



COTM NEWS UPDATE

12-01: Volume 3

BE IMPRESSED! BE INSPIRED! BE A PART OF THIS SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM!

DECEMBER - FAMILY & FELLOWSHIP

What the Winners Achieved

RC SOUTH-EAST NASSAU, celebrated the holiday season with a healthy sharing of goodwill. The club partnered with the **Salvation Army in the Bell Ringing**. Not forgetting those who are unable to get around, they held a **Childrens' Party** at a local Rehabilitation Centre for the mentally and physically challenged and orphans - Santa arrived on the hood of an SUV! The celebrations continued with members providing a meal, gifts and singing Christmas Carols to residents of a senior citizens home. Enjoying the season themselves, two fellowships were held. First was a **Bonfire Night** complete with roasted marshmallows and fireworks. The second a **Holiday Happy Hour** hosted by the club's President. Continuing with community projects, the club relaunched the **"Baby Think It Over"** project, a successful programme aimed at reducing teen pregnancy through the use of computerised dolls. An industrial stove was also purchased and donated to an AIDS camp.

YOUR CLUB CAN DO THIS TOO!

RC ST. ANDREW NORTH showed us a myriad of ways to foster fellowship and engagement of members! Unusual meeting formats were (a) a panel discussion with panelists **PDG Errol, a Kiwanian, a Lion & an Optimist**; highlighting the good work of our different but similar organisations and opening the door for further collaboration. (b) **"Where Are They Now?"** a member who moved away was "Skyped in" as a surprise guest. Club Philosophy... **"Once a Northerner, always a Northerner!"** (c) a **Family of Rotary Pop Quiz** to test members' **knowledge about each other**. (d) The club welcomed its first married couple as members.

With New Generations: the club collaborated with one of their Interact clubs to organize Christmas gifts and a visit to the Jamaica Christian Boys Home. The Christmas week meeting was a family event of carol singing with technology (internet projection). An **historic induction to Rotary of a Past President of UWI Rotaract** club took place. (RCSTAN sponsors **5 Interact clubs, 1 Rotaract club** and their Foundation alumni are invited to most club meetings). In addition **3 Board members, including the Club President, are former Interactors and 2 are Foundation Alumni (GSE). WOW!!!!**

The club is spearheading a RYLA camp with all Kingston-based Rotary clubs and the committee includes two Rotaractors, both previous RYLarians.

JANUARY - ROTARY AWARENESS

What the Winners Achieved

RC ANGUILLA held a "Rotary Awareness." session. At each meeting the **Club Trainer** made presentations to the club, which were followed by discussions. To educate the community, Rotarians spoke over **Radio Anguilla** to enlighten the listening audience about the work of Rotary. In addition, several Rotary articles were published in the **weekly newspaper** and the club produced an updated brochure distributed to all guests at meetings.

The presentation to the hospital of 5 defibrillators (bearing Rotary logos) from Canada and a presentation of a Paul Harris Fellowship also made news in the press in both Anguilla and Sint Maarten.

A Rotary Fun Day at the beach brought our Rotarians and the community. Rotarians distributed the club brochure and wore **"Ask Me About Rotary"** buttons! Many club members volunteer to tutor students each week - another way to increase Rotary Awareness. Congratulations Anguilla. With less than 20 members (so far!) you are one of the **"Little Clubs That Could!"**

RC ROAD TOWN promotes its annual raffle by selling in work places, bars, restaurants and outside major public enterprises such as supermarkets. The grand draw took place on Christmas Eve and was carried live on local radio. Continuation of holiday celebration takes place when the club's tradition of lighting the main roundabout in the capital Road Town season takes place which includes a lighted Rotary sign.

To celebrate the club birthday, a past president and charter member spoke on how Road Town has changed over the years and suggested ways in which Rotary can contribute to its improvement.

A combined event with all 3 **BVI Rotary Clubs, Rotaract, Interact and EarlyAct** launched the **2013 District conference to the BVI** community with the ceremonial unveiling of the conference logo. Around 100 members of the Rotary family, government officials, heads of business, friends of Rotary and the press witnessed this historic event, the first ever 7020 Conference to be held in the BVI. Continuing activities with the Rotary family, a presentation was given by the **Interact Club** on how to get the best out of latest **phone and tablet technology** in a cost efficient manner, use of social networks and useful apps. The family of clubs are also involved in the **Rotary Radio** one-hour talk show.

THIS MONTH'S SUBMISSIONS DUE BY MARCH 5 INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Highly Commended Clubs DECEMBER - FAMILY & FELLOWSHIP

Many, many clubs worked alongside the **Salvation Army** during the holiday season. Like **Rotary International**, the **Salvation Army is in communities throughout the world and relies heavily on local volunteers. This organisation which, again like Rotary, has an unblemished record of Service Above Self makes an ideal partner for our clubs.**

RC Abaco Under the leadership of Valerie Dean, and with money in hand, pleas were made to food vendors in the area for the best prices and purchases of basic staples made. Flour, salt, sugar, cookies, grits, peas, canned goods, dry goods, and, as far as the money stretched, coupons for hams or chickens were loaded into 165 boxes. Teams of Rotarians and Interactors helped sort and load, a back-breaking effort. The boxes were then delivered to needy families all across Abaco.



RC Grand Cayman held a **"Rota Babies"** quiz where members brought photos of themselves as toddlers!

RC Grand Cayman Sunrise, always a busy club, celebrated with their Rotaract Club on their 5th Anniversary (Rotaract Grand Cayman was the first of the two clubs in the Cayman Islands). When EarlyAct ran a car wash, Rotarians jumped in to help organise - the funds raised were used by the EarlyActors to purchase gift baskets and delivery to the residents of a home for the elderly. Partnering with the Government Department for Children and Family, RCGCS hosted a children's party and served Christmas dinners to dozens of families.

RC Montego Bay with the help of RC Carrollton Farmers Branch, TX, Rotarians distributed more than 300 pairs of shoes to the homeless during a feeding program with **The Salvation Army**. The club also visited three Past Presidents who were at home due to illness, they also took Christmas gifts with them.

RC New Providence already have a weekly program of delivering food to needy families so needless to say, it took priority over the holiday season.

RC St. Thomas II celebrate the season each year by inviting around 50 senior citizens to their Christmas luncheon meeting. This year, they honoured three outstanding seniors for their community service. Partnering with one of the local churches, RCSTII members fed the homeless on Christmas Eve.

JANUARY - ROTARY AWARENESS



RC Les Cayes made a presentation of a PHF to the Principal of the Lycee Philippe Guerrier (the school renovated by the District Project). The fellowship, provided by Project Director, Roger White, was presented at the school with an audience of students, faculty and Rotarians and was later relayed over the radio and television.

Nassau took full advantage of their **50th Anniversary** by making a big splash in the community whenever they could. They designed and issues newsletters, held a 50th Anniversary Ball with a commemorative booklet, designed posters depicting their history and won the **Fastest Rotary Bed** in the annual Bed Race!

St. Thomas Sunrise involved the entire community when floating the concept of a Rotary Community Corps. This Corps is planned to enroll alumni of **"My Brothers Workshop"** a program for taking youth at risk and offering them an apprenticeship and diploma programme. Invited to the inaugural meeting were members of the press, government officials, volunteers from My Brothers Workshop and the young men from that programme.

**FEBRUARY
IS INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS MONTH
WE LOOK FORWARD TO READING YOUR ENTRIES!**

7020.....GREAT DISTRICT!....FANTASTIC CLUBS!