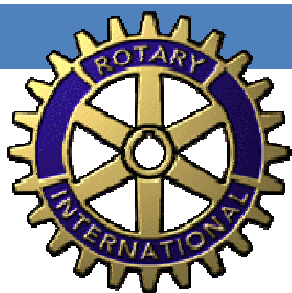


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What is the Caribbean Partnership?

A brief history

During the Rotary Centennial year (2005), a *Twin Club Program* was established. The idea was the basis for a special emphasis on the Rotary Clubs of the US mainland and the Clubs of Districts 7000, 7020, & 7030. These three districts are in Zones 33-34 and represent 25 countries!

Here is the Caribbean Partnership website:

<http://www.caribbeanpartnership.org>

The goal of the program was/is

- To develop Rotary relationships
- To promote fellowship which would develop into friendships
- To do the good works of Rotary together as partners.

Recently, the term *Twin Club* was enhanced to *Partner Club* which reflects the overall emphasis of the Caribbean Initiative.

Caribbean Partnership Inc. is incorporated. It is a group that has bylaws and officers, and is an official program of Rotary International Zones 33 and 34.

What are partner clubs? Partner Clubs are two clubs that

- Establish strong ties and
- Have agreed to team up to complete special projects, such as Community Service Grants, Friendship Exchanges, and Youth Exchanges.

The Partnered Clubs are encouraged to

- Establish an agreement, and
- Register with the Rotary Zones 33 & 34



Purpose of Caribbean Partnership, Inc.

There are many purposes of this partnership organization:

- Promoting Cultural Exchange
- Developing Rotary Relationships, Fellowship & Friendships
- Increasing Communications between Countries
- Sharing Rotary Ideas and Interests
- Assisting in strengthening Rotary in Partnered Clubs and Districts (*Our program falls under **The Family of Rotary** and includes our Partners in Service, such as, Interact and Rotaract.*)
- Developing Joint Projects as a natural evolution from each of the above
- Assisting individuals with the basic necessities of life in the event of a disaster

Who is actively involved in the Caribbean Partnership?

Here are the officers, as listed on the Caribbean Partnership website. The organization is in excellent hands!

Chair	PDG J.V. Vlass, D6910
Vice Chair	PDG Rupert Ross, D7020
Secretary	PDG Gary Israel, D6960
Treasurer	PDG Phil Lustig, D6930
Immediate Past Chair	PDG Barry Rassin, D7020
Communications Officer	PAG Don Chandler, D7020
Chair, Haitian Task Force	PDG Richard McCombe, D7020
Chair, Satellite Phones	PDG David Edwards, D7030
Chair, Partnering Development	J.D. Mosley-Matchett, D7020

Did you know???

The fact that Haitians and others in the District have satellite phones in their possession for use in emergency situations is thanks to the foresight of the Caribbean Partnership organization! Kudos!

Finding a Partner

If you wish to establish a Partner Club relationship with another club, you should complete an agreement form. There are two different forms – one for the Caribbean and one for Mainland USA.

Here are two links -

- <http://www.directory-online.com/Websites/ThinkCaribbean/Data/Caribbeanform.htm>
- <http://www.directory-online.com/Websites/ThinkCaribbean/Data/Mainlandform.htm>

Caribbean Partnership, Inc. Officers

	<p><i>JV Vlass, PDG</i> -- District 6910 -- <i>Chairman, Zones 33-34 Caribbean Partnership, Inc.</i></p>
	<p><i>Rupert Ross, PDG</i> -- Rotary District 7020 -- District 7020 Liaison, Districts 7030 and 7000 -- <i>Vice-Chair, Caribbean Partnership, Inc.</i></p>
	<p><i>Gary Israel, PDG</i> -- District 6960 -- RLI Sunshine Division, Chairman, 2010-12 -- All Florida Multi-District PETS Training Chair (2010-12) -- D- 6960 Diabetes Chairman -- <i>Secretary, Caribbean Partnership, Inc.</i></p>
	<p><i>Phil Lustig, PDG</i> -- District 6930 Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund Chair -- District 6930 Disaster Chair -- <i>Treasurer, Caribbean Partnership, Inc.</i></p>

	<p>Barry Rassin, PDG, PRID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- District 7020 -- Immediate Past Chair, Caribbean Partnership, Inc. -- Account Holder for the Haiti Earthquake Relief DAF
	<p>Don Chandler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- District 7020 -- Communications Officer, Caribbean Partnership, Inc.
	<p>Richard (Dick) McCombe, PDG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- District 7020 Training Chair -- Chair, Haitian Task Force
	<p>David Edwards, PDG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- District 7030 -- DRFC 2009-12 -- Chair Satellite Phones

	<p><i>JD Mosley-Matchett</i></p> <p>-- District 7020 -- <i>Chair, Partnering Development</i></p>
	<p><i>Kitty Bucsko</i></p> <p>-- District 7020 -- <i>Newsletter Editor</i></p>

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR - JV VLASS

I'm excited and honored to serve as Chairman of our Caribbean Partnership, Inc. during 2010-2011 and look forward to strengthening and reinvigorating our program. I truly believe we can take our Caribbean Partnership to the next level and I appreciate all the support everyone in Zones 33-34 have given me.

