



The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia "The Spoke"

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The 107th Convention of Rotary International - Seoul 29 May - 1 June 2016

		Weekly Duties		
The 4-Way Test		July 10	July 17	July 24
<p>Of the things we think, say or do:</p> <p>Is it the truth?</p> <p>Is it fair to all concerned?</p> <p>Will it build goodwill and better friendships?</p> <p>Will it be beneficial to all</p>	Meeting	Business	Fellowship and SLHTA presentation	Speaker Water resources
	Greeters	Albert Anthony		
	Prize	Andre		
	If you can't make it as above, please tell Dir. Joanna ASAP!			



Birthdays in July

Chester Hinkson July 9
Peter Barnard July 23

Board 2015-16

<i>President</i>	<i>Timothy James</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>PP Albert Daniel PHF</i>
<i>President Elect</i>	<i>Selma St. Prix</i>
<i>Immediate PP</i>	<i>PP Chester Hinkson</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Selma St. Prix</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>PP Robert "Bobby" Frederick PHF</i>
<i>Sergeant at Arms:</i>	<i>PP Carole Jn Marie PHF</i>

Directors

Club Administration:	Joanna Charles
Community Service	Steve Johnny
Vocational Service	Andre Cherebin PHF
International Service	PP Leathon KHAN PHF
Membership Service	PP Tim Moffat PHF
Youth Service:	GINELLE NELSON
Rotary Foundation:	PP Malcolm Charkles, PHF

District responsibilities

Asst. District Governor	PP Konrad F Wagner PHF
District Advisor (TRF) Major Gifts	PAG Malcolm Charles PHF
Vice Chair IFRM D7020 & D7030	PAG Malcolm Charles PHF



Club Meeting - July 3, 2015

This was a fellowship meeting

Meeting statistics

Attendance:

- 26 Rotarians 67%
- 3 visiting Rotarian
- 8 guests
- Pres. Timothy J. chaired the meeting
- Serge Carole raised \$ 105.00
- The raffle earned \$ 165.00



Save the date

- August, 2015 Dunnottar School visit to Martinique in cooperation with the Rotary club of Lamentin
- Visit of DG Milton December 14-16, 2015
- Looking ahead, August is Membership and New Club Development Month

The first meeting took the form of an open discussion

At the start of the meeting Pres. Tim had Dir. Tim M. and Serge Carole take the oath of office.

He then provided RI theme 2015-16 pins to all members that had missed the handover.

Following this members were encouraged to suggest what they would like to see (new) in the new Rotary year. Several members spoke up on the merits of committee meetings, the old club structures with the 4 avenues of service and also responsibilities and the importance of fellowships.



One PP suggested members should talk more to each other and maybe make an effort to talk to different Rotarians at meetings and avoid gravitating to the same members on each occasion. A conscientious attempt of this kind by members will automatically lead to a general better knowledge of all members at a personal and professional level

Another PP suggested we embrace change more easily. This is an ever recurring topic in membership discussions on a local club level well as at Rotary International. In order to remain relevant Rotary had to accept some changes in society that will affect out membership and the make up of our club. The sooner these changes are recognized, the faster the club will be injected with even more energy and new ideas.



One PP emphasized the importance of fellowship. During the after meeting gathering, often club matters are debated at length allowing views to surface that would not necessarily come out during the formal meeting. These fellowship discussions contribute greatly to the better understanding of club issues, challenges, opportunities and of course solutions. Fellowship at all levels and opportunities can greatly influence the vibrancy of a club.

It was noted by one PP that the success of any organization rested on its leadership and the ability to continually upgrade and in the case of Rotary change annually. The club had enjoyed good leadership in the past year and he is very confident in our new leadership team and board of directors taking the club forward. He was convinced we will have a very good Rotary year.



In concluding he reminded members that we are coming up to the 50th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia on July 21, 2016. We must all think of ways to highlight the achievements of Rotary in the last 5 decades.

To that extent the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee has started its work.

It is headed by PP Leathon,

with assistance from PP Carole, PP Rot. Ginelle, PP Brad, PP Malcolm, Rot. Leevie, Rot. Joanna and Rot. Mark.

Computer donation coming



As result of an initiative by a friend of Dir. Andre the club will receive a donation of 20 refurbished PC with networking capabilities. They are presently "en route" and scheduled for the new library/ computer lab at the Micoud Secondary School and the Rainbow Bridge Centre in Au Leon.

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Visitors

and guests at the meeting



PP June Snowden



VR Trudy Glasgow



VR Don Austin



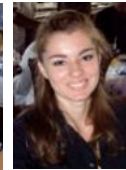
Chrissy Laurent
g. o. - Andre



Elizabeth Serieux Leathon



Loraine Moffat



Rhea Moffat
Timothy Moffat



Oliver Woodhouse



V. R. act Nina
Ginelle



Denise Elda



Andrew Callender Leevie

Meeting of Rotary, Rotaract and Interact Presidents and Vice Presidents with the ADG

On Saturday July 4, 2015 ADG Konrad met with the newly elected Executives of the Rotary, Rotaract and Interact Clubs on Saint Lucia. The main aim was to get to know each other.

At the same time the opportunity was used to have PP Albert make a presentation on the Family of Rotary past present and future.

PP Albert in an interactive session involving questions and a little competition lasting app. 30 minutes talked about the magnitude of the Rotary family. He covered Rotary, Rotaract and Interact, the many family members involved and the long distinguished history of all 3.

Did you know that Interact was older than Rotaract?

At the end all were aware of the responsibilities and benefits of membership and little doubt remained what Rotary was.



