

25 January, 2012  
Vol. 5 No. 28

Editor J.D. Mosley-Matchett  
If you have any comments or  
questions, please contact the  
editor.

## Club Events

**POSTPONED: Club Leadership  
Breakfast Meeting**  
AL Thompson's Conference  
Room  
Jan 28, 2012 at 8:00 AM

**Pasta & Jazz**  
Grand Old House  
Feb 23, 2012 at 5:30 PM - Feb  
23, 2012 at 8:30 PM

## Weekly Programs

Jan 25, 2012  
Dr Brandy Darby  
Cayman Equine Sanctuary

Jan 28, 2012  
President Andrea Bryan et al.  
Postponement of Club  
Leadership Breakfast Meeting

Feb 01, 2012  
Rotaract Blue  
"Open Arms"

Feb 08, 2012  
Director's Report  
Business Meeting

Feb 15, 2012  
Lynne Wood  
Caribbean Haven

Feb 22, 2012  
Mr Bradley Johnson  
Cayman's Lionfish Control  
Program

Feb 29, 2012  
PDG Alastair Paterson  
Rotary Awareness

Mar 14, 2012  
Mr Brent Finster

Mar 21, 2012  
Mr Michael Myles  
"It Takes A Village" Enrichment  
Programme

[View entire list...](#)

## Rotary's Challenge reaches US\$200 million

--Reprinted from [Rotary.org](#)

Rotary International has succeeded in meeting the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's US\$200 million match in funding for polio eradication, raising more than \$202.6 million as of 17 January.

"We'll celebrate this milestone, but it doesn't mean that we'll stop raising money or spreading the word about polio eradication," Rotary Foundation Trustee John F. Germ told Rotary leaders at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. "We can't stop until our entire world is certified as polio-free."

The fundraising milestone was reached in response to \$355 million in challenge grants awarded to The Rotary Foundation by the Gates Foundation. All funds have been earmarked to support polio immunization activities in affected countries where the vaccine-preventable disease continues to paralyze children.

"In recognition of Rotary's great work, and to inspire Rotarians in the future, the [Gates] foundation is committing an additional \$50 million to extend our partnership," said Jeff Raikes, chief executive officer of the Gates Foundation. "Rotary started the global fight against polio, and continues to set the tone for private fundraising, grassroots engagement, and maintaining polio at the top of the agenda with key policymakers." Raikes also addressed Rotary leaders at the International Assembly.

The new \$50 million grant from the Gates Foundation is not a challenge grant.

Since 1988, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99 percent, from about 350,000 cases annually to fewer than 650 cases reported so far for 2011. The wild poliovirus is now endemic in only four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. However, India on 13 January marked a full calendar year without a case, paving the way for its removal from the endemic list.

But other countries also remain at risk for polio cases imported from the endemic countries. In Africa in 2011, Chad and the Democratic Republic of the Congo had significant outbreaks. Also in 2011, a small cluster of polio cases in China, which had been polio-free for a decade, was traced to Pakistan.

Rotary club members not only reached into their own pockets to support the Gates challenge, but also engaged their communities in a variety of creative fundraising projects, such as a fashion show in California that raised \$52,000, benefit film screenings in New Zealand and Australia that netted \$54,000, and a pledge-supported hike through Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, that brought in \$38,000. Many events were planned around 24 October, widely observed as World Polio Day.

To date, Rotarians worldwide have contributed more than \$1 billion toward the eradication of polio, a cause Rotary took on in 1985. In 1988, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention joined Rotary as spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. More recently, the Gates Foundation has become a major supporter. In 2007, the Gates Foundation gave Rotary a \$100 million challenge grant for polio eradication, increasing it to \$355 million in 2009. Rotary agreed to raise \$200 million in matching funds by 30 June 2012.



Jeff Raikes, chief executive officer of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (left), shakes hands with Rotary Foundation Trustee John F. Germ during the fourth plenary session of the International Assembly.

Rotary Images/Alyce Henson





**Sunrise Leadership Breakfast**  
~~January 20th~~  
 8 to 10 a.m.  
 A.L. Thompson - upstairs

*This Week's Guest Speaker:*  
**Dr. Brandy Darby**  
**"Cayman Equine Sanctuary"**

Dr. Brandy Darby was born and raised in the Cayman Islands. She studied veterinary medicine at Louisiana State University and graduated in 2007, with a focus in equine medicine and surgery. Upon graduation, Dr. Darby moved back to Cayman and worked in mixed animal practice at Island Veterinary Services for three years before moving over to St. Matthew's University. Being back in the islands and observing the inappropriate ways that many of the local horses are kept sparked her to stand up and make a change to improve the welfare of the local horses. She has recently begun Cayman Equine Sanctuary, a charity organization focused on educating local horse owners, rescuing unwanted horses, improving animal welfare legislation and enforcement and giving back to the local people through equine therapy.



