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PLAN TO ATTEND

OUR CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP CELEBRATION

July 21-23, 2011

RESTON, VIRGINIA

Learn how your Rotary Club can work with other Rotary Clubs in Zones 33 and 34 to establish:

- Exciting fellowship opportunities with Rotarians living in distant countries
- Enhanced project opportunities with a partner who knows the culture, community, and contacts
- Improved grant opportunities through matching grants that will make a real difference on an international scale

Please register online for the Conference. Click the link below:

http://www.caribbeanpartnership.org/

Registration for the Caribbean Partnership Celebration is posted at:

Register Here

(Note: You can only login on line if you have access to DACDB.)

The cost is $135 and the closing date is July 8, 2011 and any Rotarian can pay your Registration here:

Buy Now

As you’ll see on the CP website above, you will be able to register either through the DACDB format OR you can pay by PayPal.
Conference Registration - $135/person

- Includes registration, all plenary and breakout sessions, and Friday Dinner Buffet
- Enter quantity of reservations/registrations in the Quantity field

If your registration includes a spouse or additional guest, please include that information.

NOTE: Hotel shuttles will be available to transport from the Dulles International Airport.

Or if you wish -

Mail checks/cheques to the CP Treasurer, Phil Lustig at -

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Boca Raton, FL 33434

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BELOW ARE 2 WEBSITES FOR HOTEL REGISTRATION

- The cut-off date for the hotel block rate is June 28, 2011.
- Rooms are $69 USD per night.

http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/RotaryInternationalReston

OR

http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=1101045603&key=1C45D

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PDG Rich Panyik
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Caribbean Partnership Website:

http://www.caribbeanpartnership.org/
Message from the Chair
of the Caribbean Partnership

jv Vlass

The Rotary relationships you develop make all the difference, whether it’s with fellow Rotarians, friends, family, or colleagues.

Relationships made through our Caribbean Partnership are lifelong, and lead to fellowship, cultural exchange, helping communities - and as we have learned, can expedite assistance in the event of a disaster.

The specific purpose for which our Corporation was organized, as written in our articles of incorporation, is to provide opportunities for Rotarians in the United States and throughout the countries of Caribbean and North Atlantic -

(1) To become better educated as to our respective cultural similarities and differences, and to

(2) To develop relationships, share knowledge, ideas, and interests that would result in Partnered Clubs which provide for

- worthy community needs
- assisting individuals in need with the basic necessities of life
- advancing education and literacy
- eliminating prejudice and discrimination
- and as always, advancing peace through fellowship

Our Caribbean Partnership Inc. is an official Program of RI Zones 33 & 34’s 29 Districts, representing 125K Rotarians. We are a (501) c3

We are very proud that our Caribbean Partnership Inc. Treasury is sending, and has been efficiently and effectively sending, wire transfers and funds from the DAF directly to the approved project sites throughout Haiti. All funds and transfers are well documented with total transparency.

This year, over $1.5 million US dollars have been sent, with more to be added to that total before the end of this tenure.

“Relationships do Matter”!!!

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Caribbean Partnership Celebration 2011
Washington, DC Area (Reston, Va)
July 21-23, 2011

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Join us for our Caribbean Partnership Celebration Event, July 21-23, 2011 in the Washington, DC area (Reston, Virginia) and learn how your Rotary club can work with other Rotary clubs. Let’s come together to network and share ideas and thoughts about the things we can do in our zones. Zones 33 and 34 working together to establish:

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with Rotarians living in distant countries.

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or
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Hotel contact: Cresma Reotutar, Sales Manager,
703.620.9000 (d) — 703.262.5924 (f) — 703.620.0024

The CUT-OFF-DATE for the hotel block rate is 6/28/11. Rooms are $69/night.

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Get involved with the Caribbean Partnership today and join us for an exciting event July 21-23, 2011!!!
KATS International Youth Regatta, BVI
July 8-10, 2011

Caribbean Partnership Celebration
Reston, Virginia (close to Washington, DC)
July 21 - 23, 2011
Register -
http://www.directory-online.com/rotary/login.cfm?f=2
Hotel Registration -
http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/RotaryInternational/Reston

The following appeared in the April issue of the D-7610 newsletter
http://www.directory-online.com/Rotary/Accounts/7610/Newsletter/0/April%202011.pdf
What can we learn about…
Reston, Virginia

According to Wikipedia, Reston, Virginia, lies within the Washington, DC, metropolitan area. Reston is in Rotary District 7610. Here is some of the history, as noted at Wikipedia.com.

A little History

At left - Statue of Robert E. Simon in Lake Anne Plaza (on bench), Reston, VA.

The land on which Reston sits was initially owned by Lord Fairfax during the 18th century. C.A. Wiehle (for whom Wiehle Avenue is named) bought the land later in the 1880s. He died after construction of several buildings. His sons did not share his vision, and sold the land to A. Smith Bowman, who built a bourbon distillery on the site while maintaining a farm on most of the area. An office retail development and a road are named for him. In 1961, Robert E. Simon bought most of the land, except for 60 acres on which the Bowman distillery continued to operate until 1987.

Reston was conceived as a planned community by Robert E. Simon. Founded on April 20, 1964 (Simon’s 50th birthday) and named for his initials, it was the first modern, post-war planned community in America, sparking a revival of the planned community concept. Simon’s family had recently sold Carnegie Hall, and Simon used the funds to create Reston. Simon hired Conklin Rossant Architects as master planners to incorporate higher density housing to conserve open space, as well as mixed use areas for industry, business, recreation, education, and housing.

