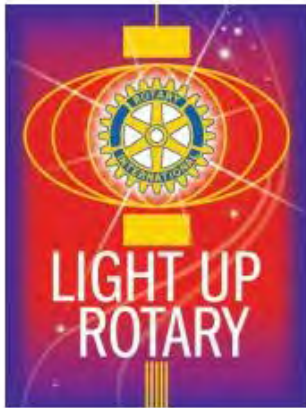


# Rotary District 7020 Newsletter



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

## MARCH 2015



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



*Newsletter Editor – Kitty Bucsko*

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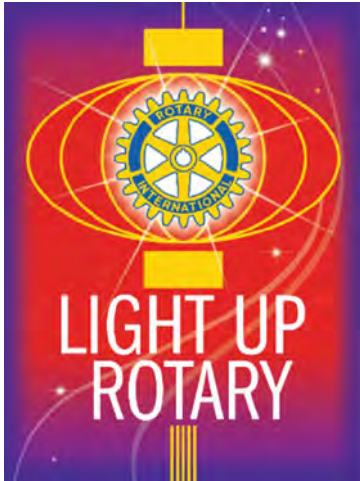
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## ***MARCH MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR (2014-15) PAUL BROWN***



Fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors and Family of Rotary

This month's theme in Rotary is Literacy, one of our six Areas of Focus. We are asked to focus our attention on this subject and we can do this in so many different ways.

As I have travelled through the District, I have seen so many examples of Literacy Projects being undertaken in our respective communities.

From providing physical infrastructural improvements, to providing for better, more comfortable classroom environments, to distributing dictionaries and other learning materials to the eager children, Rotary has been playing its part in advancing the levels of education throughout our District.



I have also witnessed so many projects aimed at developing technical skills in the communities, giving so many hope of becoming independent and useful community citizens.

This month, and for the first time, D7020 will be welcoming a Vocational Training Team [VTT] from Niagara Canada/US to St Maarten/St Martin/Anguilla.

VTTs take the GSE concept of enabling professionals to observe their profession in another country a step further by offering participants the opportunity to use their skills to help others.

This team will focus on sport education and physical literacy for children.

The goal is to educate coaches, teachers, and volunteers who work in the local schools and sport organizations.

The team will introduce various coaching methodologies while working with children and introducing them to playing sports in order to lead healthy active lives, make good nutritional choices, reduce childhood obesity, and gender disparity.

Fellow Rotarians, this is a very important time in the lives of our New Generations Group.

On March 13, we celebrate the birthday of one of our signature groups, Rotaract. We feel very proud about this group's accomplishments and see them as representing our future.

We currently have over 50 Rotaract Clubs across our District and I ask all Rotary Clubs to think of ways in which we can recognize this vibrant group. Let's work and fellowship together with them as we celebrate their birthday.

With the advent of the month of March, we ask you to review all the hard work you have done for the year. Look at what goals have been accomplished and what is left to be done.

Visit Rotary Club Central on our Rotary website and make sure to enter your accomplishments there. This year, we will be looking to use those entries on the website as part of our consideration when giving recognitions and awards at the District Conference.

Rotarians, Rotaractors and Family of Rotary, let us continue to "Light up Rotary" all around our District for the month of March!

*Paul Brown, District 7020 Governor (2014-15)*



## 2015-16 RI PRESIDENTIAL THEME



Be a gift  
to the world

...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.

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."

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 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, *Rotary News*, 12-JAN-2015



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



Be a gift to the world



## ABCs OF ROTARY



*Cliff Dochterman*  
*RI President 1992-93*

### **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

“Honorary” is one of the types of membership a person may have in a Rotary Club. This type of membership is

- the highest distinction a Rotary club can confer
- is exercised only in exceptional cases
- to recognize an individual for unusual service and contributions to Rotary and society

An honorary members is elected for one year only, and continuing membership must be renewed annually.

Honorary members cannot propose new members to the club, do not hold office and are exempt from attendance requirements and club dues.

Many distinguished heads of state, explorers, authors, musicians, astronauts and other public personalities have been honorary members of Rotary clubs, including King Gustaf of Sweden, King George VI of England, King Badouin of Belgium, King Hassan III of Morocco, Sir Winston Churchill, humanitarian Albert Schweitzer, Charles Lindbergh, composer Jean Sibelius, explorer Sir Edmund Hillary, Thor Heyerdahl, Thomas Edison, Walt Disney, Bob Hope, Dr. Albert Sabin, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and many of the presidents of the United States.

Truly, those selected for honorary membership are those who have done much to further the ideals of Rotary.

### **MEMBERSHIP IN ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

If you asked a Rotarian if he or she belonged to Rotary International, the individual probably would look puzzled and answer, “Of course I’m a member of Rotary International.” But in this instance, the confident Rotarian would be technically wrong. No Rotarian can be a member of Rotary International!

The explanation of this apparent contradiction is simple. The constitutional documents of RI state that membership in Rotary International is limited to Rotary clubs. Over 32,000 Rotary clubs belong to the organization we call Rotary International.

A Rotary club is composed of persons with the appropriate qualifications of good character and reputation, a business or professional classification, and who serve in an executive or managerial capacity.

The Rotarian belongs to a club – the club belongs to Rotary International. This technical distinction is not obvious or even known to most Rotarians, and seldom does it create any problems or complications. It does explain, however, why the Rotary International Board of Directors places expectations upon and extends privileges to Rotary clubs, rather than to individual Rotarians.

If someone ask if you belong to Rotary International, your most accurate answer would be, “No, I belong to a Rotary club.” But I doubt if anyone would understand the difference, or, in fact, would really care.

### **DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

The Rotary District Governor performs a very significant function in the world of Rotary. He or she is the single officer of Rotary International in the geographic area called a Rotary district, which usually includes about 45 Rotary clubs. The district governors, who have been extensively trained at the worldwide International Assembly, provide the “quality control” for the 32,000 Rotary clubs of the world. They are responsible for maintaining high performance within the clubs of their district.

The district governor, who must make an official visit to each club in the district, is never regarded as an “inspector general.” Rather, he or she visits as a helpful and friendly adviser to the club officers, as a useful counselor to further the Object of Rotary among the clubs of the district, and as a catalyst to help strengthen the programs of Rotary.

