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Caribbean Partnership

*Follow-up on the Caribbean Partnership Celebration
Thanks to all who attended and made this possible!*

*Reston, Virginia, July 21-23, 2011
...a note from the CP Chair, jv*



Shown here – jv Vlass and Horace McCormack

Conference Chairman, Horace McCormack, and I want to thank you for making our 2011 Caribbean Partnership Celebration a success! We had a line-up of dynamic speakers and representatives from our partnered clubs, sharing information on their partnering experience and projects with us. Your support and participation made the difference.



Many thanks to *the Rotarians of our host district, 7610*, for all of their hard work and gracious hospitality. A very big **Thank You** to Maggie Johnson, her husband, Kingsley, and family for opening their home for the fabulous cook-out.

We hope each of you found value in attending, and are energized about our partnership, with what our partnered clubs can accomplish doing Rotary's work together. Over the next month, we will post all of the presentations, pictures and information from our Celebration on the website - <http://www.caribbeanpartnership.org>.

During our Celebration meeting, we discussed having a place on our website to post information on clubs wanting to partner and communicating project information. Our Communications Chair, PAG Don Chandler of District 7020, has agreed to create a message board on our website where this information can be posted.

Please email these requests to Don at dchandler@islandtechnicalsolutions.com. Also, if you have any partnered club projects and photos you want to share in our quarterly Caribbean Partnership Newsletter, please email our Newsletter Editor, Kitty Bucsko of District 7020 at ladykitt@sympatico.ca

As a side note, we decided to take the entire amount from the 50/50 drawing, approximately \$635.00, and send to the Jaipur Limb Project.

Warmest Rotary Regards,

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Summary

Over the last weekend in July, 160 like-minded Rotarians gathered in Reston Va.(Washington D.C.) for our Annual Caribbean Partnership Celebration. Our host, Rotary D-7610, did a fantastic job! We had a Caribbean theme throughout the event and many thanks to all the volunteers from the District. Most importantly, this was the first time our Celebration took place in Zone 33.



Over the three days, we discussed the Rotary work that our Partnered Clubs have been doing, evaluated what we have accomplished, celebrated our achievements and determined what needs to be done next. Through this fellowship with all of us gathered under one roof, the relationships that were already established soared upward to everlasting friendships.



We have grown significantly to include all 29 districts of Zones 33 and 34 plus associate members outside of our Zones. The main body of our membership is our Partnered Clubs; we currently have over four hundred Clubs of the USA, and the Island Districts of the Caribbean and N. Atlantic, D-7000, D-7020, & D-7030, partnered and doing Rotary's work together.

Attendees were treated to inspirational speeches from Knox Singleton, President and CEO of INOVA Health System, RID John Smarge, PRID Barry Rassin, PRID Ken Morgan, RF Trustee and RIDE, Anne Matthews, Past RIBI President Norman Proctor, William Conn, Coordinator for the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) for the Caribbean region, and PDG Leigh Readdy, Disaster Coordinator, for D-5030.

After a brief history of the Partnership, attendees were brought up to date on the successes of the partnership in bringing about better working relationships between USA Rotary Districts & Clubs and their Caribbean counterparts. Rotarians received instructions on how to create more partnerships between clubs, along with updates on many current and ongoing Partnership projects benefiting individuals and communities, both on the mainland and in many Caribbean countries. Informational updates were given on many successful projects:

- The Jaipur Limb Project
- Stop Hunger Now
- A new Rotary Action Group which will function as an informational resource for disaster relief and assistance,
- Various literacy Related projects
- Video of the many projects and current conditions in Haiti

This event fulfilled the specific purpose for which our Corporation was organized by providing opportunities for Rotarians of the United States and throughout the countries of the Caribbean and North Atlantic who were in attendance to become better educated as to our respective cultural similarities and differences. We developed relationships, shared knowledge, ideas and interests that did indeed result in more Partnered Clubs

All attendees came away with many new friendships and fresh new relationships to further their efforts to increase interactions between Rotarians throughout both Zones.



Our 2011 Celebration showcased what our Caribbean Partnership Inc., is all about and what makes Zones 33-34 truly unique, in other words, Rotary at its best.

...from Horace McCormack

On behalf of District 7610 and our CPC Planning Committee, our sincere thanks and gratitude to all supporters, attendees, and sponsors of the Caribbean Partnership Celebration event, held in Reston, Virginia, July 21-23, 2011. Our speakers were truly excellent, with motivating and inspiring messages!

It was a successful event that was possible because of all your support! The level of cooperation, generosity, and participation was exceptional!

Once again, thank you all!

My CPC 2011 experience

...submitted by PAG Haresh Ramchandani, Montego Bay, Jamaica



As I sit back and relax into my airline seat and prepare for the half -day journey it will take to get me home in Montego Bay Jamaica, I can't help but ponder on the amazing Caribbean Partnership Conference I was privileged to attend in Reston, Virginia.

Some 140+ attendees came together from Rotary Zones 33+34 and I believe even from the wider Rotary world.

What I witnessed was solidarity, camaraderie, support, concern, and a desire to make this world a better place.

In a nutshell, I saw a beacon lit up brightly.

I think also of new friends I've now made, and certainly the rekindling of old ones as well. The CPC is indeed a platform that is truly living up to the Rotary Creed.

I returned home energized; enthusiastic; and excited. My only regret is that more Rotarians weren't able to share my wonderful experience.

Yours in Rotary Service

Rotarian Haresh L. Ramchandani, PAG
RLI Director, District 7020
District Annual Programs Fund Chair
District RI Convention 2012 Promotion Chair

up and coming...



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Mr. Burton will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

Burton retired as president of the University of Oklahoma Foundation Inc. in 2007. He is a member of the American Bar Association, as well as the bar associations of Cleveland County and the state of Oklahoma. He is admitted to practice in Oklahoma and before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"This is an exciting time to be a Rotarian," Burton says. "I believe we are well poised to capitalize on our strengths as we embrace the [RI] Strategic Plan and the Future Vision Plan. My vision is to have every Rotarian appreciate what it means to be a Rotarian. With these two tools, we can make that happen."

Active in his community, Burton is a founder and past president of the Norman Public School Foundation, and founder and past board member of the Norman Community Foundation. A recipient of the Silver Beaver Award, he is a past vice president of the Last Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Haiti: Order of Malta cholera unit at capacity

...update from Susan GS Anderson, District 7020

Hello Everyone!

I am delighted to tell everyone across the district that we have accomplished our matching goals and then some for the Haiti Cholera Relief challenge by the Order of Malta with their \$100K gift.

At the Caribbean Partnership, Inc. meeting in Reston, Virginia, PRID Barry Rassin, informed us that the \$100,000 has been matched with \$138,000 from Rotarians!



Thank you to all who pledged and participated in this drive to meet our obligations and commitments. In this new Rotary year, challenge yourselves and your club to set new goals for Haiti relief or partnership.

Thank you all again!

Yours in Rotary,

Susan GS Anderson
District 7020

... from <http://crofsblogs.typepad.com/h5n1/2011/07/haiti-order-of-malta-cholera-unit-at-capacity.html>

The Order of Malta's new Cholera Treatment Unit, which opened in Darbonne 35km from Port-au-Prince at the end of March, is already being put to the test. In what is now both the rainy season and hurricane season in Haiti, cholera presents once more a major threat to the population.

