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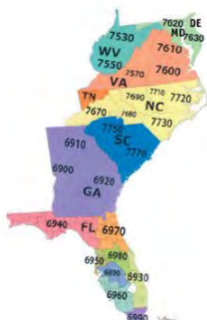


# Caribbean Wave

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## DISTRICTS 33 & 34 CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP



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

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

**Rotary Zones 33-34**

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*“Rotary must not content itself with being anything less than a movement affecting the lives of all men and women; its requirements are so simple, its doctrines so universally acceptable that its sponsors are not visionary in thinking of Rotary as an all pervading influence.”*

-- Paul P Harris, [The Founder of Rotary](#)” 1928

# 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.*

## *March 2014 message from the Chair of the Caribbean Partnership*



*CP Chair  
Horace McCormack*

*Dear Fellow Rotarians and Family of Rotary,*

Our Caribbean Partnership Program continues to make great strides in encouraging partnerships between Clubs and Districts on the mainland USA and all across the Caribbean. We remain active in Haiti where a large number of projects are underway and numerous are being planned for implementation.

I am aware of several clubs in the USA that are interested in locating Rotary Clubs in Haiti that they would like to partner with to build relationships that may lead to service projects to help various humanitarian needs.

We encourage these clubs to contact the Haitian Task Force which is chaired by PAG Claude Surena based in Haiti, PRID Barry Rassin based in Nassau, Bahamas, along with the other distinguished Rotarians who dedicate their time and talent to coordinate projects and financial resources in support of these projects.

We encourage each Club and District in Zones 33-34 to appoint a Caribbean Partnership Chairperson who will lead the charge in creating partnerships and building long lasting relationships among us. Hundreds of clubs are already enjoying great relationships and performing significant international projects with great success. You can establish a partnership with another club by logging on to [www.caribbeanpartnership.org](http://www.caribbeanpartnership.org) and completing the required form for your club and asking your targeted partner club to do the same. For more information, please contact PDG Gene Windham the Chair for Partnership in our organization.

In February, we had the great opportunity of participating in a special event at the Organization of American States (OAS) in Washington, DC at which our President of Rotary International, Ron Burton, was the main speaker. I had the pleasure of meeting and interacting with President Burton and sharing thoughts about the Caribbean Partnership Program. He was delighted to learn of some of the wonderful things we are doing to support the mission of Rotary International in Zones 33-34. Also in attendance was RIVP Anne Matthews along with numerous other Rotary Leaders in and around the region. The President's message focused on the involvement of young Rotarians to include Interact and Rotaract members who support Rotary. He encouraged us all to continue our support of the young people in Rotary and do what we can to assist them in their endeavors which could be furthering their education or otherwise. As a result of that meeting I was introduced to the OAS' Rowe Scholarship Fund program which is overseen by the Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda, Deborah-Mae Lovell, who is encouraging countries of the Caribbean to apply for scholarship funds by visiting [www.oas.org/rowefund](http://www.oas.org/rowefund). This fund affords applicants with scholarship money of up to US\$15,000 per year to pursue BS and MS Degrees in Universities across the United States.

Our annual Caribbean Partnership Celebration (CPC2014) will take place this year in Puerto Rico, August 8-10, 2014. More information will be forthcoming on this exciting and traditionally enjoyable event. Our CPC Host Committee in Puerto Rico is

already busy planning for the event and will be publishing more information in the coming weeks. Please mark this date on your calendars and plan to join us there in sunny Puerto Rico!

Please continue to support the Caribbean Partnership Program in all ways you can to get our Clubs from District 7630 all the way through to Districts 7000, 7020 and 7030 in the Caribbean working closely together and serving mankind. Happy Spring!

One love!

*Yours in Rotary Service,  
Horace G. McCormack, PDG  
Chairman, Caribbean Partnership Program  
Zones 33-34 - Rotary International*

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***In the photo right*** - CP Chairman, PDG Horace McCormack meeting with RI President Ron Burton and DG Juanita Cawley (D7610) at the Organization of American States (OAS) in Washington, DC January 30, 2014.



*The RI President was the main speaker before a large audience at the OAS to share information with a wide cross-section of professionals and college students about the mission and values of Rotary International. He placed special emphasis on the Youth in the World and how Rotary is working with them through various programs to include Early Act, Interact, and Rotaract to have an influence in their lives.*

*He spoke of the various humanitarian programs Rotary leads in its six (6) Areas of Focus and the support provided by The Rotary Foundation and all the programs of Rotary.*

*The Caribbean Partnership Program is one of those programs that serve Young people in the Community and through the Clubs we provide Scholarships,*

*Exchanges and other support systems to educate our young people to have an impact in the lives of people globally.*

*Caribbean Partnership Newsletter, March 2014*

# World Affairs Seminar 2014

## World Health Issues & Responsibilities

June 21-27, 2014

Carroll University • Waukesha, Wisconsin

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

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

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

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

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**Horace McCormack**

Congrats PDG David Edwards!



### **Photos from Jeremy Hurst's post in Rotary District 7020**

RIVP Anne L. Matthews along with D.K. Lee, Chair of the Trustees for The Rotary Foundation have approved the addition to the Zone 34 Foundation Team with an Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator to represent Rotary Districts 7000, 7020, and 7030 in the Caribbean Islands. PDG David C. Edwards located in District 7030 and an active member of the Rotary Club of Barbados has been nominated by Chair, D.K. Lee to begin serving immediately for the balance of the 2013-2014 Rotary year. PDG Edwards will follow the remaining six months of the 2013-2014 Rotary year and continue serving the three Caribbean Rotary Districts beginning in July for the 2014-2015 Rotary year. Congratulations PDG David, District 7020 looks forward to working with you! — with David Edwards.

By: Jeremy Hurst

# WHY CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP?

## Our Purpose

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

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

### Finding a Partner:

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

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

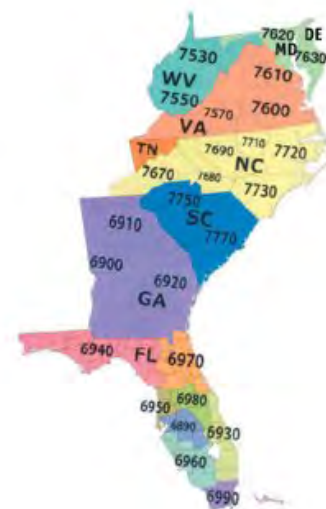
Forms available on the *Caribbean Partnership website include:*

Caribbean Club Agreement Form  
U.S. Club Agreement Form

## VISIT THE CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP WEBSITE



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



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

**USA:** Florida, Georgia

## POLIO UPDATE

The data table below is as of 19 February 2014

- In Pakistan, six new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) and two new circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) cases are reported, all from the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). Five of the cases are from North Waziristan and Peshawar, largely considered the 'engine' for polio transmission in the country. See 'Pakistan' section below for further information.

### Wild Poliovirus (WPV) cases

Total cases	Year-to-date 2014	Year-to-date 2013	Total in 2013
Globally	18	2	403
- in endemic countries	18	2	160
- in non-endemic countries	0	0	243



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

## CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP CELEBRATION 2014

### PUERTO RICO – DISTRICT 7000



As Chairman-elect for the Caribbean Partnership, I am delighted to announce to you that we have had preliminary agreement for D7000 to host the Caribbean Partnership celebration event in 2014 over the weekend of August 8-10, 2014.

Rotary District 7000 comprises Puerto Rico.

Although we are in the preliminary stages of planning, I am requesting of you early to please reserve a slot on your respective Conference agendas for the promotion of Caribbean Partnerships in general and also the planned

event in Puerto Rico.

We hope to enlist the support of all Districts.

