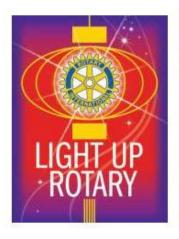
Rotary District 7020 Newsletter





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

JUNE 2015













U.S. Virgin Islands

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



JUNE is Rotary Fellowships Month

Newsletter Editor – Kitty Bucsko

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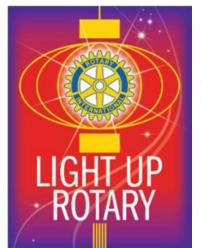
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JUNE MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR (2014-15) PAUL BROWN



Fellow Rotarians, Rotary Alumni and Family of Rotary

It seemed as though it was just the other day that Kay and I began our journey for the 2014-15 year. For the first six months of that time, we journeyed across the length and breadth of the District visiting all but four of our Rotary Clubs. We met so many interesting Rotarians and friends with such diverse backgrounds, different ways of expressing



themselves with their native languages, but all with a common purpose of fellowship, friendship and service. We have had an experience that Kay and I will never forget. The warmth we experienced everywhere we went, made us feel so loved and appreciated. The support for the plans and programs set and encouraged made us recognize why we are such a special District; one which we are extremely proud to be a part. We thank you for your efforts and support!

The second half-year has been no less exciting and it has been my pleasure to see the fruits of all your labor being showcased in excellent reports as well as at our recently held District

Conference. Equally it must have been a joy to all of you to see what you have achieved this year. Many of you earned Awards and Recognitions as you served with distinction. I congratulate you for the outstanding effort. Even as we celebrate with those, I wish to recognize the work of others who were not so successful but who nevertheless contributed to your communities' development, "doing good to all."

Let me share with you. We have managed to significantly improve our membership across the District. We have formed two new Clubs this year, and I ask that you give them your support. We have done more projects collectively than recorded for previous years, and we have expanded all aspects of our Youth Service programs. We have formed more clubs, and with larger numbers of persons as well. We have introduced Vocational Training Teams to the District for the first time and we are now certified and set to do Youth Exchanges, Outbound only for the first time. The list is not exhausted but I think we can see that we have been busy.

I thank all of you for attending and participating in our recently held annual PETS, Assembly and District Conference in Montego Bay. We had nearly six hundred participants and all aspects of the program were well received. We had great fellowship as well as we sought to retain friendships and make new acquaintances. It would appear that we all left there rejuvenated and re-energized. I am sure that you would join me in thanking the organizing committee for a well-run event.

Now we are into the closing stages of the year and I guess many of you are beginning to turn your attention to the year to come. But as you make those plans, may I encourage you to make that final push to address and achieve those remaining goals not yet completed for this year. We have done well with the Rotary Foundation Giving, but I encourage you to achieve and even surpass your targets which you had set at the beginning of the year. If we do so, we will set new benchmarks in this area for others to follow.

Please also remember those less fortunate than us who have experienced recent disasters. Please remember to support and contribute to the recently established Nepal Disaster Fund. Let's also continue the excellent work with contributions supporting Polio Eradication by way of the World's Greatest Meals Program. As you can see, even as we pause to reflect on our accomplishments, there is still work to be done. As Rotarians, we should not shy away from such responsibilities. Let's get it done.

It is now time for the changing of the guard. Kay and I have truly enjoyed the experiences of the past year and I ask that you give your undivided support to the new team of Rotary Leaders in the District. Please support District Governor- Elect Felix Stubbs and his team as we seek to transition from Lighting up Rotary to becoming the Gift to the World in District 7020 and beyond for this upcoming year. Let's continue to be that Best District in the Zone and indeed in the World.

I look forward to seeing some of you in Sao Paulo when we can say our last farewells to each other. Until then, continue to show the way by "Lighting up Rotary" for this month of June!

Paul Brown, District 7020 Governor (2014-15)

OUR INCOMING DISTRICT GOVERNOR - 2015-16

MR. FELIX N. STUBBS, MBE, D.H.L.

Mr. Felix N. Stubbs, MBE, D.H.L., is a citizen of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas with Turks and Caicos ancestry. He has been recognized in The Bahamas for his contribution to the commercial growth and economic progress of that country as well as for his involvement in community-building initiatives.

Felix is a former President and General Manager of IBM Bahamas Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the IBM Corporation. He held that position for over 32 years, opting to take early retirement in 2014 so that he could devote more time to his Rotary obligations.

During his time at IBM, Felix led a transformation of IBM Bahamas Ltd. from a computer hardware company to one more focused on software and services. His steady leadership has resulted in more highly-skilled employees, better customer service and improved margins despite a challenging economy.

Felix is a past president of The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce, a former Director of the Central Bank of The Bahamas and a current member of several boards of Bahamian enterprises and government committees. As a result of his commitment to country and dedication to excellence, he has frequently been called upon to lend his commercial expertise and leadership skills in many other areas that would lead to the betterment of the Bahamian society at large.

In 2014 he was appointed as Chairman of the National Development Plan Steering Committee, a Committee whose mandate is to create a 25-year strategic plan for the development of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. That same year he was declared a Bahamian Icon when he was nominated for, and won, the Bahamian Icon Award in the field of Commerce.

