

District 7030 Newsletter



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Rotary District 7030 is home to more than 2,000 Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors in 14 countries of the Southern Caribbean, speaking English, French and Dutch. Visit us at <http://www.rotarydistrict7030.org>



ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

How much do people in your community know about Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation? Here are three ways to spread the word during Rotary Awareness Month in January:

- Visit www.rotary.org to learn more about Rotary's history and the many programs and opportunities specifically designed for youth and young adults.
- Promote Rotaract service activities or an upcoming RYLA event in your community.
- Feature the activities that Interactors in your area performed during November's World Interact Week in your next district newsletter.

Building awareness of Rotary strengthens the organization's future and the future of its youth and young adult programs. Informed program participants can inspire and attract new club members or RYLA attendees. With support from the community and local Rotary clubs, there's no limit to what Rotary's New Generations can accomplish!

To ALL Clubs:

Please be reminded that Semi-Annual Dues are due!!



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Summary of District 7030 Activities

ACTIVITY	DATES
RYLA	January 26 th to January 28 th , 2012
Tree Planting Project	by February 18 th , 2012
Literacy Award Programme	by March 11 th , 2012
Changemaker Award	by March 15 th , 2012
District 7030 Conference Cruise	April 2 nd to April 7 th , 2012
GSE – Incoming Team GSE – Outgoing Team	April 6 th to May 5 th , 2012 May 5 th to June 4 th , 2012
Rotaract District Conference	May 27 th to May 29 th , 2012



DG's New Year's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR and welcome to 2012!

On behalf of the entire District leadership team I would like to wish all Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors the very best of success for the new year.

2012 will be an exciting time for District 7030 as we set sail on our District Conference in April, head to Thailand in May and welcome Rotarians from across the Southern United States and Caribbean to the *Caribbean Partnership Celebration* in Trinidad in July.

Please include in your new year's resolutions the recommitment to the 4 areas of focus for this Rotary year: Family of Rotary, Change, Continuity and Rotary Foundation, and remind everyone to continue to "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity".

*In the New Year,
we wish you the best year you've ever had,
and that each New Year
will be better than the last.*

*May you realize your fondest dreams
and take time to recognize and enjoy
each and every blessing.*

*Happy New Year,
And many more!*

DG Lara



*District Governor: Lara
Quentrall-Thomas*

DG's Visit to Guyana

During a well organised visit to the Rotary clubs of Guyana, DG Lara met with the boards of all 6 clubs, planted trees at the University of Guyana and New Amsterdam hospital, paid a courtesy call on the newly elected President, inducted new members, discussed plans and objectives with the Rotaract and Inner Wheel clubs and even played Santa for the Inner Wheel Christmas party for primary school children.



DG Santa

After meeting the Georgetown based clubs, the DG and AG Juman travelled out to Berbice to meet the Rotarians of Corriverton and New Amsterdam. It was a delightful drive through lush countryside and numerous towns with charming names such as Golden Fleece, Hope, Industry, Whim and Miss Phoebe. In addition to the ubiquitous horse drawn

carriages, there were many 'tapirs' – small squat taxis – which are only found in Corriverton. Guyana has recently concluded national elections, so campaign posters were on every light pole – usually next to an Ivanoff Vodka sign – a popular local vodka for the 'young at heart'.

The Rotary clubs are actively engaged in a number of interesting projects, including:

RC Stabroek: focused on literacy and education, the RC Stabroek continues its innovative Play and Read project, where student literacy is improved through a combination of sport and education. Additionally, the club's Buxton Youth Program grows stronger each year and now provides more than 300 children with regular educational support, and they plan to begin a third literacy project in Nismes Bagotsville.

RC Georgetown: In addition to providing scholarships for deserving students, the RC Georgetown engages differently-able young people in a special annual sports day. They continue their outreach in diabetes awareness as well as the provision of library support for communities in Sophia, Parika, Soesdyke and Kuru Kuru.

RC Georgetown Central: planting trees at the University of Guyana is just one of the many projects of this dynamic club. They are also focused on providing the community of Sophia with water / sanitation facilities, continuation of the popular dental bus and rehabilitation of a playing field.



RC New Amsterdam: highly focused on service to the community of New Amsterdam, the Rotarians held a Community Fair and Family Day, took senior citizens on an outing to Beach #63 and plan to raise funds for a playground improvement scheme.

RC Corriverton: fundraising through highly anticipated horse races and a sari pageant, to support community service projects such as education on HIV / AIDS in secondary schools, donation of more than 40 computers to schools, senior citizens outing and needy children Christmas party.

RC Demarara: the Rotarians of Demarara aim to create a serenity garden this year to fulfill the DG's goal of tree planting. In addition, they are providing diabetes educational outreach in the hinterland and working towards improved club PR and administration.