Best Regards

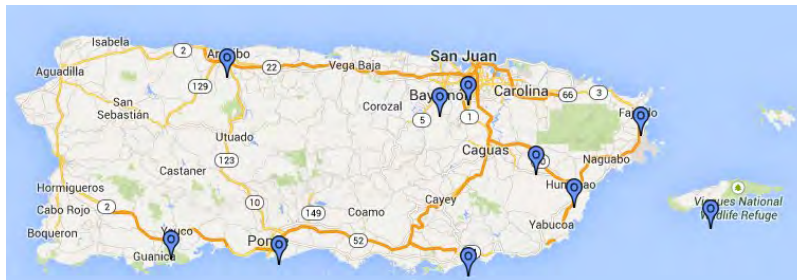
Vance Lewis – PDG D7020

Chairman-Elect Caribbean Partnerships



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**August 8 – 10, 2014**



*Rotary Clubs of Puerto Rico*





## UPDATE - STORM DAMAGE IN ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES (D7030)

...from [http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/SVG\\_Rapid\\_DaLA\\_Report.pdf](http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/SVG_Rapid_DaLA_Report.pdf)

**Eastern Caribbean** - Recent severe rainstorms have caused significant damage to communities in St. Lucia and St. Vincent in D7030 in our zone family. Our Caribbean Partnership is working with leaders in D7030 on how Rotarians can help with relief efforts. If you wish to support relief efforts in St. Lucia and St. Vincent, please contact Horace McCormack, Chair of Caribbean Partnership program, at [hmcormack@hgmteam.com](mailto:hmcormack@hgmteam.com).

December, 2013



On 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 a tropical trough system produced heavy rains in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG), which resulted in intense flooding across the island. The ensuing rapid and intense flash flooding resulted in widespread damage to road infrastructure, electricity and water infrastructure, housing as well as public and private buildings. On December 26, 2013, the Government of SVG (GoSVG) declared a National Level 2 Disaster in accordance with the National Emergency and Disaster Management Act, 2006. This declaration was considered of national proportions, but specifically declared the following disaster areas to be: 1) Vermont Valley to Buccament Bay; 2) Rose Bank and Dark View on the Leeward Side, 3) Chateaubelair, 4) Fitz-Hughes, 5) Richmond Vale, 6) Spring Village, 7) Gordon Village, 8) Cumberland, 9) Troumaca, 10) South Rivers, 11) O'Briens Valley, Georgetown, and 12) Spring Village, Georgetown.

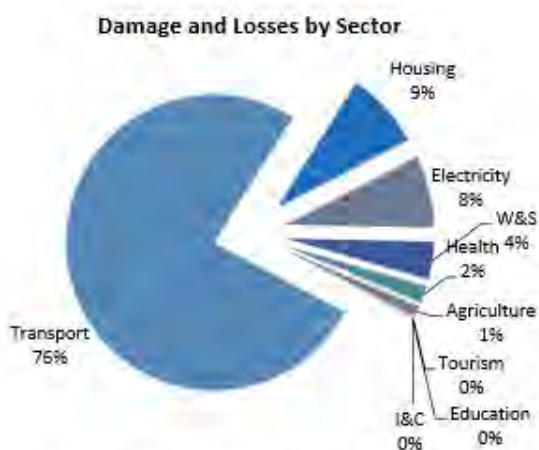


FIGURE 1: RATIO OF DAMAGE AND LOSSES BY SECTOR

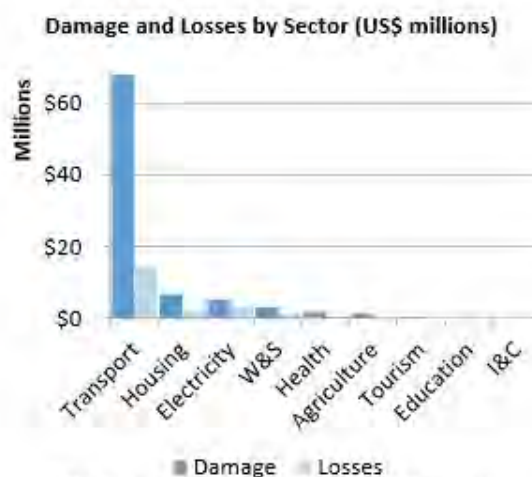


FIGURE 2: DAMAGE AND LOSSES BY SECTOR (US\$ MILLIONS)

Extraordinarily heavy rains experienced in Saint Vincent Island on the evening of December 24, 2013 provoked rapid and intense flash flooding that directly affected over 50% of the population. Flood damages and landslides resulted in significant damage to infrastructure - particularly in the water, electricity and transport sector. Numerous private homes were lost and 9 persons are confirmed to have lost their lives with 3 person still missing. As a result of the event, 225 persons were evacuated to national disaster shelters and schools were closed for an extra week of Christmas vacation while emergency stabilization operations continued.

Particularly critical was the damage experienced in the transport, electricity, and water sectors. Floods destroyed bridges and undermined roadways, two hydropower-generating facilities were disabled, and water services were cut to more than 50% of the population due to losses of transmission pipes throughout the country.

Initial emergency response operations have restored most transport communication and water services through a patchwork of emergency interventions and most landslips have been cleared from affected roadways. However, the two hydropower plants remain offline and are not expected to be restored for several months. These plants represent 12% of the national generating capacity.

**Demographic.** Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) is an archipelagic state in the Eastern Caribbean, comprising the main island, Saint Vincent, and a chain of 32 islands and cays. The total area of the country is 390 sq. km of which the main island is 344 sq. km. SVG is a small island developing state (SIDS) with an estimated population of 109,373 and a GDP per capita of US\$6,515 in 2012<sup>1</sup>. The country's population is split evenly with 50% female and 50% male. According to the last completed census (2010), 30% of the population lives below the national poverty line. Over the past two decades, the population has migrated from the rural areas to the urban areas, where 50% of the population now resides.

## UPDATE: Overwhelming support for St Vincent disaster relief drive

...from [www.virginislandsnews.com](http://www.virginislandsnews.com)



Many volunteers and donors in the Virgin Islands turned out on January 1, 2014 to give assistance to the disaster relief drive for St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Photo: VINO



St. Vincent was ravaged by the rainstorm on Christmas eve causing severe damages to infrastructure and loss of lives. Photo: CMC  
At right – President of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association Mr. Sean Rose. Photo: VINO



Premier and Minister of Finance Dr the Honourable D. Orlando Smith was among the many persons who was out in full support of the venture. Photo: VINO



Rotary Clubs of the Virgin Islands joined forces with the BVI Red Cross and the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of the BVI to up relief efforts for St Vincent and the Grenadines. Photo:VINO

At right above - A strategic plan for the relief effort was rolled by Assistant Governor, BVI Rotary Mrs Delma Maduro, at a press conference which was held at her RiteWay Food Mart office, Pasea Estate, Tortola on December 30, 2013. Photo: VINO



Two accounts have since been established for financial donations; at first Caribbean bank is Rotary Disaster Relief Fund account # 2345133988 and at First Caribbean, BVI Red Cross account #215053229. Photo: VINO

ROAD TOWN, Tortola, VI – On January 1, 2014, a time when many would have been in their homes with their friends and families celebrating the beginning of a new year, several persons took the time instead to participate in a drive that would give some hope for a brighter tomorrow for the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association in the Virgin Islands headed by Mr. Sean Rose, had managed to successfully garner the support of Virgin Islanders through the **Rotary Clubs**, Red Cross and several private individuals to pull together support for their homeland which was ravaged on the eve of Christmas by a dreaded rain storm which resulted in the death of 17 persons and left many homes destroyed and flooded by the merciless floods.

The local organization attracted many volunteers to aid in the packing of containers of clothing, medical supplies and other non-perishable items that are expected to leave soon for St. Vincent.