In 2006 he was bestowed with the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, an honorary doctorate, by the BWR Ministries & Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, USA. In 1996 he was made a Member of The Most Excellent Order of The British Empire by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

Felix's current roles in the development of commerce include the following:

- He is a member of the Board of Directors of First Caribbean International Bank Bahamas Ltd., tasked with reviewing the
 performance of the company and making recommendations to enhance sustainability and corporate responsibility in a
 challenging economic environment.
- As Vice Chairman of the Board and Finance Committee Chair at Doctors Hospital, he serves an integral role by advising on the development of new lines of business for the hospital. The emerging medical tourism is high on the agenda through a new subsidy, The Bahamas Medical Center.
- As a Member of the Board at Famguard Corporation Ltd., he is Chair of the Information Technology committee and a
 member of the Audit Committee. The Information Technology Committee is expected to enhance the company's use of
 technology and to improve its return on that investment.
- He acts as Senior Advisor to the Bahamas Striping Group of Companies. He has been pleased to help nurture them from a \$5,000.00 self-starter grant start-up company to the current successful enterprise that they have become. The group of companies earlier this year celebrated the grand opening of a two million dollar headquarters and manufacturing facility.
- A ground-breaking and exciting commercial arena for him is his involvement in helping an international investor start an international company in Freeport, Grand Bahama that potentially will place The Bahamas among the world leaders in the area of stem cell treatment and scientific research.
- Keen to see the economic development of Grand Bahama, he serves as a director of the Board of the Grand Bahamas Port Authority, a board on which he previously served as Chairman.

Committed to the wholesome development of The Bahamas, Felix sits on several governmental, non-governmental, civic and charitable committees and helps to shape and implement strategic, policy, budgetary and fundraising plans.

He is the Chairman at the Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute with the mandate to position the institution to help enhance the training of the future workforce of The Bahamas.

He currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, Chairman of The Bahamas Feeding Network, on the Boards of Directors for the PACE Foundation, the Chance Foundation and the Urban Renewal Foundation as well as on the Bahamas

National Festival Commission, the Governor General Youth Awards Council and the Past President's Advisory Council of The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation.

Felix is a passionate Rotarian. He is a past Assistant Governor of the Rotary Clubs of the Bahamas District 7020 (2007-2010), Disaster Relief Chair and Future Vision Area Coordinator for District 7020 and a Past President of The Rotary Club of Nassau Sunrise. He began his Rotary service in 2001 as a charter member of his club.

Prior to his role as President in 2006 – 2007, he served his club as Vocational Services Director, International Services Director and later as Foundation Chair. Under his leadership as President, his Club grew membership by more than 30%, was awarded the Presidential Citation, the District Governor's top award and a Rotary Literacy Award. In 2006, while serving as 1st Vice President, he was recognized by his club as Rotarian of the Year.

He is a major donor, a member of the Paul Harris Society, a Rotary Foundation Benefactor and a Discussion Leader for the Sunshine Division of RLI. He currently serves as District Governor-Elect for Rotary International, District 7020, which comprises 10 countries and 16 islands in the Northern Caribbean.



Felix is married to Carla, also a Rotarian and a past president of the Rotary Club of Nassau Sunrise. The couple have 2 adult children

DISTRICT OFFICERS 2015-16

District Governor	Felix Stubbs
District Governor-Elect	Haresh Ramchandani
District Governor-Nominee	Robert Leger
Immediate Past District Governor	Paul Brown
District Auditor	PDG Richard Grant
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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS FOR 2015-16

Please send newsletter submissions to the following email address:

D7020News@gmail.com

ABCs OF ROTARY



Cliff Dochterman RI President 1992-93

COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

In the early days of Rotary, any change in the RI Bylaws or Constitution was proposed and voted upon at the annual convention. As attendance at conventions increased and open discussion became more difficult, a Council on Legislation was created in 1934 as an advisory group to debate and analyze proposals before they were voted upon by the convention.

Finally at the 1970 Atlanta Convention, it was decided that the Council on Legislation would actually become the legislative or parliamentary body of Rotary. The council is composed of one delegate from each Rotary district as well as several ex-officio members. It was agreed that the council would meet every three years at a time other than at the Rotary convention.

The council, which next meets in 2016, has the responsibility of considering and acting upon all "enactments," which are proposed changes in the Bylaws and Constitution, and "resolutions," which are recommended changes in Rotary policies and procedures.

Proposals may be submitted by any Rotary club, district or the RI Board. The council's actions are subject to review by all the Rotary clubs of the world before they become final. If 10 per cent of the voting strength of the clubs oppose a council action, such legislation is nullified and it is submitted for final consideration to the next convention.

The Council on Legislation provides the membership of Rotary a democratic process for legislative change in the operations of Rotary International.

INTERACT

Interact, the Rotary youth program, was launched by the RI Board of Directors in 1962. The first Interact club was established by the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Florida. Interact clubs provide opportunities for boys and girls of secondary school age to work together in a world fellowship of service and international understanding. The term, "Interact," is derived from "inter" for international, and "act" for action. Every Interact club must be sponsored and supervised by a Rotary club and must plan annual projects of service to its school, community, and the world.

Interactors develop skills in leadership and attain practical experience in conducting service projects, thereby learning the satisfaction that comes from serving others. A major goal of Interact is to provide opportunities for young people to create greater understanding and goodwill with youth throughout the world.

ROTARACT

After the success of Interact clubs for high-school-age youth in the early 1960s, the RI board created Rotaract in 1968. The new organization was designed to promote responsible citizenship and leadership potential in clubs of young men and women, aged 18 to 30. The first Rotaract club was chartered by the Charlotte North Rotary Club in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Rotaract clubs emphasize the importance of individual responsibility as the basis of personal success and community involvement. Each club sponsors an annual project to promote high ethical standards in one's business and professional life. Rotaract also provides opportunities leading to greater international understanding and goodwill. Rotaractors enjoy many social activities as well as programs to improve their community. A Rotaract club can exist only when continuously sponsored, guided, and counseled by a Rotary club. The programs of Rotaract are built around the motto "Fellowship Through Service."

