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The tragic situation in Haiti continues to overshadow everything else in District 7020. Please give generously!

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**News updates.** For news updates, please check the District website – [www.7020.org](http://www.7020.org).

**Service above self.** Our District 7020 Rotarians are busy, doing what Rotarians do best – Service Above Self. PDG Dick McCombe, Haiti Liaison, continues to bring us updates on the progress being made.

Congratulations to the Haiti team who are doing, and continue to do, a totally awesome job in this overwhelming tragedy!

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**THE ROTARY EMERGENCY DISASTER INITIATIVE**

REDI V will be held in the Cayman Islands on 11-12 February 2011.
We cannot forget Haiti...
...from Rotary Club of les Cayes

Today Friday, February 12 – the Haitian Government declared the day as a day for prayer and meditation one month after the earthquake. The Rotary Club des Cayes took advantage of this day to visit the residents of the nursing home in a small town of Chantal. The nursing place is called "L'Arche de Chantal." There are 12 living there but after the earthquake they received 8 more residents from "L’Arche de Carrefour in Port-au-Prince" whose nursing house had been destroyed.

The photos below show the Rotarians of Cayes downloading food and supplies received from our District and other Rotary Clubs. Thanks to all the Rotarians in our District and other parts of the world. Because of the unforgettable help of PDG Dick, the Rotary Club of Cayes had been able to help so many patients, so many people, and now the residents of this small community in Chantal near the city of Les Cayes.

Many thanks to all of you - Robert Leger
Above left – Nursing Home residents in Chantal. Above right – RC of Cayes posing with them.

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PETS, Assembly and Conference
May 4-8, 2010
Jamaica Pegasus Hotel
Kingston, Jamaica
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thttps://myeventrunner.com/events/reg_7020_2010.aspx

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June 20-23, 2010
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Building Communities
BRIDGING CONTINENTS
The Rotary Clubs of Lucea and Montego Bay East have begun on a joint project to establish a vegetable plot at the West Haven Children's Home. This project will enable the Home to produce some of the food needed by its 81 disabled children and young people.

On Sunday, January 24, 2010, members of both Clubs and other volunteers began the construction of a fence around the area to be cultivated.

We will return in the near future in order to complete the fence prior to preparation of the soil for planting.

*At left - Past President Keith Azzan hard at work.*

*Above left - VP Hermes Madu and AG Govind Chulani. Right – hard at work.*
Above left – Community volunteers
Above right – A refreshment break. PP Keith Azzan, RC of Montego Bay East and President Angella Haye of Lucea Club.

Above left - PP Keith Azzan and President Angella Haye along with another workers.
At right above - President Angella Haye, PP Keith Azzan, Dominica Pradere, and community volunteers
ROTARY CLUB OF ST. THOMAS
CONCERT BENEFITS
NANA BABY HOME

...submitted by Karen John

The flyer at left shows the popular Orleans band. (See www.orleansonline.com.)

This is the second time we have brought the band to St. Thomas. The concert benefits our adopted Nana Baby Home. This year, Past President Jim Tunick along with the Rotary Club of St. Thomas is sponsoring this concert.

The Nana Baby Home was established in 1989 and is an emergency care foster home serving children from birth to age 12. This non-profit organization accommodates children who are neglected, abandoned and in need of care and is the only home in the Virgin Islands that provides this kind of service for these children.

The Rotary Club of St. Thomas has adopted this home, and throughout the years, has raised funds for renovations and to purchase needed items for the children. Rotarians also volunteer their time to spend with the children who need care, love and attention.

Proceeds from this concert will benefit the Nana Baby Home.

ROTARY CLUB OF ST. THOMAS
BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE
FOR OUR CAHS STUDENTS

In a short ceremony on Thursday, representatives from the Rotary Club of St. Thomas presented $30,000 worth of automotive tools and equipment to the Charlotte Amalie High School Vocational Education program. The Rotary Club of St. Thomas is known for its commitment to serving the Virgin Islands Community.

At left - Student, Mr. Casmore E’bas (Program Teacher), Rotarian Austin Monsanto, Rotarian Marston Winkles (President of the Rotary Club of St. Thomas), students, Carmen Howell, (Principal of CAHS) and Philippo Parratore from Sunshine Equipment Ltd.
The Rotarians volunteer their time, efforts and money to assist with special service projects that make being a Rotarian so worthwhile.

In 1994, the club adopted the Charlotte Amalie High School. This year, the Rotary Club of St. Thomas has partnered with two other Rotary Clubs, South Forsyth and Gilmer County Rotary Clubs in Georgia, as well as District 6910 to raise the funds for the tools, supplies, materials and equipment to be given to the Charlotte Amalie High School Auto Body Repair Shop. The school does not have the funds for this project and to the Rotarians, this is so important for the young students of this community as it helps to train them, teach them a trade and helps to keep them off the streets and away from violence.