I also want to recognize PRID Barry Rassin for serving as Chairman in 2009-2010 and for all of his efforts!

The beginning.....

It was at the 2004-05 Zone Institute, held in Atlanta -- Rotary was celebrating its Centennial year -- that we held our first *Think Caribbean* organizational meeting. Ken Morgan was serving as our Zones 33-34 International Director.

The ***Caribbean Partnership, Inc.*** started out under the moniker of "*Think Caribbean*" and under the direction of PRID Milt Jones. The main emphasis was for the Clubs of the US mainland and the Clubs of the 3 Districts 7000, 7020, & 7030 of the Caribbean to develop Rotary relationships -- and through fellowship would become lasting friendships -- doing Rotary's work together.

Milt's goal was to have 20 Clubs, formerly referred to as twinning.

It was then as a DGN that I decided *Think Caribbean* would be the emphasis of my 2006-07 tenure. As a DG in 2006-07, District 6910 had 62 of our 67 Clubs partnered with our neighboring districts of the Caribbean, not so far away.

Fast forward to 5 years.....

We are now an official program of Rotary International, Incorporated with by-laws, representing the 29 districts of Zones 33 and 34. From the beginning, the basis of our *Caribbean Partnership Inc.* has been *world peace through fellowship*.

We are truly blessed logistically within our Zone 34. All nations, religions, races, and cultures are represented – which leads to our Purpose that has seven Key Ingredients:

- Cultural Exchange
- Developing Rotary Relationships, Fellowship & Friendships
- Increase Communications between Countries
- Share Rotary Ideas and Interests and assist in strengthening Rotary in Partnered Clubs and District
- Our program falls under The Family of Rotary and includes our Partners in Service. (Interact & Rotaract)
- There is a potential for developing Joint Projects as a natural evolution from each of the above (synergy)
- Assisting individuals with the basic necessities of life in the event of a disaster. (There we were on January 12, 2010 just before 5:00 p.m. We began...) You can follow the day-by-day sequence at <http://www.caribbeanpartnership.org>

Priorities and Goals:

We're already off to a good start with our first goal for this 2010-2011 year. This is our first inaugural Newsletter which will be published quarterly.

We felt the Newsletter would be a good way to keep everyone up to date. A very special thanks to Kitty Bucsko for graciously volunteering to write and publish this Caribbean Partnership Newsletter!

Our next priorities are

- reinvigorating our partnered clubs and
- refreshing the master list of partnered clubs and
- obtaining feedback on how we can improve the process as well as the partner experience.

J.D. Mosley-Matchett will serve as our *Chair of Partnering Development* and will be instrumental in this effort.

We also must plan for our next Caribbean Partnership Celebration meeting which will be discussed at this year's Zone Institute in Naples. We are tentatively planning for the meeting to be held next July in a yet-to-be-determined location - most likely south Florida - since we rotate the meeting between the Caribbean and the US Mainland.

We've made great strides in our website thanks to Don Chandler! J.D. and Don will be working together on future enhancements to the web site.

I appreciate the support from our team of *Caribbean Partnership* officers and Chairs – as shown earlier with photographs.

Lastly, I want to invite you to give your feedback and ideas for how we can strengthen and energize our *Caribbean Partnership program* to ensure its success and longevity.

jv Vlass

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“Rotary’s program of promoting better understanding between different racial groups and between devotees to different religious faiths, so simply and yet so auspiciously begun in the year 1905 has met with greater success thus far than the negotiations of diplomats.

It has been the way of Rotary to focus thought upon matters in which members are in agreement, rather than upon matters in which they are in disagreement. Rotary has satisfactorily demonstrated the fact that friendship can easily hurdle national and religious boundary lines.”

(Paul Harris, *This Rotarian Age*, page 61)

What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?

-- *George Eliot*

Participating Districts

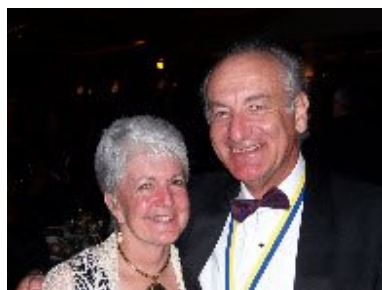
A few words about each

*The Districts involved – and there may be others.
If so, please let me know.*

<i>District</i>	<i>District Governor, 2010-11</i>
7020	Diana White
6910	Gene Windham
6930	Louis Venuti
6960	Don Thomas
7030	Tony Watkins

Rotary District 7020

- <http://www.7020.org>
- DG Diana White



DG Diana and husband, Roger

District 7020 comprises 10 countries in the Caribbean.

Briefly, District 7020 is located in the Caribbean, on two geographical areas, separated by Dominican Republic (District 4060) and Puerto-Rico (District 7000). At July 1, 2010, District 7020 included 80 Rotary clubs in 10 different countries or territories.

- On the West side, Bahamas (Except Grand Bahama), Turks and Caicos, Haiti, Jamaica, Cayman Islands
- On the East side, U.S. Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands, Anguilla, French West Indies (St. Martin & St-Barthelemy only) and Netherlands Antilles (Sint-Maarten only).



