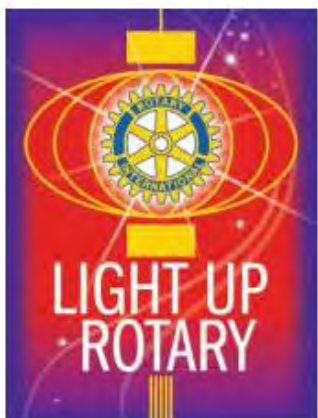


# Rotary District 7020 Newsletter



*Rotary International President, Gary C.K. Huang (Taiwan)  
District 7020 Governor, Paul Brown (Jamaica)*

## APRIL 2015



Our District Governor is Paul Brown from Jamaica. At right with wife, Kay.



*Newsletter Editor – Kitty Bucsko*

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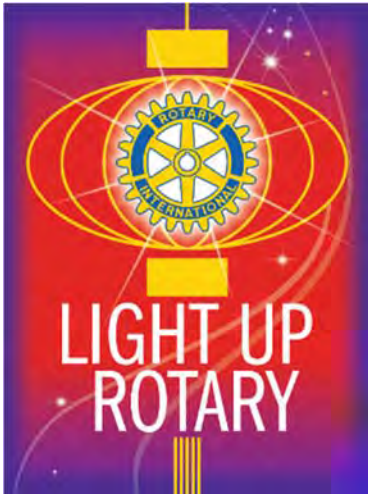
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# APRIL MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR (2014-15) PAUL BROWN



Fellow Rotarians, Rotary Alumni and Family of Rotary

The theme for this month is **Magazine Month**. I ask that you take some time to devote to "The Rotarian", our signature magazine that provides us with a wealth of information throughout the Rotary year. The topics are always interesting and informative and do deserve some of our time. We know that distribution of the magazine at times lags, but it is possible for us to have our magazine delivered to us in digital format as is now done with so much of Rotary's business.



As many of you may have noticed, we are now into the last quarter of this Rotary year! How time has flown! Now we are into a very busy period as so many things are happening and so many events are yet to come.

Last month, we had the successful completion of our first Vocational Training Team project in St Maarten, St Martin and Anguilla. It seemed to have been a major success and already we are looking at having more of these in the next Rotary year. Congratulations to our Rotarians and the participants who benefited from the experience. Let's apply and sustain those benefits we gained, into the future.

We also celebrated Rotaract Week all over the District. All across the District there were several celebratory events held, and in some cases Rotaractors and Rotarians worked together on projects in a spirit we hope will be nurtured going forward.

It is also with pleasure that I introduce the newest member of our Rotary Family, the Rotary Club de Memorial des Gonaives in the Artibonite region of Haiti. With twenty-nine members, the club received their Charter last week-end when I visited the Haiti Interclub Assembly in Petion-ville. It was a grand celebration by the Haitian Rotarians, and this has boosted our membership in the District by ninety (90) new members up to the end of March.

Whilst we celebrate all these occurrences, we now should be focusing our efforts on preparing and sending our various reports to our District Secretary and his Committee, as deadlines are here for submissions. So far, the responses have been good, and I look forward to recognizing all the hard work put in by the Clubs at our District Conference in May.

While we get consumed in all this activity, I would like to encourage you to keep up the good work of Rotary right up to the end of June. We have these three months that are left to complete all the goals we set. Let's continue to build on our achievements in membership growth and retention. Our retention is at 94%, the highest it has ever been in the history of the District!

Let us build on our contributions to the Rotary Foundation as we still have a way to go to reach our target of \$264,000.00. We would like to emulate our predecessors in having every Rotary Club in the District contributing something to the Rotary Foundation.

Let us continue to do good work in our communities across all countries in this beautiful District of ours. While we do that, let's tell our Rotary story, each and every one of us, as we Inspire Youth and Build our Rotary Family. Let's Light up Rotary in our Clubs and communities and let's play our part in Lighting up the World.

Hope to see all of you in Jamaica in May 12-16, 2015!!

Paul Brown, District 7020 Governor (2014-15)



## ABCs OF ROTARY



*Cliff Dochterman*  
*RI President 1992-93*

### ***THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE***

Most Rotarians have never attended a Rotary district conference. They have not experienced one of the most enjoyable and rewarding privileges of Rotary membership.

A district conference is for ALL club members and their spouses, not just for club officers and committee members. The purpose of a district conference is for fellowship, good fun, inspirational speakers and discussion of matters that make one's Rotary membership more meaningful. Every person who attends a district conference finds that being a Rotarian becomes even more rewarding because of the new experiences, insights and acquaintances developed at the conference. Those who attend a conference enjoy going back, year after year.

Every one of Rotary's districts has a conference annually. These meetings are considered so important that the Rotary International president selects a knowledgeable Rotarian as his personal representative to attend and address each conference. The program always includes several outstanding entertainment features, interesting discussions, and inspirational programs.

One of the unexpected benefits of attending a district conference is the opportunity to become better acquainted with members of one's own club in an informal setting. Lasting friendships grow from the fellowship hours at the district conference.

### ***THE PRESIDENTS-ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR (PETS)***

The Bylaws of Rotary International require that the governor-nominee of each district, in cooperation with the current governor, in the early months of the year, schedule and conduct a training seminar for the incoming club presidents of the district. This two- or three-day Presidents-elect Training Seminar, commonly referred to by its acronym, PETS, is a motivational and leadership-training session designed to prepare the future club presidents for the office they will assume on 1 July.

Among the subjects covered are the implementation of the RI theme for the coming year as well as information about the new and continuing programs of RI. Time is also devoted to a review of district operations, planning club and district programs, and organizing other activities for the year ahead. How to prepare a budget, goal-setting, time management, and new ideas for club meetings are just some of the useful skills that club presidents-elect learn when they attend their district's PETS. In some areas of the world, the PETS is conducted as a joint multi-district event.

### ***YOUTH EXCHANGE***

Rotary Youth Exchange is one of Rotary's most popular programs to promote international understanding and develop lifelong friendships. It began in 1927 with the Rotary Club of Nice, France. In 1939, an extensive Youth Exchange was created between California and Latin America. Since then, the program has expanded around the world. In recent years, more than 8,000 young people have participated annually in Rotary-sponsored exchange programs.

The values of Youth Exchange are experienced not only by the high school-age students involved but also by the host families, sponsoring clubs, receiving high schools and the entire community. Youth Exchange participants usually provide their fellow students in their host schools with excellent opportunities to learn about customs, languages, traditions and family life in another country.

Youth Exchange offers young people interesting opportunities and rich experiences to see another part of the world. Students usually spend a full academic year abroad, although some clubs and districts sponsor short-term exchanges of several weeks or months.

Approximately 36 per cent of Rotary Youth Exchange students are hosted or sent by the clubs in the United States and Canada. European countries account for about 40 per cent, and 12 per cent come from Australia and New Zealand. Asian clubs sponsor 5 per cent, and 7 per cent come from Latin American countries. Over 70 per cent of all Rotary districts participate in Youth Exchange activities.

Youth Exchange is a highly recommended program for all Rotary clubs as a practical activity for the enhancement of international understanding and goodwill.

## **NO PERSONAL PRIVILEGES**

Frequently, friends ask whether Rotarians receive special business benefits from their Rotary membership. Should Rotarians expect a special discount or some preferential service just because they are dealing with a fellow Rotarian?

The answer is clearly NO. The Rotary *Manual of Procedure* expressly states the Rotary position on this matter. The policy, originally approved by the RI Board of Directors in 1933, is that in business and professional relations “a Rotarian should not expect, and far less should he ask for, more consideration or advantages from a fellow Rotarian than the latter would give to any other business or professional associate with whom he has business relations.”

Over 50 years ago, the concept was expressed that “true friends demand nothing of one another, and any abuse of the confidence of friendship for profit is foreign to the spirit of Rotary.”

On the other hand, if new or increased business comes as a natural result of friendship created in Rotary, it is the same normal development that takes place outside of Rotary as well as inside, so it is not an infringement on the ethics of Rotary membership.

It is important to remember that the primary purpose of Rotary membership is to provide each member with a unique opportunity to serve others, and membership is not intended as a means for personal profit or special privileges.

