership Chairman, PDG Gene Windham will finalize the registration in our CP system. This process has recently been made less complicated and customer friendly, so we hope all clubs will take advantage of it moving forward. Please register as a partnering club today!*

*Well, last September, we held our annual Caribbean Partnership Celebration in Boca Raton, Florida where we had a fantastic time! If you were there, you will agree that we happily celebrated our accomplishments and relationships in a very exciting and Caribbean styled manner.*

*We discussed many service projects that are currently being done and prospective ones for Clubs and Districts to pursue. The fellowship was superb, with the formulation of new relationships and the strengthening of existing ones. All in all, we had a great celebration and re-energizing event in Florida!*

*We hope you will make plans to attend our next CP Celebration in 2014! More information will be forthcoming on this via emails, website and newsletters.*

*At our Annual General Meeting held at the Zone Institute in Boca Raton, Florida, the Board of Directors or District Governors-Elect elected a slate of officers for the Caribbean Partnership Program to serve starting in July 2014.*

The Chairman-elect is PDG Vance Lewis, District 7020, Vice Chair-Elect PDG Susan Giovi, District 7630, Secretary Kathy Kanter, District 7580. The Treasurer PDG Phil Lustig, District 6930 will continue to serve on his 3 year term through 2015.

*Yours truly will demit office on June 30, 2014 and serve as Immediate Past Chairman in the coming year. Thank you for your continued support over the years and in the coming year of 2014. Your participation and well wishes are appreciated.*

*At the annual meeting, the Board of Directors also approved the concept proposed to explore and possibly implement a Rotary International Inter-Country Committee (ICC) to expand and grow the Caribbean Partnership Program at a faster pace in the years ahead.*

*A Committee was formed to focus on this initiative in developing the structure, system and procedures, and as time goes by we will present details of its evolution to the readers and solicit your continued support for the effort.*

*It is our hope that all will find this to be a more beneficial and rewarding approach to partnering in the years to come. Please make the effort to gain understanding of the ICC and contribute to this cause at the appropriate time. Thank you!*

*Carlota joins me in wishing you, your families and friends a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year! May you enjoy this season with Joy, Peace and Happiness.*

*Yours in Rotary Service,*

*Horace G. McCormack, PDG*

*Chairman, Caribbean Partnership Program  
Zones 33-34  
Rotary International*

<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND CHAIRS</b>	
<i>Position</i>	<i>...held by</i>
CP Chair	Horace McCormack
Immediate Past CP Chair	jv Vlass
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CP Vice-Chair	Lara Quentrall-Thomas
CP Vice-Chair-Elect	Susan Giove
Secretary	Kathy Kanter
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Chair, Satellite Phones	David Edwards
Chair, Partnering Operations	Gene Windham
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PDG Bill Pollard	7600
PDG Susan Glove	7630
PDG Nancee Barbee	7730
PDG Jody Light	7530
PDG Roy Strickland	6900
PDG Carol King	7670





### Kenan J. Kern

I had the opportunity to speak to the Rotary Club of Camden County for breakfast today and enjoyed presenting one new Paul Harris Fellow, six new Paul Harris Fellow +1, one Paul Harris Fellow +2, one Paul Harris Fellow +3, and one Paul Harris Fellow +5 pins. Those recognition awards were completed with the final presentation of the first Major Donor couple in the RC of Camden County, Jillian and Bert Guy, as they received their engraved crystal along with MD pins. I was very pleased to participate in the recognitions of these great Rotarians to The Rotary Foundation.

On the previous day on Friday I spoke with the Rotary Club of Brunswick, GA and was surprised to receive a check from the club in the amount of \$8,000. This contribution to The Rotary Foundation resulted from a very successful club fund raising project. Great job coming from this Rotary club in their support to The Rotary Foundation. — with Bert Guy.



## World Affairs Seminar 2014

### World Health

#### *Issues & Responsibilities*

June 21-27, 2014

Carroll University • Waukesha, Wisconsin

Visit our website for more information [www.worldaffairsseminar.org](http://www.worldaffairsseminar.org)

Please consider sending a student(s) to the 2014 World Affairs Seminar (WAS). WAS is a Rotary District 6270 initiative that has touched the lives of over 28,000 students since 1977. This year's theme is "World Health - Issues and Responsibilities."

World Health is a complex, challenging theme. Issues range from sanitation to personal responsibility and from medical resources to customs and laws. The 2014 World Affairs Seminar approach World Health from many points of view. Working with fellow delegates from different cultures to define issues and problem areas, attendee's will discover how they can make the world a better place.

Send a high school student to World Affairs Seminar 2014 where they will hear from experts, distill information, identify priorities, and develop skills to both lead and collaborate with others.

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# City of Boca Raton



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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Caribbean Partnership, a program of Rotary, fosters friendship and partnership between Rotarians in the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast United States and the Caribbean; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Caribbean Partnership is to provide opportunities for Rotarians in the United States and Caribbean to develop relationships, share knowledge, ideas and interests that lead to projects that address worthy community needs; and

**WHEREAS**, over the last 10 years, the Caribbean Partnership has worked tirelessly to promote peace, fellowship, aid and comfort in our community and in neighboring nations in the Caribbean and eastern South America; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Boca Raton welcomes all the Rotarians as they Catch the Wave and celebrate the Caribbean Partnership's successes in developing peaceful and diverse communities at home and in neighboring nations;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Susan Whelchel, Mayor of the City of Boca Raton, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 8, 2013 as

### CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP DAY

in Boca Raton, and encourage all residents to support the goals and ideals of Rotary's Caribbean Partnership.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Whelchel".

Susan Whelchel  
Mayor

September 8, 2013

# WHY CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP?

## Our Purpose

1. Cultural Exchange
2. Developing Rotary Relationships, Fellowship, and Friendships
3. Increasing communications between countries
4. Sharing Rotary ideas and interests and assisting in strengthening Rotary in partnered clubs and districts
5. Developing joint projects as a natural evolution from each of the above
6. Assisting individuals with the basic necessities of life in the event of a disaster

Our program falls under *The Family of Rotary* and includes our *Partners in Service (Interact, Rotaract)*

### Finding a Partner:

Rotary Clubs from the **Caribbean** and USA **Mainland** that would like to establish a Partner Club relationship are asked to fill out a Partner Club Agreement Form USA Mainland or Caribbean Forms.

To prevent spamming, you will need to be a certified user of this website to gain access to the available forms. Please create an account in the sidebar to the right and when we receive your request for account creation we will allow access to our forms.

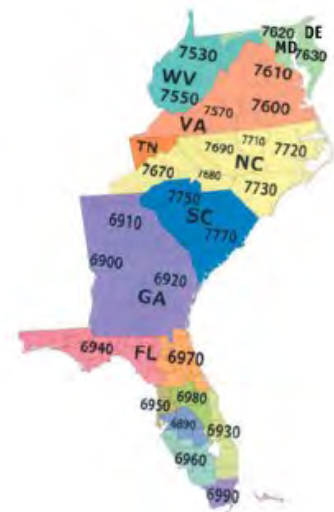
Forms available on the *Caribbean Partnership website include:*

Caribbean Club Agreement Form  
U.S. Club Agreement Form

## VISIT THE CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP WEBSITE



[www.caribbeanpartnership.org](http://www.caribbeanpartnership.org)



**Caribbean:** Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, French West Indies, French Guiana, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, Netherland Antilles, St. Kitts-Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos, US Virgin Islands, Guyana, Puerto Rico, Suriname

**USA:** Florida, Georgia

## *The Caribbean Partnership - ICC<sup>1</sup>*

The Caribbean Partnership has been in operation since 2006 with the intent of bringing Rotarians and Clubs between North America and the Caribbean closer together through fellowship and understanding. By sharing cultures, languages, hopes and dreams, we learn about others and become friends. Through friendship, we then want to help others with their communities. The Fellowship must come first for long-term success, and the relationships must be two way.

We have had many clubs get together and now have highly successful stories about their friendship and their projects but we need more clubs to realize the potential of the Partnership and join in.

The current structure of the organization is unwieldy with our Board changing every July 1<sup>st</sup> to a group who already have a lot to do, have other priorities, and may or may not know about the Caribbean Partnership. Therefore, we have agreed to look carefully at the organization and determine the best way forward.