Heavy rainfall in June has led to an increase in cholera cases, which means that the Cholera Treatment Unit is currently operating at full capacity – all 20 of its beds are occupied. The unit is currently being run by 45 medics and assistants. The worldwide relief organisation of the Order of Malta, Malteser International, is also fighting cholera with teams in mobile clinics working in villages that are extremely difficult to access in the district's mountainous region. The teams have been constantly identifying new cholera cases.

...from <http://www.orderofmalta.org>



Following its historic mission to help the sick, the needy and the most disadvantaged in society, the Order of Malta continues its work today, operating in more than 120 countries. Its programmes include medical and social assistance, disaster relief in the case of armed conflicts and natural catastrophes, emergency services and first aid corps, help for the elderly, the handicapped and children in need and the provision of first aid training, and support for refugees and internally displaced persons regardless of race, origin or religion. The Order of Malta has been operating with this impartial perspective for over 900 years, caring for people of all beliefs – Muslim, orthodox, catholic, protestant, Jewish.

The Order relies on the involvement of its 13,000 members, as well as approximately 80,000 trained volunteers and 20,000 employees, the majority of whom are medical personnel. The Order's organisations worldwide (Grand Priorities, National Associations, relief organisations and foundations) are responsible for carrying out its activities, both in its the permanent institutions – such as hospitals, outpatient medical centres and old peoples' homes – and with its socio-medical and humanitarian programmes.

Have a look at this website
by
PDG Bevin Wall – Zone 33 Rotary Co-ordinator



<http://rotaryresources.blogspot.com>

The Rotary Coordinator's mandate is to help implement the RI Strategic Plan in districts & clubs.

A Million Smiles a Day

Along with the big things, let's not ever forget the small gestures that change lives.

A pat on the back, a word of cheer, sometimes just a smile is all it takes. And you will then see that almost everyone will smile back. Laugh and the world laughs with you.

Let's make our year, in addition to all that we do, a year of laughter and joy and happiness, with at least three smiles each per Rotarian and spouse every day. That's eight million smiles daily!

Wow! In this life, you will find we may not always be able to do great things. But we can always do small things, with great love.



Upcoming Board Meeting, CP Partnership

Reston, Virginia

October 20, 1011
2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Topics for Discussion

- Election of Caribbean Partnership Chairman Elect and Officers
- Some additions/revisions to our By-Laws
- Satellite Phones
- Caribbean Partnership Membership assessment - \$100.00 yr per District
- Location of our next annual Caribbean Partnership Celebration
- Caribbean Partnership Website and Newsletter

Background

The Caribbean Partnership Inc., was developed for the Rotary Clubs of the USA Mainland & the Island Clubs of Districts 7000, 7020, & 7030 (Zones 33-34) representing 25 countries. The goal was to partner together and develop Rotary relationships that would lead to fellowship and friendships, enabling the clubs to partner and work together on projects.

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DGEs make up our Caribbean Partnership Board as written in our By-Laws. As such, DGEs are the voting body of the Caribbean Partnership Inc.

It is most important that all DGEs are present to make decisions on the afore-mentioned topics for discussion.

Reflections on My First Caribbean Partnership Celebration

...by Dr. Sara Mansbach, Literacy Resource Chair, District 7750
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Rotary Zone 33-34's Caribbean Partnership Celebration held in Reston, Virginia, on July 21 -23 beckoned me, so I flew up from Greenville, South Carolina, seeking clubs to partner with our Upstate South Carolinians in District 7750's Haiti Literacy project adding books to a village library, 19 schools, and homes in Cange.



As a newcomer, I went with trepidations and a few questions —Will I learn anything new? What exactly happens here? Will any of these strangers lend a hand to our Haiti project? And here's what happened—

- The first evening, Dr. Guy Theodore, one of the most famous Haitians in that country graciously invited me to dinner.



Brief bio: The current District Governor of Haiti, a legendary humanitarian, grew up in relative poverty leaving Haiti for the New York area where he became a colonel in the army and a medical doctor.

In the mid-80's, he returned home and has been responsible for numerous projects including a building a hospital, installing water systems, working in education reform and recently providing leadership to rebuild from the earthquake.

He has agreed to assist District 7750 in seeking a solution to our Upstate South Carolina District's need to find a Haitian Rotary Club to partner for a matching grant for a library, school, and family literacy in Cange and the Central Plateau.

- The sessions on all days featured dynamic speakers on important issues such as HIV/AIDS coordination throughout the region, the Rotary Jaipur Limb Project now underway to provide artificial limbs for Haitian earthquake victims, and the formation of a new Rotary Action Group to function as an informational resource for disaster relief and assistance.

- The most memorable presentation occurred after a delicious Caribbean Banquet with tropical pork roast, plantains and beans. PRI Director Barry Rassin presented a video with many images of the 53 schools, clinics, and orphanages that have been or are being restored with more than \$5.7 million in funding.



The images were collected by the four Account Holders of the Donor Advised Fund who visited Haiti last week (July) to ensure that the projects were progressing as they should. The funding has come from over 60 countries and hundreds of Rotary Clubs and Districts around the world.

About \$1.3 million of the funding has passed through the Caribbean Partnership as a 501 (c) 3 from the Donor Advised Fund within The Rotary Foundation and other sources. 100% of those funds have been used in Haiti with no administrative costs.

(Editor's note: Find photos and information on the Haiti website - <http://haiti-task-force.blogspot.com/>)

- And there were numerous reports on terrific Partner Club Projects being done between Zone 33-34 Rotary Partner clubs on the mainland and clubs on each of the islands in the Caribbean.

(An especially exciting literacy project is taking place at a learning center on the island of *La Gonaive* in the bay of Port Au Prince where children are writing language experience- based stories translated in their first language as booklets that are published and swapped with stories from Puerto Rico and Massachusetts's children.)

These Partner Clubs provide cultural exchange and develop Rotary relationships and friendships, and many times begin with Group Study Exchanges; they build rapport between countries and strengthen ability to share ideas between clubs and districts.

Some districts have designated members as Caribbean Partnership Representatives and these attend all CP events! In fact, each District is asked to have a Chair for the Caribbean Partnership who will be responsible for the promotion efforts.

- I reunited with some folks I'd seen at the Caribbean Partnership Booth at the RI Convention in New Orleans. Then we were acquaintances; now we are friends.

- Oh—and hospitality! The Jamaican rum punch was delicious, plantains will now grace my Greenville table, and I hope to hear the high school steel band that entertained us playing next at the RI Convention in Bancock. I should also mention a dynamite picnic at our host club's home that served as a terrific finale!



For anyone who wants to know what makes Zone 33-34 truly unique, coming to a Caribbean Partnership meeting is a must. It was my privilege to attend.

This meeting is held once a year and alternates between the mainland and one of the islands. District Boards—think about sending your next Group Study Exchange to our southern islands, appointing your own Caribbean Partnership Representative, and doing Rotary at its best! The 2012 meeting is planned for Trinidad!



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REFLECTIONS ON THE CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP CELEBRATION

...submitted by PDG Errol Alberga, District 7020

This Caribbean Partnership Celebration was well organized and showed the progress we have made since the inception of the "Think Caribbean Initiative" in 2007.



Congratulations to Partnership Chairman PDG JV Vlass, PDG Horace McCormack Chairman for the Celebration, and the Organizing Committee for a superb Conference!

