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District 7030 District Conference Home Hospitality

Harrison's Cave!

On April 22 2016, from 7:30 pm, Barbados offers to our conference attendees home Hospitality with a twist - a visit to the heart of Barbados for a great big Barbadian welcome!

Conference attendees and guests will be whisked away to the middle of the island into the fertile and verdant parish of St. Thomas to be entertained and thrilled as you sample some of the culinary and cultural delights that Barbados has to offer, all in the unique and splendid ambiance of the middle of a tropical gully under the stars next to one of the natural wonders of the Caribbean the world famous Harrison's cave.

While you are at the cave why not take a tour into the bowels of the earth? And see what tourists from near and far rave about.

Conference organisers have negotiated a special rate of **USD Twenty (\$20.00) per person for the tour**, Please let us know in advance if you would like to take the tour so that we can properly prepare for your underground adventure!

A little bit about Harrison's Cave

A unique phenomenon of nature, Harrison's Cave is an amazing gallery of stalactites hanging from the roof of the cave, and stalagmites that emerge from the ground, with streams of crystal-clear running water that drop from breath-taking waterfalls to form deep emerald pools. The stalactites and stalagmites were formed over thousands of years and in some places the stalactites have reached down to the stalagmites and a spectacular pillar has been formed.

Visitors are driven in electrically operated trams down through the extensive system of caves and at the lowest level point in the cave, visitors are invited to leave the tram and walk alongside a spectacular waterfall which plunges into a deep pool below.



As the Curtain falls



As the curtain falls on the 2016 District Conference, the "clock" will be turned back to the Roaring Twenties, as we celebrate Rotary in District 7030 – in the Great Gatsby Style.

Attendees, like the young folks of the twenties, known as "flappers and dappers", will have the opportunity to dance all night and get a little "loosey-goosey" without having to worry about being in trouble for doing so.

Setting the scene

It's the Roaring Twenties – the era of Prohibition. Bars are closed due to heavy saloon license fees and underground establishments that illegally sell alcoholic beverages have sprung up in their place. The banquet hall will be transformed into the kind of swanky joint we see in the movies and become one of the select "speakeasies" where glamorous people meet to enjoy sumptuous food and high-class entertainment.

Attire:

Attendees are asked to dress in clothing from the roaring 20s. Here are a few tips:

Ladies:

Dress as flappers with boas, long necklaces, flapper dresses. Accessories are key, including headbands with feathers, cloche hats, long pearl necklaces, feather boas, cigarette holders, beaded shawls and seamed stockings. Finish the look with thin brows, rouge on the apples of the cheeks and eyeliner-rimmed eyes.

For an instant authentic hairstyle, you may consider getting a wig — try a Louise Brooks bob or a Mae West-like finger wave. If you prefer to style your own hair, sweep it back in a chignon if it's long, since short hair was considered the "bee's knees" at the time.

Tip:

Ladies can get the flapper look by buying fringe from the fabric store and using double-sided tape to temporarily attach it to a plain cocktail dress, preferably one with a straight waist and a hem below the knee

Men:

Men should look spiffy in pinstriped suits with vests, tuxedos and black shirts with black or white ties, bow ties, pocket squares or ascots. Part the hair in the middle and slick it down with pomade.

Tip:

Top off your attire with a fedora, a pocket watch, a hip flask and wing tips or spats.





Rotary

District 7030



A Great Gatsby
Styled event

Date: 23rd April
Time: 19:00

The Closing Banquet



Apply Now!

Now Accepting Applications for the Rotary Peace Fellowship!

*The Rotary Foundation is now accepting applications for the fully-funded **Rotary Peace Fellowship**. The fellowship provides academic and practical training to prepare fellows for leadership roles in solving today's global challenges.*

Up to 100 fellows are selected every year in a globally competitive process based on personal, academic, and professional achievements. Fellows earn either a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies or a master's degree in a range of disciplines related to peace and security at one of six Rotary Peace Centers at leading universities around the world. More than half of the 900 alumni are working in UN organizations and the World Bank, as well as in NGOs and government civil services.