Rotary District 6910

- http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/dxhome/_home.aspx?did=6910
- DG Gene Windham



DG Gene and his wife, Denise

Rotary District 6910 includes the top third of Georgia from Alabama to South Carolina. The Lower boundary follows the Interstate 20 corridor not including the Cities of Atlanta and Augusta.

However it does include some of the suburban counties of both cities.

District 6910 comprises 70 clubs and approximately 3350 Rotarians.

Rotary District 6930

- <http://www.rotary6930.org/>
- DG Louis Venuti



DG Louis and his wife, Loretta

The Rotary Clubs of District 6930 have served Florida on the Space, Treasure and Gold Coasts, from Titusville in the north to Boca Raton to the south since February 1, 1919 with the charter of The West Palm Beach Club.

District 6930 is a southern USA paradise - home to more than 1,800 Rotarians belonging to 51 Clubs. It is one of the most unique Districts in the Rotary world from the Kennedy Space Center to the south's most pristine beaches in the world.

District 6930 invites you to be a part of its uniqueness. Come share the sun, the sand, the sea and Rotary's warm hospitality

Rotary District 6960

- <http://www.rotarydistrict6960.org/>
- DG Don Thomas



DG Don and his wife, Sue

What we know today as District 6960 is the result of 13 areas regrouping over many years, each one resulting in smaller geographical areas. The most recent regrouping in 1991 established District 6960 in Southwest Florida with 44 clubs. Since that time we have grown to over 50 clubs.

Rotary District 7030

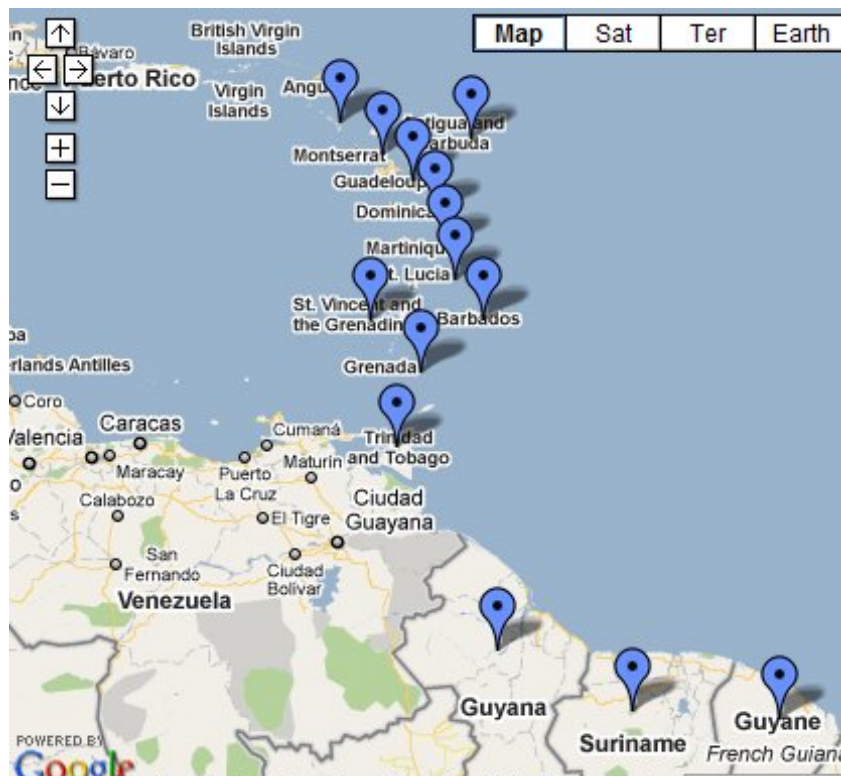
- <http://www.rotarydistrict7030.org/>
- DG Tony Watkins



DG Tony Watkins and his wife Helene

District 7030 is a unique district that can be regarded as a mini Rotary International.

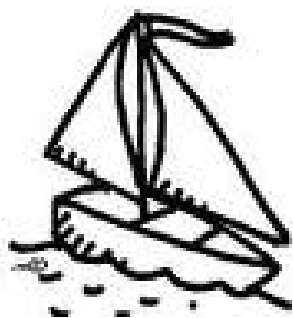
The reason for this is that the District covers 14 countries with 69 clubs meeting in 19 different territories across the District.



The actual geography is as follows starting in the South on the South American continent with French Guiana, Suriname and Guyana and as it goes north encompassing the Eastern Caribbean, or as some people may know it, part of the old British and French West Indies.

Countries represented in Rotary District 7030

French Guiana	French Department with 6 clubs
Suriname	Independent with 3 clubs (Dutch)
Guyana	Independent with 6 clubs
Trinidad and Tobago	Independent with 22 clubs
Grenada and Carriacou	Independent with 3 clubs
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Independent with 3 clubs
Barbados	Independent with 3 clubs
St. Lucia	Independent with 3 clubs
Martinique	French Department with 6 clubs
Dominica	Independent with 1 club
Guadeloupe and Marie Galante	French Department with 7 clubs
Montserrat	British Territory with 1 club
St. Kitts and Nevis	Independent with 3 clubs



Moving among the clubs from North to South entails about 1656 miles of travel and all territories can be accessed by air.