Once again District 7020's attendance and participation in the Celebration in Reston Virginia was outstanding. Apart from the Districts in Virginia, District 7020, had the highest number of Rotarians present among the more than 50 Districts in Zones 33 and 34. There were also representatives from the other Districts in the Caribbean.

Past RI Director Barry Rassin's video presentation on the progress made in Haiti after the earthquake of January 2010, with the restoration of schools funded with Rotary contributions, showed Haiti in a very positive light.

The presentation of our completed District 7020 project in the exhibition highlighted the successful collaboration among Districts, Clubs and individual Rotarians in our Zones. This project was conceived and started before the earthquake occurred, and was expanded to accommodate additional students after the earthquake. It is an example that should be adopted going forward.

Another highlight was reports on successful Projects on the US mainland with Caribbean Partnering Clubs.

There was a good balance between serious discussion topics, outstanding presentations, and fellowship events.

The Hospitality Room was very popular and went on well into the nights, rekindling memories among old friends while converting new acquaintances into friendships, over many glasses of Caribbean alcoholic blends.

Rotary International Caribbean Partnership Celebration 2011 Connects Island and US Mainland Rotarians in Washington DC Area

...submitted by Karen Pinder

Reston, Virginia – The 2011 Rotary International Caribbean Partnership Celebration was a fantastic event, hosted by District 7610 in Zone 33. It brought together Rotarians from throughout the entire Caribbean – from the Bahamas in the North all the way down to Suriname on the Mainland of South America – and US Rotarians from the mainland of the United States from Delaware down to Florida including members hailing from Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and the Eastern bit of Tennessee.



As a born and raised Floridian hailing from District 6930, who has lived in the Caribbean District 7020 for the past 17 years, I was very excited to join in the Celebration.

The event did not disappoint !!!!!

There were numerous inspiring speakers, including Past RIBI (Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland) President Norman Proctor, and Current Trustee of the Jaipur Limb Project. He enthralled the attendees with heart-warming and tear-jerking tales of this project, as well as the recitation of the odes he penned on two key topics near and dear to all Rotarians: Literacy and Polio. There was a WOW surprise special guest appearance by RF Trustee and RIDE Anne Matthews; an amusing and entertaining walk through the history of The Caribbean Partnership Program provided by RID John Smarge, and an uplifting update on the great works done by Rotarians in Haiti delivered by Past CP Chairman and PRID Barry Rassin.

Representatives from various Clubs throughout the Zones 33 & 34 spoke about successful partner projects in a rapid-fire series of snapshots. I was privileged to be invited to present on two projects.

(1) The first - A model classroom for Autism project that is the result of a partnership between the Rotary Club of Nassau Sunrise and several Clubs from the Celebration's Host District 7610 (Falls Church, Rappahannock, Fredericksburg, Alexandria) and an associated

Club from Fontana, California.

(2) For the second presentation - I shared the podium with CP Treasurer and PDG Phil Lustig, D6930. We spoke about the District 6930 Conference Cruise Community Service Project.

The Rotarian delegates attending the Conference Cruise disembarked in Nassau where they spread out amongst the 6 Nassau Clubs to perform a variety of hands-on projects including feeding the elderly, reading to orphaned children, and renovating a soup kitchen, to name a few. Some of the Visiting Rotarians were treated to samples of the local delicacies either at the fish fry or at the project site.

The Floridian Rotarians also brought with them hundreds of backpacks, which will be distributed by the Bahamian Rotarians to children in need during the back-to-school season. Other successful Caribbean Partnership Programs shared during the Snapshot Session were a shoe drive for Haiti, a breast cancer initiative, an Earth Day event in Turks & Caicos, and many many others....

The Conference had a Caribbean theme, and included many opportunities for FUN fellowship:

- a Rum tasting at the very popular hospitality suite
- live entertainment by a steel drum band
- an island style dress dinner
- a tour of the D.C. area
- home hospitality BBQ at the home of District 7610 CP Chair Maggie Johnson-Obaji (RC of Reston, VA).

If you attended the event, you know you can't miss next year's. If you weren't able to attend, you now know you should make plans to attend the Celebration in 2012 as moves down to the Caribbean!

The 2012 celebration will be in Trinidad! Hope to see YOU there !!!!!

Karen Pinder

Area Community Service Chair for the Rotary Clubs of The Bahamas
Immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Nassau Sunrise

District 5280 to partner with Jamaica for 2012/13



District Governor-elect in D-5280 for 2012/13 Lewis Bertrand (left) has advised his counterpart District Governor-elect Vance Lewis (right) in D-7020 that District 5280 is desirous of sponsoring five(5) projects in Jamaica in 2012/13. You may ask yourself why Jamaica?



Well Governor- elect Bertrand explained that "We have done, over the past years , projects in Central and South America, Latin America, and parts of the Caribbean, but we have never done any in Jamaica and would very much like to do so."

THE PLAN

To invite each Jamaican club to determine and prepare a project document detailing the project they would like to do in their community in 2012/13. These project documents would then be submitted to D-5280 for evaluation and to determine the five (5) projects they would pursue. After evaluation a team from D-5280 would visit Jamaica and hold discussions with the five clubs selected sometime between February and March 2013.

- 1) Each club must submit only one project.
- 2) The project must not be more than twenty thousand dollars(US 20,000.) in value and scope .
- 3) The project must seek to benefit the community
- 4) All submissions must be made by July 1, 2012.

Do not prepare a matching grant application at this time, this will only become necessary when and if your club project is chosen. I will be the contact person for all submissions and will advise in due course if there is any change to the effect.

Jamaica | Jamaïque | Jamaika

Country Profile

from <http://www.nationsonline.org/oneworld/jamaica.htm>



[Flag of Jamaica](#)

Background

Jamaica is the third largest of the Caribbean islands, and the largest English-speaking island in the Caribbean Sea. Situated 90 miles south of Cuba, 600 miles south of Florida, USA, and 100 miles south-west of Haiti.

In pre-Columbian times Jamaica was inhabited by an estimated 60,000 Arawak Indians. In 1494 Christopher Columbus "discovered" the island and claimed it at once for the King and Queen of Spain.

In 1517 first Africans brought to Jamaica by the Spaniards. The British arrived in 1655, defeated the Spaniards and claimed the island for the King of England.

By the late 17th and early 18th centuries the island was virtually divided. Colonial planters and their slaves inhabited and worked in the coastal plains, while high up in the Blue Mountains there lived fugitive slaves, the free community of the Maroons.

More than 300 years later on August 6, 1962, Jamaica became an independent sovereign state and a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Haiti DAF Visit - July 10-17, 2011

Summary Notes

...more information at <http://haiti-task-force.blogspot.com/>



RID John Smarge
PRIVP Eric Adamson
PRID Robert Stuart
PRID Barry Rassin

View photos on YouTube at

- (1) Days 1 & 2 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVBZnyX9TyI>
- (2) Day 3 - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_QNOjoCg9o8
- (3) Day 4 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=goXWC8cJtwQ>
- (4) Day 5 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLIKm-hKczc>



SUNDAY, JULY 10

Arrive in Port au Prince (PAP) at 3:05 p.m. on AA #803

Barry had to redo the form as it was so badly done; so we almost missed our next flight. One case of signs was not on the plane with us so had to come back to the airport next day to pick them up.

