Rotary Club of St. Lucia, 7030

SEPTEMBER 2022

IMAGINE ROTARY

THE SPOKE

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH

VISION: "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

Rotary Club of St. Lucia, 7030

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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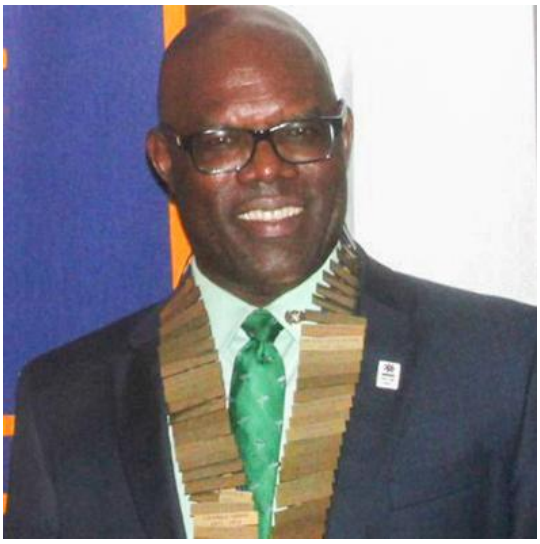


Fellow Rotarians,

September is on Basic Education and Literacy month. During the month we encourage our members to build their knowledge and literacy of Rotary by enrolling to My Rotary and take at least one course in Rotary Learning Center. This will help improve our overall Rotary experience and make us better Rotarians.

We were fortunate to have Dr. Keith Nurse speak to us about education is a powerful tool to advance our social, economic and technological development. The pandemic has brought to the fore the importance of digital literacy in everyday life. The world has forever been changed and we have to embrace these changes in order to survive.

However, our club major focus was on digital literacy among our youth and in particular among our Interactors. I was pleased to be part of a vocational talk with the Interactors at the SJC school and hear from their perspective what digital literacy means for the future. We talked about not limiting their imagination and to dream big, to innovate and to use technology as a problem-solving tool.

Problems such as climate change and issues such as sustainable development should not only be considered as the outcome of technological advancement but can be solved or mitigated through technological advancement.

Technology is a great tool to help develop ones academic and technical skills however we spoke extensively about leveraging technology to improve soft skills, such as communication, teamwork and social interaction as they prepare for the world of work. We must continue to invest in our young people and empower them through literacy and education.

A Common Rotary Grace

Oh Lord 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.

THE 2022/23 BOARD

President
GORDON JULIEN

Immediate Past President
KETURAH DONAI

President Elect/Club Secretary
SHEBA O'BRIEN

Director - Club Admin

PP TIMOTHY MOFFAT

Director - Community Services
PP LEEVIE HERELLE

Director - International Services
RIQUEETTE BONNE-SMITH

Director - Social Media/Public Imager
ROGER HARE

Director - Membership
EVERTON SEALEY

Director - Vocational
NATOYA CASSIUS

Director - Foundation
PP FRANK MYERS

Director - Youth Services
DANIEL NUNEZ

Treasurer
MARCUS JOSEPH

Elderly Care/After Meeting
PAG MALCOM CHARLES PHF

Sergeant at Arms
AG/PP LEATHON KHAN

Spoke Editor
ANGELA COLEBY

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

by Angela Coleby

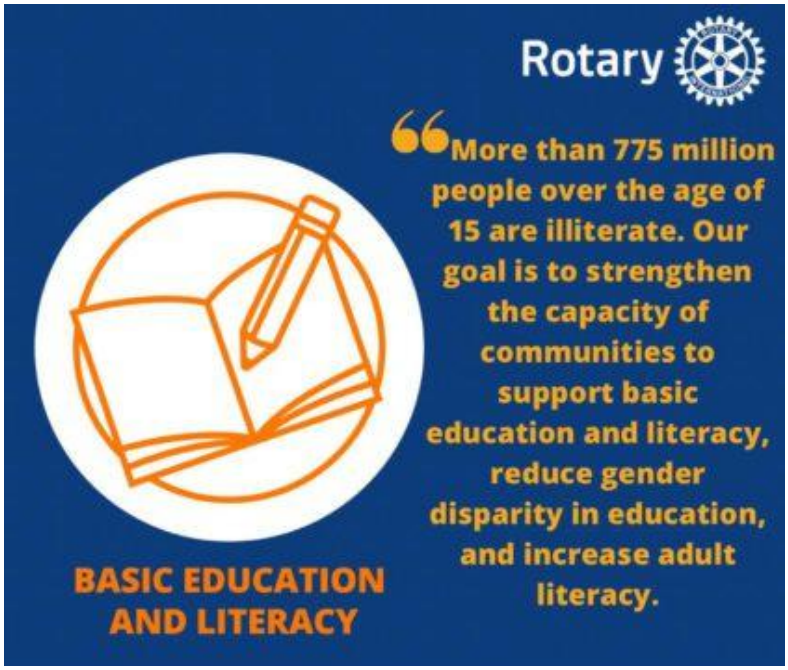
With September being education and literacy month, I took at look at the Learning Centre at Rotary.org to browse their e-learning courses.

