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"Quality is never an accident—rather, it is always the result of high intention, intelligent direction and skillful execution."

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Family Day

Every now and again you find the perfect location, on the perfect day among perfect friends. This past Sunday was such a moment.

We are very lucky we live in paradise. We were able to borrow PE Woody's Beach House which must be a world class venue for our family fun day. We persuaded Rot. Raquel and Rot. Hazel, ably assisted by Director Dawn and Sian Adams, wife of Rot. Jonathan, to prepare delicious fried snapper, "fribbers" a.k.a. fritters, hamburgers, hotdogs, fried green plantain and even real English chips! Secretary Michael prepared a great selection of matching salads. It was a great day - one of our better efforts - enhanced by children's laughter which filled the air.

Everyone was greeted with a welcoming glass of Cayman Champagne and Rot. Nigel and Rot. Jonathan were our Sommeliers.

It was a wonderful day. Many thanks to all members and guests and children who came and particularly to all those Rotarians who helped especially those who assisted with the set-up, the clean-up and the cooking.

We have just had the SUNRISE family day on the beach. We provided all the food you can eat, all the soft drinks and a ton of ice all for a price of \$10 per adult and children under 12 free.

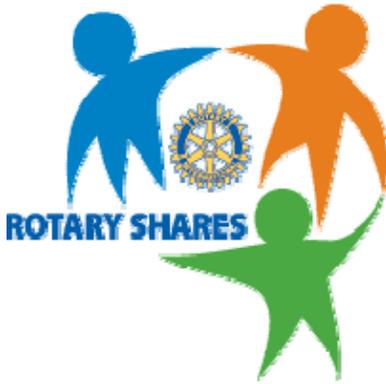
82 members, guests and children signed up. An enormous effort was made to order the food, drink, champagne and ice requirement to match the numbers expected and a huge amount of work was made by a dedicated few to prepare it beforehand and on the day.

On Friday we sent an event reminder to everybody on our list and two members apologised that they could not attend due to unforeseen circumstances. Yet we had 23 no-shows. This creates a huge problem because we have prepared food, drink etc. for the number of registrants we had. We are therefore asking those who didn't show to pay their \$10 so that we can avoid a financial disaster.

In Rotary SUNRISE we have a great club, interesting, talented and good looking people - we know that Family day is not of interest to everybody but we got 82 sign-ups so the event appealed to some. We also know that you are busy but please take a moment to tell us where we are going wrong. Your comments will be appreciated and acted upon. We try hard to be efficient and our aim is to provide good, worth-while Fellowship events at bargain prices.

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Rotary Sunrise Raises Smiles Amongst Roatan Children

Cayman has a huge number of cruise ship passengers arriving on its shores every week who buy goods to take back to the ship. However, when Rotary Sunrise Community Services Director Andy Salisbury and his family (wife Helen and children Jessica, Charlotte and Thomas) went on a cruise to Roatan, they took a large amount of supplies with them onto their ship, for a local school.

The plan was devised when they were researching the ports of call on their cruise and were struck by the needs of the community in Roatan, an island with strong historical links to Cayman.

Roatan, which has a population of 80,000, has a high illiteracy rate and significant poverty, and lacked an education system until the 1950s. Although there are 30,000 children of school age, only one in four attend school. Many families are too poor to afford shoes for their children, necessary for them to attend school, or they truly do not understand the value of education. Through the charitable organisation Roatan Children's Fund, the Salisburys identified that the Arnaldo Auld School was in desperate need of many basic items for its students, including shoes, socks, books, stationery, toys, vitamins etc, many of which they were able to bring to donate to the school. They even bought an electronic keyboard which caused some consternation amongst fellow passengers when embarking the ship!

Arnaldo Auld School is a public school accommodating 620 children from Kindergarten to Year 6, and is in a very poor state of repair. When Andy discussed their plan with President Rosie Jamieson and the Rotary Sunrise Board of Directors, they were so enthused by the idea that they asked him to purchase twice as many goods and matched the Salisburys' contribution. The principal of the School, Profesora Iris Martinez, was delighted to receive the donation on behalf of the students, who she said will be tremendously happy to receive all the items, and thanked Rotary Sunrise and its members for their generosity.