Amos and Guy met us, and delivered us to the National Airport to Tortug'air. Tickets were paid for by Robert Leger. Barry reimbursed Robert, but his check

had to be replaced because they could not read it at the bank. *Barry really has to learn how to write...*

Check-in to Hotel Le Manguier with 4 rooms - confirmed. Breakfast included. "Friend" took order. Choices were eggs, omelet or spaghetti. I chose eggs but got omelet - as we all did.

In Les Cayes, we met with the club leaders at Robert & Rosa's house. They keep a gear in the yard (what a reminder of Rotary), have a nice mango tree, and we had a wonderful Haitian dinner. We went back to the Hotel, but - as power was out during the night - there was no hot water.

MONDAY, JULY 11

Robert and Rosa Leger drove us all through the South of Haiti.



8:00 am - Tour of the projects in Les Cayes

DAF #1 – Ecole St. Famille - Completed but needs the outside wall fixed. We met with the nun who runs the school, and she showed us around. Another school is right next door. Lycee Guerrier is just down the block, which we saw next.

DAF #17 – Ecole Normal des Cayes - They gave us a song and dance, literally. Great project. We met with the nun in charge. They also gave us a plaque to Rotary International.

DAF #45 – Lycee Phillippe Guerrier - Many Rotary projects over the years with the computer lab as ours. Basketball court had an excellent Rotary wheel on it.

DAF #91 – Ecole Primaire de Simon - Demolition begun. We drove into the area between the buildings, and took pictures of the 32 demolition workers - some workers did not like this. They were working hard in the hot sun and knocking the building down by hand. We then drive toward PAP stopping in:

Aquin - DAF #74 – National School of Fraternite of Vieux-Bourg d'Aquin- Need to change to scope of the project to include another building. They will find out about Chile and the local government, and have a new budget by next week. They had an abandoned water cistern, but they have replaced it.

We met with parents, mostly men, as women were trying to earn a living for the family. They were very concerned that their school would not get done. RID John assured them that we would support the new expansion of the project. They will provide us more details on the government issues.



Miragoane – Chalon Medical Clinic, 97 National Road #2, Chalon Miragoan Jude Mathurin - John's friend with a project to expand the Clinic in need of \$1.5M. Nice clinic with two or three exam rooms that Jude wants to expand to a full clinic with Lab etc. They have land in the back, and will continue to make it happen. John's Rotary club/district had given him scholarships in the past.

Leogane - DAF #100 – Building deep water wells - One site already has water. We met with the Association and the other site seems okay. Need Engineer to confirm. Malcolm is ready to ship. Barry sent note to Alison, but MG already sent money to Haiti. There is now an on-going discussion on the best way to use the wells.

DAF #5 - Visited Catherine Flon in Carrefour. Looks like the building is gone, and lots of temporary classrooms are set up in various locations up and down the street. We walked around the street looking at the locations and the original school, but could not find it, as it must have been knocked down.

We arrived in PAP that night.

Hotel La Plaza – This reservation was confirmed in the name of Pastor Caleb Lucien. A/C blew hot air, so we were extremely hot

with no sleep. We were so happy for the cold shower. Caleb and Amos met us for breakfast.

TUESDAY, JULY 12

We left PAP for Mirebalais at 8:00 a.m. Caleb Lucien and Kyss to drive. We first visited a matching grant between Mirebalais and Wisconsin - water filters - and met with those individuals getting the filters. Not a DAF project.

DAF #21 – Renovating 7 schools - We visited the one school for which we provided \$8,300 for the supplies. Essentially okay. Five of the other schools are not started. No more money will be forthcoming until proof is provided.

DAF # 20 - Visited one set of toilets for their other project. Toilet was okay. We saw about 15 ground covers for other toilets. Kyss will go back to visit all the toilets.

DAF #19 - Did not see the third project with the 80 tankers as too far away. We have two old pictures, but concerned about any others. Kyss promised to visit them all and Mario promised to send bank statements and receipts.

We have concerns and have asked for the documentation, bank, receipts, etc. Kyss to visit to make sure they are all being done. Toilet was well made but how many are there?

We then visited Hinch.

DAF #8 – Providing a vehicle for midwives - We met the midwives. They use the vehicle as an ambulance as well as the need arises. They do feel it has made a big difference in maternal and child mortality. We went to their house where it is kept.

DAF #67 – Providing supplies to children in six schools - We did not see much, but they say they were mostly done. They need to send us documentation to release any more funds. Need to show the six schools.

DAF #94 – Building 3 Footbridges - We saw the one footbridge in Ti Pelegre, which seems to be well built and serves a great purpose to cross a river. It is helping the sick, the pregnant, and the students going to school. It was a walk down from the car, as the road was too difficult for the car to get to the bridge. There were folks bathing in the water beneath the bridge.



We went to Kyss and Nicole's house for a late lunch, then it took us two hours to drive 19 miles to Pignon.

The road is unbelievable, and wet from the night before, with much slipping up and down a terrible road. So, it took us two hours to drive there. We almost got stuck where a truck was stuck in the mud. There was no way past, but Caleb got us through.

The government is working on new roads, and the hope is that they will start in that area some time next year.

We stayed with Caleb and Debbie, who have a nice house, and gave us dinner and then breakfast. A rooster started at around 3:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

We started at 8:30 a.m.

Visited Pignon

Evanel showed us around as many of the projects as possible. The distance between projects was greater than expected. One road was so narrow that we had to close the windows so the branches would not hit us.

Bob enjoyed being in the back of the truck; Eric also did some time back there. Barry was given the honor of most front seats which he deeply appreciated. *He must have looked the most frail?*

DAF #102 – Ecole Mont Sinai de LaCoste - Next to church

DAF #64 – Ecole Etoile du Matin - Painted next to damaged building

DAF #107 – College Mont Sion de la Victoire - Two-storey building

DAF #106 – Ecole Communautaire de Gaspard - Renovated one building and built a new one

DAF #103 – College Coeur Unis de Savane - New with a beautiful view

DAF #3 - St. Collettes - Pictures of the kids and chicken and soccer

DAF #31 – Savanette Primary School - roof?

DAF #108 – College Baptiste “Le Rocher” de Pignon



DAF #2 – Jaipur Limb - We saw all three buildings with photos with signs. One letter fell off.

The signs did not come on the flight so had to go back to airport Tuesday morning to get them.

Guy took us to his home; we washed hands, then rinsed with chlorine water. Then he fed us. To avoid the dangers of local water, John stuck to Prestige, as did the others.

Eric took more risk with water and vegetables, especially tomatoes as they have skin? Time was running short, so that we could not make the distances to see the other five schools in that area.

We did not see the following projects:

- **DAF #30** – Frobel Primary School
- **DAF #65** – Ecole Evangelique Chretienne de St. Raphael
- **DAF #101** – Provide supplies to children in 13 schools
- **DAF #104** – Ecole Baptiste Bethesda de St. Raphael
- **DAF #105** – Ecole Bon Samaritin de Bail/Savanette

We did fly back to PAP to save time and avoid the roads at 2:30 p.m. Caleb Lucien’s driver was to drive from the airport, as he drove our bags to PAP. But we got lost looking for Karibe Hotel.

Visit Thomassique - DAF #16 – The Good Samaritan School - We did not visit this as it was too far. They have a problem that the school has spent over budget, and they are trying to resolve that with the school before they come back to us. It has not started as yet.

