Making Time for Family and Rotary

A "Family of Rotary Month" article
written by Arnold R. Grah
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and contributed by Director John Elliott

When Bill Simmermon joined the Rotary Club of Highlands Ranch (Littleton), Colorado, USA, six years ago, he wanted to be an active member without sacrificing time with his family.

So the father of two brought his sons along to lunch meetings and involved them in club activities. His eldest son, Denver, has taken part in community and international service projects, is a member of Interact, and has been the featured speaker several times at the club’s weekly meeting. And Simmermon’s wife has been an active part of the club.

"My family is all in," Simmermon says. "My involvement with Rotary doesn't conflict with family time. It has actually enhanced our family time, because we are all there together."

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Look Who Is Turning Five!

The Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman (RCGC) celebrates its fifth birthday on 15 December and no one can be happier than Rotary Sunrise President Andrea Bryan.

“Rotary Clubs around the world celebrate families in December and with RCGC turning five, it is a perfect opportunity to celebrate a member of our family. Watching the Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman grow over the last five years has been very fulfilling, she stated. Rotary Sunrise will be celebrating their birthday on 14 December at our weekly meeting, when RCGC will be our honoured guests. They will be treated to a birthday cake and some lovely surprises”.

Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman was officially chartered on 15 December 2006 with Rotary Sunrise as the official sponsor. However, the process...
began a few years earlier, explained Dorothy Crumbley, the first president of RCGC.

The seed was planted when Rotary Sunrise member Franz Manderson (now an honorary member) invited her to Rotary Sunrise meetings. And then in 2005, Woody Foster and a few other Rotarians interviewed and selected Ms. Crumbley to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) conference in St. Maarten. She was chosen to be a representative at the RYLA conference for Rotary District 7020, this time in Sweden in 2005. However, the process didn’t end with Ms. Crumbley’s attendance at these conferences.

It was Sunrise Rotarians like Director Deborah Chambers and Club President Hendrik –Jan van Genderen that ensured that RCGC was chartered in 2006. Mr. van Genderen, who sanctioned RCGC during his presidency, said that even though Sunrise was also a fairly young club when RCGC was established, everyone agreed that sponsoring a Rotaract Club was a good idea.

“My thoughts at the time were how we can get more young Caymanians involved in promoting Rotary’s motto of “Service above Self,” Ms. Chambers explained. “I remember five years back looking at our Sunrise Club and not seeing many Caymanians. Given our transient society, we needed to have more Caymanians buying into Rotary’s motto and eventually becoming the lifeblood of the Rotary clubs,” she reflected.

Mr. van Genderen praised the RCGC and Rotary Sunrise members for seeing the process through.

“Now what we see is a very vibrant group from the very beginning, which has continued to grow by leaps and bounds. Rotary Sunrise was very happy to sponsor the club and we have continued to be involved,” he said.

Leslie Ann Wilson, current president of RCGC notes that there are 30 active Rotaract members that meet at Icoa Fine Foods in the Seven Mile Shops on Thursday at 6:45 a.m. for a 7:00 a.m. start.

She says the importance of having a Rotaract Club is that it helps young people to grow and provides an excellent opportunity to develop leadership skills. “Rotaractors will be very effective Rotarians. That is what our community needs, because the more motivated and talented people you have, the better the club will be in providing community service,” she stated.

Rotary Club members are typically age 30 and above; Rotaract targets the 18 to 30 age group. The clubs are open to all residents and membership is by invitation.
There is a lot planned for you and the little ones, and Lazlo and the Grand Old House Elves are going to prepare a delicious meal.

**Remember this is a pre-paid event:** adults $20 and children $10. There will be a cash bar.

Many of you have signed up and we are asking that you kindly pay Rotarian Pauline on Wednesday, December 14th at our morning meeting.

Rotarian Berna is asking that you kindly bring along your child’s wrapped gift and attach their first name and surname to a card/sticker. **Gifts will be collected until Wednesday, 14 December.** Rotarian Berna will then bring all the gifts to our Dec 21 meeting and give them to Sinterklass for distribution.

Remember, if you have not signed up yet have a chat with Rotarians Berna or Pauline.

YIR,
Director Deborah Chambers

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**Guest Speaker:**

**Alexandra Stewart**

Alexandra (Alex) Stewart has been providing counselling psychology services at Seven Mile Medical Clinic since September 2010. In this capacity she provides a safe, supportive and confidential space in which to help clients look at the problems they are facing and enable them to find better ways of dealing with their situations.