The repair shop is taught by Mr. Casmore E’bas, who also works evenings and weekends mentoring the students. These future leaders of our community deserve this commitment.

In 1995, The Rotary Club of St. Thomas established a Career Center at CAHS and provided computers, printers, and an electronic Whiteboard. The Career center gives the students a place to search for information on colleges, careers and the military.

Last year, The Rotary Club of St. Thomas donated $34,000 of tools, testing equipment, books & training videos to the Auto Mechanic Shop and our Club hopes to continue supporting this program.

The Rotary Club of St. Thomas is particularly grateful to District 6910 in Georgia for their continued and generous support of the Charlotte Amalie High School. This program needs the support of everyone in this community; the parents and especially the business/automotive community who can help the students by donating their expert services to train these students, by sponsoring them in internship programs, by donating materials and supplies, as well as vehicles to repair, and by spending time at the School with the students.

With this community's support, these young people will make the Virgin Islands proud to have been a part of their lives. To help the Charlotte Amalie Repair Shop Program, please contact Mr. E’bas at the School or Mr. J.P. Coopee at the Rotary Club of St. Thomas at jpcoopee@viaccess.net.

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Correct timing to drink water, will maximize its effectiveness on the Human body.

Two (2) glasses of water - After waking up - Helps activate internal organs

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One (1) glass of water - Before taking a bath - Helps lower blood pressure

One (1) glass of water - Before sleep - To avoid stroke or heart attack

(Contributed by PP Tommy Boatright, St. Thomas, USVI)
CORPORATE SPONSORS COME TO HAITI’S AID
Doctors Hospital Organizes Disaster Relief for Haiti

...submitted by Michele Rassin

On Tuesday, January 12, an earthquake struck the island nation of Haiti collapsing a hospital, the presidential palace and other buildings and residences, triggering massive panic among the Haitian people and claiming a number of lives - perhaps hundreds of thousands.

The devastating earthquake has left an estimated 3 million people in need of emergency aid, and as the world mobilizes, closer to home, in Nassau, Bahamas, Doctors Hospital joins the recovery efforts to assist Haiti and its earthquake victims.

Through the Rotary Clubs of the Bahamas, District 7020, and Rotary International, enlisting the assistance of corporate friends - Ports International, Commonwealth Drug, Lowe's Pharmacy, Medical Supplies, True Value, Nassau Agencies, Bahamas Medical & Surgical Supplies, MD & S International - Doctors Hospital and its partners were able to fill more than 21 planes with over 50,000 pounds of medical supplies. These donations contributed significantly to the Haitian relief efforts with medical supplies worth significant dollars.

In addition to mobilizing resources to donate to Haiti, the hospital also donated a check in the amount of Five Thousand ($5,000) dollars to the Rotary Clubs of the Bahamas to assist in the disaster relief efforts. By organizing medical supplies and providing financial aid to the relief effort, Doctors Hospital continues to demonstrate its commitment to healthcare in the Region.

Issuing a memorandum to Associates of Doctors Hospital, relative to the disaster, Charles Sealy, Chief Executive Officer for the hospital, states “We want to express our heartfelt sympathies to those involved in the disaster in whatever way. Lives have been lost while many more remain missing. No doubt there are members of our staff who have family that have been affected by this tragedy. Continue to be in prayer for the people of Haiti as well as for their families who continue to deal with the difficulty of this situation.”
Loading up a container of medical supplies to be sent to Haiti through Rotary.

Above left - Felix Stubbs, Assistant District Governor, Rotary Clubs of the Bahamas; Barry Rassin, President, Doctors Hospital and Past Rotary International Director; Richard McCombe, Past District Governor, Rotary Clubs of the Bahamas; Charles Sealy, CEO, Doctors Hospital

Above right - Richard McCombe, Past District Governor, Rotary Clubs of the Bahamas; Charles Sealy, CEO, Doctors Hospital.

The quake, one of the most powerful ever in the region, measured a magnitude of 7.0 about 10 miles west of Port-au-Prince, the capital city of Haiti. Money, medical and food supplies, water purification items and clothing are priorities.

ROTARY CLUBS OF THE BAHAMAS

...from www.thebahamasweekly.com

Nassau, Bahamas – The Rotary Clubs of The Bahamas (District 7020) have worked diligently to raise funds to assist Haiti after the devastating earthquake struck the country on January 12 affecting up to 3 million people.