## **“EVERY ROTARIAN AN EXAMPLE TO YOUTH”**

In much of the official literature of Rotary International relating to service to young people, as special slogan will be found – “Every Rotarian an Example to Youth.”

These words were adopted in 1949 by the Rotary International Board of Directors as an expression of commitment to children and youth in each community in which Rotary clubs exist. Serving young people has long been an important part of the Rotary program.

Youth Service Projects take many forms around the world. Rotarians sponsor Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, athletic teams, handicapped children’s centers, school safety patrols, summer camps, recreation areas, safe driving clinics, county fairs, child care centers and children’s hospitals.

Many clubs provide vocational counselling, establish youth employment programs and promote use of the Four-Way Test. Increasingly, drug- and alcohol-abuse prevention projects are being supported by Rotarians.

## **THE FOUR-WAY TEST**

One of the most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics in the world is the Rotary “4-Way Test.” It was created by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor in 1932 when he was asked to take charge of the Chicago-based Club Aluminum Company, which was facing bankruptcy.

Taylor looked for a way to save the struggling company mired in depression-caused financial difficulties. He drew up a 24-word code of ethics for all employees to follow in their business and professional lives. The 4-Way Test became the guide for sales, production, advertising and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company was credited to this simple philosophy.

Herb Taylor became president of Rotary International during 1954-55. The 4-Way Test was adopted by Rotary in 1943 and has been translated into more than 100 languages and published in thousands of ways. The message should be known and followed by all Rotarians.

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?





### Highlights from the January 2015 Rotary International Board of Directors Meeting

The third 2014–15 RI Board of Directors meeting was held on 26–29 January 2015 in San Diego, California, USA. At this meeting, the Board reviewed nine committee reports and recorded 51 decisions.

#### Clubs and Districts

In reviewing districting matters, the Board reorganized:

- District 3460 (Taiwan) into new Districts 3461 and 3462, effective 1 July 2017;
- District 3480 (Taiwan) into new Districts 3481 and 3482, effective 1 July 2017;
- District 3500 (Taiwan) into new Districts 3501 and 3502, effective 1 July 2017;
- District 3520 (Taiwan) into new Districts 3521, 3522, and 3523, effective 1 July 2007;
- District 9140 (Nigeria) into new Districts 9141 and 9142, effective 1 July 2017.

#### Programs and Awards

The Board agreed to establish in 2015–16 a new award called the Rotary Award for Excellence in Service to Humanity to be given to non-Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service consistent with Rotary's ideals.

The Board recognized three new proposed Rotarian Action Groups:

- Disaster Network of Assistance Rotarian Action Group
- Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species
- Rotarian Action Group—Preparing for Life

The Board agreed that simultaneous interpretation at the International Assembly plenary sessions and at the Council on Legislation will now include Chinese.

#### Administration and Finances

The Board elected past director Bryn Styles to fill the remainder of Monty J. Audenart's term (through 30 June 2017) as a Foundation Trustee.

The Board reaffirmed that the certification of polio eradication is the premier goal of Rotary International and its Foundation.

The Board approved President-elect Ravindran's proposed 2015–16 committees, including appointments to these committees.

So that district governors can more effectively plan their terms in office, the Board approved at this meeting (instead of at the "July" Board meeting) the budgets for the 2015–16 district governors.



## Highlights of Actions Taken by The Rotary Foundation Trustees January 2015

The Rotary Foundation Trustees met on 17 January 2015 in San Diego, CA, USA and reviewed five committee reports and recorded 30 decisions. The following are highlights of actions taken.

### Administration

The Trustees approved Chairman-elect Klinginsmith's proposed 2015–16 committees, including appointments to these committees.

The Trustees agreed that the task of helping to achieve the previously approved 2015–16 Trustee priorities and goals is to be added to the regional Rotary Foundation coordinator and endowment/major gift adviser's list of responsibilities.

### Programs

The trustees awarded five global grants, each in excess of US\$100,000:

- for a maternal and child health grant to benefit Lady Ridgeway Children's Hospital in Colombo, Sri Lanka
- for a water and sanitation grant to benefit 45 underserved school and five communities in District 3790 (Philippines)
- for a water and sanitation and economic and community development grant to benefit Busolo-Gomba district (Uganda) and surrounding villages
- for a disease prevention and treatment grant to benefit 10,000 individuals within 10 remote townships in Taiwan
- for an economic and community development grant to benefit the village of Mwika, Tanzania

The Trustees reaffirmed that the certification of polio eradication is the premier goal of Rotary International and its Foundation.

The Trustees approved a new Polio Ambassadors Recognition award to recognize celebrities and other notable figures who used their status to publicly support Rotary's polio eradication fight.

The Trustees approved PolioPlus grants for Afghanistan, Africa (eastern and southern), Cameroon, Chad, Ethiopia, Kenya, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Somalia.

# ROTARY PEACE SYMPOSIUM 2015

...from Rotary Peace Centers Committee Chair Anne L. Matthews.

Many of you will recall that a Peace Symposium was held in 2012 in Chapel Hill with approximately 300 in attendance. The Symposium was well received and, therefore, the second Peace Symposium is scheduled for **Friday, April 10, at the Sheraton Hotel in Chapel Hill, NC**. The theme for 2015 will be "Peace Begins With Us."

Duke/UNC is one of Rotary International's Peace Centers and the Peace Symposium is planned for the day prior to the Duke/UNC Peace Center Fellows presentations scheduled for Saturday, April 11. We hope you will attend both the Peace Symposium on Friday and the Duke/Chapel Hill Peace Fellows program on Saturday.

Co-Chairs PDG Nancy Barbee (District 7730) and Director Nominee Joe Mulkerrin (District 7600), along with a great committee, are planning a wonderful program with dynamic speakers, interesting debates, and New Generation peace projects.

## Some of the speakers:

1. Past RI President and Chair of The Rotary Foundation Trustees John Kenny is scheduled for the keynote.
2. 2012 Peace Fellow Graduate Ryan Rowe
3. CEO Diana Mao of Nomi Network will share information on Human Trafficking; some of you heard Diana at Rotary/UN Day in New York recently
4. Rotary Action Group for Peace and TRF Technical Advisor Mark Zober from Jerusalem, Israel
5. Rotaract and Interact presentations

Registration will begin at 8:30 am and the program at 9:30 am. Lunch 12:30 to 1:30 pm.

The Sheraton's Rotary rate is **\$112 for the night of Thursday, April 9. This rate is available until March 26; therefore, if you need a room, book it soon.** When you reserve a room, state you are with the Rotary Peace Symposium.

You can book through the following link:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/rotazone33>

Or call Sheraton Chapel Hill directly: [\(919\) 968-4900](tel:9199684900)

Interact and Rotaract students will join us again, and will be led by PDG Chris Jones (D7680). Please inform your Interact and Rotaract advisor of this important program and ask them to invite their students. The youth will present in the afternoon session. Youth presented at the previous Symposium and were excellent. We look forward to hearing their ideas on how we can be peace builders and foster peace in our world.

In the near future, you will be receiving registration information and a promotional flyer from the co-chairs to use in your districts to promote the Symposium.

We look forward to seeing you in Chapel Hill April 10, 2015, at the Sheraton in celebration of "*Peace Begins With Us.*"

*For questions:*

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Yours in Rotary Service, PRIVP

PRIVP Anne L. Matthews  
RI Peace Centers Committee Chair





*"Second" Reminder to Mark Your Calendar Today*

*This flyer includes all Registration Directions*

Annual Peace Symposium – "Peace Begins With Us"

Friday, April 10, 2015. Sheraton Chapel Hill, N.C. Check in begins at 8 a.m. Program starts at 9 a.m. Concludes 4 p.m.

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Host of Exceptional Speakers



John Kenny, The Rotary Foundation, Trustee Chair 2014-15, Rotary Club of Grangemouth, Scotland



Ryan Rowe, Rotary Peace Fellow in 2010. Master of Business Administration from the Schulich School of Business at York University in Canada and a Master of Public Health from the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina.



Diana Mao, Co-Founder, President of Nomi Network which is a nonprofit that creates economic opportunities for survivors and women at risk of human trafficking.