The first section of the community to be built, Lake Anne Plaza, was designed by James Rossant to emulate the Italian coastal town of Portofino. Lake Anne village was designed with modern architectural themes that extend to a nearby elementary school, a gasoline station, and two churches. Lake Anne also has an art gallery, several restaurants, the Reston Historic Trust Museum, shops, and a senior citizens’ fellowship house. All are local businesses, as there are no chain stores or chain restaurants allowed in Lake Anne. Close by are the cubist townhouses at Hickory Cluster that were designed by the noted modernist architect, Charles M. Goodman, in the international style. Other sections of the town, such as Hunters Woods, South Lakes, and North Point, were developed later, each with a neighborhood shopping center and supermarket.

The careful planning and zoning within Reston allows for common grounds, several parks, large swaths of wooded areas with picturesque runs (streams), wildflower meadows, two golf courses, nearly 20 public swimming pools, bridle paths, a bike path, four lakes, tennis courts, and extensive foot pathways. These pathways, combined with bridges and tunnels, help to separate pedestrians from vehicular traffic and increase safety at certain street crossings. Reston was built in wooded areas of oak, maple, sycamore, and Virginia pine.

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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reston,_Virginia
A NEW ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT – JULY 2011

A brief biography – RI President-elect, Kalyan Banerjee (2011-2012)

Kalyan Banerjee graduated in Chemical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (India).

Kalyan Banerjee is Director of United Phosphorus Limited, one of the largest manufacturers of agrochemicals in India & Uniphos Agro Industries Limited, and Chairman of United Phosphorus Bangladesh Limited.

- Kalyan Banerjee has been a member of Rotary Club of Vapi since 1972.
- He became District Governor during 1980-81 of the then R.I. District 306.
- He has been Discussion Leader at the International Assembly and R.I. President’s representative at many District Conferences in India and abroad.

He served R.I. as Director from Zone 5 and 6 during 1995-97 and in 1997-98, and Trustee of the Rotary Foundation from 2001 to 2005.

- He has addressed the Indianapolis Convention of Rotary in 1998 and he has been Convenor of 3 Rotary Institutes in Zone 5 and 6.
- Kalyan is recipient of Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award from the Rotary Foundation. He is a major donor and a benefactor to the Foundation and has helped to make several non-Rotarians as Paul Harris Fellows.

He has been involved in many other activities in the community and elsewhere and has been member of many organizations and boards.

Kalyan is married to Binota, an active social worker and a member of Inner Wheel. They have a son – Kanishka, a Chemical Engineer with specialization in Environmental Management, currently settled in Sydney with his wife, and a daughter – Ruma, who has done her MBA and is currently settled with her husband, an I.T. Engineer, in Canada.

They have currently 4 grandchildren.

A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS ROTARY’S WORK IN HAITI

AND SEEKS TO RAISE $1 MILLION FOR THE ROTARY HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUNDS PROJECTS

Nassau, Bahamas – For immediate release as of May 26, 2011

Rotary continues to help rebuild Haiti after the devastating Earthquake of January 2010 killed more than 300,000 people and left over one million displaced. To highlight Rotary’s work and to bring attention for a request for donations, a 30-second public service announcement (PSA) will be aired in 6 countries in District 7020. The countries will include:

1. The Bahamas
2. The British Virgin Islands
3. Cayman Islands
4. US Virgin Islands
5. St. Martin and
6. Jamaica

The English television and the English, French and Creole radio announcements will be on the air starting the third week in May 2011.
The PSA can be viewed on YouTube or by typing into the search box on YouTube: “Rotary Haiti Earthquake Relief Funds Announcement.”

Proudly, The Bahamas Fund, The District Fund in Cayman, and the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund -- a donor-advised fund set up within the Rotary Foundation -- are all making great strides. Vital short- to medium-term projects are underway, relating to children. The projects focus on (1) getting thousands of kids back in school and (2) Rotary’s Jaipur Limb project to assist 4,000 amputees affected by the earthquake.

Sixty-nine donor projects have been approved with funding, 10 have been approved without funding, and 4 projects are completed.

Just a few of those projects include:

-- the building of approximately 50 schools
-- the erecting of 3 buildings for the Jaipur Limb project where the prostheses will be made
-- providing school supplies to thousands of kids
-- purchasing a generator for a kitchen that serves 8,000 meals a day
-- supplying aqua-pure tablets to help thousands prevent the deadly Cholera epidemic from spreading.

More information on these and other Donor Advised Fund projects can be found at haiti-task-force.blogspot.com.

Because of the generosity and hard work of Rotary and their communities, hundreds of thousands of lives in Haiti have benefited from the $5 million raised for these Funds. The 19 Rotary Clubs in Haiti, their fellow Rotarians in District 7020, and Rotary International extend a Thank You to all those who have assisted and who continue to give their support.

We are currently seeking to raise another $1 million, and Rotary needs your help. If you would like to contribute to the Haiti Hurricane Relief Funds, please contact one of the local Rotary Clubs or visit www.rotary.org/haiti.

CREDITS FOR THE PSA: This Rotary Public Relations Public Service Announcement (PSA) for Rotary’s Haiti Earthquake Relief Funds efforts was made possible by a public relations (PR) Grant from Rotary International along with contributions from District 7020, whose District Governor is Diana White (2010-2011).

Above left - Rotarians in Haiti in early 2010 with the former PM of Haiti, Jean-Max Bellerive, His Excellency, Louis Harold Joseph, former Ambassador for Haiti to The Bahamas, PRID Barry Rassin, PDG Richard McCombe and Rotarian Claude Serena, head of the Haitian Task Force. Photo by Paul Aranha.

Above right - Rotary Donor Advised Fund Project #24- Latrines, Carrefour/Mon Repos. Provided 10 bacteriologic Latrines for a “tent city” at a cost of $23,142.