Master's Degree – Building the leaders of tomorrow

- 15-24 month program at one of our 5 **Rotary Peace Centers** at leading partnering universities
- 50 fellows selected annually to earn a master's degree in fields related to peace and security
- Each university offers customized curriculum and a 2-3 month applied field experience
- Fellows connect with an international cohort of peace fellows, thought leaders, and a global network of Rotarians

Professional Development Certificate – Strengthening the leaders of today

- 3 month professional development program at our Rotary Peace Center in **Bangkok, Thailand**
- 50 fellows selected annually to earn a professional

certificate in peace and conflict studies

- Intended for professionals with extensive experience working in peace-related fields
- Diverse interdisciplinary program includes 8 weeks intensive classroom study with guest lecturers and 2 weeks field studies

Both programs require, at minimum, a bachelor's degree in a related field; three years of relevant work experience for the Master's program and five years for the professional development certificate and proficiency in English.

The 2016 academic term deadline is 31 May 2015. Begin by watching our **Application Checklist** Video and review the **application process** online.

Please contact us at **rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org** with questions.



Model United Nations 2016 - A POSITIVE YOUTH EXPERIENCE

'I am always astounded by the volume of talent that these young people have, more importantly a great sign of hope that the future of our planet is decidedly in better hands.'

Wayde Ramnarine, UN Information Centre, Port of Spain

In March 2016, the Rotary Club of Central Port of Spain held it's 19th annual Model United Nations at the Radisson Hotel in Port of Spain. More than 100 high school students from Trinidad, Tobago, Guyana and St Lucia participated, representing over 50 UN member states in debate on the Rights of the Disabled. The program included 7 weeks of training on UN protocols, the art of compromise and negotiation, public speaking and research skills, as well as learning about the politics, demographics and economies of the countries the students were selected to represent.

In addition to the debate itself, the students were treated to a selection of sporting activities designed to replicate the challenges faced by the differently able. PlayAble Caribbean engaged the young people in seated volleyball and other games that highlight the experiences of our disabled citizens.

To really underscore the message that differently able persons are able to achieve anything, the keynote speaker at the Saturday night Gala Dinner and Opening Ceremony was Shanntol Ince, the Trinidad and Tobago paralympic athlete. Shanntol shared her considerable achievements and accolades with the delegates, focusing on the message that anything is possible. She made it very clear that her disability never stood in the way of her dreams, and her powerful and personal message resonated with everyone present at the event.

The impact of this event is tremendous, and highlighted in the comments from some of the participating students:

- *I want to become a doctor and volunteer my services and skills to Rotary*
 - *MUN has inspired me to become a counsellor working with the UN*
 - *The experience showed us to stand up for people with disabilities*
 - *It has shown me a whole new perspective on the world*
 - *I now feel responsible for giving back to society*
 - *It was amazing and the best experience I have ever had*
 - *It has inspired me to use my voice to generate change*
- Additionally, one of the most consistent project partners, the UN Information Centre in Port of Spain, shared the following comments:*

Thank you very much for sharing with us the thoughts from the participants. These, along with the feedback, we have received from some of them directly, show very clearly how preparing for the Model UN and participating in it was truly a positive life-changing experience for everyone. For us at the UNIC it has been delightful to support your efforts.

MUN is truly a positive youth experience and one that needs to be celebrated.

The Rotary Club of Central Port of Spain wishes to thank all the schools and students who participated, and extends special appreciation to trainers, Rotarians, Rotaractors and project partners - the Massy Foundation, US Embassy in Port of Spain, Atlantic LNG, Ministry of Education, UNESCO and UNIC.

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- *Because of MUN I will be studying and practicing human rights law*

MARTINIQUE

District Governor's Travel Log

My visit to Martinique marked the first trip to the French territories. PDG Hervé, AG Daniel and the Presidents of the Clubs met me on arrival. The week-long visit included the statutory meetings with the boards of all seven clubs and visits to projects. Most notably were the visits to RSMA Martinique (Regiment Du Service Militaire Adapté Martinique), the emergency department of the MFME Maternity Hospital, OMASS (L'Office des Mission d'Action Sociale et de Santé) and the tour of Saint Pierre.