However, it is cheaper to travel to some of the smaller islands by boat. For example, it is normal to travel from St. Vincent to Bequia by ferry.

Travel, however, is not easy.



There are some territories without regular scheduled flights and this can be a challenge in creating any type of travel plan.

- Access to Suriname is made now through Trinidad where flights are available only a few days per week.
- French Guiana has regular service only from Martinique or Guadeloupe and can be costly.

Our District Conference is held in a different country each year and is attended by 300-500 persons, depending on its location.

- The conferences are all conducted in English but simultaneous translation into French is provided.
- Since our Dutch members from Suriname all speak English well, there is no need to translate into Dutch.

Rotary District 7000

- <http://www.districtrotario7000.org/>
- DG John Richardson



DG John Richardson and wife, Leslie

The International Rotary District 7000 is located in Puerto Rico.

District 7000 is composed of 32 Rotary Clubs across the island with about 1,100 members. Although it was not until June 1, 1939, that the District was formed with 45 clubs, the source of the district dates back to 1918 when the first Rotary Club was founded in Puerto Rico – the Rotary Club of San Juan.

CP well represented in Montreal



*Karen and Phil Morris of Rotary District 6910 were only too pleased to help out at the **Caribbean Partnership** booth at the Rotary International Convention in Montreal this past June.
Above, Karen waits for the daily Rotarian surge to arrive.*



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Covering
North America & the Caribbean

Rotarian Emergency Disaster Initiative (REDI)

Rotarian Emergency Disaster Initiative (REDI)

REDI's mission – to train...

To train Rotarians to be prepared when disaster strikes

REDI does not provide disaster response. It provides training and preparation.

5th REDI CONFERENCE

*Marriott Hotel, Grand Cayman
Cayman Islands*

11th and 12th February 2011

Hosted by District 7020

The theme

REDI for PEACE

Preparation, Evaluation, Association, Communication, Execution

REDI was launched in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina by the three Rotary Directors of the paired zones along the gulf coast

- to discuss what had been learned and
- to help the zones be prepared for any future disaster of any kind.

Since that time, REDI's scope has broadened to include the Caribbean and South America.

*REDI Conference
5th Annual
February 11-12, 2011*

- The conference will involve attendees working on developing Preparation and Evaluation skills for disaster preparedness.
- Tasks will involve reviewing and updating Emergency Operations Plans for each Rotary Club represented at the Conference.
- Attendees will also receive expert instruction regarding Association (partnering with government and public entities, other service associations, etc.) and Communication (including use of social media and the politics of communication).

Keynote Speaker - General Russel L. Honoré

General Russel L. Honoré, hailed as the “Category 5 General, is best known for leading Task Force Katrina in the aftermath of the devastating hurricanes that struck the Gulf Coast in the summer of 2005. General Honoré, who is currently a senior scientist with the Gallup Organization and a CNN Preparedness contributor, will be the keynote speaker.



Rotary International believes that attendance at this conference is vital so as to ensure preparedness and a coordinated and effective response to any disaster. For further information and registration please visit the REDI V Conference site at <http://www.redi.ky>.

...PP Derek Haines, QPM, CPM (Coordinator, attendee and marketing)

HAITI – how you can help

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

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

OR

*(2) <http://haiti-task-force.blogspot.com/>
(the official Haiti Earthquake Relief website)*

¹Photo - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Russel_L._Honor%C3%A9

Successful CP Projects

Stories of interest...

District 6910 Rotary Clubs Send Ambulance

to Hôpital de Bienfaisance, Haiti

...submitted by Nathan Carmack, BOS Security, Inc.

District 6910 Rotarian, Robby Atkins, Director of Operations for North Georgia EMS, was anxious to help with relief efforts in Haiti and has offered a 1999 Ford E-350 type III ambulance for Haiti.

There are six Rotary Clubs within the territory served by National EMS; Athens, Classic City, Conyers, Morgan, Oconee, and Rockdale. All six clubs will receive visits from the ambulance before it is shipped to Haiti.



The clubs have assisted with shipping cost and in filling the ambulance with medical supplies and items needed at the hospital. An electric floor scrubber, wheel chairs, walkers, potty chairs, crutches, canes, 200 scrub suits,

bikes, etc., will be shipped within the ambulance. Similar used ambulances are on sale on the internet for over \$34,000. There will be \$10,000 or more of goods shipped inside when the ambulance leaves the U.S.

Two more clubs take the plunge...

Rotary Clubs of *Mandeville, Jamaica*, and *Naples, Florida*, have taken the first steps to be partnered with each other as part of the Caribbean Partnership.

We encourage all clubs who are partnered to communicate often with each other to build Rotary friendships which will lead to joint projects.

Please keep in mind the seven key ingredients to successful partnering - these are derived from our Caribbean Partnership Purpose:

1. Develop Cultural Exchange.
2. Develop Rotary Relationships, Fellowship and Friendships.
3. Increase Communications between Countries.
4. Share Rotary Ideas and Interests and assist in strengthening Rotary in Partner Clubs and Districts. This program falls under The Family of Rotary and includes our Partners in Service
5. Develop Joint Projects as a natural evolution from each of the above.
6. Assist individuals with the basic necessities of life.