**Mark Zober**, The Rotary Foundation Technical Coordinator for the Cadre of Technical Assistance Advisers in the Area of Focus: Peace & Conflict Resolution/Prevention. He has served as President of the Rotary Club of Jerusalem.



**Howard Jeter**, Former Ambassador to Nigeria. Recipient of the Presidential Meritorious Service Award, State Department Superior Honor Awards and Senior Foreign Service Performance Awards

**Plus**

Interactors & Rotaractors addressing their thoughts on world happenings and how they would address the issues.

**Now**

- **Today is not too early. Hotel Registration – Sheraton Chapel Hill Rotary rate is \$112 per night for April 8-12. \$112. This rate is available until March 26. Book with link below or call the hotel directly 919-968-4900. When you reserve a room, state you are with the Rotary Peace Symposium**

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/rotazone33>



- **Today is not too early (sound familiar). The 2015 Peace Symposium is OPEN for registration. Register through the DaCdb under your District Calendar. Scroll to April.**

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For questions, please contact Co-Chairs: PDG Nancy Barbee 252-670-5229 [nbarbee@gmail.com](mailto:nbarbee@gmail.com). Director Nominee Joe Mulkerrin 757-467-9475 [joemulkerrin@cox.net](mailto:joemulkerrin@cox.net)



Fellow Rotarians,

The time for our international convention is drawing near. I hope that you have all finalized your plans, from registration to travel arrangements and accommodation. While doing so, please check to ensure that you meet all the requirements for entry to Brazil.

If you are not sure about whether or not a visa is required, I encourage you to make contact with the nearest embassy or consulate to confirm. The requirements may vary based on country of origin and/or nationality. And while we are eager to have good representation from District 7020, we are unable to manage the visa process from one location given the geographical challenges of our District.

If you are attending, I ask that you indicate to me via email so we can plan ahead and try to organize our customary D7020 meet and greet dinner at some point during the convention. Your confirmation would greatly assist us in planning and ensuring that adequate arrangements can be made to facilitate this awesome opportunity to fellowship on foreign soil.

Please share the information during your club meeting this week as we try to reach all Rotarians in District 7020

Brazil promises to be exciting and I can't wait to see you all there!

PP Audley Knight  
District Convention Chair

*PS .Based on our understanding, citizens of UK or Barbados do not need a visa to travel to Brazil for stays of less than 90 days*



## EXCHANGE IDEAS

Expand your network-and your worldview.

## TAKE ACTION

Help us create lasting change in communities around the world.



# WINNERS

## Club-of-the-Month

MONTH	CLUB NAME	SIZE	PRESIDENT
<b>AUGUST</b> <i>Membership and Partnerships</i>	<b>E-CLUB OF THE CARIBBEAN, 7020</b>	25 and under (20)	Amarylis Dávila-Agosto
	<b>ROADTOWN</b>	Over 25 (55)	Shan Mohamed
<b>SEPTEMBER</b> <i>New Generations</i>	<b>SINT MAARTEN MID-ISLE</b>	25 and under (20)	Wayne Wilkie
	<b>TORTOLA</b>	Over 25 (95)	Henry Creque
<b>OCTOBER</b> <i>...Service – Vocational, Community &amp; International</i>	<b>MONTEGO BAY SUNRISE</b>	25 and under (22)	Suzette Ramdanie-Linton
	<b>ELEUTHERA</b>	Over 25 (30)	Julian Carey
<b>NOVEMBER</b> <i>...The Rotary Foundation</i>	<b>PIGNON</b>	25 and under (20)	Duchenet Bernard
	<b>EAST NASSAU</b>	Over 25 (117)	Elmer Lowe
<b>DECEMBER</b> <i>...Family-of-Rotary Month</i>	<b>ABACO</b>	25 and under (21)	Steve Davis
	<b>KINGSTON</b>	Over 25 (74)	Francois St. Juste
<b>JANUARY</b> <i>...Rotary Awareness Month</i>	<b>TRAFALGAR NEW HEIGHTS</b>	25 and under (18)	Coleen Lewis
	<b>GRAND CAYMAN</b>	Over 25 (106)	Brian Hurley
<b>FEBRUARY</b> <i>...Rotary World Understanding Month</i>	<b>ST. MARTIN SUNRISE</b>	25 and under (22)	Virginia Asin-Oostburg
	<b>GRAND CAYMAN SUNRISE</b>	Over 25 (70)	Kim Remizowski



# CLUB-OF-THE MONTH

## Ideas to Share

Many good ideas from Club-of-the-Month submissions -



PP Marcellia Henry

Thomas Edison has stated, and I quote, *"The value of an idea lies in the using of it."*

For the month of February, World Understanding Month, a number of creative ideas were once again executed by the brilliant clubs of our district, which I am happy to share. The clubs of District 7020 organized and participated in projects and programs that promoted peace and the reduction of conflict in our communities and around the world. *Peace and Conflict Resolution* was the main theme or topic of the many guest speaker presentations made at the various general meetings. Trainings / workshops advocating nonviolence, preventive measures to avoid conflict, peace building, and human rights were also organized targeting school children and members of the community.

Other clubs facilitated discussions related to topics addressing community needs such as policy development. Still others participated in *UNITY Walk-a-thons* and posted information on their social media advocating peace, understanding and nonviolence.

During World Understanding Month, the Rotary Club of St. Martin Sunrise held weekly sessions at the public library, Philipsburg Jubilee Library. The sessions held focused on topics such as religion, culture, race, and politics - important topics for a multicultural community like St. Maarten, which has a diverse number of people living on such a small island. Interesting idea!

In addition, the Rotary Club of St. Martin Sunrise's *Readers are Leaders* Board also held its annual Black History Month Program. This program offers the opportunity for students from different cultural backgrounds and race to participate and learn about African and Caribbean ancestry, which helps to build understanding, tolerance, appreciation and the importance of learning about our 'total' history and celebrating it. Great Job!



*Readers are Leaders - Black History Program*



The Rotary Club of Kingston East and Port Royal, on the other hand, held a joint Peace Forum with the Rotary Club of Trafalgar New Heights. It involved Interactors from four high schools – Convent of Mercy "Alpha," Camperdown, Vauxhall and Clancarthy. The Peace Forum reaffirmed best practices in conflict resolution and gave the students new insights on how to handle conflict. Excellent!

Likewise, the Rotary Club of Tortola conducted two successful youth forums on Peace and Conflict Resolution, in which every secondary school in the Territory, spread over the three major islands of the British Virgin Islands, participated.

The Rotary Club of Road Town advertised and promoted to the public to join the Rotary's Peace Center Scholarship Webinar as a way to equip future leaders with the tools necessary to solve some of the world's most difficult problems. Their members participated in a webinar on applying for a Peace Fellow Scholarship as a means of imparting information and assisting residents applying for the scholarship. Interesting!

The Rotary Club of Road Town also informed the Ministry of Education about the availability of Peace Fellow Scholarships through Rotary with the expectation that the Ministry will promote this scholarship to the entire community. The club also placed newspaper advertisements inviting applications from the community for Rotary's Peace Fellowship Scholarship award and to attend any of Rotary's Peace Centers. Well Done!



*Interact Club Peace Forum*

The club also organized a *Show Love Seminar* for fourth- and fifth-form boys across the Virgin Islands. The topics for the seminar included leadership skills, tolerance, peace and understanding. This was a direct response to a cry for help from the community as more young men are finding themselves on the wrong side of the law. Wonderful initiative!

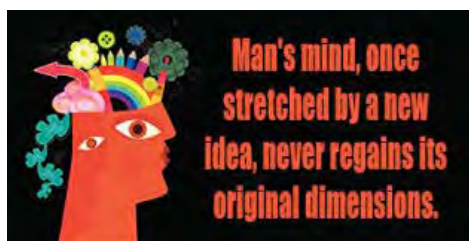


*Pictures from the 'Show Love' Seminar designed to impart positive messages and foster peace in the Virgin Islands.*

Finally, the Rotary Club of St Thomas encouraged youngsters from the Virgin Islands Boys & Girls Club to participate in the 2016 Olympic International Peace Quilt project. The children had to draw a picture representing their country at peace. Their picture will be transferred into a cloth patch by women in England. It will be made into a quilt along with children representation from 200 other countries. The result will be 200 cloth patches bound together to form one large quilt to reflect World Peace as seen through the eyes of the world's children. The finished quilt will be displayed at the 2016 Olympics in Brazil. Lovely idea!