At left - Haitian Rotarians share insight with Bahamian Rotarians. Assistant Governor Adele Noel-Romelus (Haiti) and Dr. Guy Theodore (Haiti) discuss the local situation in Pignon, Haiti with Past Governor Dick McCombe (Bahamas) and Past RI Director, Barry Rassin (Bahamas) on January 31. Shelter Box Tents are shown in the background at left. (Photo, Diana White)

The 17 Rotary clubs in Haiti with a membership of approximately 350 and the 9 Rotary clubs in The Bahamas
with approximately 400 Rotarians have worked jointly to ensure that the supplies and donations provided are properly distributed.

Rotary and The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce host “Help us help Haiti Telethon” that raised $250,000 in 4 hours at the Hilton Hotel.

At left - Lillian Russell, Past Secretary, RC Southeast Nassau, Edwin Lighthouse, General Manager, ZNS, Rochelle Wilkinson Past Treasurer, RC Southeast Nassau, Ed Bethel, Nassau Guardian, Diane Philips, DPA & Associates and Philip Simon, Executive Director of the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce. (Photo by Gina Greene)

In the first 3 weeks since the earthquake, apart from other forms of donations, over $500,000 was raised which included over $250,000 from the various Bahamas Rotary clubs as well as the Telethon. The 4-hour “Help us help Haiti Telethon” organized by Rotary and the Chamber of Commerce with help from a number of other supporters held on January 25 and 26 raised over $250,000.

The response from the public has been impressive and is ongoing. An example includes an $8,000 donation from the Rotary Club of Grand Bahama Sunrise. Although not a part of District 7020, this Rotary club assisted the Bahamas’ efforts with a cheque presentation by President-Elect Joe Thompson who was in Nassau to receive a Queen’s Honour for his outstanding work in Grand Bahama in the areas of business, sports and community involvement.

At left - ADG Felix Stubbs accepting a cheque from Joe Thompson, President-Elect of the Rotary Club of Grand Bahama Sunrise and newly recognized businessman with a Queen’s Badge of Honour for his contribution in business, sports and community in Freeport. (Photo by Azaleta Ishmael-Newry)

ADG Felix accepted the donation on behalf of the Rotary Clubs of The Bahamas stating that “We are pleased that your club has shared their generosity with the Rotary Clubs of The Bahamas which includes New Providence, Abaco, Cat Island and Eleuthera as part of their fundraising, making us better able to assist Haiti
Another Rotary club that celebrated their success at their weekly meeting on February 3 was the Rotary Club of Southeast Nassau who raised $54,000.

Other Rotary Clubs who celebrated successful fundraising efforts include the Rotary Club of East Nassau with $112,000 and the Rotary Club of Southeast Nassau with $54,000.

Above - The Rotary Club of Southeast Nassau called on their members to help raise funds for Haiti and $54,000 was realized in 3 weeks. Shown in the photo are fellow Rotarians and a few who assisted with the fundraising drive. From left to right are: Past President (PP) Tracey Knowles, Larry Treco, PP Charles Sealy II, President Anna DeGregory, President-Elect Marvin Bethel, Past Secretary, Azaleta Ishmael-Newry and PP, current Treasurer and Disaster Relief Chair Peter Goudie. (Photo by Valentine Maura)

"Even after 20 years in Rotary I am continually impressed with the generosity of its members,” said Lindsey Cancino, District 7020 Foundation Chair and PP of the Rotary Club of East Nassau. “Now that the initial emergency rescue relief is done, we are moving on to general health and restoration. Rotary has no intention of pulling out soon and will be there for the long haul; we will need support going forward.”

Every Rotary Club in The Bahamas has contributed significantly to the half a million dollars raised as well as other types of donations, manpower, expertise and more. President Shaun Ingraham of the Rotary Club of Eleuthera who is a disaster relief specialist is on the ground in Haiti working with Rotary and Methodist Habitat. People like Past District Governor, Richard McCombe and his wife Past President Carla, ADG Felix Stubbs and his wife President Carla Stubbs, Past Presidents Peter Bates and Charles Sealy as well as Past Rotary International Director Barry Rassin and his wife Esther are all working tirelessly for Rotary and the people of Haiti.

There are many more proud Rotarians and their families and friends who have assisted and Rotary would like to thank the public for their generosity.
Last month, Rotary Club of Montego Bay Partied with a Purpose to raise funds for Haiti. The story appeared in last month’s newsletter. Here are photos:

At left - Kamal Chuganey, Raveen Dadlani (Fellowship Chair, Rotary Club of Montego Bay - Sunrise), Manoj Ramchandani (President, Rotary Club of Montego Bay - Sunrise), Nishant Sevkani, Amit Rupchandani.