The district governor is a very experienced Rotarian who generously devotes a year to the volunteer task of leadership. The governor has a wealth of knowledge about current Rotary programs, purposes, policies and goals and is a person of recognized high standing in his or her profession, community and Rotary club. The governor must supervise the organization of new clubs and strengthen existing ones. He or she

performs a host of specific duties to assure that the quality of Rotary does not falter in the district, and is responsible to promote and implement all programs and activities of the Rotary International president and the RI Board of Directors. The governor plans and directs a district conference and other special events.

Each district governor performs a very important role in the world-wide operations of Rotary. The district governor is truly a prime example of Service Above Self performing a labour of love.

### ***THE INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY***

An International Assembly is held each year during February or March to prepare all of the district governors-nominee from around the world for the office they will assume on July 1. Accompanied by their spouses, the incoming governors join a host of experienced Rotarian leaders for more than a week of training and motivational sessions. At the assembly, they meet the special Rotarian who will serve as RI president during their year as governors and they learn the RI theme for the coming year around which they will build their district's conference.

The first International Assembly was held in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., in 1919. Later assemblies were held in Lake Placid, New York, Boca Raton, Florida, and Nashville, Tennessee. In recent years, the assembly has been held in Anaheim, California. Regardless of the venue, the message on the sign above the plenary hall has remained unchanged for years: "Enter to learn...go forth to serve."

### ***THE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY***

In view of the annual turnover of rotary leadership each year, special effort is required to provide the 32,000 club leaders with appropriate instruction for the task they will assume. The annual district assembly is the major leadership training event in each Rotary district of the world.

The district assembly offers motivation, inspiration, Rotary information and new ideas for club officers, directors and key committee chairmen of each club. Some of the most experienced district leaders conduct informative discussions on all phases of Rotary administration and service projects. The assembly gives all participants valuable new ideas to make their club more effective and interesting. Usually eight to ten delegates from each club are invited to attend the training session.

Another important feature of a district assembly is a review by the incoming district governor of the program theme and emphasis of the new RI president for the coming year. District goals and objects are also described and plans are developed for their implementation.

The success of each Rotary club is frequently determined by the club's full representation and participation in the annual district assembly.

### ***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 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](mailto:nbarbee@gmail.com) or Director Nominee Joe Mulkerrin [757-467-9475](tel:7574679475) [joemulkerrin@cox.net](mailto:joemulkerrin@cox.net)

Yours in Rotary Service, PRIVP

PRIVP Anne L. Matthews  
RI Peace Centers Committee Chair



*"Second" Reminder to Mark Your Calendar Today*

*This flyer includes all Registration Directions*

Annual Peace Symposium – "Peace Begins With Us"

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

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#### Host of Exceptional Speakers



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



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



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





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



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

**Plus**

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

**Now**

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

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



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

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

## ***Do you have a project?***

I have been asked by the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman to let you know that they have **US\$10,000** left in their International Service Budget for projects this Rotary year which they want to spend **within District 7020**. They are looking for two or three good projects that they can allocated these funds towards.

In order to be eligible ALL PROJECTS MUST BE **SUBMITTED FOR UPLOAD** ONTO THE ROTARY DISTRICT 7020 PROJECT PORTAL.

<http://www.7020.org/projects>

TO DO SO please complete the proposal form and e-mail it back to BOTH email addresses below:

- [trevor@namax.com.ky](mailto:trevor@namax.com.ky) (Trevor Neckles - RC Grand Cayman Int'l Service Chair)
- [amarylisdavila@gmail.com](mailto:amarylisdavila@gmail.com) (Amarylis Davila - Project Portal Coordinator)



*PDG Jeremy Hurst*

PLEASE INCLUDE PICTURES OR LINKS TO VIDEOS & POWERPOINTS FOR EACH PROJECT WHERE AVAILABLE.

Let's continue to **LIGHT UP ROTARY** in District 7020 with the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman's US\$10,000!!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Jeremy Hurst  
Past District Governor 2013/14  
Assistant Rotary Coordinator Zone 34.

### **JOIN LEADERS**

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

### **EXCHANGE IDEAS**

**Expand your network-and your worldview.**

### **TAKE ACTION**

**Help us create lasting change in communities around the world.**

## 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](mailto:ripilotprograms@rotary.org) with any questions.

Sincerely,

John Hewko  
General Secretary



## ENHANCE YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS IN THE ROTARY LEARNING CENTER

Professional development is right at your fingertips with the Rotary Learning Center, which offers members a range of interactive courses on navigating Rotary's online tools and developing leadership skills to prepare for new Rotary roles.

Anyone with a My Rotary account can take a free course in the Learning Center. Among the many courses available are How to Run a Webinar, How to Propose Legislation, Rotary Club Central Resources, and role-specific selections.

Get started by finding the Learning Center under the **LEARNING & REFERENCE** tab on Rotary.org. If you are already registered on the site, you will have a profile. If not, it's easy to create an account. From the **MY PROFILE** tab, you can modify your profile, find announcements about new and upcoming courses, and join a community to discuss what you're learning.

A great way to begin is by viewing the How to Navigate the Learning Center video tutorial, which covers what's available and how to make the most of it.

The center's catalog allows users to browse a list of subjects or see a complete rundown of all the courses offered. When registering for a course, you can either proceed to the material immediately or save it for later, returning to it from the **MY COURSES** tab.

Course material is provided in a variety of formats, including PDF and Word documents, interactive e-learning modules, and videos. Only some e-learning modules have audio, but all of them enable you to decide when to go on to the next screen.

A bar at the top of the screen marks your progress through each course. And a snapshot of all the courses you have registered for is available with the **COURSE HISTORY** tab, which also enables you to print a certificate once you have completed all requirements. Some district leaders require attendees at in-person training sessions to bring a printed certificate to ensure that they review relevant material before their session.

"This is a great way to use the center," says Adam Arents, Rotary's supervisor of learning technology. "It's better preparation than emailing a list of documents and saying, 'Please read these.' "

If your district sponsors fellowships or scholarships, you'll want to point recipients toward the Orientation for Scholars, Vocational Training Teams, and Peace Fellows course.

One of the most popular courses is Strengthen Rotary, which teaches members to incorporate Rotary values into everyday activities. The Rotary Club Central Resources course, another popular offering, helps members set goals and improve membership information.

For the first time, a required course has been added for representatives attending the 2016 Council on Legislation.

And a committee of British trainers, working on behalf of Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland (RIBI), has developed a course covering RIBI policies and practices. The team is preparing other courses for a more global audience.

Rotary's Learning Center is "a powerful tool," says Arents. "Many Rotarians don't realize the extent of what is there and what's useful for them. We're working to change that."