“I am very thankful to the many persons who turn up today to donate items and those who came to volunteer to assist us in packing these containers, their goodwill is very much appreciated,” said Mr. Rose.

The group spent all day January 1, 2014 on the Festival Ground in Road Town collecting donations and packing containers. Among those who turned up to lend their physical and moral support, were His Excellency the Governor Mr William Boyd McCleary, Premier  
*Caribbean Partnership Newsletter, March 2014*

and Minister of Finance Dr the Honourable D. Orlando Smith, and Minister for Education and Culture Honourable Myron V. Walwyn.

While that exercise at the Festival ground was for that day, persons are being encouraged to continue to bring in their donations and to contribute to the two bank accounts in the case of financial donations.

Donations can be dropped off at the Red Cross office or at Travel Wise. Cash or cheque deposits can be made at First Caribbean Bank at the Rotary Disaster Relief Fund account # 2345133988 and at First Caribbean, BVI Red Cross account #215053229.

**ROAD TOWN, Tortola, VI** - In the wake of a Christmas Eve day storm which ripped through St Vincent and the Grenadines, changing the lives of many for the worse, calls for help for the affected brothers and sisters have been intensified locally.

**Rotary Clubs of the Virgin Islands** have now joined forces with the BVI Red Cross and the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of the BVI.

A press conference was called yesterday, December 30, 2013 by the three bodies with appeals to the general Virgin Islands (VI) population to pool resources to aid St Vincent and the Grenadines.

The call has been mounted despite the fact that the country's leaders have made universal declarations that they are not a disaster zone and that it's business as usual there.

However, the harsh reality is that while it is business as usual for certain sections of the country, many are desperately crying for urgent assistance. Their homes were ripped apart, lives have been lost, some have nowhere to call home, no clothes on their backs, no food to eat and worst of all, the country's main medical institution is in total disarray.

The VI is dominated by various 'peoples of the world' which gives the real meaning of living as one family its true sense. The humanitarian side of the VI people is once again being tapped on as a universal call is now being made. Persons are asked to donate generously in giving non perishable items of food, clothing, finances and medical supplies.

All the Rotary Clubs in the Virgin Islands have joined forces with the Red Cross and the local St Vincent and the Grenadines Association to up the appeal for urgent help.

At the press conference yesterday all the clubs indicated individual drives to maximize the donations. It was announced by immediate Past District 7020 Governor Mr Vance Lewis that a fellow Rotarian has already committed to shipping/transporting supplies to St Vincent free of cost.

This he said is just a fraction of what the Rotary family has committed to doing towards the cause. President of the St Vincent and the Grenadines Association Mr Sean Rose told reporters that while there has already been an outpouring of support toward the aid drive, there is an opening for much more.

## Caribbean needs help to combat climate change

...[www.jamaicaobserver.com](http://www.jamaicaobserver.com)



DIANE ABBOTT

CHRISTMAS 2013 was not a happy one for some parts of the Eastern Caribbean. The region was hit by extraordinarily heavy rains which caused massive floods and landslides.

As a result, there was catastrophe everywhere. Eight people died in St Vincent and the Grenadines, dozens of families there were forced out of their homes, water and electricity were cut off in many places, and some people are still missing.

In St Lucia, five people were killed by landslides and the rains caused extensive destruction in Dominica. So, does all this mean that the region is facing increasing peril from long-term climate change and that Christmas 2013 in St Vincent is the future for the entire Caribbean, including Jamaica?

There is some dispute as to whether man-made climate change is real. And some of the countries which are the biggest producers of carbon emissions are some of the slowest when it comes to implementing meaningful measures against climate change. But there seems little doubt that climate is changing and that small island states like Jamaica are at particular risk.

There are a number of indicators of changing climate. The world is seeing more frequent and severe hurricanes and tropical storms. Outside the hurricane season there are more intense rains, such as the eastern Caribbean has just endured. Along with the rains there is coastal flooding as well as storm surges, and there is a long-term rise in sea levels. One estimate is that sea levels in the Caribbean will rise between 5mm and 10mm a year.

The reason Jamaica is at such risk from climate change and rising seas is that the majority of Jamaica's hotel rooms are in coastal areas like Montego Bay, Negril and Ocho Rios. Altogether, 85 per cent of hotel rooms are found in these areas, 90 per cent of production is there and 25 per cent of the population lives there.



Climate change and rising sea levels are a long-term threat to resort areas, yachting, cruise ship infrastructure and coral reefs. Altogether, climate change threatens billions of pounds of economic activity in the region.

So, if climate change is such a serious threat, what can the region do? In terms of limiting the carbon emissions that reputedly create climate change, the Caribbean is very much in the hands of the big polluters like America and China. But the big industrial powers are reluctant to do much about climate change. And, in a recession, public opinion in America is much more concerned about growth and jobs than controlling carbon emissions.

However, Jamaica can consider what it can do to protect low-lying land and the

tourist areas. This would include building methods. The problem is that planning for a changing climate requires thinking long-term and billions of pounds. But both of these are in short supply in Jamaica at the present time, when it is struggling with its immediate economic problems.

International institutions, including the European Union, have expressed a concern about the effects of climate change on the Caribbean. But that concern is usually manifested in commissioning reports, rather than the substantial investments that are required. But if America, Britain and the international institutions are serious about the perils of climate change this must be matched by investment.

The Caribbean produces only a fraction of the carbon emissions that produce climate change, but it is one of the main sufferers. So there is a responsibility on the part of big industrial countries to help regions like the Caribbean, which are most at risk

In the meantime, the unseasonal rain storms that devastated St Vincent this Christmas are not the last we are going to see of the hurricanes, flooding and storm surges associated with climate change.

— Diane Abbott is the British Labour party MP for Hackney North and Stoke Newington ([www.dianeabbott.org.uk](http://www.dianeabbott.org.uk))

## DISASTER RELIEF

RIVP Anne L. Matthews has asked Rotarians to share the following information.

Many of our clubs and Rotarians in Zones 33-34 are very generous when our fellow Rotarians are devastated by a disaster. There are currently two regions that could use our support.

**Philippines** – An article on the Rotary website recommended Rotarians can provide support in the Philippines through Shelter Box, Red Cross, UNICEF, and World Food Programme. The link to the article is <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/rotary-clubs-take-action-typhoon-ravaged-philippines>. Some districts and clubs are working directly with districts and clubs in the Philippines based on established relationships and partnerships. Another organization providing relief efforts in the Philippines is H2OpenDoors, a project of the Peninsula Sunrise Rotary Foundation in Redwood City, CA that provides water purification units. For the next 60 days contributions made to H2OpenDoors will be used for relief efforts in the Philippines. The website is [www.h2opendoors.org](http://www.h2opendoors.org).

### *Rotary clubs take action for typhoon-ravaged Philippines*

...from <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/rotary-clubs-take-action-typhoon-ravaged-philippines>



Rotary members in the Philippines pack relief goods for victims of Super Typhoon Haiyan. Hundreds of Rotary clubs around the world are also coordinating emergency aid packages for hard-hit communities.

Photo Credit: Photo courtesy of Rotary District 3860, Phillipines

Rotary clubs around the world are pledging emergency aid to communities in central Philippines after last week's massive typhoon flattened entire coastal towns and villages, killed thousands of people, and displaced nearly 600,000 more.

The situation remains dire as widespread destruction has made food, water, and medicine scarce in remote areas affected by

Typhoon Haiyan, the strongest storm to make landfall on record.

Rotary President Ron Burton is urging our 34,000 clubs worldwide to continue to assist storm victims.

"I know we all want to help. I am urging our clubs to take action to provide emergency aid now and begin planning for the future when we can help rebuild homes, schools, and businesses," says Burton. "We are in the business of helping people in need."