RSMA Martinique is military professional training organization whose main mission is to facilitate the social and professional integration of young people in Martinique. Military training is 30% of the activities, but coaching is devoted primarily to the re-socialization and technical training of volunteers in 26 professional sectors. These include wood craft, security, building , office management, catering and auto mechanics.

The MFME Maternity Hospital is in possession of CRP Automat presented by the Rotary Club of Schoelcher. The CRP Automat provides blood analysis results in a very short time improving the ability to diagnose children and take

appropriate action quickly.

The mission of OMASS is to improve the welfare and integration of the disadvantaged, isolated, marginalized or those have difficulty integrating in society. Today, the main area of expertise of the association remains the elderly with the management of the Retirement Home providing full care services. Volunteers from the community of Lamentin assist in the provision of outings, trips, fun activities, crafts and physical activity. The key goal is to help older people remain independent as long as possible by helping them to pursue physical and intellectual activities.

Saint Pierre, the home of Mount Pélée, remains a beautiful idyllic town. The tour included the famous murals at Place de l'Abolition created by Hector Charpentier depicting the universal history of slavery and the prison where the sole survivor of the 1902 eruption of Mount Pélée was saved.

I had the privilege of meeting Victor Michel Yang Ting on my visit to the Rotary Club of Fort-de-France. He is celebrating 50 years of service in Rotary and is still attending club meetings in his nineties.



Victor Michael Yang Ting celebrating 50 years of service to Rotary

The culmination of the visit was a gala evening with all of the Martinique Clubs at the stunning L'Habitation La Favorite.

OMASS van provided by RC Lamentin





Mount Pélée



Board of RC Saint Pierre



One of the murals in Saint Pierre



Plaque at OMASS showing the projects of RC Lamentin

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The Rotaract Presidents with the President of RC Lamentin



RC Schoelcher



Board of RC Fort-de-France Ouest

*Wine project – selling of wine to raise money – **Fort-de-France Ouest***

*Pilot school project using Ipads and tablets – **Fort-de-France Ouest***

*Light up Party for children with dyslexia – **Schoelcher***

*October Rose project to raise awareness of breast cancer – **Schoelcher***

*CARA art show showcasing artists from Martinique & the Caribbean – **Fort-de-France Sud***

*Fight against Aedes Aegypti mosquito – **Fort-de-France Sud***

*Youth exchange with St. Lucia – **François***

*Restoration of the pediatric ward at Trinity Hospital – **François***

Highlighted Projects

*AMEDAV – Association Martiniquaise pour L'Education des Déficients Auditifs et Visuels (Martinique Association for the Education of the Hearing & Visually Impaired) – **Fort-de-France***

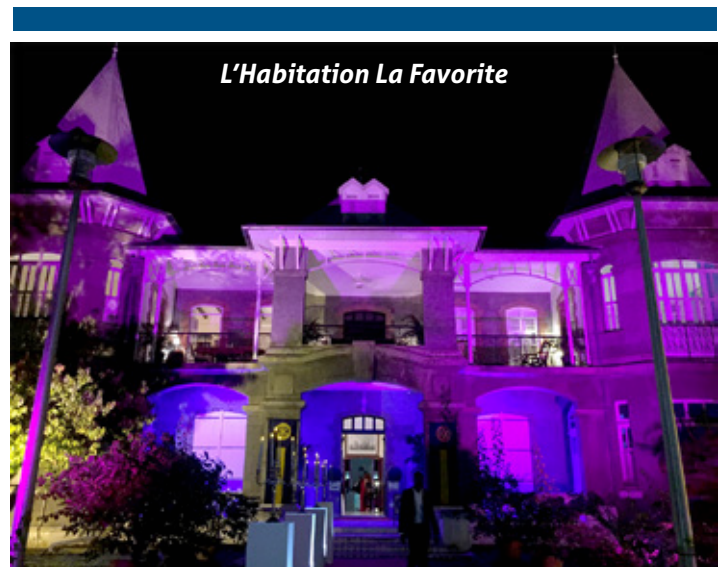
*Blood Donation Project – **Fort-de-France***

*Ride for Alzheimers with 500 – 600 cyclists – **Lamentin***

*OMASS senior citizens home – **Lamentin***

*Madiflora Botanical show – **Saint Pierre***

*My Father's House – support of an orphanage in Haiti – **Saint Pierre***



L'Habitation La Favorite

I was met on my arrival in French Guiana by PDG Georges and Liliane, AG David and the Presidents of the Clubs. The week-long visit included the meetings with the boards of all five clubs and visits to projects and the sites of French Guiana.