Several Rotarians came together to make this PSA a reality - beginning with Delma Maduro, PR Chair for District 7020, and her committee who were successful in securing the Rotary International PR Grant.

-- Rotarian Burton Wallace of The Movi Group in Nassau, Bahamas produced the PSA for a minimal cost and
-- Assistant District Governor for The Bahamas, Charles Sealy II, lent his voice for the English version.
-- Rotarian Azaleta Ishmael-Newry, PR Chair for The Bahamas researched, wrote and coordinated the script and materials and
acknowledges the assistance of PRID, Barry Rassin, for his valuable information.

Rotarians in Haiti, Past President Roger White, as well as Paul Aranha of The Bahamas, contributed photos.

The District 7020 PR Committee includes: Delma Maduro, British Virgin Islands; Azaleta Ishmael-Newry, Bahamas; AG Ruth Palmer, Jamaica; J.D. Mosley-Matchett, Cayman Islands; Lawrence Benjamin, U.S. Virgin Islands; and Rebecca Low and Maria Buncamper-Molanus, both of St. Maarten.

At left - Rotary Donor Advised Fund Project #1: Ecole Ste. Famille, Les Cayes. Rebuilding Six Classrooms has commenced / 300 students to benefit / Total Cost is $122,391.92 /

The DAF has committed $50,000; District 7020 has committed $20,000; SOS has committed $20,000; Rotary Club of Montego Bay, Jamaica, has committed $10,000; Local Rotarians have committed $2,000; Still needed - $20,391.91.

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**Rotary Firsts – from the ABCs of Rotary**

For your interest …

- The first Rotary club meeting was in Chicago, Illinois, on 23 February, 1905.
- The first regular luncheon meetings were in Oakland, California, chartered in 1909.
- The first Rotary Convention was in Chicago, in 1910.
- The first Rotary club outside of the US was chartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in 1910.
- The first Rotary club outside of North America was chartered in Dublin, Ireland, in 1911.
- The first Rotary club in a non-English-speaking country was in Havana, Cuba, in 1916.
- The first Rotary club in South America was chartered in Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1918.
- The first Rotary club in Asia was chartered in Manila, Philippines, in 1919.
- The first Rotary club in Africa was chartered in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1921.
- The first Rotary club in Australia was chartered in Melbourne in 1921.
Another chance to share Caribbean Partnerships

The following is a list of Rotary Fellowships and contacts from


Most Rotary fellowships have their own websites.

And June is Rotary Fellowships month...
The leadership of District 6860 in Alabama established this donor advised fund within The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International to allow Rotarians and friends of Rotary to assist victims of the devastating tornados that struck Alabama in late April 2011. The account holders, listed below, will work with local Rotary clubs and districts, as well as emergency relief agencies, to meet the most pressing needs of people in affected areas.

**Alabama Tornado Disaster Donor Advised Fund Account Holders**
Mark Daniel Maloney, Past RI Director  
John Valleeant, District Governor, District 6860  
Martin Uptain, District Governor Elect, District 6860  
J.G. Brazil, Past District Governor, District 6860

All contributions must be in U.S. dollars and only U.S. tax receipts will be issued.

- **What amount of my contribution will actually go to the relief effort in Alabama?** Nearly 100% of contributions to this DAF fund will be granted to IRS-approved charitable organizations helping to provide relief and recovery. There is a small fee of 1.3% which covers the administrative and investment costs. Additionally, on 1 July of each year, 1% of the fair market value of the Alabama Tornado Disaster DAF will be transferred to the Annual Programs Fund to support the programs of the Foundation, which may include matching grants to assist victims of the tornados in the southeastern US.

- **Will I receive Paul Harris Fellow or Major Donor recognition for my contribution?** No. Contributions to the Fund are not eligible for Paul Harris Fellow or Major Donor recognition.

- **Will my contribution count toward my club and district contribution goals?** No. Contributions will not count toward club and district contribution goals.

For assistance, please contact Nancy Hoffman at (847) 866-3488 or nancy.hoffman@rotary.org

**Frequently Asked Questions**

- **How can I contribute?**

  1) **By Check:**

     Payable to: The Rotary Foundation DAF  
     Memo: Alabama Tornado Disaster DAF  
     Mail to: Rotary DAF  
     c/o NRS  
     4A Gill Street  
     Woburn, MA 01801

  2) **Online by Credit Card:**

     https://www.your-fundaccount.com/rotary/HowToContribute.asp
     Account Name: Alabama Tornado Disaster Donor Advised Fund  
     Account Number: 406

     We appreciate a minimum contribution of $25 if you are giving by credit card.

  3) **Stock or Wire Transfer:**

     Please contact Donor Advised Fund Specialist Nancy Hoffman at (847) 866-3488 or nancy.hoffman@rotary.org for instructions.

     All contributions must be in U.S. dollars and only U.S. tax receipts will be issued.
**OUR SOCIAL NETWORKING**

**From Facebook**

For your interest – Rotarian Jim Pierce was DG in 2007-08 in District 7600 in central and southeast Virginia. He lives in Williamsburg, Virginia, with his wife, Suki and two children. Cello, their daughter, is in third year at St Mary's College of Maryland and their son will start at Virginia Tech in the fall.

Jim chaired the South Land Breakfast committee for RI Director John Smarge; it was a very successful event, if he does say so.

> We had over 800 folks in attendance. There were 53 from District 7600, 60 from District 6960 (Naples), 78 from District 6900 (Atlanta), and 102 from D-7020! WOW! That's awesome.

