New Inductees Break Club Record

According to Director of Membership, Bruce John, Rotary Sunrise set a record number of inductions at one time and for a month, a record of seven which included six new members and one reinstatement of a former charter member. Each of these members bring to our Club energy, ideas, enthusiasm, commitment and a deep desire to be part of Rotary to help others.

Debby Strassburg, another South African, is a Paralegal at Dart Realty Ltd. She comes from a Rotary Family with both parents, Rotarians, with her mother, a past president, and her sister a former exchange student. Debbie has been in Cayman close to ten years now, including her second stint and wants to become more involved in community projects.

Loiyd Sibanda, another Zimbabwean, is a Chartered Accountant and Associate Director of Fund Services at UBS and has lived in Cayman for the last seven years. Loiyd has been involved in community projects, worked with the Council for the Blind and worked with a group of young professionals in Zimbabwe on improving the quality of life in communities. He now wants to do the same in Cayman.

Bina Mani, wife of Rot. Dr. Mani, is an Information Officer with Government Information Services and has lived in Cayman for over the last eleven years. She brings to our Club many years of experience in journalism and public relations and is a devoted follower of Ghandi. She wants to share her caring and kindness, and love for humanity with others.

Bruce Blake, although from Jamaica was raised from childhood in Cayman, and works at Maples and Calder as an Attorney practicing Corporate Law. Bruce now wants to pass on his secrets of success to the youth of Cayman so they too can achieve their dreams. Alan Brady, another Irishman, is the Operations Manager at Baraud International and has lived in Cayman for several years now after living and working all over the European Continent. Alan was a vice chairman of a residents association which looked after the interests of over 17,000 which included fund-raising, crime prevention and community initiatives. Alan now wants to share his experience with Rotary Sunrise and help make our community a better place.

Melissa Huddell, another Canadian, is an Optometrist at Tropical Optical and Sheddan Road Vision Clinic, and moved to Cayman in 2008 to get away from the cold Canadian winters. Melissa has performed vision screening for the Lions Club and now wants to meet more members of the community so that she can do more for the community.

Patrick Schmid, another Caymanian, is an attorney at Bodden & Bodden. Patrick was a former Rotarian and was in fact a charter member of our Club in 2002. Patrick left Cayman just after Ivan to work in Hong Kong and London, and returned well over a year ago.
Touting Youth Committee Plans

... a “New Generations” Month message ...

Written by Director Frank Cabledran

Expectations are high for Rotary youth programs, both within Rotary Sunrise and at the District Level. We all know the problems Cayman is facing with our Youth, so this is an area where we as a Club can potentially make the biggest impact on the future of our Islands. Come join our Committee and make a difference!

In July our Club sponsored the Vocational Camps organized by the Youth Services Unit of the CI Government. Beyond money, Rotary Sunrise also provided judges for the cooking camp. All 3 of the camps are designed to give youth a taste of what various careers are like. Thanks to all of you who volunteered your time (in return for a free lunch!)

Throughout the fall and into winter there will be a number of Rotarians helping the Junior Achievement (JA) Program. This is a wonderful organization which teaches youth a great deal about business and the various business disciplines, organizational skills, time management, and personal responsibility. The time commitment over the ten weeks of the program is quite hefty, but it says a lot for the program that every Rotarian who volunteered last year with Junior Achievement has once again signed up to help this year. Obviously they all think it’s time well spent. Let’s not forget that Vocational Service is an Avenue of Service in Rotary. JA serves as an excellent opportunity for you to promote your vocation, and who knows maybe even recruit some future employees!

The Youth Committee is also responsible for distributing money for obesity programs and school lunches. There is currently little time commitment needed from Rotarians for these programs, but past Director David Reid will be sharing the obesity programs success story with us all in a future article. If anyone has ideas come join the committee and let us hear about them!

PE Mike has re-committed our Club to working in partnership with Rotaract. These are wonderful young people, future Rotarians and future leaders of our world. The Youth Committee will need volunteers to work with the Rotaractors, either by simply attending their meetings and offering words of advice and encouragement, or maybe by helping them with one of their projects. We will be involving Rotaract in our many projects and we intend to invite them to as many of our social functions as possible. We as a society spend a lot of time lamenting the bad elements of our youth. Come help out with Rotaract and meet the opposite, the youth who are striving hard to make a better society!

