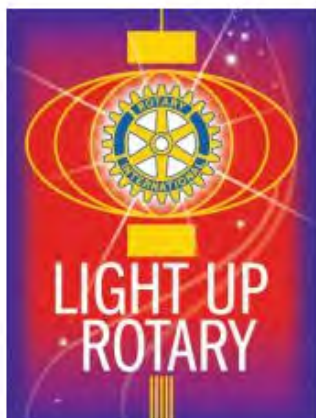


Rotary District 7020 Newsletter



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

FEBRUARY 2015



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



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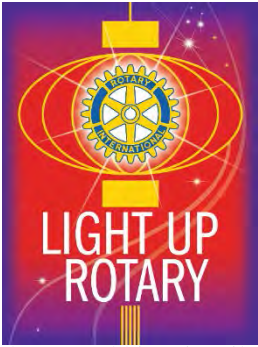
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FEBRUARY MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR (2014-15) PAUL BROWN



Fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors and Family of Rotary

Time is certainly moving along! It seemed like just the other day that we were speaking about the hope for prosperity and good health in 2015.

Today, as I send this message, a month has passed. We have finished Rotary Awareness month and we are now approaching the month of World Understanding.



This month we encourage you to reflect on the rich heritage we have, and also to refresh our memories of the several historic milestones we have passed along the way.

It is the month we celebrate the origins of Rotary and I ask all clubs to have some event or activity that will mark that event.

During this month, we should examine all those programs that Rotary offers, programs that highlight the concept of Goodwill, Peace and World Understanding.

Through Youth Exchange, Peace Scholarships, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Vocational Training Teams, to name a few, we provide excellent opportunities for some fortunate persons to truly appreciate the joys of a world fellowship with individuals with cultural and language differences, galvanizing themselves around a common theme of peace, goodwill and a common understanding.

Naturally, as we do these things, never miss the opportunity to tell Rotary's Story in our respective communities. Let them know the significance of February 23, and what that means to us today.

Kay and I have just completed all our Club visits, including those we had missed earlier. It has been a fantastic experience; one we will never forget.

We met so many of you hardworking, dedicated and energetic Rotarians who have made us proud to announce that we are a part of District 7020. We have been exposed to such warmth and kindness and for that we say thank you. As we do that, we would like to congratulate all of you for the outstanding efforts you have made in giving service. Your communities have been truly blessed by your efforts.

Fellow Rotarians, over the remaining months, let's maintain our focus on the areas of priority. Let's continue to seek opportunities to grow our membership, commence and complete our remaining service projects, contribute to the Rotary Foundation and especially to our Polio Fund. Whilst doing so, let's inspire our youth and build our Rotary movement.

Finally, take some time to review the District Goals and the plans for recognition.

Be sure to meet the deadlines set for March and April. Encourage members to register for the upcoming PETS, Assembly and District Conference in May and for the International Convention in June.

I will say more about those events in next month's message.

Let's "Light up Rotary" and have fun and satisfaction doing so!

Paul Brown, District 7020 Governor (2014-15)

67,000 Rotarians are being asked to help their communities around Valentine's Day 2015

The 2015 **Rotary Has Heart** program is a Community Service Program which is a continuation from last year's program that PRID Anne L. Matthews initiated. We want all of our 1500 plus clubs in the 29 districts in Zones 33 and 34 to do a community service project in the 1st quarter of 2015 and let the community be aware of what Rotary is doing. We can help those in need and improve Rotary's image in each of our communities at the same time. The Rotary Foundation Trustees and RI Board consider this awareness a critical element in our membership strategy which is key to Rotary's future. This is especially important in North America. Therefore, publicity is a key requirement for Rotary Has Heart.

Each club may decide for itself how it wants to participate. It could be something as simple as donating money to an established program or something as complex as organizing a full-fledged club service project all following the six areas of focus. While this is first and foremost a Community Service Project, it is also a chance for us to show thousands of communities throughout our zones what Rotarians can do when we **LIGHT UP ROTARY**.

We are not doing this to brag, but to help the public better understand what Rotary is and what Rotarians do to make their communities better. It is our hope that clubs will use this effort to develop their membership and to promote giving to our Rotary Foundation.



Director Robert Hall believes that with this single focus we will not only **LIGHT UP ROTARY** but will also capture the attention of so many people who are willing to support our causes and want to become one of us. We expect some of our clubs will join together to organize a community wide effort, while others will participate in a less demanding although just as important way. Whatever way your club chooses to participate, we hope you will bear the Rotary banner proudly and tell your story boldly. After all, Rotary has heart and there is no better way to show this collectively than during this first quarter that holds Valentine's Day.

Director Hall announced in Asheville a recognition program in which all clubs and districts can participate. Zone 34 RPIC Betsy Owen will coordinate the program working with and through PDG Charles Allen in Zone 33 and PDG Gary Smith in Zone 34. Each Governor will select what he or she considers to be the best club community service project with related publicity in his or her district.

The club president will receive a painting by George Lewis "The Waterman", "<http://georgelewis.fineartstudioonline.com>, along with 1,000 Paul Harris Recognition points. The club president can use the painting and/or 1,000 recognition points to honor a Rotarian or non-Rotarian who has made a significant contribution to their community, use for fundraising or whatever they wish. The paintings from which the winning clubs may choose are below:



For more information, please contact your Zone's "Rotary Has Heart" coordinator:

Zone 33 PDG Charles Allen - PO Box 623 - Randleman, NC 27317 - charlesallen@rotary7690.org -
336-495-1145 (h) - 336-963-2428 (c)
Or

Zone 34 PDG Gary Smith - 412 W. Central Ave. - Fitzgerald, GA 31750-2442 - gsmith1@mchsi.com - 229-425-2285 (c)

Many Rotarians have asked about the “Rotary Has Heart” program that was announced at the Zone institute

During the first quarter of 2015, Director Robert Hall is asking all clubs to participate in a Community Service Project that continues the theme “Rotary Has Heart” It just so happens that in the middle of this first quarter is February 14, Valentine’s Day, the day of heart and love, and clubs can spread this heart and love throughout the quarter. The thrust of this Community Service Project is not limited to food for the poor, but anything the zones’ individual clubs might have in mind. Some examples you might consider are Arthritis, Cancer, Diabetes, Education, Housing, Human Trafficking, Water Safety, or Drinking Water, just to name a few, just as long as it is a Community Service Project. The project can begin as soon as you read this article, and its end is March 31, 2015. Please be aware that the logo might change; and, if this is the case, we will inform you immediately.

The overall chairman is Betsy Owen from District 6930. Zone 33 will be led by Charles Allen from District 7690 and Zone 34 will be led by Gary Smith from District 6920. These two capable leaders are your contact people. They will encourage and promote participation by each of their zones. Whatever a club’s Community Service Project might be, we hope all will understand that our organization can benefit by letting the community know what we are doing. Therefore, publicity is a key requirement for “Rotary Has Heart” as Director Hall announced it in Asheville. Betsy’s role is to work with Charles and Gary providing Governors in both zones with guidance and materials for their club’s community service projects and related publicity.

At the end of the projects, March 31, each Governor will select one club winner within their district that he/she considers to have the best Community Service Project with related publicity. This selection shall be submitted to the zone coordinators, Charles Allen and Gary Smith, and Chairman Betsy Owen.

Each winning club will receive a George Lewis Painting along with 1,000 Rotary Foundation Recognition Points. The club presidents may use the painting and 1,000 recognition points to honor a Rotarian or non-Rotarian who has made a significant contribution to their community, use the prizes for fundraising or whatever they wish. Betsy will coordinate with George Lewis.

Working together, we are sure that this will be a successful continuation to last year’s program. We appreciate your cooperation and support.



2015-16 RI PRESIDENTIAL THEME



RI President-elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran announces his presidential theme for 2015-16, Be a Gift to the World, at the opening session of the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

...Photo Credit: Rotary International/Monika Lozinska

Using their talents, expertise, and leadership, Rotary members worldwide are asked to be gifts to the world this upcoming 2015-16 Rotary year.

Rotary International President-elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran called Sunday's address to incoming district governors the "most significant moment of my life."

"All of you have been given so many gifts. And you have now been given this great gift: one year to take all your talents, all your gifts, everything that you are and can become -- and Be a Gift to the World," said Ravindran, revealing his presidential theme at the annual five-day training meeting in San Diego, California, USA. "You have one year to take that potential and turn it into reality. One year to lead the clubs in your district and transform the lives of others. The time is so short, yet there is so much to be done."



RI President-elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran

Highlighting Rotary's biggest challenge, the eradication of polio, Ravindran said, "A future without polio is a gift that we have promised to the children of the world. And indeed it is a gift that we will give."

Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka, used Rotary's successes in the fight to eradicate the disease as an illustration of the impact Rotary members can have in the world. When Rotary set a goal of eradicating polio 25 years ago, it was endemic in 125 countries, and more than 1,000 children were becoming paralyzed each day. Today, polio remains endemic in just three countries, Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. And in all of 2014, only 333 cases were reported. "We will battle on. We will prevail," he said.