If you are partnered, please copy [JV Vlass](#), the Caribbean Partnership, Partnering Coordinator, on your progress so that we can share your success stories in our Newsletter.

Rotary Club of Kingston, JAMAICA partners with Rotary Club of Ybor City, FLORIDA

The Rotary Club of Downtown Kingston embarked on a massive project to make open heart surgery more readily available in the Caribbean through the Bustamante Hospital for Children in Jamaica. The Bustamante Hospital is the only one in Jamaica that offers open heart surgery for young children.

A team of forty volunteer Medical Providers arrived in Jamaica from Florida in February, under the direction of Dr. Jeff Jacobs. This team performed 18 volunteer pediatric open heart surgeries at the Bustamante Hospital over a six-day period. They also conducted the Larry King Cardiac Conference, a teaching Program on Paediatric Cardiac Disease for Jamaica's doctors and nurses.

In 2009, President David Shields of the Rotary Club of Downtown Kingston was approached to assist the Bustamante Hospital with their Paediatric Cardiac Unit. The Bustamante Hospital submitted a 'Wish List' of equipment and supplies required to develop a Paediatric Cardiac Surgical Program. This 'Wish List' was communicated by President David Shields, through District 7020's Assistant Governor Dennis Chong, to PAG Heidi Hess (Rotary Club of Ybor City), Gift of Life Chair for District 6890.



Above left – AG Dennis Chong, Jamaica, speaks with medical personnel. **Centre** - Rotarian Clive Reid, PP Leonard Green, President Lincoln Deane - all 3 from the Rotary Club of Downtown Kingston. In blue shirt is PP Pixley Irons of Ocho Rios Rotary Club and PAG Heidi Hess from the Rotary Club of Ybor City, D-6890.



The Rotary Clubs of Interbay and Tampa (District 6890) donated a total of US\$40,000 towards the ‘Wish List’. Every item on the ‘Wish List’ was either purchased or acquired from donations through the Gift of Life Florida and the Rotary Clubs. In addition to the items on the ‘Wish List’, further generous donations were received - including medication, a 40 foot container of hospital beds, desks and cabinets, etc.- bringing the total value of Rotary’s donations to the Bustamante Hospital for this mission to well over US\$500,000. The Gift of Life Foundation also donated US\$5,000 towards the team’s travel and accommodation.

Upon delivering and setting up the equipment and performing the surgeries, the magnitude of the project caught the attention of local authorities and stakeholders of the Bustamante Hospital. As a result, the project has exploded into several long-term local and international partnerships as follows:

1. Volunteers from overseas have been rostered to visit the hospital every 3 to 4 months hereafter to service the equipment and train Biomedical staff at Bustamante Children’s Hospital.

2. The cardiac department is so full of equipment and supplies that it has been blueprinted for immediate expansion, with further plans to construct a brand new stand-alone cardiac centre in 2-3 years.
3. Because the new expansion is slated to begin immediately, another large shipment of medical equipment and supplies (beds, tables, etc.) is on its way to further outfit the expanded cardiac centre.
4. Other container loads of medical supplies are on their way to donate to other hospitals throughout the region. These have been procured from 3 hospitals that have recently closed down in Florida.
5. District 7020 has recommended establishing a Gift of Life District 7020 Board for the long term sustainability and continuity of this and other GOL programs.
6. Rotary has applied for the Bustamante Hospital for Children to become an official Gift of Life Centre to serve the Caribbean's pediatric open heart surgery needs. Once approved, the Gift of Life program would address the sustainment of the hospital's (now greatly expanded and impressive) heart surgery unit.
7. The Rotary Club of Downtown Kingston will continue to monitor the hospital's inventory of donated equipment and supplies and keep soliciting donations for items that run low.
8. The Rotary Club of Downtown Kingston will host Dr. Jacobs' medical cardiac team from now on when they visit Jamaica for the Annual Larry King Cardiac Conference.
9. The Rotary Club of Downtown Kingston will be submitting a Matching Grant application on July 1, 2010 in partnership with the Rotary Clubs of Ocho Rios, Ybor City, Sebring, Lakeland, Belize, Ocala and Marco Island for US\$60,000, to sponsor 12 additional pediatric open heart surgeries at US\$5,000 each. These surgeries typically cost upwards of US\$80,000 each.
10. Since the need for additional storage of the large volume of equipment during construction has arisen, the British High Commission has donated two climate-controlled forty-foot containers on wheels to the hospital. These may be used as additional office space once the setup of the new cardiac centre is completed.
11. Last but not least, this project has spun off yet another donation last month of two complete catheterization laboratories by the All Children's Hospital of Florida, which has now brought the total project value to approximately **US\$1.5M**. These laboratories are being stored in a Rotary warehouse in Florida and will be shipped upon completion of the expansion at the Bustamante hospital.

When it comes to spreading the word about Caribbean Partnership, it's important to illustrate the advantages of the partnership. Nobody knows the benefits of Rotary friendships better than you, the members.

So how do you communicate these benefits to other Rotarians?



ROTARIANS COME TOGETHER TO FORM GIFT OF LIFE DISTRICT 7020

Gift of life International (GOLI) is a Rotary based program, created to support and coordinate the efforts of Pediatric Cardiac Surgical Programs throughout the world.