Our very own RotaKid Zoe would like to start an EarlyActer’s Club in her school, with the help of her Mom Rotarian Marilyn. We also have interest from students and teachers at George Town Primary who’d like to begin a Club of their own. Much like Rotaract, these EarlyActers represent the segment of our youth population who can make a huge difference by setting an example for other kids. Would you like to help them? Do you think you’re up for the challenge? Or do you think these kids are smarter than you? It really doesn’t matter if they’re smarter than every member of Rotary Sunrise; they need our help and in return we get the satisfaction of knowing that we’re helping our society become a better place.

10Ten10! Beginning on October 10th, 2010 we’d like to give as many as 300 kids a disposable camera to take pictures of life in Cayman on that one day. In partnership with the National Gallery we’ll be asking the participants to concentrate on subjects unique to nature in Cayman and we expect some fascinating photos. We can really use the help of avid photographers and others who have ties to schools. For this to be a success we really need to get the teachers and school administrators on board so that they can promote it amongst their students. Or, if you have any other ideas to make this contest successful, our committee would love to hear from you.

You’ve heard much about our programs working with accomplished, some would even say gifted, youth. But what about the youth at risk? This is an area where our Committee can desperately use some ideas. Where can a Club such as ours most be of assistance with at-risk youth? At this point we really don’t have an answer to that question. That’s why we need your help! We need ideas and we need good Rotarians to run with those ideas. Crime in our islands gets worse seemingly every day, and the offenders seemingly get younger and younger. The time for “someone should do something” is over.

The time for Rotary Sunrise to DO something is now!

On August 12th, the Youth Committee met at PP Eddie’s house for the first annual Jerk Chicken Think Tank. Great ideas were shared, as well as fabulous fellowship. Details of a new mentoring program for youth at risk will be further developed from that meeting and we’ll let everyone know about the program as soon as we can. Eat Jerk Chicken and help de Yutes…..what a combination!
Guaruma Project Student Profile…
Issi Maribel Garcia Ortega

Student, Guaruma, El Pital

Issi is 13 years old, lives in La Lucinda, and is in the fourth grade. When she isn’t studying, Issi helps her family by selling vegetables along the road and on the local buses. She joined Guaruma in February 2010, and has brightened the classroom with her contagious laughter ever since. Issi explains that she first came to Guaruma to learn English, but she especially excels in the photography and computer classes. The first time she ever used a computer was during her first week with Guaruma. “I was very excited,” she says, “I was so eager to learn more about computers after that.” When asked about her favorite photography lesson, she recounts an especially memorable hike: “We went all the way up a creek taking photos and swimming. I photographed the nearby mountains and the flowers.” Guaruma hopes that these aesthetic experiences exploring nature will improve kids’ connection with the environment, which is under threat in the area from slash and burn farming. In addition to learning about nature through photography, the students attend environmental studies classes and participate in events celebrating the environment. In April, Issi went to La Ceiba with a group of the best students to participate in an Earth Day parade: “It was really pretty,” she says, “everyone was marching, and there was a dance presentation with singing.”
Today’s Guest Speakers:
Jamo Myles and Katherine Whittaker

James Myles is a born again Christian, who was born and bred in Cayman, and has been employed as a Civil Servant since August 1989. He is the Youth Services Coordinator in the Youth Services Unit and is the husband of Jerrian Myles who shares the joys of rearing their four children, Tamika, Ahmed, Jaymar and Jaryed. He is a passionate youth development worker who has a Diploma in Youth in Development Work from the University of the West Indies with Distinction. He is living out God’s purpose in his life by developing the future of Cayman.

Thanks for Visiting the Sunrise Club!

Returning guests (as signed in):
Ian Comins, guest of Rotarian Dawn
Mark Hull, guest of Treasurer James
John Frederick, guest of Dir. JD
Daniel Lee, guest of Rotarian K. Mani
Emma Brady, guest of President Michael
Tammie Chisholm, guest of Rotarian Geoff

Visiting Rotarians (as signed in):
President Adrean Russell, Rotaract GC
Monica Czorny, Rotary Club GC
PP John Elliott, Cayman Brac

Because every penny we receive from fundraising goes back into the community and into our projects, all the funds collected during our weekly meetings as fines and Happy Dollars are used to offset the actual administrative expenses of running the club, including location costs and treating our guest speakers to breakfast.