PDG Vance Lewis, Chairman-Elect, is heading the charge to come up with a new structure that will bring us more activity. The Committee consists of PRID Barry Rassin, PDGs Tim Shuler, Phil Lustig and Gene Windham and is looking at the Inter-Country Committee (ICC) structure to determine if that is the optimal approach. If we go that route, then we can bring in other countries to participate in the program.

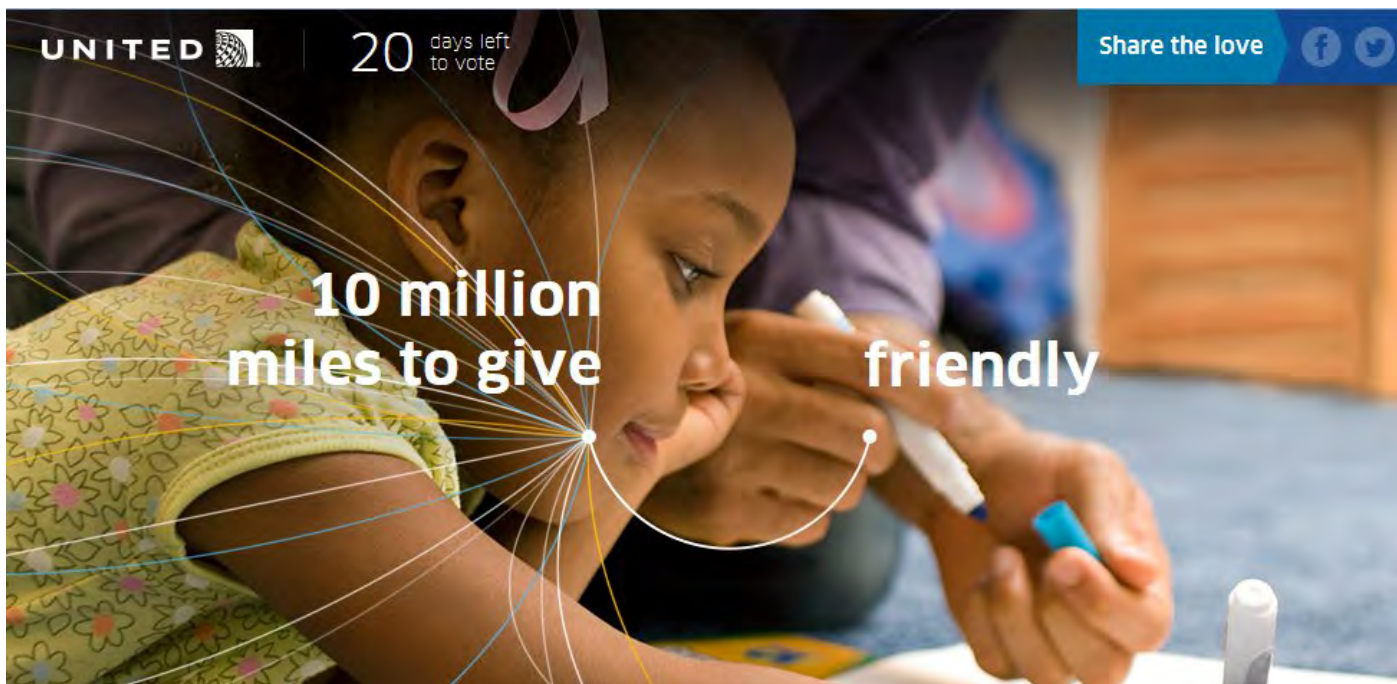
Past R.I. Director Norbert Turco from France is excited by possibility and would want France to be a part of the program along with other European countries. The potential for growth is excellent.

The board of the Caribbean partnership at its most recent meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at Boca Raton voted to transition to the ICC concept.

Essentially, the Caribbean Partnership needs to have its own independent structure within Rotary in order to provide for a smooth operation, with leadership continually involved with the development and growth. The ICC concept may be the best way forward.

<sup>1</sup> Inter-Country Committee  
Caribbean Partnership Newsletter, December 2013





Friends -

Here's a wonderful way to support Rotary! Vote early and often to help Rotary win up to 10 million United Airlines travel miles! It won't cost you a penny - and the miles will be used to help numerous Rotary projects.

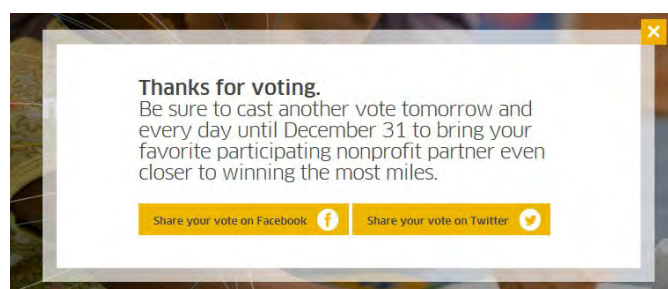
All you have to do is go to Charity Miles and vote for Rotary International. You can vote every day until December 25th. Rotary is neck and neck with the Shriners - your vote may just make the difference! In the past Charity Miles have provided transportation for Rotary International's Gift of Life surgical teams. Teams have traveled to Haiti and El Salvador, where volunteer doctors and nurses from the United States performed life-saving heart surgery on many children and provided important training for local doctors. Charity Miles have also helped Rotary International transport Iraqi children with birth defects to U.S. hospitals for treatments they cannot receive at home.

Charity Miles are also used to send volunteers to help immunize children during National Immunization Days. And, Charity Miles provide airfare for financially disadvantaged Rotary youth exchange students so they may live and study overseas for one school year, enabling 8,000 secondary school students to study abroad in 80 countries around the world.

And don't just vote yourself! Share this message with your network of friends. If you are a Facebooker, a Twitterer or a Texter - get cracking and spread this message. Remember, by winning these Charity Miles, we can bring smiles to the faces of thousands of underprivileged children!

Warm Rotary regards,

Bill Boyd  
WASRAG Chair





# ***NOW IS THE TIME TO END POLIO NOW.***

Dear Club President:

We are pleased to announce that at the October 2013 Trustee meeting, the Trustees agreed to recognize clubs that give US\$1,500 or more to PolioPlus with a certificate of appreciation. The certificates will begin with this current Rotary Year and will continue through the duration of the End Polio Now: Make History Today campaign.

We hope that your club has set a [PolioPlus goal](#), in addition to its Annual Fund goal. We recognize that for some small clubs a goal of US\$1,500 may be difficult to attain, while other clubs can and should do more. Every dollar given to PolioPlus brings us closer to a polio-free world.

On World Polio Day (24 October), in addition to club fundraisers held globally, Rotary hosted a special [Livestream](#) presentation – World Polio Day: Making History – to showcase the progress of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). Co-hosted by Rotary and the Northwestern University Center for Global Health, the 60-minute program took place before a live audience and streamed online to viewers worldwide. Since the livestream event, over 11,000 people from more than 50 countries have watched the event, which is available in English only. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to watch the [presentation](#), and share it with your club. The video makes a great club program during Foundation month.

Now is the time to End Polio Now and Make History Today. If we successfully engage every Rotarian, we will change lives; we will realize our dream of eradicating polio forever.

*Ron D. Burton  
RI President*



*D.K. Lee  
Chairman, The Rotary Foundation*



**NOTE RE D.K.LEE** - A Rotarian since 1971, Lee has served RI as president (2008-09 Make Dreams Real), director, treasurer, Foundation trustee, RI Board Executive Committee member, committee member and chair, PolioPlus national advocacy adviser, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, zone and regional coordinator for membership development, and International Assembly training leader.



[www.endpolio.org](http://www.endpolio.org)

## We celebrate Family this month - December. Is every household “food secured” For the Holidays?

There are millions of children who will not be getting a regular meal.

Unfortunately, most of us are unaware of a calamity happening right under our nose. Why? We are fed messages of being overweight – commercials on diet programs, Smartphone apps to keep track of calories, TV programs like “the biggest loser”, etc. How could families lack food at the table?

I googled “hunger in the Caribbean” and came up with dozens of organizations which are doing something about it. Our churches and other not-for-profit organizations in our communities have set up food pantries. Even local merchant associations are adopting school food pantries set up specifically to help those kids whose main meal is the free lunch.