Ravindran discussed some of Rotary's other challenges, including membership.

"We have to find a way to bring back the fundamentals that built our organization: the emphasis on high ethical standards in all aspects of our lives, and the classification system that encourages a diversity of expertise in each club," he said. "Too often these ideas are viewed as little more than inconvenient obstacles to increasing our membership. But they have been essential to Rotary's success, and we ignore them at our own peril."



Ravindran told attendees that the focus on branding is essential to helping Rotary grow. "We need to reposition our image, which we recognize has faded in many parts of the world," he said.

Rotary also needs to continue to raise funds for The Rotary Foundation, attract new members, and encourage greater participation from current members, he added.

"There are no easy answers to any of these questions. And yet the answers must somehow be found. We are the ones who must find them," said Ravindran.

The president-elect closed his speech emphasizing that now is the time to make real change.

"You have one year to build monuments that will endure forever, not carved in granite or marble, but in the lives and hearts of generations. This is our time. It will not come again. Let us grasp it," he said.

By Ryan Hyland

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ABCs OF ROTARY



Cliff Dochterman
RI President 1992-93

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Vocational Service is the Second Avenue of Service. No aspect of Rotary is more closely related to each member than a personal commitment to represent one's vocation or occupation to fellow Rotarians and to exemplify the characteristics of high ethical standards and the dignity of work. Programs of vocational service are those which seek to improve business relations while improving the quality of trades, industry, commerce and the professions. Rotarians understand that each person makes a valuable contribution to a better society through daily activities in a business or profession.

Vocational Service is frequently demonstrated by offering young people career guidance, occupational information and assistance in making vocational choices. Some clubs sponsor high school career conferences. Many recognize the dignity of employment honouring exemplary service of individuals working in their communities. The 4-Way Test and other ethical and laudable business philosophies are often promoted among young people entering the world of work. Vocational talks and discussion of business issues are also typical vocational service programs at most clubs.

Regardless of the ways that Vocational Service is expressed, it is the banner by which Rotarians "recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations" and demonstrate a commitment to "high ethical standards in all businesses and professions."

That's why the Second Avenue of Service is fundamental to every Rotary club.

INVOCATIONS AT CLUB MEETINGS

In many Rotary clubs, particularly in Judeo-Christian nations, it is customary to open weekly meetings with an appropriate invocation or blessing. Usually such invocations are offered without reference to specific religious denominations or faiths.

Rotary policy recognizes that throughout the world Rotarians represent many religious beliefs, ideas, and creeds. The religious beliefs of each member are fully respected, and nothing in Rotary is intended to prevent each individual from being faithful to such convictions.

At International assemblies and conventions, it is traditional for a silent invocation to be given. In respect for all religious beliefs and in the spirit of tolerance for a wide variety of personal faiths, all persons are invited to seek divine guidance and peace "each in his own way." It is an inspiring experience to join with thousands of Rotarians in an international "silent prayer" or act of personal devotion. Usually all Rotary International board and committee meetings begin with a few moments of silent meditation. In this period of silence, Rotary demonstrates respect for the beliefs of all members, who represent the religions of the world.

Since each Rotary club is autonomous, the practice of presenting a prayer or invocation at club meetings is left entirely to the traditions and customs of the individual club, with the understanding that these meeting rituals always be conducted in a manner which will respect the religious convictions and faiths of all members.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

Most Rotarians are successful professional and business executives because they hear opportunities knock and take advantage of them. Once a week, the opportunity for Rotary fellowship occurs at each club meetings, but not all members hear it knocking.

The weekly club meeting is a special privilege of Rotary membership. It provides the occasion to visit with fellow members, to meet visitors you have not known before, and to share your personal friendship with other members.

Rotary clubs which have a reputation of being "friendly clubs" usually follow a few simple steps:

- First, members are encouraged to sit in a different seat or at a different table each week.
- Second, Rotarians are urged to sit with a member they may not know as well as their long-time personal friends.

- Third, members invite new members or visitors to join their table just by saying: “Come join us; we have an empty chair at this table.”
- Fourth, members share the conversation around the table rather than merely eating in silence or talking privately to the person next to them.
- Fifth, Rotarians make a special point of trying to get acquainted with all members of the club by seeking out those they may not know.

When Rotarians follow these five easy steps, an entirely new opportunity for fellowship knocks each week. Soon Rotarians realize that warm and personal friendship is the cornerstone of every great Rotary club.

CLUB SINGING

Harry Ruggles was the fifth man to join Paul Harris in the conversations which led to the formation of the first Rotary club in Chicago in 1905.

Harry was a fellow who enjoyed singing and this was a popular activity at the turn of the century. At an early meeting of the fledgling group, Harry jumped on a chair and urged everyone to join him in a song.

Group singing soon became a traditional part of each Rotary meeting. The custom spread to many of the clubs in the United States and is still a popular fellowship activity in the Rotary meetings of such diverse countries as Australia, Japan, Nigeria, New Zealand and Canada. Some clubs sing a national song as the formal opening of the meeting. Social singing, however, is seldom found in the Rotary clubs in Europe, South America and Asia.

How Singing came to Rotary, and Off-Color Jokes did not! Almost everyone who is a member of a Rotary club for more than a year knows that Rotary member No. 5, Chicago printer Harry Ruggles, brought singing to Rotary meetings. What almost no one knows is why, and most don't know how important it was to the life of Rotary.



Harry Ruggles was a very moral man. He detested off-color language, malicious innuendo and classless humor. He argued in club meetings for clean language. Little more than a year after Rotary had been formed, at an evening meeting in 1906, the guest speaker began a story. Having heard it before, Harry also had heard the off-color ending, and felt it was inappropriate for the club, so he jumped up in the middle of the joke and yelled, “Come on boys, let’s sing!” He then led the club in the singing of “Let Me Call You Sweetheart.”

This was not only the first time that members had ever sung in Rotary, but apparently, also the first time that a group of businessmen ever sang at a business meeting, anywhere. By his surprising actions at this evening meeting, Harry demonstrated that demeaning activities and off-color stories were not welcome at Rotary gatherings. “It was reported at the time that the would-be speaker was embarrassed and sore,” and so Harry Ruggles apologized, but the club backed him up. Right then and there, it was decided that all subsequent Rotary meetings should be conducted so that any woman could attend without being embarrassed. This has been the unwritten rule ever since, just as the tradition of singing has endured.

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¹ <http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/leaders/ruggles/#.VK0t9XsStkk>



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?

² The Rotarian, June 1938 (<http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/leaders/ruggles/#.VK0uj3sStk>)

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:

Please contact PDG Nancy Barbee [252-670-5229](tel:2526705229) nbarbee@gmail.com or Director Nominee Joe Mulkerrin [757-467-9475](tel:7574679475) joemulkerrin@cox.net

Yours in Rotary Service, PRIVP

PRIVP Anne L. Matthews
RI Peace Centers Committee Chair

NO NEW CASES OF POLIO REPORTED WORLDWIDE LAST WEEK

For the second week in a row there have been no reported cases of polio anywhere in the world, according to figures released by the [World Health Organisation](#).

The positive news gives strength to the hard work our Rotarians have carried out to make this a reality in polio stricken countries. Areas that have reported that there are no new cases of polio include Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Syria and Iraq.



Polio eradication is a primary aim for Rotarians across the world, and as part of our commitment [we organise two trips to India](#) a year to support National Immunisations Days. Mike Yates, District Polio Plus Subcommittee Chair, comments: "This is really encouraging news and surely helps to give us optimism that ending polio can be more than just a dream. We are committed to keeping the disease at bay and it will certainly give the Rotarians visiting India next month a real boost to know what we are doing is helping to make a real difference across the world."

...from <http://www.rotarygbi.org/polio-update/>



End Polio Now

...from Rotary EndPolioNow.org

“Wherever we make progress on polio, it’s a testament to the amazing work of many people.



Marie-Nicole Hazebrouck joined 526 cyclists on an epic bicycle ride organize by German Rotary members last May. Cyclists raised nearly US\$3 million to help end polio and promote children’s health. Read about Hazebrouck’s experience: <http://ow.ly/H0mhv>



Read about the Global Polio Eradication Initiative’s war on polio in the Saturday Evening Post: <http://ow.ly/GTXWL>

“As of November 25, 2014, there were only 306 cases. Compare that to 1988 when 350,000 people fell victim to the disease worldwide. The enormity of the achievement is hard to overstate. Some compare it to the effort to land a man on the moon.”

Rotary in Pakistan set up a permanent immunization center in the high-risk Nowshera district to reach more children with the polio vaccine. We are making strides in our fight against polio in Pakistan.