The week ended with a wonderful joint dinner among the 4 clubs in Georgetown, where Rotarians and their partners in service enjoyed fellowship, humour and classical Christmas music provided by the Clemsville Junior Music Ensemble.

Special thanks to AG Juman, and his partner in service Bernadette, for making the week so productive and enjoyable.



Tree planting at the University of Guyana



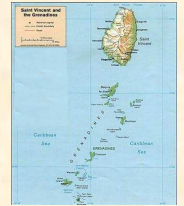
Planting trees at the New Amsterdam hospital



Rotaract New Amsterdam



DG's Club visit schedule - January and February 2012



St. Vincent



Grenada

DATES	CLUBS BEING VISITED
January 10th to January 13th	St. Vincent Clubs
January 23th to January 25th	Grenada Clubs
February 6th to February 10th	French Guiana Clubs



French Guiana



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Change

Rotaract Club of New Amsterdam, Guyana - International Service Project: Peace Exchange

The Rotaract Club of New Amsterdam, Guyana decided to do a joint peace Exchange project with the Rotaract Club of New Cairo Egypt D2450. Students are the seeds of tomorrow. Involving them into activities related to peace, helps in building societies with no violence and crime - a society that understands human rights. The project's idea is very simple, targeting students (Age of 10) who will be in charge of doing individually, a handmade greeting card with the theme "Peace". The Peace Exchange is about connection - connecting students to themselves, their creativity, their wisdom, and their hearts. Connecting students to each other, in their classrooms, in their schools, and across continents as we bridge cultural, religious, and racial boundaries to inspire and enrich the lives of all participants. The greeting cards will carry messages or a quotation that represents the meaning of peace and their vision of what peace is, in their own language by their own hand-writing and below an English translation to make it easy for the people from other countries to understand. The project occurred on 2011-09-05.

Project Output

The Peace Exchange project was well received by the respective schools' administrators. The project took a creative and imaginative perspective to the children of grade five (ages 10) in truly allowing the students to reach within their young minds to come up with a true and aspiring message of peace to the people of Egypt. The students enjoyed the project and the objectives were reached. The messages that the students wrote were amazing and very inspirational, cards

had messages like "God bless you, Guyana is praying for you and you are not alone" which emphasizes the whole Rotary International theme of 2011-2012 as well as our club theme, "Aspire to Inspire before you Expire". There were some challenges which were handled by Rotaractors who were present. Unfortunately, it was not well attended by Rotaractors, and this was due to some unforeseen circumstances. A total of 50 students benefitted from this peace project and they all were left with a message to promote peace and no to violence.

Submitted by:

*International Service Director Lauristan Choy
Rotaract Club of New Amsterdam, Guyana*





The Rotary Club of Lamentin's Call to Action

It is not possible to forget the earthquake on January 12, 2010 in Haiti.

Jean Evens, a Haitian young person aged 22 years, is one of the many victims.

Prisoner of the debris of his school, his right leg was severed.

He is a serious boy and a student at university, but comes from a poor family.

He needed a prosthesis to enable him to find a place in the country and back to the University to prepare for his graduation.

Accommodated voluntarily by Mr. and Mrs. Dulac during a long stay in Martinique (Hospital La Meynardd), it is back to his country.

Last August it was necessary and important to change the prosthesis, the Rotary Club of the Lamentin was contacted for a financial contribution.

The cost of a more adapted and more powerful prosthesis is very high.

The decision was spontaneous and immediate. The Rotary Club of Lamentin financed the totality of the expenses of this prosthesis.

The Rotary Club of Lamentin organizes tournaments of golf regularly and the participation of the sponsors makes it possible to collect funds to support the great medical causes.

Jean Evens now has a new adapted and more powerful prosthesis.

He is very happy today with the certainty to be able to move himself about without difficulties.

A new life opens for Jean Evens. It is back to the University and to help his parents.

Submitted by:

*Paul Pablo Rodap
Rotary Club of Lamentin*





District 7030 Clubs being recognized in the French Rotarian magazine



LUTTER CONTRE L'ILLETTRISME

COMBATTRE LA FAIM



D.7030

Basse-Terre Fort Saint-Charles contre l'illettrisme



A l'occasion de la Journée mondiale de lutte contre l'illettrisme, le club Basse-Terre Fort Saint-Charles a fait don à l'association Initiative Co qui lutte contre la violence faite aux femmes, d'une importante collecte de papeterie, de deux ordinateurs et d'un chèque pour l'achat d'une maquette pédagogique destinée aux écoles. En effet cette association remet à niveau de jeunes femmes en mathématiques et français.