Amit Rupchandani and Neville Scott musically entertain guests.

The day after the Haiti earthquake, Rotary Clubs in the BVI began mobilizing. From the beginning our focus had been on raising funds as our District Chair of Haiti Task Force (PDG Dick McCombe) had prioritised the importance of money at this stage. As of Friday, 22 January, we had raised over US$225,000 in pledges and collection of these pledges was well on the way with in excess of US$150,000 deposited with local Banks. Fundraisers included:

...submitted by Vance Lewis
The Rotary Clubs of Tortola, Road Town and Sunrise immediately donating/pledging a combined US$38,000 in total from their own community / disaster funds to the Rotary Haiti Disaster Fund (RHDF).

Holding of a telethon with the assistance of a local phone company and several local TV and radio stations on Monday, 18 January. In just over 3 hours we raised the RHDF to US$180,000. The family of Rotary (includes Rotaract and Interact) all played support roles for this event. We also had support from the local Haitian Association in this endeavour.

Early in the evening in advance of the telethon, a ‘bucket brigade’ was posted around town to collect donations from motorists. In excess of US$8,500 was raised in a few hours.

Last September, the Rotary Clubs in BVI gave dictionaries to all Class 3 students in the territory. The Class 3 of Anegada School, (located on tiny Anegada island with a population of less than 200 people), went door-to-door in their town, called The Settlement, and raised some US$1,200 and pledged this to the RHDF.

A BVI-based international law firm with 180 staff worldwide invited staff to donate to the Rotary fund via payroll deduction and raised in excess of US$25,000 for the RHDF.

The Clubs are partnering with a local restaurant to host a fundraising dinner on the island of Virgin Gorda.

The Rotary Family has partnered with a local movie theatre to hold fund-raising movie screenings at selected times on Tortola.

Rotaract Club of Tortola is working with a local DJ to raise funds to be added to the RHDF.

The Clubs continue to fundraise using innovative means. The earthquake relief effort has been identified as a major beneficiary of the Rotary Club of Tortola’s (RCT) annual major fundraising dinner and auction scheduled to be held towards the end of February. (This has been perennially RCT’s largest fundraiser).

The pictures below are intended to show the total activity of the BVI Rotarians rather than the individuals with specific identifications. Awesome response!

For that omission, I do apologize.
In addition to fundraising, the Rotary Clubs of the BVI have been coordinating relief flights into Haiti with assistance from the District. As of this writing, 3 relief flights from BVI have been made. Among the items/persons delivered:

- 4 doctors including 2 surgeons (one of whom is a Rotarian)
- Portable x-ray machine
- Thousands of pounds of medical supplies
- Surgical supplies
- Food
- Tents and sleeping bags

The above relief supplies have been donated by businesses, private clinics and in some cases the BVI Government.

As we have now used up most of the medical supplies in the BVI, and there still being huge demand in Haiti, we recently arranged for the purchase from Dominican Republic and delivery to Haiti, US$10,000 (a full plane load) of medical supplies. This followed an urgent request from the Doctors on the ground in Haiti.

Planes and pilots have been provided by private individuals, charter companies and individual Rotarians. The Rotary family has provided fuel for flights. Rotarians have been pivotal organizers and we have been supported in an overwhelming manner by the community. It is clear that the Rotary name inspires confidence.

Our success demonstrates what can be achieved when, especially in a situation of crisis the family of Rotary work together. It has been a proud time for Rotary in the BVI as we are all inspired to work together to bring help to our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Once again, one of the cornerstones of being a Rotarian - *ordinary people doing extraordinary things* - has been proven true.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the pilots Mark Stephenson (husband of Rotarian Cate Stephenson) and PP Tom Gerker of Rotary Club of Tortola - both pilots of the planes along with Bob Lemire of a private airline based in BVI called Island Birds. Bob kindly donated his plane and pilot when Tom’s and Mark’s were not available.

Rotarian Dr. Orlando Smith mesmerized the club with his presentation on his recent visit to Haiti. PP Tom Gerker and Mark Stephenson (husband of Rotarian Cate) had flown him and Dr. Jones together with equipment and supplies from Beef Island to Haiti in their single engine plane. On arriving the doctors were driven for four and a half hours to their destination.

Dr. Orlando unwisely assumed that they would be taken care of and had not packed any provisions. Luckily Dr. Jones was more prepared and had energy bars, etc. which he shared. They met Rotarian Dr. Claude Surena, Rotary's *Man on the Ground* and Haiti's medical coordinator. They then set about work in a hospital and
became part of the Caricom team of doctors.

