



# GENESIS' NEWS

CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## Message of the Board

Dear Rotary Friends & Family,

We have closed our 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the service year 2013-2014. We look back on a successful quarter where we have done beautiful projects in our different avenues. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to make all our projects successful. At the moment we are in the second quarter and encourage everyone to participate with the same enthusiasm. Let us work together to carry out our theme “Engaging Rotaract is our Goal and Changing lives in the Community our Mission”. We hope that everyone has enjoyed their vacation. We sure did!! We would also like to wish all students a pleasant school or college year and hope you may all close this year with great achievements.

To the members with 100% attendance we say: Keep up the good work and thank you for your excellent contribution. At last we wish all our readers a pleasant journey while reading about our projects & more.



Yours in Rotaract,

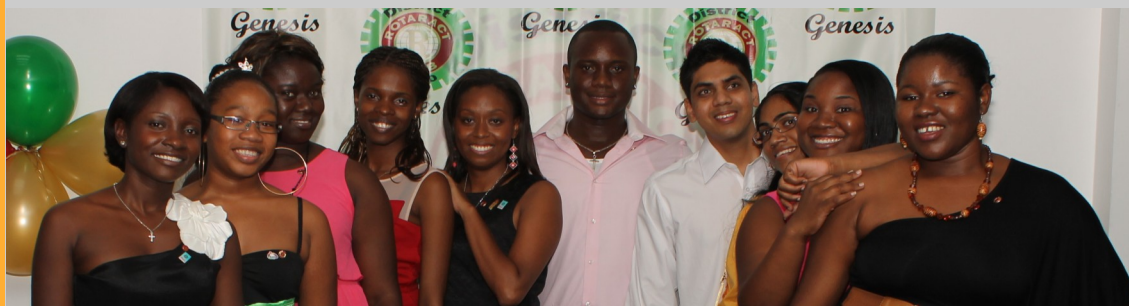
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# Schoolbagsproject with RCPC



IPP Daniëlle is handing over a schoolbag with the President of the Rotary Club Paramaribo Central to one of the children

On the 24th of September 2013 we gave back to the community by giving 24 children from the orphanage Ramoth a schoolbag with a lot of school accessories. This project was a joint project with our Rotary Club Paramaribo Central. The Rotary Club Paramaribo Central renovated the building and we gave the children school supplies. This home has a religious background and the 24 children are from 6 to 15 years. The main objective of this project was to give the children the needs to start their new school year fresh and motivated. The schoolbags were filled with exercise books, ball points, pencils, erasers and other school accessories. On that day we first had a late lunch with the kids and after that a social time with them.

This project was on a meeting day of the Rotary and during this meeting the Secretary of the Rotaract and Interact gave a speech about the function of the clubs. At the end of the meeting we handed over the schoolbags to the children with the President of the Rotary. Very important people were invited like the head of Ramoth and the board of Leger des Heils (a religious organization).



Members of RCPC, Rotaract Club Genesis and the kids from Huize Ramoth



## Know Your Handbook Chapter 1



During our first regular meeting of the year on July 20<sup>th</sup>, the Professional Development avenue had their first project. This project is named "Know your Handbook" and VP Avieshka had the honor of giving the first presentation.

By presenting every chapter of our Handbook we hope to inform everyone about the club structure and stimulate their interest. VP Avieshka presented Chapter 1, which is about the three steps that are necessary to start a Rotaract club, the roles of the Rotarians and the Rotaractors. The presentation stimulated one of our prospective members and she was immediately interested in owning a Rotaract Handbook. We then promised to re-send the link of our new Rotaract handbook to everyone.



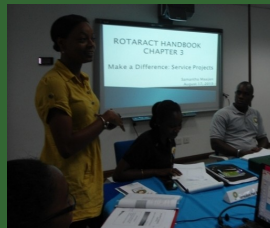
The main objective of this project is for our current members, prospective members and guests to know more about the basics of Rotaract which are written in our Rotaract Handbook. We want everyone to know the fundamentals of the Rotary, Rotaract and Interact by presenting each chapter of the Handbook in an interactive way. Most of the time whenever members get a Handbook they do not read it.