Cette remise a eu lieu dans les locaux de l'association bénéficiaire en la présence de Lara Quentin-Thomas, gouverneur du district, à l'occasion de sa visite sur l'île.

"Accès aux savoirs de base" à Pointe-à-Pitre

Pour l'année 2011-2012, le club de Pointe-à-Pitre s'est engagé dans la lutte contre l'illettrisme en Guadeloupe. Une convention de partenariat triennale a été signée avec la Délégation Territoriale Guadeloupe de la Croix-Rouge française, acteur de terrain et de proximité, le 7 septembre à l'occasion de la visite du gouverneur du district, Lara Quentin-Thomas.

Avec le soutien départemental, ce nouveau jour, deux ordinateurs portables ont été offerts aux bénévoles de la Croix-Rouge afin de leur permettre de mettre en place leur programme d'accompagnement aux personnes en situation d'illettrisme : "Accès aux savoirs de base".



La créativité et le scepticisme sont la preuve d'un esprit indépendant.
Charles Keller, président 1987-1988 du RJ

D.1670

"Les 6 Heures de Cambrai"

Le club Cambrai-Fédération organisé au profit de l'école sans école "Les 6 Heures de Cambrai" : sur le tout stoué circuit de Rouvignies s'est déroulée une compétition de karting réunissant deux équipes de champions expérimentés qui se sont relayés pendant six heures aux commandes de ces petits bolides. C'est un challenge qui a impliqué les membres du club pour solliciter des bénévoles, concurrencer, services de sécurité de manière globale à savoir l'accueil et la sécurité. Le profit de cette action permet notamment au club de poursuivre son engagement au profit d'une école sans école. Angus (Bastien) Pascal réalisant la construction de la piste classe supplémentaire emmenant d'accueillir nos jeunes garçons et filles dans cette école primaire.



D.9100

Cours de soutien à Bamako Djoliba

Le soutien aux enfants de l'école fondamentale de Sabonikoro est une activité d'avant-garde du club Bamako Djoliba depuis plusieurs années. Cette année, en plus des cours et la fourniture de matériels scolaires, le club a récompensé les meilleurs élèves et les enseignants pour leur engagement.

Le club a procédé, le 10 octobre, au groupe scolaire de Sabonikoro, à la clôture des cours de soutien et à la remise de récompenses aux meilleurs élèves, aux meilleurs enseignants et à l'administration scolaire. Présidé par M. Sallieu Sanogo, ministre de l'éducation, la cérémonie riche en couleurs s'est déroulée en présence de Théodore Diop, futur gouverneur du district.



D.1700

Albi Pastel : kits scolaires pour Madagascar



Suite à une ran-croché Fété d'été ont eu des membres du RC Annammarive Mihaninina et un membre du RC Albi Pastel ont été projetés de faire un lot de fournitures scolaires pour des enfants pauvres. En effet, bon nombre de parents trop pauvres préféreraient ne pas envoyer leurs enfants à l'école, dans le village d'Annammarive, situé à 10 km d'Annammarive.

Dès la rentrée scolaire, les fonds ont été adressés à ce RC partenaire qui a servi d'intermédiaire pour se procurer les fournitures sur place et procéder à la remise de 218 kits scolaires contenant cahiers, stylos, crayons de couleur, ciseaux, gomme. Ont assisté à cette manifestation les enfants et leurs parents, mais aussi les maires et la directrice de l'école, le président du club Antanarivo Mahamasina et les autorités locales.

Etablissez des objectifs pour votre club et annoncez-les. Royce Abbey, président 1988-1989 du RJ.

D.1790

Metz Pilatre de Rozier soutient la Banque Alimentaire

La Banque Alimentaire de Moselle révèle son besoin de divers matériels de maintenance d'occasion pour permettre aux bénévoles de gérer l'arrivée des stocks et procéder à la redistribution des aliments.

Après avoir trouvé les matériels nécessaires, le club Metz Pilatre de Rozier se rapproche de son club amical belge d'Anvers Val de Sambre ainsi que de 16 autres clubs du district 1790 pour parfaire le financement et acheter un dossier de subvention de 2000 euros.

Un accord est donné et les matériels de maintenance ont été livrés à la Banque Alimentaire de Moselle.

D.1520

Les 500 kg de pommes de Calais Risban

Les membres du club Calais Risban se sont retrouvés dans les verges du château du baron de Saint-Paul à Hamme-Bucquer pour une collecte de pommes.

Ce sont 500 kg de pommes de



D.9100

Ouagadougou Savane : vivres pour l'orphelinat

Le 10 juillet, d'est le me à l'orphelinat Home Kisso une remise de vivres par le club Ouagadougou Savane. Home Kisso prend en charge 47 enfants de 0 à 2 ans.