Learn more: [Click this link.](#)





Nengah, a polio victim, comes from one of the poorest villages in Bali. Now, she is ranked third in the Paralympic powerlifting world. Watch Nengah talk about her incredible journey: <http://ow.ly/GPube>

Below –

The Rotary Club members of Ilorin, Nigeria, joined officials from the Nigerian government to hold an Awareness Rally to gather support for the fight against polio. With only six polio cases reported in Nigeria this year, Africa may be very close to ending the devastating disease for good. Join us in the fight: www.endpolio.org



End Polio Now

Liked · January 3 ·

Awarded sailor Yannick Bestaven captained Le Conservateur, one of over 200 boats that competed in a transatlantic race in support of polio eradication efforts. Christophe Le Bihan shares his Rotary club's story about their fundraising efforts for the event: ow.ly/Gm7Qd



End Polio Now

Liked · January 2

Rotary and Rotaract members from Europe and New Zealand joined members from Pakistan to immunize 3,217 children at the Lahore Zoo for World Polio Day celebrations. Help us take action in the fight against polio: <http://ow.ly/EqJTx>

Polio this week as of 14 January 2015

- More than 6 months have passed since the most recent case of wild poliovirus in central Africa was detected in Cameroon on the 9 July 2014. This indicates that progress towards stopping the outbreak in this region is being made. However, outbreak response activities must continue and subnational surveillance systems strengthened to ensure the rapid detection of any residual transmission.
- More than a year has passed since the last case of wild poliovirus in Ethiopia. With the most recent wild poliovirus case in the Horn of Africa detected in August 2014 in Somalia, outbreak response across the region is continuing.
- No new cases of wild poliovirus have been reported anywhere in the world this week.

<http://www.polioeradication.org/Dataandmonitoring/Poliothisweek.aspx>

UPDATE FROM WASRAG

WATER AND SANITATION – ROTARY ACTION GROUP



Online Training

Interested in free learning?

Sandec/Eawag have published videos from their recent Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) on Household Water Treatment:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4_qoddqxeh0JZJXpsuVP9g

And on Planning and Design of Sanitation Systems.

This course teaches how to plan for urban sanitation at city and local/ community levels, different sanitation system and technology configurations and examples of successful and failed urban sanitation systems in low- and middle-income countries:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgHWg270mPystIe5rVFOvCA/playlists>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgHWg270mPystIe5rVFOvCA/featured>

INNOVATIVE AND FLEXIBLE CLUB PILOT

The RI Board of Directors is expanding the Innovative and Flexible Club pilot from 200 to 1,000 clubs beginning **1 July 2015 through 30 June 2017**.

Feedback from Rotary surveys and focus groups has shown that prospective and current members wish for flexibility to become or stay involved with a Rotary club. The Board would like more supporting data on how allowing clubs flexibility affects membership and club operations.

The Innovative and Flexible Club pilot, will evaluate the impact of various changes to meeting format, leadership structure, membership qualifications and requirements on a club's ability to sustain and increase membership, implement successful programs and service projects, and support The Rotary Foundation.

The deadline for submitting a pilot application form is 31 March 2015. Club and district officers will be notified of clubs selected to participate in June 2015.

To participate in this pilot, your club must:

- Have chartered before 30 June 2010
- Be in good financial standing
- Have at least 20 members
- Not be participating in other RI membership pilots



John Hewko

HOW TO APPLY

1. Print or save the [Innovative and Flexible Club pilot guidelines](#).
2. Use the [Word document](#) to gather the information for the [online application](#). Rotary International will not accept paper applications.
3. After you have gathered the information and signatures on the Word document, complete the [online application form](#). Don't forget to attach the voting certificate and signature page to your online application form.

Contact us at ripilotprograms@rotary.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

John Hewko
General Secretary





WINNERS

Club-of-the-Month

MONTH	CLUB NAME	SIZE	PRESIDENT
AUGUST <i>Membership and Partnerships</i>	E-CLUB OF THE CARIBBEAN, 7020	25 and under (20)	Amarylis Dávila-Agosto
	ROADTOWN	Over 25 (55)	Shan Mohamed
SEPTEMBER <i>New Generations</i>	SINT MAARTEN MID-ISLE	25 and under (20)	Wayne Wilkie
	TORTOLA	Over 25 (95)	Henry Creque
OCTOBER <i>...Service – Vocational, Community & International</i>	MONTEGO BAY SUNRISE	25 and under (22)	Suzette Ramdanie-Linton
	ELEUTHERA	Over 25 (30)	Julian Carey
NOVEMBER <i>...The Rotary Foundation</i>	PIGNON	25 and under (20)	Duchenet Bernard
	EAST NASSAU	Over 25 (117)	Elmer Lowe
DECEMBER <i>...Family-of-Rotary Month</i>	ABACO	25 and under (21)	Steve Davis
	KINGSTON	Over 25 (74)	Francois St. Juste

EVERY CLUB THAT SUBMITS AN ENTRY IS A WINNER!

KEEP UP THE EXCELLENT WORK!



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."*

In December, the month of *Family and Fellowship* and the season for giving, the Rotary clubs of our district embodied the Christmas spirit. A number of clothing and gift drives, Christmas banquets, caroling events, and raffles were held throughout our 7020 district to collect funds to aid indigent and disabled people, orphan/foster homes, and charitable organizations such as the Salvation Army for the Christmas season.

A number of interesting ideas were executed by the diligent clubs of our district, which I will now share.

Negril, Jamaica. The Rotary Club of Negril through its continued Partnership with the Franciscan Friars and The Catholic Church sponsored a Christmas Feeding Program at the St Anthony's Kitchen in Negril.



The kitchen closes for the holiday seasons, and therefore, the 100+ persons who normally receive meals throughout the year would not receive any during this period.

However, the Rotary Club of Negril budgeted and purchased a variety of grocery products and distributed them on December 23 to over 120

members in the community.

Above - The Rotary Club of Negril giving food parcels to St. Anthony's kitchen attendees.

Rotarians in Negril also organized and distributed over 120 Christmas gift bags, which were given to the children in the community who were not in a position to receive gifts otherwise. These gift bags included school stationary, toys, and a sanitary item. Two thumbs up for this generous undertaking!

Tortola, BVI. Similarly, the Rotary Club of Tortola assisted Mr. and Mrs. Renaldo Fahie to deliver traditional Christmas Dinners to homeless individuals and persons working on shift like Hospital Staff, Fire Officers, Police Officers, and Power Plant Staff. Wonderful!

Pignon. The members of the Rotary Club of Pignon, on the other hand, made it a priority to visit the



Meals distributed to the hospitalized in Pignon, Haiti.

hospitalized at *Hopital Bienfaisance de Pignon* and brought along some delicious, finger-licking, homemade food, which brought lots of smiles.

At the hospital they shared the Joy of Christmas, they prayed with the patients, and wished them a prompt recovery and Happy New Year 2015. Nice! This touches the heart!

Grand Cayman Central. The Rotary Club of Grand Cayman Central commissioned Old Saint Nick, aka Santa, to visit children from Haiti at Health City's Paediatric Cardiology Ward (A local Hospital) to bring some Christmas cheer to the children. In terms of fellowship, the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman held their annual Parade of Lights.

For this event, the club sought the assistance of Frances Bodden Girls' Home residents and children in the Big Brother Big Sisters programme to decorate a dive boat with beautiful Christmas lights and a nativity scene. Great! Continue to Light up Rotary!



Liguanea Plains, Jamaica. While the Rotary Club of Liguanea Plains launched a series of presentations entitled "*The Rotary Family Tree Series*" in an effort to learn more about their fellow Rotarians and their families. Random members were given the opportunity to share fun facts about their family and how they celebrate Christmas, but, they had to use unique, creative and fun ways to present the information. Interesting!

St. Martin Sunrise. And finally, the Rotary Club of St. Martin Sunrise decided to host a Christmas Pancake Breakfast as part of their end of year celebrations for Rotarians, Interactors, friends, family, and especially children to have a delicious breakfast with their entire family.

The goal was to bring the entire Rotary family and their own personal families and friends together to celebrate the Christmas season with music, games, songs, as way to make these different groups fellowship with each other.

And what better time than the Christmas season. Spectacular!

That's it for this edition and remember,

"Everything begins with an idea." - Earl Nightengale

PLEASE NOTE!!

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



Club Charter Celebrations

Celebration/Activity Date

<i>Attendance Report Due</i>	3 rd of the month
Club Charter Celebrations	
<i>Black River, Jamaica</i>	February 3, 1973
<i>St. Maarten</i>	March 17, 1972
<i>North St. Catherine, Jamaica</i>	March 19, 2008
<i>Montego Bay, Jamaica</i>	March 21, 1961
<i>Charlotte Amalie, USVI</i>	March 28, 1985
<i>Falmouth, Jamaica</i>	March 29, 2002
<i>Sunrise of Road Town</i>	March 31, 2009

If it is to be, it is up to me.



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)



Meet the wonderful Vocational Training Team coming to St Maarten/St Martin and Anguilla March 10-31 from Niagara, Ontario, Canada...Their focus is encouraging children to develop a lifelong love of sport and physical activity. Team we look forward to welcoming you to our islands!