Osprri Descommes for DAF #113 – Barry met him at La Plaza on the first morning. Staying at the Karib Hotel 13-16.

Louisa Dow, Past Peace Fellow, came and met with us for a few hours and joined us for dinner. She has a new job with Habitat, financed by USAID, in the north to determine community capacity. She is clearly an intelligent and impressive peace fellow.

THURSDAY, JULY 14

Caleb's driver drove us, and then we met up with Gary in Verrettes. We were told that the drive would take 30 minutes, but it took 4 hours. Clearly our French/Creole needs improvement. In Verrettes, we had both Gary and a driver, so we had two cars which was always a pleasure. With one car, three in the back seat became close and friendly.

We were hoping to visit Sacre Coeur Hospital in Milot, Haiti? Dr. Harold Previl. However it was too far as it is in Cap Haitian on the North Coast.

DAF #114 - 150 wells - St. Marc - We did not get there, but drove through on the coast and passed Club Indigo where the District Conference will be next year. We could see La Gonave as we drove along the beautiful coast.

DAF #95 –We visited Albert Schweitzer Hospital - Verrettes - Dawn Johnson showed us around and introduced us to the malnourished kids who will benefit from the nutrition program which is in a remote nutrition unit in the mountains.

They are using the plumpy nut for nutrition.



We visited the ward for malnourished children. They use art to teach them about proper nutrition including breast-feeding. They also have some tents set up for the Cholera patients. They are down from 300 patients at their max to 190 now. This hospital was the first to take them in. They are the patients who are resistant to treatment.

Petite Riviere de l'Artibonite

DAF #83 - Art – They are in a two-storey building. We saw the students painting, went upstairs and Barry bought two paintings done by students. They gave us each wooden fish. Barry managed to crack his head open on the beam going up the stairs.



DAF #84 – Household Microcredit Program - We were kissed by all as they showed their appreciation. They want more money, but they like the program. They pay 1.5 per cent to the bank to administer. Copepra administers it. They get about 5000 gourd or 6000 gourd, pay the sum back over four months, and then do it again. They each have a bank book to track the payments. There were only three men out of 60 participants.

DAF #85 - Computers and Internet Research – This program is in the local library which needs to have the roof fixed and security added. We had lunch with the VP in his house. They bought computers and other items and are ready to install. They still need to install the satellite dish so they can hook up to the internet. Computers are in his house for safe keeping.

DAF #79 – Hospital Charles Colimonis building a waiting area with a roof for mothers and children. They need to send receipts and statements. The roof structure was not new, but the covering will be. They are also in need of an ambulance, which we will try to find for them.

Gary Marcelin drove us around. He could not juggle three cell phones as well as Caleb, but sure was enthusiastic and jolly on the phone. Thomas called five times while enroute to make sure we were on the way. They had been waiting since 10:00 a.m. and we got there around 2:00 p.m., but there were no complaints to us. Timing to get these vast distances was a constant challenge, even for the local Rotarians who made the arrangements.

FRIDAY, JULY 15

Alexandra Soli and Margharetta drove us to Sarazin and *Teach Haiti*.

DAF #62 - Sarazin – It was an hour's walk up the mountain where they had cooked corn for us. The kids sang to us. The kids are in summer school. They have to carry everything up the mountain. They pay 75 gourde to carry one bag of cement.

The photo Barry took of the person carrying the bag of cement cost \$5. We each must have lost 5 pounds of water during the walk and had to go back to the hotel to change before we could continue.

It was a magnificent view as we could see PAP over the roof of the school. The kitchen is a fire in the back yard under a USAID tent.

DAF #76 – Teach Haiti – This project is on the second floor, and they are making artistic souvenir items to sell. We bought supplies and an alternate source of energy. We also bought 8 necklaces of the necklaces they made out of cereal boxes. They are truly creative and beautiful. We saw batteries and converter as well as easels, wood, chairs and tables.



Raphael Izmary drove us around Petionville

Delmas - We met with the President and another Rotarian as they came into town to meet with us. President Rodolph promised to speed up their process. They showed us the final budgets and are ready to go.

DAF #69 – College Francais de Bareau Guitho - ready to start

DAF #70 – St. Augustin of Tapio School - ready to start

DAF #71 – St. Therese de L'enfant Jesus - ready to start

DAF #92 – Providing a community with Biosand Filters – We need to find out from HOM when they will get started. They are going to make sure they communicate with us better than in the past.

DAF #4 – Kenscoff Clinic – We did not see it, but George will send some more pictures. The pictures of the outside show it as finished, so we just need documentation of the completion.

We went to lunch at the Latin Quarter with Raphael. George Nicolas joined us and updated us on DAF #29 and the problems with containers. Barry met with Amos about the Rotary Club of Carrefour.

Brigitte Hudicourt and Chris Low met with us to show us two different projects. Brigitte showed us an impromptu school started by a 62-year-old to help the kids get an education. We would like to help them with that school, and Brigitte will send in a proposal.

Chris showed us the school in Matenwa on La Gonave. La Gonave has a population of 100,000 and has been ignored by Haiti. We want to use it as an example of converting an entire community, not just doing an occasional project.

SATURDAY, JULY 16

Caleb's brother showed up and took our driver, as he had to go to Leogane, but he arranged for Gilbert to take us to the airport.

Leave hotel at 8:30 a.m.

Leave on AA #404 at 12:15 p.m.

Amazing fellowship and Rotary work!

Final notes -

We greatly admired the amazing work of the local Rotarians in Haiti who are getting the job done in spite of some amazing barriers. We also thank all those who housed us, fed us, drove us and put up with us. No comments above should be construed as criticism, only as relating the experience to others who may never have shared such an experience.

Our admiration goes out to the incredible progress made by Rotary in Haiti. We know that Rotary will impact the education of over 23,000 children. The children and their future is why we do what we do.

Coming Events

Rotary Zones 33-34 Institute

October 20-23, 2011

Reston, Virginia

Caribbean Partnership Board Meeting

Reston Virginia

Thursday, October 20, 2011

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

REDI VI

Rotarian Emergency Disaster Initiative

16-17 March, 2012 Conference

The Doubletree (Hilton)

at the Beautiful Marina in Berkeley California

More Details Coming Soon

Caribbean Partnership Celebration, 2012

Planned for Trinidad

More information to follow...

Successful CP Projects

Stories of interest at September 2011

Three Grants involving clubs from Rotary Districts 7600, 7020, and 7030

(1) *Healing Hearts – Eastern Caribbean*

Submitted by PDG Bill Pollard, District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair, D7600



“Geography should not be the reason why a child lives or dies.”

This powerful statement is at the core of the *World Pediatric Project (WPP)*, formerly known as the International Hospital for Children.

Based in Richmond, Virginia, and founded by Rotarian Julian Metts of the South Richmond Rotary Club, WPP helps children with birth defects, illness, and injury with treatment that is considered routine in the United States but in developing countries may be life threatening.

The Rotary Clubs of Bon Air, Huguenot Trail, Innsbrook, and Richmond in District 7600 have partnered on *Healing Hearts – Eastern Caribbean*, bringing eight children needing heart surgery from the Eastern Caribbean to Richmond.

The project also has the support of the Gros Islet Club, St. Lucia, in District 7030.

A \$50,000 matching grant from The Rotary Foundation provided funding for the surgeries.

