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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.*

Outgoing Chair, jv Vlass – June message



*Outgoing CP Chair
jv Vlass*

Thank you, PRID Milt Jones!! for it was your idea of “Think Caribbean” that our Caribbean Partnership Inc. got its start.

Milt’s plan was for the Rotary Clubs of Rotary Zones 33 & 34’s USA Mainland to develop relationships that would lead to friendships and do Rotary’s work together. His goal at that time was to have 20 Clubs Twinned, as they were formally called, and the name has evolved to the current term of

Partnering that we use today. *Think Caribbean* was not a new idea; however, Milt put it into serious action with results that we see today.

I remember, as a DGE, speaking with Director Milt from the Atlanta airport, heading to D-7030’s District Conference, when he wished me the best in presenting the idea of Partnering to the incoming D-7030’s Presidents. My classmate, D-7030, DGE Victor Pilgrim, had invited me to present the Partnering idea, and have our Districts, my 6910 and his 7030, doing Rotary’s work together.

My presentation was well received, and over half of the Presidents-Elect were interested and wanted for our Districts’ clubs to do Rotary’s work together by partnering.

The fellowship was very typical Caribbean (simply the best). The hospitality with great food, great music, and location in the Islands, could not get any better. But what really made it work were that the relationships we established grew to friendships and the projects that followed.

Between D-7030 and D-6910, we had 70 Clubs Partnered. Director Milt’s dream had truly developed to be the basis of our Caribbean Partnership Inc. Today, seven years later, we have over 400 Clubs of Rotary Zones 33 & 34’s 29 Districts partnered

We have now evolved to the specific purpose for which our Corporation was organized, as stated in our articles of incorporation. The purpose is to provide opportunities for Rotarians in the US and throughout the countries of Caribbean and North Atlantic to become better educated as to our respective cultural similarities and differences, 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

With your continued support of our Caribbean Partnership Program, we will ensure awareness and the needed momentum to keep us growing.

The wonderful part about our Program is that it is without boundaries, we are 29 districts, not 33 or 34. Zones do not matter. Through the Caribbean Partnership Inc., we are one powerful Rotary influence.

I hope that this helps with some insight into our CP Program history, and look forward to seeing everyone soon at our Caribbean Partnership Celebration in Trinidad, July 27-28, 2012. It's only fitting that we will be back in D-7030 for our CP Celebration where we first lifted upward.

This is my last article for our CP Newsletter. Thank You Kitty Bucsko, our CP Newsletter editor, for your dedication and excellent work. My tenure as CP Partnering Chair and CP Chairman ends June 30, which is only fitting, my Birthday☺.

Thanks to all of you for the support you have given me and our CP since we began. I know you will continue to support our incoming CP Chair, D-7610 PDG Horace McCormack, and our incoming CP Partnering Chair, D-6910 PDG Gene Windham, to bring our CP Program to the next level.

We are so fortunate to have such a dynamic team taking these leadership positions. We are truly blessed.

In closing, I want to **thank all that have supported our Caribbean Partnership Inc.** that highlights the **International** part of who we are, **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**.

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INCOMING CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP (CP) CHAIR – PDG Horace McCormack

*Incoming Chair
Horace McCormack*



A welcome message from the Incoming Chair of the Caribbean Partnership

Dear CP Family,

The Caribbean Partnership Initiative has evolved into a well-established program in Zones 33 and 34. The program has accomplished a lot over the past 7 years and continues to show great potential for significant achievements in the future.

It has the ability to grow with the participation of ALL 29 Districts in our Zones and create more projects between approximately 1700 clubs.

These clubs are already enjoying some form of relationship between them, and from such relationships tend to yield great service projects or exchanges.

Though we have come a far way, there is much more to be done to continue the building process of this program. I am pleased and honored to have the opportunity to help lead this important program of Rotary International to greater heights!

Carlota and I are looking forward to being in touch with all members of this organization, and hope to provide service to you in effective and efficient ways to enhance the program. Over the coming year we will work hard to initiate some, and rejuvenate other relationships that may have gone a bit cold due to the turnover of leadership in the Clubs and Districts.

We will attempt to expand the program to even more Districts and Clubs that have not previously participated in the Caribbean Partnership program. We know that may be the case with the Districts that have been added to our Zones in recent years.

We will seek to get more activities going in District 7000, as we know that Puerto Rico has great potential to participate in partnerships and service projects. Our *intention* is to continuously increase the awareness of the organization and enhance our public image internationally.

Clearly, Rotarians in Zone 33-34 are aware of, and interested in, supporting the program, but it is important that it remains prominent in our minds and our conferences at all times. Within our region this program should be given utmost priority for service projects as we do have strong needs within the various Islands and Countries that make up the Caribbean. Our *priority* will be to promote the capabilities and support systems of Rotary International and the CP Program so Clubs and Districts can take full advantage of this initiative.