Above left - Waterford's Mike Hogg and Jen Montgomery share a smile with district Foundation Chair Karen Oakes. As part of a Rotary-sponsored project, Hogg and Montgomery will travel to St. Martin/Sint Maarten and Anguilla in March to promote education and athletics.

The following article appeared in the Simcoe Reformer (simcoereformer.ca)

In building a team to travel south and promote education and athletics, Rotary International District 7090 compiled an all-star cast.

The chosen foursome heading to St. Martin and Anguilla in March will include Waterford's Jean Montgomery and Mike Hogg.

“We are blessed beyond words that we have this incredible team. From the very first meeting as a team, which I was privileged to be at, they have just had that synergy about them,” explained district Rotary foundation chair Karen Oakes.

“They have different backgrounds and yet common, different age and so on, but you don't see any of that. You just see people that have come together for one cause, so we are really excited.”

The trip itself - the first of its kind for Rotary International - is derived from their former “group study exchange.” The burgeoning project will see the group work with local leaders, teachers and children with regards to education, literacy and sport. Funding is provided by The Rotary Foundation, Rotary International's charitable arm.

Montgomery and Hogg – both local referees – were chosen amongst dozens of candidates hailing from southern Ontario and western New York.

“I was quite excited because I love working with kids – I love (teaching) basic fundamentals and I thought this would be a wonderful opportunity,” explained Montgomery, a pillar in Norfolk's basketball community. “I've gone on a number of Habitat for Humanity (trips) and working with the local people, we all gain so much... it's a wonderful way to give back.”

In addition to their luggage, the team will bring with them literacy books, 30 basketballs, 30 soccer balls, 30 volleyballs, skipping ropes and bean bags. They'll teach things like low organizational games, social skills and even suicide prevention.

Doing so means Hogg and Montgomery will be entrusted to ensure the program's success.

“It is of great importance that we are successful and that when we go down there, they can see the benefits of the whole program,” Hogg pointed out. “If the money they're spending on us is looked on as something that isn't really worth the bang for the buck, it's not going to go on, so there is some pressure. I don't think that kind of pressure hurts, but there is a pressure to succeed certainly.”

Montgomery said the being part of the inaugural trip has served as motivation for the group.

“It helps us to really develop our plans and be prepared,” she said. “We're going to be doing a lot of work before we get there, and we're going to be very busy when we get there.”

Hogg has experience both teaching and as a consultant for boards of education. Years before moving to Waterford, he spent time working with children of soldiers in Germany before the Berlin Wall came down. Since moving to Norfolk almost a decade ago, he's developed a strong passion for the area, and hopes to exude that down south.

“Just being there, we are ambassadors in representing Norfolk County, as well as the Rotary,” Hogg explained, adding that he and Montgomery have gathered a number of local goodies to hand out to their new friends. “I'm hoping that we get a lot of chance to talk about where we live and what we like about it.”

While their mission will be to educate and help make life better for an impoverished part of the globe, Montgomery predicted the excursion would end up giving her as much as she's given.

“Just the broadened experience and perspective of how things are done - I always get so much more out of it,” she began. “And coming back always to realize how fortunate we are.”

Jacob Robinson - jacob.robinson@sunmedia.ca

Other notes found on Facebook at Rotary VTT 2015 District 7090 to 7020

Thank you CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women) for the donation of books to Rotary District 7090 Vocational Training Team's literacy project going to District 7020 in March, 2015.

The books will be shared and read to under-served children in schools in Rotary District 7020. On behalf of the Rotary VTT team, we wish you a Merry Christmas and thank you for giving children the gift of literacy.

KAREN OAKES. Greetings all. My name is Karen Oakes. As District 7090 Rotary Foundation Chair, it has been my dream to have our district develop a Vocational Training Team (VTT) experience as part of our District Grant Spending Plan this Rotary year. Thanks to the stellar leadership of our VTT Co-chairs, Roseanne and Dan, this dream is coming true.



We have an amazing team of like-minded individuals travelling to District 020, specifically St. Maarten, Anguilla, and St. Barth's, to share their passion and skills, through sport activities, to build a better lifestyle. We had a team meeting recently and the energy and commitment of our team leader and four team members to build the best experience ever for the youth that they will encounter on this trip was awesome. We are so proud of this undertaking! Stay tuned for further updates. Our hope is that every child enjoys the chance to engage in fun activities with family and friends.

LEZLIE MURCH, Team Leader. Hi. I am Lezlie Murch – the honored team leader of the Rotary District 7090 vocational training team heading to District 7020, specifically the islands of St. Maarten, Anguilla, and St. Barth's. The area of focus for the VTT is sport education and physical literacy for children, and our team brings a tremendous skill set.



I personally have been in the sports industry for 40+ years – as an athlete, as a coach, and currently as a sports academy owner. I have operated Niagara Academy of Sports for the past 18 years. Our program offers high performance sports training, along with a private school, which delivers academics on site to grades 4 through 12.

I am thrilled for the opportunity to give back as Rotary has given me so much through my life. When I was 15, my tennis coach introduced me to Rotary Youth Exchange, and when I was 16, I spent a year in Bolivia as an exchange student. I am now a proud member of the Rotary Club of St. Catharines – the very club that sent me on youth exchange!

We will keep you posted about our adventure and commit to the Rotary Foundation motto of “doing good in the world” through Service Above Self.



We invite everyone to come play with us.

Hi. I'm Jean Montgomery. I am very excited and honoured to be part of the Rotary VTT. Our leader and fellow team-mates have amazing skill sets which will provide a unique experience for the team, and those we are privileged to work with in St. Maarten/Anguilla.

I enjoy working with children and families helping to develop activities and habits leading to enjoyment and good physical and mental wellbeing.

My background includes many years of coaching and convening basketball activities in the schools and community.

Professionally, I provide mental health/suicide prevention and stress management training. I am truly looking forward to a wonderful opportunity working with our team and all the gracious people we will meet on our journey.





Planning meeting on a sunny Saturday morning in St Maarten.

VTT Team Leader Lezlie and Assistant Governor Rebecca from 7020.

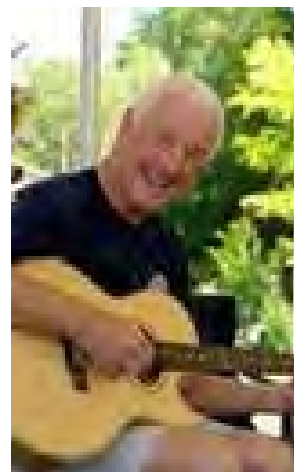
Hi. I'm Mike Hogg and one of the members of the Rotary Vocational Training Team going to St. Maarten/Anguilla in March of this year. I am proud to be among the people selected, and am amazed with the skill set offered by my fellow travellers.

I'm a retired teacher and consultant, and my main focus during my teaching career was health and physical education. As a teacher, I worked in the elementary and secondary public school system, as well as teaching coaching courses at the University of Guelph. As a consultant, I wrote, implemented, and evaluated curricula for the public schools and the National Coaching Certification Program.

I also have extensive experience at the community level as an athlete, a coach, an administrator, a coordinator, and a consultant.

I have a great love for music, and incorporate it in many of the physical activities that I advocate.

I, like my fellow VTT members, am so looking forward to share my knowledge and skills with the people of St. Maarten and Anguilla, and gratefully thank Rotary for affording me this unique opportunity.



Hi I'm Darren Luong. It is great to meeting everyone.

I'm very lucky to be one of the team members of the Rotary Vocational Training Team. I have been training in multiple disciplines of martial arts for over 10 years and have created courses for the youth programs, seen the students grow physically as well as mentally and realize their human potential.

These are some of the experiences I want to bring to St. Maarten in March as well as working with the team to learn and share from the great people there.

Here is a short video of a recent training session.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?x-yt-cl=84503534&v=hZfUJVwDsr8&x-yt-ts=1421914688>



Hi. I'm Laura Chatterton – another excited member of the 2015 Vocational Training Team. I'm very pleased to be working alongside such a talented group of individuals.

Throughout my professional career, I've always supported the concept of “the power of play.” I've enjoyed working as a recreational director, outdoor/adventure educator, varsity coach, personal trainer, team-building program designer, and an experiential educator. I've been fortunate to have spent 20 years delivering various types of active learning opportunities for children, teens and adults encouraging personal growth, developing life-long relationships and promoting healthy lifestyles through recreation and sport.

As a firm believer in living an active lifestyle, when I'm not working, you can find me spending time with my family and friends on the hiking trails, listening to music, watching my stepsons' sporting events, at the gym, or just outside enjoying life!

I'm looking forward to being a part of this amazing adventure, learning from such a talented group of individuals, making life-long connections and “paying it forward”!

It's great to meet you all!