RI'S GENERAL SECRETARY

The day-to-day operations of Rotary International's Secretariat are under the supervision of the general secretary, the top professional officer of Rotary. Although the general secretary is responsible to the RI Board of Directors and President, he provides the ongoing management for the members who compose the Secretariat of Rotary International

The General Secretary serves as secretary to the RI board, and is also the chief executive and financial officer of The Rotary Foundation, under the supervision of the trustees of the Foundation. He is the secretary of all Rotary committees as well as the Council on Legislation, regional conferences, and the annual Rotary convention.

The General Secretary is appointed by the RI board for a term of not more than five years, and is usually re-elected.

Throughout the history of Rotary, the personal influence and administrative skills of our general secretaries have significantly shaped the course of Rotary programs and activities.

USE OF THE ROTARY EMBLEM

The Rotary International emblem is officially registered with the U.S. Patent Office as a trademark and "service mark," which prevents it being used in improper ways or by unauthorized individuals. The Rotary emblem should not be altered or modified in any way.

Rotarians are encouraged to wear the emblem as a lapel button. It is frequently used on jackets, pens, caps, and other personal items manufactured by firms or individuals licensed by the RI Board of Directors. Rotary badges, banners, road signs, and official Rotary club stationery naturally use the emblem as a mark of identification.

The Rotary emblem cannot be used for any commercial purpose. It is not permissible to use it in a political campaign or in connection with any other name or emblem not recognized by Rotary International. Individual Rotarians should not use the Rotary emblem on business cards or stationery or for any other use intended to promote business. Nor is it considered proper for Rotarians to use the emblem on doors or windows of their business premises.

It is the responsibility of all Rotarians to use the emblem with pride. The restrictions are provided to assure that the Rotary emblem will not be misused and that it will always bring distinction to the organization.

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?



ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

Rotary Fellowships are groups of Rotary members who

- Share a common interest in recreational activities, sports, hobbies, or professions
- Further their vocational development with others in the same profession or field
- Enhance their Rotary experience by exploring new opportunities and making connections around the world

HOW ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS OPERATE

- Each fellowship functions independently of Rotary International, establishing its own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure.
- Membership is open to Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians, and Rotaractors.
- Fellowships must have an international scope, with active members in at least three countries.

BENEFITS OF ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowships:

- Enable Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside their own club, district, or country
- Contribute to the advancement of Rotary's public image and identity
- Serve as an incentive for joining Rotary and for continuing as a member







JOIN LEADERS: www.rotary.org/fellowships

JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

RI PRESIDENT-ELECT



K.R. "RAVI" RAVINDRAN

PRESIDENT 2015-16 ROTARY CLUB OF COLOMBO SRI LANKA

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran is CEO and founder of a publicly listed company with a worldwide clientele in the tea packaging industry. His company, Printcare Plc, is the winner of national and international awards of excellence. He also serves on the board of several other companies and charitable trusts. He is the founding president of the Sri Lanka Anti-Narcotics Association.

A Rotarian since 1974, Ravindran has served RI as treasurer; director; Foundation trustee; committee member, vice chair, and chair; task force member; RI training leader; and district governor.

As his country's national PolioPlus chair, Ravindran headed a task force consisting of the government, UNICEF, and Rotary and worked closely with UNICEF to successfully negotiate a ceasefire with the northern militants during National Immunization Days. He also chaired the Schools Reawakening project, sponsored by Rotary clubs and districts in Sri Lanka, to rebuild 25 tsunami-devastated schools to benefit 15,000 children.



2015-16 Theme Address K.R. Ravindran, RI President-elect

Click the link below to watch the full theme speech – in case you missed it!

https://vimeo.com/117317680



OUR OWN BARRY RASSIN – AIDE TO RI PRESIDENT-ELECT RAVI RAVINDRAN



Description: Barry Rassin, Aide to the RI President-elect, introduces 2015-16 RI President K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran during general session 5 at the International Assembly, San Diego, California, USA, 20 January 2015.



Description: From left: Esther Rassin, Aide to the President-elect Barry Rassin, K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, Vanathy Ravindran, and 2008-09 RI President Dong Kurn Lee enjoy the performance during the closing session and banquet at the International Assembly, San Diego, California, USA. 23 January 2015.

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OUR DISTRICT 7020 WEBSITE

Don't forget the website – www.7020.org Click the centre panel to access our D7020 ClubRunner website!





EXCHANGE IDEAS

Expand your network-and your worldview.

TAKE ACTION

Help us create lasting change in communities around the world.

ROTARY DISTRICT 7020

Organizing aid for quake victims in Nepal

Re Nepal Disaster Donations

A **DAF Account** has been set up at the Rotary Foundation for Nepal Relief.

At our meeting of Council of Governors, it was agreed to encourage all Clubs desirous of donating to this cause, that they do so by way of the DAF Account specified below.

The donation can be sent directly to the Rotary Foundation to be deposited to

Account 539 for Nepal Earthquake Relief.

You would have to call the Rotary Foundation to determine if you can use a credit card, but we think that should be able to be accommodated.