- We served 740 mimosas and guaranteed 750 people at 7:01 a.m. Monday, May 23.
- We had 14 DGs and spouses serving drinks and beading the guests :)
- We had 15 Sergeant- at-Arms ushering folks to their tables.
- We had 8 serving lines and over 3000 strings of beads, 68 masks, and 285 helium-filled balloons for decorations.

Both the RI President, Ray Klinginsmith, and the RI President-Elect, Kalyan Banerjee, were in attendance for a portion of the breakfast, and made speaking appearances on stage for us. Several past Directors and three current directors and the director-elect, Anne Matthews, were in attendance. The entertainment was an incredibly talented Ukulele Ensemble (17-piece band).

Jim Pierce, PDG
ARRFC, Zone 33

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**Visitor from Louisiana posts photo on Facebook**

Susan L. Johnson writes:

> When I was in Jamaica in April, I visited the St. Mary Rotary Club (President Paulette Phillips) meeting (they are only a year old) and the President Earl Watson came over from the Ocho Rios Club in St. Ann came over too.

> I belong to the Ponchatoula, Louisiana, chapter of Rotary District 6840.

Thank you, Rotarian Susan!
Successful CP Projects

Stories of interest at June 2011

**District 7770 and Freeport, Grand Bahama**

...submitted by DG Rick Moore

District 7770 recently presented a District Simplified Grant to the Rotary Club of GB Sunrise (District 6990 Freeport, Grand Bahama) supporting the Columbus House Boys’ Home. DG Rick presented a District Simplified Grant Check to Freeport, Grand Bahama, Rotary member James Sarles (right) and Club President (Joe Thompson) on February 16, 2011.

Rotarian James started a program six years ago supporting the underprivileged youth of the Columbus House Boys’ Home.

Each Saturday, James, other Club members, and local volunteers spend time with Columbus House residents in such activities as Jujutsu, Bowling, Snorkeling and Swimming.

Charleston Breakfast Rotary sponsored the District Simplified Grant in the amount of $2,500.
The following story appeared in the Freeport News:

The Rotary Club of GB Sunrise Big Brother Program for Columbus House boys is a weekly mentoring program for Columbus House Boys that focuses on developing self-esteem and life skills. Each week, the boys participate in activities with adult mentors to build self-esteem, have fun, and learn important life skills.

Started by James Sarles six years ago, the program has grown into a year-round weekly program that includes the 23 boys and girls from Columbus House. The regular volunteers that give up their Saturdays to help the children include James Sarles, Big Rob Harris, Shelly Kavenaugh, Marina Gottlieb Sarles and Anthony Welch.

The young men and women also study Martial arts at the Jaguar Jujitsu School, which has assisted them greatly in self-confidence and respect. Rotarian Jaime Sarles has been instrumental in assisting the young men with finding apartments after the age out of Columbus House and also with job placement.

Rick Moore, a Rotarian who is District Governor of South Carolina, has been visiting and Scuba Diving in Freeport for a long time. He heard about the program, and after discussions with Jaime Sarles, decided to assist with the cost by getting a Rotary Simplified District Grant of $2,500 and presented the GB Sunrise Rotary Club with the check for District 7770.

ROTARY IN HAITI
Building Communities, Bridging Continents

...submitted by Karen B. John
Director of Public Relations
Rotary Club of St. Thomas

The January 2010 Earthquake in Haiti killed approximately 222,570 people and injured about 300,000, the Haitian government estimates. The Earthquake left more than one million people homeless. The quake measured 7.0 in magnitude. The shocks were felt in Cuba, The Dominican Republic, Jamaica and Puerto Rico. Rotary Clubs worldwide mobilized immediately to deliver urgent relief to the millions affected by the earthquake.

After the earthquake, Rotary District 7020, which includes Haiti, comprises of Anguilla, The Bahamas, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Turks and Caicos and the US Virgin Islands, has raised and donated to Haiti some $18 million worth of goods and services. This donation includes $11.5 million in in-kind donations to ship planeloads of medical and other supplies to Haiti.

Rotarians in several nations also have started their own funds to support projects in Haiti. In addition, Rotarians from more than 20 countries have contributed over $2 million to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund. These funds have supported over 53 projects to include the rebuilding and refurbishing of schools.

District 7020 also flew in 70 planes with more than 60,000 pounds of medical equipment and supplies into the cities Pignon and Port de Paix, days after the quake struck. A barge was hired to transport 20 to 30 tons of clothes, blankets, folding beds, and other items to Haiti from Nassau, Bahamas. Rotary had an incredible infrastructure established before the quake, which has made our relief efforts very effective," according to Dick McCombe, past district governor and Haiti liaison chair.

In addition to the earthquake, Haiti was also faced with a Cholera outbreak. Cholera is a potentially fatal bacterial infection that causes severe diarrhea and dehydration. Over a million people were homeless, living in “tent cities”, sharing infected water, as no clean water was available. The epidemic that began in October 2010 has affected more than 200,000 people nationwide.

District Governor Diana White was on the ground in Haiti, days after the quake struck, meeting with Rotarians and other Rotarian leaders to discuss relief aid.

Rotary has raised another $3 million in cash to develop projects, primarily for the children and prosthetics. Our District 7020 finalized a $200,000 commitment to help Haiti Rotary Clubs provide Cholera prevention programs in their communities. Rotary supported 10 grant applications for Cholera prevention and education across the country. Each grant is for $10,000. These grants have provided educational materials, posters and banners, with vehicles traveling with megaphones into the rural areas with water purifying tablets, soap, disinfectant and chlorine.
Additionally, the equivalent of 30 million trees are burned every year in Haiti, mostly as fuel for cooking. As a result, the country has lost 98 percent of its trees, one of the highest deforestation on the world.