2014-15 RI board. Director Robert Hall representing Zones 33-34 is in the top row, second from the left



Photos from 2015 International Assembly

*Photos from the RI website of Barry and Esther Rassin at the 2015 International Assembly.
Barry is the aide to RI President-elect Ravi Ravindran.*



Below - DGN Haresh Ramchandani and his wife along with Rotary International President-elect Ravi Ravindran at the International Assembly.



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

...submitted by Patrick Adizua

THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY, NOW AN OFFICIAL TRF PROGRAM

"Rotary International's masterpiece is The Rotary Foundation. It transforms our dreams into splendid realities . . . it is the most generous expression of Rotarian generosity - a generosity that not only brings benefits but also brings help and cooperation to solve the problems that affect mankind. The Rotary Foundation achieves the best that mankind can possibly achieve."

PAULO COSTA 1990-1991 RI PRESIDENT



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

Second from left – Paul Harris Society Co-ordinator, Grand Cayman – PAG Rosalie Twohey. Email: rosiel@candw.ky

Second from right – Paul Harris Society Co-ordinator East, St. Thomas – Marston Winkles. Email: mwinkles@hunterfoodsvi.com

Far right - Paul Harris Society Co-ordinator, Bahamas Joanne Smith. Email: jopatts1111@hotmail.com



PROVIDING HOPE TO THE CHILDREN OF HAITI

GIFT OF LIFE INTERNATIONAL COORDINATED SCREENING MISSION TO HAITI

November 15th - 22nd, 2014

**91 HAITIAN CHILDREN WERE
SCREENED**



THANK YOU TO ALL ROTARY GG1524550
CONTRIBUTORS FOR TURNING DESPAIR TO
HOPE FOR THESE PRECIOUS CHILDREN: DR.
CLINT T. DOIRON, FRIENDS OF MONTFORT,
ROTARY CLUBS OF ALGIERS, SANIBEL-
CAPTIVA, CAPE CORAL-GOLDCOAST, MARCO
ISLAND SUNRISE, AND PORT-AU- PRINCE, THE
ROTARY FOUNDATION AS WELL AS PAUL
FERNSTRUM AND TARA KENNEY



**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MAJOR SPONSOR, DR. CLINT T. DOIRON FOR MAKING
THIS MISSION POSSIBLE IN HONOR OF LONNIE AND HELEN MCMILLIAN**

...submitted by DGN Robert Leger

This was the first time Gift of Life came to screen cardiac pediatric patients outside of Port-au-Prince. A total of more than 60 patients had been seen in Les Cayes and 9 will need and have cardiac surgery for free.

This program could take place with good coordination in Les Cayes during the month of November 2014 thanks to the Rotary Club of Les Cayes specially our President Nominee Dr Claude Pubien who is a Pediatrician and works at the Hospital of Les Cayes. He coordinated the pre-screening before the arrival of the cardiac team and also we are grateful to the following:

Dr Yves Domercant, medical director of the Hospital of Les Cayes who offered his assistance and help (see photo of him with jacket and tie receiving us in his office).

A special thanks to Rob Raylman the Gift of Life main person for this Global Grant and his medical team, the Rotary Club of Port-au-Prince the host Club for this GG and Owen Robinson from Haiti Cardiac Alliance. It had been the first time and we really hope it will not be the last.



SCREENING MISSION TO HAITI

Through the coordination and sponsorship of global partners, a screening mission to Haiti was conducted during the week of November 15th-22nd, 2014. The focus of the mission was to reach as many children as possible from various regions throughout the country. The screening team evaluated the urgency and complexity of each case, placing them on a National cardiac waiting list for the first time ever. Children placed on the list will be categorized as either needing to leave the country for treatment or able to wait for treatment during upcoming medical missions to Haiti. Children in Haiti, particularly those outside of the capital city of Port-au-Prince have never been given such an opportunity. These children and their parents have simply lived in despair until now, with little or no hope of a way to help save their child's life.

Over the course of 5 days, the screening team traveled West from Port-au-Prince to Gressier and Les Cayes and then North to Saint-Marc. A total of 91 children were screened in these 4 regions with those requiring treatment being placed on the cardiac list.

Our sincere thanks to Haiti Cardiac Alliance Executive Director, Owen Robinson for helping to coordinate the logistics and ensure as many children as possible were evaluated at each location.





THANK YOU TO THE SCREENING TEAM

A very special thank you to the dedicated screening team who traveled to Haiti where they traveled from region to region throughout the week in an effort to reach as many children in need as possible. In just 5 days, they were able to screen 91 children who have now been placed on a waiting list which is categorized based on complexity and urgency of treatment required.

Our sincere thanks to:

Dr. Joe Gaffney, Pediatric Cardiologist
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Jersey

Margaret Challenger, Echo Technician
New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York

Mickey Wilder, Nurse
Hackensack University Medical Center, New Jersey

Dr. Eileen Mason-Newman, Family Physician
Pennsylvania





ROTARIANS AT WORK

The Rotary Club of Algiers in Louisiana partnered a Rotary Global Grant with the Rotary Club of Port-au-Prince in Haiti to fund this mission trip where a total of 91 Haitian children were screened.

A special thank you to Algiers Rotarians John Desrosiers and Nancy Gill for their dedication and tenacity in coordinating all aspects of the global grant.

Our heartfelt thanks to Port-au-Prince Rotarian Malherbe Colas for helping to coordinate in-country logistics for the mission and to all Port-au-Prince Rotarians for helping to make this screening mission a success. We appreciate your commitment to providing hope to the children of Haiti. Thanks to your partnership and assistance, children from various regions of Haiti with heart disease now have a chance of treatment.

Another heartfelt thank you to Rotarian Robert Leger for the coordination of the screening in Les Cayes. His attention to detail and hospitality were greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to the Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Les Cayes for their 'Service Above Self' assistance during this screening mission.





GRATEFUL CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS

On behalf of the children screened and their parents, we wish to thank the following fundamental organizations for helping to provide a glimmer of hope for the children in need of treatment who have been placed on a cardiac waiting list for the first time ever.

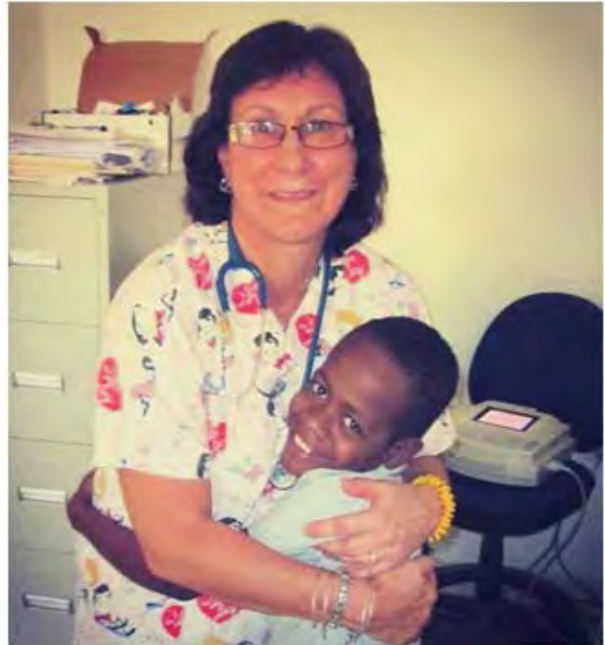
FUNDAMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Dr. Clint T. Doiron
- Friends of Montfort
- Rotary Club of Algiers
- Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva
- Rotary Club of Cape Coral-Goldcoast
- Rotary Club of Marco Island Sunrise
- Rotary Club of Port-au-Prince
- Rotary Club of Les Cayes
- The Rotary Foundation
- Gift of Life International
- Haiti Cardiac Alliance
- Kado Lavi
- Clinique Lambert
- St. Damien Hospital
- Paul Fernstrum
- Tara Kenney

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Coming Events

World Understanding Month

February

Rotary Turns 110

February 23, 2015

International Women's Day

March 8, 2015

World Rotaract Week

March 9-15, 2015

VTT Team to St. Maarten/Anguilla

March 10 – 31, 2015

World Autism Awareness Day

April 2, 2015

Rotary Peace Symposium

April 10, 2014

Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA

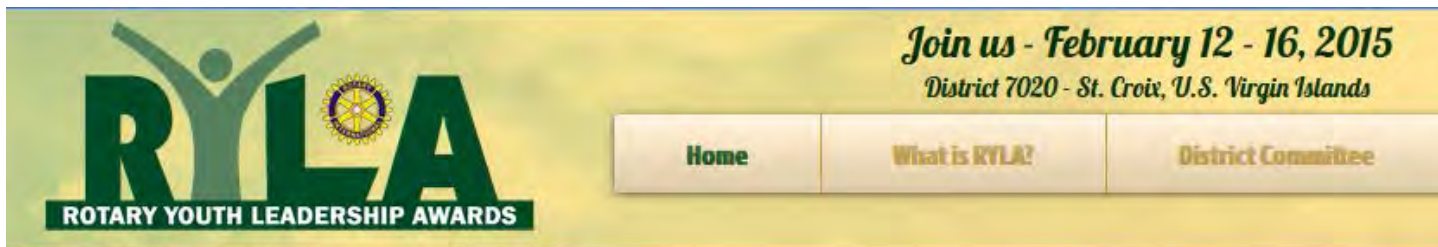
Earth Day, 2015

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

D7020 Conference 2015 – May

May 12-16, 2015

Montego Bay, Jamaica



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A BIG WELCOME to everyone:

We welcome you to District 7020 - St. Croix United States Virgin Islands. Get ready for a thrilling RYLA experience at Camp RYLA!