[Register for a course in the Learning Center](#)

[Watch a video about Rotary Club Central](#)

[Read an FAQ about Rotary.org](#)

By Arnold R. Grahl  
Rotary News  
9-FEB-2015



## Visit RI President Gary Huang to ARUBA

Dear Caribbean Fellow Rotarians,

We have received confirmation from RI that the RI president Mr. Gary Huang will be visiting Aruba from March 29-31, 2015.

Mr. Gary Huang will arrive on Sunday March 29 and will visit our Rotary Day, the “Fiesta Rotaria” which is our local fundraising event (large flea-market in combination with a lottery) while on Monday March 30 we will host a Rotary Seminar and close the day with an elegant Caribbean Night. After some courtesy visits in the morning Mr. Gary Huang will leave on Tuesday March 31.



I would like to request if you can pass on this invitation to all members of the District's 7000, 7020 and 7030 as well as the Southern USA.

*Dear Fellow Rotarians of District 4370 and Guests,*

*I am pleased to attach herewith the official invitation and registration form for the forthcoming District Seminar weekend here in Aruba, March 29-31, with Guest of Honor, Rotary International President, Gary Huang. Please react swiftly if you are planning to attend, it is a busy weekend/week here on Aruba, as it coincides with the Semana Santa holidays.*

*We have made some room blocks for the event, and we encourage you to make your reservations as soon as possible, and no later than March 10, to ensure availability. At the same time, if you prefer to stay elsewhere, you are free to do so; however, we cannot assure that we will be providing transportation from any other venue.*

*Our club is working diligently on all details of this event, and we are counting on the support of many fellow Rotarians from the District. We look forward to hosting you all on One Happy Island, Aruba!*

*If you need any additional information regarding the registration, please feel free to contact Mrs. America Barrios and/or Mrs. Emilie Arends of the organizing committee at the e-mail address [rotaryarubaseminar@hotmail.com](mailto:rotaryarubaseminar@hotmail.com)*

*Saludos,*

**LUFRIDO**  
*President, Rotary Club of Aruba*







# WINNERS

## Club-of-the-Month

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

**EVERY CLUB THAT SUBMITS AN ENTRY IS A WINNER!**



# CLUB-OF-THE MONTH

## Ideas to Share

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



PP Marcellia Henry

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

For the month of January, 'Rotary Awareness Month', the Rotary clubs of our district have once again executed many innovative ideas that will be shared in this segment of the District's Newsletter.



Our clubs of district 7020, used a variety of fascinating activities to proudly showcase what Rotary does for their community and the international communities. Throughout the month, our diligent clubs highlighted the importance of the Rotary Foundation and their club, and the work that is done to save and improve the lives of others through a number of mediums.

*At left – picture from the Chalk Art Festival (Abaco)*

Brochures and newsletters were developed, which included information on Rotary, our efforts to end Polio, and club projects. Rotary items such as banners, the 4-Way Test, the Rotary Code of Conduct, Rotary literature and magazines were displayed at businesses, public areas, and handed out to the public. Signage and billboards were erected, or information was featured on billboards. Rotary shirts were worn, and membership drives were held to build awareness of the work of Rotary locally and globally.

*At right - 2015 calendars distributed (Eleuthera)*

Modern Technology, such as social media (Facebook Page and Twitter Account) were also used to enlighten the community about our clubs and the Rotary Foundation. Videos were created and posted on social media. And not forgetting, the placement of ads and articles in local newspapers, and television and radio interviews featuring the benevolent efforts of our spectacular clubs.

Within many clubs, Rotary Awareness Trivia, quizzes, games and presentations were held to increase membership knowledge base of their club, the District, and the Rotary Foundation.

There were some other innovative ideas to emphasize the accomplishments of Rotary and build awareness, which I will now share.



**Abaco.** The Rotary Club of Abaco organized a 'Chalk Art Festival' in the month of January. The annual festival takes place during a very busy weekend on Abaco: BNT's Art for the Parks. During this Chalk Art Festival, Rotarians recruit local artists to draw chalk designs for sponsoring businesses on the sidewalk. The festival brings together artists and businesses from the local community, and provides the opportunity for the public to see how their Rotary club supports local artists, and raise funds from local businesses to sponsor the activities they execute in the community. Great initiative!

**Eleuthera.** The Rotary Club of Eleuthera came up with an interesting way of promoting the Four Way Test, and thus building Rotary Awareness. They decided to produce mini 2015 calendars, which they disseminated to the general public as a token. Nice idea! Can I get one?

The Rotary Club of Eleuthera also organized a ROTARY DAY at their club.

During that day, Rotarians were asked to wear their **ASK ME ABOUT ROTARY PINS** and/or other Rotarian Regalia, as deemed appropriate for their work places, or wherever they travelled.

*At right – “Ask me about Rotary” pins*

This was a way of prompting Rotary in their community, and giving the public the opportunity to ask them questions about their club and Rotary.

Clever!



**Roadtown.** Finally the Rotary Club of Road Town painted a giant wall with the End Polio Now signage and [endpolionow.org](http://endpolionow.org) website. Wow!



Again, the clubs in District 7020 have shown their creativity! Fabulous!

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  
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# Club Charter Celebrations

*Celebration/Activity Date*

<i>Attendance Report Due</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup> of the month
<b>Club Charter Celebrations</b>	
<i>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
<i>Portmore, Jamaica</i>	April 1, 1999
<i>Petite Riviere, Haiti</i>	April 4, 2008
<i>Aquin, Haiti</i>	April 6, 2007
<i>Saint Barthelemy, FWI</i>	April 7, 1994
<i>Pignon, Haiti</i>	April 8, 1999
<i>Eleuthera, Bahamas</i>	April 9, 2009
<i>St. Maarten Mid-Isle</i>	April 11, 1997
<i>Delmas-Aeroport, Haiti</i>	April 14, 2000
<i>St. Thomas II, USVI</i>	April 14, 1979
<i>Leogane, Haiti</i>	April 14, 2010
<i>Ouanaminthe, Haiti</i>	April 16, 2010
<i>Grand Cayman Sunrise</i>	April 18, 2009
<i>Saint Marc, Haiti</i>	April 22, 1998
<i>Sunrise, Road Town</i>	April 25, 2009
<i>St. Andrew, Jamaica</i>	April 29, 1987
<i>New Kingston, Jamaica</i>	April 30, 1990



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#### 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)

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You Can With Rotary







**JUST A REMINDER** of the 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!

**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.



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 who 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 who will meet on our journey.