**When?**  
 February 18th

**Where?**  
 Camana Bay

**Why?**  
 "Fun"raising  
 to Fight Polio

[www.BedRace.ky](http://www.BedRace.ky)

**Ms. Sybil McLaughlin**  
**Rotary Sunrise Charter Member and National Hero**

*By Rotarian Tara Bush*

The Cayman Islands' second national hero and its first woman hero, Ms Sybil McLaughlin, never set out for a status of greatness.

Mrs. McLaughlin, whose is the only living national hero, has led a life dedicated to God and to helping others, which perhaps set her on her path of greatness.

Now 84 years old, Ms Sybil is more at home with her church and assisting others in the community than being a hero to a nation. Nevertheless, she is pleased to be a role model. "Helping others fills me with the knowledge that I am doing what God wants me to do," she stated.

In fact, Ms Sybil is still an organist at the Moravian Church. In 1991 she took a lay-pastor's course to assist with teaching Sunday school classes for adults. Her duties included visits to schools and prisons.

In addition to her church duties, Ms Sybil has helped to form a number of organisations whose tenets are steeped in altruism. She is a charter member of Rotary Sunrise, the Cayman Islands Business and Professional Women's Club, which was established in 1977 and the Cayman Islands Tennis Club. She is a Patron of the Cayman Islands Foundation, Cayman Against Substance Abuse (CASA) and the Cayman Islands Cancer Society.

In a recent interview, she noted that she was "honoured to be among the number of persons who formed Rotary Sunrise. It is truly multi-national and clearly indicative that peoples of different cultures and languages can work together. It is important that we maintain the rules and values of this worldwide organisation."

Ms Sybil started out pretty much like most people of her generation. She was born in Mobile, Alabama to Captain Charles Christopher Bush from South Sound and Lottie Verona of Cayman Brac. She was the second daughter of Captain Bush, who served in World War II as a Sergeant. But her father died suddenly and her mother, who was expecting another child found it too hard to stay in the United States. The family relocated back to the Cayman Islands and she and her sister lived with grandparents, Capt Charles Christopher Bush and his wife Annie (nee Raydon) of Jamaica.

She attended school in South Sound and later attended the Baptist College in Managua, Nicaragua, then returned to Grand Cayman in March 1945 and applied for the post of Clerk-Typist in the then Commissioner's office. While she was not the first candidate for the post, Ms Sybil ended up with the job because the other young lady, whose father was from Bodden Town, did not have the means to travel to George Town on a daily bases.

This is where her journey to becoming the Islands' first heroine started.

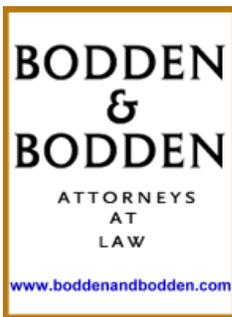


**ClubRunner Sponsors**



Please visit our Sponsors.

[Click here to place your ad](#)



### 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](#)
- » [Rotary Club of Grand Cayman Central](#)
- » [Rotary Club of Cayman Brac](#)
- » [Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman](#)
- » [Rotaract Blue Cayman Islands](#)
- » [Rotary Club of Weston](#)
- » [Rotary District 7020](#)
- » [2011 District Conference in St. Thomas](#)
- » [Rotary International](#)

Ms Sybil worked under Miss Frances Bodden, the then Clerk to the Commissioner. In 1949 she married Mr Delworth McLaughlin of East End, a Sergeant in the Police Force, who was also a member of the Home Guard, whose was also posted at Up-Park Camp, Jamaica. The couple had two sons – Chris, a pilot, and Gordon, a civil engineer.

Miss Bodden retired and Ms Sybil was promoted to Secretary to the Commissioner. "Before I assumed these duties, I was registered as a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies on 10 June 1957, that year, by Sir Kenneth W. Blackburne, Governor of Jamaica.

The Cayman Islands' first Constitution came into effect in 1959 as well as legislation to provide for women to vote for the first time. Provision was also made for an Executive Council (now Cabinet).

She was appointed Clerk of the Executive Council and the first Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in 1959 – the first woman to hold this post in the Commonwealth. She served as Secretary of the Cayman Islands Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association from 1965 to 1980. Mrs. McLaughlin also undertook attachments to the House of Commons in London, Stormont Parliament in Northern Ireland in 1966 and to the Grenada and Trinidad and Tobago parliaments in 1971.

"I travelled extensively, attending meetings of these parliaments and met Caribbean Speakers and Clerks, Executive Committee members (headquarters in London), and Commonwealth Judges and Magistrates.

Her husband passed away in 1987.

Among her outstanding achievements was her appointment as the first Speaker of the Legislative Assembly in 1991.