Inside this welcome packet, you'll find the following information to prepare you for Camp RYLA 2015:

- Arrival February 12 or 13
- Registration / Check
- Group Assignment
- Conference Focus
- Accommodation
- Contact Information
- What to bring
- Pre- Conference Dinner – Meet and greet
- Pre- Conference Event – Rock Climbing & Rope
- Visit to the Agriculture Fair
- Opening Night Dinner Black and White Affair (Feb 13th Government House)
- Roll call
- Culture night – Dinner (Culture attire)
- Service Project Presentations
- Closing Conference Red and White Ball

Thank you for taking the step to continuing "Light Up Rotary" by furthering the vision of Camp RYLA and making this conference a success. On behalf of the RYLA team welcome to St. Croix. See you soon!

CLUB NEWS – Where is your club?

ROTARY CLUB OF MAY PEN, JAMAICA

...submitted by Rotarian Ashok

A summary of recent activities...Editor's apologies for omission for the past two months!

THE ROTARY CLUB

OF MAY PEN, JAMAICA
P.O. BOX 41 May Pen, Clarendon

Project **PEACE GARDEN**

Peace Garden at the Youth Information Center, Trenton Road, May Pen. Final cost of the project was JM\$90,000.00. Project Completed 8 August 2014. Our inner wheel members at service.



International Literacy Day

Project carried out on 8 August 2014 at the Mocho Infant and Primary School, Mocho, Clarendon, a school chosen by the Rotary Club of May Pen consisting of approximately 300 students. Approximate cost for this project was JM\$10,000.00. Rotary Club of Pen partnered with the Youth Information Center and the Rotaract Club of May Pen.

At right - Rotarian Walter Leavel (left) President Clive Simpson with school kids .



May



Project **VISITING CHAIRS** .

Twenty visitors folding chairs at a cost of \$94,000.00 which were donated to the May Pen Hospital in October 2014.



At right above - PP Edwin Singh, Mrs Atkinson, Rotarian Walter Leavel, Mrs Nunes, Staff May Pen Hospital, Rotarian Ashok Kommareddi, PP Ribby Morris

ROTARY WALKATHON FOR A HEALTHY JAMAICA AND TO END POLIO October 25th
Fund raising event where the proceeds from this event will be in aid of community projects.



Hospital supplies collected were handed over to The CEO of the May Pen Hospital. July 2014.

*Left above - Rotarians with Rotaractors after walkathon.
Right above - Rotarian Walter Leavel, PP Steve Lindo, Rotarian Ashok Kommareddi, PP Robbi Morris*



From Wikipedia – regarding May Pen

May Pen is the capital and largest town in the parish of Clarendon in the Middlesex County, Jamaica.

It is located on the Rio Minho river (Jamaica's longest), and is a major market centre for the Parish. The population is estimated at around 60,000, with the surrounding suburbs of Sandy Bay, Mineral Heights, Hazard, Palmers Cross, Denbigh (Race Track), and Four Paths all accounting for an estimated 82,000.

The town has a mayor and an excellent Rotary Club.

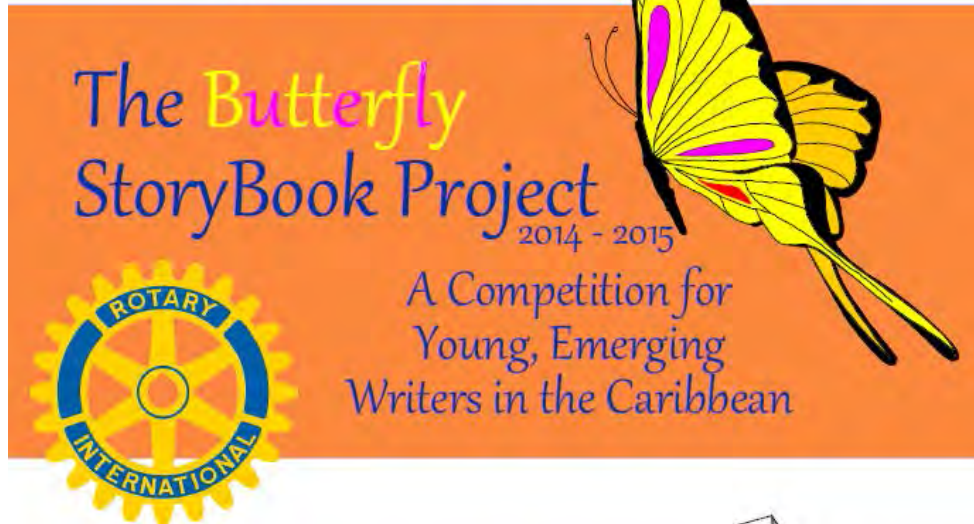
At left - Rotarian Walter Leavel, CEO of May Pen Hospital Mrs Nunes, Rotarian Barbara Williams, PP Steve Lindo



ROTARY E-CLUB OF THE CARIBBEAN, 7020

Award-winning Literacy Project

Announcing 3rd Annual Contest.



THIRD EDITION COMING SOON!



THANK YOU!!



The E-Club of the Caribbean, 7020 is extremely grateful to the following Rotary Clubs in 7020 for their support of Basic Literacy and Education and, in particular, their enthusiasm for the Butterfly StoryBook Project.

Charlotte Amalie
Grand Cayman Sunrise
Montego Bay
Portmore

Road Town
Saint Barthélemy
St. John
Sunrise of Road Town
Tortola

A total of 187 stories were submitted by children of the northern Caribbean. The E-Club wishes to extend special thanks to the members of the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman Sunrise who solicited and judged 103 stories from Cayman children



MERCI !!



Le Rotary E-Club de la Caraïbe 7020 remercie infiniment les Clubs Rotary du District 7020 énumérés ci-après, pour leur appui à l'alphabétisation et à l'éducation de base et, en particulier, pour leur enthousiasme à l'égard du Projet Les Contes du Papillon.

Charlotte Amalie
Grand Cayman Sunrise
Montego Bay
Portmore

Road Town
Saint Barthélémy
St. John
Sunrise of Road Town
Tortola

Les enfants de la Caraïbe du Nord ont présenté en tout 187 histoires. Le Rotary E-Club tient à remercier tout spécialement les membres du Cub Rotary de Grand Cayman Sunrise, qui ont obtenu et évalué 103 histoires présentées par des enfants caymans.

ROTARY CLUB OF LIGUANEA PLAINS, JAMAICA

...submitted by Carolyn Graham

Family, Food, Fun and Frolic

Dubbed “the vibes club,” RCLP members and Rotaractors, along with their families and guests were in full form on Saturday, December 13 for our annual Christmas party.

A true family affair. Held in the beautiful home of PP, PHF Winston Barnes and wife Moya, everyone was in top RCLP spirits enjoying the company and the spread of traditional Christmas food amidst fun and laughter. After the meal, it was on to the dance floor, where the “one drop” at “6:30” tested the flexibility of some among us, but we nevertheless limped on into the “puppy tail”.

The DJ was merciful and did not keep up “bending over dropping to the ground” for very long.

We were soon “shampooing” with the appropriate gesture of washing the hair – in the shower, not at the standpipe. That provided some relief to the back, but still some of us had not recovered in time for the “man to ride the ‘riddim’.”

However, as “what happens in the party stays in the party,” variations were found to keep us going as “the party can’t done” due to a minor setback. As such, in the wee hours of the morning, we closed the curtains on another lovely evening of family and fellowship, amidst laughter and good vibes, as is the RCLP way.

See the photo mix on the next page!





ROTARY CLUB OF ST. MAARTEN

...submitted by Jeffrey Sochrin

Philipsburg, December 23, 2014: Members of the Rotary Club of St. Maarten had a very busy week spreading Christmas Cheer throughout the community.

The week started with Rotarians delivering Dictionaries to various 3rd grade classes in schools throughout St. Maarten. Then as the week progressed, over 150 Hampers of Food were brought directly to the homes of those within the community in need so they can also have a great Christmas feast.

“It is with extra warmth in our hearts that not only during the Holiday season, but the entire year, that The Rotary Club of St. Maarten dedicates so much time and attention to those in our community that need our assistance. By putting service to others above self, Rotarians worldwide help make the communities we live in better for all” said Club President Danny Ramchandani. “Seeing the smiles on all the children’s faces when presented a toy and food and being so much in the Christmas spirit is what makes all our hard work worth it” he continued to say.