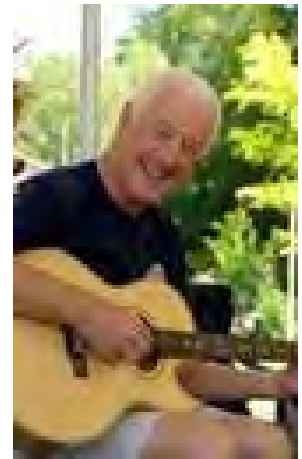
Hi. I'm Mike Hogg and one of the members of the Rotary Vocational Training Team going to St. Maarten/Anguilla in March of this year. I am proud to be among the people selected, and am amazed with the skill set offered by my fellow travellers.

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 meet 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!



## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

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

### THE DISTRICT 7020 FOUNDATION TEAM



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# *Coming Events*

*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*

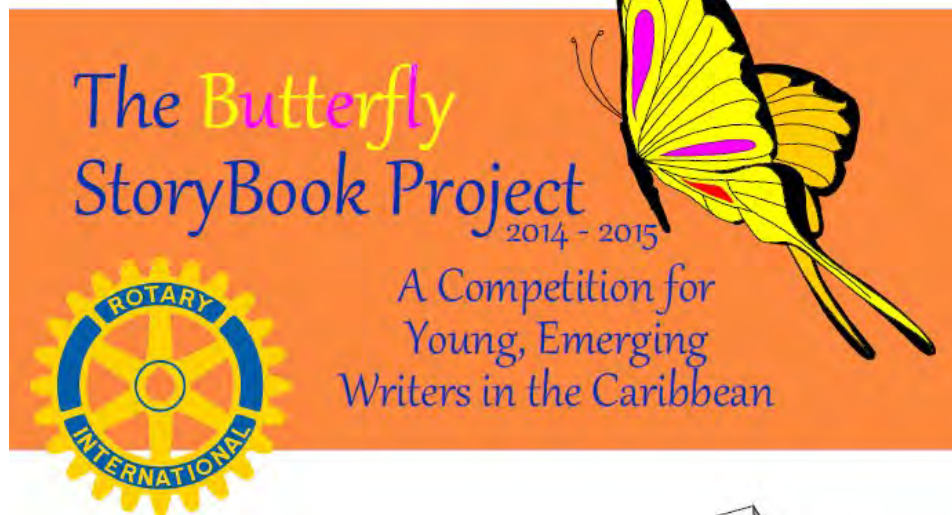
May 12-16, 2015

Montego Bay, Jamaica

# CLUB NEWS – Where is your club?

## ROTARY E-CLUB OF THE CARIBBEAN, 7020 *Award-winning Literacy Project*

*Announcing 3rd Annual Contest.*



***SEE THE LAST PAGE OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR WINNERS!***

## ROTARY CLUB OF LEOGANE, HAITI

*...submitted by Fritz Pierre-Louis*

**On January 11, 2015, the people of Leogane, Haiti  
and the international community, gather to race, in  
the loving memory of the victims of the earthquake.**

See photos below:

























## JOIN A PROJECT

Change your community with us by volunteering on a local project.





## ROTARY CLUB OF NEGRIL, JAMAICA

Photos of the donkey races in Negril, 2015. A great Rotary fund-raiser.



*It's bad when the rider falls off the donkey. Also, donkeys can be very stubborn and unpredictable.*





*Always some glitter and always good times!*

## ROTARY CLUBS OF ST. CROIX


An excellent February activity.

**Rotary**  
Club of St. Croix





**Rotary**  
Club of St. Croix  
Harborside



IF IT IS TO BE  
IT IS UP TO ME



# ROTARY CLUB OF ST. THOMAS

...submitted by Mary Gleason

On Tuesday January 20, 2015, the Rotary Club of St Thomas held a new member orientation at the home of Rotarian Lawrence Aquí. New Rotarians were John Pittman and Anne Marie Hoffman and prospective Rotarian Rosa Thomas.



*Above left - President Erik Ackerson and Rotarian John ACKLEY. Right - Lisa and Lawrence Aquí, hosts; Rotarian Andrea Goldberg; president elect Anna Paiewonsky, leading Rotarians in song*



*At left above - Guest Nikki Emerich; Sergeant-at Arms, Paul Doumeng; President Ackerman; Rotarian Willa Fils. Middle – Secretary Paul Davis. Right – Past President Sue Boland*



*Above left - Lisa and Lawrence Aquí. At right - Rotarian George Blackhall, PP Mary Gleason, new Rotarian Paul Pittman*



## ROTARY CLUB OF ST. MAARTEN

...submitted by Jeffrey Sochrin



**THE ROTARY BAZAAR**

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF ST. MAARTEN INVITES  
YOU TO COME SPRING SHOPPING!!!**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2015 AT 9 AM - 2 PM PARKING LOT  
AT LE GRAND MARCHÉ, BUSH ROAD**

- Plants • Clothing • Housewares • Tools • Kitchen items
- Furniture • Books ... and MORE. Come Shop for a Great Cause!

**Raising Funds to Serve the Community**

The poster features a vibrant background with colorful paint splashes in shades of blue, green, yellow, and red. On the left, there is a small graphic of a rotary lamp with the text 'LIGHT UP ROTARY'. On the right, there is a circular logo for the Rotary International, featuring a gear-like border and the words 'ROTARY INTERNATIONAL'.



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# Let There Be Lights!

In keeping with theme of the 2014-2015 Rotary Year, the Rotary Club of Road Town pulled out all the stops to usher-in Christmas in the Virgin Islands.

Rotarian Elton Leonard and Club Services Director, Geraldene Johnson led the project to light up the central roundabout in the heart of the capital, Road Town.

President Shan Mohamed said Christmas is indeed a very special time in the BVI community and the club wanted to keep the tradition alive.

"We felt that as a Rotary Club we must lead the way...to light up Road Town and I am pleased that we have achieved the objective and we could not have done so without my fellow Rotarians. I sincerely thank them," Mr. Mohamed stated.

Minister of Communications & Works, Honorable Mark Vanterpool said the club is the 'action club' for all the work it been doing in the community this year.

"I would take a bow to you because we used to try to light Road Town before, but you have taught me a few things this time so I hope you continue lighting it. I think I will have to give your club the name the action club. I Look forward to you continuing to help the BVI in many ways," Minister Vanterpool stated.

Assistant District Governor, Mrs. Delma Maduro said Christmas is a wonderful time of the year when residents express love for each other, spread joy and peace.