SAVE THE DATE! **District 7020 Installation Banquet** June 27th, 2015 D'Aguilar Ballroom **Baha Mar Convention Centre Bahamas** Featuring: Donation \$100 **Royal Bahamas** includes **Police Force Gourmet Dinner** Pop Band with Wine, and DJ Entertainment, Dancing, Raffle and Cocktails 7pm **Door Prizes** Dinner 8pm Dancing until... Black Tie Optional Come out and celebrate the installation of DG Felix Stubbs and his spouse Carla and the incoming Presidents of the Rotary Clubs of The Bahamas For tickets, please contact your Club President or email sheila.bethel@gmail.com or annadegregory@yahoo.com Rotary

Club Charter Celebrations

Celebration/Activity Date

Attendance Report Due Club Charter Celebrations	3 rd of the month
New Providence, Bahamas	June 1, 1988
Bayonnais, Gonnaives	June 5, 2012
Saint Michel de L'Attalaye, Haiti	June 5, 2003
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Negril, Jamaica	June 10, 2004
St. Martin Nord	June 10, 1988
Santa Cruz, Jamaica	June 10, 1980
St. Mary, Jamaica	June 11, 2010
Anguilla	June 15, 1978
St. Martin Sunrise	June 17, 2004
Kingston, Jamaica	June 18, 1959
Montego Bay East, Jamaica	June 22, 1992
Christiana, Jamaica	June 28, 1971
May Pen, Jamaica	June 29, 1990
Hinche Centre, Haiti	June 30, 2003
Kingston East and Port Royal, Jamaica	June 30, 1999
Liguanea Plains, Jamaica	June 30, 2005
Mirebalais Centre, Haiti	June 30, 2005
Verrettes L'Artibonite, Haiti	June 30, 2005

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.

- Winston Churchill

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



"I have learned to give, not because I have too much But because I have known the feeling of NOT having"



Dear fellow Rotarian,

The end of the Rotary year is quickly approaching!

I'd like to ask you and your clubs to make it a priority to support The Rotary Foundation before 30 June 2015, if you haven't done so already. Each and every Rotarian around the world is encouraged to make a gift each year to the Foundation's Annual Fund. When you do so, you're doing your part to fulfill the Foundation's mission to advance World Understanding, Goodwill and Peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Each year, The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund empowers you and your fellow Rotarians to implement over 1,400 programs and projects at home and abroad. To continue that good work, The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund goal is a record-breaking \$123 million. To date, we've raised \$81 million. We're on track to meet the goals, but we need your help to get there.

Our District 7020, has an outstanding history of leading our two zones (33 & 34), and what is also interesting is that we have three of our clubs in the top 3 per capita contribution to the Foundation.

My concern is that most of our clubs have not contributed anything at all to support the goals that we had set at the beginning of the Rotary Year.

The last TRF report has only two clubs out of the 83 active clubs receiving "EREY" banner, and the leading flagship clubs with the best per capita contribution are going to be denied this fantastic recognition.

We have more than 25% of our clubs meeting the \$100 USD per capita contribution and just only 2 clubs with banners?

Rotarians, a glass of wine is about \$10 USD and our clubs can have this fantastic recognition.

The best clubs in our district per capita contribution are;

First: 122/94 77% contribution. Do we really want to loose the double recognition?

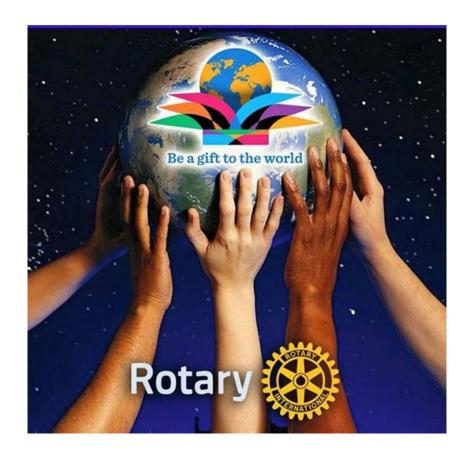
Second: 30/27 90% contribution, Just three more Rotarians?

Third: 42/32 88% contribution. Rotarians, please donate a glass of wine for humanity

Please make your gift today and thank you for your continued support.

Yours in Rotary,

Dr. Patrick E. Adizua District 7020 Country Rotary Foundation Chair-Jamaica District 7020 Paul Harris Society Chair 2014-2016



Coming Events

RI Convention - June

June 6 – 9, 2015 Sao Paulo, Brazil

Rotary Regional Seminar

June 27-28 Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront Jacksonville, Florida, U.S.A.

July 2015

New RI President K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran

July 2015

Barry Rassin becomes the aide to RI President

July 2015

New D7020 Governor Felix Stubbs Nassau, Bahamas

ROTARY FUN QUIZ #1

<source> http://www.historyfellowship.org/viewpage.php?page id=7

Here are the questions.

You must go to the actual quiz online if you hope to find the answers! (But you will, perhaps, know the answers already!)

Let's see how well you do – and what you know about Rotary's history!

