

# The Rotary Sun

...the official newsletter of  
the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman Sunrise...



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## Club Events

### International Services Committee Meeting

Caribbean Publishing  
Sep 29, 2011 at 6:00 PM

### Senior's Retreat

Reef Resort East End  
Oct 06, 2011 at 8:00 AM - Oct 09, 2011 at 4:00 PM

### Community Services Committee Meeting

Oct 17, 2011 at 6:00 PM

### New Generations Committee Meeting

Grand Old House  
Oct 19, 2011 at 8:00 AM

### NCVO Donations Appeal

Kirk's Home Centre & Grocery Store  
Oct 22, 2011 at 9:00 AM - Oct 29, 2011 at 4:00 PM

## Weekly Programs

Sep 28, 2011  
Mr Courtney Platt  
Overfishing of Cayman's Reefs

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President Andrea and Directors  
Club Business Meeting

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H.E. The Governor, Mr Duncan Taylor,  
CBE  
My Year As Governor, Cayman Islands

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Club Assembly

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Gordon Hewitt  
Junior Achievement and Club Elections for  
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van Genderen  
The Rotary Foundation Alumni Living in  
Cayman

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## EarlyAct

A "New Generations Month" Article  
by IPP Michael S. Levitt

March 1st, 2011 was a very special day for Rotary Sunrise, but for me personally, one of my Rotary highlights – this was the day that we officially launched EarlyAct to a group of 18 students at George Town Primary School after weeks of preparation and meetings with the school.

Fortunately, GTPS' forward thinking Principal, Ms. Martins, saw the benefits and appointed Ms. Yvette Chow to fulfill the role of EarlyAct facilitator for the school.

At this first meeting, we explained to the students a little about Rotary and went into more detail about EarlyAct. We also gave them copies of the EarlyAct Pledge, which we developed from RotaKids and they needed to learn before the next meeting. Once they knew their pledge, they would receive their EarlyAct pin.

We agreed that we would meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month and that the following meeting would be devoted to the elections for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Thereafter we took nominations for the elections.

Due to the amount of students that stood for the elections, these had to be finalized over the following two meetings. The group is now led by the very lively President Zaria Bush, supported by Vice President Enrique Smith, Secretary Sashana Wilson and Treasurer Denise Abat.

The main project that the EarlyActors worked on last year was to help us with our Earth Day cleanup on 2 April 2011, but we have much more planned for this Rotary year. Thanks to especially Melissa and Director Deirdre who assisted with getting this group off the ground with the support of Secretary Frank and President Andrea.

EarlyAct was started in 2002 and although not yet an official Rotary programme, it is hoped that this will be passed at the next Council of Legislation meeting in 2013. The mission of EarlyAct is to promote goodwill, understanding and peace through the active participation of its student members (ages 5-12) so that with committed citizenship and effective leadership they may improve the quality of life of their school, local and global communities.

Should any member want to be part of this dynamic programme they should please contact IPP Mike.



IPP Michael with EarlyAct officers:  
Secretary Sashana, President Zaria  
and Vice President Enrique.

## A Letter of Thanks to Rotary Sunrise

Dear Ms Bryan,

We are using this medium to thank you for the time you shared with us during your recent visit where you examined ways to contribute to the development of the young men and women within these Islands through the forming of Technical & Vocational Programmes in the high-demand area of Automotive Maintenance and Repair.

The Superior Auto team was most elated when you took the decision to come onboard by way of sponsorship and presented us with a cheque to be used towards assisting our group of young men. This level of support speaks to your organizations' strong commitment to altruistic service and we are most appreciative.

The students will visit Jamaica for their final round of intensive assessments mid October



**RLI Training**  
 Oct 15th & 16th  
 (Register by October 4th!)  
 Contact IPP Mike for details

and for certification. They have all now been placed in jobs making way for a new cohort of learners who will begin Monday, September 26th. Thus far the reviews have been excellent and employers have made comments such as "this is the best local junior technician I have ever had." At present the key areas requiring sponsorship are:

- Trips to Jamaica
- Salary for a full-time Instructor to assist our Lead Instructor my husband, Mark, who is now being medically monitored by Dr. Eugene Foley and Bascombe Palmer Eye Clinic.