District 7030 Rotarians being recognized in an E-Newsletter from "The International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians" - USA Headquarters - Dec 2011

Calabashers Rock in Saint Lucia

"The Rotary Calabashers played to a sold-out crowd in Saint Lucia two weeks ago. Proceeds raised go to support an island-wide Rotary Youth Counseling Clinic. You can enjoy their performances and joie de vive by contacting Malcolm Charles, the group's founder, and purchasing the DVD of recent shows. They are on sale for US\$16.50 plus shipping and aid their Rotary charities.

Also, want to get away next November and have a vacation in the sun? Then reserve the last Saturday of November 2012. The Calabashers assure you a good time, home stays, and the opportunity to support a worthy Rotary cause."

On Nov 26th, Rotarians in Saint Lucia staged another successful Rotary Benefit Concert at The Gaiety Entertainment Theatre in Rodney Bay, Saint Lucia, as the Club prepares to launch Saint Lucia's first "Mobile Youth Counselling Service" (aka The Rotary Bus) come April 2012.

The Rotary Calabashers Group was established in August 2004 and has been performing several benefit Concerts ever since following their stage appearances at the RI Convention in Chicago 2005 and the D-7030 Conference in Trinidad.

All members of the group are full time working individuals and none of them is a professional musician or entertainer. They give hundreds of hours of their time each year preparing for their concerts and have meanwhile performed on 9 occasions raising not just money for charity but also raising awareness for Rotary Clubs.

Submitted by:

Malcolm Charles,
Founder-Rotary Calabashers
Rotary Club of Saint Lucia





District 7030 Club being recognized in a local Guadeloupe newspaper

We are so proud at the Rotary Club of Basse Terre Fort Saint Charles to say that we planted our 10 trees.

It was the 28th and the 29th of November. We offered these trees to 5 schools of the town of Basse Terre.

All children were so happy (they are between 3 and 10 years old), they draw for us, they sang and made "poesie", they gave us some papers with words about trees and all Directors were very happy too.

Submitted by:

Rachele Lintilhac
President of RC Basse Terre Fort St Charles





Continuity

“Protocol and You – What Every Rotarian Should Know”

With today's globalization driven by a culturally diverse and modern business environment, individuals who understand protocol are better able to handle formal social situations with poise and grace.

At the diplomatic level, protocol is defined as the official system of rules governing affairs of state and diplomatic occasions and these are set out in the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations 1961. At the individual level, protocol is a code of conduct which governs people behaviour at occasions that they do not encounter on an everyday basis.

This code of conduct which is wrapped up in history and tradition is usually unwritten but it may be codified in written form. Furthermore, it is practical and universal, therefore individuals should be familiar with it to avoid embarrassment. The lack of knowledge about this code of conduct can make even the best intentioned person's actions seem rude, foolish or even downright disrespectful.

Protocol covers a wide range of behavioural norms for dealing with Royalty, government officials and foreign dignitaries, forms of address, orders of precedence, receiving lines, signing ceremonies, room layout and seating arrangements for officials, working with interpreters, flag etiquette, media interaction and even official dress code just to mention a few.

Constraints of this article would not permit the comprehensive examination protocol code of conduct within the context of official

functions. However, a common pitfall of persons performing speaking duties is that very often they speak too long. ‘Time is the essence’ at official functions and one of the main considerations is brevity. With practice, much can be said with fewer words particularly when we realise that:

The story of creation of the world is told in Genesis in 400 words and the world's greatest moral code, the Ten Commandments, contains only 297 words, that Lincoln's immortal Gettysburg Address is but 266 words in length and the Declaration of Independence of the United States required only 1,321 words.

Welcome remarks, introduction of speakers and vote of thanks should range from three to five minutes. The Master of Ceremony is to the intermediary between the head table and the audience and should move the proceeding along, quickly and smoothly, with dignity and a sense of professionalism. A junior person performing a speaking duty should never ‘*call on*’ but always ‘*invite*’ a senior person to speak or perform other duties.

Submitted by:

*Wilbert (Willie) Kirton
Director Community Services
Rotary Club of Barbados*



Statement of Accounts

As we approach the end of the first half of this Rotary year, I would like to thank you for the support received thus far.

We continue to keep Rotarians of our District updated with a statement of Income and Expenses on a quarterly basis and I am pleased to present the second such statement for the period July 01st 2011 – 30th December 2011.