- 1. This Rotary president first was a newspaper Report in Denver. Who was...?
 - Wilfrid J. Wilkinson
 - Frank J. Devlyn
 - Paul P. Harris
 - Glenn E. Estess, Sr.
- 2. 23 February 1905 was..
 - Paul Harris' birthday
 - The night four men decided to start an organization Chicago
 - The first regular meeting of Rotary Club of Chicago
 - The Charter Night Dinner for Rotary Club of Chicago
- 3. A 1900 walk after dinner by Paul Harris was...?
 - The day Paul Harris' grandfather died
 - The inspiration for Rotary
 - A desperate attempt to find legal work
 - Paul's cure for irregularity
- 4. What does Cowboy, Desk Clerk, Marble Salesman, Actor, Merchant Seaman, Fruit Picker mean to you?
 - The fifth through the tenth members of the first Rotary Club
 - Paul Harris' jobs between 1891 and 1896
 - Classifications not included until after the convention of 1922
 - Occupations not thought to be good material for Rotary membership
- 5. This famous Rotarian was expelled from a university. Who was he?
 - Chesley Perry
 - Paul Harris
 - Arch Klumph
 - Herb Taylor
- 6. The first club, in a community of less than 100,000 population, was ...
 - Dallas
 - San Antonio
 - Chicago
 - Pueblo

- 7. \$26.50 from Rotary Club of Kansas City in 1917. What started the ...?
 - First District Conference budget
 - Rotary staff retirement program
 - World War I relief fund
 - The Rotary Foundation
- 8. The first President of "Rotary" was...
 - Paul Harris
 - Harry Ruggles
 - Chesley Perry
 - Sylvester Schiele
- 9. Give service to your customers and you'll make more money. What was the...?
 - Four-Way Test
 - "Fred" Sheldon's business philosophy
 - The "Business Sharing" in early Rotary Clubs
 - A violation of the "Rotary Code of Ethics"
- 10. Arch Klumph was...
 - The first District Governor from the original district
 - A manufacturer who donated shoes to victims of polio
 - Past RI President from Cleveland, credited with starting the Rotary Foundation
 - (is) a present RI Director

JOIN LEADERS

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

I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap.

- Bob Hope



REGIONAL ROTARY SEMINAR

The Regional Rotary Seminar is being brought to you by your Zone 34 Rotary Coordinators and their Assistants from noon June 27 to noon June 28 at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront.



Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront 225 East Coastline Drive Jacksonville, Florida 32202 (904) 588-1234

All Rotarians are welcome to attend.

The planning committee has found a delightful setting, and we hope when the registration materials arrive that you will answer quickly as we have a capacity of 150 participants to be received on a first-come first-served basis. This is the second year that we have included all of the Governor line as well as the Assistant Governors, and the District Foundation, Membership, and Public Image Chairs as well as the Club Foundation, Membership and Public Image Chairs.

REGISTER EARLY

The registration fee of \$75 will cover the costs of the dinner on Saturday night and the breakfast on Sunday morning along with some costs for materials. There will be an option for a vegetarian meal instead of the regular dinner choice. You will be responsible for lunch both days.

Spouses may attend, and their registration will be \$65. Spouses may attend meals and group events, but not Breakout Sessions because of space limitations.

Self-parking is available for \$8, valet is \$20 and shuttles to and from the Jacksonville Airport are provided in your registration fee provided you have stated your arrival and departure times, dates, and airlines on your registration form. Complimentary wireless internet is available throughout the hotel, including guest rooms and meeting spaces.

A special room rate of 112.00 is being provided for Friday and Saturday night. Hotel costs will be provided to you on the registration form.



This link will take you directly to the hotel registration site:

https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome ei new&eventID=12516454

Hotel Reservations by phone
Call 1-888-421-1442
Reference "Rotary International" to get the group rate.

Sign up will be limited to 25 per class; however, courses may be repeated if numbers warrant it. You will have an opportunity to select your top six classes and one alternate on the registration form.

CLUB NEWS – Where is your club?

ROTARY CLUB OF ST. THOMAS EAST

... submitted by Greg Miller

On Wednesday, 29 April, documentary producer and long-time Rotary East member, Paul Cater Deaton, brought us *Showdown at Tiger Beach*.

On location 25 miles off the coast of Grand Bahama, PCD joined an expedition with Epic Diving and shark shooter extraordinaire, Joe Romeiro, for some of the most high-voltage diving of his life. At times surrounded by 12 large tigers, and dozens of other shark species, the divers found a target-rich environment for filming animal behaviors and heart-stopping human interaction.

Shooting on six continents over a 37-year career, PCD has earned numerous industry awards as a writer, producer, director and cinematographer. His work is broadcast and published internationally.

Deaton is a member of The Explorers Club, American Advertising Federation, Boston Sea Rovers, Diving Equipment and Marketing Association, Divers Alert Network, National Association of Underwater Instructors, Underwater Archaeological Society of Chicago, and the Historical Diving Society.



He sits on the Board of Directors of the Texas Society of the Virgin Islands, and the Rotary Club of St. Thomas East. He was honored by Rotary Club of St. Thomas East with a Paul Harris Fellowship in 2004.

- Paul was one of the original filmmakers attached to Ocean in Google Earth, and he is now an editor for the entire platform.
- He is co-founder of the Reef Renaissance Film Festival, which will hold its third annual event on 6 June at Coral World Ocean Park.

ROTARY CLUB OF EAST NASSAU

... submitted by Philip Cumming

EARLYACT CLUB OF GENESIS ACADEMY CHARTERED

A new group of future leaders pledged their commitment to bettering their community and the world at large this month as the Earlyact Club of Genesis Academy was officially chartered under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of East Nassau.

At the Charter & Induction ceremony held in the school's auditorium on Wednesday, Faculty Advisor Danah Weech emphasized to the students the commitment that they were making to work for the betterment of their school, their community and the world at large.

At right - Club President, Tyler Williams, receives the official bell and gavel from Rotary advisor, Kristy Kemp

Welcoming them to the Rotary family, East Nassau's president Elmer Lowe pledged his clubs support to the students and urged them to have fun while doing their good work, telling them "you are taking a great step today that will stand you in good stead in later life."





great years ahead for both clubs.

