

## Perspectives

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#### History of The Rotary Foundation

At the 1917 convention, outgoing RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed to set up an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world." In 1928, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

#### **Growth of the Foundation**

In 1929, the Foundation made its first gift of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen, later grew into Easter Seals.

When Rotary founder Paul Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring in to Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.

#### Evolution of Foundation programs

1947: The Foundation established its first program, Fellowships for Advance Study, later known as Ambassadorial Scholarships. 1965-66: Three programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

1978: Rotary introduced the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants. The first 3-H Grant funded a project to immunize 6 million Philippine children against polio.

1985: The PolioPlus program was launched to eradicate polio worldwide.

1987-88: The first peace forums were held, leading to Rotary Peace Fellowships.

2013: New district, global, and packaged grants enable Rotarians around the world to respond to the world's greatest needs.

Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, the Foundation has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion.





Nearly 1.4 billion employed people live on less the \$1.25 per day

### Economist explains why it's worth giving to The Rotary Foundation

Posted on November 11, 2014 by Rotary Internationa

This is November — Foundation month for Rotary, here are top four reasons to donate from the perspective of Quentin Wodon, an Economist and a member of the Rotary Club of Washington D.C.

- 1. The Rotary Foundation allows clubs to have a much larger impact than they could ever have on our own. My club has had the privilege of taking part in many great projects over the years. Recently, we have partnered with a nongovernmental organization that is working to reduce malaria-related child mor tality in an area of Mali. They have had a tenfold impact in the target area. Your giving helps qualify your club to take part in global grant projects like these.
- The impact of every dollar you give is multi plied thanks to the grant system and Rotary's partnerships with other organisations. For in stance, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is matching every dollar committed to polio eradication 2:1, tripling your donation.
- When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you know your money is in good hands.
  In the United States, Charity Navigator is a trusted evaluator of nonprofits, measuring

charities on their financial health, account ability, and transparency. The Rotary Foundation has consistently received four stars, the highest possible rating. It does well on both financial performance (rating of 89.76 out of a maximum of 100) and accountability and transparency (rating of 97.00).

4. The above four reasons spell out why giving to the Foundation is the smart thing to do. It is also the right thing, as Rotarians, to do.
We are committed to making a difference in our communities and putting service above our own ambitions. And there is no better way to do that than by supporting our Foundation.
As members of Rotary, we ought to give.
We tend to give to charities we know, and we often give on the basis of events or stories that move us.

As Mother Theresa once said, "it's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." How could we not agree? But giving with love does not imply giving blindly. Giving to the Rotary Foundation is both right and smart. If you are not convinced, browse the many projects Rotarians have shared on Rotary Showcase.



#### Rotary Club of Central Port of Spain 'He Who Plants a Garden, Plants Happiness'

5th October 2015

Members of the Rotary Club of Central Port of Spain, along with delegates of their 2015 Model United Nations, recently planted a vegetable garden at the La Seiva RC Primary School in Maraval, Port of Spain.



Studies of food-producing gardens in schools cite the following benefits for children:

- An increased willingness to like new vegetables, and an increase in fruit and vegetable intake
- Reinforcement of nutrition lessons in the class
- Improved academic performance
- A hands-on approach to learning about sustainability, ecology and environment
- Opportunity for physical activity
- Increased self-understandin and self-efficacy, improved life-skills, improved teamwork and relationships with others and a sense of empowerment



A school garden is a source of food for **improving children's diet and nutrition,** an area of learning about nature, agriculture and nutrition, as well as a continuing lesson in respecting the environment and taking pride in one's school.

The Rotarians planted tomatoes, pimentos,

cucumbers, peppers, bodi, lettuce and cabbage so the children would eventually be able to harvest these for their school lunches. The garden will officially be handed over to the school in early November, and Rotarians will keep a close eye to ensure the vegetables are maintained properly.

This activity was part of the UNDP Global Environment Facility (GEF) funding that the club received for MUN, which this year focused on Biodiversity in accordance with the UN Decade on Biodiversity.