This program works to increase the capacity of existing programs, initiate new programs, develop partnerships with other NGO's with this common goal, and help to tell the collective story.

Our goal is to support a Pediatric Cardiac Surgical Program that will treat all Children in the Caribbean, "Our Hearts are in the Caribbean".

GIFT OF LIFE PROGRAM IN JAMAICA

- GOLI has evaluated the cardiac surgical program at Bustamante Hospital for Children (BHC), and finds the location, and support services, to be suitable for a GOL Center.
- Rotary Clubs in the Caribbean, and USA have come together to support this effort through the donation of medical supplies and equipment, as well as fundraising.
- A Rotary District 7020 GOL Board has been formed with 13 of the Caribbean Islands.
- Key relationships with Ministry of Health, BHC Administration and Medical Staff, Rotary Clubs, NGO's, GOL, and International Teaching Medical Teams have been forged. (known as stakeholders)
- A Memo of Understanding has been developed with all the stakeholders.



THE NEED

- Jamaica alone, has an annual incidence of Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) that will generate the need for nearly 200 surgeries per year.
- With the entire Caribbean added, a program that can care for 400 surgeries per year will be required. This also requires a full time Catheterization Lab for Diagnostic and Interventional Procedures.
- The location of BHC, in Kingston Jamaica, lends its self as a Pediatric Cardiac Heart Surgery Center of excellence, that would have the ability to impact and care for much of the children in the Caribbean who suffer from (CHD).

HEART SURGERY PROGRAM AT BHC

Goals been established with the stakeholders including:

- Four International Teaching Missions annually.
- Implementation of Nursing Training Program.
- Training of additional Cardiologist, Anesthesiologist, Perfusionist, and Biomedical Engineer.
- The construction of a new wing to facilitate a new ICU, Cath Lab, Operating Theatre, and equipment storage.

BECOME A PARTNER

**Rotary Clubs are working together to build a new facility,
and need continued support.**

- Partner with Rotary District 7020 to help fund surgeries through the Gift of Life Program.
- Fund the training of a new Physician or Nurse.
- Fund the Purchase and/or shipping of Surgical and Cath Lab equipment.
- Fund an International Surgical Team Visit.

“The Rotary meetings were different from meetings of other clubs of the day; they were far more intimate, far more friendly. First names were always used, while ‘Misters’ and all other prefixes which might in any way interfere with the free flow of spirits, were banned. They became boys once again.”

(Paul Harris, *This Rotarian Age*, Page 57)

MAKING A DIFFERENCE...

RI DISTRICTS 6900 & 7020 PARTNER to provide neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at Princess Margaret Hospital, Nassau With an incubator for premature newborns

Premature neonates can now breathe easy thanks to the generous donation made by service organization Rotary International Districts 6900 & 7020. As the only Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in the Region, management and staff at the Princess Margaret Hospital were pleased to accept such a generous donation presented by an international organization Rotary International.

The donation of the much needed incubator was made possible through a Rotary International District Simplified Grant in partnership with the Rotary Club of East Nassau, Bahamas and District 6900, USA Rotary Clubs of Fortyth-Monroe County; Rotary Club of Barnesville; Rotary Club of La Grange; Rotary Club of Meriwether County; Rotary Club of Jackson Butts County; Rotary Club of Griffin Daybreak; and the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

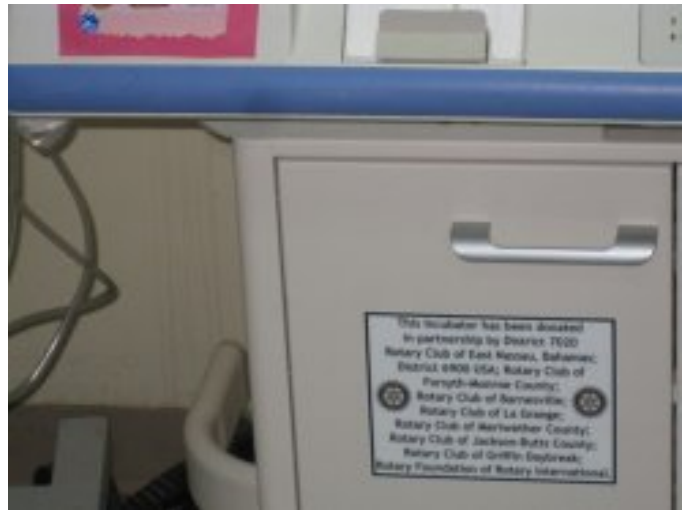
As stated by Jim Wilcox, President of the Rotary Club of Forsyth-Monroe County, "We felt it was important to lend support to such a worthy cause; this meaningful donation to the Princess Margaret Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit is another way to give back to the international community, and we encourage other persons to become involved and do their part in helping the world. We are delighted to be able to provide an incubator for such a worthy cause."



Above - Hospital staff accept the incubator donation. Geneva Fyne, RN, PMH; Michele Rassin, President, Rotary Club of East Nassau; Dr. Steve Lochan, Neonatologist; Thelma Rolle, PMH Foundation; Davette Stubbs, RN, PMH.