To this end, we are inviting all Rotarians and Friends of Rotary to attend the Caribbean Partnership Celebration which is being held in Zone 34 (District 7030 in particular), in Port of Spain, Trinidad, July 27-28, 2012. This event was held in Zone 33 last year.

The Conference promises to be very exciting with numerous presentations and displays of breakthrough projects and initiatives taking place in the region with emphasis being placed on the success of the Caribbean Partnership Program over the past year. We will have short presentations from various clubs that have had successful experiences in partnering on projects through the Caribbean Partnership Program. We will recognize a number of individuals who have participated in significant ways to help the Program enjoy its level of success.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Caribbean Partnership Program, I would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to our out-going Chairman James “jv” Vlass who served in multiple capacities in the leadership of the Caribbean Partnership Program since its inception.

- jv served for a number of years as the Partnering Chair, an office in which he had responsibility for partnering hundreds of clubs to work together in meaningful ways.
- jv has been unselfish with his time and talents and was always prompt in completing assignments in order to help partners get activated quickly.
- He and his supportive spouse Susan are to be commended for their hard and consistent work to develop and lead the Caribbean Partnership Program.
- As they step down from office, we wish them all the best in their future endeavors and hope they will continue to be supporters of the CP Program.

We would also like to express special thanks and appreciation for the out-going Vice Chair of Caribbean Partnership Program, PDG Rupert Ross who served this organization well over the past 2 years. In his capacity of Vice Chair, PDG Rupert assisted the Chair in his activities and led the promotions of CP internationally. We would like to commend him and his spouse Cheryl for their hard work and support of this organization throughout their tenure. We wish them well in their future endeavors and hope they will continue to be supporters of the CP Program.

I would like to welcome all incoming officers of the CP Executive Committee and look forward to working with them. They are:



- Vice Chair - PDG Errol Alberga of District 7020;



- Secretary – Kathleen ‘Kathy’ Brill of District 7570



- Partnering Chair - PDG Gene Windham of District 6910.

I look forward to working with all new and existing members of the Executive Committee, as we aim to achieve great things in the year ahead.

Remember, sky is the limit in what we can do with the Caribbean Partnership Program. Let's go mon! 😊

*Yours in Rotary service
Horace*



Caribbean Partnership Celebration 2012

*in the Heart of the Caribbean – Trinidad - July 27 – 28, 2012
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Port of Spain*

PDG and CP Chair-elect, Horace McCormack, is inviting Rotarians, family, and friends to take part in the Caribbean Partnership Celebration in Trinidad, West Indies, July 27-28, 2012. The event for Rotary Zones 33 and 34 will take place at the luxurious Hyatt Regency Resort, Port of Spain, Trinidad.

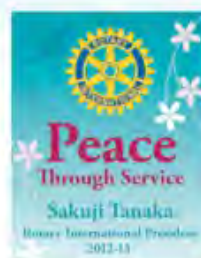
“Conference Chairman Ian Gillette and his hard-working organizing committee are well into the planning for an exciting event with interesting and dynamic speakers,,” said PDG Horace, who is chair-elect of the Caribbean Partnership.

“This is a great opportunity to meet directly with potential Club and District leaders who are seeking to create partnerships with other clubs in the Caribbean and the Mainland, USA.

“This is where we learn about the various opportunities that exist in the Caribbean/USA and how we can participate in this process of partnering to create long-term relationships to perform international development work through joint projects,,” he said.

All Clubs are encouraged to sponsor a member to attend the CPC. This could be the Club President, International Chair or any other member. This is important to the Clubs’ involvement in the partnership activities taking place between the USA and the Caribbean.

Visit Website - cpc2012.com - to register.



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP CELEBRATION 2012

Join us July 27-28, 2012 in Trinidad, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Port of Spain, for our 2012 Celebration.

Make your reservations now on the web at: cpc2012.com

10 Reasons To Attend CPC In Trinidad!

Trinidad is the home of the steel pan, the only non-electronic musical instrument invented in the 20th century.

CPC brings together Rotarians from across the Caribbean and USA, promoting partnership and friendship in real Rotary spirit.

Visit the Angostura factory to learn how they make the world famous Angostura Bitters.

Celebrate Rotary whilst dancing to vibrant Trinidad music like soca, calypso and chutney.

Enjoy the wonderful cuisine of Trinidad, the most varied and exciting in the Caribbean.

Learn how your Rotary club can make a real difference to the lives of Caribbean people, in water, health, literacy and other projects.

Ponder on the co-existence of a successful, highly industrialised petroleum-based economy and the relaxed island lifestyle of a warm and hospitable people.

Meeting Club and District leaders interested in Partnership with your club for International Service.

Trinidad is home to a diverse population with people of Indian, African, Syrian-Lebanese, Chinese and other ethnicities who live, work and worship together in harmony.

The new Hyatt Regency hotel where the conference is located, provides modern and comfortable rooms and meeting facilities, all overlooking the International Waterfront Complex.