To date we have received dues from 59 of the 69 clubs in the District. Clubs are reminded that your District dues were due on July 1st 2011. Traditionally, Clubs paid their dues when the District Governor visited however we are asking clubs to pay your dues on the due date in the future. There are also a number of clubs with outstanding balances due to Rotary International. DG Lara has sent out correspondence informing these clubs of their outstanding and overdue balances. We encourage presidents, secretaries and treasurers to settle as a matter of urgency as RI have communicated that clubs will be terminated on this issue. Should you require any assistance in accessing information with regards to the composition of this debt or to confirm what is your club's balance, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at: ansonkhan@hotmail.com or on (868) 678-4041.

On behalf of myself and my family, I wish you a festive and holy holiday period and a successful 2012.

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Statement of Income & Expenditure for District 7030

For the period: 1st July 2011 - 30th December 2011

INCOME		\$ US
- Rotary International Allocation	26,817.00	
- District Dues collected to date	35,164.10	
- Interest Received	1.32	<u>61,982.42</u>
EXPENDITURE		
- Travel Expenses (District 7030 - Club Visits)		5,761.45
- Accommodation and Meals (District 7030 - Club Visits)		6,581.55
- Travel, Accommodation and Meals (Rotary Institute of Zones 33 & 34)		3,035.24
- Travel, Accommodation and Meals (District Conference - Barbados)		3,622.22
- Travel, Accommodation and Meals (International Conference - New Orleans)		73.75
- Travel, Accommodation and Meals (Visit to Haiti)		1,606.44
- Dues (Zone 33 RLI)		850.00
- Registration Fees		1,526.00
- DG Pennants and Theme Pins		1,172.28
- Bank Charges - Local		171.91
- Bank Charges - Transfer fees		3.74
- Postage including Fedex		1,619.20
- Printing including Photocopying		1,557.89
- Stationery		13.14
- Communication Expenses (telephone, fax, internet)		1,324.65
- Administrative Expenses (incl. Club Runner)		1,817.53
- Secretarial Duties		1,002.52
- Deposit paid to A's Travel (District Conference 2012)		<u>11,512.10</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>43,251.61</u>
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		<u>18,730.81</u>

Family of Rotary

A Haiti Experience – Susan Hale

4 Rotarians from Trinidad, led by District 7030 DG Lara, set off on the D7030 Rotary mission to Haiti on 17th November 2011. The Guadeloupe Rotary team was already in Haiti and they spearheaded the arrangements regarding the visit of the site for proposed building of a school in the remote area of Nippes, west of Port-au-Prince.



Rotary Team

General Impressions

Haiti was a constant surprise and here are some of the startling impressions that I had:

- Port au Prince is very crowded! There was a mass of people offering to “help” as we came out of the airport. Thank goodness that a local Rotarian, AG Raphael, was there to greet us and rescue my bag from being taken by a young man who was probably hoping for a tip. As we drove along the bumpy roads, there were people walking all round us, cars coming at us from all directions, and Raphael advised

us to “not look” as I was convinced we’d run over someone or crash into another car.



- the city is very dusty ... there is grey dust from the surrounding rubble that coats everything; even the trees are grey. Constantly breathing in this dust must be unhealthy, and it cakes the food (cooked food as well as produce) being sold by the vendors on the roadside. We saw a water leak pouring down a road into a market area, turning the dust into mud around the feet of the vendors and their produce.



- the roads in the city are dreadful. There's little paving – just rubble – though the main roads are a little better. You need a 4 wheel drive to cope. Car repair businesses must do well here. The good thing about this is that it's impossible to drive fast so there are few fatal accidents. Paving all the roads and sidewalks would be a huge improvement to the quality of life of residents, cutting down on the dust and the length of journeys, but probably leading to speeding and hence more road fatalities.



- Haitian driving is the worst that I've ever experienced anywhere in the world (and I thought Athens was scary). The main roads are dual carriageways with low concrete dividers separating the carriageways. These are obviously meant to keep drivers on the correct side of the road, but where the dividers are absent, then drivers (also motorbikes) nip into the wrong side of the road, dodging oncoming cars, and then nip back into their own carriageway. I just kept reminding myself to "not look"! The traffic at rush hour is horrendous, a 10 minute journey now taking over an hour.
- the people are all very busy – especially the hundreds of vendors who line the roads

selling clothes, food, charcoal, fruit, and all sorts of things. There is a constant bustle of people, mostly well dressed, often in office uniforms, going about their business. The school children are neatly dressed in smart uniforms, with the whitest, white shirts and tall white socks.

- there were a few, startlingly modern, new buildings, not hidden behind walls, which were generally gas stations and banks. Some very large hotels and other important buildings were being constructed, and reconstruction of the airport building began the week before we arrived. There's a brand new American Airlines terminal to greet you on arrival but then you have to get into a bus to get to the temporary immigration area.