But the numbers are staggering and the need is overwhelming. That is why RI Vice President Anne L Matthews is calling Rotarians in Zones 33 and 34 to action.

Many districts and clubs are already making a difference. They’ve either opted to fill local food pantries, served hot meals in churches or carried out community food drives. Many have participated in food packaging drives. What if every club in zones 33 and 34 were doing the same? What would be the impact?

The Rotary Has Heart project is a means to a significant end – clubs would turn their attention to a problem existing in almost every community.

Ask yourself – can my club do something to make a difference? It doesn’t take a committee to discuss it. It takes you to speak up at a board meeting or stand up at a regular weekly meeting and rally the club members to help a local food pantry, donate to a local non-profit organization which assists the poor or a local church, etc.

RIVP Anne chose Valentine’s Day as a focal point and not THE day of whatever your club chooses to do. She wants to know what your club has done. The voices of hundreds of clubs across our region may develop into a Rotary-wide conversation which could be ignited through Rotary Showcase (use hashtag #rotaryhasheart)

Next time you see children at a corner waiting for a school bus you will feel good knowing that you may have helped the one child in that group who may have been going to school hungry that day.

Jump on board today.



## Valentine’s Day 2014

**THE DAY NO CHILD GOES TO BED HUNGRY FROM DELAWARE TO TRINIDAD**

Rotary International Vice President Anne L. Matthews from Columbia, South Carolina USA, has a passion for feeding children. Anne has set Valentine’s Day 2014 as one single day on which all clubs in our Zones 33 and 34 are being asked to engage in a hunger project to change lives. Each club may decide for itself how it wants to participate. It could be something as simple as donating money to an established hunger program (such as Feeding America) to something as complex as organizing a full-fledged meal event as a club service project. The focus will be on children but, as director Anne has said, if other hungry people are fed, all the better.



This is first and foremost an effort to put food on an empty plate, to fill an empty stomach, to bring a ray of hope to a hungry child. It is also a chance for us to show thousands of communities throughout our zones what Rotarians can do when we **ENGAGE ROTARY CHANGE LIVES.**

**67,000 Rotarians being asked to feed a child on Valentine’s Day 2014**

## Ideas for Districts and Clubs

### ROTARY HAS HEART

Go out to feed hungry children on Valentine's Day 2014 and to gain maximum exposure for Rotary thus increasing membership and Foundation giving.



#### PROJECT IDEAS

*These are ideas to get you thinking and are not an exhaustive list. Please let your District Governor or district chair for this project know what your club will do.*

- Give a check to an established organization (such as Feeding America).
- Staff a collection site for food suitable for children at a mall or other location.
- Participate in Backpack Buddies (through Feeding America ([feedingamerica.org](http://feedingamerica.org))).
- Offer a program on nutrition at a school.
- Work with a school or community center that will allow kids to bring items to school to share with others.
- Ask members to bring one non-perishable child-friendly food item to each meeting between now and Valentine's Day.
- Ask your religious congregation to bring food to a service and donate it to a food bank or other entity.
- Adopt a school pantry. Bring non-perishables to school.
- Provide the snacks for an established program (such as a YMCA or Boys and Girls Club).
- Form partnerships with other organizations to do a larger, more impactful project.
- Ban together with other clubs in your area to do a large project for maximum public image exposure. (For example, host a Valentine's Day Banquet for children who may be hungry.)
- During the week leading up to Valentine's Day, have a club program about child hunger.
- Organize a poker run (by boat, motorcycle, etc.) to raise money for the project.
- Organize a Rotary Community Corps.
- Place a collection box at a local grocery store.
- Ask your local library to put a food box near the desk to drop in cans with food suitable for children.



**TAG EVERYTHING YOU POST: ROTARYHASHEART**

#### PUBLIC IMAGE IDEAS

- If you have an event of any kind: Have Rotary signage. Wear Rotary clothing. Have brochures available telling about your club. Zone Team will provide information to hand out about the overall Zone-level project.
- Write letters to the editor or a column for your newspaper pointing out the statistics on child hunger in your community, state or nation; and what Rotary is doing about it.
- Send a news release to all local media outlets about your project.
- Ask the governor of your state or the mayor of your town or the president of your country to sign a Proclamation. Take a photo. Get it in the local paper, on Facebook, on your website.
- Organize a flash mob.
- Post your project on Rotary Showcase (Tag: RotaryHasHeart).
- Sponsor a poster or essay contest leading up to your Valentine's Day project. Write news releases and get media attention for the contest.
- Use social media at every opportunity, leading up to and on the day of your project.
- Get a local radio station to broadcast from your project site.

*The Zones Committee will provide you with templates for letters, news releases, and proclamations; and will help you with any other ideas you have to enhance Rotary's public image while doing good in your community.*

#### OTHER IDEAS THAT MAY HELP

- Get your Interact/Rotaract Clubs involved.
- Involve your youth exchange and RYLA students as you are able.
- For those clubs already doing something, let us know what it is. You do not need to necessarily do something new. Enter it into Showcase using the same tag (Rotary-HasHeart) or tell your district chair.
- Utilize Rotary Action groups and Rotary Fellowships.
- Collaborate/partner with any appropriate organization.

# Successful CP Projects

*Stories of interest at December, 2013*

## ROTARY CLUB OF PORT ANTONIO, JAMAICA

### Project Narrative

1. Briefly describe the project.  
To build and create a park and recreational center for Port Antonio Primary School and the community to assist in unity and community development.
- a. What were your original objectives?  
  
To build a Security Chain Link Fence around Port Antonio Primary School Play Field to provide safe & conducive environment for learning & good development.  
To increase the extracurricular activities performed by students.
- b. What was actually accomplished? (Photographs can help to tell your story. Please submit any action photos that you have that show beneficiary participation and demonstrate Rotarian involvement in the project. Please also indicate the name of the photographer.)
- c. When and where did the project take place, and who were the beneficiaries?
  1. From March 2013 to October 2013.
  2. A deep rural Sea coast community, "The Port Antonio Primary School", Port Antonio, Portland, Jamaica.
  3. I. Primarily current 950 primary school students, and many generations to come.  
II. Secondly, current pupils of another 6 schools nearby & many generations to come.  
III. Local Social &Community Groups.



## Matching Grant Project





## Rotary club hands over Port Antonio Rotary Park

*Kasey Williams (journalist for Northcoasttimes)*

The Port Antonio Primary School students received a Sports Park from Rotary Club international at an official handing over ceremony held on the school compounds on Friday, October 18.

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The Rotary Park built with a multi-purpose court, a resurfaced playing field, a retaining wall and complete fencing valued over \$120 000 USD.

The Port Antonio Rotary Park was jointly funded by both the Port Antonio Rotary Club and Naples North Rotary Club of Florida.

Paul Jones, Past President of Naples North Rotary Club was proud of the primary school students and said, "Students, I am extremely proud of what you did today. Study hard, free your mind, keep working hard and good things will happen to you and do not forget to give back to your community."

"Rotary has done close to a quarter million US dollars' worth of projects in Portland," said Jones. The project has been in the planning since June 2009.

"It should be lit so people can utilize their time day and night to put it to full use, lights need to be done," said Dr. Satya Parvataneni as he emphasized on the need of lighting for the facility.

Dr. Parvataneni expressed thanks to the Sports Development Foundation, the Police Youth Club, RADA, the Port Antonio Inland Revenue and the Forestry Department who planted trees around the park.

"The Ministry of Education wishes to congratulate the management of Port Antonio Primary for partnering with the Rotary Club of Port Antonio to upgrade the recreational facilities at the school. We specially commend the Rotary club for taking on this project," said Janet Brim (Regional Director for Region two), representing the Minister of Education, Hon. Ronald Thwaites.

The park is open to the community also.

*Kasey Williams (journalist for Northcoasttimes)*

# *Gift of Life International in Haiti Saving Lives in November, 2013*

*...from Rob Raylman, Executive Director - Gift of Life International*

Recently in Haiti, the first-ever Stakeholders Conference for Pediatric Cardiology was organized in Haiti. Kado Lavi (representative organizations for all Rotarians in Haiti) sponsored and coordinated the conference.

The conference was an absolute success and set a clear path forward to develop strategies for real progress in how children with heart disease are treated in Haiti.