Pres. Timothy J. shared the district goals for the Rotary year 2015-16 as named by District Governor Milton. He talked about this year's focus on Dyslexia and the Rotary International annually changing them by asking the young leaders to become a gift to the world, to become a gift to Saint Lucia.

ADG Konrad concluded the presentation with a short talk about the history of the Rotary Foundation, how most projects were funded, the big goals of The Rotary Foundation including the 6 focus areas and how everybody can become an active contributor.



Following the presentations from Rotarians every Rotaract and Interact Club member had an opportunity to talk about projects in each club. Of particular interest to all was, what worked well and what was difficult, what was successful and what did not have the desired results.

For the Rotarians present it was once again refreshing to see and hear what wonderful and interesting activities the various junior clubs undertake, how they manage to raise funds to execute their projects always demonstrating how well they work together.

Their projects include and are not limited to school supply drives, visits to elderly persons, a house construction, an after school literacy program and a Christmas attracting as many as 6000 potential shoppers.

It is very important for the sponsoring Rotary clubs to maintain a close working relationship with all their Rotaract and Interact Clubs to ensure their continued viability and success. This is particularly true for the Interact Clubs not in attendance at the meeting.





[A message from RI President Ravi](#)



K.R. Ravindran says his life was molded by family, country, and Rotary. Serving as Rotary president is his way of giving back to each of them.

Before he gives a speech, K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran doesn't like flowery, adulatory introductions. They make him uncomfortable. The 2015-16 Rotary president would rather keep a low profile and share the credit. If it were up to him, you probably wouldn't even be reading this article. Negotiating Days of Tranquillity during the Sri Lankan civil war so that health workers could administer drops of polio vaccine? Although it was on his desk that the agreement landed, he says, a lot of people worked to make that happen. Rebuilding 23 tsunami-damaged schools for 14,000 children? He merely led the committee. Taking a label-printing business from a small outfit operating in a space the size of a garage to a global powerhouse in the packaging business that has helped change the value-added tea industry in his country? Well, he simply happened to be in the right place at the right time.

"I'm sometimes introduced as a self-made man," says Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo. "You've got to be utterly egocentric to believe you are self-made. Each one of us is made because so many people helped us become who we are."

One of the reasons I work so much for Rotary is that I have been helped by so many people, and often you never have a chance to reciprocate," he explains. "The only way you can is by helping others. When the people I help ask me, 'What can I do?' I say, 'Go and help someone else in return.'"

For Ravindran, paying it forward isn't a fad, it's a way of life. His theme for this Rotary year, *Be a Gift to the World*, also summarizes his personal philosophy.

As Rotary president, he'll help put his tiny island nation on the global map. "My national anthem will be played in every country that I visit. My flag will fly wherever I go. The flag of this country will fly outside Rotary headquarters," he says. "What more can I do for my country than this?"

Ravindran says he doesn't expect to leave a legacy as Rotary president, but he hopes to use his skills to leave the organization better than he found it – and pay forward his debts to all the people who got him where he is today. "Rotary moulded me," he says. "Rotary changed me, and that is why what I do for Rotary now is a hundredth of what I've gotten out of Rotary."

[Here are excerpts from an interview in The Rotarian](#)

THE ROTARIAN: You're successful in business. Rotary isn't a business, but it sometimes behaves like one. What have you learned in business that you would like to apply to Rotary, and how do you plan to do it?

RAVINDRAN: Success is a relative term. Albert Einstein said, "Try not to become a man of success, but rather a man of value." It's more important that I am known as a man of value. But to answer you, Rotary is not a business. That's clear. But there is no reason it cannot be managed along the lines of a business. In business we are beholden to our shareholders. In Rotary we are accountable to the Rotarians who trusted us and placed us in a position of responsibility. Every investment we make in time and resources must have a return. Every expenditure must be justifiable. The goals we set for ourselves should be transparent and measurable, and the leaders at every level must be accountable for their performance.

THE ROTARIAN: Some people believe we are products of the place where we grew up. Do you think that's true?

RAVINDRAN: Without question, when it comes to developing your character, I doubt whether any institution can compare with, or effectively substitute for, the home's potential for positive influence on the development of a personality. It is true for me. I am thankful to Rotary for reinforcing the values my parents taught me. Today I can proudly proclaim that I am what I am in my life because I was molded by Rotary. I can personally vouch for the ability of our organization to blend commerce with cause, friendship with service, and know firsthand that each of us is lifted even as we lift others.

THE ROTARIAN: What are the three most important rules of leadership?

RAVINDRAN: First, honesty and integrity. If there is no trust between leader and follower, then all is lost. Integrity goes hand in hand with honesty and is an essential trait in an effective and trustworthy leader. Don't stray from your beliefs just to get ahead in your company. Remain true to your principles in any situation, and your team will know it can depend on you. Keep communication open, honest, and genuine at all levels of the organization.

Second, management. A good leader must know every aspect of his organization or surround himself with people who know and, in fact, are better than he is. You must be able to gain the respect of your stakeholders – both internal and external. Management must demand high ethical business standards and practices at all levels of an organization.

Third, transparency, which is a reflection of your character. If you do not know something, admit it, and then do your best to find out the answer. Make your feelings and the reasons for your decisions known so people understand your reasoning. Then, they will be more likely to come along for the ride. Watch, listen, and acknowledge the work and opinions of others. Base your management style on cooperation, ethical behavior, respect for diversity, and commitment to the success of the organization you serve.

THE ROTARIAN: What does a person in your position never do?

RAVINDRAN: Don't speak from the lectern what you don't practice yourself. Only politicians do that.