"Certainly, the BVI Rotary family has been doing this throughout the course of the year. Tonight this is a very special occasion for us and specifically for the Rotary Club of Road Town, lighting up this beautiful Roundabout.





# ROTARY'S HANDS SPREAD JOY

In 1994, Carole Durante introduced the 'Tree of Hands' initiative to the Virgin Islands as a vehicle to donate toys annually to under-privileged children.

Twenty years later, her daughter, Alexandra stood at our club meeting and delivered a moving address, appealing for support.

The Rotary Club of Road Town responded positively by donating a quantity of toys and helping to gift wrap over 400 toys collected for distribution to children all across the Virgin Islands.

The idea is that the community selects hands from trees distributed at select locations. The hands list specific toys for identified children based on information provided by the Social Development Department and community groups.

"We did not hesitate in joining the wonderful work that the family has been doing for this community. The theme for Rotary this year is Light Up Rotary and our club wants to ensure that we light up Christmas for children in the Virgin Islands," Mr. Mohamed stated.



## Oops, did you miss our meeting?

A 'Fun Meeting' at our club, giving members and guests the opportunity to participate in the featured game, 'Rotary Minute To Win It'.



## Promotional Drive

Public Relations Director, Gordon French presented to the members of Rotaract Club of Virgin Gorda during November. He discussed ideas about promoting the club, Rotaract's vision and Rotary in the community.



## Finishing The Job...

Club members delivered dictionaries to Century House Montessori School in early November to conclude the 2014 distribution drive.





## Welcome to the Fun Club

Past President of the Rotaract Club of Tortola, Brian Liverpool Jr. and Lorna Christopher have committed to 'Service Above Self' as members of the Rotary Club of Road Town.



## A BIG THANK YOU!

The Rotary Club of Road Town thanks the staff of The Moorings for all that they do to ensure our weekly meetings are successful. PP Louis Potter made a presentation to Popeye, Saturn and the rest of the staff during our Christmas breakfast.



## Honorary, Honorable Mrs Eileene Parsons

The Rotary Club of Road Town had the distinction of inducting Mrs Eileene Parsons, OBE as an honorary member of our club.

Mrs Parsons, a former legislator, has a long and distinguished record of public service and is well known for her ceaseless promotion of BVI culture, love of our national pastime, softball and passion for politics.

Mrs Parsons received her Rotary pin from former colleague and current member of the legislature, Charter President of the Rotary Club of Road Town and avid Rotarian, PP Ronnie.

"You have been chosen for honorary membership of the Rotary Club of Road Town because our members believe that you are considered to be leading your particular vocation," said PDG, Vance Lewis.



Continuing with the induction of Mrs. Parsons, Mr. Lewis stated that the community "will know and judge Rotary by your actions and ideals".

In accepting the honorary membership status, Mrs Parsons said she is especially privileged to become

an honorary member of Rotary, but shared a personal regret.

"I am very grateful to have been so honored. My only regret is that you all have honored me when I am disabled and I can't move around to be as helpful as I would like to be,"

Mrs Parsons noted. However, she pledged continued commitment through the Rotary Club of Road Town.



## RLI A Huge Success

Several Rotarians and Rotaractors in the BVI and USVI participated in the 2014 RLI at H. Laverty Stouff Community College between November, 8-9.



## ROTARY CLUB OF TRAFALGAR NEW HEIGHTS

...submitted by Coleen Lewis

### Having a 'Maverley' Little Christmas



Children of Maverley in St. Andrew, take a photo moment with JN Foundation's ACT!ON volunteers and members of the Rotray Club of Trafalgar New Heights during a Christmas Treat at the Maverley Primary and Junior High School. Nearly 60 children were feted by the Club and JN Money Services Limited, which trades as JN Money Transfer.





*Gabriel Heron, Marketing and Business Development Manager, JN Money Services Limited, puts little Joshua to sit on his lap as Tayana Wong, Club Services Director, Trafalgar New Heights watches pleasantly as the two share playtime with the children.*



*Face paint artist, Atira R, shares a moment with these two little girls during a Kiddies' Christmas Treat organized by the Rotary Club of Trafalgar New Heights in partnership with JN Money Transfer at the Maverley Primary and Junior High School in the St. Andrew-based community.*

## Polio: An Untold Part of Jamaican History

Jamaica recently experienced an outbreak of the Chikungunya disease, a debilitating virus which causes severe joint pains in its victims, lasting usually only for a few days. But in the 1950s the country battled an even more severe outbreak of another disease, which was more deadly, claiming the lives of many Jamaicans, especially children.

It's a part of Jamaican history which is not often recalled, two outbreaks of Poliomyelitis in 1954 and again 1957 and mild case in the 1980s mostly in St. James, which spared no one irrespective of gender, race and class.

"The outbreak in the 1950s was severe. It impacted people right across the island," informed Genett Rhone, Polio survivor at a recent presentation to the Rotary Club of Trafalgar New Heights in the Corporate Area recently, as the club observed Polio Eradication Day. The disease is 99 per cent eradicated worldwide, due in large part to the work of Rotary International, but still affects two countries in the world, namely Pakistan and Afghanistan.

It wasn't like Chikungunya. No one would proudly admit that they had a relative with the disease because there was a fear of being discriminated



*Genett Rhone, Polio survivor and former Special Olympian, is pinned by Dr Suzanne Fowles, Foundation Chair, with an "End Polio Now" badge. Looking on are Trafalgar New Heights Executives (from left): Horace Matthews, Sergeant-at-Arms and President Elect and Kerry Spencer, Vice President.*

against and when it was found out, those families and the children especially were isolated.

"For most children around the island it was very difficult to access treatment because they didn't know what it was; vaccines were not available. It was new

to the island and there were no symptoms," Ms. Rhone, who is also a former Special Olympian recounted. "People were simply fine one day and by the next morning, they couldn't walk or they couldn't breathe."

It's not certain how the disease got here, but it first showed up in England and later it impacted mostly residents from communities in and around the sugar belt across Jamaica, such as Bog Walk, in St. Catherine where Ms. Rhone grew up, where there were many rivers and springs.

Adults who had the nerve-attacking disease rarely survived she recalled. They often didn't live through adulthood or died middle age.