As stated by Michele Rassin, President of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, Bahamas, "*On behalf of the Bahamas, I would like to thank all of our partners for their generous donation which will help save the lives of hundreds of premature babies who would be unable to breathe without the assistance of these incubators.*"

"We are delighted to be able to receive this donation and present it to the NICU as no child should have to struggle for that first breath. We would like to say a very heartfelt thank you to all of the Rotary Clubs and District 6900 who have contributed to this life-saving initiative."



Paul Harris believed that the most promising mechanism for reducing international conflict was to enhance cultural understanding through meaningful interactions.

-- whatpaulharriswrote.org

Rotary Clubs of Anguilla, BWI, and Vero Beach, Florida Successful Joint Project Districts 7020 and 6930

The Rotary Clubs of Anguilla, British West Indies, and Vero Beach Sunrise, Florida, joined forces to complete a very successful project on the island.

What is W.I.S.E.?

W.I.S.E. is an alternative school – Workshop Initiative for Support in Education – for students who cannot attend regular classes.

In Anguilla, a small island of 13,000 population with limited resources, W.I.S.E. functions as a part of the Albena Lake Hodge Comprehensive School in Crocus Hill, The Valley, Anguilla.



The W.I.S.E. school works to shape “attitude and self management skills” - teaching students how to

- help and support their peers
- ask for and follow instructions
- respect property
- manage time
- maintain consistency in work
- maintain cleanliness of work space
- care properly for tools, and
- how to resolve conflicts peacefully

Recent damage by the hurricane and thefts at the school had left the already minimal facilities with a number of critical needs.

Added to this, the government’s freeze on capital projects has delayed much needed repairs.

Challenges

Co-ordinating the project, even with the Internet, can be a challenge. Emails don’t always seem to arrive. However, a telephone call through the use of Skype or a 1-800 number can be very effective.

Through emails, misinterpretation is a challenge when dealing with more than one individual at the other end. The suggestion is to limit communications to between two reliable individuals who can then (a) disseminate the required information, and (b) follow through on getting the required and necessary

documentation as quickly as possible.

On the local level, attempts were made to purchase items in Anguilla from a “Wish List.” However, in spite of the efforts of Anguillian Rotarians to purchase items on the island of Anguilla, it was decided it would be easier and more cost-effective to have the Florida Club purchase the items and ship them to the island using the Tropical Shipping Company.

Dramatic Changes through hard work!



Old floors were removed and old ceiling tiles were replaced – very creatively. We found local businesses with excess supplies to donate the replacement tiles or drywall was cut to fit.





Scraping the tile off the floor was tedious! Constant cleanup. Many work hours!
 Many hours of hard work during the week of February 21 through 28, 2010.



Students took a personal interest in the reorganization and improvements!
 Student below has befriended Florida Rotarian, Paul Dritenbas.



The toilet below was made to work again. Parts were purchased – seals, shut-off valves – and Rotarians made the necessary repairs to get this toilet working again. The floor scraped and painted. A new coat of paint on the walls as well. A new toilet seat makes for a final touch.



The photo below shows:- British Governor to Anguilla, His Excellency Alistair Harriston; Florida Rotarian Paul Dritenbas, Florida Rotarian Charlie Sturgis, Florida Rotarian Arthur Hodge, AG Louis Wever, and Anguilla Rotarian Ralph Smith.

We were able to celebrate Rotary's 105th Anniversary on February 23 at the home of the British Governor on the island.





At left - W.I.S.E. school students and Rotarians pose in front of the newly-opened container, filled with equipment worth over \$31,000 USD.

Rotary received much publicity for its good works from this project. Stories appeared in both the local Anguillian newspaper – The Anguillian – in the St. Maarten Herald, and online. Publicity was given to the project on the local television station and also on the radio during the February week.



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<http://www.rizones33-34.org/institute2010/2010-Institute-brochure.pdf>

Friendship is a sheltering tree.

-- - Samuel Coleridge

*Districts 7020 and 6900
GRAND CAYMAN ROTARY CENTRAL
And RC OF NORTH COBB, Georgia, U.S.A.
provide new library to Cayman Academy*

Through the leadership and efforts of Rotary Central, the Cayman Academy School now has a fantastic new library. The opening event for the new library was held at the school was attended by international Rotary dignitary, Rotary District 7020 Governor, Ms Diana White and other local Rotarians.

“Rotarians are conscious that children who fail to master the basic reading skills at an early age will fall further behind as they progress through school and that there has to be an extended range of reading and reference material to enable them to shine,” said Mr. Wil Pineau, President of Rotary Central.

Mr. Pineau explained that early in 2009 a school inspection reported that the achievement level of children at the Cayman Academy was below the level of expectation especially in READING, MATHEMATICS and LANGUAGE. The School Principal recognized the points made by the inspectors and pointed to the absence of a functional library as one of the reasons.

Members of Rotary Central acted quickly to address this as a community issue; by working the Rotary Club of North Cobb, Georgia, USA and making an application for a Matching Grant funding through the Rotary Foundation in July 2009 for the building up of a book collection.



“The American Library Association and the UK Library Association both recommend around 15 volumes per pupil in a school library as well as atlases and encyclopedias so we set out to achieve this level,” explained Mr. Pineau.