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CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP CELEBRATION 2012



27th - 28th July 2012
Hyatt Regency, Port of Spain, Trinidad

Conference all day Friday.
Cocktails, Caribbean Live Entertainment
and Cuisine in the evening.
Home Hospitality till whenever.

Conference on Saturday till noon,
service project or local trips till 5.00pm.

Close Conference with Live Entertainment
and Grand Banquet Saturday night

Conference fee \$180.00 USD

www.cpc2012.com

Hosts: District 7030's 2011 DG Lara Quentrall-Thomas and DG 2012 Stephen Ramroop.

Conference Chair: Ian Gillette

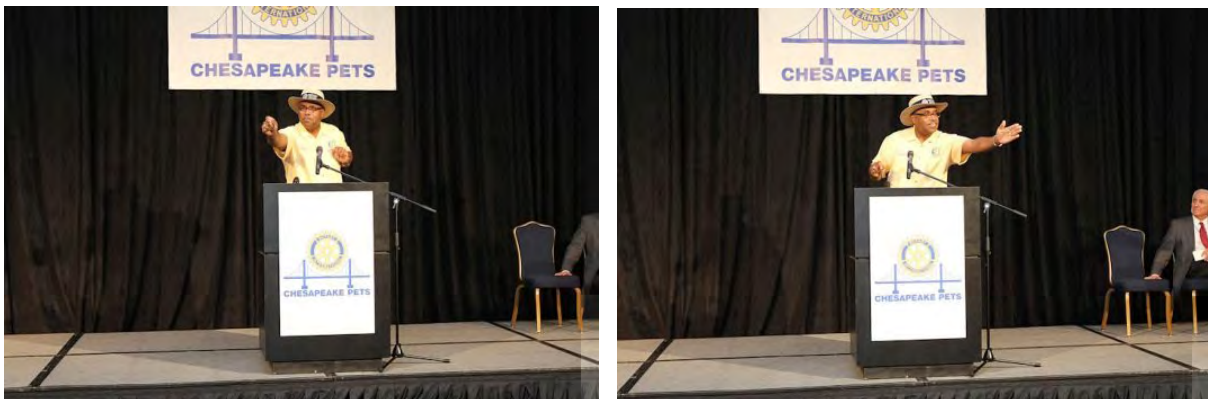
Our Caribbean Partnership continues to fulfill the specific purpose for which our Corporation was organized:

- to provide opportunities for Rotarians throughout our Zones 33 and 34 to become better educated as to our respective cultural similarities and differences
- to provide opportunities to develop relationships, share knowledge, ideas and interests that would result in partnered clubs and then lead to projects that fill a specific need in the area.

Incoming CP Chair Horace McCormack

The photos below show CP Chair-Elect Horace promoting CP to PEs and Rotary Leaders at Chesapeake Multi- district PETS! The audience included PRIP, RID, PDGS, over 400 attendees.

Date of the event was March 2 in Chantilly, Virginia.



Below: CP Incoming Chair, Horace McCormack, is flanked on his right by Jayaram Kumar, PDG for District 7620 and member of the Washington, DC Club; and on his left, Jim Gates, Past District Community Service Director, District 7610, and Member of the Reston Club



...from Cordel E.A. Josiah MBE, Past President ROTARY CLUB OF ANTIGUA



The Rotary International Zone 33-34 Caribbean Partnership Celebration is a great opportunity for Clubs in the Caribbean to form partnerships with Rotary Clubs in North America.

At left – William 'Bill' Jarrett, CP District Chairman for D7610 last year, Cordel Josiah, and jv Vlass

The specific purpose of this CP conference is (1) to provide 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.

(2) Further, to develop relationships, share knowledge, ideas, and interests that would result in Partnered Clubs which provide for worthy community needs, assisting individual in need with the basic necessities of life, advancing education and literacy, eliminating prejudice and discrimination, and as always, advancing peace through fellowships.

I have been very privileged to have attended several of these conferences, and have secured partnerships and joint projects with several Clubs in the United States to the benefit of the Rotary Club of Antigua and the Community of Antigua & Barbuda.

Last year in Reston, Virginia, the hospitality at the conference was very friendly and relaxing. The presentations on the projects conducted by North American Clubs in the Caribbean were done with sincerity and commitment.

I was also able to present a joint medical project that The Rotary Club of Antigua has with the Rotary Club of Alexandria, Virginia. It was at this conference that I also learned about the World Pediatric Project in Richmond, Virginia and its assistance to infants and young people.

I am now proud to say that we now have four infants with serious medical problems registered in this programme.

This conference brings Rotarians together from several Districts. What a wonderful opportunity for fellowship!

I sincerely recommend that all Rotarians in District 7030 attend this conference, especially since it is right here at home in the Caribbean in Trinidad, July 2012.

The organizers of the Caribbean Partnership Inc., namely Chairman PDG James "jv" Vlass and Conference Chairman PDG Horace Mc Cormack are to be commended for a job well done!