World Understanding and Peace Month is an excellent time to highlight the importance of living together in harmony / unity among ourselves, and making a special effort to learn more about other cultures, groups, races.

Rotary clubs of our District 7020 did an outstanding job at promoting Peace, which is one of Rotary's areas of focus. A round of applause for your efforts!



That's it for this edition and remember,

*"Everything begins with an idea." - Earl Nightengale*

Please send Club-of-the-Month submissions to [COTM7020@gmail.com](mailto:COTM7020@gmail.com)



# THE ROTARY DISTRICT 7020 AREAS OF FOCUS AWARDS

## Rotary District 7020 – Areas of Focus Awards 2014-15

We want to acknowledge and applaud your service efforts!

Fellow Rotarians, as you know Rotary International has identified specific causes to target in order to maximize our local and global impact.

Through [global grants](#) and other resources, Rotary International helps clubs focus their service efforts in six Areas of Focus:

1. 'Promoting Peace' - Peace and Conflict Resolution
2. 'Fighting Disease' - Disease Prevention and Treatment
3. 'Providing Clean Water' - Water and Sanitation
4. 'Saving Mothers and Children' - Maternal and Child Health
5. 'Supporting Education' - Basic Education and Literacy through Literacy
6. 'Growing Local Economies' - Economic and Community Development

### What projects have your club done this year?

Please let us know, and your service efforts will be acknowledged in Rotary International District Conference 2015!

A project in one of the six Areas of Focus – **Bronze Award**

Project/s in two-three of the six Areas of Focus – **Silver Award**

Project/s in four-five of the six Areas of Focus – **Gold Award**

Projects in each of the six Areas of Focus – **Platinum Award.**



### Please report your service efforts:

Log on to the District Website, and download the form – (the link)  
or, email – [vefuller@gmail.com](mailto:vefuller@gmail.com), and the form will be sent by email attachment to you.

**Deadline for applications: 31 March 2015**

**Please return your application form to: [vefuller@gmail.com](mailto:vefuller@gmail.com)**

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# Club Charter Celebrations

*Celebration/Activity Date*

<i>Attendance Report Due</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup> of the month
<b>Club Charter Celebrations</b>	
<i>Portmore, Jamaica</i>	April 1, 1999
<i>Petite Riviere, Haiti</i>	April 4, 2008
<i>Aquin, Haiti</i>	April 6, 2007
<i>Saint Barthelemy, FWI</i>	April 7, 1994
<i>Pignon, Haiti</i>	April 8, 1999
<i>Eleuthera, Bahamas</i>	April 9, 2009
<i>St. Maarten Mid-Isle</i>	April 11, 1997
<i>Delmas-Aeroport, Haiti</i>	April 14, 2000
<i>St. Thomas II, USVI</i>	April 14, 1979
<i>Leogane, Haiti</i>	April 14, 2010
<i>Ouanaminthe, Haiti</i>	April 16, 2010
<i>Grand Cayman Sunrise</i>	April 18, 2009
<i>Saint Marc, Haiti</i>	April 22, 1998
<i>Sunrise, Road Town</i>	April 25, 2009
<i>St. Andrew, Jamaica</i>	April 29, 1987
<i>New Kingston, Jamaica</i>	April 30, 1990
<i>East Nassau, Bahamas</i>	May 6, 1963
<i>Nassau Sunrise, Bahamas</i>	May 8, 2001
<i>St. Croix Mid-Isle, USVI</i>	May 13, 1988
<i>E-Club of the Virgin Islands (Rotary E)</i>	May 16, 2013
<i>Providenciales, Turks &amp; Caicos</i>	May 17, 1996
<i>North St. Catherine, Jamaica</i>	May 19, 2008
<i>St. John, USVI</i>	May 21, 1999
<i>Port de Paix, Haiti</i>	May 30, 1996
<i>Montrouis, Haiti</i>	May 30, 2012



## ROTARY CALENDAR – REVISED 2015

Month	Designation
July	Beginning of Rotary year of service
August	Membership and Extension
September	Basic Education and Literacy
October	Economic and Community Development
November	Rotary Foundation
December	Disease Prevention and Treatment
January	Vocational Service
February	Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
March	Water and Sanitation
April	Maternal and Child Health
May	Youth Services
June	Rotary Fellowships



### Rotary International Convention

Posted by David Beck on Jul 01, 2014

#### Upcoming Conventions:

June 6-9 - RI Convention 2015  
São Paulo, Brazil

29 May—1 June - RI Convention 2016  
Seoul, Republic of Korea (tentative)

10-14 June - RI Convention 2017  
Atlanta, Georgia, USA (tentative)

Would you like to  
**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**  
You Can With Rotary





The team arrives in Anguilla



**Above** – VTT members from District 7090 – Darren Luong, Lezlie Murch, Michael Hogg, Laura Chatterton and Jean Montgomery. Rotary Club of Anguilla members – Anne Edwards, Shernika Connor, Michelle Daley, Seymour Hodge, President.

At right – Jean at the Sandy Ground/Road Bay Overlook in Anguilla.







The team in Anguilla – Lezlie Murch (VTT), Darren Luong (VTT), Ann Edwards, Shernika Connor (standing), Rhonda Connor, head of Education Department (standing), Seymour Hodge, Laura Chatterton (VTT) and Mike Hogg (VTT).



*A lunch-time tune before heading out.*



*Soccer with a few Soccer with a few AFA (Anguilla football association) gals. Amazing time with these young women.*



*At left - Lezlie reading the **I can make a difference** book with the Grade 2 class at Adrian T Hazell primary school.  
At right – a wonderful young reader.*





*Coach Lezlie and Coach Laura with the Amazing coach Everett. This man's passion shines brightly.*



## ***THE ROTARY FOUNDATION***

The Rotary Foundation has been so effective because it matches money with people.

### ***THE DISTRICT 7020 FOUNDATION TEAM***



**Above left** – District 7020 Paul Harris Society Chair – PDGSC Patrick Adizua. Email: [eyiche2@cwjamaica.com](mailto:eyiche2@cwjamaica.com)

**Second from left** – Paul Harris Society Co-ordinator, Grand Cayman – PAG Rosalie Twohey. Email: [rosiel@candw.ky](mailto:rosiel@candw.ky)

**Second from right** – Paul Harris Society Co-ordinator East, St. Thomas – Marston Winkles. Email: [mwinkles@hunterfoodsvi.com](mailto:mwinkles@hunterfoodsvi.com)

**Far right** - Paul Harris Society Co-ordinator, Bahamas Joanne Smith. Email: [jopatts1111@hotmail.com](mailto:jopatts1111@hotmail.com)

# *Coming Events*

*April is Rotary's Magazine Month*

*World Autism Awareness Day*

*April 2, 2015*

*Rotary Peace Symposium*

*April 10, 2014*

*Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA*

*Anniversary Bike-a-thon*

*Rotary Club of Montego Bay East*

*April 12, 2015*

*Earth Day, 2015*

*Wednesday, April 22, 2015*

*D7020 Conference 2015 – May*

*May 12-16, 2015*

*Montego Bay, Jamaica*

# CLUB NEWS – Where is your club?

## ROTARY CLUB OF ST. MARTIN SUNRISE

...submitted by Kameela Piper

### Rotary Sunrise begins Rotary has Heart initiative

**Philipsburg, February 24, 2015:** Rotary International celebrated its 110<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 23rd and as the Rotary Club of St. Martin Sunrise continues to celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> year President Virginia Asin found it fitting to donate to groups who have been in keeping with Rotary's motto "Service Above Self".