Although things may not have been official until Earlyact President Tyler Williams and Mr. Lowe signed the club charter, the charter members have been hard at work for several months now.

One of their first projects was a canned food drive for the Bilney Lane Children's home and Earlyact 2nd Vice President Anna Wallace presented these goods to Olivia Major of Bilney Lane during the ceremony.

At left – Olivia Major (far left) of the Bilney Lane Children's School receives the donation of canned goods.

In closing, school principal Mrs. Melody Hanna congratulated the students on their commitment, and thanked the Rotary Club of East Nassau for their support and looked forward to many

Below - Faculty advisors, centre row (left to right) are: Carly Allen-Burrows, Danah Weech, Elaine Pratt, along with the club members of the Genesis Academy Earlyact Club.



The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

- George Burns

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH ST. CATHERINE, JAMAICA

... submitted by Gaynor Downer

On April 11, 2015 the Rotary Club of North St. Catherine participated in a Health Fair through the invitation of the Rotary Club of Portmore. Our booth "Healthy Lifestyle" sought to promote three aspects of healthy lifestyle.

- 1. Food Two plates demonstrating good and bad food choices were displayed. One plate had 2 cups of white rice, fried chicken and 2 small pieces of tomato. The other had grilled chicken breast, ½ cup brown rice, & cooked vegetables. Patrons were engaged in discussions about healthy food choices and food preparations.
- 2. Drink The Club promoted a vegetable and fruit drink to encourage patrons to consume more fruits and vegetables. The drink had lettuce, cucumber, spinach, celery, ginger and ripe bananas blended with water/ coconut water. Each patron got a chance to sample this delicious drink. Try it as even the kids thought it ok. This is a good morning smoothie. It was a hit.
- 3. Exercise Patrons were educated on the importance of exercise and increasing intensity. Aerobic vs resistance work was discussed also frequency and duration of exercise. The inner tube of a tire and water bottles were used to demonstrate resistance workouts -very inexpensive. Core exercises were also demonstrated.

IPP Gaynor gave a talk to the gathering about investing in their health. Patrons were encouraged to think of their bodies as a bank where they invested good healthy habits to draw on later in life. An excellent question and answer followed where myths and misinformation were clarified.





At left above - North St Catherine Rotarians Erlene, Avis & Gaynor (back to camera) at Health Fair. At right - IPP Gaynor (left) engaging a patron at the Health Fair while Rotarian Billy (right) looks on.

A beautiful brochure entitled '45 Tips to Live a Healthier Life' produced and distributed by the Club was given to each patron.

A great team effort! Thank you!



ROTARY CLUB OF KINGSTON, JAMAICA

... submitted by François St. Juste

Our recent activities in photos below: There was a very successful visit of our Twin club, Naples North; the work on Autism Awareness, and the seminar that followed; the handing over of the Major Project of a Resource Room to assist children with learning disabilities as well, as the induction of a new member.

Participation in the club's activities at meetings and projects was increased, as well as participation of Rotaractors in the activities of the club. This month RCOK embodied the themes "Light Up Rotary" and "Inspire Youth...Build Rotary".



At left above - Professor Maureen Samms Vaughn speaks to RCOK on Autism Awareness. At right - Minister of Justice Hon. Mark Golding addressing the Jamaica Ganja Laws



Above – members of the Rotary Club of Naples North attended a recent meeting of RCOK.



At left above - The children of Dunrobin Primary School welcome back a member of the Naples North Team.

Right -President François St. Juste of Kingston in discussion with President Alex Garland of Naples North planning big things to come



At left above - PE Robert does a section of the painting project at VOUCH.

At right - Part of the handover team at VOUCH (L-R) PP Effiom Whyte, Rtn. Deika Morrison, President Francois St. Juste, Dr. Polly Bowes Howell – Director VOUCH, Mrs. Kaleela Bromfield – Principal VOUCH and AG Noel Osbourne.

Below - One section of the VOUCH Resource Room with new equipment







At left above - Kingston Rotarians and Rotaractors party up a storm as funds are raised for charities

At right - New Rotarian Gilbert Bellamy receives his certificate of membership from President Francois as his wife and PAG Ken

Wilson join in the ceremony.



Members of the USS Comfort arrive to serve Jamaica on a medical mission



ROTARY CLUB OF ST. JOHN

So how DO you keep those ghosts from haunting you??

Guest, Jim Heskett of Maine, suggests taking care of their resting place is a good way to start.

Jim moved to St. John nine months ago and already wants to help make a difference. He reported at our April 22nd meeting, that there are at least fourteen veterans (with plaques) buried in the Cruz Bay cemetery.

The cemetery needs new fencing, covered viewing platforms, retaining walls, and music to our ears—a sidewalk on the bay side.

He is working with the St. John Community Foundation and the Department of Public Works on this and hopes to have it done by Memorial Day 2016.



http://stjohnhistoricalsociety.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Schoonover-Cruz-Bay-Free-Colored-Cemetery-final.pdf

ROTARY CLUB OF SINT MAARTEN

... submitted by Jeffrey Sochrin

Rotary Club Draws for Lucky Winner of the Audi Q5

Philipsburg, May 5, 2015. Several months of ticket sales came to an end as on Sunday evening at Festival Village, the Rotary Club of St. Maarten drew the winning ticket for the Audi q5 in front of a packed house.

Michael Granger, the President of the Carnival foundation, drew the winning ticket and was supervised by Notary Meredith Boekhoute and a Government controller.

Many hopeful onlookers checked their tickets to see if they had the winning ticket called #8000. The winner did not have to be present to win, and this ended up being the case, so Rotarians called the number on the ticket, and informed the lucky winner that she had just won a 2015 Audi q5 worth over \$50,000.