The conference was attended by the Haitian College of Cardiology, individual cardiologists, the dean of Notre Dame University, representatives of the major hospitals in Haiti (including the Partners in Health facility in Mirebalais, St. Damiens, St. Francois de Salles), various NGOs and other interested parties. A committee was formed to continue the discussions and will work to put in place action plans for the future.

The group are well on their way to developing a clear strategy for the future of Gift of Life in Haiti.

There are additional opportunities in Martinique and St. Barth's to support the efforts we are beginning in Haiti.



## *Fourth medical mission to Haiti – November, 2013*

*The faces of the children whose lives have been transformed in early November. Thanks to the global network of Gift of Life International - at Pétion Ville, Haiti.*



### OUR MISSION...

To provide hope to children from developing countries who suffer from heart disease regardless of their gender, creed, or national origin by supporting autonomous Gift of Life programs in their efforts to care for these children-in-need and coordinating the development of sustainable pediatric cardiac surgery and aftercare programs in select countries through the empowerment of their healthcare professionals.

Gift of Life International (GOLI)







*A happy face at left. Second - Cassandra and her dad in Petionville, Haiti. Third - Saviola waiting for surgery. Right - Exavier and mother*



*At left - Djimmy waiting for his gift of life. Second - John and Saviola. Third - Rob and Saviola. Right - Jessica and Daina*



*At left - Dr. Francois and Daina. Second - Francois and Alcira Martinez at Petion Ville. Third - Marie waiting for surgery. Right - George and John (from the team) donate blood for Saviola's surgery*



*At left - George and John with Saviola before surgery. Middle - Saviola's surgery. Right - John gives Saviola's mother the good news after surgery*



**Thank  
You!**

## The Haitian Pediatric Cardiac Project

<http://www.giftoflifeinternational.org/pages/haiti.php>

Haiti remains one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere, if not the poorest. Currently, there are no cardiac surgery, interventional cardiology nor modern cardiac centers in Haiti. Diagnostic capabilities are based-upon clinical evaluation and limited only to echocardiography and exercise stress testing. Treatment is limited to medical therapy. We estimate that upwards of 5,000 Haitian children currently suffer from congenital heart defects.

In 2011, GOL I began discussions on developing a strategic approach to helping Haitian children suffering from congenital heart defects. For years GOL programs around the country have been treating Haitian children at their affiliated hospitals and now we are

looking to bring that help to them in their own country. We have partnered with Chaîne de L'Espoir Paris, Open Hearts Haiti, and Clinique Lambert to conduct two medical missions in 2012.

Both missions were conducted by Dr. Francois Lacour-Gayet with the support of doctors and nurses from Montefiore Children's Medical Center in New York and other healthcare professionals from California and France. One of these missions was funded through a Rotary International grant sponsored by GOL 7260 (with support from GOL Arizona) and the other was funded by a consortium of GOLI affiliated programs (Friends of Montfort, GOL NE Ohio) as well as friends and family of a Rotarian on Long Island, New York. GOLI Haitian affiliate Kado Lavi provided logistical support for both missions and Haitian Rotary Clubs participated in the Rotary International grant which funded the first mission of 2012.

The outcome of these missions was that 22 Haitian children were provided the gift of life!!

The challenge remains to develop a context for future GOLI efforts. Currently, we are working to coordinate the efforts of like-minded NGOs so that we may maximize our efforts in Haiti. Other organizations we will be working with in the year to come are: Partners in Health, Akron Children's Hospital, and The Haiti Heart Fund.

Our goals for Haiti in 2013 will be to establish partnerships that will:

- (1) Develop a national list of pediatric cardiac patients
- (2) Train a pediatric cardiologist (the first-ever in Haiti) and
- (3) Conduct two medical missions to the country.

Additionally, we will continue to work with partner Chaîne de L'Espoir Paris to look for opportunities to develop the nations capacity to care for children with cardiac ailments. There are possible opportunities to partner with Haitian hospitals such as Mirebelais, St. Damien's and St. Francois that may further our efforts in 2013.

It is important to note that our partner Chaîne de L'Espoir Paris conducted 4 medical missions in 2011 and 2012 which treated 40 children.

Below is information about the mission which was held in March. (The latest mission was in early November, 2013.)

The dedication of this team is without bounds.



## LIKE-MINDED PARTNERS JOIN FORCES TO SAVE

# HAITIAN CHILDREN

## Report on Gift of Life Medical Mission to Haiti - March, 2013

The Gift of Life International efforts in Haiti are born out of the dire need that exists in this country of children suffering from heart disease.

For over a decade, various Gift of Life programs have been bringing Haitian children to the United States for treatment. Beginning in 2012, Gift of Life International and select Gift of Life programs have been conducting medical missions to Haiti with the goal of working down the daunting waiting list.

Together with our like-minded partners around the world, Gift of Life International and the Gift of Life program in Haiti, New Orleans, Northeast Ohio, Florida, Arizona, and Suffolk County, New York, have now provided over 80 children with the gift of life during 8 medical missions. In March of 2013, Gift of Life 7260 and Gift of Life New Orleans led the way to funding a rotary Foundation Grant which saved the lives of 10 precious Haitian children.

The Rotary Clubs of Marco Island Sunrise (Florida), Greenport (New York), Algiers (New Orleans) and Port-au-Prince (Haiti) joined with Rotary District 7260, Rotary District 6840, Open Hearts Haiti, and the Gift of Life programs named above to sponsor life-saving surgeries for Darlene, Sterlie, Dayka, Bellevue, Youdelandine, Bergeline, Chris Marley, Benjamin, Dorisma, and Wideline.

This is the third mission that our partnership has conducted in the past 12 months with 32 children now having benefited from our efforts.



## MISSION OVERVIEW FROM DR. FRANCOIS LACOUR-GAYET

This was an excellent mission, with a remarkable team. We operated successfully 10 children, including 7 pump cases. A teenager Fallot required 4 days of ventilation and was extubated the day of our departure. All the other nine went home before we left Haiti.

We confirmed that open heart surgery could be safely performed in 10 kg children. On the other end, older patients, especially Fallot, remain challenging.

Our new bio-technician, Steve Clement from Montefiore North, could rapidly adapt to the Clinic and we did not have a single technical problem. Special thanks to our nurses from Boston. The presence of Jerry, the respiratory therapist of the clinic, was very useful. Our two resident Haitian surgeons, Mary May Saint Louis and Danielle Benjamin did very well.

We did not have time to do a VSD-A1 and a sub-aortic membrane. They will be done in priority at the next missions. We saw several patients with elevated lung resistances. We may operate these high-risk patients in the future when we have Nitric Oxide. Maggie has contacted a company providing NO and we may have it next time.

Kinam Hotel was actually quite good this time. The driver, Aunikel, and the bus were outstanding. Thank you to Kadolav.



Arlene Darce, the Teenager Fallot, will require full attention and support from our friends at Kadolavi. I suggest that contact with the family is immediately established to secure the follow-up.

Contacts have been made with the Ministry of Health. There was a full room of medical students at Notre Dame University for my lecture on the future of cardiac surgery in Haiti.

The young generations is obviously very interested. We are in contact with Dean Jean Hughes Henry to study the project of a Heart Center at the new St. Francois de Sale Hospital.

I am looking forward to having you back for the next mission in September. Thank you to everyone for helping the children in Haiti.

All the best,

Francois Lacour-Gayet MD  
President/Founder Open Hearts Haiti  
[www.openheartshaiti.org](http://www.openheartshaiti.org)

*"When you save a child, you save the world."*

## VISITING MEDICAL TEAM

**Thank you to these medical professionals who donated their time and skills to save the lives of 10 Haitian children during the March 2013 medical mission:**

Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon	Dr. Francois Lacour-Gayet (Montefiore Children's Hospital, New York)
Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon	Dr. Deborah Kozik (Lexington Children's Hospital, Kentucky)
ICU nurse	Jessica Copp (Boston Children's Hospital, Massachusetts)
ICU Nurse	Jessica Page (Boston Children's Hospital, Massachusetts)
ICU Nurse	Helen Alexander (Montefiore Children's Hospital, New York)
ICU Nurse	Mode Andre (Montefiore Children's Hospital, New York)
Scrub Nurse	Heather Tucker (Montefiore Children's Hospital, New York)
Scrub Nurse	Dotlyn Jeffrey-Easy (Montefiore Children's Hospital, New York)
Anesthetist	Dr. Carlene Broderick (Montefiore Children's Hospital, New York)
Intensivist	Dr. Gina Cassel (Montefiore Children's Hospital, New York)
Intensivist	Dr. Iris Mandell (LA Children's Hospital, California)
Cardiologist	Dr. Nadine Choueiter (Montefiore Children's Hospital, New York)
Perfusionist	Daniel Rodriguez (Montefiore Children's Hospital, New York)
Coordinator	Martine Bouzi (Montefiore Children's Hospital, New York)
Bioengineer	Stephen Clement (Montefiore Children's Hospital, New York)

## PATIENTS TREATED DURING THE MARCH 2013 MISSION

A total of 10 patients received a second chance at life. All children have recovered and are back home with their families. On behalf of these children and their families, we are grateful to everyone who made this mission possible.