Please feel free to visit at any time and share in the life changing experience of those already involved with this programme as we continue in partnership towards making this initiative a sustainable success.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Denise DeMercado  
 Superior Auto Team

## THE BRAC INVASION!



**Fly to Cayman Brac**  
 Saturday, Oct 22nd  
 (All day hands-on project!)  
 Contact Sec. Frank for details

**Club Elections**  
 October 26th

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**Positions Available:**  
 President-Elect  
 Vice-President  
 Secretary  
 Treasurer  
 Directors (7 minimum)

### ClubRunner Sponsors



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## Getting to Know Rotaract President Leslie Ann Wilson

*A New Generations article submitted by Rotarian Martha Connolly*



Born and raised in the beautiful district of George Town

**Education:** B.A. in Communications from the University of Tampa

**Occupation:** Business Development Assistant at Walkers

**Why did you join Rotaract?** I wanted to get involved in a group who were serious about making a long-term difference in the community, I didn't know I was going to get so much more out of Rotaract than just doing community service. I made, great friends, a difference in not only the Caymanian community, but internationally through our international service projects, and developed my professional skills, such as

speaking more, not being as shy, and organizational skills - these skills helped me in my academic and professional careers.

**Favorite Rotaract Project:** We spent a day at the Sunrise Adult Training Centre this year, where we had different activity stations and rotated with the clients, so each Rotaractor(s) got to interact with the clients and enjoy fun games. We also donated a Wii game console that day, it was a big hit and they're still enjoying it. The clients made us a big card thanking us for spending the day and keep asking us to come back (definitely in the works). This was my favorite because we were able to see from the perspective of the physically and mentally challenged individuals in Cayman - it truly makes you grateful for not having to deal with those types of challenges on a daily basis.

**Best Rotary Sunrise memory:** When the Club first started up in 2006, we had a few Sunrise Advisors, and they never missed a beat, they were involved in every meeting, fellowship, and project you could think of. So one day, we were at Cafe del Sol for a meeting preparing for our first Charter Night and the laughs never stopped, it got to a point where we were asked to keep it down! I think we really brought out the "youth" in them that night :)

**Words to leave us with:** Rotaractors will always need Rotarians. Having Rotarians around often, gives us the morale to do the impossible knowing we have the support. This would create a cycle in which all elements, Rotary, Rotaract, Interact, and EarlyAct would benefit from and in turn encourage members to stay and progress through the Rotary family.



**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?

**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**
- » [Rotary Club of Grand Cayman](#)
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**Today's Guest Speaker:  
 Courtney Platt**

**"Overfishing of Cayman's Reefs"**

Mr Courtney Platt, a seasoned professional has been photographing underwater since 1976 and above water since 1983. His work has won numerous awards. A naturalized Caymanian, Courtney has lived here since 1983.

His favorite of eight assignments done for National Geographic Magazine was a 2400 year old Greek shipwreck in Turkey published in the March, 2002 issue. Courtney's assignment and stock images have

illustrated numerous publications including: National Geographic (beginning with "Down the Cayman Wall", Nov. 1988), National Geographic World, Skin Diver, Scuba Times, Ocean Realm, Sport Diver, Sea Frontiers, Time, Forbes, numerous Cayman publications and several calendars and books including some of his own.

I am sure we all have a copy of Courtney's coffee table book "Paradise Interrupted" a visual portrayal of Hurricane Ivan's impact on Grand Cayman, September 11-12, 2004. He frequently shoots weddings, commercial advertising, realty, location portraiture, aerials, nature, and underwater.

Visit [www.CourtneyPlatt.com](http://www.CourtneyPlatt.com) to view a portfolio of his work.

**Rotarian Geoff Mathews Presented With Distinguished Service Award**

Last week, Rotarian Geoff received many welcome-back hugs and hearty handshakes. But crowning his happy return to Cayman was a Distinguished Service Award that IPP Michael had been waiting since Changeover Night to present.

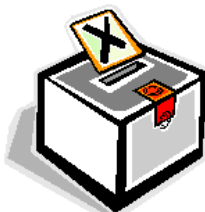
The citation on the award reads: "In Recognition of and with Sincere Appreciation for your Years of Dedicated Service".

The award is a first for Rotary Sunrise and IPP Michael expressed his hope that future presidents will continue offering the award as a new tradition for the club.



**Club Elections Slated for October 26th**

President Andrea encourages all members to look for potential nominees to run in the club's upcoming elections. The positions open for election to the 2012-2013 Board of Directors are:



- President-Elect
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Directors (7 minimum)

Please refer to our club's Bylaws Articles 45 to 52, which are available online at:

<http://tinyurl.com/3tqodq2>

## 2011-12 Rotary Leadership

**RI President:**  
Kalyan Banerjee

**District 7020 Governor:**  
Guy Theodore

**Past District Governor:**  
Diana White

**Asst. Governor - Cayman:**  
Rosalie Jamieson

## 2011-12 Sunrise Leadership

**President:**  
Andrea Bryan

**President Elect:**  
Tony Catalanotto

**Vice President:**  
J.D. Mosley-Matchett

**Immediate Past President:**  
Michael Levitt

**Secretary:**  
Frank Balderamos

**Treasurer:**  
Paul Drake

**Club Service Director:**  
Deborah Chambers

**Fundraising Co-Directors:**  
Glen Trenouth  
Shannon Sylvestre

**Fellowship Director:**  
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



## RLI--Less Than One Week to Register!

**Cayman RLI – October 15 & 16, 2011**

Deadline for Registration Is Midnight October 4th!!!