Rotarians and the School staff, along with the book supplier in the USA- Follett Library Resources of McHenry, Illinois identified an extensive list of titles covering diverse categories , novels, picture books, etc.

Above - Mr. Ravi Kapoor, Rotary Central VP, Ms. Nelda Drackett, Cayman Academy School Principal, Ms Diana White Rotary D-7020 Governor, Mr. Graham Wood, Rotary Central International Services Director, Mr. Larry Tibbets, Rotary Central Director of Vocational Services and Rotary Past President Mr. David Phipps, at the first visit to the new Cayman Academy library

As a result of this partnership led by Rotary Central, the Cayman Academy was able to access books worth over US\$27,453.00.

“The journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step and Rotary Central has helped us with our first step. We hope that in the years to come we will have many more books for our library and we really appreciate what Rotary Central has done for us,” said Ms Nelda Dracket, Principal of Cayman Academy.


Mr. Pineau thanked several Rotarians for their assistance in getting the project completed including Rotary Central Director Mr. Todd Davey, the International Service team led by Directors Susie Bayles and Graham Wood and Director Irene Simon in North Cobb.

Of significance Mr. Pineau recognized the leading efforts of the late Fred Spiers, a past president of Rotary Central, who last year was instrumental in securing the Matching Grant to make the new library a reality and in wishing Cayman Academy much success with the library, he also asked the school to consider naming the library the “THE FRED SPEIRS LIBRARY.”

Coming Events

Rotary Institute - Zones 33/34
Naples, Florida
September 30 – October 3, 2010

REDI Conference 2011 
February 11-12, 2011
Marriott Hotel, Grand Cayman
Cayman Islands
More information forthcoming
<http://www.redi.ky>

Rotary International Convention, 2011 
New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S.A.
More information forthcoming
<http://www.rotary.org/en/members/events/convention/pages/ridefault.aspx>



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The **Caribbean Partnership** is an official program of Rotary International Zones 33 and 34. Our program falls under The Family of Rotary and includes our Partners in Service, such as Interact & Rotaract. Our mission is to:

- Promote cultural exchange
- Develop Rotary relationships, fellowship & friendships
- Increase communications between countries
- Share Rotary ideas and interests and assist in strengthening Rotary in partnered clubs and districts
- Develop joint projects that may naturally arise from club partnerships
- Expedite assistance through these relationships in the event of a disaster



So get involved with the **Caribbean Partnership** today
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For more information, contact Partnership Coordinator JD:

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Group Study Exchange Between District 7020 and District 6970 in Florida

...submitted by PDG Richard Grant (District 7020)

Bigger, Better, Bolder

From Haiti, Rosa Leger will lead a team of four (4) young professionals between the ages of 25 and 40, to District 6970 in Florida.

- This team will depart from Haiti on April 8, 2011 for St. Thomas to attend our District Conference.
- They leave St. Thomas on April 10 for Jacksonville, where they will be hosted by Rotarians in their homes during their four week stay in that district. During their stay, they will give presentations to Rotary clubs on their homes, families, Haiti and its history, geography and places of interest.
- This cultural and vocational exchange will expose them to the history and culture of Jacksonville and other areas of that district, visit places of interest, and most importantly of all, interact with their hosts and be exposed to the norms of life in that area. It is a wonderful experience and opportunity to share how the team members think as they interact with their hosts, and are exposed to a different language, the area's commerce and its government.
- Exchanges such as this offer participants a unique opportunity to develop leadership skills, work on team building and increase self confidence. It is anticipated that these exchanges will have an invaluable impact on the participants' careers, creating opportunities for networking and developing lifelong friendships.
- This team will return to our district on May 8, 2011.

The Exchange team from District 6970 will arrive in Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands, on March 12, 2011.

- This incoming team of five will be hosted by Rotarians during their stay in our district, and will tentatively be a team involved in the hospitality and marine fields.
- They will depart the Turks and Caicos Islands for the Bahamas on approx. March 25, where they will be hosted by their Rotarians for another two weeks, before departing for St. Thomas on April 7 to attend and present at our District Conference.
- They return to Jacksonville on April 10, 2011.

Individuals participating in this once-in-a-lifetime experience will return home with a broadened cultural perspective, and a new understanding of people in another part of the world.

To be eligible, applicants must be;

- Between the ages of 25 and 40
- Be fully employed, with at least two years experience in their chosen field
- Be in their early/mid stages of their careers or professions
- Reside in, and be employed in the sending district
- Be citizens of the country in which they reside
- Be proficient in the language of the country being visited
- Be personable, articulate, cooperative, motivated team players, and enthusiastic about their professions
- Seek to gain a maximum educational value from the program, as well as be able to fulfill the rigorous demands of international travel, and active participation in an extensive itinerary

GSE can be an excellent way to reward top performers, or provide exposure for potential young leaders with limited international experience.

Caribbean – Zone 34

- 7000 Puerto Rico
- 7020 Anguilla, Bahamas, British VI, Cayman Is, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Barts, St. Martin/St. Marteen, Turks & Caicos Is, St. Thomas, St. John, St. Croix
- 7030 Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, French Guiana, French West Indies, Grenada, Guyana, Montserrat, St. Kitts-Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago

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