Rotary Sunrise began its "Rotary has Heart" initiative by donating funds to three groups: I Too Can Learn Foundation, St. Maarten Generation New Status Drum Band and Sister Magda Parent Teacher Association were all recipients of this initiative. On hand to accept the donations were Beverley Gibbs of I Too Can Learn Foundation, Youmay Dormoy of Generation New Status Drum Band and Bregje Boetekees of Sister Magda Parent Teacher Association. All recipients thanked Rotary Sunrise and encouraged them to continue supporting them and the community at large. ***I Too Can Learn Foundation*** will be using their funds to provide breakfast and lunch to its students. Sister Magda PTA plan to put their donation to use by providing breakfast to students in need. Generation New Status Drum Band will use their funds towards a trip to Howard University to learn about how a university band works in hopes of improving their already top-notch skills.



Those in attendance learned new facts about Rotary's founder Paul P. Harris, such as his work for a newspaper as a salesman and a reporter, on fruit farms, as an actor and cowboy, and on cattle ships that traveled to Europe. He also got kicked out of a couple of schools. Thank you for the synopsis of Rotary's origin by Assistant District Governor Rebecca Low. Ms. Low also pointed to how one person can in fact make a difference. 110 years later, with over 33,000 clubs in over 200 countries with over 1.2 million members, Mr. Harris indeed showed the power of one can lead to the power of many.

*At left - From L to R, Membership Director Okama Ekpe Brook, President Virginia Asin, Beverley Gibbs, Youmay Dormoy, Bregje Boetekees, Service Director Agnes Kapoor, Assistant District Governor Rebecca Low and Vice President Ahmed Bell.*

President Virginia Asin expounded on the power of one fitting into the Rotary International's year theme "Light Up Rotary", which was derived by a Chinese proverb "it is better to light a single candle than curse the darkness". She encouraged everyone to be a source of light in the world. President Asin was very ecstatic about the start of Rotary Sunrise "Rotary has Heart" initiative and looks forward to their next project of making a three course meal for kids at a children's home.

## JOIN LEADERS

Connect with leaders from all continents, cultures, and occupations.



## ROTARY CLUB OF MONTEGO BAY SUNRISE

*...submitted by Suzette Ramdanie-Linton*

Valentine's Day well spent! Members of the Rotary Club of Montego Bay Sunrise joined hands with NGR and their team of over 200 members at the Hyatt Hotel in Jamaica, with the packaging of 35,000 packets of meals to be distributed among the needy.



The Rotary Club of Montego Bay Sunrise "Rotary has Heart" project on February 13 saw us feeding 150 children at the Irwin Primary School in St James. A big thank you to our Sponsors VMBS and Dream Auto. Thanks to all our visitors and President Ryan McKenzie from Rotaract Club of New Kingston.





## 20 Answers to the Question Why Join Rotary?

(Reprinted) Richard D. King, Rotary International President 2001-02

1. **Friendship:** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs -friendship and fellowship. It is one of two reasons why Rotary was founded in 1905.
2. **Business Development:** The second original reason for Rotary's beginning is promoting business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross-section of the business community. Our members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.
3. **Personal Growth and Development:** Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.
4. **Leadership Development:** Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Members improve leadership skills - such as learning how to motivate, influence, and lead others while serving the community.
5. **Citizenship in the Community:** Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better community citizen. The Roseville Rotary club consists of active community leaders who share the goal of making the community even better.
6. **Continuing Education:** Each program at Rotary is designed to keep the membership up-to-date about what is happening in the community, nation and world. Each meeting provides an opportunity to engage with stimulating speakers on a broad range of timely topics.
7. **Fun: Rotary is fun, a lot of fun.** Each meeting is fun. The club service projects are fun. Social activities are fun.
8. **Public Speaking Skills:** Many individuals who joined Rotary were uncomfortable speaking in public. Rotary develops confidence and skill in public communication and the opportunity to practice and perfect these skills.
9. **Citizenship in the World:** Every Rotarian in any of the 29,000 clubs in 194 nations wears a pin that says —Rotary International. Few places on the globe do not have a Rotary club. Every Rotarian is welcome – even encouraged – to attend meetings anywhere in the world. It is an amazing experience to feel the common bonds and values of Rotary with people from all cultures throughout the world.
10. **Assistance when Traveling:** Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many a traveling Rotarian in need of a doctor, lawyer, dentist, hotel, or advice while traveling has found assistance through Rotary.
11. **Entertainment:** Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities that provide diversion in one's business life. Rotary holds conferences, conventions, assemblies, and institutes that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education and service.
12. **The Development of Social Skills:** Every week at various events and functions, Rotarians develop people skills. Rotary is for people who like people.
13. **Family Programs:** Rotary provides one of the world's largest international youth exchange programs: high school and college experiences for future Rotarians; opportunities for spouse involvement; and a host of activities which strengthen families.
14. **Vocational Skills:** Every Rotarian is expected to participate in the growth and development of his or her own profession or vocation; and to teach youth about one's career or vocation. Rotary helps make us all more effective at our chosen career.
15. **Ethical Development:** Rotarians practice the 4-Way Test in business and personal relationships.
16. **Cultural Awareness:** Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language,



color and ethnic identity is found in Rotary. It is a cross section of the world's most prominent leaders from every background. Rotarians become aware of their cultures and learn to love and work with people everywhere. They become better citizens of their countries in the process.

17. **Prestige:** Rotary members are leaders of business, the professions, art, government, sports, military, religion and all disciplines. Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world. Its ranks include executives, managers, and professionals – people who make decisions and influence policy throughout the world.

18. **Nice People:** Rotarians above all are nice people - the nicest people on the face of the earth. They are important people who follow the policy of "it is nice to be important but it is more important to be nice."

19. **The Absence of an "Official Creed."** Rotary has no secret handshake, no secret policy, no official creed, no secret meetings or rituals. It is an open society of men and women who simply believe in helping others.

20. **The Opportunity to Serve:** Rotary is a service club. Its business is humankind. Its product is service. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian: the chance to do something for somebody else and to experience the self-fulfillment that comes in the process. It is a richly rewarding experience.

## ROTARY CLUB OF MONTEGO BAY EAST

...submitted by Giovanna Allella

### Happy 110<sup>th</sup> Birthday Rotary!

February 23 1905, 110 years ago, Rotary founder Paul Harris formed one of the world's first service organizations, the Rotary Club of Chicago, as a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. Since then, Rotary has continued its commitment to service by providing clean water, improving maternal health, awarding scholarships, fighting diseases, and improving lives around the world. Today it has grown to be one of the largest and most influential international humanitarian service organizations worldwide with over 1.2 million members belonging to 33,000 Clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.



The Rotary Club of Montego Bay East celebrated this great achievement and milestone together with all the Western Clubs of Jamaica at Sandals Royal Caribbean in Montego Bay last Monday February 23, 2015.



*Cutting the Cake – at left*

*Past District Governor Pishu Chandiram , PAG and District Conference 2015 Chairman Eric "Busha" Clarke, Past President Claude Thompson ( Falmouth Rotary Club), District Governor 2014-2015 Paul Brown, District Rotaract Representative Paul Thompson, Assistant Governor-Elect Audley Knight, Rotary Montego Bay Acting President Conrad Grant and District Governor Nominee, Haresh Ramchandani*



## Anniversary Bike-A-Thon launched for April 12, 2015

Immediate Past President Dale Davis has launched the 2015 bike-A-Thon – 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition - to be held in the early hours of Sunday 12 April, from its staging point at Whitter Village, Ironshore, Montego Bay – circuit style, much to the delight of the professional riders. Details of the cost, categories and start times are being finalized, but will include the usual - Professionals, Amateurs 5km run/walk and Kiddies bike races.

At the rear of the room, a journey was made down bike-A-Thon's memory lane with Sunset Beach General Manager Evatt Bloomfield and Rotarian and current President of The Montego Bay Chamber of Commerce Nathan Robb. The two told tales of the 20-year history of the event, Robb remembering his performance in the very first Bike-A-Thon in 1994 and Bloomfield reminiscing about his red Cannondale brand bike that he rode in 1997 and still owns.



IF IT IS TO BE  
IT IS UP TO ME





# ROTARY CLUB OF ST. MAARTEN MID-ISLE

## *An excellent February activity – celebration of Rotary's 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary*

A memorable evening for sure!

First place - thank to you all for making this evening a great evening. Infinity Restaurant was wonderful, food was excellent. DJ David was very good. Decoration by Janice was fantastic. Our members and guests joining in all made it happen.

