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Marriott Beach Resort
Sep 07, 2011 at 7:00 PM

Weekly Programs

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Getting to know me /Job Talk - Rotarians
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Stacy Parke

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Chief Officer Mrs Mary Rodrigues, Min. of Ed.
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Club Assembly

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Profiles of the First Three Guaruma Students Heading to University

These are the profiles of our 3 first prospective university students. The scholarship which you have helped us with will help one of them receive their education for next year. Thank you!

*Sincerely,
Benjamin*



Juan Velásquez

Hi there, my name is Juan Velásquez and I'm a very happy 20 year old. For years I have been learning about Computer Systems and my plan has been to continue studying in the same field in the future. I graduated high-school in 2010 with a Diploma in Science and Letters and a Technical Degree in Computing. In school and Guaruma I have been developing my abilities and knowledge with computers a great deal. When I entered Guaruma as a twelve year old I was especially impressed and interested by how the organization works, with environmental, photography, and computing classes. The education I have received with Guaruma has been a great help in strengthening my understanding of so many subjects. As I grew older I became more and more interested by computers and focused my studies more on how they work. I have worked with Guaruma as their Computer Systems Technition for a year and am currently volunteering as the Computer Instructor in Las Mangas.

Also I am now working as the graphic designer and marketing coordinator for Cangrejál Tours: a local tour-guide company run by the youth of Las Mangas. We provide tourist services and promote conservation of the environment here in the National Parks (Pico Bonito and Nombre del Dios). Cangrejál Tours works with the support of various NGO's, especially Guaruma: who has helped immensely to move the business forward day in and day out.

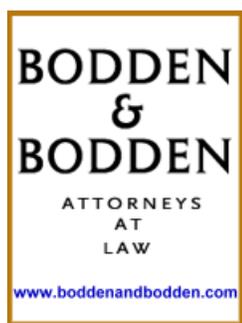
I am very thankful for Guaruma and all of its help. We (the older students of Guaruma) are an example of what Guaruma has been able to achieve over the past 10 years. That is why we hope to see the younger students of Guaruma learning new things and living with a desire and spirit to work hard for the community. I hope that I can one day realize my dream and will put forth the effort each day that is needed to complete it.

Camilo López

My name is Camilo López and I am 20 years old. Although I am not currently studying, I am working with Guaruma. This organization dedicates itself to educating the youth of the Cuenca of the Cangrejál River. In my time at Guaruma I have had opportunities to travel to other countries, learn about different cultures, and see the activities

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NO Morning Meeting
Wednesday, 7 September

INSTEAD: Joint-Club Meeting
7-8 p.m. at Marriott Resort

The 4-Way Test

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?

Will it be beneficial
to all concerned?

that these other people do. I have used these experiences to bring my knowledge back to Guaruma and develop new activities and understanding for the kids.

A brief history about myself with Guaruma begins when I was just 8 years old. In fourth grade at the Progress School here in Las Mangas I entered Guaruma for the first time. It was then that I started to learn the power of education and knowledge. It was there that I learned about the environment and computers. In 2002, I passed on to the older classes, and in those moments I began to experience life in whole new ways. One day I sat on the outdoor court and thought about what I wanted to do when I grew older: I wanted to be a volunteer for Guaruma.

Now, after graduating from high-school with a diploma in Sciences and Letters and a specialty in Computers, I am a volunteer for Guaruma. I work on graphic design, and as the computer technician. I am very happy and proud of the work that I do. I enjoy helping my co-workers with their work. All of this education and work has helped me to support my family and develop my skills for a professional career.

In this life, although I would like to study in university, I will never stop learning. Life is to move forward and never back, if you go leaving doors unopened and untouched you will never understand what it means to live today with satisfaction. That is why, for me, the greatest joy is to study and gain more knowledge.



Durkis Acosta

My name is Durkis Patricia Acosta Fúnez and I live in the community of El Pital here in the Cuenca of the Cangrejal River near La Ceiba. For 5 years I have been involved with Guaruma; during which time I have studied and learned a lot about the different classes that are offered. In these classes there are always volunteers from different countries, they are very kind with the students.

The volunteers never show preference to different kids and that's part of why I'm proud to be a part of Guaruma.

In 2010 I had the opportunity to travel to Vienna, Austria. I went, as a part of Guaruma to volunteer in a youth center. During this time I taught what I had learned during my classes. Now, I am working for Guaruma as the Computer Instructor in El Pital. I really enjoy giving class because I get the chance to teach what I have learned over the last 5 years.

In one of the younger groups called the Mariposas (Butterflies), I was teaching them to make presentations. One of the students did his presentation about "My Apple." He thought that we would not be giving the presentation in front of the class and when he found that out became very nervous. He could hardly speak because of his fear. He came to me and said, "Durkis can you teach me how to express myself in public?" Well, I told him that in the next class I would show him. When the next class came around I explained to him with plenty of patience the steps that he could take to not feel so nervous. Now, he can give talks and presentations and honestly, I am very proud of him.

The Rotary Grace

O God and giver
of all good,

We thank thee for
our daily food.

May Rotary friends
and Rotary ways,

Help us to serve thee
all our days.