## OUR SPONSORS

- ROTARY CLUB OF PORT-AU-PRINCE
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## WITH SINCERE THANKS

A special thank you goes out to the following individuals for having helped to make the March 2013 medical mission a success.

**DR. MARGARET DUGAND**

**THE STAFF OF CLINIQUE LAMBERT**

**DR. MICHEL THEARD**

**DR. PAUL HENRI MORISSET**

**SOBEYDA GARCIA**

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**DR. ERNEST BENJAMIN**

**ISABELLE LEGER**

**ST. DAMIEN'S HOSPITAL**

**PARTNERS IN HEALTH**

**AKRON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**



Gift of Life is a project of founding Rotary District 7250 and participating Rotary Clubs and Districts worldwide.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4bTQvSKzXI>

*Video from Open Hearts Haiti*

## OTHER RANDOM PHOTOS



*Always find time to laugh.  
It may not add years to your life, but it surely adds more life to your years.*

*Laughter is timeless.  
Imagination has no age.  
Dreams are forever...*

*When the man in the street says: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," the lawyer writes:*

*"Insofar as manifestations of functional deficiencies are agreed by any and all concerned parties to be imperceptible, and are so stipulated, it is incumbent upon said heretofore mentioned parties to exercise the deferment of otherwise pertinent maintenance procedures."*

*Nothing compares  
to the stomach ache  
you get from  
laughing with your  
best friends.*






**COUNTRY: Bahamas**

HOST CLUB	LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL VALUE/US\$	FUDING NEED/US\$	CONTACT	EMAIL
East Nassau	Nassau, New Providence	Communication technology for serverly handicapped children with Bahamas Association for Physically Disabled. <b>GG</b>	\$ 25,600.00	\$ 23,600.00	Philip Cumming	<a href="mailto:philip.cumming@googlemail.com">philip.cumming@googlemail.com</a>
East Nassau	Nassau, New Providence	Diabetes public awareness, testing and screening in poor rural and urban areas	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	Philip Cumming	<a href="mailto:philip.cumming@googlemail.com">philip.cumming@googlemail.com</a>
Nassau Sunrise	Nassau, New Providence	"Autism in the Bahamas" - add four new classrooms to existing facility.	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 97,500.00	Tanya Woodside	<a href="mailto:tawoodside@live.com">tawoodside@live.com</a>
Nassau	Nassau, New Providence	Visioning screening and eye wear for 1000 students at a primary school in Nassau	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	LaPaige Gardiner	<a href="mailto:lapaige.gardiner@gmail.com">lapaige.gardiner@gmail.com</a>

**COUNTRY: BVI**

HOST CLUB	PROJECT LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT	FUDING NEEDED/US\$	CONTACT	EMAIL
Road Town, Tortola	British Virgin Islands	National Diabetes Education Programme, Dialysis Machine for hospital & training programme. <b>GG</b>	\$ 78,400.00	\$ 52,000.00	Charles Crane	<a href="mailto:charleshcrane@hotmail.com">charleshcrane@hotmail.com</a>

**COUNTRY: Cayman Is**

HOST CLUB	PROJECT LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT	FUDING NEEDED/US\$	CONTACT	EMAIL
Grand Cayman Sunrise	Grand Cayman	650 Dictionaries to yr 7 students as part of "Dictionaries 4 Life" programme on Unesco's Literacy Day	\$ 5,163.00	\$ 2,581.50	Ciara Aspinall	<a href="mailto:ciara@rotarysunrise.ky">ciara@rotarysunrise.ky</a>
Grand Cayman Sunrise	Grand Cayman	LIFE (Literacy for Everyone) programme for early age Literacy Intevention in all 8 primary schools for all low reading level students in Grand Cayman. <b>GG</b>	\$ 114,506.25	\$ 40,006.25	Woody Foster	<a href="mailto:woody.foster@life.org.ky">woody.foster@life.org.ky</a>

**COUNTRY: Haiti**

HOST CLUB	PROJECT LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT	FUDING NEEDED/US\$	CONTACT	EMAIL
Aquin	Rock Fort & Nan Lina	Build ten latrines to improve health and sanitation in impoverished communities assisting in the avoidance of typhoid and cholera	\$ 125,022.27	\$ 95,794.35	Gina Lapomeral	<a href="mailto:dginedanie@gmail.com">dginedanie@gmail.com</a>
Petite Riviere	Trembl'e Artibonite	Education for primary school children. Supplies, uniforms, tuition for 110 rural children until the end of their primary education, includes teacher training. <b>GG</b>	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 29,900.00	Louis Rivelino	<a href="mailto:Lrivelino5@yahoo.fr">Lrivelino5@yahoo.fr</a>
Bayonnais	Petite Riviere de Bayonnais	Agricultural MicroCredit Project in impoverished rural area incl. creation of credit bank, seed and tool bank, tool purchase and breeding targeting 100 families. <b>GG</b>	\$ 44,973.56	\$ 44,873.56	Erold Elcius	<a href="mailto:bredca2020@hotmail.fr">bredca2020@hotmail.fr</a>

COUNTRY: Haiti						
HOST CLUB	PROJECT LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT	FUDING NEEDED/US\$	CONTACT	EMAIL
Port au Prince Champs de Mar	Mais, Gate, Village d'Accueil, Delmas	Dredge a water canal in the neighbourhood to eliminate muddy water and reduce flooding, relocate trash dumps, plant flowers, conduct Public Awareness & training to educate residents, distribute mosquito nets benefitting 1000 families. <b>GG</b>	\$ 161,575.00	\$151,575.00	Emilion Jouacin	<a href="mailto:emilionjouacin@yahoo.fr">emilionjouacin@yahoo.fr</a>
Port au Prince Champs de Mar	La Vall'ee de Jacmel and Boucan Carre	Comprehensive training to farmers, breeder and planters distributing beans and tools to 800, training to 200 and seminars to 500 youth, integrate youth into goat raising and planters into cooperative with reforestation side goal. <b>GG</b>	\$ 58,500.00	\$ 58,400.00	Emilion Jouacin	<a href="mailto:emilionjouacin@yahoo.fr">emilionjouacin@yahoo.fr</a>
Port au Prince Delmas Aeroport	Port au Prince, Delmas & Petion-Ville	Micro Credit based Employment creation scheme installing upscale shoe shine stands at which other good eg. Phone cards can be sold. 50 stands for 1st phase of project employing 100 individuals. <b>GG</b>	\$ 84,600.00	\$ 80,300.00	Dominique Bazin	<a href="mailto:nikabazin@yahoo.com">nikabazin@yahoo.com</a>
Hinche	Port au Prince, Delmas & Petion-Ville	Construction of a 10 classroom elementary school for 700 students and carpentry shop including a water purification plant and wells (already financed). <b>GG</b>	\$ 145,000.00	\$130,000.00	Lavaud Cheristin	<a href="tel:509-38239722">509-3823 9722</a>
Hinche w/Grand Cayman Central	Hinche	Renovate St. Martin de Porre's High School Cafeteria for 725 children grade 5-12 <b>GG</b>	\$ 74,899.86	\$ 59,899.86	Wildy Multaire/Steve Moore	<a href="mailto:stevelmoore@msn.com">stevelmoore@msn.com</a>