The induction of our honorary member Marcel Gumbs and the presentation of the Paul Harris to Mrs. Sandra Cheung all went very nicely. Thank you to everyone for your contribution.



*Amanda Wever, Past Assistant Governor Louis Wever, Mayra Gumbs, PM Marcel Gumbs and Rotary-Mid Isle President Wayne Wilkie.*





*Above, President Wayne honouring Sandra Cheun with a PHF.*



On the next page, the Mid-Isle club presents the second check for the breakfast program at Sr. Marie Laurence School.

Proceeds from the Rotary Mid-Isle Club's recent Wine Tasting event in November will be used to provide breakfast for the children at the school. RC SXM Mid-Isle sponsors 6 months of breakfast meals for the children (in need or all).



*Above – St. Maarten-Mid Isle Rotarians presenting cheque to Sr. Marie Laurence school. Rotarians Fred, Louis, School Manager Karin Watley, Rotarians Wayne, Nalai and PP.Jon.*

### ***ROTARY-MID ISLE INDUCTS PM GUMBS AS HONORARY MEMBER***

During the celebrations of Rotary's 110th Anniversary, the Rotary Club of Sint Maarten-Mid Isle welcomed Prime Minister Marcel Gumbs as an Honorary Member.

Honorary membership in Rotary Clubs are recognized to individuals for their unusual contributions to Rotary and society. PM Gumbs for many years have attended the club's various fellowship events, and has also rendered sponsorship to some of the club's community service projects.

*At right - PM Marcel Gumbs (2nd from right) poses with Mid Isle Rotarians using the hand gesture "We are this close," which refers to how close Rotary is at completely eradicating Polio from the world.*





# ROTARY CLUB OF ST. THOMAS SUNRISE

...submitted by Ginny Dargan

## Rotary Sunrise Club Installs Polio Donation Box At Cyril E. King Airport on St. Thomas

The Rotary Club of St. Thomas Sunrise has just installed a Polio Donation Box at the Cyril E. King Airport on St. Thomas.

The project is the brainchild of Rotarian Fred Warden, who was looking for a way that visitors to the Virgin Islands, could also participate toward the collection of money to fund the Sunrise Club's polio project.

To create the box, Fred approached one of Rotary Sunrise's partner groups, My Brothers' Workshop for the box's construction. The Rotarians needed a box that would be secure, yet allow visitors to view the funds being collected.

Next, the project needed a high profile location where visitors would come in contact with the important Rotarian Polio message. Rotarians felt that the airport would make a great location where people who are departing the territory could make a meaningful donation to help eradicate the dreaded polio disease. Through an agreement with the VI Port Authority, the box was permanently installed at the St. Thomas airport earlier this month.

Rotary Clubs throughout the world are working to eradicate polio completely and are very close to achieving this goal. But the work must continue until ALL cases of polio are completely gone. To do this important work Rotary Clubs worldwide continue to collect money so that vaccines can be gotten to all corners of the earth.

*At right - Claudia LaBorde (current Sunrise Secretary –  
incoming President)*

*Gail Chinnery – Public Relations Staff, Virgin Islands Port  
Authority*

Funds collected from Rotary Sunrise's airport box will be combined with money collected from several other, small polio projects that Rotary Sunrise does throughout the year and be forwarded to Rotary's International polio fund.



For more information about this event, please contact Ginny Dargan at 776-8236.

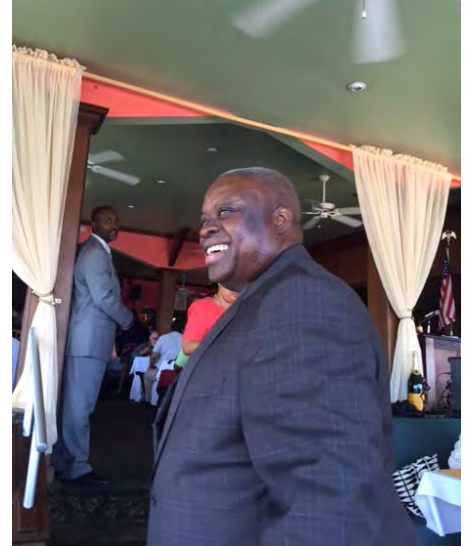
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## ROTARY CLUB OF ST. THOMAS

...submitted by Mary Gleason

Our Governor addressed the Rotary Club of St Thomas on Thursday, March 12. He shared many interesting plans for the island's future development in areas of education and infrastructure.



## ROTARY CLUB OF ELEUTHERA, BAHAMAS

ROTARIANS Juanita Pinder (PE), Susan Culmer, Jacqueline Gibson (ELEUTHERA), and Joann Bradley (Abaco), are in NASSAU for the Cancer Society of the Bahamas Annual General Meeting. Prior to the Cancer Society meeting, the ladies attempted attended GMS Go to meeting (despite some connection issues). Rotarian women in action 24/7 - (pause for a selfie on next page)

*At right* - Rotarians Jacquie Gibson, Juanita Pinder, Susan Culmer





See our "selfie" at left –

## JOINT PROJECT –

The Rotary Club of Eleuthera held a joint project with The Rotaract Club of Eleuthera "Mulching for 'Mergency'" on Saturday, 14th March.

This project was initiated by PP Ian Carey (Community Service Chair) and team members including President Julian Carey, Madam Secretary Sandra Ingraham, PP Robyn Curry, Gacintha N. Damion Gordon, Rotarian Sheryl Fax aka "Da Sexy Farmer," Rotarian Robert Hall and several others assisted with cutting the invasive species of casuarina trees to make mulch.

Thanks to Rotarian Mary Graves and her Rotary Club of Rancho Cotati, California for the Mulching machine and for their invaluable partnership. Part proceeds of the sale of the mulch will aid our Rotaractors Kenwood Cartwright and Shapreka Clarke with attending their Rotaract District Conference in a few weeks.



## GRANT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

DGN Felix was on the island of Eleuthera on Saturday 21st March, when he agreed to dedicate a few hours to Rotarians to conduct GMS training (unfortunately, due to connection issues, 3 Rotarians missed portions of the ONLINE GMS Training the previous Saturday).

We are grateful to DGN for such an informative meeting. The session was powerful, on point and interactive!

Following the training, DGN was able to mingle with Rotaractors, who were staging a fundraising car wash. He had no problem in pausing for a *group shot*!





## RCE BONUS SATURDAY

Presentations during the visit of DGE Felix Stubbs visit to Eleuthera Saturday 21st March! This was the ultimate Saturday bonus for RCE Directors attending the GMS session!



## ROTARY CLUB OF MONTEGO BAY

### Project at the Salvation Army Basic School

On March 10, 2015, the Montego Bay Club officially presented a chest freezer to the Salvation Army Basic School in Montego Bay. This institution is located in the heart of the city and serves an underprivileged community. At present, over 180 children, aged from 3 to 6, are on roll.

Rotarians have undertaken several projects at the school in the past. When a Rotarian from England, Keith, of the Rotary Club of Chatterton and Fails worth, was on vacation here in 2014, and visited the Montego Bay Club, he expressed an interest in seeing a school.

He and his Rotary Ann, Lynda, were taken to The Salvation Army School and returned to England determined that Keith's own Club would make a difference to the school.



The needs of the school are many, but the lunch programme was the most urgent.



The school's old freezer needed to be replaced, so that healthy nutritious cooked lunches could be provided to the children on a daily basis. So the members of the Chadderton and Failsworth Club held a fund raising bikeathon and Rotarian Keith brought the proceeds to us on his subsequent visit to Jamaica in early March.

The freezer was purchased without delay, and was presented at the school on March 1. Children were given frozen treats to celebrate the event.