The initial high trauma phase had finished, but nonetheless they still treated fractures and other injuries. There were adequate general antibiotics, but what they severely lacked was specific antibiotics suited to the type injuries they were treating. Every nook and cranny in the hospital, including the yard (under tents), contained beds - a problem being that patients had no where to go after treatment.

There was a very well equipped hospital a few hours’ drive away which was under-utilized due to the difficulty of getting patients there. The roads were not suitable for transporting seriously injured patients and the availability of helicopters was lacking. Most of the roads in the capital are now passable. Due to the lack of shelter, many of them are barricaded from about 7.00 PM until after dawn, and the residents make shelters for the night on the street with any materials they can find.

Ongoing problems are housing, waste, and flies - bringing increased risk of disease to those who survived the initial trauma. There is also an immediate and long-term need for the rehabilitation of the large number of amputees. Dr. Orlando recounted the case of a young girl amputee who had lost both her parents. When he was first there she was quite upbeat, but as the days progressed her mental condition deteriorated with the realization of the reality of her condition.

**ROTARY CAYMAN SUNRISE**

**ENTERTAINS THE SUNRISE ADULT CENTRE**

...submitted by Geoff Mathews

Great fun, lots of popcorn and drinks were enjoyed when Rotary SUNRISE members hosted a special group from the Sunrise Adult Training Centre and took them to the Hollywood Theatre at Camana Bay to see Avatar or the Chipmunks.

Frank and Nora Balderamos, Tony Catalanotto, Marilyn Conolly, Des Ebanks and Doug Murray were the hosts and they had as much fun as the guests - about 30 in all. The pictures (movies) were great, the company better said the SUNRISE members - we can't wait for the next time.

*Above – Adult Centre members and staff. (Photo by Frank Balderamos)*
Garth Arch was inducted to Rotary Sunrise on Wednesday 3rd February 2010. He was sponsored by David Watler.

Garth was born in George Town, Grand Cayman, on 20th April 1976. Was educated in Cayman and at the University of Miami and at UC Berkeley, California, He has a B.Sc. in Civil Engineering and a M.Sc. in Engineering and is a Chartered Civil Engineer.

Garth is the General Manager of National Concrete and the Chairman of the Cayman Trade and Business Licensing Board.

During a sabbatical, he spent a year in Spain studying the culture and the language of that country. He has been appointed Honorary Consul of Spain in Cayman by the Spanish Government.

Garth joins 95 other members, mostly young professionals, from Cayman and 23 other countries worldwide, having fun - helping in the community. Rotary Sunrise meets every Wednesday for breakfast at 7.00 a.m. at Grand Old House, Grand Cayman.

SAY IT WITH FLOWERS...

Celebrating Valentines day has become a tradition at Rotary Sunrise. The club has 94 members of which 34 are ladies and at this time of year each lady is presented with a long stem red rose in appreciation of the contribution they make to the club and its service in the community.

The roses are paid for by fines to the members for not wearing their badges or by getting their picture in the papers. We are hoping that this picture will bear dividends!

Rotary Sunrise is the newest Rotary club in Cayman, chartered in 2002, it is mostly young professionals from Cayman and 23 other countries worldwide.

They meet at Grand Old House every Wednesday for breakfast at 7.00 a.m.

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**Cayman Rotary Central Kicks Off Science Fair**

...submitted by Lynne Byles

Cayman students will be competing for major cash prizes to assist them with future college studies thanks to the 2010 Science Fair being organized by Rotary Central.

Students throughout all the schools across the country are being invited to participate in what is bound to be yet another exciting science fair where kids get to demonstrate their scientific knowledge and skills.

*At left - Rotarian Walt Mustin and VP Fiona Moseley. At far right Past President Dave Phipps.*

“The Science Fair is a competition that is held annually in the Cayman Islands and it is a great way to generate interest and excitement in the scientific fields and introduce students to new career opportunities”, says Paul Byles, President of Rotary Central.

The contest will not only give students a chance to sharpen their knowledge of science, it will also challenge them to broaden their skills generally through the application and documentation of the scientific process which is very structured and detailed.

“Brochures are being distributed in the schools during February 2010 and the Display/Judging/Banquet event will be held in late April 2010”, explained Rotary’s Science Fair Committee Chairman, Larry Tibbetts.

Rotary is also appealing to corporate sponsors for the event and is asking for volunteers to Mentor the students, or assist with arranging facilities for the Science Fair to take place.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Science Fair or contributing to the event in some way, is invited to contact Rotarian Larry Tibbetts at larrytibbetts@caymanairways.net or Paul Byles at 916 7389.
Rotary Central is proud to announce the addition of two members to its roster.