The following morning, live on Island 92, the ticket holder Sandra Masiellos showed proof of the winning ticket and was handed over the keys to this amazing car. "I am still in disbelief as I have never won anything in my life. This is so amazing! Look at this car!" Sandra said with tears of joy and doing a 'Happy Dance' as one Rotarian called it.

Sandra had purchased two tickets for the raffle not feeling she would win, but rather knowing that the funds raised go to a good cause. She was a guest of the Rotary Club along with a friend at their regular Wednesday meeting at Divi to tell her story about what went thru her mind when she heard she had one. The whole club was there on hand to congratulate her.

"Rotarians worked tirelessly out and about selling tickets and sorting and reconciling. One in particular, Fred Van der Piejl sold 7,000 tickets on his own by setting up in front of Le Grand Marche almost daily and relentlessly visiting various businesses for their support. This is truly an amazing accomplishment" said Deepak Ramchandani, the Rotary Club's President.

"In all there were about 12,000 tickets sold and while only one ticket won a car, everyone is a winner; especially the children of St. Maarten as the funds raised go directly back into the community.

At right - Dedicated Rotarian, Fred van der Peijl

Our club has a focus on the Youth in terms of education, literacy, health, and after school wellbeing. The car changed the life of one lucky winner; but the funds raised will touch the lives of several thousand.

We could not do this without your support" he continued to say.







ROTARY CLUB OF PETION-VILLE, HAITI

Dear Club Secretary Maryse Jean-Louis Jumelle,

Greetings from Rotary International Headquarters in Evanston. Here are RI Headquarters, we felt that <u>your club's video</u> best illustrated how you have grown personally and professionally through your club, made lifelong friendships, improved your community, and made connections with others from around the world.

Therefore, your video has received the honor of "Rotary's Choice" and will be featured on <u>Rotary.org</u>, the digital edition of <u>The Rotarian Magazine</u> as well as Rotary social media channels.

Thank you again for your participation in our campaign, and thank you for supporting Rotary!

Kind Regards,

Sheena

Sheena Lilly

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ROTARY CLUB OF MONTEGO BAY SUNRISE

... submitted by Suzette Ramdanie-Linton

The Rotary Club of Montego Bay Sunrise

Eyeglass Distribution Project for School Children - Community Service & Disease Prevention & Treatment

This project was undertaken on Saturday March 28, 2015 at the St. John's Methodist Community Action Centre in Montego Bay.

Volunteers amounted to 17 persons, including 1 Ophthalmologist, 1 Refractionist, 10 Rotarians, 2 Interactors, 1 Rotaractor and 2 Prospective Rotarians. Volunteer hours amounted to 118. Value of project is estimated at J\$3M, which includes the cost of testing eyes and then purchasing frames and lens.

The day saw us seeing approximately 200 children who wanted their eyes tested for glasses. We distributed close to 200 pairs of eyeglasses, and had 10 referrals sent to 2 Ophthalmologists, who had agreed to offer their services free of charge, as their contribution to the project – this was due to the fact that these children needed additional assistance that we were not able to provide on the day. The children were also treated to snacks throughout the day, consisting of Chicken, Rolls, Juice and Cake.

Parents, Guardians and Children was extremely appreciative of the eyeglasses; they expressed sincere gratitude and thanks, indicating that they really cannot afford to purchase glasses for their children, nor even take their children to the eye doctor. Some children has minus 6 and minus 5 eyesight, and they had never been to an eye doctor; these kids indicated that when writing in the classroom, they had to go right up to the chalkboard, in order to see what was written on the board.

















DICTIONARY PROJECT

We distributed dictionaries to 3 Primary Schools in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

This was to Grade 2 children who were in need and whose parents or guardians were unable to purchase for them.

Each student is required to have a dictionary as a part of their school resources. Dictionaries were distributed to 100 students at Irwin Primary, 80 students at Mount Salem Primary and 25 at Farm Primary.

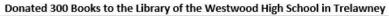
Handing over 100 Dictionaries Grade 2 Students at Irwin Primary



Handing over 80 Dictionaries to Grade 2 Students at Mount Salem Primary









ROTARY CLUB OF ST. MARTIN SUNRISE

INDIAN MERCHANT ASSOCIATION (IMA) DONATES FUNDS TO CAMERA PROJECT

Philipsburg, May 25, 2015: The Rotary Clubs of Sint Maarten together with local and regional partners launched a national eye screening program at the White and Yellow Cross Foundation in April of this year. The purpose of the screening is to prevent blindness due to Diabetes Retinopathy.

Dr. Virginia Asin, President of the Rotary Club of St Martin Sunrise in the presence of Treasurer Sidarth "Cookie" Bijlani, on behalf of the organizers, received a cheque from the association fom the hands of the Mr Prakash Mirpuri, President of the Indian Merchant Association on Sint Maarten

"The IMA will always support health prevention programs that benefit the population of Sint Maarten and gladly support the program" said Mr Mirpuri. Now that the machine is purchased and set up at the White and Yellow Cross, it is important that it is sustained and well maintained. With this donation the IMA contributes to the sustainment of the program.



Above - Treasurer Fundus Camera Committee Sidarth Cookie Bijlani, Chair of the Committee Dr Virginia Asin and Mr Mr Prakash Mirpuri, President of the Indian Merchant Association on Sint Maarten



ROTARY E-CLUB OF THE CARIBBEAN, 7020



SPECIAL ROTARY DAY - MAY 23, 2015

The Rotary E-Club of the Caribbean, 7020 – in true ground-breaking fashion – organized and carried out a very successful Rotary Day meeting online on Saturday morning, May 23.