# ROTARY CLUB OF LES CAYES



**"ROTARY HAS HEART"  
ROTARY CLUB DES CAYES  
FEBRUARY 2015**



**DISTRIBUTION AND TALK OF 4 WAY TEST**



**OFFERING TEACHER TRAINING SEMINARS TO FUTURE TEACHERS**

**ROTARIANS IN ACTION**



**SCHOLARSHIPS AND MEDICAL CLINIC GO  
HAND IN HAND FOR ROTARIANS**





**CLUB PROJECT FOR ROTARY HAS HEART: VISIBILITY OF PROJECTS  
COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY  
AND OUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PUBLICISED**

**WATER PROJECTS COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY 2015- ROTARY  
CONTINUES TO CHANGE PEOPLE'S LIVES IN MANY  
COMMUNITIES AROUND US!!!!!!**

**NANZOMBI: RAIN WATER CATCH**



**WATER IN  
LANGLOIS**



**WATER  
AT  
MAHOT**



**PROJECT VISIBILITY AT  
BOOK FAIR**



**ROTARY MAKES DREAMS COME TRUE AND BY LIGHTING  
THE WAY, DEVELOPMENT IS MADE POSSIBLE**

**PUBLIC HAS WITNESSED THAT ROTARY HAS HEART**



# ROTARY CLUB OF PORTMORE

...submitted by Simone Walker McFarlane

The Rotary Club of Portmore (RCP) participated in the Rotary E-Club of the Caribbean's Butterfly Story Book project which is a competition for young emerging writers in the Caribbean between the ages of seven and eleven.

The stories were on the topic of *"Caribbean children can make a difference in the world by lighting up the lives of others through acts of kindness, friendship, leadership and/or respect."*

The RCP was successful in having of its two participants from the Kensington Primary School being selected. The presentations were done on March 23, 2015 at the school in keeping with the fact that March is literacy month.

The winners were Celina Allen and Lianna Jones. Certificates were also presented to the Kensington Primary School as well as the RCP for appreciation from the E-Club in making the competition a success.



Announcing 3rd Annual Contest.



Congratulations from Rotary E-Club of the Caribbean, 7020 to the two winners from Portmore, and to all of the entrants and winners.

Also a big thank you to the Rotarians and the teachers who sponsored the children in the project – helping to promote literacy across our wonderful District 7020!





## THE ROTARACT CORNER

### WHAT IS ROTARACT?

Rotaract is a club for adults ages 18-30 that meets twice a month to exchange ideas, plan activities and projects, and socialize. While Rotary clubs serve as sponsors, Rotaract clubs decide how to organize and run their club and what projects and activities to carry out.

### ROTARACT CLUB OF ELEUTHERA, BAHAMAS CELEBRATES WORLD ROTARACT WEEK



Below, President Gacintha Gordon assisted by Rotary Past President Jacquie Gibson (Rotaract guest speaker), inducted new member Jessica Swain





As a part of World Rotaract Week, Rotaractors along with a Rotarian attended Telemedicine Grand Rounds to show their support.

Telemedicine is sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Eleuthera, Rancho Cotati, Santa Rosa East and Sebastopol Sunrise and the Rotaract clubs of Eleuthera and Sonoma State University, Global Offsite Care and Heberden Telemedicine Foundation.

This project allows Doctors in California to speak on medical topics to medical teams around the world including Eleuthera once per week. This project also affords our medical staff the opportunity to consult with specialist in California in the event of any emergencies.



*At left - CP Shaun and Rotaract VP Kenwood in the House of Friendship at Rotary PETS Conference in Buena Vista Palace Hotel, Orlando, Florida.*



## ROTARACT CLUB OF PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI

The Rotaract Club of Port-Au-Prince inducted 24 members in the family last week Saturday. In attendance was Presidents from Rotaract Club of Delmas, Rotaract Club of Petion-ville, and Rotaract Club of Champs de Mars.







### **THREE ROTARACT CLUBS IN PARTNERSHIP**

World Water Day is observed every year on March 22 to celebrate water and raise awareness of water related issues. In honor of the day and in partnership with the Rotaract Clubs of Grand Cayman and South East Nassau Centennial, the Rotaract Club of New Kingston have commenced the process of installing a water tank at the Pembroke Hall Primary School as they join the fight to give clean and safe water to the world.

This is one of Rotary's area of focus, so great job to all 3 clubs!!!







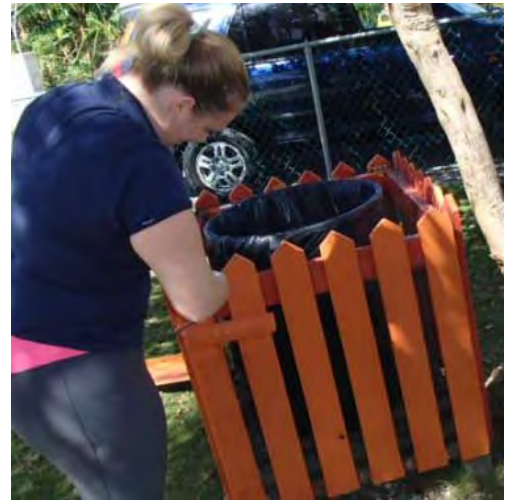


## ROTARACT BLUE



Rotaract Blue doing great things!!!! Awesome job! Rotaract Blue doing great things!!!! Awesome job guys!!!!





## ROTARACT CLUB OF KINGSTON



The Rotaract Club of Kingston is officially twinned with the Rotaract Club of Pointe à Pitre (R.C.P.P.) in Guadeloupe. This is a D7020 and D7030 partnership.

This partnership will last for 3 years, over which time, the clubs will use different methods to learn about each other's culture and engage in various projects. A buddy system will be organized between R.C.O.K. and R.C.P.P. The I.S. (International Service) corner at R.C.O.K.'s meetings will last for approximately 3-5 minutes per meeting with the aim of learning about Guadeloupe's culture.

Their members will also have the opportunity to learn the French language. Rotaractors from each country will be visiting the other country and staying in the Rotaractors' homes. Rotaract Club of Pointe à Pitre will be having an auction to raise money for people suffering with sickle cell.

Rotaract Club of Kingston will be donating some of the things to be auctioned. Rotaract Club of Pointe à Pitre had a Jamaica carnival themed party which the

members learnt how to party like a Jamaican does at Baccahanal. The Rotaract Club of Kingston will be having a “Gwada” themed party shortly to having the members partying like one would in Guadeloupe.

The twinning, though in Phase 1 has been noticed by local newspaper in Guadeloupe and the attention of many Jamaican’s through social Media. This twinning strongly embodies the 4-Way Test, emphasising the aspect of building goodwill and better friendship.

Awesome twinning RCOK!!!! Keep up the great job!!!!

### ALL JAMAICAN ROTARACTORS

The Rotaract Club of St Andrew is inviting all Rotaract Clubs to participate in their six a side football competition on April 11.

For more information visit their website <https://rcsaconnection.wordpress.com/2015/01/30/registration-open-for-the-4th-annual-rcsa-6-a-side-football-competition/>.

For registration forms contact them via email [rotaractstandrew@gmail.com](mailto:rotaractstandrew@gmail.com)



PROCEEDS IN AID OF OUR OUTREACH PROJECTS



**RCSA  
SIX A SIDE  
FOOTBALL COMPETITION**

**11 APRIL, 8:00 AM @UWI MONA BOWL**

Visit our blog [rcsaconnection.wordpress.com](https://rcsaconnection.wordpress.com) for rules and further information.







## THE INTERACT CORNER

Interact is a club for young people ages 12-18 who want to join together to tackle the issues in their community that they care most about. Through Interact, you can:

- Carry out hands-on service projects
- Make international connections
- Develop leadership skills
- Have fun!

### *INTERACT CLUB OF ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL – ST. MAARTEN*



The beach cleanup was earlier today. The interact club on the French side was also a small one so we worked together very well and had a picnic after the cleanup





Congratulations to our Past Treasurer, Interactor Ramone Silvera for transitioning to the Rotaract Club of UWI, Mona on Feb.26th,2015. Continue to give Service Above Self "Rotaractor Ramone" and have fun while you're at it!!



Happy World Rotaract Week to all the Rotaractors in the world.....especially the members and prospects of the Caribbean Maritime Institute Rotaract Club! Come visit soon!!





***ROTARY NEW GENERATIONS MONTEGO BAY – ACTIVELY DOING GOOD WORK***



***INTERACT CLUB OF LIGUANEA PLAINS***



***Above right*** - Group picture of RYLA delegates from Interact Club of the St. Dominic High School and Interact club of Learning Unlimited Preparatory School Interact Club — with Neha Gidwani, Shivani Ahuja, Siddharth Jethwani and Karina Wadhwani.