"After some coaxing and encouragement from my two sons and others, I accepted the offer to become Speaker and was appointed on 1 January 1991. It was simply fascinating! Naturally it was a big change. From advising the Speaker on rules and orders, I was called upon to make pronouncements! There was excellent staff and I could also call on any Caribbean Speaker or Clerk, or even someone in the House of Commons, for guidance," Ms Sybil recalled.

Her experience and resolve in her role of Speaker were appreciated until her retirement in 1996.

Mrs. McLaughlin received the country's highest honour of National Hero in 1996, in recognition of her contribution to Cayman's parliamentary development, as well as to community life.

"This was something I had not dreamed about. I thought I had finished that course, but the Good Lord had decided on something else and I am humbly grateful," she stated.

### Did you know?

In 1953, Caymanian National Hero, Mrs. Sybil McLaughlin, championed the rights of all persons, without distinction as to race, colour, or national or ethnic origin. At a weekly dance held at the Town Hall in George Town, segregation by colour was conventional until challenged by Mrs. McLaughlin, when she gracefully accepted an invitation to dance from a British official.



## "Project Grow" Arrives at GTPS

Sunrisers descended upon George Town Primary School to present the club's funding for Project Grow and to lend a hand with the budding young student gardeners. Together with a \$500 contribution by our own Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman, Sunrise contributed \$1200 for a total of \$1700 to this sustainable-living program.

Project Grow is helping to develop sustainable schoolyard gardens that students help plan and

» [RI YouTube Site](#)

» [2011 RI Convention in New Orleans](#)

» [Paul Harris Society](#)

## 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

## 2011-12 Rotary Leadership

**RI President:**  
Kalyan Banerjee

**District 7020 Governor:**  
Guy Theodore

**Past District Governor:**  
Diana White

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

execute. The youngsters then gain "hands on" experience as they learn about healthy eating and the importance of nutritional choices.

The program uses sustainable agriculture as a vehicle for children to learn about healthy foods and nutrition through personal growth and transformation. This contribution from Rotary Sunrise and our Rotaractors is funding soil replacement, equipment, tools, plants, seeds and anything else needed to prepare the garden that was launched on Friday morning at George Town Primary School.

Numerous photos from the event are available as a slideshow at [www.RotarySunrise.ky](http://www.RotarySunrise.ky)



### Sunrise Birthdays & Anniversaries for January

Posted by J.D. Mosley-Matchett on Jan 01, 2012

#### January Birthdays

Dawn Cummings, Jan. 01  
Tony Cowell, Jan. 05  
Hendrik-Jan van Genderen, Jan. 05

Tony Catalanotto, Jan. 06  
J.D. Mosley-Matchett, Jan. 13  
Christopher Bowring, Jan. 14  
Bob Kostich, Jan. 15  
Ian Comins, Jan. 19

#### Sunrise Club Membership Anniversaries

Franz Manderson, 3 years, Jan. 01  
Alastair Paterson, 29 years, Jan. 01  
Greg Brooks, 5 years, Jan. 03  
Simon Amesbury, 6 years, Jan. 04  
Kevin Butler, 6 years, Jan. 04  
Tara Handal, 6 years, Jan. 04  
Mark Macfee, 6 years, Jan. 04  
Winston Connolly, Jr., 9 years, Jan. 18  
Richard Purdom, 4 years, Jan. 30



### Guests and Visitors from 18 January 2012...

Posted by Andrea Bryan on Jan 25, 2012

#### Visiting Rotarians on 18 January 2012 (as signed in):

Dominica Pradere, Rotary Club of Lucea, Jamaica  
PP Catherine Guilbard, Rotary Club of Grand Cayman  
PAG Ray Whittaker, Rotary Club of Grand Cayman  
Danielle Japal, Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman  
Andrea Balderamos, Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman

#### Guests of Rotarians on 18 January 2012 (as signed in):

Rosie Myles - Guest of Rotarian Claude Myles  
Dr John Lee - Guest of President Andrea Bryan  
Dr Delroy Jefferson - Guest of President Andrea Bryan  
Gina McBryan - Guest of Rotarian Joanne Lawson  
Irene Gut - Guest of Rotarian Berna Cummins  
Richard Powery - Guest of PP Catherine Guilbard  
Doran Aitner - Guest of Rotarian Raquel Solomon



### Duty Roster for 25 January 2012

Posted by Alan Brady on Jan 25, 2012

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

**Greeter:** Rotarian Betsy Kelly  
**Grace:** Rotarian Berna Cummins

**Four Way Test:** Rotarian Alan Brady

**Raffle:** PE Tony Catalanotto

**Rotary Minute:** Rotarian Finley Josephs

**Sergeant's Assistant:** Rotarian Krishna Mani

**Sergeant:** Rotarian Kevin Butler