Rotary partner ShelterBox has committed aid for 4,000 families in the form of emergency shelter and other relief assistance.

Such disasters are "exactly why we entered into our partnership with ShelterBox," says Burton. "It gives Rotary members worldwide the opportunity to respond immediately and in a very meaningful way to the life-threatening conditions faced by the people of the Philippines."

For nearly 100 years, Rotary clubs in the Philippines have been creating positive change in their communities. The first Philippine Rotary club was formed in Manila in 1919. Today, more than 800 Rotary clubs throughout the Philippines give members the chance to make a difference at home and around the globe.

Rotary's work to eradicate polio, our top priority, began in the Philippines. In 1979, Rotary funded the immunization of six million children with the oral polio vaccine. Based largely on the success there, the World Health Assembly authorized the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in which Rotary is a spearheading partner.

Rotary clubs in the Philippines have improved water and sanitation, led medical and dental missions, created literacy programs, and participated in reforestation plantings. When a 7.1 magnitude earthquake struck central Philippines in September, clubs were there to bring aid to those in need.

“Rotary members often are both first-responders and rebuilders when major disasters strike because clubs are present in every corner of the world,” Burton says. “We continue with recovery efforts long after international relief agencies have gone because Rotary clubs are part of the communities we serve.”

Clubs in Rotary District 3860, which covers the area that sustained the most damage, created a relief fund for victims. [Learn more.](#)

You can also help by working with relief agencies like these:

- [International Committee of the Red Cross](#) and [Philippine Red Cross](#)
- [World Food Programme](#)
- [UNICEF, Philippines](#)
- [ShelterBox](#)

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*Rotary Clubs in St. Vincent put together a joint committee to assist the communities. Rotary District 7020 Governor, Jeremy Hurst, confirms that D7020 has authorized the donation of US\$5,000 from our District Disaster Fund. Rotary District 7000 has supported the emergency in District 7030 with \$1,500. District 7030 Governor, Hervé Honore, thanks everyone for their support.*

## *Effort to Achieve a Polio-Free World Gets a Shot in the Arm*

[Bill Gates](#), March 4, 2014



The fight to eradicate polio symbolizes what global health is all about. To wipe the virus off the face of the earth, we have to reach virtually every single child with the polio vaccine. No matter who they are. No matter where they live.

However, not every child is lucky enough to be born in a country that is able to afford all the lifesaving vaccines.

For example, until three years ago, children living in the poorest countries were not immunized against rotavirus and pneumonia, the two leading killers of children

under five. This changed when an organization called the [GAVI Alliance](#) helped negotiate lower prices for these vaccines and started working with poor countries to introduce them into their routine immunization systems.

In the battle to eradicate polio, every country in the world is using or has used the oral polio vaccine to get us to the threshold of eradication. But there is another effective polio vaccine – the [inactivated polio vaccine](#) (IPV) – that will help us pass through that threshold. As part of the [comprehensive plan to achieve a polio-free world](#) by 2018, all countries are to introduce IPV by end of 2015 – prior to a phased removal of OPV.



Until today, the world's poorest countries hadn't been able to introduce IPV into their routine immunization schedules because the cost of a single dose of the IPV vaccine was approximately 15-20 times more than a single dose of OPV.

Thanks to a new arrangement announced last week, which was made in partnership among GAVI, our foundation and the [pharmaceutical industry](#), a [major barrier to global vaccination with IPV is erased](#) now with the availability of IPV at a significantly-reduced price for the world's poorest countries.

GAVI is working together with the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) to help these 73 poorest countries purchase and deliver these vaccines to all their children. This new collaboration between organizations created to work on routine immunization and polio eradication is symbolic of the fact that polio eradication will help us get better at global health in general.

Success will mean more than just a world in which no child ever has to suffer from this debilitating disease. The lessons and resources from an effort that reaches almost every child will be applied to other major global health challenges, especially to making sure that all children are protected by all the lifesaving vaccines.

This is a big step toward polio eradication—and a big step toward global health equity.

## ***ROTARY LITERACY MONTH***

Observance of the first Rotary months began in July 1983 when special weeks were designated as special months.

The Rotary calendar today:

- July, Literacy Month
- August, Membership and Extension Month
- September, New Generations Month
- October, Vocational Service Month
- November, The Rotary Foundation Month
- December, Family Month
- January, Rotary Awareness Month
- February, World Understanding Month (and Rotary's anniversary, 23 February)
- April, Magazine Month; and
- June, Rotary Fellowships Month

Rotary weeks include World Interact Week in November and World Rotaract Week in March.

*Time is like a river. You cannot touch the water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again.*

*Enjoy every moment of life.*

*Cliff Dochterman's theme*

*for his Presidential Year –*

***Real Happiness is Helping Others***

# Successful CP Projects

*Stories of interest at March, 2014*



## **Rotary Club Fort-de-France Sud**

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### **Campaign to Eradicate the Dengue Fever DENGUE ACTION KIT**

**In the memory of PDG D.7030 Astra DA COSTA (died of dengue fever in 2009)**

#### **Campaign Objectives :**

1. Eradicate the dengue fever in Martinique.
2. Implement sustainable measures.
3. Collaborate with the sanitary local authorities.



#### **Campaign Motivations :**

1. The dengue fever, a real worldwide societal plague evolving through outbreaks are sometimes fatal.
2. During the last epidemic outbreak in 2010, Martinique bared witness to seventeen (17) deaths.

### **Priority Interests of the International Rotary :**

1. Healthcare
2. Environment
3. Education

**This campaign incorporates three of the six priorities of the Rotary :**

1. Disease Prevention
2. Water Management
3. Youth Education

### **Objectives:**

Fight the vector of the disease : *Aedes Aegypti* mosquito :

- Educating the local population on how to eradicate mosquito breeding sites, clean gutters, protect water supply tanks, where mosquitos lay their larvae, and the importance of changing water often in flower vases.
- Teaching children with the help of published educational booklets made available for both teacher and student.
- Serve as a relational facilitator between the local municipalities and Health Central Administration

### **Tools and means :**

Communicate widely, in all occasions to change population behavior :

- Billboards, radio and TV campaigns, flyers.
- On the field actions : remove old tyres and cars, beside municipalities.
- Distribution of eradication kits : Moustimix covers, Mosquito-catch, etc.
- Participate in vaccination test campaign (in preparation).

All these methods will be conducted over the long term, over 3 years with periodic evaluations.

### **Funding :**

Depending on the requested amount :

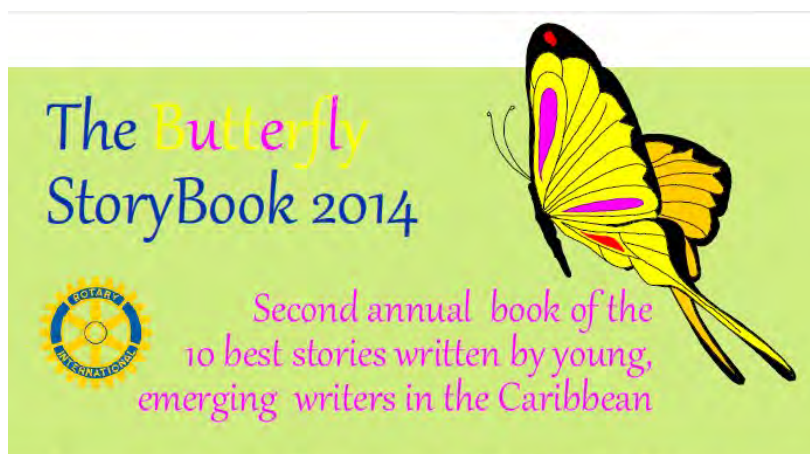
1. Using funds obtained by means of previous actions in the club
2. Apply to the District Government for an endowment
3. Apply to Rotary International for a parallel endowment

In our case, at Rotary Fort-de-France Sud, the requested amount is 80 K€ ie 107 KUSD for the 3 years period.