COUNTRY: Haiti						
HOST CLUB	PROJECT LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT	FUDING NEEDED/US\$	CONTACT	EMAIL
Milot	Milot	Acquire land to be reforested and prepare seedling for planting. Drill wells for irrigations, training to market and sell seedlings and awareness camping to protect environment. <b>GG</b>	\$ 25,500.00	\$ 25,400.00	Raphael Belizaire	<a href="mailto:belo182001@yahoo.fr">belo182001@yahoo.fr</a>
Petite Riviere de L'Artibonite	Petite Riviere de L'Artibonite	Teaching a trade to 35 young "victims of the system" from the most disadvantaged layer of society from Foyer Maurice Sixto school including woodwork and sewing. <b>GG</b>	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 44,900.00		<a href="mailto:asnerflor15@yahoo.fr">asnerflor15@yahoo.fr</a>
Les Cayes	Boulmier Region	In the absence of spring water the installation of a 600g water tank collecting roof rain water and well water benefitting 70 families and 490 residents. <b>GG</b>	\$ 60,480.00	\$ 49,830.00	Robert Leger	<a href="mailto:r5leger@yahoo.com">r5leger@yahoo.com</a>

COUNTRY: Jamaica						
HOST CLUB	PROJECT LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT	FUDING NEEDED/US\$	CONTACT	EMAIL
Kingston East and Port Royal	East Kingston	Provide breakfast club at Norman Gardens primary school with meals for 180 students and breakfast education, relieving the economic burden on parents reducing poverty and crime. (Value: per annum) <b>GG</b>	\$ 33,600.00	\$ 17,600.00	Howard Haughton	<a href="mailto:howard.haughton@gmail.com">howard.haughton@gmail.com</a>
Montego Bay Sunrise	Anchovy St. James	Build kitchen at the Garland Hall Memorial Children's home for 31 children, all wards of the state.	\$ 44,557.93	\$ 44,457.93	Dominique Fray	<a href="mailto:DOMINIQUE_FRAY@YAHOO.COM">DOMINIQUE_FRAY@YAHOO.COM</a>

**COUNTRY: Jamaica**

HOST CLUB	PROJECT LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT	FUDING NEEDED/US\$	CONTACT	EMAIL
Savannah La Mar	Savannah La Mar	Running of Ferris School Peace & Conflict Resolution Centre, hiring a director for the centre, recruit a monitoring/evaluation consultant, and trainers to established best practices and train youth, teachers, police and community. Costs are for one year. Construction costs covered.	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	Linus Aruliah	<a href="mailto:laruliah@gmail.com">laruliah@gmail.com</a>
St. Andrew	Stony Hill	Homestead Cottage at Homestead Residential Child Care Facility for 8 x 18 year old girls with nowhere to go. Programme incl renovating cottage and mentorship programme with computer room. GG	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 26,000.00	Marie Powell	<a href="mailto:mariepowell@flowja.com">mariepowell@flowja.com</a>
Trafalgar New Heights	Anchovy St. James	SeaView in Soul is a centre for the performing arts with rental and other facilities such as offices, restuarants for rent designed to engage youth at risk.	\$ 803,813.00	\$693,813.00	Marcus Irons	<a href="mailto:rotary.trafalgar@gmail.com">rotary.trafalgar@gmail.com</a>

**COUNTRY: St. Martin**

HOST CLUB	PROJECT LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT	FUDING NEEDED/US\$	CONTACT	EMAIL
Saint Martin Nord	East Kingston	Provide much needed a Rib Style Sea Rescue boat for SM Sea Rescue Foundation to rescue stranded boats and save lives. GG	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 53,000.00	John Berglund	<a href="mailto:john@tjjon.com">john@tjjon.com</a>

**COUNTRY: USVI**

HOST CLUB	PROJECT LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT	FUDING NEEDED/US\$	CONTACT	EMAIL
Charlotte Amalie	USVI	Purchase of four dialysis machines and foundation to assist elderly afford treatment. Imple,ment "Diabetes Wellness" awareness programme. GG	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	Marjorie Smith	<a href="mailto:marjorie46@gmail.com">marjorie46@gmail.com</a>
St. Thomas Sunrise	USVI	"Practice Peace" Initiative aiming to reduced violence, especially gang violence, in the community by 75% with peace events and a peace planning conference GG	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 33,000.00	Marjorie Smith	<a href="mailto:marjorie46@gmail.com">marjorie46@gmail.com</a>
Coral Bay Satellite Club St. John	USVI	Community based solar powered glass pulverizer and recycler to reduce landfill waste and provide "green" jobs. GG	\$ 76,528.00	\$ 61,528.00	Doug White	<a href="mailto:dougkwhite@gmail.com">dougkwhite@gmail.com</a>

GG - Possible Global Grant

**SUMMARY:**

27 Projects  
7 Countries

**TOTALS: \$ 2,478,218.87 \$ 2,002,959.45**

**CONTACT:**

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**WHEN I BECAME MUMMY TO ELEVEN BABY CHICKS**

By Catrise J. Connor, Age 7  
Creek Infant School, Cayman Brac



Since hurricane Paloma, there have been a lot of wild chickens on Cayman Brac.

The roosters are so annoying, because from early morning and throughout the day, all they do is crow! They wake me up long before I need to get up for school; and on weekends or during holidays when I can sleep late, they won't let me because of their annoying sounds.

The hens are always scratching and digging up our yard. Then I have to rake it over as that is my chore! Sometimes I wish that there were no chickens!

But then one day, several months ago, I changed my mind.

One day after school, as my friends and I were playing in the neighbourhood, we saw a big brown hen scratching along the roadside. By her were eleven baby chicks. My friend Annie and I thought they were so cute.

Suddenly, the mother hen decided to go across the road, and a car was passing at the same time. The car hit her! We screamed in shock, but it was useless. The car didn't stop and the mother hen had died!

Her eleven baby chicks scattered all over the place, chirping and tweeting! They were so scared and so were we!

Quickly, we decided to try to catch them. It was not easy to do. They kept us running back and forth. Then they would stand still and not make any noise so we couldn't find them!

One by one we caught them, and put them in a clothes hamper that my Mother used. They looked so tiny and afraid. I felt especially sad for them because they didn't have a Mummy any more.

When my Mother came home from work, we told her what had happened. She told us that because they were so young - probably only a day old - they might not survive the night because they needed their mother to keep them warm and protect them. This made me determined to help them.

I got old clothes and put them in the hamper, and covered the hamper with an old window screen. Finally they settled down, and I felt all better. During the night, I got up to check on them, and they would look at me with little sad eyes. I felt like crying.

The next morning, the first thing I did as I awoke was to go check on them. We had put them in the garage for the night. I was so happy they were ALL alive and well! My mother told me to wet some bread and feed them with it. They started eating it right away! Now we had to decide what to do with them.

Should we let them go? Or try to raise them until they could take care of themselves? I told my parents I wanted to raise them, and they told me that it would be my responsibility to take care of them. I agreed.

My Dad built a little chicken coop and we put them inside. I could even get inside it and stand up! The little baby chicks got used to me feeding them and giving them water. When they saw me coming, they would make tweeting noises like they were happy to see me. I think they thought I was their Mummy!

Weeks went by, and they grew. My Mother asked me if I was going to ever let them out of the coop. I didn't know what to do! I had grown to love them so much.

Finally I decided to open the door of the coop to let them out. They looked at me strangely, then one by one came out. They scratched and dug at the ground so happily. The young roosters (there were four of them) looked like they were play-fighting with each other! The young hens flapped their wings like they were showing off their beauty. It was a sight!

The strange thing about MY chickens, as everyone started calling them, was that they would go off scratching/digging/crowing/clucking all day, but every evening they would all return to the coop to sleep. The roosters would crow at 5:00 a.m., but I had gotten so used to them by now that it didn't wake me. Stranger yet was that the hens started laying eggs in the coop - so many that my Dad made it all bigger for them. We had fresh eggs for breakfast and to put in cakes!

My Grandmother, who grew up raising chickens as a child, said that because we had rescued and raised the baby chicks, they were returning the favour by providing us with alarm clocks and eggs.

I like that idea of hers. And I like that I did something nice.



# MANDEVILLE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY PROJECT – GLOBAL GRANT

The Mandeville Regional Hospital is a major referral center providing health care for a population of 800,000 inhabitants. The facility is so inadequate that they are only able to provide service across the board for only 15 per cent of this population.