It's full of great online courses and expands your knowledge of Rotary and exposes you to all the different aspects of the organization and club.

It's easy to be an informed member who can take part in every aspect too.

I enjoyed this so much, that I will feature a few courses with each issue of the Spoke. There is even an App! I took a new course on my phone whilst relaxing in the garden last week.

For new and seasoned club members, have a look at the Learning Centre and find a course you may surprise yourself with.



THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of The Things We Think, Say And Do:

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it built goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

Feel free to submit your ideas and suggestions to acoleby@gmail.com

If you want the Spoke, feed the Spoke.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

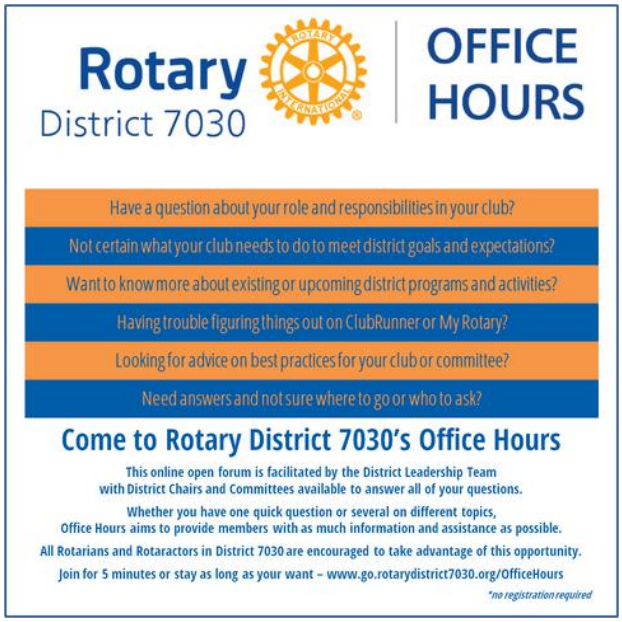
Rotary International President Jennifer Jones appeared on the main stage at the star-studded Global Citizen Festival on 24 September to highlight Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio and announce an additional US$150 million pledge toward that end.

"I am proud to announce that Rotary International will commit an additional $150 million to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. We want this to be the start of a massive funding effort to reach the initiative's $4.8 billion goal"

Participate in the 2022 Rotary All-Member Survey!

An email will be sent out to all members from Rotary International. It only takes 10-15 minutes and needs to be completed by 4 November 2022.