Important Links

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2011-12 Rotary Leadership

RI President:
Kalyan Banerjee

District 7020 Governor:
Guy Theodore

Past District Governor:
Diana White

Asst. Governor - Cayman:
Rosalie Jamieson

Member Bio: Stacy Joanne Parke

I was born in St. James, Trinidad. My brother and I grew up with our grandparents and we travelled a great deal to visit our mother who lived in the United States. Our grandmother – Elaine Hinkson molded the woman you see today. My brother and I were taught at a young age to always give to those in need. I believe, that giving back to our community is an obligation. And we must make the time for it. In Trinidad I was part of several community-based programs at my church and community and for approximately 2 years was a member of the Rotaract club in Port of Spain.



I am an attorney, a profession that was my second choice! I was called to the bar in 1998 and worked in Trinidad as the Legal Adviser to the Minister of National Security for a few years and a few other Companies before taking sometime off to pursue business management but then decided to return to Law. I came to the Cayman Islands at the end of October 2003 to take up a post at Brooks & Brooks and I have been with that firm ever since.

On the urging of Margaret Ramsay-Hale, I joined the Big Brothers Big Sisters (Cayman Islands) Board in 2006 and have been a member of their Board ever since operating in various committees and currently still hold the position of Deputy Chair. Again, it was Honorary Rotarian Ramsey-Hale who invited me to attend Rotary Sunrise meetings in late 2010. I wish to thank her for her great guidance and continued support.



No Rotary Sunrise Club Meeting on September 7th!

Instead, there will be a joint Rotary clubs meeting with District Governor Guy Theodore September 7th, from 7-8 pm, at the Marriott Beach Resort.

Date: Sep 7, 2011 at 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Fee: \$25.00 per Person

Location: Marriott Beach Resort

Salad: Greek Salad

2011-12 Sunrise Leadership

President:
Andrea Bryan

President Elect:
Tony Catalanotto

Vice President:
J.D. Mosley-Matchett

Immediate Past President:
Michael Levitt

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Frank Balderamos

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Paul Drake

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Deborah Chambers

Fundraising Co-Directors:
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John Elliott

New Generations Director:
Deirdre McFarlane

Literacy Director:
Woody Foster

Community Service Director:
Barbara Anley

International Service Director:
Richard Purdom

Public Relations Director:
Christine Sanders

Entree: Duo plate of Chicken Breast or Beef Fillet, pan seared local Snapper with garlic mash potatoes, grilled asparagus and truffle demi glace.

Dessert: Tasting of Key lime pie, mini chocolate cake and fruits.

Options come with a selection of breads and a glass of fruit punch. There will be a cash bar for those who wish to purchase wine by the glass or bottle or other drink varieties. Dinner will be plated.

We can request vegetarian options if we know ahead of time.

In an attempt to update the hotel in a timely manner, kindly register by September 2, 2011.



A Thank You from Christine Sanders...

(Editor's note: Geoff has been released from the hospital!)

Can you please thank all those Rotarians who have been in touch with us for their thoughts and prayers. If we can keep him infection free then we are winning the battle.

I had coffee today with the wife of one of the Rotarians I know and he came to visit Geoff this afternoon.

I am going out with Brian this evening who is another Rotarian and has Cayman connections.

Chris

Sunrise Birthdays & Anniversaries for August

Posted by J.D. Mosley-Matchett on Aug 01, 2011



Member Birthdays

Kevin Butler, 4-Aug
Frank Balderamos, 5-Aug
Christine Sanders, 9-Aug

Alan Brady, 12-Aug
Karen Edie, 23-Aug
Sybil McLaughlin, 24-Aug
Barbara Oosterwyk, 26-Aug

Sunrise Club Membership Anniversaries

Margaret Ramsay-Hale, 3 years on 21-Aug
Jonathan Adam, 5 years on 23-Aug
Bruce Blake, 1 year on 25-Aug
Alan Brady, 1 year on 25-Aug
Mellisa Hudell, 1 year on 25-Aug
Bina Mani, 1 year on 25-Aug
Patrick Schmid, 1 year on 25-Aug
Deborah Strassburg, 1 year on 25-Aug



Visitors from 24 August 2011...

Posted by Frank Balderamos on Aug 31, 2011

Visiting Rotarians on 24 August 2011 (as signed in):

PP David Phipps, Rotary Club of Grand Cayman Central
 IPP Adrean Russell, Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman
 Brian Hurley, Rotary Club of Grand Cayman

Guests of Rotarians on 24 August 2011 (as signed in):

Marilyn Conolly, guest of RotaKid Zoe Conolly Basdeo
 Sandra Finnegan, guest of Rotarian Debbie Strassburg
 Rosa Ramsay, guest of Hon. Rot. Margaret RH
 Betsy Kelly, guest of Rotarian Michelle Bouchard
 John Myles, guest of Rotarian Finley Josephs
 Simon Fenn, guest of Rotarian Victor Corcoran
 Corinna Pilgrim, guest of Rotarian Wendy Koll
 Anja Van Genderen, guest of PP Henrik



Duty Roster for 31 August 2011

Posted by Alan Brady on Aug 31, 2011

Here's the list of members performing the respective duties for this week's meeting:

Greeter: Director Deborah Chambers

Grace: Rotarian Bina Mani

Four Way Test: Rotarian Ian Comins

Raffle: Rotarian Dawn Cummings

Rotary Minute: IPP Adrean Russell

Sergeant's Assistant: Rotarian Christopher Lumsden

Sergeant: Rotarian Gregory (Greg) Brooks