- although there is a lot of construction going on, there are still many destroyed buildings and empty lots with mounds of rubble still in evidence. The most stark example is the President's Palace, the destruction of which was far worse to see than any picture could convey. It was very upsetting to see that beautiful building destroyed but we learnt that it may be kept as a monument to the 200,000 people who died in the earthquake. We saw a model of the proposed replacement – a rather

utilitarian structure with no hint of the beauty and grandeur of the destroyed building.



- unfortunately, there are still more than 500,000 people living in tents, and the tent cities are squalid canvas shanty towns. We were told that the original inhabitants moved to newly built houses, but other people replaced them to take advantage of the food and water provided by the NGOs running the camps.



- Haitian art is all over the place, in murals, as art for sale along street walls, as hand painted “posters” advertising places of business, often with a portrait of the owner, as well as advertising products, election candidates, etc. There are a lot of lovely metallic designs on sale too and local taxis are beautifully decorated open

trucks (with people clinging to the outsides during rush hour).



- all the food we had was great, and the local beer and rum are excellent and were well sampled by the team!



- the locals at the hotel, the drivers, etc ., that we met were all courteous and friendly.



- the weather was glorious. Hot during the day but cool in the shade (and our air-conditioned cars). At the hotel it seemed like every day was a beautiful one in Paradise. I gather there are lovely beaches in other parts of the country to which the Monsignor promised to take us to next time.



The District 7030 Team

From Trinidad:

- DG Lara Quentrall-Thomas
- PP Roger Bose (RC of San Fernando)
- PP Susan Hale (RC of Maraval)
- PP Simon Westcott (RC of Diego Martin)

From Guadeloupe:

- President Eric Bouvet (RC of Point a Pitre Est)
- PP Joseph Titeka-Beauport (RC of Point a Pitre Est) and his wife Nathalie.

What we Did

The Guadeloupe team had arrived on Saturday 15th November, and on the Monday had visited the Rotary Club which will be the local club that supports the school building project.



When we were picked up by PP Raphael Izmary from the RC of Petion-Ville, Haiti, at about 5pm, he thought our hotel was in the “good” part of town which is outside the city on the mountains. After about an hour of driving in rush hour traffic in the dark, Raphael discovered that in fact our hotel was very close to the airport! The Guadeloupians had arranged for Lara to meet the Haitian Ambassador to France and the Monsignor in charge of the Nippes project, so we checked into the hotel, and Lara and Eric joined us over an hour later. Eric was also staying at the Palm Inn and we ‘limed’ happily though he spoke little English and we spoke little French (though Simon gave the impression that he understood every word!).



The next day, Lara went off with the Guadeloupians to organise a rental car, and then we set off to meet with the Haitian First Lady (Premiere Dame), Madame Sophia Martelly. The President’s offices are in huge air-conditioned tents with partitioned offices, furniture and bathrooms, all in the grounds of the ruined palace. We learnt from Madame Martelly that the new government has prioritized education so it is hoped they will support the Nippes project by ensuring that infrastructure, such as roads, are built.

Afterwards, we stopped for refreshments and take away lunch and headed off to Nippes. It was a long drive, over 2 hours, and when we



Travelling to Nippes

arrived we met the local Catholic bishop, Monsignor Dumas, who led us to the proposed site for the school. Access is challenging as there is a dirt road leading to the site and at one point we had to navigate a ditch, but when we arrived we were really impressed with the beauty of the site. It is owned by the Catholic Church and currently being used as a football field. The bishop answered our many questions about the project and Lara insisted





on getting all the plans and projected costs. Afterwards Monsignor Dumas took us to a nearby restaurant where we were treated to a delicious meal. We left there about 6pm, i.e., after dark, and that's when we discovered that our driver couldn't see very well as he was hunched forward, peering through the windscreen, and driving very slowly. At first there were cats' eyes on the road but when they petered out and the road got rougher, it was quite scary, as we were blinded by oncoming lights, sometimes only one light which was NOT a motorbike, and there were people walking along the side of the road, some with torches, as well as animals to avoid. All 5 of us in the car got very quiet as we concentrated on looking through that dirty windscreen. When we finally got to the city, our driver relaxed, and reverted to the standard bad driving. We were so relieved to get to the hotel that we headed straight for the bar!



Site for the Rotary School (Nippes)

The next day was supposed to have involved tree planting and viewing some of the projects of the RC of Petion-Ville, as well as some formal meeting of the two districts, 7020 and 7030, as the 7020 DG is from Haiti.