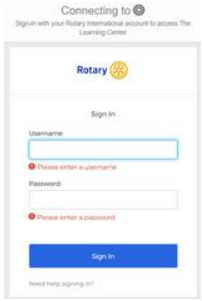
ROTARY DISTRICT 7030 NEWS



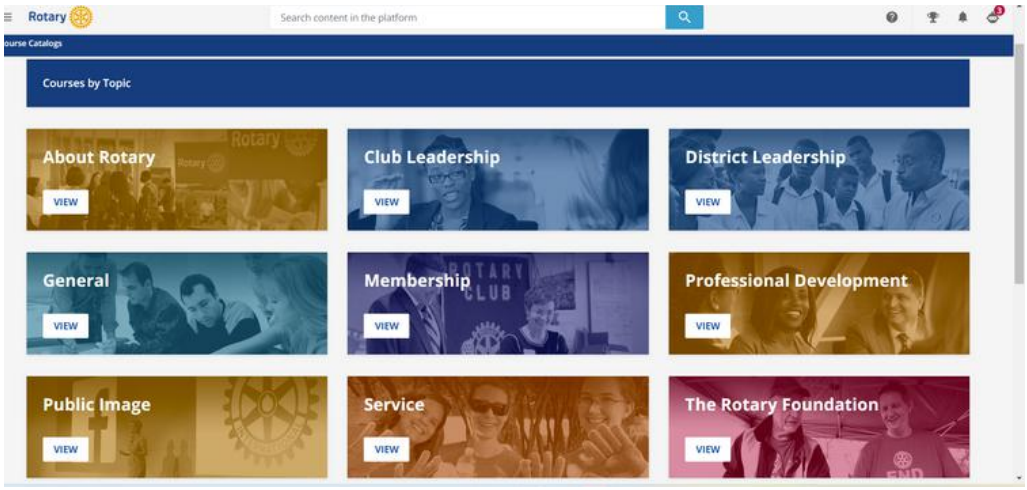
ROTARY LEARNING CENTRE

MyRotary.org has the Learning Centre with a course for everyone.

You will need to login to the Learning Centre with your MyRotary Details as per the screenshot below.



Once in, you have many courses to choose from, with new being added. You earn points for the courses taken and there's an overall leaderboard and a District Leaderboard too. Let's get more of us on the District leaderboard!



Editor Course Recommendations

With my public image committee hat on I would like to direct you to the course

Promoting Your Club as People of Action

This is under the Public Image Courses and shows you what the committee are looking for with photos as well as a few photography tips. More information on this is on the next page.

(Editors note:) If you have any questions on using the Learning Centre, I'm happy to help (as much as I can!).

PEOPLE OF ACTION CLUB PROMOTION

The social media and public image would like to share the Rotary International guide on taking photographs as part of our brand image.

Choose images that show Rotary participants taking action by:

- Featuring real-life, everyday moments
- Displaying a sense of motion
- Featuring just a few people that viewers can see well
- Using warm lighting and natural colors
- Representing the diversity of your club and community

If you're assembling a collection of photos, try to use a variety of the strong images we talked about. It's also OK to include one or two photos showing details of your project or the impact. But make sure that most of the photos show people engaged in action.

Examples of imagery to avoid

ROTARY CLUB IN ACTION

VOCATIONAL TALK

The first Vocational Talk took place at the St. Joseph's Convent Secondary School with an inspirational talk on Digital Literacy by PP Selma with President Gordon in attendance.