**At left – New member Faith Shulman with Rotary Central Vice President Fiona Mosely, and President Paul Byles**

Ms. Faith Shulman was announced as a new Rotarian at a recent meeting. Faith works for local firm Ignition where she is responsible for marketing and sales activity for the Cayman and surrounding areas. She enjoys giving back to her community by lending a helping hand to people in need.

“I believe that no man or woman should be in this world alone. People and communities depend on each other for survival. I believe that Rotary provides the vehicle to connect people to their community in a meaningful way.”

Ms. Zelta Gayle has been very active in Rotary initiatives and projects for over eight years but only recently became a Rotarian. “I wanted to join when I knew I could offer full commitment”, said Ms. Gayle who transferred from the Cayman Brac Rotary Club.

“Rotary is a respected, well organized, established club which is principled and places community service above self,” said Zelta. “My experience working with the Brac Rotary Club gave me first hand knowledge of the shared commitment of the members towards improving the health and quality of life in our communities.

**At left – Ms. Zelta Gayle and President Paul Byles**

Ms. Gayle was named Nurse of The Year in 1994 and awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal for contribution to the Cayman Islands Society with special mention of Excellence in the Area of Emergency Room Nursing in 2002.

She was formally acknowledged by Rotary Club’s District Governor and President of Cayman Brac’s Rotary Club for contributions to the Rotary Club of Cayman Brac in 2004.

Rotary Central President Paul Byles had this to say about the two new additions to the team. “The Rotary Club has a long history of attracting quality individuals to join its ranks. With the additions of Zelta and Faith we proudly continue that tradition. These women give from their heart, not for personal recognition or any outside motivations. They have a pure desire to help others and make their communities safer, healthier, happier and more beautiful places for everyone. That is what Rotary is all about.”
The St. Ann’s Bay Regional Hospital in St. Ann in collaboration with the North Eastern Regional Health Authority has opened a high dependency unit at the facility.

The unit was established through the joint effort of the Rotary Club of Pinehurst, North Carolina, the Rotary Club of Ocho Rios, and the Gran Bahia Principe hotel in Runaway Bay.

The unit has been equipped with modern technological machines donated by the Rotary Club of Pinehurst and valued at approximately $3.4 million JMD\(^1\), and will enable staff at the facility to better care for high risk patients.

The three-bed unit has been equipped with three critical care monitors, two stigma IV infusion pumps, four syringe pumps and a defibrillator.

Acting consultant for internal medicine at the hospital, Dr. Bruce Auden, said the unit will provide specialist nursing care and monitoring for seriously ill patients.

“It provides greater care than one would get on the regular wards but not quite as advanced as intensive care,” Dr. Auden said.

“We will be better able to manage things like heart attacks, patients who are having problems, post operatively and motor vehicle accidents will be better managed.”

\(^1\) $3,400,000 JMD = $38,159 USD
Dr. Auden said the entire hospital was grateful for the assistance they have received from the president of the Pinehurst International Rotary Club, Douglas Moore.

Chief executive officer at the hospital, Ian Jarrett, also expressed his gratitude to the different stakeholders in establishing the high dependency unit. He said it will not only allow medical staff to better care for patients but will also save lives.

Several nurses at the facility have already being trained and certified as critical care nurses and training is in progress for others who will be assigned to the unit.

Meanwhile, Moore, who was making his second donation to the hospital, said he will continue to look at ways in which he can offer further assistance. He said the donation was made possible following a raffle to raise funds to purchase equipment for the unit.

The Rotary Club of Montego Bay Sunrise, Jamaica (MoBay), recently provided financial assistance and supplies to the Robin’s Nest Home in Montego Bay. There are 37 children living at the home, ranging in age from 0-17 years.

*Above – a new playground recently installed.*

*At left - Manoj Ramchandani (President - RC of Montego Bay Sunrise), Angie and Joel O’Dell (Directors of Robin’s Nest), Mubarek Said (PR Chair – Rotary Club), Allan Williams (Membership Chair - Rotary Club), Pete Sherwood (Foundations Chair – Rotary Club), Directors of the Newly Chartered Rotary Club of Montego Bay Sunrise.*
The Rotary Club of Montego Bay Sunrise – newly chartered and already doing Rotary’s Good Works - presented Robin’s Nest Children’s Home in John’s Hall, Montego Bay, with crib mattresses and other crib furnishings while touring their facility located in the cool hills near John’s Hall.

Well done! Kudos! Fantastic!