Rotary Club of Vienna, Virginia – District 7610 *A Club of Excellence, Having Fun and Committed to Service*

Caribbean Partnership



Woody Bentley introduced **PDG Horace McCormack**, current Vice Chair and incoming Chair of Rotary International's Caribbean Partnership, at a regular Rotary Club of Vienna meeting in early May. PDG Horace reported that he always enjoyed visiting the RCV, which he called "one of the best meetings, with the most energy."

[At this meeting, he even brought along a prospective Rotarian looking for a home club.]

PDG Horace reminded us of his long association with the RCV, for example, his years as ADG with responsibility for the RCV, and the fact that he first came to the United States from his native

Jamaica on the basis of an exchange visa issued in Kingston by then-Vice Consul David van Valkenburg.

Please join the Caribbean Partnership! PDG Horace thanked the RCV for its past and present sponsorship of projects in Haiti and Jamaica, and asked us to join in the Caribbean Partnership. Rotary International Zones 33 and 34 report to the same Director. Taken together, these zones stretch from Maryland to Suriname and include most of the Caribbean. [Puerto Rico has its own district, and the Dominican Republic is grouped with the Spanish-speaking countries of Central America.]

PDG Horace urged us to concentrate our charitable giving on Caribbean projects, an area of need that's close to home and in our time zone. The Caribbean Partnership has already completed 400 projects in key areas like clean water and education, and has 200 more awaiting sponsors.



“My Governorship [2009-2010] was transformed by the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. There is nowhere in the Western Hemisphere where the need is greater.”

The 2012 Caribbean Partnership Conference is in Trinidad!

For more information, including on the July 27-18, 2012 conference in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, go to www.CPC2012.com, where you can register!

A Short History of Trinidad and Tobago

When Trinidad was explored by Columbus in 1498, it was inhabited by the Arawaks; Carib Indians inhabited Tobago. Trinidad remained in Spanish possession, despite raids by other European nations, until it was ceded to Britain in 1802. Tobago passed between Britain and France several times, but it was ultimately given to Britain in 1814. Slavery was abolished in 1834. Between 1845 and 1917, thousands of indentured workers were brought from India to work on sugarcane plantations. In 1889 Trinidad and Tobago were made a single colony.

Partial self-government was instituted in 1925, and from 1958 to 1962 the nation was part of the West Indies Federation. On Aug. 31, 1962, it gained independence and on Aug. 1, 1976, Trinidad and Tobago became a republic, remaining within the Commonwealth. While the country is a stable democracy and enjoys the highest living standards in the Caribbean thanks to oil revenue, tension between East Indians and blacks has underlined much of political life. In 1970 the tension was the underlying cause of riots, protests, and an army mutiny for the end of foreign influence over the economy. These events prompted a state of emergency which lasted for two years.

Eric Williams, “Father of the Nation” and leader of the People’s National Movement (PNM), which is largely supported by blacks, governed from 1956 until his death in 1981. In Dec. 1986 the multiracial National Alliance for Reconstruction (NAR), based in Tobago, won a parliamentary majority, promising to sell most state-owned companies, reorganize the civil service, and reduce dependence on oil.

In 1990, to protest the NAR government, some 100 radical black Muslims blew up the police station in an attempted coup, in which the prime minister and other officials were held hostage for six days. The NAR was defeated in 1991, and the PNM returned to power. In 1995, the East Indian-based party, the United National Congress (UNC), led by Basdeo Panday, formed a coalition government with the NAR. In 2000, Panday narrowly won another term.

In Dec. 2001 elections, the governing UNC Party and the PNM Party gained 18 seats each. The two parties agreed to allow President Robinson to select the prime minister to end the impasse. But when Robinson chose Patrick Manning of the PNM because of his “moral and spiritual values,” the opposition angrily called for new elections. In the Oct. 2002 elections, Manning’s party declared victory. Maxwell Richards, a university dean, was selected president by parliament in 2003.

In April 2006, former prime minister Panday was sentenced to two years in prison for committing fraud in public office. Richards, running unopposed, was re-elected in February 2008.

<source> <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108046.html>

Successful CP Projects

Stories of interest at June, 2012

from <http://shelterboxusa.org>



SHELTER BOXES TO PERU

ShelterBoxes en route to Peru for mudslide survivors



At left - Home and truck buried by a mudslide in the Cuzco region.

224 ShelterBoxes were being sent to Peru to bring shelter, warmth and dignity to families who have been made homeless by recent mudslides.

A ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) has found a need for emergency shelter in the mountainous area of Cuzco in southeastern Peru. Much of the region had been evacuated, but many people remain in the more isolated areas.

US-based SRT members John Cordell and Gary Boe travelled to Abancay, a city in Apurimac District, where a landslide occurred on March 18.

"We arrived in Abancay to find around 150 families homeless after heavy rains on Sunday caused the hillside to let go, which produced a mudslide that buried their homes," said Boe. "Our priority is to get emergency shelter to them as soon as possible."