"The virus tends to attack your limbs, and you could have it four- the legs and the arms," she explaining that the virus which retards muscle growth. It killed many adults she explained because the virus often attacked the upper body in grown-ups, making it difficult for them to breathe. And with no or non-advanced breathing medical



## Polio: An Untold Part of Jamaican History



*The iron lung. The polio victim was immersed in the equipment, which would breathe for the victim. There was only one such equipment in Jamaica in the 1950s during the polio outbreak.*

apparatus in the 1950s, the chances of survival was low. The only piece of equipment available at the time was the cylindrical machine called the "iron lung", which was next to a death sentence. The body was immersed in the equipment, which would breathe for the victim. However, removal from the iron lung would mean certain death, and only the wealthy could afford it.

"Most of the persons you see with us today are the persons who had it

as children," she pointed out. "Most of the persons who had it as adults are no longer with us."

Miss Rhone is one of 70 polio survivors in Jamaica, but the former Special Olympian represents one of the mild cases of the disease although she has had it since three-years-old. Most are too shy to face the public because of their severe incapacitation or their many years of isolation from the public by their families and communities.

They face many challenges- a major

one of those being the issue of treatment because few modern doctors understand the disease, which was eradicated in Jamaica some 30 years ago. Not much work has been done since Rotarian Samuel Cohen Ricketts and Professor Sir John Golding's intervention during those early years.

"There are many post-polio syndromes and a lot of doctors don't know what to do because Professor John Golding was seen as the expert and a lot of doctors would just send you to him. Now he's gone, many don't know what to do," she explained.

The syndromes manifest in many ways and vary with the individual. They range from memory loss; experiences of chilliness and extreme pain to insomnia. And with few medical experts to understand it, the group meets each year at the Sir John Golding Rehabilitation Centre in St. Andrew to talk about their own problems exchange thoughts on how to treat it.

"Each year that we meet someone dies and it's a reality that we don't want to face, but it has happened every year," Ms. Rhone said.

Many severe polio victims, for example, cannot tolerate anaesthetics, she noted and often die during or after surgery.

"Polio is a difficult sell because many of the victims are now almost invisible in the population. Only a few of us are in the working in the world and most persons are at home," she disclosed.



At the quiz night meeting of the Rotary Club of Trafalgar New Heights, the winning team each get their own four way test..



# ROTARY CLUB OF NEW PROVIDENCE, BAHAMAS

...submitted by Lathera Major

Here's what The Rotary Club of New Providence has been up to:

RCNP members came to give service above self, on Saturday, July 26th, 2014 they donated and spread soil at the Nazareth Centre, Millennium Gardens, to create a vegetable garden for the facility.

Members were toiling in the summer heat, tilling, and shoveling soil. The big boys and their "Tonka Toys" - heavy equipment were out in full effect; the ladies even had a play with the big boys' toys.

Even though it was hard work, gratification, fun, and fellowship was had by all.

They then took to cleaning windows at the Children's Emergency Hostel. This task added sunshine and ray of hope to the children of this facility. They were also appreciative of the kind gesture in donation of pampers and wet wipes, on Saturday, August 9, 2014.



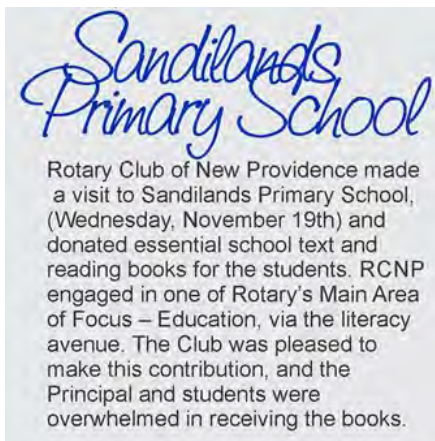
On Tuesday, October 21, 2014, RCNP donated thousands of essential school text books for the students at their Interact.

This will assist in their daily lessons learning as well as speaks to two (2) of Rotary's Area of Focus - Education and Literacy.



The project continued on Wednesday, November 19, 2014, when they visited Sandilands Primary School, there they donated text and reading books.





The RCNP and their Interact Club C.C. Sweeting Senior High School raised pennies for POLIO on Friday, October 24, 2014 and volunteered for the Annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing in front of the Straw Market on Bay Street from November 22 through December 20, 2014.

Christmas would not be Christmas for RCNP if the children of the weekly Food Run did not get gifts to open on Christmas day. To start the new year off right, the members of RCNP attended Ebenezer Methodist Church, on Sunday, January 11, 2015.

What's next you may ask, well keep watching and you will see!!!



## ROTARY CLUB OF ST. MARTIN SUNRISE

### Rotary Sunrise readies for Rotary Has Heart

**Philipsburg, February 14, 2015:** Rotary has heart is a project that was initiated by 2013-2014 Rotary International Vice President Dr. Anne L. Matthews. The purpose of this project was to bring awareness to one of the main focuses of Rotary, addressing hunger and hunger related issues during the week of Valentine's Day. Last year Rotary Club of St. Martin Sunrise partnered with Mary Brison of Meals on Wheels Foundation to feed 120 children and elderly.

This year Rotary has heart will not only be celebrated on Valentine's Day, but encompasses the whole 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of Rotary year (January-March). Also, the community service project has been expanded to include anything that showcases our love for our community, be it hunger awareness as was the case last year or donating to a worthy cause.

Rotary Sunrise has decided that this year members will be cooking a three course meal for children at a foster home. In addition on February 24, 2015 we will be awarding the schools, foundations or associations that have been approved for sponsorship by our board. We are proud to be celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> year of contributing to our community and even prouder to be part of 110 year tradition of being of service to the world.

The club meets at Philipsburg Jubilee Library Conference Room every Tuesday mornings at 7:00am for fellowship and breakfast. For more information on the club visit us at [sxmsunrise.org](http://sxmsunrise.org) or email [sunriserotary.sxm@hotmail.com](mailto:sunriserotary.sxm@hotmail.com), we are also on Facebook: Rotary Club of Saint Martin Sunrise.



*Rotary Sunrise President Virginia Asin (1<sup>st</sup> left) and Rotary Sunrise members with Mary Brison (in orange) and associates of Meals on Wheels Foundation.*



## ROTARY CLUB OF EAST NASSAU

...submitted by Philip Cumming

### Four Generations of Rotary

Four Generations of East Nassau Rotary came together recently for a fun filled games day.

Members of the Queens College and Genesis Academy Earlyact clubs and the interact clubs of Christian Heritage, St. Anne's and Queen's College joined with the Rotaract and Rotary Clubs of East Nassau in a day of friendly competition which included sack races, egg & spoon races, tug-o-war and of course East Nassau's world famous hamburgers.