The Haiti Fund set up by Rotarians, also allocated funds to educate students on the importance of reforestation. The students will plant and maintain fruit tree seedlings to include mango, lemon, orange, grapefruit, cherry, avocado and coconut to help reduce erosion and increase agricultural production.

Before the earthquake, 58 percent of Haitians did not have access to clean water, according to the United Nations. In Ridge Burn, where 95 percent of residents work in agriculture, there is no irrigation, no potable water or electricity and children suffer from frequent cases of diarrhoea from drinking untreated water.

A $64,566 contribution from the Relief Fund is supporting one of the Haitian Rotary Club’s projects to construct 80 rainwater collection tanks, each with a 3500-gallon capacity. The tanks and filters will provide clean water for an estimated 3,000 people.

Rotarians in District 7020 and worldwide have shown the true spirit of Rotary. The ability to “serve others above themselves.”

This was evidenced by Rotary’s response to the disaster in Haiti - the dedication, the commitment, the compassion, the donations, the contributions, the endless hours of planning and organizing aid, all tirelessly working to help Haiti recover after such a devastating disaster.

Haiti, one of the poorest nations in the Caribbean, has suffered more than its fair share of natural disasters. Its people share a longstanding history of pain and suffering, loss and destruction. Rotary, along with many other organizations, is on the ground, working day and night to help restore Haiti and its people to some semblance of life after such devastation.

Disaster can strike anywhere at any time. I am proud to be a part of Rotary, to be a part of such an organization, whose commitment and support both locally and worldwide is the true example of what it takes for “Building Communities / Bridging Continents and selfless service.

To find out more about Rotary, visit our website at Rotary.org or contact one of your local Rotary Clubs. To help Haiti by donations, contribute at Rotary.org/Haiti.

Karen B. John, Director of Public Relations
Rotary Club of St. Thomas

For information about how you can help Haiti
Please refer to the following:

(1) http://www.7020.org
(where you will see a clear link to the Haiti Earthquake Relief website)

OR

(2) http://haiti-task-force.blogspot.com/
(the official Haiti Earthquake Relief website)
ROAD TOWN, BVI CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Among other activities, Rotary Club of Road Town, BVI, awarded an Honorary Rotary Membership to one of the world’s most famous and respected actors, Morgan Freeman.

Mr. Freeman was able to take time out of his busy schedule to receive this prestigious recognition of his contribution to serving the community. In his remarks following installation, Mr. Freeman noted the excellent work of the Rotary Club of Road Town throughout both the territory and the wider Caribbean, and how pleased he was to be associated with such a respected organisation.

Mr. Morgan Freeman was born in Memphis, Tennessee, and he attended Los Angeles Community College before serving several years in the US Air Force as a mechanic between 1955 and 1959.

During a recent press conference Mr. Freeman explained why he likes the BVI so much: “I once saw a TV documentary on the BVI and it was just gorgeous. I am a sailor and I came to the Caribbean to sail to St. Maarten. On my way to the down islands in 1991 a friend of mine asked if I had seen the BVI and said, that I must see the BVI, before I go to St. Maarten. So I sailed over here to take a look”.

He has vacationed here many times since then and has made numerous friends. He said that he was happy to do the commercial for the BVI Red Cross because it was for a good cause. When Freeman heard that the BVI has no blood bank, he realised the importance to have volunteers to donate blood. He compared it to the voluntary fire department which is of similar importance to people in need. He is not only a boat captain, but also a pilot and owns a single engine aeroplane of the type PA 28 (Piper Archer).

GSE Team Visit to Providenciales

 Rotary Club of Providenciales Hosts Group Study Exchange from USA
Visiting Professionals Learn about TCI Culture and Environment

PROVIDENCIALES, Turks and Caicos Islands – 28 March, 2011 – The Rotary Club of Providenciales hosted a team of visiting professionals from St. Augustine, Florida (USA) this past week as part of Rotary International’s Group Study Exchange (GSE)
program. The GSE program gives young professionals from all over the world a once-in-a-lifetime vocational experience through visits other regions to better understand how their professions work in different countries.

Above left – President Art Forbes of the Rotary Club of Providenciales presents a club banner to GSE team leader and President of Coast St John’s Rotary Club (District 6970) Rich Turnbull. Above right - President Wilbert Forbes of the North and Middle Caicos Rotary Community Corps presents reading glasses to a local primary school in North Caicos with GSE team members. Earlier this year, the club had conducted an eye testing program throughout the islands.

Above - GES team member Kristee Booth presents to the Rotary Club of Providenciales on her works as an environmental consultant in Florida.

Above left - The visiting GSE team tours the mangrove and wildlife sanctuary in Providenciales with past president of Rotary Club of Providenciales John Lawson (center) Above right - The GSE team (left to right: Jackie Hird, Rich Turnbull, Kristee Booth) enjoy the views from Mudjin Harbour, Middle Caicos.
Members of the visiting 3-person team were hosted for a week at local Rotarians’ homes and treated to a full schedule of events, presentations, vocational shadowing, dinners and social activities.

Highlights included: a tour of the world famous Conch Farm; a trip to North and Middle Caicos to see those island’s environmental wonders with hosts Wilbert Forbes and Brian Manco; a meeting with Director of DECR Wesley Clerveaux; a presentation with David Bowen, head of TCI Culture; and a kayak tour of the Leeward mangroves with environmentalists Marsha Pardee and Mark Parrish, during which they helped plant new mangrove trees.

In North and Middle Caicos, the team presented local elementary schools with prescription reading glasses for children identified as being in need, a part of the Rotary Club’s islands-wide eye testing program.

The group was also treated to great island cuisine at such notable spots as Da Conch Shack, the Tiki Hut, and Daniel’s Café in Middle Caicos, as well as several BBQs and in-home dining events hosted by Rotarians.