At right - US-based SRT member Gary Boe speaking with mudslide victims.

There were reports of similar problems in a town called Chocepuquio in Chincheros District, in the same region where 60 homes have been destroyed. Several more homes had also been damaged in the area surrounding the capital of Lima.

The SRT is coordinating a response with the national disaster management office, the National Institute of Civil Defense (INDECI), and other officials of the regional area while the ShelterBoxes are being transported to the South American country.

Heavy rains have caused rivers to burst during Peru's rainy season over the past few months, flooding fields of crops and producing landslides that have damaged hundreds of homes.



Rotary International (RI) Announcement

ShelterBox and Rotary International signed a Project Partnership agreement recently, giving the two organizations mutual support in helping victims of natural disasters obtain temporary shelter. More information regarding the partnership will be available in the coming weeks.



At left - RI's John Hewko and ShelterBox Founder, Tom Henderson.

WATER PROJECT IN HAITI

Submitted by Robert Leger, Les Cayes

Rotarian, Stefano Scotti, is a member of the Rotary Club of Les Cayes, Haiti, and Stefano is working on the Matching Grant Project 75763 – Project Aquaplus.

Stefano is originally an engineer from Italy. He is a very good resource for this project. He was explaining that they could dig under the bed of the river to put the PVC line during the dry season before the rainy time would start.

Here are some photos of this Haitian Water Project:







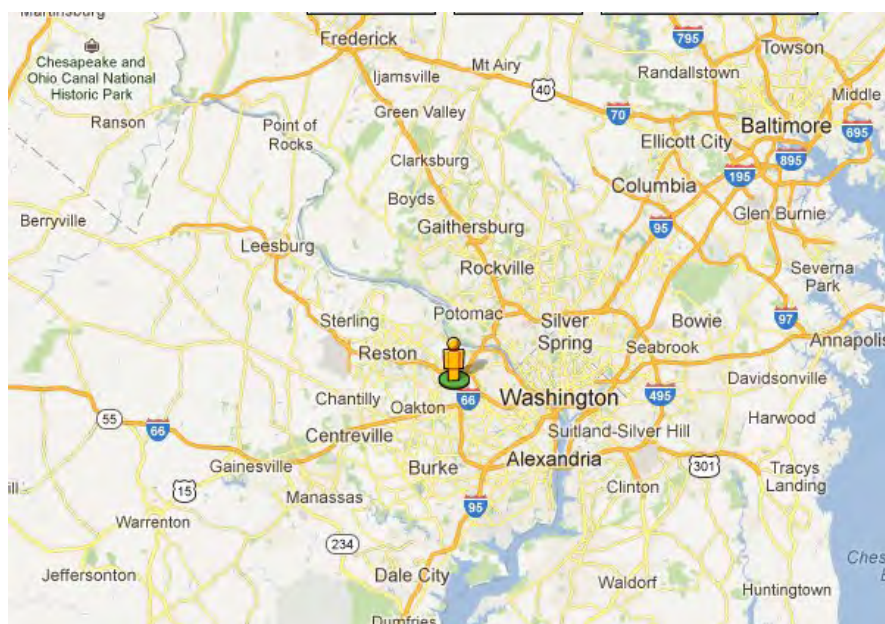
ROTARY CLUB OF TYSONS CORNER, Virginia and WeCareToShare, Chantal, Inc.

The Rotary Club of Tysons Corner, Virginia, recently welcomed a special guest speaker – Dr. Sarah A. John of WeCareToShare, Chantal.

Dr. Sarah John is the lead physician for WeCareToShare, Chantal, Inc., a nonprofit medical relief team that provides medical care for the mountain villages of Chantal and Canon in Haiti. Recently, WeCareToShare made its sixth trip since the 2010 earthquake and treated about 1,000 patients per day.

Chantal is a remote agricultural village 300 miles southwest of Port-au-Prince with no permanent doctors or clinics. WeCareToShare workers are all volunteers who pay their own way and treat patients free of charge. The group hopes to build a permanent clinic in Chantal at a cost of \$300,000, with help from Rotary.

Dr. John was born in Chicago, attended Brandeis University and New York Medical School, and works for Urgent Care in Mount Vernon.



At left - As you can see in the map at the left, Tysons Corner is quite centrally located in Virginia, near Washington and Reston.

Rotary Club of Vienna, Virginia, is nearby – see map on Page 17 of this newsletter.

Some information about WeCareToShare, Chantal

from <http://chantalhaitimission.wordpress.com/>

Our last Haiti Medical Mission trip is now completed and was conducted Sunday, April 15 through Sunday, April 22 2012.

- Our team consisted of 26 members working in the specialties of dentistry, gynecology, pediatrics, and adult medicine.
- We had a fully functioning pharmacy in 2 locations staffed by a licensed pharmacist.
- We spent 4 days in Chantal and divided the team in half so 2 days could be spent in Canon Haiti.
- Each day we saw approximately 400-600 patients.