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RI President:
Wilfrid Wilkinson
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District 7020 Leadership
District Governor:
Richard McCombe
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Alastair Paterson
Asst. Governor - Cayman:
Sophia A. Harris
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The Four-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?
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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.
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Charter President
Alastair Paterson
2002-2003
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2003 - 2004
Christopher Bowring
2004 - 2005
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2005 - 2006
Hendrik Jan van Genderen
2006 - 2007

Rotary Sunrise Celebrates Earth Day

Saturday, April the 19th, was the Annual Earth Day Clean-up activities and a great opportunity to tidy up our beautiful islands. A group of SUNRISE members got their trash bags and collected a bunch of rubbish which made a big difference to East End Public Beach. Some of the items picked up from the beach were obviously leftovers from Hurricane Ivan, such as old microwaves and surprisingly enough, many single shoes. Plans are afoot for regular clean-up teams to make Cayman an even more beautiful paradise for visitors and residents alike to enjoy.



Breakfast Venue Update

At our meeting on April 23rd we had a lively and passionate discussion on the options open to the Club with regard to a location for our meetings, the choices for breakfast and the costs involved. Treasurer Paul and Director Dawn gave an overview of the situation and then the floor was opened for discussion. At the conclusion, members were invited to submit suggestions to Treasurer Paul or any Board member. These will be circulated and a vote taken on May 14th.



Rotarians close JFK for a good cause

"It is a unique race, as the main runway is actually closed to aircraft landing and taking off," says Emmlynn Taylor, the group/sponsorship chair for this year's Thomas Carmody Memorial JFK Rotary Club 5K Runway Run, held on 13 April at John F. Kennedy International Airport, which serves the New York City area. Planes are routed to a secondary runway during the event.

The club raised close to \$10,000 from registration fees, raffle tickets, and sponsorships. More than 350 individuals, ranging from babies in strollers to seniors in their 80s, participated.

The walkers, runners, and stroller pushers departed from the starting line at 9 a.m. and landed at about 10:30 a.m. The airplanes returned to the tarmac about an hour later.

After the race, everyone was bused to the Chef's Orchid restaurant at the airport, where the top three male and female finishers in various age groups received medals. The club wrapped up the event with raffle prizes, which included airline tickets, New York Mets baseball tickets, a New York Jets autographed football, and gift certificates.

"One of our biggest supporters this year was JFK IAT [International Air Terminal], Terminal 4," says Taylor. "They have been completely phenomenal with helping us get the word out about the fundraiser, gathering prizes, and a multitude of other behind-the-scenes tasks."

The proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Futures in Education Foundation scholarship program, Gift of Life International, the Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, and other local and international organizations.

"As a club, most of the charities we support are based around children, their health and education," says Taylor.

The JFK club has raised more than \$300,000 since it inherited the race in 1975 from another service organization, which held the first event in 1972. The club named the race in honor of one of its founding members and past presidents, Thomas Carmody.

"It's a fun event," says Taylor. "I always tell people it's the only time you can be on the runway and not get arrested."



The airplane on the tarmac signals the midpoint for runners during the Thomas Carmody Memorial 5K Runway Run. *Photos courtesy of the Rotary Club of JFK International Airport*

Rotary Calendar of Events

May 2008

May 6 - 10, 2008 District Conference, Paradise Island, Bahamas. Visit the conference website at www.district7020conference.com for more information.

May 24 - 25 RLI Training in Cayman

Part 1— 05/24/2008

Part 2— 05/25/2008

Part 3—05/24/2008

TBC - Curry Night

June 2008

June 15 - 18, 2008 Rotary International Conference, Los Angeles, California

June 28th Changeover Dinner

Rotary Sunrise Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries

There are no Sunrise Anniversaries this week.

Birthdays

April 30th Kim Remizowski

RI President's message

April 2008

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Rotary is uniquely privileged to be a well-established, religiously and politically neutral organization with no governmental ties or obligations. We are known and respected as a group of men and women who simply come to help – by bringing clean water and food, teaching literacy and numeracy, providing assistance after a disaster, ending polio. When there is a need, a crisis, or an emergency, Rotary is there. We know that, as Rotarians, part of our role in any crisis is to bring people together, rather than drive them apart. It is our role and also our responsibility.