The resultant situation is long outpatient waiting time and much frustration of the population being served.

The activity envisaged by the club is to establish a sustainable one with a long-standing effect on the community. Currently the hospital serves a population of 800,000 inhabitants and all the equipment in place is 15 years behind the time. All has already been deemed “end of service.”

Only 15 per cent of the patient population can be attended to, leaving many more unattended.



The maternal population delivers 8,000 babies annually, and will greatly benefit from a facility properly equipped to manage all the life-threatening situations of pregnancy and parturition.

"You are like favourite uncles and aunties now," Chief Executive Officer of the MRH Alwyn Miller told the Rotarians at a gathering.

Noting that the last major renovation was done at the Mandeville Regional Hospital 11 years ago, Miller said the organisation is trying to "retool" despite challenges.

"It is with partnerships like these that we

will be able to achieve so much more in the future."

The parties will ensure the sustainability of the project because it represents for them a huge leap for a facility that offers free healthcare. It is seen as an avenue to properly serve the population.

Training of staff complement is already in place, both by the suppliers of the equipment and the hospital itself, by procuring a long-standing training and maintenance contract.

The entire structure breeds a strong culture of monitoring system with a team that provides constant monitoring of the equipment installed.

### PROJECT ITEMS AND COST IN USD

Megadyne Megapower Electrosurgical unit	\$ 14,43,05
Infusion pump (5)	5632.05
Edan Patient Touch Screen 15" Colour Monitor (2)	13,574.22
GE Healthcare Anesthetic machine	52,063.52
GE HEALTHCARE LOGIP	71,000.00
KONICA MINOLTA SRX-201A FILM PROCESSOR	13,178.00
GE Healthcare Critical Care Ventilator	18,541.52
<b>Project cost</b>	<b>\$188,632.84</b>



# Catching the Wave at CPC 2013!!

Boca Raton, Florida  
September 8-9, 2013



CPC 2013 was a blast!! A large group of Rotarians and family gathered in Boca Raton, Florida, September 8-9, 2013 to enjoy a grand event at the Boca Raton Resort and Spa. What a Celebration! All had a super fun time with great networking and relationship building for

enhancement of the Caribbean Partnership Program where we do excellent humanitarian work in the region!

The event was attended by our Rotary International Vice President and Director Anne Matthews and Rotary International Director-Elect Robert Hall, who addressed the conference delegates and encouraged increased efforts for supporting more partnering within our zones.



Also in attendance were Past Rotary International Directors Barry Rassin and John Smarge, who continue to show interest and support for the CP Program. The districts of the Caribbean were amply represented by their current District Governors in attendance and fully participating.



The Opening Session also featured a warm welcome from District Governor Arthur Hodge of District 6930 which included Boca Raton. Our CP Treasurer Phil Lustig introduced the Vice Mayor of Boca Raton, Mrs. Susan Haynie, who extended a very warm and pleasant welcome to everyone and conferred the City of Boca Raton Proclamation declaring Sunday,

September 8, 2013 as **"Caribbean Partnership Day in Boca Raton, Florida"**.

As always, there were interesting program displays set up in the conference room showing the needs and the capabilities of Clubs and Districts.

We had a great cross-section of our two Zones in attendance at CPC 2013. It was a pleasure to have with us District Governors



September 8-9, 2013



Jeremy Hurst (D7020 Cayman Islands) and Herve Honore (D-7030-Martinique) who were very involved and networked with other DGs, DGEs, DGNs, PDGs and Club Presidents from Mainland USA. We are also happy that we had representation from Austin, Texas and Kentucky. This means our organization is growing and gaining attention in other Zones, Districts, and States. We are encouraged by this, and would like to embrace this support within the Caribbean Partnership as we attempt to expand the organization to make it more resourceful.

PDG Gene Wyndham, Partnering Chair, also addressed the gathering offering encouragement to all clubs to continue pursuing partnering projects and to utilize the program's website and resources.

We were also blessed with the presence of a representative group from Food for the Poor, and the Military Southern Command. Both groups made presentations to the conference and shared their willingness to participate in international projects between the mainland and the Caribbean. Clubs are encouraged to follow-up with these entities by visiting their websites.



Our delegates at CPC 2013 received numerous presentations and project opportunities of all types. DG Jeremy Hurst shared a significant list of approximately 30 projects, which were from a number of Clubs and Countries in District 7020. These projects were well received by the audience from the mainland as they collected copies of the presentations and other literature to take back to their clubs for consideration, and possibly engaging in Global Grants. A number of other delegates presented projects and ideas for partnering between the US Mainland and the Caribbean. All these projects are available on the CP website and will remain there until such projects are undertaken or completed.



The main objective of the Caribbean Partnership Celebration was to create an environment for hard working Rotarians and friends to gather, network, and share time with each other with the outcome of friendships being formed and

potential partnerships between clubs on the US Mainland and the Caribbean. In other words "Engage Rotary, Change Lives." Based on observations, numerous partnerships were developed and these will be formalized on our website [www.caribbeanpartnership.org](http://www.caribbeanpartnership.org). The intent is for clubs to log on and



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complete the on-line form expressing interest or commitment with other clubs. We will finalize and get the clubs partnered and encourage them to build relations between themselves with the hope that projects will be performed.

We had a strong representation from Haiti, led by PDG Guy Theodore and PAG Claude Surena. They came out in large number to demonstrate their continued commitment in support for the many challenges being experienced in Haiti. The Haitian representatives were very enthusiastic about the event and the level of networking they were experiencing to build on as they returned to Haiti.

All the delegates engaged in dialogue at the “round table talks” where they discussed current issues, risks, challenges with respect to Rotary’s six (6) areas of focus, namely: Water and Sanitation, Disease Prevention, Peace and Conflict Prevention, Health and Hunger, Education and Literacy, and Economic and Community Development.

The groups worked together in breakout sessions and generated excellent ideas and thoughts about how clubs and districts could work together to impact these issues. The outcomes will be summarized by the table scribes or leads



and posted on the CP website or in the CPC Drop Box which is currently in operation for sharing invaluable information from CPC 2013. Rotarians are asked to contact our Conference Chair, PDG Todd Dayton ([governortodd@gmail.com](mailto:governortodd@gmail.com)) for access

to the Drop Box if they are not able to gain access.

One of the highlights of the CPC 2013 Conference was the Sunday evening dinner-dance which was done in true Caribbean Calypso style. We had a grand time: folk were dressed in Caribbean attire, feasted on Caribbean Cuisine, and was entertained by and danced to the Rhythm Steel Band, who played amazing music covering some of our Calypso and Reggae stars of the Caribbean. We danced and had tasty drinks all evening long, to keep the spirits high! The dinner was followed by the usual get-together in the Hostility... uh... I meant “Hospitality” Room. It was great fellowship there too! (smile).

Added to the great festivities was the superb presentation we received from our Keynote Speaker, Ms. Marga Fripp of Empowered Women International (EWI), [www.ewi.org](http://www.ewi.org). Ms. Fripp thrilled the gathering with her emotional story of moving from Romania; facing adverse challenges there and within the USA upon her migration. She was able to overcome these challenges and have turned her attention to helping other women in their efforts to get ahead.

The audience was moved by Marga's speech and it created much dialogue after the event, that night and the following day. As an outcome from the meeting, Marga was touched by the fascinating work the Rotarians were doing with respect to humanitarian and economic support that she has indicated her interest to becoming a Rotarian in the near future. This makes sense as she already does the work of Rotary in her own way through the EWI. Rotary welcomes all upstanding citizens who are willing to "Engage Rotary, and Change Lives!"



their participation at Zone and CPC.

Overall, CPC 2013 was a tremendous success and achieved its objectives. It was a time well spent remembering the past, celebrating the current, and anticipating and planning for the future of the Caribbean Partnership Program. A few members received Certificates of Acknowledgement for

Special thanks to the CP Executive Committee members who continued their hard work to make this event happen in such a successful manner, and to PP Carlota McCormack (Falls Church) and Wendy Dayton (spouse of CPC Chair Todd Dayton) for their wonderful assistance. A very "extra" special thanks to our Conference Chairman PDG Todd Dayton of D6930 and his committee members for their hard work of planning, executing and coordinating all aspects of CPC 2013. I am honored and pleased to continue as CP Chairman through 2014, and look forward to working with the newly appointed Executive Committee and everyone, as we continue to "Catch the Wave!" Job well done by all! Keep it going...!