### **Provisional Budget :**

Pertains to an annual budget that will be extended over **three consecutive years**.

## SHARE THE CARIBBEAN WITH YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY



A signature project of the Rotary E-Club of the Caribbean, 7020

*The 2014 Storybook will be available for online ordering at the end of March 2014!*

*You will be able to order online. \*\* \$11 incl. postage \*\* English, French, Haitian Creole*

*Email us at [rotaryclub7020@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryclub7020@gmail.com)*

***A READY-MADE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE CARIBBEAN WITH YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY  
Order 20 books and receive one free!***

Simply by your participation in our excellent international literacy project for youth, you can help our E-club support the disadvantaged children in Haiti and Jamaica. This project is an outstanding opportunity to emphasize and actively promote the Caribbean Partnership through the words of each individual writer, aged from 7 to 11 years.

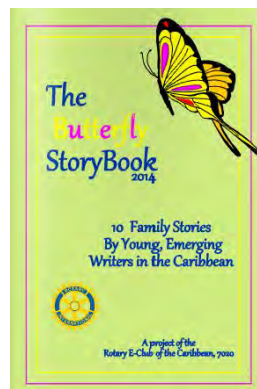
The *second annual Butterfly Storybook for 2014* comprises 10 stories written by children in District 7020 ages 7 to 11 years for children. We have chosen the top ten for publication.

Please consider supporting this worthy cause and sharing the Caribbean experience with the children in your community.

- Get involved easily in this *International Youth Literacy project*.
- Share the stories of our talented young Caribbean writers with the children in your area.
- Actively support the Caribbean Partnership to bring the Caribbean and your own district very much closer together – *An excellent partnership opportunity!*
- Let the children in your community experience the culture that the Caribbean children experience on a daily basis. *An excellent project to promote World Understanding!*
- Directly sponsor the provision of books to schools in developing countries.

*View the English version online here:*

*[http://issuu.com/rotary7020/docs/butterfly\\_e\\_storybook\\_2014](http://issuu.com/rotary7020/docs/butterfly_e_storybook_2014)*



**IN ADDITION – the 2013 version of the storybook**  
**Now available online through Amazon**

Check out the links below:

The Butterfly Storybook (2013 version) is now available for ordering individually online through Amazon!



English version 2013 – Click the link below:

[http://www.amazon.com/Butterfly-StoryBook-children-children-Caribbean/dp/0615932347/ref=sr\\_1\\_3?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1388439270&sr=1-3&keywords=Butterfly+Storybook](http://www.amazon.com/Butterfly-StoryBook-children-children-Caribbean/dp/0615932347/ref=sr_1_3?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1388439270&sr=1-3&keywords=Butterfly+Storybook)



**The Butterfly StoryBook (2013): Stories written by children for children. Authored by Caribbean children age 7... by Rotary E-Club Caribbean 7020, Jayda Woolery, Chloe Bentick and Catrice J Connor (Mar 1, 2013)**

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**International Youth Literacy Project**

Share the Caribbean Culture with the children in your communities!

Promote World Understanding!

**Promote the Caribbean Partnership!**

French version 2013 – Click the link below:

[http://www.amazon.com/Les-Contes-Papillon-Histoires-enfants/dp/1495357082/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1393762558&sr=8-1&keywords=les+contes+du+papillon](http://www.amazon.com/Les-Contes-Papillon-Histoires-enfants/dp/1495357082/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1393762558&sr=8-1&keywords=les+contes+du+papillon)



**Les Contes du Papillon (2013): Histoires écrites par des enfants pour des enfants. (Volume 1) (French Edition)... by Rotary E-Club Caribbean 7020, Chloe Bentick, Catrice J. Connor and Catya Dauba (Jan 1, 2014)**

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Profits go to support Literacy in the underdeveloped areas of District 7020 – particularly Haiti and Jamaica.

# *FARM DEVELOPMENT IN TERRIER ROUGE, HAITI*

## *Funding and Partnership Request*

*by the Warrenton Rotary Club (D7610) & the Northern Haiti Hope Foundation*



### **Summary**

Members of the Warrenton Rotary Club and the Northern Haiti Hope Foundation are requesting assistance towards an additional \$88,000 in funds to complete a 150 acre farm that is being developed to feed and support the school, St. Barthélemy. The farm and school are operated by Esperance et Vie (“Hope and Life”), a Haitian NGO in Terrier Rouge, Haiti. Some 20 acres have been planted and harvested - and are already being used to supplement the purchased food. For up to 90% of the 826 students, this school lunch is their only meal of the day.

### **Background**

St. Barthelemy’s School was founded in 2002 by Father Jean M. Bruno, an Episcopalian priest with a long and successful record in developing educational programs. Upon retirement from active priesthood he started the school in his father’s hometown of Terrier Rouge, an impoverished, rural community of 20,000 residents located in northern Haiti.

Starting with an initial pre-school class of 30 students the school has continued to add one grade each year and now has 826 students, ages 3 to 17, in pre-school through Grade 11. Over the years the school has built an inspiring, 3-story facility.

The school has also developed a reputation for being one of the best in all of Haiti. Rotarians have been supporting this project for 5 consecutive years and visit several times per year to provide assistance and oversight of spending.

### **The Funding Request**

We would also note that 100% of the grant money will be used directly to developing the farm. Our volunteers have a policy that all administrative, fundraising and travel expenses must be paid for by the Rotarians or NHHF members. 100% of the funds given by others go directly to the project for which they were intended.

Esperance et Vie buys corn, beans, flour and so on. Every month they are spending \$4000.00 for food, not much considering they are feeding almost 900 people per day.

Right now we have 21 acres of the farm planted in bananas, cashews, pineapples, hot peppers, lettuce, parsley, tomatoes, cabbage, onions, pineapples, and congo beans.

There is only one well and a small irrigation system. We urgently need to improve the irrigation system as we will plant a large amount of black beans and corn that will produce fruit by February.



Due to the heat and the short growing seasons, irrigation systems are essential to Haitian farming. The Northern Haiti Hope Foundation and Warrenton Rotary Club recently provided \$9,000 for the drilling of a 150' deep, 8" diameter well on the property that is producing 12 gallons of water a minute. A 6,000 gallon cistern has also been moved to the property.

Irrigation will be provided by a gravity-driven system. We need to build an elevated platform for the cistern; purchase a diesel generator, a submersible pump and accessories to pump the water into the cistern; and purchase and install PVC pipe, hoses, spigots and sprinklers across the acreage.

A tractor would be used for clearing, preparation and planting of the land. Mechanized farming is almost non-existent in this part of Haiti, however, and on an on-going basis local men and women would be employed to plant, tend and pick the crops.

To develop the farm we need:

A tractor with accessories	\$43,000
Two additional good irrigation systems (PVC pipe, hoses, spigots, sprinklers, screening)	11,000
Two wells with 2 hp submersible pumps	17,000
Permanent generator	8,000
Seed	1,000
Wages for workers	4,000
Elevated cistern platform	4,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$88,000</b>

The location of the farm property can be accessed at:

<https://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msid=211963974528054484082.0004ce72d7532d705da49&msa=0&ll=19.625328,-71.957617&spn=0.023243,0.038581>

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

<http://warrentonhaiti2012.blogspot.com> (written by Glenn Petty, Warrenton Rotarian)

For more information or to become a Global Partner, please contact Tony Tedeschi at 540 222-9409 or email [tony@piedmontpress.com](mailto:tony@piedmontpress.com)



*...Submitted by Tony Tedeschi and Stan Parkes of the Warrenton Rotary Club and John Connolly of Northern Haiti Hope Foundation*

**Questions that have arisen:**

According to the document, wages for workers is \$4,000. Is that for one year or one month? How many workers? Is there any intention to also sell the vegetables they grow to sustain salaries?