Today, we are faced globally with a new crisis: the changing environment and the changing climate. It's a frightening situation that will affect everyone but will hurt the poor and the weak far more than the wealthy and the strong. The days of wondering and considering and hoping are at an end, as it has become ever clearer that we are on a course that can be slowed but not stopped.

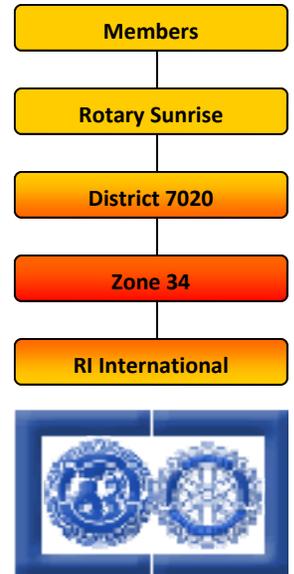
This past summer, the Arctic ice cap melted at a pace that exceeded even the most pessimistic expectations. The rate of melting and warming is accelerating in what seems to be a cycle of ever-increasing speed, and we cannot pretend that it will not affect us. It already has. In the American West, water is becoming more and more scarce as less snow falls every winter to refill lakes and streams. From my window in Evanston, I can see Lake Michigan, whose water level, like the other Great Lakes, is near or already at a record low. And as the supply of fresh water diminishes, the sea levels are rising, putting low-lying nations – many of them poor and developing – at increasing risk.

We know that in the years and decades to come, there will be crises, and there will be challenges. Will we let them drive us apart, or will we use them to bring us together? Will we be fragmented, or will we come together to address the universal needs of all people? Will we choose to address the desires of the rich over the needs of the poor, or will we do what is best for everyone on our planet?

The greatest challenges lie before us, now and in the years to come.

Wilfrid J. (Wilf) Wilkinson

President, Rotary International



Grand Cayman Make-Up Opportunities

Rotary Central meets on Tuesdays at 7:15 pm at the Marriott Beach Resort
Rotary Grand Cayman meets on Thursdays at 12:15 pm at The Westin Casuarina.
Rotaract Grand Cayman meets on Thursdays at 6:45 am for 7 am at Icoa
Rotaract Blue meets on Wednesday at 6 pm at The Bistro

Sunny Smiles - thanks to Pres. Rosie and PP Gordon

A guy is 86 years old and loves to fish. He was sitting in his boat the other day when he heard a voice say, "Pick me up."

He looked around and couldn't see any one. He thought he was dreaming when he heard the voice say again, "Pick me up." He looked in the water and there, floating on the top, was a frog

The man said, "Are you talking to me?"

The frog said, "Yes, I'm talking to you. Pick me up. Then, kiss me and I'll turn into the most beautiful woman you have ever seen. I'll make sure that all your friends are envious and jealous because you will have me as your bride."

The man looked at the frog for a short time, reached over, picked it up carefully, and placed it in his front breast pocket.

Then the frog said, "What, are you nuts? Didn't you hear what I said? I said kiss me and I will be your beautiful bride."

He opened his pocket, looked at the frog and said, "Nah, at my age I'd rather have a talking frog."

A priest was being honored at his retirement dinner after 25 years in the parish. A leading local politician and member of the congregation was chosen to make the presentation and give a little speech at the dinner. He was delayed, so the priest decided to say his own few words while they waited.

"I got my first impression of the parish from the first confession I heard here. I thought I had been assigned to a terrible place. The very first person who entered my confessional told me he had stolen a television set and, when questioned by the police, was able to lie his way out of it. He had stolen money from his parents, embezzled from his employer, had an affair with his boss's wife, and had taken illegal drugs. I was appalled. But as the days went on I knew that my people were not all like that and I had, indeed, come to a fine parish full of good and loving people."

Just as the priest finished his talk, the politician arrived full of apologies at being late. He immediately began to make the presentation and gave his talk. "I'll never forget the first day our parish priest arrived," said the politician. "In fact, I had the honor of being the first person to go to him for confession."

The moral of the story is Never Be Late!