We were supported by 22 staff members, including 5 laboratory technicians, interpreters, security guards, cooks and drivers. Fr. Yves Francois coordinated the many support services including transportation, lodging, and food for all of us and we are indebted to him.

We are also grateful to the sisters who kept us nourished physically and spiritually with their quiet and joyful presence.

Currently dates for the next trip are not set, but we are hoping one can be conducted in the Spring of 2013. Keep posted to the blog or subscribe to it to be keep up with the latest details.

Requirements for acceptance into the team include the following:

1. Paying all transportation costs associated with flights to/from Port Au Prince (PAP) and from PAP to Les Cayes if that option is taken.
2. A \$500 minimum donation to cover the costs of all ground transportation, all meals, lodging, payment of interpreters and provision of medications and supplies for clinic days.

This donation will be due prior to the start of the trip and is tax deductible. Checks must be made out to “Knights of Columbus Share Program” with notation “Mission to Haiti” in the memo field. See the Donation tab for address information. (This sum of money can be raised through donations you acquire from others. Each person who donates will receive a letter verifying the tax-deductible donation.) Additional fund-raising efforts are also highly encouraged to optimize the support we can provide in terms of medications and feeding the waiting patients.

3. A completed trip application submitted to Juliet Geiger at julietgeiger@aol.com
4. Any costs associated with personal trip preparations (immunizations, passports, personal belongings...)

Where is Chantal and why do we go there?

Chantal is approximately 250 miles southwest of Port Au Prince - a very rural community which has subsistence farming and rice agriculture.

It is normally a small community of approximately 1500 people, but now has almost doubled with refugees from Port Au Prince because of the earthquake. The surrounding mountain villages and seaside villages result in additionally many hundreds of more folks coming to the clinic, often walking 4 -5 hours to be seen.

There is no doctor or dentist or pharmacy within hours of Chantal by vehicle. Two nursing sisters at the local Church run a small dispensary and are providing us with a site.

Currently there are more than 2 million Haitians who are displaced since the earthquake and the recent hurricane. Many are relocating to more rural areas. The government there is asking NGO's to focus on these areas because they remain underserved.



Haiti map showing Chantal

Rotary Club of Vienna, District 7610 Helps Jamaican Hospitals

Submitted by: Patricia Velkoff, Member Vienna Rotary Club
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“Committed to Service” is part of the motto of The Rotary Club of Vienna, Virginia. Their volunteer work and monetary support of over 50 local charities annually has been an inspiration to the Vienna community for many years. It is not surprising, then, that when the Club heard about an urgent need nearby, they reached out to help.



Not long before, at the Kingston Public Hospital in Jamaica, Past Assistant District Governor Bobby Young (pictured at left) had reviewed clinic records and he recognized that a problem was emerging. Requests for prostate cancer screenings were increasing over time, but the two hospitals responsible for screenings, Kingston Public Hospital and Mandeville Regional Hospital, had no dedicated equipment to meet the growing need.



Map of the Caribbean, showing Jamaica

As the second most frequently diagnosed cancer among men, prostate cancer is treatable. Early detection, though, is essential.

As a Rotarian, PADG Young knew that the international community of Rotarians would rally to help once the need was known. He mobilized his Rotary Club, St. Andrew North, and reached out to mainland Clubs through PDG Horace McCormack, incoming Chair of the Caribbean Partnership Program.



Map of Jamaica, showing Kingston

The Caribbean Partnership helps to facilitate projects between Rotary Clubs in the Eastern and Southeastern United States and Rotary Clubs in the Caribbean. Through the relationships he had developed over the years, PDG McCormack was able to connect the Rotary Clubs of St. Andrew North and Vienna. Together, they pooled their resources, requested additional funding from Districts 7020 and 7610, and finally requested additional funding from Rotary International.

With a “thumbs up” from Rotary International through a Matching Grant Awarded in early May, the Rotary Clubs of Vienna and St. Andrew North are ready to roll. As a result of their efforts, ultrasound machines, biopsy guns, and other supplies will soon be on their way to the two Jamaican hospitals. Congratulations go to the Rotary Club of St. Andrew

North, to the Rotary Club of Vienna, and to the Caribbean Partnership for supporting early detection and treatment of prostate cancer in Jamaica.

Do you have signs of prostate cancer?

With no early warning signs, prostate cancer is often diagnosed after it has advanced and is difficult to treat. .

These symptoms may not be signs of cancer, but they need to be discussed with your doctor:

- **A frequent need to urinate, especially at night**
- **Difficulty starting or stopping a stream of urine**
- **A weak or interrupted urinary stream**
- **Leaking of urine when laughing or coughing**
- **Inability to urinate standing up**
- **A painful or burning sensation during urination or ejaculation**
- **Blood in urine or semen**

Call your doctor if you have any of the following:

- **Urination that is difficult, painful or otherwise abnormal**
- **Chronic pain in your lower back, pelvis, upper thighbones, or other bones**
- **Unexplained weight loss**
- **Swelling in your legs**
- **Weakness in your legs and/or difficulty walking, especially if accompanied by constipation**

**This list of warning signs from WebMD is provided as a courtesy by:
The Rotary Club of Vienna.**



Vienna, Virginia, U.S.A.