Caribbean Partnership....No Problem Man!!

Submitted by: PDG Horace McCormack  
*Chairman, Caribbean Partnership Program*



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Some CP Celebration photos





## **INTER-COUNTRY COMMITTEE?**

*The article below has been copied from <http://www.rotary-icc.org>*

The **Inter-country Committees (ICC)** are the first RI Structured Program dedicated to the advancement of world peace.

### **France-Germany Inter-country Committee**

The first ICC between Germany and France was created between the two World Wars, but was officially founded on 23 May 1950 in Strasbourg during the district 70 conference. The ICC was the brainchild of Robert Haussman and Roger Coutant and its purpose was to re-establish Rotary relations between the two countries, which were strained during the Nazi era.



That day, Robert Haussman stated that “*Rotarians must be from now on at the forefront of the peace ideal.*”

#### **An international spirit**

The year was 1950 and it was no coincidence. During the war and the years that followed, the need for strong intergovernmental institutions became acute.

We needed institutions able to protect the humanist values on which civilizations were built and to promote world understanding between the people of all nations.

In fact, the United Nations, UNESCO, and RI's Inter-country Committees were created to answer this need.

### Sister clubs

France-Germany ICC's first initiative was to foster sister clubs. Under Jean Caroni's leadership, the Lille and Cologne clubs were the first to become sister clubs and this relationship is still very much active 56 years later.

French Rotarians and their European counterparts currently enjoy a vast network of sister clubs: 311 with Germany, 348 with the UK, 233 with Italy, 193 with Belgium, 83 with Spain, 48 with Portugal, etc.



### Growth

Very quickly, the ICCs diversified their projects which coincided with the expansion to African and Middle-Eastern countries. As a result, they became a factor in improving relationships between developed and developing countries.

This meant contributing to the advancement of mankind through education, culture, literacy, water management, health care, as well as fighting hunger, poverty, and maternal and child mortality.

To some extent, it meant participating in humanitarian and educational programs that would naturally later be a foundation for the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals.



### Expansion

In the past 20 years, following the collapse of communist regimes in Eastern Europe, the ICCs have displayed their importance by leading the way in reintroducing those countries to Rotary.

Those new Rotarians were bursting with ideas and projects and they found in the ICCs an avenue to freedom.

Rotary International is yet to realize the impact the ICCs had on the organization's expansion to Eastern and Central Europe, as soon as 1988 for Poland and 1995 for Russia.

## Support from RI Presidents and Board of Directors

From the beginning, ICCs received a strong support from the Presidents of Rotary International: financial support and participation in the annual general assembly in Strasbourg (Percy Hodgson (USA) in 1950, Frank Spain (USA) in 1952, Nitish Laharry (India) in 1963, CPH Teenstra (Netherlands) in 1966, Richard Evans (USA) in 1967, Bill Carter (England) in 1974, and Jack Davis (Bermudas) in 1978).

RI Presidents Stanley McCaffrey (1982), Charles Keller (1988) and James Lacy (1999) continued to be supportive of the ICCs.

Later on, four other RI Presidents, Cliff Dochterman (1993), Frank Devlyn (2001), Jonathan Majiyagbe (2004), and Wilf Wilkinson (2008) presided over international conferences on the role and activities of ICCs.



*At left - Conference about ICCs in Lille in March 2001 with Frank Devlyn*

Moreover, the Council on legislation 2004 and the RI Board of Directors in their decisions of February 2003, November 2004, and June 2007 reaffirmed the grassroots interest in the program without going as far as making it a Structured Program due to its lack of worldwide presence.

In June 2007, the RI Board of Directors updated the rules that govern the inter-country committees.



We now have in Europe, in Africa, and in the Middle-East and more recently in the United States, but also in South America, in Asia, and in the South Pacific (to a smaller extent) 230 active inter-country committees that contribute with great flair to the influence of Rotary International.

### Acknowledgements

We would like to express our gratitude to the Rotarians who have been involved at one point or the other in ICCs' activities. Their humanist ambition and relentless motivation are very much appreciated.

Their role is vital when the threats peace faces are a growing and persistent concern.

## Organization

The administrative structure of the ICCs is quite simple: the ICCs comply with the rules of Rotary International without being under its control.

An Executive Council comprised of all national coordinators and a board (a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary, and a treasurer with 3-year terms) oversees the ICCs.

Its purpose is to monitor and expand the program throughout the world and through the ideal of peace.

The Executive Council Chairman acts as Rotary International's correspondent.

In each country (or district when a district covers several countries), a coordinator is in charge of monitoring and expanding the ICCs in his/her area.

A committee features two sections and each section must be approved by one of the country's district governors and national coordinator. Each section elects a board with a 3-year term and convenes a general assembly in one of the two countries.

Each section determines the projects it will carry out. The decision is made in consultation with the other section.



*Assembly of the France-Russia ICC in Moscow in July 2004*

The administrative costs of the ICC and the budget of the national coordinator are funded by the districts, clubs and Rotarians.

## International conferences

Two Rotary international conferences highlighted the activities of the inter-country committees. Both were held in France: the first on 25 October 2003 in Antibes Juan les Pins under the presidency of Jonathan Majiyagbe, and the second on 28-29 March 2008 in Cannes under the presidency of Wilfrid Wilkinson.

Both conferences were a success with 650 attendees in Antibes Juan les Pins and a thousand attendees representing 41 countries in Cannes.

Even if Rotary International and the inter-country committees have not been able to impose their ideal of peace that Cicero called “*freedom in tranquility*,” they both demonstrate that peace is possible, which was also the theme of the Cannes conference.



### A cultural blueprint for peace

To conclude, inter-country committees like other programs such the Rotary Centers for international studies on peace and conflict resolution provide though their activities an ethical and cultural blueprint for the advancement of peace and mankind.

This is the reason why many Rotarians believe that if ICCs did not exist Rotary International should invent them!

### Serge Gouteyron

Chairman of the inter-country committees executive council 2007-10

RI Vice-President 2005-06

RI Director 2004-06

*At December 15, 2013, the votes for the Million Charity Miles were recorded at the following:*

1	 <p>Shriners Hospitals for Children Love to the rescue!</p>	<b>Shriners Hospitals for Children</b>	Shriners Hospitals for Children changes lives every day through innovative pediatric specialty care, world-class research, and outstanding medical education... <a href="#">Read more</a>	<a href="#">Vote</a>	<b>50,370 total votes</b>
2		<b>Rotary International</b>	Rotary is a global network of volunteers made up of business, professional, and community leaders who meet regularly to plan and carry out civic and humanitarian... <a href="#">Read more</a>	<a href="#">Vote</a>	<b>46,536 total votes</b>

### Thanks for voting.

Be sure to cast another vote tomorrow and every day until December 31 to bring your favorite participating nonprofit partner even closer to winning the most miles.

Share your vote on Facebook



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# APPENDIX A

## Governors of Zones 33/34 – 2013-14

### Mailing list for Caribbean Partnership Newsletter at December, 2013

*This list will be updated as I receive more information. I print it here for your information.*

*Please help me keep this list up to date. Email [ladykitt@gmail.com](mailto:ladykitt@gmail.com)*

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## **APPENDIX B**

### **INTERESTING INFORMATION – ZONES 33 AND 34**

#### **Totals for Zone 33**

Total number of districts: 15  
Total number of clubs: 784  
Total number of Rotarians: 38572  
Number of two-year terms out of 16 terms: 8

#### **Totals for Zone 34**

Total number of districts: 14  
Total number of clubs: 774  
Total number of Rotarians: 37029  
Number of two-year terms out of 16 terms: 8

Interesting websites for Zones 33 and 34

- <http://www.rizones33-34.org/>
- <http://membership33-34.blogspot.com/>
- <http://rotaryresources.blogspot.com/> (Zone 33 Rotary Coordinator's Blog - Rotary Resources)
- <http://zone34retentioncentral.blogspot.com/> (Zone 34 Rotary Coordinator's Blog – Retention Central)

**The Object of Rotary** is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

**FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

**SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

**THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

**FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

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