The team was led by Rich Turnbull, a Rotarian in District 6970 in northern Florida, who is also a land and water resources management consultant. He was joined by Jackie Hird, a professional photographer, and Kristee Booth, who works for the Florida Department of transportation overseeing scenic highway and bi-way projects.

The stop in Turks and Caicos was part of a month-long tour of the Caribbean, hosted by Rotary District 7020 (of which the Providenciales Club is a member). They will also visit the Bahamas and the District Conference in St. Thomas, before heading back to Florida.

Rotarian Val Kalliecharan served as project lead for the host club from Providenciales, while Wilbert Forbes, head of the North/Middle Caicos Rotary Community Corps, hosted there team on those islands.

“The GES is a great program that we have been involved with several times in the past, including sending our own team of your professionals in the medical field to India for month several years ago,” noted Club President Art Forbes. “This group was linked by their common interest in the environment so we were able to show them all the wonderful aspects of our beautiful by nature islands, and what we are doing to preserve them as a natural wonder that is also critical to our economy. We received a lot of help from the DECR and the Department of Culture as well as some private citizens and businesses that helped make this an educational and memorable experience for our visiting GSE members.”

The Rotary Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

In a typical four-week tour, applicants participate in five full days of vocational visits, 15 to 20 club presentations, 10 to 15 formal visits and social events, two to three days at the district conference, three to four hours per day of cultural and site tours, and three to four hours per day of free time with host families.

GSE TEAM HAITI

A team from Haiti travelled to D-6970 on April 16 for one month.

The team comprised Team Leader Rosa Leger, a medical lab technician; Garline Delerme-Denaud, a nurse midwife; Marie Vrigneau-Luxama, a nurse; Souvenise Decoste-Clerge, a nurse; and Berret Morose, a physician.

The team attended the District 7020 Conference and made a presentation on Friday, April 15.

Rosa is married to PAG Robert Leger, and they have three children, Rosanne, Robert and Regine. Garline is also married and has two children, Jose and Patrice. Marie, also married, has two children, Rikkama and Richarde. Souvenise, also married, has two children, Bony and Lise.
GSE Note from Rebecca Low – and the D-7020 GSE Team

June 3, 2011

Well...we have survived!

It has been the most incredible experience to have participated in the Rotary Foundation’s Group Study Exchange to District 1170 - Devon, England.

The team was comprised of Hospitality and Tourism professionals from Anguilla (Mae Webster), St Maarten (Valda Woodley-Hazel, Rosina Romeo) and St Martin (Sabrina Charles). This dynamic team rose to every challenge presented and managed to do so with an unparalleled enthusiasm and a sense of humour. They were excellent Ambassadors for our islands.

In our thirty-one days, we visited more than 48 towns and villages and took in more than 100 vocational and cultural visits. We also had the privilege to meet and be hosted by more than 18 different Rotary clubs where we made presentations and exchanged our clubs’ banners. This is Rotary in action and Rotary at its finest.

In looking at the map of Devon we surmise that we covered at least eighty percent of the territory and even managed to sneak across the ‘borders’ into Somerset for a cricket match and into Cornwall to experience the incredible Eden Project.

Vocationally, the program was intense, stimulating and diverse. Every possible area of the theme was covered.

On the hotel and restaurant side, the team spent time with a Michelin starred chef, restaurant and hotel management and owners, as well as those who taught hospitality at the local college.

With regards to tourism attractions, we heard many heartfelt stories from those who were on the verge of losing everything in the agriculture collapse of ten years ago. They decided to take a risk on tourism-based businesses and are now successful leaders in the industry.

Historical landmark attractions both inside and outside the National Trust scheme were observed. The team even went so far as to spend time at the Plymouth harbour, various steam train railways, the regional airport and the traffic control centre to better understand the movement of visitors into and out of the region.
Our Rotarian hosts were exceptional and each and every one of them became fully engaged in our cultural education….from the finest Devon cheeses and cream teas, to the games of cricket and skittles, to English pantomime and humour, of course, the English passions for hiking and gardening.

Over the course of the month, the team found itself inducted as new members of this Devonian Rotary family.

The last night was, as expected, one of mixed emotions. Such strong bonds had been formed with our hosts that a few tears were shed. The team presented an excellent compilation on “Our Experience of Devon” where they presented heartfelt and compelling accounts of the month.

Over the coming weeks the team plans on revisiting the host clubs in our area and sharing these experiences. It is a must to hear about them from the team themselves.

So we now look ahead and it is our turn to start planning for the reciprocal visit to District 7020. Devonian Rotarians have set the bar very high, but I know we are up for the challenge!

Until then, cheerio

Team Leader - Rebecca
ROTARY CLUB OF TORTOLA
Along with Portree and District Rotary Club of Scotland – Shared Interest

At left – Rotarian Director Stephen Cooper, Director Cate Stephenson, President Lorna Smith, President Jan Nicolson, and Director Laura Greces (Photo credit: Cate Stephenson)

President of Portree and District Rotary Club, Scotland, Mr. Jan Nicolson and his wife, Ettie Nicolson, presented the Rotary Club of Tortola President, Mrs. Lorna Smith, with a cheque for 1,000 £, which amounts to US $1,500.

President Lorna said, “The idea for raising money began after “Angus,” a member of the Rotary Club in Scotland, attended a meeting of the Rotary Club of Tortola, and took back information to his 16 club members about the Good Samaritan School, Isle A Vache, Haiti. The Rotary Club of Skye designed a fundraiser in support of the Good Samaritan School, Isle A Vache, Haiti, to support the Rotary Club of Tortola’s efforts.