*Good questions that have been answered for us on our trips. The wages are for temporary workers to help with the work involved in setting up the wells, irrigation and planting. They are paid above average wages and are fed. Pere Bruno also has a clinic at their facility and provides medical care.*

*The farm will feed the children at the school, the workers and provide cash crops that will keep the farm self-sufficient. Crops that will be sold on the open market included bananas, beans, cashews and pineapple. Father Bruno is also confident that the additional inventory of crops will help cause a drop in local food prices.*

*From personal experience, I can assure you that when folks are hungry they come to see Father Bruno and his family. We have seen him divert food from his own people to other communities that become desperate. In his words, "Our people are hungry but others are starving."*

*After 4 years of traveling to Terrier Rouge with other Rotarians, we believe the constant progress is worth our investment. If any of you would like to visit, we can arrange that for you. The accommodations are comfortable, the water pure and the food fantastic. Our club has people going a couple of times per year.*

*With sincere gratitude for your consideration,*

*Tony Tedeschi*

Which Haiti Rotary Club are you working with and did the Haiti Task Force approve our involvement? It is preferable to have a club and the agreement of the Rotary Task Force prior to engagement.

*Father Bruno is very well known in the Northern Haiti. I am sure he must have consulted a Club already. The two Clubs closest to Terrier Rouge are the Club of Ouanaminthe and the Club of Milot. Club of Cap-Haitien is the third closest Club.*

*Assistant-Governor Debreus is the AG of all the mentioned Clubs. PRID Barry is right by inquiring about what Club this project is working with.*

*I would suggest that Father Bruno be asked which club he is working with and to present the Terrier Rouge project to this Club for approbation or evaluation of the project, after what the project would be presented to the Task Force, AG Debreus And Task Force Chair Claude Surena.*

*Thanks  
PDG Guy D Theodore*



*Dear Tony and all,*

*This morning I talked with Jean Rony Boulin MD, a member of the Club of Cap-Haitien in charge of international affairs. We spoke about the project in length. I am copying him so he may be aware of the conversation with the different Rotarians. I will make arrangements with the Club for a formal presentation of the project to the members in one of their meetings. I have chosen the Club of Cap-Haitien because I lived there from 1971 to 1998 before I moved to Terrier Rouge where I am.*

*Thanks to all of you for your inputs. Thanks Dr Guy.*

*The Rev. Jean Monique Bruno*

## *Guidelines for International Club Involvement in Haiti*

1. All project applications will contain a Needs Analysis which should be initiated by, or at least approved by, the Haiti Rotary club which will be involved in the project.
2. All completed project applications should be forwarded to the Haiti District 7020 Task Force which will review the application, comment as necessary and, hopefully, confirm to TRF and to 7020 DRFC and DGSC that the Haiti club and relevant AG are aware of the project and have been involved in the preparation of the application and that it has the support of the Task Force. This review will be carried out even where 7020 DDF is not being provided. This is important as the Task Force and the leadership of District 7020 need to be satisfied that the club involved has the capacity to manage the project on the ground.
3. All project proposals should include reference to and show their ability to comply with RI/TRF best practices for needs assessment, viability, sustainability, measurability and stewardship.
4. It should be noted that part of the review is to confirm that both the host club and relevant AG have seen the entire application and not just the signature pages.
5. As part of their review, TRF staff will seek confirmation from the District 7020 Task Force of the Task Force opinion although it is understood that the Task Force has no veto power with any project application. Correspondence from TRF to project partners will also be copied to the Chair of the Task Force (currently Claude Surena, [csurena@gmail.com](mailto:csurena@gmail.com)) Caribbean Partnership Haiti Liaison (currently Barry Rassin, [barryjras@yahoo.com](mailto:barryjras@yahoo.com)) and District 7020 Haiti Liaison (currently Roger White, [rogerwhite.47@gmail.com](mailto:rogerwhite.47@gmail.com))
6. The Haiti District Task Force Chair will arrange for a Task Force response to applications within 7 days of receipt.
7. International Partners are encouraged to research the use of local purchases through local agents in Haiti wherever possible. Apart from the benefits which accrue to the Haitian economy by buying locally, there are considerable difficulties in shipping goods to Haiti. Please also see points 8 and 9 below.
8. International partners should be aware of the difficulty, delay, uncertainty and cost of shipping goods into Haiti. Rotary District 7020 and Haitian Rotarians can offer very limited help if this advice is ignored.
9. Where goods are to be imported because they are not otherwise available, it is imperative that the District 7020 Task Force be made aware at the very beginning of the application process and their view obtained as to how, or even if, this is to be achieved.
10. We ask that International Partners understand that we are not adding a layer of bureaucracy, but that a little time spent in the planning will reduce the possibility of disappointment later on.

## *OAS - ROWE FUND Program for Scholarships... Rotary Caribbean Partnership at work!*

The Organization of American States (the [OAS](#)) offers international study and research opportunities through the [scholarship](#), [internship](#), Model OAS ([MOAS](#)), and the [Rowe Fund](#) program. I am pleased to expand on the latter with the purpose of finding common ground of cooperation. The Chair of the Committee, Ambassador Deborah-Mae Lovell, Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the OAS, would be pleased to meet with you. Kindly let me know if this is of your interest in order to coordinate a meeting.

The Rowe Fund program, founded in 1948, serves an important social function by making interest-free loans for up to USD 15,000 to citizens of Latin America and the Caribbean, in order to help them finance their studies or research in universities across the United States. This program is available to individuals currently studying or wishing to pursue graduate, postgraduate or the last two years of undergraduate studies. Our vision is to promote intellectual and cultural exchange as well as friendship and understanding between the US and people of the Americas.

### APPLICANTS MUST BE CITIZENS OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES:

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica (Commonwealth of), Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, The Bahamas (Commonwealth of), Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

### APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Applications are usually submitted directly from students to the OAS-Rowe Fund Secretariat and are accepted and reviewed year-round at any time during the academic year in the U.S. Applications that comply with the eligibility requirements will be reviewed and evaluated by the Committee. The decision of the Committee, which is final, will be communicated to the applicant by the Secretariat of the Fund. Eligible candidates may find the [application forms](#), [eligibility](#) requirement and [FAQ's](#) at: [www.oas.org/en/rowefund](http://www.oas.org/en/rowefund)

### SPECIAL STIPULATIONS:

This financial aid may be used to cover a portion of the tuition and other university fees, essential books and supplies, room and board, and/or emergencies not covered by their principal source of funding. The prospective applicant must demonstrate other sources of financing (such as savings, employment, a fellowship, funds supplied by the university or relatives, etc.), to cover the majority of their academic expenses and must present a guarantor.

Repayment of the loan is deferred while the student is in school. The Rowe Fund interest-free loan must be repaid within 50 months of completion of the degree for which the loan was granted. These loans are made with the understanding that, upon completing those studies, loan recipients commit to repay the loan in full and return to their home countries within a year to apply their knowledge and training as well as to continue fostering friendship and communication among the peoples of the Americas.

*For the Irish...*

*Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney.*

*'Did you see the paper?' asked Gallagher. 'They say I died!!'*

*'Yes, I saw it!' replied Finney. 'Where are ye callin' from?'*

## **UPDATE ON THAVIA ROBINSON** **ROTARY WORLD PEACE SCHOLAR (2003-2005)**

This serves to bring to your attention some special circumstances concerning one of our Rotary World Peace Scholars. Thavia L. Robinson, Jamaican and Rotary Goodwill Ambassador was recently diagnosed with Aggressive Diabetic Retinopathy.