Unfortunately, their DG was in another part of Haiti and there was no one available to host our team. So, we utilised our driver and rented car to visit the Nader art gallery, full of amazing Haitian art and sculptures. These turned out to be very expensive so we later bought artwork from the side of the road. We learnt that if you walk away, the prices drop to half or a third of the original asking price, which was already cheap. Our driver also took us to a small shopping mall. What a surprise! Inside the ordinary looking building was a Christmas wonderland and beautiful, quality clothes, jewelry, furniture, etc., on sale.

We then drove up into the mountain, hoping to get a view of the city. Unfortunately, the view was obscured by buildings or trees or walls everywhere. On the way back, we stopped at a restaurant promising pizzas, but there were none available so we drove around, looking for another restaurant and finally stopped outside an eating place. As our driver was reversing to park, he hit another car coming out of a driveway! The ensuing exchange was quite heated at times and there were several men from the other car, so we prepared to drive off ourselves if any violence erupted (not that any of us could find our way). Eventually, all was sorted out, information exchanged, and he got back into the car saying that it was all the other driver's fault. We thought otherwise but didn't dare say so. We were so hungry by now and Roger had an afternoon flight, so we instructed him to take us back to the hotel where we ordered lunch. Roger later went with our driver to the airport and dropped off the rented car.

Lara then got a call from Raphael who sent a car for us to meet him and Rotarian Claude Surena, for dinner. We bumped through the

city to Petion-Ville where we enjoyed dinner at a beautiful restaurant which was open air and provided a lovely meal. We found out a bit more about Rotary in Haiti and also what it was like to experience that devastating earthquake first hand. We presented gifts to Raphael and Claude for their projects and also their members, and hopefully, persuaded them to come to Trinidad next year for the Caribbean Partnership conference.

The next day was spent packing and relaxing, and Raphael shuttled us to the airport (I had a later flight). That was uneventful though I found it strange that we had to put our bags through 3 sets of X-Ray machines. All in all, a remarkable experience that none of us will ever forget. Haiti has a long way to go and huge problems to overcome, but it's a country worth saving. We all came away very enthusiastic about the school building project. Au revoir, Ayiti!



Golf, Charity and the Rotary Club of St Augustine

Derek Chanardip and Mani Bhimull emerged winners of the Inaugural Rotary Club of St Augustine Fundraising Golf Tournament held on Saturday 26th November at Millennium Lakes Golf & Country Club in Trincity.



The champions received tickets to Barbados courtesy Redjet and accommodation packages courtesy the Barbados Tourism Authority.

Cricketing legend, Brian Lara and Dwight Yorke tied with Russell Latapy and Richard Lara in a keen contest among the good friends.

No one was able to win the hole in one prize of an Audi A1 sponsored by Southern Sales Ltd.

The tournament was held to raise funds to support the work of Heartbeat International of Trinidad & Tobago in their efforts to supply pacemakers and defibrillators to needy patients throughout Trinidad & Tobago.

It was a remarkable success, especially since it was this club's first at fund raising using a golf tournament. Forty teams participated. HBITT Chairman, PP Basha Mohammed was very pleased with the outcome.

The organizing committee under the chairmanship of PP. Krishna Boodhai,

included PP Tallim, PP Chris Mawer, and Pres. Deo and Dr. Godfrey Rajkumar. Key roles in the success were played by experienced tournament organizer Richard Lara and marketing consultant Mrs. Maria Mohammed Maharaj. Success is attributed to the committee's focus, passion and commitment.

Krishna and Deo won the best Rotary team in a keen contest with PPs Bishnu Balbirsingh and Tallim Mohammed.



Able support was evident from other members of the Rotary Club of St Augustine and their partners in service as well as members of the Rotaract Club of St Augustine.

Ronnie Singh, Director of Sun Crest Platinum sponsor for the tournament, expressed his company's satisfaction with being involved with the event and committed his support for the 2012 edition to be held at the same venue on September 15th. He joined a number of other sponsors who have also committed to the event.

Rotaract Club of St. Augustine Variety Concert

On Saturday the 19th of November 20011, the Rotaract club of St Augustine (which is sponsored by Rotary St Augustine) held its first variety concert in the JFK lecture theatre at the University of the West Indies. Rotaract St Augustine is in its 8th year of service to the community and in that time they have sought to raise funds (which are used to finance service avenue projects) via various endeavours which range from, Barbeques to charity auctions.

In the year 2011 the club decided to proceed with a variety concert, an idea which was first proposed by the clubs regular Rotarian advisor, PP Ramesh. For the event, the club members managed to get a wide variety of performers to assist with the entertainment on the night, these participants ranged from national chutney and soca stars, to classical singers, interpretative dance to on stage comedy, a parang band and even a Midnight Robber.

Based on the success of this venture the Rotaract Club of St Augustine may very well seek to make this an annual event in their calendar.