(2) *Midwives for Haiti Pink Jeep*

Submitted by PDG Bill Pollard, District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair, D7600



Haiti has the highest childbirth mortality rate in the Western Hemisphere. For every 100,000 births, 670 women die.

Lack of skilled attendants and limited access to quality care is at the root of the problems. About 75 percent of Haitian women do not receive qualified birthing assistance and most deliver at home.

To improve maternal health, *Midwives for Haiti*, a Virginia-based charity, has trained about a dozen Haitian women at a clinic and hospital in Hinche (about 60 miles north of Port au Prince) each year for the past three years.

Students learn how to provide prenatal care and deliver babies. They also teach mothers how to provide better nutrition for infants and children who are at risk. Having their own vehicle will enable midwives and students to offer mobile prenatal clinics at 12 remote villages on a regular basis and transport patients and supplies.



The Rotary Club of Western Henrico County - with support from the Rotary Club of Bon Air, Rotary Club of Henrico North, Hermitage High School Interact club, Bon Secours Health Systems, and local individual donors - contributed a total of \$70,000 to purchase a pink Jeep Wrangler for Midwives for Haiti. More than \$20,000 of that amount came from the Haiti Earthquake Relief Donor Advised Fund. (DAF Project #8 – reference <http://haiti-task-force.blogspot.com/>)

The jeep is customized for rugged terrain. Having their own vehicle will enable midwives and students to offer mobile prenatal clinics at 12 remote villages on a regular basis and transport patients and supplies.

At left – the jeep at the meeting place of the Rotary Club of Western Henrico before being delivered to Haiti

(3) *Haiti Water Filters*

Submitted by PDG Bill Pollard, District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair, D7600



The Rotary Club of South Hill sponsored a grant from the Haiti Earthquake Relief Donor Advised Fund to provide approximately 450 water filters to be placed primarily in homes in a dire need of potable water. (DAF Project #113 – reference <http://haiti-task-force.blogspot.com/>)

The club has partnered with Haiti Outreach Ministries (HOM) and with local Rotarians in Haiti for the implementation of the grant. The project will also provide jobs to Haitians who will construct and install these systems.

The systems have approximately a ten-year life span which allows the project to continue into the future.

An average home consists of 8 people, and HOM anticipates no less than 3 families to have access to each filter. This means that the project will supply

clean potable water to approximately 11,500 people.

This is the largest international project the South Hill Club has been involved with in its entire 83-year history.

The total project cost of \$24,000 is being funded with the \$12,000 grant and \$12,000 donated by the Rotary Clubs of South Hill, Henrico East, Powhatan, Lawrenceville, Lake Country, and South Boston in District 7600 and two North Carolina Rotary clubs: Belhaven-Pantego RC in District 7720 and Valdese RC in District 7670.

Wheelchairs for Haiti – District 6960

From <http://www.rotarydistrict6960.org/Wheelchair>

Our District has a long and proud history as a strong supporter of the Wheelchair Foundation since its inception in the year 2000. The tragic earthquake in Haiti has created an enormous need for wheelchairs in that country for the many survivors who have now become amputees, or have suffered injuries which has taken away their mobility. The following is an excerpt from a recent message from Father Rick Frechette.

“After weeks of frenetic activity, we are returning to a state of equilibrium. Our hospital had become a trauma MASH unit, as had all other medical centers in Port au Prince that are still standing. We were able to offer about 30 surgeries a day at four sites (two in our hospital, one on our hospital grounds in a tent, and one at the St. Camillus Hospital, which we staffed for the emergency.) Many of these, sadly, were amputations – sometimes two for the same adult or child.”

“To give an idea of the size of the problem, it is likely there are about 20,000 people now who have been amputated or who have orthopedic hardware screwed through their skin to the bone. Port au Prince has about 20 Haitian orthopedic surgeons, and visiting teams to Haiti will soon leave. All 20,000 need to be followed closely for removal of hardware, control of infection, reevaluation of the amputation, and of course for artificial limbs and rehabilitation.”



The Wheelchair Foundation has approached our District knowing of our strong support in the past and our special relationship with Haiti through our friendships with so many of our fellow Rotarians in that country. Our District and the Wheelchair Foundation has set a goal of delivering two containers, or 560 wheelchairs to Haiti as soon as we can get the funds together and arrange the shipping.

Thanks to the vast experience of the Wheelchair Foundation in reacting to natural disasters worldwide this can be accomplished very quickly. All we need are the funds. Through our special arrangement with the Wheelchair Foundation, we can provide these 560 wheelchairs at a cost of \$56,000.00, or only \$100.00 per wheelchair. I am asking every Rotarian and every Rotary club in District 6960 to join me in making this goal happen as soon as possible.

For further information, please contact Steve Agius at steve@ctc-naples.com.



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Rotary International District 6990 Awards \$70,000 Grant to Project Medishare



Rotary International's District 6990 check presentation to Project Medishare

July 12, 2011 by [Project Medishare](http://projectmedishare.wordpress.com) (<http://projectmedishare.wordpress.com>)

On Monday, June 27, 2011, senior leaders of Rotary International's District 6990, which comprises southeast Florida and Grand Bahama Island, presented a \$70,000 grant commitment to Drs. Barth Green and Arthur Fournier of Project Medishare for Haiti, Inc.

Drs. Green and Fournier will use the funds to provide training and equipment in the areas of radiology, ophthalmology, and laboratory work essential to providing urgent care to critically injured and ill patients at the Hospital Bernard Mevs Project Medishare in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

This is the second time Rotary International's District 6990 has partnered with Project Medishare to fund work in Haiti.



In 2007, the Zone 34 Rotary District gave Project Medishare \$107,733 towards their nutrition program in the Central Plateau of Haiti, the poorest area of the country.

"We are proud to be partnering with Project Medishare once again in their efforts towards the sustainable redevelopment of Haiti," said Noelle A. Galperin, Rotary District 6990 Haiti Initiative Task Force Chair. "After visiting Hospital Bernard Mevs Project Medishare, it quickly became apparent that this is an organization that is achieving ambitious goals in Haiti – training and employing Haitian doctors, nurses and health care administrators to be the future health care leaders in their country."

Thank you Rotary International District 6990 for your continued support of Project Medishare for Haiti, Inc.

PROJECT MEDISHARE BLOG

Dedicated to improving health in Haiti

(<http://projectmedishare.wordpress.com>)

ABOUT PROJECT MEDISHARE

- Over the past 20 years, physicians, scientists and students at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine have embarked upon medical missions to Haiti to provide medical assistance. Led by dedicated physicians like Dr. Barth Green, Dr. Arthur Fournier, and Dr. Michel Dodard, the Miller School has had a profound and lasting impact in Haiti. In 1994, these efforts culminated in the founding of Project Medishare for Haiti, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, whose purpose is to extend medical missions to ongoing integrated community health and development programs.

Project Medishare has joined forces with the Haitian Government (Ministry of Health, Agriculture, and Education) and local organizations such as Partners in Health/Zanmi Lasante and World Vision to coordinate activities and to provide the most cost effective and sustainable programs to the communities served. Today, over 110,000 Haitians in the poorest rural region of Haiti, the Central Plateau, benefit from an Integrated Community Development Program including access to health, agriculture, education, and water & sanitation services.