The map at left shows the location of Vienna, Virginia.

According to Wikipedia, in 2010, Vienna had a population just under 16,000.



Another successful partnership under the
RI Caribbean Partnership Program
 (www.caribbeanpartnership.org)



We are building much-needed roofs & latrines!

“Before” pictures of roof projects

“Before” pictures of latrine projects



Networking through the Caribbean Partnership - A Success Story

By Patricia Velkoff, Ph.D.

Major Grants Chair & incoming International Chair (Rotary Club of Vienna, Virginia)

If “chance favors the prepared mind,” then **PDG Horace McCormack**, incoming Chair of the Caribbean Partnership, must have a mind that is especially primed to make connections on behalf of families all over the Caribbean.

At a recent conference in the Bahamas, PDG Horace made the chance acquaintance of **Jennifer Torres**, Program Manager of Children’s Place International in Evanston, Illinois. Children’s Place International provides comprehensive services to families affected by HIV/AIDS in Chicago, Africa, & Haiti.

Immediately recognizing a worthy cause, **PDG McCormack** talked with **Ms. Torres** about two emergency needs – two roofs and two latrines – that were long-overdue for HIV/AIDS affected families in Haiti. He set to work with his contacts in District 7610 and in the Caribbean Partnership.

Before long, he received a favorable response from **Patricia Velkoff**, Major Grants Chair of the Rotary Club of Vienna, Virginia. Her Club was interested in both the Children’s Place project and in the potential of developing other projects through the Caribbean Partnership.

PDG McCormack set to work, and before long, a flurry of contacts connected **Roland Saint-Cyr** with **Dr. Velkoff & Dr. Jean-Rony Boulin**, International Service Chair of the Rotary Club of Cap-Haitien, Haiti. An additional burst of activity started when **President Janet Brown** of the Rappahannock-Fredericksburg Club heard about the project. She was able to mobilize additional support from the **Rotary Clubs of Rappahannock-Fredericksburg, Fredericksburg, Stafford, North Stafford Co.-Garrisonville**. **AG Dave Varrelman** also contributed, and **Phil Lustig**, Treasurer of CP, assisted with advice and logistical help.

Those contacts, along with the encouragement and shepherding from **PDG McCormack**, paid off. With excellent coordination, a Rotary contribution of \$3,500 will soon support this sanitation project in Haiti.

A great benefit of developing projects in the Caribbean is the availability of the established support network of the Caribbean Partnership. CP provides a network of people who can help Clubs foster cultural exchanges, develop relationships, and share their knowledge, ideas, and interests. Mainland Clubs and the 25 countries of Zones 33 and 34 can look to the Caribbean Partnership for help in pairing projects and sponsors, advice on developing Twin Club relationships, and overall expertise and experience in the region.

The Caribbean Partnership created a dream come true for families involved with The Children's Place. Beyond the support for sanitation, though, new relationships have been established, and The Rotary Club of Vienna has a new path toward partnership on future projects.

Project co-sponsored by:

The Rotary Club of Vienna, District 7610, Virginia
Cap-Haitien Rotary Club, District 7020, Haiti
The Children's Place, Evanston, Illinois

in partnership with the Rotary Clubs of:


Rappahannock, Fredericksburg,
Stafford, North Stafford Co.-Garrisonville

and these individuals:

Janet Brown (Rappahannock Club)
AG Dave Varrelman (No. Stafford Co.-Garrisonville)

Stay tuned! Building begins soon!



Caribbean Partnership is now on Facebook. Have a look! In fact, why not choose to  our Facebook page?



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

ROTARY CLUBS REACH OUT TO LESS FORTUNATE CHILDREN

Another partnering success story!

For eight years now, Rotarian Regina Edwards from the Rotary Club of Carrollton Farmers Branch, Texas, has partnered with Bhagwan Chuganey of the Rotary Club of Montego Bay, Jamaica, to benefit the less fortunate in western Jamaica. Thousands of US dollars' worth of funding and donated items were given out over the years, and this year, Regina came with her family to share in the joy of Rotary's motto "Service Above Self."

On May 7 and 8, the Edwards family – Regina and Ken, along with sons Austin (10) and Luke (8) – joined up with members of the Rotary Club of Montego Bay, led by International Service Director Bhagwan Chuganey, to deliver supplies and a monetary donation to two well-known children's homes in western Jamaica – Blessed Assurance and West Haven, in Copse, Hanover.

Gloria Viera, founding President of West Haven Children's Home, was on hand to receive the gifts and was most grateful for the work of both Rotary Clubs.