#### Giving Tuesday is coming up on 1 December

Our district could earn a visit from Trustee Chairman Ray Klinginsmith by participating this year! **The district with the highest number of donors who contribute to The Rotary Foundation online on 1 December** may receive a visit from the Trustee Chairman, schedule permitting. Last year, the Foundation raised over \$100,000 on #GivingTuesday to fund sustainable, life changing projects. With your support we can transform even more lives this year. Rotary helps so many people around the world, here are three videos to show the difference that Rotary has made in the lives of others:

- Every Smile
- Doing Good in the World
- Peace Means to Me

Put your club's projects on display and include photos and/or video to help share your service activity with the world.



#### Have you made note of Rotary International's updated monthly themes?

MONTH	ТНЕМЕ
AUGUST	Membership and New Club Development Month
SEPTEMBER	Basic Education and Literacy Month
OCTOBER	Economic and Community Development Month
NOVEMBER	Rotary Foundation Month
DECEMBER	Disease Prevention and Treatment Month
JANUARY	Vocational Service Month
FEBRUARY	Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month
MARCH	Water and Sanitation Month
APRIL	Maternal and Child Health Month
MAY	Youth Services Month
JUNE	Rotary Fellowships Month



#### Rotary Speaks: Ajané Bristol Wins 2015 Primary School Spelling Bee

Submitted by Rotary Club of Liamuiga



**Basseterre, St. Kitts** – Ms Ajané Bristol of the Seventh-Day Adventist Primary School has emerged as the Rotary Club of Liamuiga 2015 Primary School Spelling Bee Champion. Ajané outlasted her 19 other competitors during the 11th annual competition held at the ECCB Sir Cecil Jacobs Auditorium on Thursday October 22, 2015.

Each year the Rotary Club of Liamuiga hosts its Primary School Spelling Bee competition for students ages 9-11 as part of its youth service programmes. This year's competition was tightly contested and saw a mammoth 18 spellers making it to the elimination rounds. Following 4 elimination rounds of spelling, 3 spellers remained and Ajané was able to emerge victorious with the winning spelling of the word "VERSATILITY."

"Our Club was certainly pleased to have 20 of the approximately 25 primary schools on St Kitts participating in our spelling bee this year," said Ms Tuffida Stewart, President of the Rotary Club of Liamuiga. "The young students were quite impressive with their spelling skills and we congratulate the parents and teachers for their support and encourage them to continue their extraordinary task of moulding our nation's young minds." All spellers received Rotary Club of Liamuiga certificates of participation and refreshments and goodie bags compliments of RAM'S through their brands Seven Seas and Sun Top. The top 8 spellers also each received EC\$50 gift vouchers compliments of TDC Ltd; a Sparkle lunch bag, AquaVita water bottle, AquaVita notepad, pen, a six pack of assorted Sparkle and AquaVita water compliments of St Kitts Bottling Co Ltd; packages of vitamins and juices compliments Seven Seas and Sun Top and water bottles, pens and notebooks compliments of the Insurance Company of the West Indies.

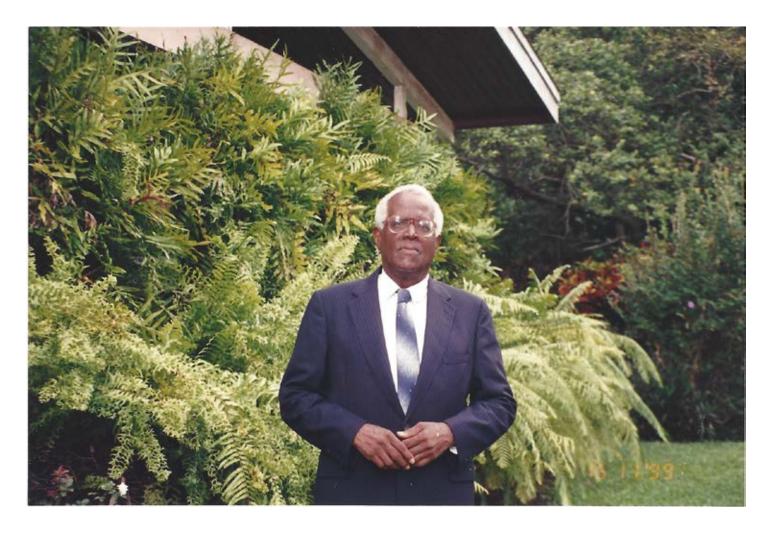
The Spelling Bee Champ Ajané received a Kindle Fire 8 HD tablet with a shock-absorbing case, EC\$1000 cash and a lovely trophy. The winning school, Seventh-Day Adventist Primary, received EC\$1000 cash and the teacher who worked along with Ajané received cash of EC\$500 and gift packages compliments RAM'S and also St Kitts Bottling Co Ltd.