OTHER INNOVATIVE IDEAS

...from <http://www.rotary7710.org/##>

Here is an innovative idea from District 7710 that would be useful for all areas in the Caribbean Partnership

Triangle Rotary Clubs Partner With Durham's Crayons2Calculators

DURHAM, N.C. – Four area Rotary Clubs are partnering with Durham non-profit Crayons2Calculators with a "Fill That Bus!" schools supplies drive for Durham Public Schools on Saturday, August 13.



Rotarians and the bus will be located outside [name of store] on August 13, and local shoppers will be asked to purchase school supplies while they are shopping, and then to donate their purchases to help fill the bus.

In addition, local businesses will have collection bins in their offices. Members of the public can drop off their donations to the Durham Chamber of Commerce, Alliance Architecture, Freelon Group, Not Just Paper, and Clegg's Termite and Pest Control, during regular business hours. Three-ring loose leaf binders are not being accepted.

A Rotary Matching Grant Project – Districts 6910/7030 Dominica Water Project

...submitted by Barbara McCarthy

All photos by Liz Madisetti, teacher in Dominica

Host Partner – Dominica Rotary Club (West Indies) (District 7030)
International Partner – Rotary Club of Conyers, Georgia (District 6910)

The purpose of the project was to construct a public toilet for a coastal village in Dominica, accompanied by a constructed wetland to treat the sewage from the facility. This would be the platform to teach the village the importance of preventing raw sewage from flowing into the bay and causing pollution and health problems.

The Public Toilet facility and Constructed Wetland to filter the waste before flowing into the bay have been completed, and are working successfully. An important element of the project has been educating the village on the benefits of filtration to clean up the water at the public beach.

Before construction began, classes for teachers and school children were provided and continued as the project progressed.

After completion, Rotary sponsored a Mero Water Week Camp, conducted by a local teacher and biologist that included daily classes, activities and field trips for 21 children from 7 to 17 years of age.



They were taught the importance of clean water in the bay, ocean, and stream, how to monitor the effluent from the wetland to be sure the system is working correctly. They learned how to gauge the health of streams by the critters that lived and survived there.

At left - The Mero Village children who attended the week-long day camp gather behind the public restroom Rotary built. A local teacher and graduate student taught the science and purpose of the constructed wetland that treats the waste from the Sanitary facility. The children planted plants over the wetland to form a wetland garden which aids in the filtration process.

The students continued planting flowers in the wetland to beautify the water garden. The educational camp was the first experience

many villagers had in how to clean up their streams and bay where thousands of islanders swim, fish, and scuba dive.

These young people will become the Clean Water Ambassadors for Dominica and particularly for Mero Village. They will influence their families to stop dumping night pots into their precious water.



The project idea was conceived in 2006, the plan developed and local funding gathered in 2007 and the budget and TRF application completed and accepted in 2008

The sanitary facility and constructed wetland to filter the waste were built at Mero Beach in Dominica, West Indies in 2010, and the operation of the wetland was stabilized in 2011. The environmental education process began in 2009, preparing teachers to help school kids understand the impact of human waste being dumped into the ocean where their families fish and swim. Informed children help change their families' behavior.

To highlight the education phase, a Water Week Camp was held in August 2010. Education will continue by those who have learned in classes and camp. (Photos are from the Water Camp).

The beneficiaries are hundreds of villagers on a daily basis and thousands of visitors that visit the popular Mero Beach for festivals and to relax.

Rotarian Involvement and Oversight



Rotarian Mary Beth Sutton located a local teacher and a Graduate Student Biologist to teach and direct the Water Camp and classes. Rotarians in the Conyers Rotary Club will continue Involvement with the Dominica Rotary Club as Twin Clubs with the Rotary Caribbean Initiative.

Rotarian PP Adler Hamlet continued work on the facility after the Hurricane Thomas damaged the pump. He has directed repairs and replacements and is arranging maintenance.

The Conyers Rotary Club sought others clubs to partner so they could reach their goal for the budget. Their sister club in Conyers, Rockdale Rotary Club, North River Rotary Club in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and the Rotary Club of Rome.

Rotarian Barbara McCarthy (Conyers Club) continues to communicate with all partners and Rotary districts involved. Rotarian Jule-Lynne Macie (Conyers Club) is preparing power-point presentation clubs can use for a Club program. Rotarian Mary Beth Sutton (Chattanooga Breakfast Club) continues communication with partners, volunteers and water experts and she explores future Caribbean projects.

There is a free, open-to-the-public facility with toilets, showers and laundry tubs they can use every day. Villagers, including many Haitian refugees, depend on the facility, to take showers, bathe their children and wash their laundry. Even more important is the knowledge that polluting the bay and streams is unhealthy and preventable.

The sanitary facility should last for many years, and arrangements are being made by the Dominica Rotary Club to have the community help get villagers to clean and service the facility on an ongoing basis. Children have learned that sewage is no longer acceptable in the bay and streams and must stop. The long-term community impacts are that night toilets and “scandal bags” will no longer be emptied on the beach or the river, keeping the water cleaner and the population healthier.

The wider impact is that this is a model of a wastewater treatment system that could be used throughout the islands. The Rotary Club of Dominica intends to communicate the effectiveness of this treatment system to other villages and other clubs in their District.

The following photos were taken the day we turned the Public Sanitary Facility and Wetland Garden over to the Mero Community.

- The ceremony was televised all over the island country for several days.
- The group in front of the facility includes Rotarians from Conyers (GA), Chattanooga (Tenn), and Dominica Clubs, Members of the Mero Enhancement Committee, and a Parliamentary Representative.





GSE TEAM FROM HAITI VISITS FLORIDA

...submitted by Rosa Guzman-Leger
Photos from article in the Palm Coast Observer, April 28, 2011

In the spring of 2011, a GSE team from Haiti, led by Rosa Guzman-Leger, visited Florida. The team members are shown upon their arrival in St. Augustine, Florida.



A team of medical professionals from Haiti visited Florida Hospital Flagler Friday, April 22, for a tour as a part of the Rotary International Group Study Exchange, a cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals between 25 and 40 years old.

During their visits, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships and exchange ideas.

Palm Coast is the third stop on their tour, which began April 16, in Palatka, and will end May 14, in Jacksonville.

Below left – The team receives a warm welcome by the Palatka hosts.
At right below - The team with supervisors in each field at the Halifax Hospital in Daytona, Florida.



Other photos of hosts in Florida ...



The visit in Palm Coast consisted of a tour of the hospital, lunch with Florida Hospital Foundation Director John Subers and dinner at the home of Dr. Jane Walter.



Then, a luncheon was hosted Saturday by Ernest and Evlyne Voyard; Mary Stetler hosted an Easter Sunday brunch.

The Voyards and Stefler, along with Lawrene and Bill Bishop, Karen Merrill and Linda Simon Aurora hosted individual team members in their homes. The visit was sponsored by the Palm Coast Rotary Club.

At left – Jose Reyes and Lisa Williams display medical equipment for the Haiti team members. (This photo appeared in the Palm Coast Observer, April 28.)

The Gainesville Rotary Club invited us to work in the garden of Ronald MacDonald house. In Deland, we went to a meeting of the Early Act club who were very happy to meet us and show us the books the members had collected to send to the children in Haiti.

Below left - Team leader Rosa with the Community Service team in Gainesville.

Below right – Meeting with the EarlyAct group in Deland, Florida.



The people in Palatka were our hosts who went to meet us at the Airport in Jacksonville when we arrived. They gave us a wonderful welcome and received us like family. The GSE members were touched by this, and since the beginning, realized what Rotary is all about.