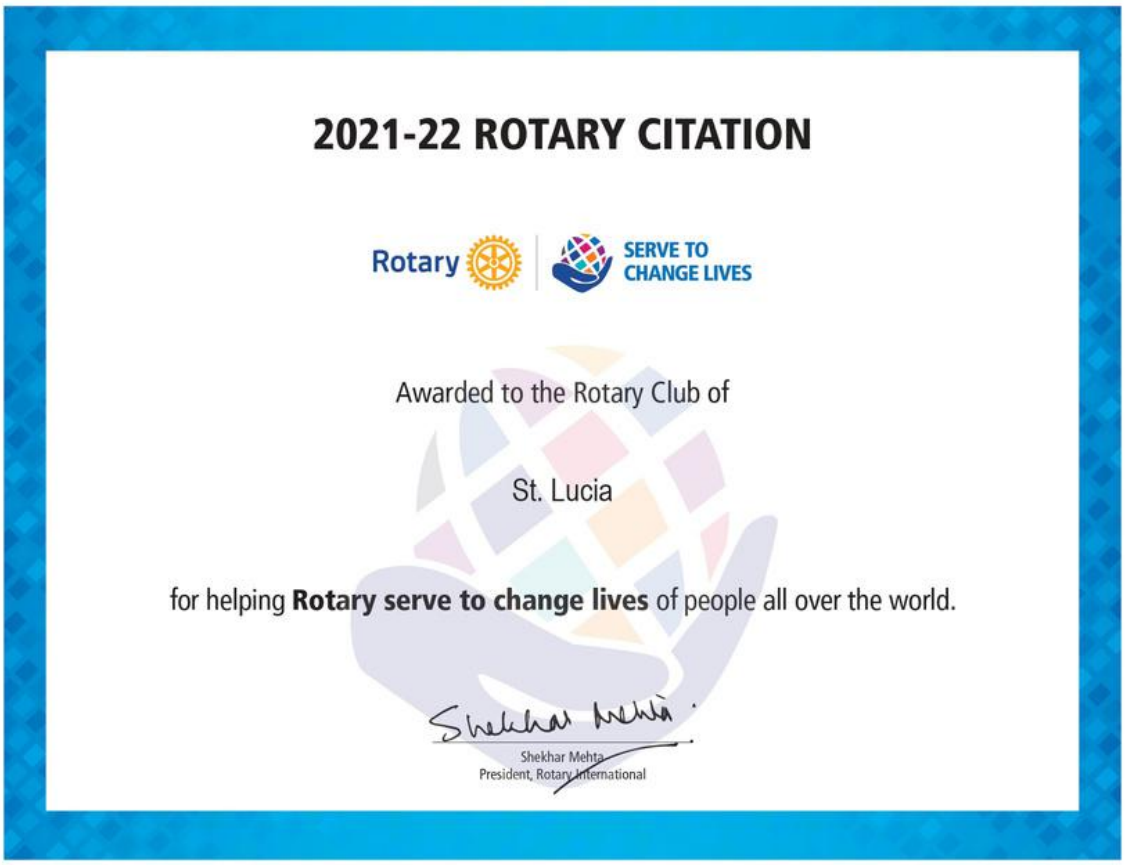
ROTARIAN ABROAD

PP Albert was in London and met a few new friends.

SUPPORTING THE ARTS

The Rotary Club of St Lucia supported a table at Brunch Theatre for the Youth in Art's Production of Sa Ou Ka Selebwe.

ROTARY CITATION



We are proud to have earned a 2021/22 Rotary Citation for Membership Development. Congratulations to IPP Keturah and her board for their great work.

COMMUNITY PROJECT SUPPLIES

A shipment of items from Rotary Club of Davidson, NC has been received. These will be used for the next community project.

MEMBER FUN FACT

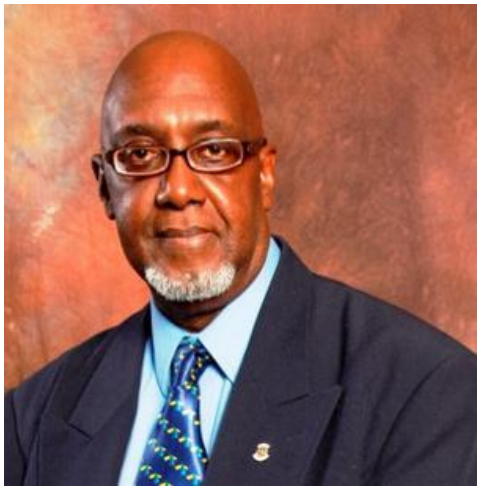
You think you might know your fellow Rotarian's but we know a few facts about them you may not!

Natoya Cassius

Has an obsession with home decor and would happily spend all her time designing and organizing your home!

Selma St Prix

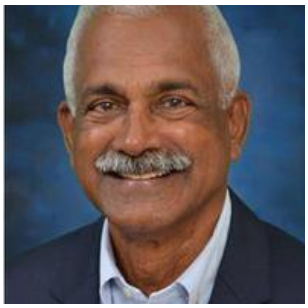
Would have been a Hollywood sensation if she had agreed tp sing half naked. She left in the middle of a recording.



Dr Malcom Charles

Has sat through 1000 plus Board Meetings in both UK and the Windward Islands

MEETINGS RECAP



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MEETING

A meeting with the was held virtually on 13th September 2022

AG Leathon opened up the meeting and introduced President Gordon.

PDG Leslie expressed his happiness of serving under Jennifer Jones and her theme of Imagine.

We must put the members first and show that we care with a welcoming club atmosphere.

Members should be able to speak out and be heard. Difference must be embraced and diversity celebrated.

All clubs should function as an united team with no barriers to membership.

The membership target of 30% women has been met and exceeded by the Rotary Club of St Lucia.

President Gordon was commended for posting the club plans in Rotary Central.