According to President Lorna, “This is a perfect example of the camaraderie seen amongst Rotarians, near and far.” With more than 32,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas, Rotarians gain an understanding of humanitarian issues through International Exchange Programs and visiting different clubs.

President Nicolson and his wife were on the cruise ship “Azure” which visited Tortola.

EAST NASSAU AND GEORGIA PARTNERSHIP

…submitted by Susan Anderson

At left – East Nassau Club and International Director, Amol Pendharkar, with Dr. Bassett discuss this child’s test results. At right – Nassau screenings.

Caribbean Partnership Newsletter – June, 2011
A NEW ROTARY YEAR IS SET TO BEGIN...

...from www.rotary.org

...and with it a number of changes to the way clubs and districts do business.

The annual per capita dues that Rotary clubs pay to Rotary International will increase to US$50 in 2010-11, as established by the 2007 Council on Legislation. The 2010 Council approved a $1 increase for the three subsequent years, setting per capita dues at $51 for 2011-12, $52 for 2012-13, and $53 for 2013-14.

The 2010 Council, which met in April, took several other actions that will go into effect 1 July:
E-clubs will become a permanent part of Rotary International after years of participating in a pilot project. Districts will be allowed up to two e-clubs, which are defined as Rotary clubs that meet through electronic communications. Some of the pilot e-clubs have been meeting solely through online forums, while others have combined electronic with in-person meetings.

New Generations Service will join the other Avenues of Service -- Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service. Before starting a project, Rotarians are asked to think broadly about how their club and its members can contribute within each avenue.

Rotarians in North America will have the choice of receiving either an electronic or print version of *The Rotarian* magazine. Rotarians living at the same address may qualify for a joint subscription.

Here are some changes that will primarily affect Rotary districts:

- District assemblies must be held in March, April, or May, and presidents-elect training seminars in February or March.
- The chair of the nominating committee for district governor must notify the current governor of the committee’s candidate within 24 hours, and the governor must inform clubs within 72 hours.
- When a governor-elect position is vacant less than three months before the International Assembly, the successor will automatically fill the vacancy, if he or she is willing.
- If two or more governor election complaints are filed in a district in a five-year period and the Board believes that the RI Bylaws or election complaint procedures have been violated, it may disqualify the nominee, select a past governor to serve, and remove any governor, governor-elect, or past governor who is improperly influencing or interfering with the election process. The Board may dissolve any district and reassign its clubs to other districts if three or more election complaints are filed in a five-year period.

Here are some changes that will primarily affect Rotary clubs:

- No club may limit membership based on sexual orientation.
- Clubs must inform their district governor of a proposed change to the club name or locality at least 10 days before voting on the proposal.
- The immediate past club president will be considered a club officer and a member of the board.
- The RI Board may suspend or terminate the membership of any club that retains any member who has misused funds from The Rotary Foundation or who otherwise has breached the stewardship policies of the Foundation.
- Clubs accepting a transferring or former Rotarian must first secure a certificate from the former member’s club confirming that person’s membership. The former club is obligated to verify that the member does not owe any debts to the club. A prospective member cannot join a new club until all debts have been paid.

> **“Thinking of Rotary, I visualize a series of concentric circles which, starting with the smallest and going to the largest, I denominate as the community, national, and international influence. I see Rotary International as a generating force of incalculable value.”**

> Franklin D. Roosevelt (US President and Honorary Rotarian)
DRAFT

Rotary International
Caribbean Partnership Celebration 2011
Washington, DC Area (Reston, Virginia)

Zones 33 – 34
July 21 – 23, 2011
Sheraton Reston Hotel
(Preferred Airport -Washington Dulles - Airport Shuttle available)

Thursday, July 21, 2011 - 1st Gathering
(Dress: Business Casual)

12:00- 6:00pm  Conference Registration
Location: Hotel Lobby [Greeters/Sgts.-at-Arms in and around Lobby area - PP Woody Bentley, Sr
Chief Sgt.-at-Arms, RC Vienna, VA]

2:30 - 3:00pm  Musical Interlude
3:00 - 3:05  Welcome & Opening Remarks – James “JV” Vlass, Chair, Caribbean Partnership, Inc.
3:05 - 3:15  Pledge, Invocation & Musical Selection (Pres. Janet Brown, RC Rappahanock, VA (7610); PADG Harsh Ramchandani, RC Montego Bay, JA (7020); PP Carola McCormack, RC Falls Church, VA (7610))
3:15 - 3:25  General Overview of Agenda – James “JV” Vlass, Chair, Caribbean Partnership, Inc.
3:40 - 3:45  Introduction of Conference Chair Horace McCormack by J Vlass, Chair, Caribbean Partnership
3:45 - 3:55  Remarks & Introduction of District Governor (7610) – DG Jon Allan - Conference Chair
Horace G. McCormack
3:55 - 4:05  Remarks – DG Jon Allan, District 7610
4:05 - 4:10  Introduction of PRID Barry Rassin – Conference Chair, Horace McCormack
4:10 - 4:25  Remarks – PRID Barry Rassin
4:25 - 4:30  Introduction of Keynote Speaker – Conference Chair, Horace McCormack
4:30 - 5:20  Keynote Speaker – Mr. Knox Singleton, President/CEO - INOVA (Invited)

5:20 - 5:30  ANNOUNCEMENTS, CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT
Conference Chair, Horace McCormack

6:00 - 10:00  Dinner (On Your Own) [More info to follow]
9:30 - midnight  Hospitality Suite
Friday, July 22, 2011 - 2nd Gathering
(Dress: Business Casual)

7:00 - 8:00am  Breakfast (On your own)