The event, which was hailed as a huge success by East Nassau Rotary President Elmer Lowe, was the first of its kind organized by the clubs.

"We are all one family of Rotary, but due to our different schedules have never previously all gotten together at one time. This event has helped galvanise our Rotary family and build bonds that will strengthen all our clubs and help us better serve the community in future years," said President Elmer.

*Below – refuelling at the hamburger van and lining up for the next race*



*The Egg & Spoon race heats up below...*



# ROTARY CLUB OF MONTEGO BAY EAST

...submitted by Giovanna Allella

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

The meeting room at Sunset Beach Resort, Spa and Waterpark was the place to be on Thursday evening 5<sup>th</sup> February as a capacity crowd gathered for the Rotary Club of Montego Bay East's scholarship awards Ceremony and 2015 Bike-a-thon launch.

More than 70 guests, including sponsors, scholarship awardees, their families, friends and Rotarians filled the meeting room to applaud the success of yet another bike-a-thon, held in April 2014, at Fairview, Montego Bay. Last year's event saw nearly 160 participants, raised over J\$650,000 in sponsorship and support which was gifted to 10 deserving students, 5 from local high schools and 5 from tertiary institutions.

Generous sponsors included Team Fidelity Motors, La Maison, Wards Power Tools, National Supply, Sunset Beach Resort, Spa and Water Park, Synergy, Urology West, Dr Tasha Cooke, Guardian Group, Quality Machines, Dr Gary Lawson Boucher, Parishes, Last Resort Detective Agency, ID Warehouse, John Swaby, Troupe & Company Productions.

Hosted by Marcus McKenzie, the President of the Rotary Club of Montego Bay East, the evening invoked thoughts from the Guest Speaker Ruiz Warren, of Montego Bay Community College who correlated "vision with education"; whimsy from a 10-year-old musician Ricardo Hamilton of Howard Cooke Primary who amazed with piano and recorder recitals; delight as the awardees were presented with their scholarships, and humour from Rotary's Sergeant-at-arms Past President Leroy Peart who fined Rotarians for a variety of hilarious infractions.



10-year-old musician Ricardo Hamilton

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

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

Past President Noel Whyte of N. O. Whyte & Associates Ltd was teased about his appearance on TVJ's Morning Time show in his cycling shorts and stories of a 10-year-old grandson being flown from Kingston for the day; the Cuban National Cycling Team being hosted for 2 weeks surrounding the event; and 100 plus bicycles being donated and shipped free with American Airlines from Rotary Clubs in the USA to support the now 20-year-old occasion. (Pic 5)

Below, Roland Clarke of Margaritaville presents scholarship to Cornwall College student Akeem Hines



Sponsor Everett Pastereau of Synergy discusses details with Rotary Club of Montego Bay East President Marcus McKenzie & Immediate Past President Dale Davis.



Reminiscing about 20 years of Rotary Club of Montego Bay East's Bike-a-thon (l-r) Sunset Beach General Manager Evatt Bloomfield; Past Interact President Ivan Godfrey, Rotarian and current President of The Montego Bay Chamber of Commerce Nathan Robb and



# ROTARY CLUB OF THE ELEUTHERA, BAHAMAS

## BLOOD MOBILE TRAVEL TO THE ISLAND OF ELEUTHERA Rotary/ Kiwanis join forces

THE KIWANIS CLUB of Eleuthera teamed up with the Rotary Club of Eleuthera for a BLOOD DRIVE. This was an awesome opportunity for two great organizations to join forces in a community project dubbed operation "SAVE A LIFE - GIVE A GIFT OF BLOOD"

**Below left** - - Kiwanis President Magarette Culmer, taking the lead for her club by donating a pint of blood. **Right below** - Wellness Chair Moss (center) with two Kiwanis Volunteers



*Below - Rotarians/Kiwanians*



### ***SKYPE MEETINGS - WITH PDG VANCE & ROTARIAN FROM FLORIDA***

The Rotary Club of Eleuthera attended a very informative Skype meeting with PDG VANCE LEWIS, who addressed Rotarians on his role as Chairman for Caribbean Partnerships and the many exciting upcoming initiatives.

Further, the organizational goals were also a focal point with the focus to emphasize service and friendship, long-term relationships with another club, etc. PDG Vance also spoke of the idea of the Twin Club Program that was established during the Rotary Centennial year

In keeping with the International Services theme for the month of February, our club hosted another Skype meeting with Past President Steve Robinson of the Rotary Club Quincy, Florida.

The topic for discussion was ***How the Global Fund*** works and impacts communities. The Rotary Clubs of the Bahamas Blood Mobile (that PP Steve was instrumental in assisting with), was used as a case model to show how Rotary Clubs around the world can come together to make things happen.

The prospect of joining forces for a significant cause for Eleuthera was also discussed. We were also delighted to have Rotarian Tamara Burkhead join PP Steve part of the Skype meeting -



A balloonist is traveling in a hot-air balloon and suddenly realizes that he's lost. He shouts down to a guy in the meadow, "Where am I?"

The guy thinks for a bit and then replies, "You're in a hot-air balloon."

The balloonist says, "You are definitely a mathematician."

"I am," replies the man in the meadow. "Why do you say that?"

"Well, first of all, you took a while to think up a response. Second of all, your answer is logical. Third of all, it's completely useless."

The man below says, "You must be in management."

"I am," replies the balloonist, "but how did you know?"

"Well," says the man, "you don't know where you are, or where you're going, but you expect me to be able to help. You're in the same position you were before we met, but now it's my fault."





## 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 NCU Report

**October 21- 24, 2014**  
**END POLIO CAMPAIGN**

During the week of October 21-24, 2014 we launched our End Polio campaign which incorporated the NCU community: inclusive of students, faculty and staff. October 21-22, 2014 we had our bake sale to raise funds to eradicate Polio. October 22, 2014 we had an End Polio booth and designed a banner allowing the Rotaractors, Rotarians, Interactors and the NCU fraternity to sign. On October 23 we shot our END POLIO VIDEO which we launched on World Polio Day October 24, 2014

Link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0rPI95uGPEY>



**SCHOOL IMPACT** – October 24. The Rotaract Club of NCU seeks to empower youths in Jamaica to be better individuals and nation builders it on this premise we decided to team up with the NCU United Student Movement (USM) and assist in their “School Impact” mentorship programme. We went into the high schools and not only taught students but mentored and gave them words of encouragement. This was done on October 24, 2014 and the Rotaract Club of NCU made a great impact at the Lennon High School in Clarendon. We also used the opportunity to tell the students about our organization.