The second place speller Ms Shaiyan Douglas received EC\$500, Violet Petty Primary received EC\$500 and her teacher received EC\$250. The third place speller was Ms Daniah Flemming who received EC\$250, Irish Town Primary received EC\$250 and her teacher received EC\$125. The Club's upcoming projects will include sponsorship of one young person to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards in Grenada, refitting of the Beach Allen Primary School Computer Lab with new computers and a server, its annual Christmas Hamper Distribution to the less fortunate, an uplift of the Bay Road Boulevard and the hosting of the Club's major fundraiser, its Annual New Year's Charity Ball at Carambola Beach Club on December 31st.

The Rotary Club of Liamuiga sincerely thanks its partners in service for this year's spelling bee competition: RAM'S Trading Ltd agent for Seven Seas and Sun Top, Insurance Company of the West Indies, Sol EC Ltd, Island Purified Water, Development Bank of St Kitts and Nevis, National Caribbean Insurance, St Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla National Bank, Caribbean Credit Card Corporation, Royal Bank of Canada, TDC Ltd, St Kitts Bottling Company Limited, CIBC First Caribbean, ZIZ Broadcasting Corporation, Warner's One Stop, Social Security Board and Vanguard Media Dzynz for their invaluable contributions.

#### MEMORIAL TO GEORGE ALLEYNE ROTARY CLUB OF CENTRAL PORT OF SPAIN

5th October 2015



Born on 23rd October 1930, George Alleyne was a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Central Port-of-Spain. He was a dedicated Rotarian and an avid Community Service Committee contributor. The countless hours and the insights he gave to the children and teachers at the Beetham All-in-One school must never be forgotten.

George and his partner-in-service, Janet have been pillars of the Club's Rotary Fellowship circuit for all the years that they were comfortably able to share of themselves.

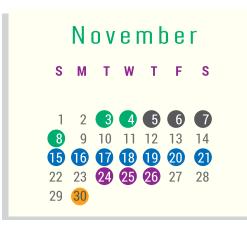
With reference to his profession, he used to recount, with pride his exploits, interventions and achievements as a journalist.

His Sunday Column became an institution for those who looked forward to it on a weekly basis; but so much of that pride was rooted in his earlier work which, no doubt, helped to influence and document the progress of the political and economic landscape of Trinidad and Tobago and, to some extent, the South Caribbean.

George, throughout the years kept himself abreast of the advances in technology and retained his creative spark as well. I was, somehow always captivated by his choice of name for his email address "enyella@tstt.net.tt" It was his surname spelt backward.

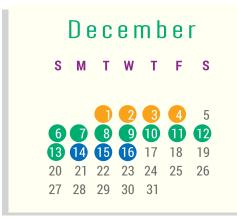
A man for all seasons. May his soul Rest in Peace.

#### DG Official Visits



#### **NOVEMBER 2015**

3rd - 4th & 8th - Grenada 15th - 21st - Suriname 24th - 26th - Dominica 30th - Trinidad East



#### DECEMBER 2015

1st - 4th - Trinidad East 6th - 13th - Guadeloupe

14th - 16th - St. Lucia





#### 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.