# Need for the history of District 7020 to be updated!

The last known information is at 2004.

## Any Volunteers?

Here is what is known from <http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/districts/districts/7020.htm#.VPCPQeFO6PU>

Between 1915 and 1930, during the American administration of Haiti, some Rotarian marines used to meet every week in Jeremie, Haiti. About 1930, a Rotary-club was also projected in Port-au-Prince, Haiti but never chartered.

The records of Rotary International indicate that Rotary within the islands of the Caribbean began with what was called non-district clubs. The first non-district club to receive a charter was The Rotary Club of **St Thomas, (US Virgin Islands) in 1957**, followed by The Rotary Club of **St Croix (US Virgin Islands) in 1958**, and by The Rotary Club of **Kingston (Jamaica) in 1959**. Rotary International continued to charter non-district clubs; until 1973, there were some 41 clubs with charters.

In June of **1973, the first Caribbean Convention of non-district Clubs was held in St Kitts (Saint Kitts and Nevis)**. One of the outcomes of this Convention was a petition to Rotary International for the establishment of a district for the clubs of the Caribbean. Rotary International established **District 404 on July 1, 1974**. All the French, Dutch, and English speaking islands in the Caribbean Diaspora were included. **Dr John Watts** of Grenada became the first District Governor of District 404. The first District Conference was held in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, on September 25-28, 1974 with some 314 Rotarians and participants attending. Forty-three of forty-four clubs were represented.

District 404 continued to grow with new clubs developing in most of the Caribbean islands. By the 1979 District Conference in the Virgin Islands, there were some 57 clubs with 2,041 Rotarians situated in the geographical area from the Bahamas in the western Caribbean to Trinidad & Tobago. This created many logistical problems for the new District. For example, many of the mandatory functions of the District Governor such as visiting every club during the first six months of his governorship were virtually impossible with such a spread out District. Thus, Rotary International was petitioned once again to make changes within District 404. The request was for District 404 to be divided into **two separate Districts - 404 and 405**. District 405 was created for clubs in the Eastern Caribbean, south of the island of St Martin/St Maarten, and the North and Western Islands remained as District 404. District 404 was a part of Rotary International's **SACAMA Zone 5** that was predominantly South America and Spanish speaking.

On July 1, 1991, the District number was changed to **4040** to be consistent with the worldwide four-digit numbering by Rotary International. The January 1992 Council on Legislation adopted enactment 92.140 which transferred District 4040 from SACAMA Zone 5 to **USCB Zone 10 effective July 1, 1992**.

At its March 1992 meeting, the Board of Directors of Rotary International requested the General Secretary to give the District a new number in harmony with the numbers used by the other Districts in USCB Zone 10. Consequently, District 4040 was renumbered as **District 7020** with effect from July 1, 1992. The Council of Legislation in 1995 then realigned the districts around the world and on July 11, 1995, placed District 7020 into **Zone 21**, the new name for the old SACAMA Zone. This decision allowed District 7020 to affiliate with **Zone 34**, the Southeast United States, for communication and training purposes. At the Council on Legislation in January 1998, a resolution was passed to move District 7020 into Zone 34 effective on July 1, 1998. The District has thrived within this Zone with increased involvement in Rotary International.

The District 7020 is composed of 64 clubs in ten different countries or territories:

- Anguilla : 1 club
- Bahamas (except Grand Bahama) : 7 clubs
- British Virgin Islands : 2 clubs
- Cayman Islands : 4 clubs
- French West Indies (St-Martin & St-Barthelemy only) : 2 clubs
- Haiti : 13 clubs
- Jamaica : 20 clubs
- Netherland Antilles (Sint-Maarten only) : 3 clubs
- Turks & Caicos : 1 club
- U.S. Virgin Islands : 9 clubs

The total membership is 2,548 as of January 2004.



## OBITUARY – ROTARIAN DON CHANDLER (1947 – 2015)

President Corinne Van Rensselaer of the St. Thomas Club sent out a message this week – sad news.

*Dear Rotarians and Friends*

*It is with a heavy heart that I share the news that Don Chandler passed away on Wednesday, March 25, after a brief illness. Our prayers and thoughts at this very sad time go out to Susan and all of Don's family and loved ones.*

*A "Celebration of Life" was held for Don on Sunday, March 29, in Connecticut, where Susan and Don made their home since they left St. Thomas a couple of years ago. It is hoped that, in time, we will also have a memorial here in St. Thomas to honour his special place in our lives."*



Donald Chandler, 67, of Wethersfield, beloved husband for 24 years of Susan (Sanders) Chandler, passed away after a brief illness on Wednesday (March 25, 2015).

Born in Newport, RI on June 16, 1947, he was the son of the late Theodore and Dorothy Chandler. Don earned his Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Electrical Engineering from Perdue University. He was the owner and operator of his own computer consulting company, Max IT.

An avid sailor, he was a member of the Wethersfield Yacht Club and also was an active member of the West Hartford Rotary Club and the District Governor Nominee for Rotary District 7890. In addition, Don was an active Board Member of the Wethersfield Chamber of Commerce and President of BNI. A loving husband, father and grandfather, Don will be dearly missed by his wife Susan; his daughter, Rebecca DeBerry and her husband John of Texas and his granddaughter, Andrea DeBerry.



Special thanks to the Hartford Hospital Cardiac Care Unit and the staff at Tufts Medical Center for their exceptional care. A celebration of Don's life will be held Sunday (March 29) at 1 p.m. at the Wethersfield Yacht Club, 270 Hartford Ave., Wethersfield. Burial will be private and held at the convenience of the family. The D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, Wethersfield has been entrusted with the arrangements. To share a memory of Don with the family, please visit [www.desopo.com](http://www.desopo.com). - See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/hartfordcourant/obituary.aspx?pid=174495698#sthash.FHqehFpJ.dpuf>

*Don was very active in District 7020, and as you can see below, he was very active in Rotary in his new district. Don was named District Governor Nominee and would have been District Governor in 2016-17.*

*Don's background from the District 7890 website:*

Don joined the Rotary Club of St. Thomas in January of 2001. After holding various club positions, he became the Centennial President in 2004-05. Following his year as President, he was Annual Programs Chair for District 7020 for two years, and then served two years as Assistant Governor. About the time his AG term ended, he became a Faculty member of RLI and was heavily involved not only in RLI training as faculty and site coordinator, but as a facilitator for PETS for many years. He was the Assistant District Trainer for several years. While involved at the District level, he still held club positions including webmaster/newsletter editor, Club Training Director and Club Foundation Director. He was a major contributor to a 2-year plan to prepare District 7020 for the implementation of Future Vision in 2013. He was co-chair of the District 7020 combined PETS, Assembly and Conference, a major 8-day event.

Moving to his native state of Connecticut in January of 2012, he joined the West Hartford Rotary Club. He immediately became the webmaster for the Club and soon thereafter, the District. He was elected to the Club Board in 2013. He was a member of the District

7890 Strategic Plan Committee. He was the District Global Grant Subcommittee chair and also the Foundation Area Rep for Area 10 in Connecticut.

Don assisted with the registration of several District events including the last two District Conferences. He successfully brought online registration to both his Club and District. Continuing his interest in training, he was a faculty member for RLI Northeast America. Don was a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

Don had been in the computer business since long before the Mac was invented. He has a BS in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University, and did graduate work there in Computer Engineering. After working for several Fortune 500 computer companies including Data General and Sun Microsystem, he had had his own IT consulting practice for 20 years. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Wethersfield Chamber of Commerce.

Don's wife Susan is also a member of the West Hartford Rotary Club. She has been Secretary and President Elect for her prior Rotary Club in St. Thomas. Susan has been in retail management for many years, and currently is the store manager for Louis Vuitton in Westfarms Mall. She is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Don's daughter Becky, her husband John and their children Andrea, Tyler and Dylan live in McAllen, TX.

*Don will be missed by so many friends in District 7020 who remember him fondly. He truly held a special place in our lives.*

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*Please send Club News and photos (with appropriate IDs) to  
Kitty at [ladykitt@gmail.com](mailto:ladykitt@gmail.com)  
For inclusion in the District Newsletter*