# Know your Handbook chapter 2, 3 & 6

During our Teambuilding weekend we continued with our Project “Know Your Handbook”. Chapter 2 “Set Your Course: Club Administration” and Chapter 6 “Connecting: Global Service Network” were presented. We specifically choose these chapters, because we aimed at informing our Prospective Members on the basics of Rotaract while also giving our members a refreshment training. IPP Daniëlle presented chapter 2 interactively by dividing the group in avenues and every avenue had to write down their project manual on how to execute their project from the idea until sending the club report to the DRR. After chapter 2 PRO Ilona presented chapter 6 and explained which opportunities of international programs Rotary International has to offer. Our Last presentation in August about our Handbook was on august 17<sup>th</sup>.

Chapter 3 “Make a Difference: Service Projects” was presented by PP Samentha and a broader view on the importance and recommendations of service projects was given. She also explained the importance of being creative and realistic when searching for financial support. How to do Public relations was also 1 of the topics. Our members learned a lot from these Chapters and we look forward to the implementation of the info provided.



Presentation of chapter 3



IPP Danielle's presentation



Members working on their manual



Discussions of the different avenues

## Rotary Family Calender Project



The Rotary Family Calendar is a joint project between Rotary Club Paramaribo Central, Rotaract Club Genesis

and Interact Club TTT. To design the Calendar a Drawing competition was held for kids in the age group 12-18 years.

The theme of the drawing competition was “Dream Big and Change Lives”. The six best drawings will be placed in the Rotary Family calendar which



will be mainly sold to the companies of Rotarians.

They can distribute it within their

company, business associates, family and friends.

With this calendar we want to promote the Rotary Family to the community and strengthen the cooperation between the Interactors, Rotaractors and Rotarians. Furthermore to create awareness in the community to change lives by doing a good deed and to

stimulate the creativity of the children. We also want to gain finances for our community projects. On September 30<sup>th</sup> we announced the winners and they received a school package and other prizes. We had a lot of media attention. Now we will continue to make our calendar and the distribution of the calendars will be at the end of November till December 31<sup>st</sup>.



# Teambuilding Weekend



From August 8<sup>th</sup> till 10<sup>th</sup> Rotaract club Genesis had a Teambuilding Weekend. We happily welcomed one of our sister clubs, Rotaract club F.R.E.S.H., to join us for a day of teambuilding.

We had lots of training sessions like email etiquette by President Tirza. The teambuilding activities were led by Club Service Director Anya and Ms. Rheyna Wijsman, founder of Equals Positivity. She gave a training about expressions, the do's and don'ts about yourself. Her training was motivational, inspirational and self-understanding.

The first teambuilding game was to find a way to turn a blanket over while the whole team was standing on it. The second game was to get as many marbles in a jar by using short pipes. The marbles represented planned projects and since a year has twelve months,

they had twelve minutes to complete as many projects.

There was perfect teamwork, because these activities played out perfectly. The bonds grew tighter and we all got closer. By working together and performing with combined efforts we can achieve much more. Whether you are getting together for a game of soccer or working on a big project, having a good team can make all the difference to your success. Most important is also have fun while you work together.



## Lime at Pannekoek & Poffertjes Cafe



To keep the spirit in the club alive we decided to have a Lime after the meeting on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> of September. This project was held at Pannekoek & Poffertjes Café. 10 members and prospective members and 1 guest participated during this project.

On this evening we had the pleasure of making lovely conversation while enjoying the different tastes of pancakes that the café had to offer. We enjoyed delicious pancakes like strawberry syrup, bakkellauw (codfish), Hollandse Ham and bacon pancakes and poffertjes (small, pluffy pancakes) with a cinnamon topping. We had a delicious meal and fun while eating it. Everyone is looking forward to the next lime, because we all

want to get closer to each other for better understandings and work as a team.



*Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek. -Barack Obama*

# Membership & Extension month



The month August is known as Membership and Extension month. The Board wanted to treat the members, because of the hard work that they have done and still do. Our goal: grateful to have such wonderful people in the club that serve their community.