As a result of this particular complication **Thavia has lost her vision in both eyes.**

It is our intention and hope to see how best we can assist Thavia in a meaningful way towards having a full and completely active life.

Thavia was awarded the Rotary World Peace Scholarship in 2003-2005 for Jamaica and the Caribbean, and has served as an excellent ambassador for the Rotary ideal. Her involvement and passion for service, epitomizes the full embodiment of Rotary's philosophy. Her high level of volunteerism and commitment to service has been commendable. Thavia's outlook on life is a strong indicator that Rotary has indeed been making an impact not just on a global scale but on individuals as well. Having received the RWPS has transformed Thavia's life in so many ways.

Coming from her background of being raised in one of Kingston's marginalized communities, Thavia has been making a profound impact on a number of lives and in a variety of ways. Thavia spearheads particular programme at the college and university level known as service learning/ which is a programme that affords ever day students to give service above and beyond themselves. These students are taught the Four-Way test, as well as the importance of serving others and making a difference.

Over the past year, Thavia has been working on a particular project that would see the establishment of a Caribbean Peace Institute in Jamaica. She has been in dialogue with a number of key persons in the Rotary Organizations (Rotarian Bobby Young Jamaica; PDG Wally Hirse, UK; PDG Ray Ruth Canada; IPSI President Cameron Chisholm Washington; PDG and Chairman of the Caribbean Partnership Horace McCormack, Washington as well as Dr. Joyce New) to name a few.

Though in draft format, Thavia's proposal has the potential to extend and to expand Rotary's vision across the Caribbean. Despite her recent impairment, Thavia has indicated an interest in taking on yet another challenge to ensure that Rotary's mandate is within reach of all. She has been proposing that a capacity building design is included within her proposed ideas for the Caribbean Peace Institute.

Thavia's idea encompasses creating "space" and giving voice as well as visibility to persons with not disabilities but *different abilities*. It is Thavia's belief that the peace agenda cannot be made fully manifest without the inclusion and empowerment of all.

*The Peaceful Vision Center*, which will fall in the scope of the Caribbean Peace Institute. will facilitate the integration of average citizens with impairments in Jamaica and the Caribbean towards leveraging their services and skills in the pursuit of peace and goodwill.

Thavia's contact information is enclosed herein. You may also reach her through Rotarian Bobby Young and Chairman of the Caribbean Partnership Horace McCormack. Thavia's number is 876-583-9114 or [thaves25@hotmail.com](mailto:thaves25@hotmail.com).

Further stories follow to let you *meet* Thavia Robinson...

## **Thavia Robinson**

By TYRONE S REID all woman writer

Monday, July 10, 2006

...from the [www.jamaicaobserver.com](http://www.jamaicaobserver.com) in 2006

*'Living in an inner-city community does not determine who you are or who you can become.' That is the mantra by which Thavia Robinson, poster girl for the ghetto success story, lives.*

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Born and raised in Jones Town, Robinson beat all the odds to become a Rotary World Peace Scholar for the Caribbean and obtain two Master's degrees. And the co-host of *The Corner*, which airs on NewsTalk 93 FM, is looking to complete a doctorate in criminology.

While she waits, poised on the brink of another academic triumph, Robinson, now in her mid-20s, remains refreshingly grounded and rightfully grateful for the life experiences which have contributed to her success.

The sixth of Pastor Shirley Williams' eight children, Robinson remembers the tough times in Jones Town, but says that the love and support of her mother, who raised her children single-handedly, pulled her through.

"My mother raised all eight of us to be respectable and well-mannered persons," Robinson told all woman. "Today, I'm very happy because despite the struggles, all eight of us achieved at least high school diplomas. Education was paramount for my mother and the strict manner in which she raised us has made me a better person."

She added: "I consider myself to be a down-to-earth person and a proud product of the inner-city."

Robinson attended Wolmers High School for Girls, where she developed a passion for knowledge. A few years later, she enrolled at UWI, Mona, where she decided to pursue a difficult double major - International Relations and Political Science.

"UWI was really difficult. I had to be extremely focused to prove that I could do it," Robinson said. "I love to learn. Learning always makes me feel better about myself. Studying has always been a journey for me and never a task. I'm still enjoying it."

She expressed gratitude for the support she received from lecturers such as Dwight Bryan and Professor Barry Chevannes, who made a tremendous impact on her life.

Robinson completed a nine-month Masters programme in International Studies, with a focus on geo-narcotics and transnational threats, at the University of Bradford in England. Between 2004 and 2005, she did another Master's at Bradford, this time examining the security of small states and counter societies. Both degrees were completed through the Rotary World Peace scholarship, which Robinson described as a blessing.

Her academic performance at Bradford was so impressive that she was honoured with the Most Outstanding International Student Award for her thesis and was also named the Most Outstanding International Student Overall.

Next on her agenda is a PhD, which she hopes to complete at UWI by 2008. It examines the role of women in crime in Jamaica, particularly in garrison communities.

"Over the years, the roles that women play in criminality in Jamaica have been evolving," Robinson explained. "It has gotten to the point where one female 'shotta' is now being sought by the Kingston police as a most-wanted person. Not much light has been shed on women in crime and I want to examine that."

In the meantime, her radio programme *The Corner*, which "gives a voice to the voiceless", does live broadcasts from inner-city communities in Kingston and allows her to mingle with residents as they express their views on issues of national importance. "The people have been very receptive to the programme. We are currently in Rollington Town and it has been going extremely well," she said.

Robinson credits her drive and determination to the support she receives from both family and friends. She also intends to have children but wants to find the right partner so that they will benefit from the influence of both parents.

"I don't want my children to experience growing up without a father like I did. I don't want my kids to experience that," Robinson told all woman. "I know I would make a great mom so I'm waiting to find the right person," she said with a laugh.

She becomes serious again, when expressing her desire to help other inner-city children achieve success. She has been actively mentoring teens in Jones Town, Southside and Craig Town and hopes that facilities will be set up to keep them out of trouble.

Although she lives in Red Hills, upper St Andrew, she visits Jones Town every day. "I love working with children and organising youth programmes. I want to help other inner-city kids get the opportunity I got to make their lives better."

## UWI student is Int'l Rotary Peace Scholar

published: Friday | July 18, 2003

...from [www.Jamaica-Gleaner.com](http://www.Jamaica-Gleaner.com) (2003)

TWENTY-FIVE-year-old University of the West Indies (UWI) student Thavia Robinson, of Argyle Street, Jones Town, Kingston 12, is the 2003-2005 Rotary World Peace Scholar for the West Indies.

She will pursue a two-year Master of Arts degree programme in International Politics and Security Studies, focusing on 'The Roots of Conflict and Successful Solutions to World Problems' at the University of Bradford in West Yorkshire, United Kingdom beginning in September.

Thavia, who has a "deep interest in international relations and diplomacy", is the only person from the Caribbean, among 70 students selected from 530 applications worldwide, to participate in the programme. Currently, she is on her way to achieving a Bachelor of Science degree in International Relations and Political Science (Upper Second Class Honours) at the UWI's Faculty of Social Science.

The daughter of Shirley Williams of Jones Town, Thavia is a past student of Wolmer's High School for Girls, where she earned eight CXC subjects (six with distinction) and four A' level subjects. Previous to that she attended Jones Town and Mico Practi-cing Primary schools.

Thavia was also a member of the Grace, Kennedy and Staff Community Development Foundation's Homework Centre and Learning Institute of Central Kingston (LICK) on Tower Street, in downtown Kingston.

She expressed, "deep appreciation and gratitude to Grace, Kennedy and their staff who, in addition to providing tutors, to help me with my school work, paid my school fees through high school and helped me with some of the costs at UWI, when the Students' Loan Bureau turned down my loan application."