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22 Students Partake in Rotary’s Christmas Party

CHARLESTOWN, NEVIS (December 8TH, 2011) -- The Rotary four way test which states “Of the things we think, say or do, is it the truth; is it fair to all concerned; will it build goodwill and better friendships; [and] will it be beneficial to all concerned” was met, last Saturday [Dec. 3] when the Rotary Club of Nevis hosted its annual children’s Christmas party.

The afternoon event, held in Hamilton Estate at the residence of [the club’s] Past President Alford Tyrell, catered to 22 primary school students: two students from each primary school on Nevis, including the Special Education Unit.

While the children, who met the criteria of being “deserving” or “less fortunate,” reveled in the excitement triggered by the bouncing castle, Santa Claus’ gift presentation was the major highlight.

Through the Club’s intense sponsorship drive, gifts were secured from the Four Seasons Resort Estate, through the instrumentality of Chevy Harrison; the St. Kitts Bottling Company; Stone Solution Marble and Granite; Joseph Vento; and Minou Weber of the Rotary Club of Dudelange, Luxembourg.

According to Grade Five student at the Charlestown Primary School Belinda Clarke, “the party was really good.” “I liked the bouncing castle and the food. I got to meet many friends,” she added.

While the students enjoyed grilled burgers and other treats, [the club’s] President Bernadette Lawrence reminded them to “be giving.” She also highlighted the significance of the Club’s four way test.

Student of the Bellevue International Primary School Recardoé Rodriques delivered the vote of thanks just moments before he and his peers raced towards the bouncing castle for their final moments of fun.

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Belinda Clarke and Santa Claus



President Bernadette and the Children

International Inner Wheel Day – January 10th

Inner Wheel Day is celebrated all over the world on January 10th as the anniversary of the day when Inner Wheel was first founded in 1924.

Mrs. Margarett Golding, a nurse, business woman and the wife of a Manchester Rotarian, started the Inner Wheel movement in 1924. Prior to 1924, wives of Rotarians in many cities and towns, prompted by a concern for public welfare, had been voluntarily, in the background, giving their time and energies to help in any service being undertaken by their men-folk.

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Number of Members and Percentage Attendance for the Month of November 2011

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Antigua Sundown		
Arima		
Barbados	82	66.18%
Barbados South	41	67.91%
Barbados West		
Basse Terre		50.00%
Basse Terre Fort St. Charles	15	52.00%
Bequia		
Cayenne	38	69.70%
Cayenne Est		
Central Port of Spain		
Chaguanas	26	55.13%
Corriverton		
Demerara	44	92.00%
Diego Martin		
Dominica		
Felicity/Charlieville	23	57.00%
Fort-de-France		
Fort-de-France Ouest	19	84.00%
Fort-de-France Sud	31	40.00%
François	26	52.88%
Georgetown	60	49.45%
Georgetown Central	45	48.30%
Grande Terre		65.90%
Grenada	24	67.00%
Grenada East		
Gros Islet	19	79.00%
Kourou	32	73.00%
Lamentin	34	82.00%
Liamuiga		
Maracas/St. Joseph	37	45.95%
Maraval	30	82.52%
Marie Galante		
Montserrat		

Nevis		
New Amsterdam	13	66.00%
Paramaribo		
Paramaribo Central	67	65.33%
Paramaribo Residence	52	50.48%
Penal	18	68.00%
Piarco		83.00%
Point Fortin	15	65.00%
Pointe-à-Pierre	33	55.00%
Pointe-à-Pitre	35	88.00%
Pointe-à-Pitre Est	18	80.00%
Pointe-à-Pitre Fleur d'Epée	38	86.00%
Pointe-à-Pitre Jarry		
Port of Spain		49.00%
Port of Spain West		
Princes Town		
Rémire-Montjoly	27	84.70%
Saint Pierre		
Saint-Laurent du Maroni Mana	15	48.00%
San Fernando	20	83.33%
San Fernando South	32	84.40%
San Juan		
Sangre Grande	16	50.00%
Schoelcher	22	86.00%
Southwest Tobago		
St. Augustine		
St. Augustine West		85.70%
St. Kitts	40	73.00%
St. Lucia	42	81.55%
St. Lucia South		
St. Vincent	34	61.76%
St. Vincent South		
Stabroek	34	61.00%
Tobago	44	83.51%



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- ✚ Rotary International Website: www.rotary.org
- ✚ Rotaract District 7030 website: www.rotaract7030.org
- ✚ Register for the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand:
<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/HowtoRegister.aspx>
- ✚ Literacy Ahead Award:
http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/7030//HTML/115334//literacy_award_certification_for_m_en.doc
- ✚ Caribbean Partnership Celebration: <http://www.caribbeanpartnership.org/>



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