The Rotary E-Club of the Carolinas joined us online – and were introduced to our Zoom platform.

We showed that it is entirely possible to host online members from all over the world. One member in Hawaii joined at 2:00 a.m. his time, while our PDG Diana, who was in England, joined at 2:00 p.m. her time.

The attendees arrived at 9:00 a.m. Eastern/Atlantic time to our main group meeting location. The topic was the *Object of Rotary* and *How can the E-Club promote the Object of Rotary through our E-Club resources and expertise*. We successfully organized and managed 4 separate BREAKOUT sessions in individual meeting rooms. Then, everyone returned to the main meeting room where the individual discussions were presented and summarized.

In attendance were several PDGs: Gary Goforth from Fort Myers, FL, D7750; Lorraine Angelino from Greenwood, SC D7750; Bill Boyd from Costa Rica, D7750; Diana White, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, D7020; Art MacQueen from Daytona Beach, D6970; Marcy Ullum from Miami, D6990. Haresh L. Ramchandani from Jamaica, the DGN for D7020, also participated.

Truly 21st Century! Well done and Congratulations to the Rotary Co-ordinators and to the two club presidents – Amarylis Davila and Patrick Stewart -- for organizing! This will be the first of many such get-togethers!

...because we are an E-Club!!!



ROTARY CLUB OF ST. THOMAS

... submitted by Mary Gleason



At left - Congressional Delegate Stacy Plaskett, pictured here with Rotary Club of St Thomas president, Erik Ackerson after her informative presentation to the Club





The Vocational Training Team from D7090 legacy continues....today team leader Lezlie Murch was here visiting from Canada and brought more equipment from Canada! Rotary in ACTION!



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

The Rotaract Club of Eleuthera is a proud partner with Sonoma State University Rotaract Club district 5130! They are also honored to be apart of the Telemedicine project. 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 their medical staff the opportunity to consult with specialist in California in the event of any emergencies.

Please check out their video on the project!!! Great job guys!!!!!!!!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5LH0jO8Ey6I







...from Elisia Lake – DRR – Addressing the Rotaract Club of Eleuthera

It was indeed a bitter sweet moment recently as the Rotaract Club of Eleuthera was the last Rotaract Club I officially addressed as DRR. The night started out with a mix and mingle as we munched on some snacks, interacted and had a few laughter in-between. The meeting was called to order by president of the Rotaract a club of Eleuthera; <u>Gacintha N Damion Gordon</u>. Secretary <u>Shapreka Clarke</u> continued with an exciting icebreaker as we learned a few new things about each other in the room. President Julian of the Rotary Club of Eleuthera gave welcoming remarks and shared encouraging words to all in attendance.

Past president Jackie had the honors of reading my biography and couldn't help to reflect on the memory of Rotarian Ramesh so we paused for 15 seconds silence in his honor. President Jackie continued with reading my bio and for the first time I listened to my bio being read and got teary eyed as this was my last official meeting and I made it through.

I started off my presentation reflecting on my year and felt proud to know that I did my best in representing all the Clubs in District 7020, kept the faith, and with the support of the Rotaract District Board, we made it. I also did a Rotaract/Rotary trivia that left the members with more information than they came with. I proceeded with giving an update on District's status, recap of the objectives, district project analysis and conference 2015. In addition to that, I took the time out to motivate the members of the Rotaract and Rotary Club of Eleuthera to continue being world changers as we are indeed special and the things we do for this world is priceless.

In addition to President Gacintha and Julian, present at the meeting were Rotarians, Rotaractors, President of the Interact Club and visitors. The members of Rotaract Eleuthera are full of energy and really take their role as Rotaractors very seriously. President Gacintha, you've led your club to success and for that I am proud of you. Continue the great work guys. YOU ROCK!







Looking forward to hearing details of both of these recent events! Well done, Rotaractors!

Some images:







Sean Morgan District Interact / International Service Chair Rotaract Club of Kingston







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!



KINGSTON, JAMAICA

At left - Interact Past President Christopher Palmer shows of his cheque to travel to the Special Olympics with the Jamaican Team





ROTARY CLUB OF MONTEGO BAY SUNRISE SPONSORED AN INTERACT CLUB

Rotary Club of Montego Bay Sunrise chartered a new Interact Club. We had the Charter Ceremony for our first sponsored Interact Club, the Interact Club of Herbert Morrison Technical High School

At right – Rotary President Suzette pinning Charter President Devonae

Club Executives, along with Rotarians from Montego Bay Sunrise



This is great news!



THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

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

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

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

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

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



INTERACT CLUB OF CHARLOTTE AMALIE HIGH SCHOOL

Six aspiring scholarship presenters from the Rotary Interact Club of Charlotte Amalie High School shared their inspiring essays with members of the Rotary Club of St Thomas recently.



At left - Churon Bernier, Samandee Liburd, Ajay Pickering Haynes, Yarelis Martinez, Nykesha Culpepper, Josh Lake





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#.VPCPQeF06PU

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 clubsCayman Islands : 4 clubs

- French West Indies (St-Martin & St-Barthelemy only): 2 clubs

Haiti : 13 clubsJamaica : 20 clubs

- Netherland Antilles (Sint-Maarten only): 3 clubs

Turks & Caicos : 1 clubU.S. Virgin Islands : 9 clubs

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

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Please send newsletter submissions to the following email address:

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