Thavia is teary-eyed as she speaks about her mother (a single parent), the sacrifices she made and the qualities she instilled in her eight children. She has worked as a domestic helper and has done without a lot of things to provide us with what she could afford. "She sewed our uniforms and when she could not afford to provide us with new uniforms, and books, she was not too proud to beg second-hand uniforms and used books."

Thavia also thanks the Rotary Club of North St. Andrew and a visiting Rotary Ambassadorial PhD Scholar, who was attached to UWI, for encouraging her to apply for the scholarship and for facilitating her application.

According to the past-president of the Rotary Club of North St. Andrew, Fabian Young, in addition to her academic achievements, Thavia's "significant community involvement" helped to gain her the scholarship. She was the first President of the Kingston Restoration Company's Jones Town Youth Educational Support System (YESS) Club and has been very active in peer counselling and conflict resolution in her community.

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## IT'S A GUY THING

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the **Nova Scotia** back country.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and, being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions.

I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late.

I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man.

And as I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen nothing like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently I'm still lost....it's a man thing.

## **ROTARY CLUB OF CENTRAL PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD** **Homework Centre at the Excel School in Beetham Gardens**

### **A LITERACY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

...submitted by Lara Quentrall-Thomas

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Whilst at the school, Mr Snell read Dr Seuss' environmental parable "The Lorax" to a rapt audience who then enthusiastically discussed what should be done to save their fragile surroundings. The High Commissioner was also given a tour of the school by Principal Antoine, where he saw their well-equipped computer lab, music room and library.

High Commissioner Snell was interested to find out more about the excellent work going on in the Beetham community, which includes an after school programme at Excel Composite. BGTT, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Central Port of Spain, runs a daily homework centre at the School.

This program is held each afternoon from 2:45 to 5:00pm and targets students in standards 3,4 and 5. It is our goal to improve academic performance, with the long term objective of successful SEA completion, ensuring entry into secondary schools. BGTT funds the program which is managed by Rotary.

Whilst the homework program focuses primarily on academic performance, there are a number of other components which have been integrated to both motivate and reward the children who participate. These include:

- jump rope classes
- field visits to places such as the Emperor Valley Zoo and Movietowne
- computer literacy classes
- music and dance
- civic pride

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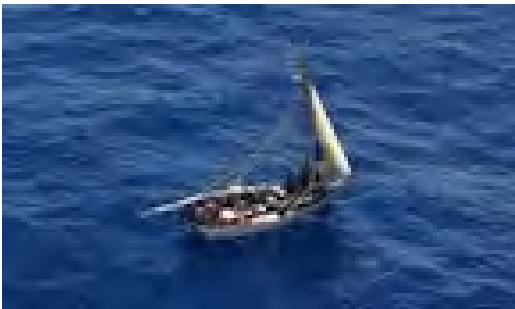
## PROJECT IN HAITI

...submitted by Jim AramClub President, 2013-2014  
Gainesville-Haymarket Rotary Club

Several months ago at the end of January, I was on the ground on the North Coast of Haiti for the "first" time. I use quotation marks because I had visited Labadee, *Royal Caribbean's* private oasis, which ironically was over the mountain from where we stayed, twice over the years. However, people who had traveled to Haiti previously were always quick to tell me that Labadee wasn't "really Haiti." Having experienced the "other side of the fence," I now agree.

I traveled to Haiti with some of the folks from *Helping Haitian Angels* ([www.helpinghaitianangels.org](http://www.helpinghaitianangels.org)). They are caring for orphaned and abandoned children by raising them to become healthy happy, Christian members of their communities. They are providing the tools so that they can impact future generations. I encourage you to check out their website to learn more about the amazing work being done.

We spent the long weekend meeting with local officials, contractors, and some local Rotarians. We also visited the 40-acres that will become the Kay Anj Village complete with homes, a school, a church and farm that will replace the cramped city house the children now occupy. We also spent time with at house with the children playing soccer, looking at photos, singing & just having a good time. All in all, it was a whirlwind trip and a tremendous blessing.



Having some time to reflect since returning, I've realized that Haiti is full of paradoxes. Haiti is in a beautiful tropical Caribbean setting. You have the ocean, tropical plants, amazing sunrises & sunsets. It's no wonder why *Royal Caribbean* brings ships full of passengers here several times a week.

However, as you travel around Cap Haitien, the second largest city in Haiti filled with several hundred thousand people, you'll encounter a city with marginal infrastructure & an absence of cleanliness by our "First World" standards. Thus, look outward toward the ocean or inland towards the picturesque mountains & there are some breathtaking views.

However, this is more than tempered as you travel the streets and experience some of the nearby sights and smells.



The second paradox I noticed was the industrious nature of the Haitian people. Everybody was hustling. Markets were crowded, people were moving from place to place and it didn't seem like people were afraid to work. And by work – I mean hard physical work with long hours in the tropical sun. Yet, Haiti often tops the list of the poorest countries in the world. Not surprisingly, Haiti also can be found near the top of the most corrupt countries in the world.

I learned in school that correlation doesn't always equal causation – but I'm thinking there may be a link in this instance. Our in-country guide, Archibald, expressed what amounted to a general lack of hope among Haitians who have lived their entire life in Haiti. Many are trying to just get through today – looking out for themselves – with a "what's in it for

me” attitude. It’s hard to move forward in a country where those in charge & in authoritative positions abuse their influence & power. It creates an overwhelming lack of trust that trickles down and permeates much of their society.



The final paradox is that many Haitians try to leave their homeland to make a better life elsewhere, yet there is also a large contingent of people willing to come to Haiti and help provide hope.

Several years ago while on a family cruise – we came across a boat full of Haitians drifting 450 miles from the nearest land mass. They were out of food and running low on water & yet they refused to be taken onboard because they would be returned to Haiti. However, after they were told that a hurricane (Irene) was approaching from the east, they agreed to join us. They were dropped at our next port of call, Cozumel & no doubt returned to Haiti. Alternatively, there are number of people willing to invest their time, talent and treasure in the people of Haiti. In addition to *Helping Haitian Angels*, there numerous groups with a presence in country

working to build relationships and move Haiti in a positive direction.



To that end, I wanted to do more. I’ve been a Rotarian since 2009 & currently have the pleasure as serving as the President of the Gainesville-Haymarket Rotary Club (District 7610) in Virginia. I noticed that the mission of *Helping Haitian Angels* included helping the children “become successful members of their communities who have the tools to positively impact future generations” which is in line with the Rotary Foundations desire to support sustainable projects.

At my PETS seminar early last year, I recall Rotary International President Ron Burton telling a story about the power of sharing your Rotary Moment. I believe I am in the midst of my Rotary Moment. I have always been a supporter of the Rotary Foundation as a Paul Harris Fellow & ongoing sustaining member. However, I was always intimidated by the process of undertaking the responsibility of pursuing a grant myself. Nonetheless, the scales are tipping. And with the guidance of Horace McCormack and the Caribbean Partnership, we’re beginning the trip down that road.



I had the pleasure of meeting with Oge Yacynth & Rony Boulin of the Rotary Club of Cap Haitien while in country in January. I’m returning to Cap Haitien at the end of March to continue cultivating that relationship & hopefully partner to complete a project involving the school at Kay Anj Village in the near future.

I’m excited about the possibilities and look forward to experiencing first-hand the great work the Rotary Foundation does day in and day out.



# APPENDIX A

## Governors of Zones 33/34 – 2013-14

### Mailing list for Caribbean Partnership Newsletter at March, 2014

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

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

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## **APPENDIX B**

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

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

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

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

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

Interesting websites for Zones 33 and 34

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

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

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

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

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

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

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