MEMBERSHIP

It's important to be upfront with new members and tell them about the Rotary commitment, service and cost.

Fellowship and action should be encouraged with acquaintance with various actions group to be explored.

FOUNDATION

Since most of the work of Rotary is through the Foundation, donations need to be increased.

Members should contribute regularly, even if it's small monthly amounts.

It's essential for Rotarians to be educated on the Foundation and how it has helped others.

SERVICE

AG Leathon explained how the Rotary Club of St Lucia is moving to involve and get support from local companies. Corporate Social Responsibility is being developed.

Members need to get involved in events for successful projects.

VOCATIONAL

With an excellent job last year, Natoya continues to work with young leaders this year on the replacement of the 4 way signs and monthly vocational talks in schools.

PP Soya was acknowledged for her excellent work last year with the Interactors.

SOCIAL MEDIA/PUBLIC IMAGE

The public image audit has been completed, the website updated and we are developing a social media content calendar.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MEETING (CONT)

ADMIN

The club assembly for the end of Jan and April are being held and are important to engage members and develop the club.

Rising costs of meetings are a challenge.

Members need to be involved in activities as well as meetings. We need active Rotarians.

INTERNATIONAL

Relationships with other entities in St Lucia such as Alliance Francaise are being developed.

It's important to work on International Relations for when we want international assistance and support.

SATELLITE CLUB

Project work of rebuilding a library and painting the walls is ongoing.

The club is currently building on members.

ELDERY CARE

A guideline is currently being developed for a new concept of elderly care.

This will be a mechanism to remain connected to the club for older members.

DG Leslie thanked President Gordon, AG Leathon and the board and had confidence of the club achieving citations for this year.

Imagine Everything you can do for others.

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FRIDAY MEETINGS RECAP

Here's what you missed at the weekly Friday meetings in September

BUSINESS

The business meeting was held virtually on 9th Setember 2022

President Gordon opened the meeting with the note that the previous day was World Literacy Day. The literacy rate in St Lucia is 70% and there is a role for the Rotary club to raise awareness and increase the rate.

The board meeting had been hosted at PP Tim's with 10 people in attendance and 2 via Zoom.

CLUB ADMIN

The Charter night for October is looking difficult to book due to many other functions for Jounen Kweyol.

Attendance records for July & August will be distributed. The attendance at meetings need to be increased.

FUND RAISING

A Treasure Hunt event conversation is under discussion. The wine and cheese event is being discussed with the Governor General.

The Ministry of Equity have reached out to the club for assistance with clothing for hospitality training.

FOUNDATION

The target of $1000 for Polio fundraising will be pushed by the committee making calls to members to commit to give a donation.

The Dunnottar school has been identified as a project for this year. The conditions of the school is unsatisfactory and it needs to be refurbished.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The feeding program will be in the next few months.

TREASURERS REPORT

The July statements are out but there have been issues with the laptop crashing.

MEMBERSHIP

Fellowship meetings are to be hosted once a quarter to boost membership, with the first to be held in October.

2 new prospective members names have been submitted to the committee.

VOCATIONAL

The first vocational talk will be given by PP Selma at St. Joseph's Convent Secondary.

Vocational talks are planned for each month with the Rotary monthly theme.

ELDERY CARE/AMF

A sub-committee is looking to be re-established.

YOUTH SERVICES

The Rotaractors are being contacted for engagement.

SOCIAL MEDIA/PUBLIC IMAGE

Submission of the public image citation is being submitted.

FRIDAY MEETINGS RECAP

SPEAKER

Dr Keith Nurse, the principal of Sir Arthur Lewis Community College was the speaker for the meeting on the 16th September 2022 which was held at the BDC.

Tracy George joined us as a guest for an interesting and information presentation which had many questions.

Dr Keith Nurse has been an education for the bulk of his professional career and become the Principal of the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College for the last 3 years.

Education as Social Policy
Mass education is now looking to educate the bulk of the population and the more educated society is, the more successful a country can be.

Education also helps with the health of a nation as they make better personal health choices.

Tertiary education is important to create a competent workforce. The higher level of tertiary education, the greater ability to absorb technology, innovation and change.

Education as Economic Policy
It can be a source of foreign exchange earnings.