Sarah Owen Gledhill, the District 6970 GSE/VTT Coordinator, was also present.

Was Paul Harris the first president of a Rotary club? NO

Was Paul Harris the first president of Rotary International? YES

Another partnership and Another Matching Grant Proposal

in the works –

Mother Tongue Books Proposal



Skidaway (Georgia D-6900), Port au Prince (Haiti D-7020) and San Juan (Puerto Rico, D-7030) make up what many consider to be the "Ideal Partnership".

Their Partnership has been enduring for 7 years. They have obtained Matching Grants, and now another is in the works.

It's an excellent story of how three districts are interacting under the direction of our Partnered Clubs, effectively and efficiently.

Christine Low, who is *Friends of Matènwa Executive Director* writes:

"Rotary is that they focus on peace and making sure that they listen to the desires and ideas of the people that they are helping, This is key in having successful development projects."

View this link: <http://www.voicesfromhaiti.com/inner-views/michel-degraff-mit-linguistics-professor-our-word-is-our-bond/>

– More to come – stay tuned...

...from www.causes.com

The Matènwa Community School seeks to help children learn the information and receive the training that will prepare them for their future. The school wants to create an ambiance where children and adults feel respected by each other. Both adults and children have rights before the law. Adults must uphold the laws for everyone, especially children.

To aid a small, privately-funded school in Haiti, and to help eradicate Haiti's child-slavery problem.

Chris Low, Matènwa Community School in Haiti, is a 2011 Cambridge Peace and Justice Award Recipient

...from <http://matenwacalc.org/mother-tongue-books/>

The Mother Tongue Books project was created by the Matènwa Community Learning Center in December 2008.

Books written by children for children are translated from one mother tongue into the mother tongue of the children receiving the books. Many children around the world do not acquire functional literacy skills even if they have had a K-3 education because they are not learning to read in their mother tongue.

It is illogical to think that a child can read for meaning in a language for which he or she does not have a rich oral vocabulary.

By sharing books across borders and translating them into a mother tongue children are contributing to each other's education and helping one another become literate. This social justice project brings joy to all who are reading, writing, and exchanging books and promotes the creation of Mother Tongue school libraries.

Rotary and the Caribbean Partnership were featured...

The Emerald Planet

"Your Sustainable Environmental, Economic, and Social Development Link"

On July 7, 2011, Rotary International was featured!!

You can access the excellent video of 4 separate segments by clicking the link below – and meet Horace, Bill, and jv.

<http://emerald-planet.org/07172011.aspx>

Program Summary:

Segment 1: Horace G. McCormack, Chair, Jamaica "Gift of Life" and "Polio Rehabilitation Center through University of the West Indies", Caribbean Partnership, Rotary International District 7020;

Segment 2: Bill Jarrett, Chair, "Antigua: Breast Cancer, Saving the Lives of Women", Caribbean Partnership Rotary International District 7030;

Segment 3: James Vlass, "Dominica: Water and Waste Water Treatment For Better Health", Caribbean Partnership, Rotary International District 7030, (By Skype);

Segment 4: Bill Jarrett and James Vlass, "Haiti: Jacmel Medical Supply Center", Caribbean Partnership, Rotary International District 7020.

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The *Emerald Planet* is a not-for-profit organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. USA.

Created in 1973, our leadership and experts work with research institutions, businesses, governments, universities, health care providers, clean water advocates, funders, non-government and community based organizations. These efforts are identifying 1,000 "best practices" to arrest, and reverse, the ravages of climate change while promoting the development of alternative energy sources.

The world community is engaged through the Internet and television broadcasts, publishing, education, research, training, idea exchanges, competitions, and advocacy. The *Emerald Planet* works in collaboration with the Panamerican-Panafrican Association as a Permanent Program Unit of the Pa/Pa which is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization.

The Emerald Planet's vision:

Providing tools and an Internet platform for linking sustainable development experts, practitioners, and citizens around the planet to share development ideas, processes, and technologies providing ever better quality-of-life conditions for all people

Encouraging all citizens to contribute their unique knowledge, understanding, resources, energy, and contacts to reduce, and possibly reverse, the negative effects of global climate change.

*A FEW PHOTOS FROM
THE CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP CELEBRATION IN JULY*



Above – jy Vlass and Bevin Wall



Below – Horace McCormack, Arthur Hodge, and Jv Vlass



Below left - Jim Peterson of Charlottesville Club, VA - he was our Audio/Visual Chairman.

Below at right – PDG Errol Alberga and DGE Vance Lewis (D-7020)



At left below – eager Rotarian participants. At right below – PDG David Edwards, District 7030



Below – Horace, Barry Rassin, and RI Director, John Smarge

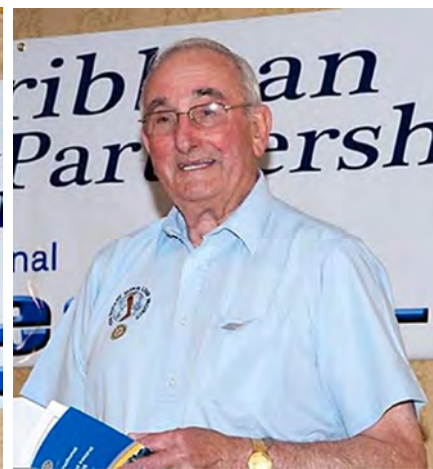


At right below – Rotarian Sheila (left) and PP Mary Wharton of Burke RC, VA - Mary leads the Learn and Grow effort



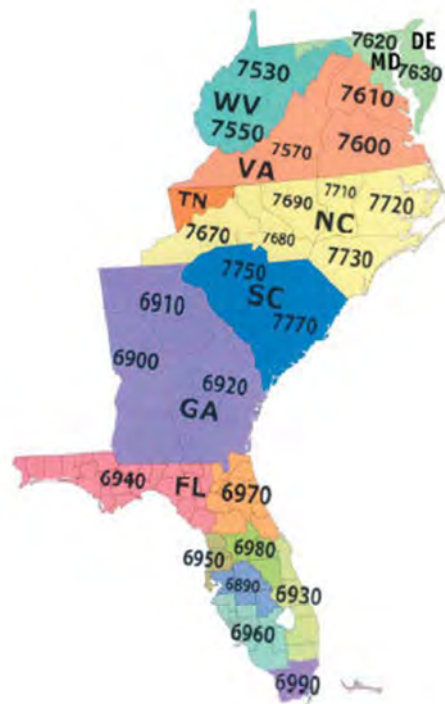


Below – DG Guy Theodore, District 7020, and Norman Proctor, representing the Jaipur Limb Project



APPENDIX – A

Rotary Districts in Florida and along the East coast -



Zone 33

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

Zone 34

- ▶ Caribbean: Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, British Virgin Isl., Cayman Isl., Dominica, Fr. West Indies, Fr. Guiana, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, Netherland Antilles, St. Kitts-Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos, Virgin Isl.; Guyana, Puerto Rico, Suriname, USA: Florida, Georgia

APPENDIX B

Governors of Zones 33/34 - 2010-11

Mailing list for Caribbean Partnership Newsletter at September, 2011

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

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APPENDIX C

INTERESTING INFORMATION – ZONES 33 AND 34

Totals for Zone 33

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

Totals for Zone 34

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

Interesting websites for Zones 33 and 34

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

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