Then on Saturday at the Dutch Quarter Community Center, The Rotary Club of Sint Maarten, in partnership with Domino's Pizza and Divico, hosted over 100 smiling children to their annual Christmas Party. Popular musician Christine Gordon led the children in Christmas Carols while awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus.

A crowd favorite of Pizza and drinks, followed by Del Monte fruit cups and apples, were served to the children by Rotarians acting as Santa's helpers that day. "This party is very special to me as this is what Christmas is all about; Showing our thanks and giving back to the community. Seeing the smiles on all the Children's faces as they receive their toys and goodie bags is priceless. It really sets the tone for the Christmas Spirit" said John Caputo from Domino's Pizza who is also a Rotarian.

Toys; mainly Balls, Dolls, and Board Games were donated from Club Members, from Learning Unlimited, and brought in to Domino's Pizza by those in the community. The Rotary Club of St. Maarten would like to wish everyone a joyous and safe Christmas and New Year and looks forward to continuing serving the community of St. Maarten as we enter 2015.

IF IT IS TO BE
IT IS UP TO ME

ROTARY CLUB OF MONTEGO BAY SUNRISE

...submitted by Suzette Ramdanie-Linton <sueramdanie@hotmail.com>

Our Club is sponsoring its first Interact Club - The Interact Club of Herbert Morrison Technical High School



Christmas Treat for 44 patients in the Psychiatric Ward at the Cornwall Regional Hospital in Montego Bay, St. James, Jamaica – featured in the Jamaica Observer



Christmas Treat of 53 Children at the Jamaica Christian Home for the Deaf; kids were treated to lunch, cake, juice, clothes; they were also given a personal box, which included gifts specifically chosen for them. Many thanks to our Sponsor, Mystic India.



The Rotary Club of Montego Bay Sunrise celebrated Rotary Awareness Day on January 16, 2015 at the Fairview Shopping Complex.

Club Members were out in numbers, sharing information with approximately 200 persons. They were giving information on Rotary, Rotaract, Interact, along with how to become a member.

We had designed a special brochure, which featured the work of Rotary International, our work to eradicate Polio, and also some of our Club Projects.



At left -

Seated: R Sweelen Fearon and Interactor Abby-Gayle Haughton

Standing: President Elect Dominique Fray, President Suzette Ramdanie-Linton, Interactor Britnie Atkinson

Below right - Secretary Simone Ebanks



ROTARY CLUB OF GRAND CAYMAN SUNRISE

...submitted by Martha Connolly

Rotary Club of Grand Cayman Sunrise International Service Committee Donates a Wheelchair to Honduran Resident

The International Committee at Rotary Grand Cayman paid for the purchase of a new wheelchair from the funds held by the foundation we support called Guaruma, located at Las Mangas in the Cangrejal Valley in Honduras.

The recipient is a young man named Gerson Dominguez who has cerebral palsy. His last chair was falling apart where the wheels themselves were irreparable. Rotarians met him on their last visit to Guaruma in September 2014. The wheelchair was sourced in La Ceiba by the Guaruma team and then delivered to the little town of Las Mangas where Gerson lives.

In the photos, you can see Gerson with his father and one of the Guaruma helpers, Gerson's old chair, his reluctance to leave it, and then him settling in to his new wheels.

Thank you Sunrise Rotarians!



ROTARY CLUB OF MONTEGO BAY

...Dominica Pradere

The Rotary Club of Montego Bay held its annual Christmas Hamper project in recent weeks. As usual, hundreds of needy people, including the homeless, benefited. To see the video of the project, please click on the link below.



<http://youtu.be/kzpGMtcimok>



ROTARY CLUB OF ST. MAARTEN MID-ISLE

PAG Louis Wever – Rotarian from St. Maarten Mid-Isle Club hard at work!



ROTARY CLUB OF KINGSTON EAST AND PORT ROYAL



Handover at Elleston basic school. Of importance note our newest Rotarians are at work and Marshall also attended.

ROTARY CLUB OF ELEUTHERA

...submitted by PP Jacquie Gibson

RC OF ELEUTHERA INDUCTS A NEW MEMBER

Superintendent Christopher Wright, Commander for the Eleuthera Division of the Royal Bahamas Police Force, was inducted as an Active Member. Congratulations Rotarian Christopher, and kudos to his sponsor Rotarian Ismella Davis



At left - : Rotarian Sherrin Cooper, PP Ian Carey, Club Secretary Sandra Ingraham, newly inducted Rotarian Superintendent Christopher Wright, PP Robyn Curry, PP Jacquie Gibson and CP Shaun Ingraham

AWARENESS OF ROTARY

Rotarians and Rotaractors were out in full force on a Friday night spreading Awareness of Rotary at Fish Fry (street party) in Governors Harbour! The event was well attended by visitors from around the world. Rotarians were in full regalia in their ASK ME

ABOUT ROTARY PINS, shirts, caps, including our colorful reflective Rotary Club of Eleuthera Arm Bands. Rotarians even had the awesome opportunity to present Rotary a set of the safety reflective arm bands to the Ministry of Tourism 16 Island Wedding Couple (winners of a United States Nationwide Bahamas Ministry of Tourism Competition, where 16 couples won free weddings to 16 Bahama Islands).

The winning couple for Eleuthera is from Charleston South Carolina. They were married on the island of Eleuthera several hours earlier.

At right - sporting the reflective arm bands at Fish Fry are Nora Knowles, Assistant Governor Elect Tim Ingraham, new bride Mrs. Harley, Rotarian Sandra Ingraham, new groom Mr. Harley, President Julian Carey, and Past President Jacquie Gibson. In second photo, Secretary Sandra and President Ju "presents" the arm bands



100 PERCENT ATTENDANCE

The Rotary Club of Eleuthera recognized most of the membership with 100% attendance awards for the first half of Rotary year.

More than 60% of the club were recognised!

AGE Tim Ingraham was on hand to make the presentations, after his passionate Rotary Awareness address, along with his plans for his term as AG.

At right - President Julian. Rotarians Debbie and Cynthia Cartwright, AGE Tim Ingraham, PP Jacquie Gibson

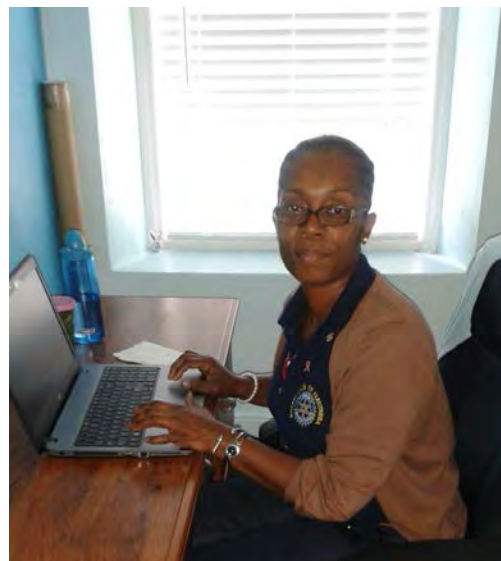


ELEUTHERA ROTARY AWARENESS DAY – Friday, January 16

FRIDAY 16th January was dubbed Eleuthera Rotary Awareness Day! Rotarians, who were able to, wore their Rotary Regalia at their work place inclusive of ***ASK ME ABOUT ROTARY PINS*** and Rotary Shirts.

Caught in the act and pictured below are Rotarian Juanita Pinder and Rotarian Maisie Pinder....these two dynamic ladies represented the cause well!

Left below - Juanita Pinder at her place of business Office General. Right below - Rotarian Maisie Pinder at her desk at the One Eleuthera Foundation





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 SUNRISE OF ST. MAARTEN



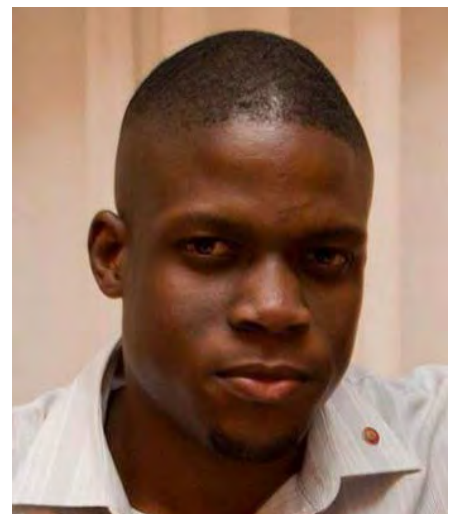
DDR Elisia Lake announces the D7020 Rotaract Conference for 2015 in St. Maarten.

Greetings DRRN Judges, Rotaract Board Members, Club Presidents and Members

I hereby inform you that the process for the DRR Nomination as per the District Manual was carried out and the opportunity was given for Rotaractors to make any objections. No objections were brought forward. Therefore, it gives me great pleasure to announce that the DRR for 2016-2017 is Rotaractor Paul Thompson from the Rotaract Club of Montego Bay.