**INDUCTION CEREMONY.** November 23. We inducted 23 vibrant, hardworking and dedicated young people into the family of Rotary, The theme Young Professionals in Action...Making A Difference, was significant as our Guest Speaker Ms. Abi-Gaye Smythe, not a Rotaractor but a young person who despite having a heart condition is making a difference, thus she was given the Service Above Self award. Despite what she endures Miss Smythe still finds time to motivate young persons.



over was held on November 17, 2014

### COMMUNITY IMPACT

In Quarter 1 we reported that we would be “collecting items for our RCNCU FOOD/Toiletries Bank in aid of RCNCU “EACH ONE, REACH ONE” Program. We will be collecting cash donations, toiletries or food Items for the homeless. Distribution will be given out in November.”

However this project got revamped as members of RCNCU was approached by the NCU Media Group and the Mandeville Red Cross to assist a family of eight (8) in Brokenhurst Manchester who lost everything in a fire. We did not hesitate to assist.

All the donations we received went to assisting the family rebuild their life from scratch. The handing

**STREET FEEDING.** On November 30, 2014 we did our “Loaves of Love” project. We sourced funding and prepared the meals and went into the town of Mandeville and fed the homeless. We were happy we were able to provide a meal to those homeless and less unfortunate persons.

**COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION.** The Family That Works Together Stays Together, December is Family Month. On December 7, 2014 we teamed up with our parent club [The Rotary Club of Mandeville Jamaica](#) to beautify the entrance of the Cedar Grove Housing Scheme. We painted the bus shed and affixed the Four Way Test/ Rotary and Rotaract Logos.





**ROTA-CHRISTMAS.** It never gets old!

At the ending of each year since 2009 we share our love to the children at the Mandeville Hospital.



This year was no different. On December 18, 2014 we headed down to the Mandeville Regional Hospital and had a blast with the children on the Pediatric. We sang Christmas Carols and gave each child a gift.

Thanks to our sponsors, the Kiwanis Club, this year we had extra gifts and were able to leave them under the Christmas Tree for future patients.



## THE EARLY-ACT CORNER

### Early Giving To Fight Polio

The EarlyAct Club of Ebenezer Thomas Primary School spearheaded a wonderful fundraising effort that resulted in a monetary contribution to Rotary for the global eradication of Polio.

It gets better because the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which has joined forces with Rotary in the campaign for polio eradication, will match two-to-one, every dollar Rotary commits to reduce the funding shortfall for polio eradication.

We are pleased to have our children involved and we thank the students, teachers and parents of the Ebenezer Thomas Primary for their timely contribution.



## RYLA VIRGIN ISLANDS – FEBRUARY 2015





**MORE PHOTOS FROM RYLA –**

*Rotarians here and on previous page include PDG Rupert Ross, AG Jim Ferris, Jacqueline Heyliger, and PDG Richard Grant.*





## THE INTERACT CORNER

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

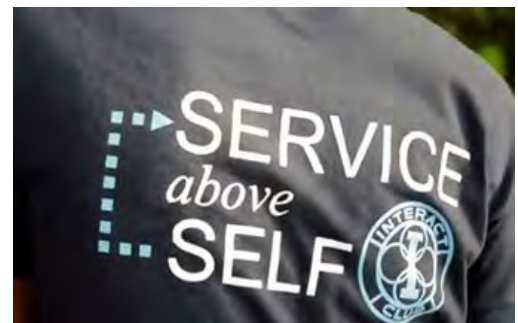
- Carry out hands-on service projects
- Make international connections
- Develop leadership skills
- Have fun!

### INTERACT CLUB OF ROAD TOWN

With support from the Rotary Club of Road Town, the Interact Club of Road Town once again stopped by the Eslyn Henley Richez Learning Centre on Thanksgiving Day to share lunch with the special needs students.







The RCNP and their Interact Club C.C. Sweeting Senior High School raised pennies for POLIO on Friday, October 24, 2014.

They volunteered for the Annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing in front of the Straw Market on Bay Street from November 22 through December 20, 2014.



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

The last known information is at 2004.

### Any Volunteers?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## HUMOUR

- .. When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.
- .. A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- .. When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.
- .. The batteries were given out free of charge.
- .. A dentist and a manicurist divorced. They fought tooth and nail.
- .. A will is a dead giveaway.
- .. With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- .. A boiled egg is hard to beat.
- .. When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.
- .. Police were summoned to a daycare center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.
- .. Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.
- .. A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.
- .. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
- .. The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.
- .. He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
- .. When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye.
- .. Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.
- .. **And the cream of the twisted crop:**
- .. Those who get too big for their pants will be totally exposed in the end.

## ANNOUNCING OUR WINNERS FOR 2015!

# The Butterfly StoryBook 2015



Third annual book of the  
10 best stories written by young,  
emerging writers in the Caribbean



A signature project of the Rotary E-Club of the Caribbean, 7020

Preview the entire book at  
<http://issuu.com/rotary7020/docs/butterflystorybook2015draft>

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNING AUTHORS!

Author	Age	School	Rotary Club	Title
Celina Allen	11	Kensington Primary School	Portmore	Hope's Inspiration
G.Navarre Donovan	9	Isabella Morris Primary School	Sunrise of Road Town	Grandma's Surprise
Zara Garofalo	10	St. Ignatius Catholic School	Grand Cayman Sunrise	A Soup for Two
Adrianna Garvey	8	Naz Children's Centre	Montego Bay	The Girl Who Made A Difference
Savir Gookul	11	St. George's School	Sunrise of Road Town	Rescue of the Kiddy Goat
Marlie Hughes	8	First Impression Primary School	Tortola	Not Alone
Lianna Jones	8	Kensington Primary School	Portmore	Lighting Up Someone's Life
Ellie Nickason	7	Cayman Prep and High School,	Grand Cayman Sunrise	The Reading Club
Malena del Olmo	9	Julius E. Sprauve School	St. John	Being Friends
Diamond White	10	Prospect Primary School	Grand Cayman Sunrise	The Rescue

## THANK YOU TO THE CONTRIBUTING CLUBS IN 7020

Charlotte Amalie • Grand Cayman Sunrise • Montego Bay • Portmore • Road Town • Saint Barthelemy • St. John • Sunrise of Road Town • Tortola



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Submissions from District 7020 Clubs

*Please send Club News and photos (with appropriate IDs) to  
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For inclusion in the District Newsletter*