*Never doubt that a small, group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.*  
-- Margaret Mead

## WHAT ELSE HAVE WE DONE?

- Attended the handing over ceremony of Rotaract club F.R.E.S.H. and Paramaribo
- Attended the handing over ceremony of Interact TTT
- Joined the meeting of Interact TTT
- Joined three meetings of Rotary Club Paramaribo Central (RCPC)
- Assisted at the VOS Student Excellence Awards of RCPC
- Attended the VOJ Student Excellence Awards of Rotary Club Paramaribo
- Assisted at the "SGP Fair for Environment & Development"

## ALLOW US TO INTRODUCE TO YOU.....

### • Can you introduce yourself?

Hi my name is Nilesch Bishesar, I'm 39 years old, married for 7 years to Romila and father of 3 beautiful daughters India, Taaj and Tejal. I work for a Dutch Software company called Qualogy as the General Manager for the Suriname operation. I have returned to Suriname in 2003 and started to work at the State Oil company Suriname. I studied Aerospace Engineering at the Delft University of Technology and I'm currently doing an MBA at the FHR institute

### • How did you come in contact with the rotary family?

I have learned about Rotary through one of the board members of Qualogy, Mr. Rob Partiman. He told me about the Rotary and its activities. After a couple of months, I was introduced and I agreed to join the

Rotary Family in June 2011. The main reason for joining was the strong fellowship among the Rotarians which is remarkable and off course the joined effort to serve the community.



### • What is your current position within the Rotary?

The last years I have been involved as co-director for International Club Services and the RCPC First Move project

(Chess for Kids). For this year I agreed to assist as a co-advisor for the Rotaract, which I'm very glad to do.

### • How is the relationship with RC Genesis as a Rotaract advisor?

The last meetings I have seen a very committed group of young professionals that are eagerly serving the community in a very professional way.

My relation with Genesis is one that is growing as we are now getting to know each other as we collaborate more. What I'm very proud of is the ambition that has been exposed so far by the Rotaract Genesis and the ambitious projects that are scheduled. I'm proud to be an advisor of these group of youngster professionals that will brighten the future of tomorrow.

*Successful people ask better questions, and as a result, they get better answers- Tony Robbins*

## BABY ROTARACTOR



*We congratulate Fellow Suzan with her bundle of joy!*



On Sunday, *May 26th* at 0:55AM our beloved Fellow Suzan gave birth to a healthy son named:

**JIHZRIËL GIVENSLY HEK**

His name means:

**Jihzriël** = God will sow,  
**Givensly** = a gift suddenly.

## 1st Year Anniversary

*Don't marry the person you think you can live with; marry only the individual you think you can't live without.- James C. Dobson*



Hereby we congratulate Honorary Member Wandena Debiddin with the celebration of her paper (1st year) anniversary. After a relationship of 4 years our beloved HM got married on August 18th, 2012.

We wish them success, may your beautiful union be blessed with love, happiness, prosperity and lots of good health!



## OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



We officially welcome our newest fellows that were pinned on April 20th, 2013. Director Professional Development Abigail Dapaloe (left) and Director Finance Service Faisa Dendoe (right). These fellows keep putting their energy into changing lives in the community and have a big dosis of motivation. Keep up the good work!!

"Before we can make friends with anyone else, we must first make friends with ourselves." - Eleanor Roosevelt

These fellows recently celebrated their birthday:

*July*

12: IPP Daniëlle Vianen (23 yrs)

*August*

01: Fellow Naomi Malone (28 yrs)

08: PM Genevieve Misdjan (27 yrs)

29: PM Samantha Landbrug (22 yrs)

*September*

02: President Tirza Burgos (30 yrs)

22: DNG Anushka Geerlings (34 yrs)



MEMBERS WITH 100% ATTENDANCE:

**ILONA BLAAKER**

**ANYA BLANKENDAL**

**FAISA DENDOE**

**DANIËLLE VIANEN**



THE DISTRICT 7030 YEAR THEME 2013-2014:



**RENEW**

**INNOVATE**

**EVOLVE**

*as we take pride in the service we provide*

**ROTARACT CLUB GENESIS**

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