Below - Rotarians Dominica Pradere, Alfred Pierre, Bhagwan Chuganey and Kay Rueben surrounded by children at Blessed Assurance Children's Home.



Below left - Visiting Rotarian, Regina Edwards receives a warm hug from one of the children at Blessed Assurance Children's Home.
Below right - This resident (seated) of the West Haven Children's Home, Lethe, Hanover, sharing his meal.






Above – Ken Edwards, Bhagwan Chuganey (International Service Director), Regina Edwards, Gloria Viera (Founding Piresident of West Haven Children’s Home), Roxanne Smith (Rotary Club of Montego Bay, President-elect, Ben Buls, Rotarian Michelle Daswani – Assistant District Governor, Dominica Pradere (Rotary Club of Lucea)

FROM THE JAMAICA GLEANER

Another Success Story – March 2012

Rotary Club On Medical Mission

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A MEDICAL mission comprising three doctors and four nurses from the Harbour Heights Peace River Rotary Club in Florida, United States of America, is currently on the island to provide free medical services to residents in sections of Kingston and Morant Bay.

The medical mission is being hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Kingston and Morant Bay and will hold clinics for hundreds of individuals over a two-day period.

The medical team will see patients at the St Pius X Catholic Church Clinic at 10 Olympic Way, Olympic Gardens in Kingston, today from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and tomorrow they will see patients at the Paul Bogle High School, in Morant Bay, St Thomas, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free of charge

The team is providing medical consultation, treatment and medications free of charge to patients of all ages.

The Rotary Club of Kingston is the oldest Rotary Club in Jamaica, established in June 1959, and is one of three sponsoring clubs of the Rotary Club of Morant Bay which was chartered in October 2011.

2 VIDEOS

You won't want to miss these! Click the links below:

Milestones of Rotary – a video of 7 1/2 minutes

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJiy13FR5mw>

*First Organization at Florida State University
to start a medical mission program to Jamaica*

A video made by MarcheLe Tucker

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1spsUBzYopk&context=C3e73addADOEgsToPDskJwbh2-_f9z065bVh6NGPp6

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REMINDER

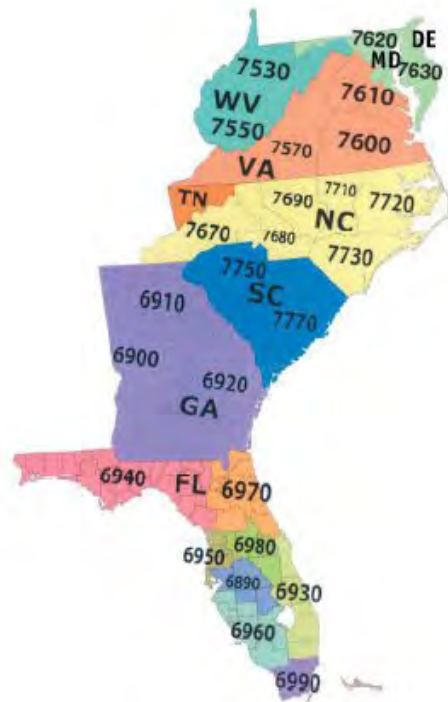
All Clubs are encouraged to sponsor a member to attend the CPC in Trinidad.

This could be the Club President, International Chair, or any other member.

This is important to the Clubs' involvement in the partnership activities taking place between the USA and the Caribbean.

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

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

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APPENDIX C

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)

From Wikipedia –

City of Port of Spain



Downtown Port of Spain near the Hyatt Hotel

Port of Spain, also written as **Port-of-Spain**, is the capital of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and the country's third-largest municipality, after San Fernando and Chaguamas. The city has a municipal population of 49,031 (2000 census), a metropolitan population of 128,026 (1990 unofficial estimate) and a transient daily population of 250,000.

It is located on the Gulf of Paria, on the northwest coast of the island of Trinidad and is part of a larger conurbation stretching from Chaguaramas in the west to Arima in the east with an estimated population of 600,000.

Port of Spain is Trinidad and Tobago's most developed city.

The city serves primarily as a retail and administrative centre and it has been the capital of the island since 1757. It is also an important financial services centre for the Caribbean and is home to two of the largest banks in the region.

The city is also home to the largest container port on the island and is one of several shipping hubs of the Caribbean, exporting both agricultural products and manufactured goods. Bauxite from the Guianas and iron ore from Venezuela are trans-shipped via facilities at Chaguaramas, about five miles (8 km) west of the city. The pre-lenten Carnival is the city's main annual cultural festival and tourist attraction.

Today, Port of Spain is emerging as a leading city in the Caribbean region. Trinidad hosted the Fifth Summit of the Americas in 2009 whose guests included US President Barack Obama and US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Port of Spain also hosted the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in 2009 and hosted a Commonwealth Business Forum in 2011.

It will host the 2012 CP Celebration in July - the 27th and 28th.

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