Prior to joining Seven Mile Medical Clinic, Alex was in private practice in British Columbia, Canada and for the last 7 years has provided volunteer counselling services through The Cayman Islands Cancer Society for individuals impacted by cancer.

Alex graduated from the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada receiving an undergraduate degree in nursing and a Masters in Counselling Psychology. She has more than 15 years counselling experience and is registered with the Cayman Islands Health Practice Commission and the British Columbia Association of Clinical Counsellors.

Earlier this year Alex was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Sunrise Club of Grand Cayman.

When she is out of the office, Alex enjoys time with her husband Rick boating, snorkeling and walking their two dogs. As an avid animal lover Alex is a founding member and active participant in PAWS (Protection of Animal Welfare Society for the Eastern Districts).
PP Woody Crops His Top for Charity!

Photos submitted by Rotarian Geoff Mathews

Save the Date:
District 7020 Conference
Cotes des Arcadins, Haiti
17-21 April, 2012

Watch the announcement video at:
http://tinyurl.com/6fjdro7

The conference Registration link is
for PETS, Assembly, Conference and others.

Registration for the hotel is separate from conference events. The link is:

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2011 District Conference in St. Thomas

Rotary International

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2011 RI Convention in New Orleans

Paul Harris Society
Greetings from Sue Thomas
(Widow of Former Rotarian Phil)

I have been following your Year with Rotary, and I think that you are doing a great job. Well done. You should be very proud.

Please pass on my Best wishes to all Rotarians, and wish them all a Merry Christmas from the Thomas Family.

Please know that Cayman is always in my thoughts, especially at this time of year, when we used to go to the Carol Service in Town, and the Carol Service at Elmslie. Also the Rotary Old Peoples Boxing Day.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

From my home to yours.

Lots of love,
Sue

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Nominee for District Governor 2014-2015

Announcement from Governor Guy D. Theodore:

In accordance with the Rotary International By-Laws, I advise that Past Assistant Governor Dr. Paul Brown of the Rotary Club of Spanish Town is the Nominee for District 7020 Governor 2014-2015, by a majority vote of the Nominating Committee.

DG Guy D. Theodore
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Guests and Visitors from 7 December 2011...

Posted by Frank Balderamos on Dec 14, 2011

Guests of Rotarians on 7 December 2011 (as signed in):
Betsy Kelly, Guest of Rotarian Michelle Bouchard
Gina McBryan, Guest of Rotarian Joanne Lawson
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Sandra Finnegan, Guest of Rotarian Debbie Strassburg
Donald Aitken, Guest of Rotarian Raquel Solomon
Sophia Aitken, Guest of Rotarian Raquel Solomon
Irene Gut, Guest of Rotarian Berna Cummins
Julianne Partolisi, Guest of IPP Michael Levitt
Visiting Rotarians on 7 December 2011 (as signed in):
Trevor Neckles, Rotary Rotary Club of Grand Cayman
Desiree Charles, Rotary Club of Grand Cayman Central

Duty Roster for 14 December 2011
Posted by Alan Brady on Dec 14, 2011

Greeter – Rotarian Simon Amesbury
Grace – Rotarian Betsy Kelly
4-Way Test – Rotarian Alan Brady
Raffle – Rotarian Sandra Finnegan
Rotary Minute – Treasurer Paul Drake
Sergeant – Rotarian Greg Brooks
Sergeant's Assistant – Rotarian David Gordon

Sunrise Birthdays & Anniversaries for December
Posted by J.D. Mosley-Matchett on Dec 01, 2011

December Birthdays
Doyle Dally, Dec. 01
David Reid, Dec. 02
Wendy Koll, Dec. 07
Alistair MacDonald, Dec. 12
Anthony Lawson, Dec. 22
Colleen Mellott, Dec. 29
Alastair Paterson, Dec. 30

Sunrise Club Membership Anniversaries
J.D. Mosley-Matchett, 4 years, Dec. 05
Niko Whittaker, 1 year, Dec. 15
Christopher Anco, 1 year, Dec. 15
Tara Bush, 1 year, Dec. 15
Paul Drake, 7 years, Dec. 15
Pavlov Rameau, 1 year, Dec. 15
Andrew Scott, 1 year, Dec. 15
Christian Cartagena, 2 years, Dec. 16
Eddie Balderamos, 4 years, Dec. 19
Karen Edie, 5 years, Dec. 20
Colleen Mellott, 5 years, Dec. 20