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**ROTARY CLUBS OF JAMAICA - RACE TO LITERACY**

**PLEASE H.E.L.P.**

**DISTRICT BOOK DRIVE PROJECT**

to improve LITERACY

**Please note:** This project is intended as a District Project for the 36th Annual Rotary District 7020 conference, scheduled for Jamaica in May. So even though people are gathering books now, the seven-day period is around PETS, Assembly and Conference. That information is absolutely critical for Rotarians.

- Please bring at least one book with you when you come to Jamaica for PETS, Assembly, and Conference in May.
- A similar project at the LA convention produced a record for the Guinness Book of World Records for the “Most Books Donated to Charity in Seven Days.”

**Scholastic®** has also given preferential prices just as in LA. We have to coordinate the buying; hence we have asked for financial donations. There are Haitian Creole/English books for children, but we have to act quickly if we want those – by March 15.
WHAT? – We aim to have new and near-new books – of any kind – donated between May 1-7, 2010, on the occasion of the 36th Annual Rotary District 7020 Conference in Kingston, Jamaica. This is a national and international campaign. Collected books will be donated to the people of Jamaica and Haiti. In Jamaica, the primary recipient will be the Jamaica Library Service with its island-wide network of branch, school, and mobile libraries. In Haiti, the primary recipient will be determined by Rotary at the appropriate time. Rotary cannot accept books before May 1. HOWEVER, start collecting books now and drop off to project partners who are collecting on behalf of the public up to April 30.

Rotary Race to Literacy Book Drive Project has been inspired by the 2008 RI Convention in Los Angeles, where Rotarians set the record in the Guinness Book of World Records for the “Most Books Donated to Charity in Seven Days” with 242,624 books.

WHY? – Literacy is the cornerstone of sustainable development. The vast majority of Jamaican children do not enter Grade 1 as emergent readers. A significant cause of the problem is the severe deficiency in appropriate reading material for the early childhood age group, and for children with special needs. We encourage you to buy these special books from our publisher and bookstore partners. Haiti was already struggling to meet literacy targets before the devastation from the earthquake. In the absence of major intervention, the situation will only deteriorate. As the country in Rotary District 7020 most in need, Haiti will also be a beneficiary of appropriate English, French, and Haitian Creole books that you may purchase from our publisher and bookstore partners.

H.E.L.P.

H is for Home. Please donate at least one (1) book from home. You must have even one!

E is for Explain, Enlighten and Encourage. Please be an ambassador for the book drive. Tell your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues here and abroad about the book drive and why it is important. Spread the word in person, at work, social events, by phone, mail, email, instant messenger, Facebook, Twitter, etc. Join the Facebook Fan Page, follow us on the blog, and on Twitter. Share the links!

L is for Lend a Hand. This project needs enabling partners. If you can, please be a drop-off point, offer storage, shipping, customs brokerage, transport, media etc. Corporations and non-governmental organizations can be key enabling partners on a large scale.

P is for Pocket. Please make a financial contribution to the Rotary Race to Literacy Project to purchase special books for children as your donation. The general public, diaspora, corporations, foundations, and international development partners can all make a significant difference to early childhood education, environmental education, bilingual materials, Braille, and special needs for learning disabilities, etc.
Email: rotaryracetoliteracy@live.com
Blog: http://www.rotaryracetoliteracy.org
Facebook Fan Page: http://facebook.com/rotaryracetoliteracy

Please contact us to make a donation before March 15, 2010!

English books must be ordered by March 15 to allow time for shipping.
The Haitian Creole/English bilingual books must be ordered ASAP because of limited supply.

There are six exciting book collections to choose from:

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All books have been selected especially for babies and toddlers to introduce them to reading, learning, and interacting. Books feature:

* Interactive, tactile components
* High contrast images
* Rhyming, repetitive

PLEASE HELP!
SAINT MARTIN NORD – ROTARY AND ROTARACT

Rotary and Rotaract of Saint Martin Nord held another successful blood drive. Here are photos:

Above left – Pierre de Celles, President of St. Martin Nord and AG Louis Wever. At right - Rotaractor Francelise from the Rotaract Club of Saint Martin Nord.

Above - Photos of the busy activity.

ROTARY CLUB OF TORTOLA HAS NEW MEMBERS!

Dion Stoutt was sponsored by Stephen Cooper. A 1993 Graduate of the BVI High School. After graduating, he interned for 2 years with a leading architectural firm in the BVI and then pursued tertiary Education at Texas Tech University in Lubbock Texas.

Around 2002 Dion went back to his first love and launched STO Enterprise, a full service Architectural and Project Management Company. Both companies are fully active today in helping to shape the BVI in numerous ways.
Although Mr. Stoutt focuses most of his time on his profession(s) in his private time as an avid sports fan and lover, always finds time to play in the BVI amateur Softball league annually since his return from college. Also, along with some of his high school colleagues he developed an investment club in 2004 to which he is the president.