Congratulations DRRN Paul Thompson and all the best!

YIRS, DRR Elisia



VIDEO ANNOUNCING THE ROTARACT DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2015

ST. MAARTEN

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZD11rhWO34>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XJtJGBWdMzQ>
(The Rotaract Board Members in the video above)





ROTARACT CLUB University of West Indies

In attendance at The Rotaract Club of University of the West Indies Mona meeting recently was DG Paul L Brown, Rotaractors from Sav, NKRC, Kingston and MICO.

Great support for our sister club who lost one of their members recently!!!!

We are always there for each other as Rotaractors!!!!

THE EARLY-ACT CORNER



These Kids from Queen's College, Nassau EarlyACT Club sponsored by Rotary East Nassau are absolutely AWESOME!





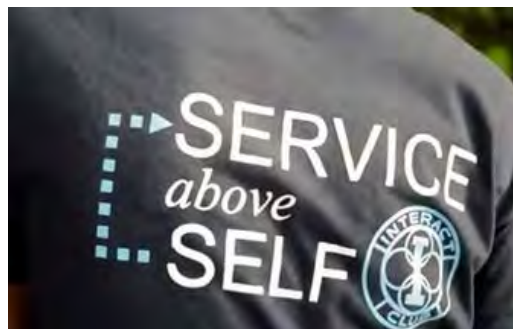
THE INTERACT CORNER

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:

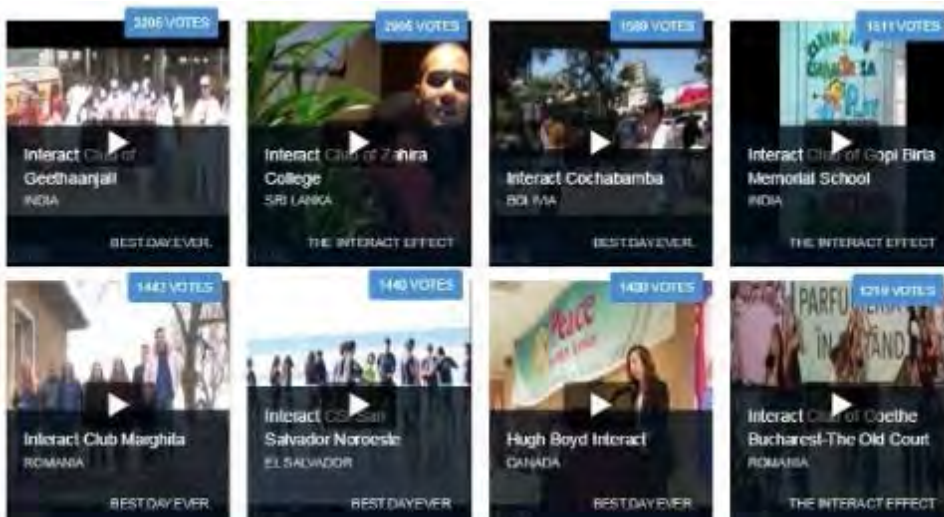
- Carry out hands-on service projects
- Make international connections
- Develop leadership skills
- Have fun!



Rotary East Nassau Pinning the St. Anne's Interact Board Jan 2015!!! Pres. Kethera Thompson Starring!! —



CONGRATS TO THE EIGHT
INTERACT VIDEO CONTEST
FINALISTS
WINNERS ANNOUNCED
IN JANUARY



2014-15 PRESIDENTIAL CITATION FOR INTERACT CLUBS

How does your Interact club make a difference? Use this form to plan and report Interact accomplishments for the 2014-15 Rotary year. To qualify for the Presidential Citation, Interact clubs must carry out activities, listed below, in order to score at least **35 points**. All activities must be completed between 1 July 2014 and 31 March 2015.

In addition, the Interact club must have an active status with Rotary International. Before completing this form, the president of the sponsor Rotary club must confirm that status by checking the New Generations Clubs report in Rotary Club Central. The president then signs the form to certify the Interact club's achievements and sends it to the district governor, who must receive it by 31 March 2015. **This form should not be sent to Rotary International, as it will not be processed.**

District governors must report the names of the qualifying Interact clubs in their districts through [My Rotary](#) by 15 April 2015.

ACTIVITIES

- ☐ Participate in a local or district Rotary Day event (consult the *Rotary Days* brochure for information) or other Rotary event. **(15 points)**
- ☐ Participate in at least one activity that promotes international understanding. **(15 points)**
- ☐ Introduce your members to other Rotary opportunities for young leaders, such as [RYLA](#), [Youth Exchange](#), or [Rotaract](#). **(10 points)**
- ☐ Participate in a fundraiser to support polio eradication. **(10 points)**
- ☐ Submit a video for the [Interact Video Contest](#). **(10 points)**
- ☐ Participate in a school or community service project or fundraiser to support one of [Rotary's areas of focus](#). **(10 points)**
- ☐ Collaborate with one of Rotary's service partners, such as [YSA](#). **(5 points)**
- ☐ Participate in a career day or mentoring activity. **(5 points)**
- ☐ Recommend an outbound Interactor who then joins a Rotaract club. **(10 points)**

Total number of points _____ (minimum of 35 points to qualify)

Interact club _____

Sponsor Rotary club _____

I have confirmed that this Interact club has an active status with Rotary International. I understand that a club must have an active status in order to qualify for the Presidential Citation for Interact Clubs.

Signature of sponsor Rotary club president _____



PRIVP Monty Audenart passes away

RI Director Monty Audenart passed away recently in Alberta. Monty was well known to many Rotarians in District 7820 and will be missed. The following email was just received by many of his friends:



My Dear Friends,

This is just a short message to let you know that I have simply "Gone Home." While the Spirit is strong, and I would have loved to stay longer, I have had to lay my body down and walk through the next door. But then, life is really all about how we live it, and less about how long we live. I am lucky to have lived a grand life in the time that I had. I have been blessed to have a wonderful family, and so many good friends like you.

Thank you for being a part of my life, and for the many experiences and fun times we shared and the lessons you taught me. I will surely miss you, but I have faith that in due time we shall meet again. Please pray for my family, and know that I am not too far away.

Monty

OBITUARY

If you are reading this now, I have simply gone HOME. Come and help celebrate my life here on January 27, at 12:00 p.m. at 8 Keast Way, Red Deer (LDS chapel). Of course there will be food (I asked for KFC but probably won't get it), some good memories, and my family really needs your support.

I was born on November 14, 1949, and returned HOME January 21, 2015. I was lucky to be adopted by Osh and Gladys Audenart and raised on a farm near Raymond, with my two great sisters Connie and Beverly. I attended school in Raymond and Magrath, and then served a mission for the LDS Church in Tahiti. I attended the University of Alberta where I graduated from dentistry in 1977. I practiced in Vermilion and Red Deer, and Nunavut, and offered my services to less fortunate people in Jamaica, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Thailand, Mexico, Russia and the Amazon. Sometimes my daughters came with me. It was a grand adventure. It never ever seemed like work. I served in the Church as a Branch President, a Councillor in the Bishopric, member of High Council, Stake executive secretary and Stake Director of Public Affairs.

I joined Rotary in 1987, and served as Club President, District Governor, Rotary International Director and Vice-President, and a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation, and lots of in-betweens. Rotary gave Liz and I, friends worldwide, and so many opportunities to serve the community and beyond. Rotary changes lives, including my own. I never seemed to be able to repay Rotary for all it gave me.

I leave for a while my eternal friend and wife of more than 40 years, Liz; my children Maurita and Scott Tollestrup, Jay and Amica (Antonelli) Audenart, Graham and Talia Audenart, Robin and Dave Kearn, Lisa and Sean Freeman, and Ryan and Jody Audenart; my sisters Connie (Andy) Blasetti and Bev (John) Mehew. Grieve a bit, laugh a lot and keep a special place for me in your hearts. Remember always how God gave us Time enough to say goodbye.

I will be a forever Grandpa to Mya, Kedan, Tagg, Payton, Berkeley, Osh, Gabby, Jack, Forrest, Aviana, Grayson, KK, Elle, Maeve, Willow, Crew, Aurelia, Mirra, Noa, and Cooper. Didn't we have FUN! I've gone ahead to another playground and I will be waiting for you all there with all kinds of stories. Remember we are an eternal family.

Some of you may think I left a bit early, but Mom always said it is more important how you serve in the time you have, than the years or the titles. I tried to be a good husband, father and grandfather. And I got plenty of fishing done in Corpus Christi and I released lots of fish for all of you. Catch a few Jay, I won't be far away.

In lieu of flowers you may donate directly to The Rotary Foundation. Their money never dies! (www.rotary.org)

See you soon, but don't rush!

Monty

See more at: <http://rotary7820.com/Stories/ri-director-monty-audenart-passes-away#sthash.bUc56R7d.dpuf>

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Submissions from District 7020 Clubs

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Kitty at ladykitt@gmail.com
For inclusion in the District Newsletter*