8:00am - 6:00pm  Conference Registration/Hall of Friendship
Location: Hotel Lobby (Guests-at-Arms in and around Lobby area
Led by PP Woody Bentley, Sr. - Chief Sgt.-at-Arms, RC Vienna, VA)

7:30- 8:00am  Musical Interlude
8:00- 8:05 am  Remarks & Welcome – PDG "JV" Vlass
8:05 - 8:10 Pledge, Invocation, & Musical Selection (PP Bill Jarrett, RC Alexandria, VA (7610); PP Karen Pinder, RC Nassau-Sunrise (7020); PP Carlota McCormack, RC Falls Church, VA (7610))
8:10 - 8:20 Announcements – Conference Chair, Horace G. McCormack
8:20 - 8:45 CP, Inc. - What it is All About – PDG James "JV" Vlass
8:45 - 9:00 Snap Shots – Partnering Clubs (Reston, Falls Church, McLean, Rappahannock, Alexandria)
9:00 - 9:05 Introduction of RI Director John Smarge – PDG James "JV" Vlass
9:05 - 9:35 Keynote Speaker – RI Director, John Smarge
9:35 - 9:50 **** BREAK ****

PLENARY SESSIONS

10:45 - 11:05 Remarks – PRID Ken Morgan
11:10 - 11:30 Remarks – PRID Eric Adamson
11:30 - 11:45 **** BREAK ****

PLENARY SESSIONS

11:45 - 12:05 Energy Strategies for 21st Century - Dr. Samuel Lee Hancock, RC Washington, DC
12:05 - 12:20 STOP HUNGER NOW! – Ms. Lee Warren, Regional Coordinator, Stop Hunger Now Program

12:30 - 2:00pm  **** LUNCH ****

Luncheon Speaker: Rtn. Norman Proctor, Rotary Jaipur Limb Project

Afternoon events Continued next page
PLENARY SESSIONS

2:00 - 2:15 Partnering Experience – PDG Gene Windham and Rtn. Roger White (7020)
2:15 - 2:30 Partnering Experience – President Janet Brown (7610)
2:30 - 2:45 Sustaining Successful Partnerships – PDG Juan ‘Johnny’ Nieves (D7000) [Invited]
2:45 - 3:15 Disaster Assistance with the new RAG - Rtn. Leigh Readdy (D5030)

3:15 - 3:30 *** BREAK ***

3:30 - 3:35 Introduction of Rotary Foundation Speakers – PDG Rich Panyik
4:05 - 4:35 New Initiatives and Communications – PDGs “JV” Vlass & Horace McCormack
4:35 - 5:05 Club Partnering – PDGs “JV” Vlass & Horace McCormack

5:05 - 5:10pm ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT (50/50 Drawing)

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(Dress for the Evening’s Events is Casual or Caribbean Attire)

6:00 - 7:00pm Reception (Lobby outside Ball Room) & Rum Tasting (Hospitality Room)
7:00 - 10:00pm Caribbean Extravaganza – Dinner Speaker, PRID Barry Rassin (Haiti Video)
10:00 - midnight Hospitality Suite

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Saturday, July 23, 2011 - 3rd Gathering

(Dress: Business Casual)

7:00 - 8:00am Breakfast (On your own)

Hall of Friendship

Location: Hotel Lobby [Greeters/Sgts.-at-Arms in and around Lobby area]
Led by PP Woody Bentley, Sr. - Chief Sgt.-at-Arms, RC Vienna, VA

7:30 - 8:00am Musical Interlude
8:00 - 8:15 Welcome and Introductions – Conference Chair, Horace McCormack
Pledge, Invocation, (PP Marlene Dorfuelle, RC Hixson, VA (7010); Pres. Art Forbes, RC of Providenciales, Turks & Caicos (7020)
8:15 - 8:30 Overview and Purpose of meeting – CP Inc. Chairman, James “JV” Vlass
8:30 - 8:45 Business Session/General Discussion - The Way Forward – Strategic Planning
8:45 - 10:15 Update Reports - CP Officers:
   Chairman (9:00 - 9:15)
   Vice Chairman (9:15 - 9:30)
   Treasurer (9:30 - 9:45)
   Secretary (9:45 - 10:00)
   Satellite Phones, etc. (10:00 - 10:15)
Saturday events continued below -

10:15 - 10:30  Offices and Election process (2012-2014)
  • Chairman
  • Vice-Chairman
  • Secretary

10:30 - 11:30  Current Issues (Based on the above discussion)
  • Web site – PDG Don Chandler, Chief Communications Officer –CP, Inc.
  • Creating Partnerships – PDG James Vlass
  • Providing reports on the partnerships and projects – PP Bill Jarrett
  • Disaster Relief including SAT phones – PDG David Edwards
  • Haiti Task Force – DG Guy Theodore
  • Wrap up Discussion

11:30 am  ADJOURNMENT - CONFERENCE ENDS

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12:00 – 3:00 pm  Home Hospitality (Cookout) hosted by District CP Chair, Maggie Johnson, RC Reston
  Tour of Washington, D.C. (TBD)

Return home safely!

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SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Appendices A, B, and C follow -
APPENDIX – A

Rotary Districts in Florida and along the East coast -

Zone 33

- USA: D. C., Delaware, Maryland, North & South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia

Zone 34

- Caribbean: Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, British Virgin Isl., Cayman Isl., Dominica, Fr. West Indies, Fr. Guiana, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, Netherland Antilles, St. Kitts-Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos, Virgin Isl.; Guyana, Puerto Rico, Suriname, USA: Florida, Georgia
## APPENDIX B
### Governors of Zones 33/34 - 2010-11

Mailing list for Caribbean Partnership Newsletter at June, 2011  
*This list will be updated as I receive more information. I print it here for your information.*

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