We made a visit to a special needs school where we gave out prizes to students and then had a tour of the facility. The school provides education in a number of areas including woodwork, art, sewing and horticulture.

The highlight of the visit to Kourou was a tour of the Space Centre. It is a sprawling complex housing various launch pads, administrative and assembly buildings and central



Control Room at Space Centre

There was a tour of Cayenne, its fort and museum, followed by a meeting with the deputy Prefect of French Guiana at the Prefecture. There still remains a lot of architectural heritage from colonial times in Cayenne.

The journey to RC St. Laurent du Maroni was a 3-hour drive from Cayenne, passing through various tropical landscapes. That afternoon, the Rotary Club of St. Laurent du Maroni Mana, presented a cheque to the Lycée Bertène Juminer to fund students going to Kennedy Space Centre to learn English and Aeronautical Science. We also ate lunch at the school prepared by students of the school as part of hotel management studies.

The visit culminated in a gala evening with the clubs.



RC Cayenne Est

control. Here, they launch the French Ariane rockets and the Russian Soyuz rockets.

The Pasteur Institute has been in French Guyana for 75 years and provides research and public health services there. There is a lot of research being undertaken in understanding transmission, dissemination and resistance of certain viruses largely endemic in French Guyana, by studying their genetic and immunological properties. We saw this in action with the studies on the Aedes Aegypti mosquito currently ongoing at the Institute.



The Prefecture in Cayenne



Ariane 5 Rocket

Highlighted Projects

Sickle Cell Anemia – Cayenne Est

Educational material for disabled young people – Cayenne Est

Bal de Carnaval - Kourou

Clothes collection for re-sale – Kourou

Shoe sale to raise funds for a research student at the Pasteur Institute – Remire Montjoly

Christmas cheer for needy kids with Xmas tree, presents, snacks and Santa Claus - Remire Montjoly

Road signage and barriers at school crossings – Cayenne

Distribution of 2000 security vests – Cayenne

Students to the Kennedy Space Center to learn English and Aeronautical Science – St. Laurent du Maroni Mana

Walk for the fight against cancer – St. Laurent du Maroni Mana



Presentation of cheque to students who visit the Kennedy Space Centre

The tour to Grenada commenced with the board meeting of the Rotary Club of Grenada. Following this, I did a television interview along with the two Presidents about Rotary in Grenada and the RYLA conference. It was then back to the Flamboyant Hotel for lunch with RC Grenada and a tour of Quarantine Point, which is maintained by them. It was also the site of the opening ceremony for the District Conference in Grenada. There was also a tour of the School for Special Education, where I met various children and teachers at the facility.

The next day started with a visit to Her Excellency the Governor General. We then took a long drive to Grenville through the Grenadian countryside for the board and club meeting. That afternoon, back in St. Georges, I met with the Rotaractors of Grenada.

The Rotary Clubs of Grenada hosted the RYLA Conference this year. It was a superb conference, with some 80 participants, filled with informative lectures, guest speakers and



Quarantine Point overlooking Grande Anse



Board of RC Grenada



School for Special Education

group activities. By all reports, the attendees had a wonderful time.

The culmination of the visit was an excellent gala event hosted by PP Leslie Ramdhanny at his home on Saturday evening.



Presenting Presidential Citation to President Keith of RC Grenada East



Meeting with the Rotaractors



RYLA participants

Highlighted Projects

Men playing a more meaningful role in family & community - Grenada

VOSH program offering eye tests, free glasses & shades and laser surgery – Grenada & Grenada East

Providing water tanks in schools – Grenada East

Diabetes project – Grenada East



We want to **hear from you**

As an international organisation part of Rotary's success comes from the ability of Clubs to join together to strengthen efforts and share ideas.

We are anxious to share what clubs are doing in our District. Send us articles on your club projects.