Are you Registered Yet!?! Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) training in Cayman will be taking place at the Marriott Beach Resort on October 15th and 16th.

**IT'S THE BEST INVESTMENT YOU'LL EVER MAKE IN**

### ROTARY!

Take a few minutes to check out this video:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1nisB3AK7cc>

Register now by following these steps:

1. Go to [www.rlitraining.org](http://www.rlitraining.org)
2. Click on "Registration"
3. Click on "Online Registration"
4. Follow further instructions. Registration costs are \$95 USD for each part, inclusive of Breakfast, Lunch, Coffee Breaks, and all course materials.

See you there!

**Rtn. Manoj Ramchandani**, RLI Promotions

(For more information on RLI Cayman, Contact Michael Levitt at [rotarianmichael@candw.ky](mailto:rotarianmichael@candw.ky) or visit [www.rlitraining.org](http://www.rlitraining.org) )

## Casino Night Was a Smashing Success!



Director Shannon, on behalf of the Fundraising Committee, proclaimed: "The excitement was in the air as people geared up to play black jack, craps, roulette and Texas Hold 'em. Everyone was in their finest and judging by the looks on their faces a good time was had by all. Once again Rotary Sunrise worked together to bring the island another great event. Thanks to everyone for their participation and their enthusiasm."

Director Glen noted that the first-place poker winner was David Forrester from Digicel, with second place going to Stefanie Christiana. He also estimated the crowd at the Westin to be more than 350 at the evening's peak on Saturday. Thanks to all who made the evening spectacular. Funds raised from this event will be used in PE Tony's year for the club's charitable endeavors.



#### Sunrise Birthdays & Anniversaries for September

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

#### Member Birthdays

Michelle Bouchard, 2-Sep  
Deborah Chambers, 4-Sep  
William Claude C Myles, 8-Sep

Olson Anderson, 14-Sep  
Christian Cartagena, 19-Sep  
Christopher Lumsden, 24-Sep  
Jonathan Adam, 27-Sep  
John Elliott, 30-Sep

#### Sunrise Club Membership Anniversaries

Ron Stoll, 7 years on 1-Sep  
Olson Anderson, 7 years on 8-Sep  
John Elliott, 1 year on 15-Sep  
Doug Murray, 3 years on 17-Sep  
Glen Trenouth, 3 years on 24-Sep



#### Guests and Visitors from 21 September 2011...

Posted by Frank Balderamos on Sep 28, 2011

#### Guests of Rotarians on 21 September 2011 (as signed in):

Betsy Kelly, Guest of Rotarian Michelle Bouchard  
Sandra Finnegan, Guest of Rotarian Debbie Strassburg  
Ann Elliott, Guest of Director John Elliott  
Sheila Purdom, Guest of Director Richard Purdom  
Ulrick Ecke, Guest of Rotarian Enoke Richens  
John Myles, Guest of Rotarian Finley Josephs  
Ken Osborne, Guest of Rotarian Gordon Hewitt  
Nancy Treacy, Guest of Rotarian Pauline McGettigan  
Michael Myles, Guest of President Andrea Bryan

#### Visiting Rotarians on 21 September 2011 (as signed in):

Adrean Russel, Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman  
Andrea Balderamos, Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman  
Glenn Duran, Jr, Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman  
Desiree Charles, Rotary Club of Grand Cayman Central  
Louise Craig, Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman  
Karita Whittaker, Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman  
Shane Peynado, Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman  
Leslie Wilson, Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman  
Danielle Japal, Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman  
Jamaal Anderson, Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman  
Graham Pearson, Rotary Club of Grand Cayman  
Stephanie Rattan, Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman  
Derrick Vermont, Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman  
Susie Bodden, Rotary Club of Grand Cayman Central  
Flavia Abu-Kessu, Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman  
Kristen Ford, Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman  
Annikki Brown, Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman

#### Duty Roster for 28 September 2011

Posted by Alan Brady on Sep 28, 2011



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

**Greeter:** Director Deirdre McFarlane

**Grace:** PE Tony Catalanotto

**Four Way Test:** Rotarian Alan Brady

**Raffle:** IPP Michael Levitt

**Rotary Minute:** Director Deborah Chambers

**Sergeant's Assistant:** Rotarian Stacy Parke

**Sergeant:** Honorary Rotarian Margaret Ramsay-Hale