This club has not only focused on investing but also ways to better the development of our community. Mr. Stoutt always encourages persons in his circle to think along the lines of the Rockefellers and Carnegies of the world in terms of developing a long term legacy. The legacy of Rotary precedes it, so being a part of something that not only transcends generations but is noted for good works is something that Mr. Stoutt would be gracious to join.

Deon Morgan was born in Kingston, Jamaica, where she grew up with six siblings in a loving family headed by father Cleston Morgan.

An accountant by trade, Deon came to Tortola in February 2006 to work for the Romney Associates Group in Real Estate, Online Food Sales Management and Accounting. She has since moved on to work as Accounts Receivable Manager at the BVI National Parks Trust, a position she has held for the past two years.

During her 3 ½ years here in Tortola, Deon has come to love her adopted home and has become increasingly involved in the community. She is now a member of Community Against Drug Abuse (CADA) and has participated as an actor and dancer in CADA’s fundraising events and performances. She also has performed in other community concerts and dance shows around the territory.

Deon is sponsored by President Leroy Moses.

Geraldine Ritter-Freeman is currently the Chief information Officer for the Virgin Islands Government and the host of Public Eye, a local radio/television programme. Mrs. Freeman has worked in the field of communication for the past 15 years as a news reporter in the U.S. Virgin Islands and News Director and Information Officer in the British Virgin Islands.

She has a Bachelors Degree in Communications from Norfolk State University and a Masters Degree in Public Sector Management from the University of the West Indies.

In her spare time she enjoys modeling and motivational speaking and has been privileged to speak to teenage girls on many occasions inspiring them to achieve their goals and to believe in themselves. She is the mother of tow girls Adorya and Olivia and she is married to Mrs. Edward Freeman.

Geraldine was sponsored by PP Mary Findley.

Ibrahim A. Tarabay is the son of business man Ali Tarabay & Miriam Tarabay. He was born on September 19, 1974 in the ancient coastal city of Sidon, Southern Lebanon.

He came to the B.V.I when he was one month old and attended the St. Georges School and then the B.V.I High School. He returned to Lebanon in 1989 and lived for 5 years. A graduate of Omar Mukhtar Educational Center (OMEC), he returned to the BVI where he
started his professional career in retail.

He began his career at Colombian Emeralds International which lasted for 4 years. He then opened the first all men’s boutique which still runs today. He switched gears for a while and worked with FedEx as a courier for 3 years until Jewels (now Little Switzerland) where he has been managing for three years.

**Henry Creque.** Sponsored by his mother, Rotarian Lorna Smith, Henry Creque, husband of Rotarian Shirley Creque, and father to Aria, Aiden and Skye. He was born and raised on and around our beautiful British Virgin Islands where he attended the St. George’s Primary and British Virgin Islands High Schools.

Henry is an Electrical Engineer and he studied at the Georgia Institute of Technology – a university consistently ranked the top engineering institution in the Southern United States, where he graduated with highest honors, in 1996.

For the past nine years Henry has managed the Transmission and Distribution Department at the Territory’s best reputed … and worst reputed, electric power utility company – The British Virgin Islands Electricity Corporation.

With his wife Shirley, Henry also owns and operates a small IT company – CrequeCreations which provides software and website solutions for both traditional and non-profit organizations. Professionally he is a member of the IEEE (I triple E) Electrical Engineering Society and the Chartered Management Institute.

As a volunteer Henry has served the community in leadership roles in the BVI Young Professionals, the BVI Lawn Tennis Association, the Technical and Vocational Education Steering Committee and New Life Boys’ Brigade; and as a member of the St. George’s Secondary School Fundraising Committee and the BVI Olympic Committee.

Thus far Henry has worked with on our Festival Float, The fun-car rally and the Grand Affair committees.

**Ingrid Moses-Scatliffe** is sponsored by President Leory Moses. She is the first sibling to be inducted into any of the Rotary Clubs.

Ingrid A Moses-Scatliffe is one of the founding partners of Orion Law. She advises clients on conveyancing, commercial and civil matters. Moses-Scatliffe recently served with the Government of the British Virgin Islands as the Chief Registrar of Lands from November 2007 to December 2009.

She holds a Masters of Laws Degree from City University, London and a Bachelors of Laws Degree from the University of Wolverhampton. She was admitted as a Barrister to the bar of England and Wales in July 2006 and to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Territory of the British Virgin Islands in December 2006. A member of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, Moses-Scatliffe also holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Computer Information Systems with a concentration in Management from St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Her hobbies include reading, tennis, travelling and meeting new people.
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