Education as Innovation Policy
In developing countries, where tertiary education is not invested, the economy is not like to progress. They are not investing in the future.

"Eating your seed, rather than planting it"

Many questions were raised after an interesting talk.

PP Selma asked how the platform for virtual education during Covid was prepared.
In the early months, the team was expanded from 1 to 3. A crafted plan for online learning had already been in place and this was further developed and e-learning is now a successful area

AG Leathon asked what metrics are used to measure the investment in education and how to level up the under sourced.
St Lucia has a low investment in education with 8% of Education budget, compared with 20% for Latin America and 38% for developed economies.
Attracting foreign students and keeping them is another Return on Investment.

PAG Dr Malcom gave a heart felt vote of thanks.

Raffle

A bottle of XO Coffee Patron was donated by Angela and won by PAG Konrad

FRIDAY MEETINGS RECAP

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship meetings were held virtually on the 23rd & 30 September 2022

Vanessa Fennell joined us as a guest of President Gordon on 23rd, and visiting Rotarian Ernette Kangal from the Rotary Club of Dominica on the 30th.

President Gordon gave congratulations to IPP Keturah and her board members for the citation award. 2021/22 saw many great projects.

The search for a permanent lunch venue continues and any member suggestions are welcome.

Congratulations were made to President Gordon on his recent promotion at the bank.

AG Leathon observed that the promotion comes with a bigger salary, so he can now take more fines!

Republic Bank

Human Resources

V. Gordon Julien, Country Manager St Lucia has been promoted to the position of General Manager, Corporate Services.

Gordon performed in multiple Country Lead roles at Scotiabank before transitioning to RBEC at Legal Day one which contributes to his strong network region wide. He is experienced in regulatory matters having worked at the ECCB for over seven years prior to joining Scotiabank.

Gordon holds a BSc (Hons) from the University of the West Indies (Cave Hill Campus) in Economics and Accounting and a MSc in Financial Management from the University of London. He recently attained the designation, Certified Chartered Corporate Secretary.

DIE Champion

Rotarian Julie Bonnett has been appointed the Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Champion for the club.

The Rotary International target for membership of women is 30% and we are now at 34%

A club training role is yet to be appointed.

Raffle - 23 September

A bottle of Sauvignon Blanc was donated by PP Sean and won by PP Albert

Raffle - 30 September

A bottle of sparkling wine was donated by PP "Doddy" and won by PAG Konrad

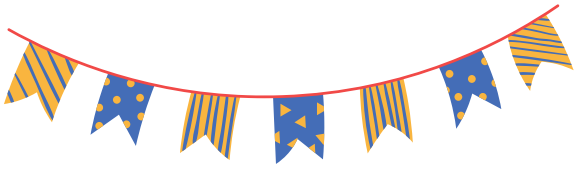
ROTARY MEMORIES

When moving forward with our Rotary club events and projects, take a moment to reflect on our history and what the club has achieved over the years.

Babonneau Water Project

Do Not Litter Signs

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!



Upcoming Birthdays

OCTOBER

Harold Adu
10th October
(*Editor's note: it's a milestone one*)

Leathon Khan
26th October

NEW ROLE CONGRATULATIONS!

Julie Bonnett is the Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Champion for the club.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

Sun **23rd**

Rotary Family Fun Day
11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Pigeon Island

Mon **24th**

World Polio Day

November

Sat **5th**

Charter Night
Venue & Speaker TBC

January 2023

TBC

Unsung Heroes Dinner

14/15

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

February 2023

TBC

Wine & Cheese Fund Raising Evening

April 2023

13-15

District Conference in Grenada

If you are planning an event, please let the social media and PR committee know so we can help share it!

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

Each month has a different Rotary theme. Start your planning now!

MONTH	THEME
July	**Transition Month**
August	**Membership & Extension**
September	**Basic Education & Literacy**
October	**Economic & Community Development**
November	**The Rotary Foundation**
December	**Disease Prevention & Treatment**
January	**Vocational Service**
February	**Peace, Conflict. Prevention/Resolution**
March	**Water & Sanitation**
April	**Maternal & Health Care**
May	**Youth Service**
June	**Rotary Fellowships**

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2022/23 ROTARY CLUB COMMITTEES

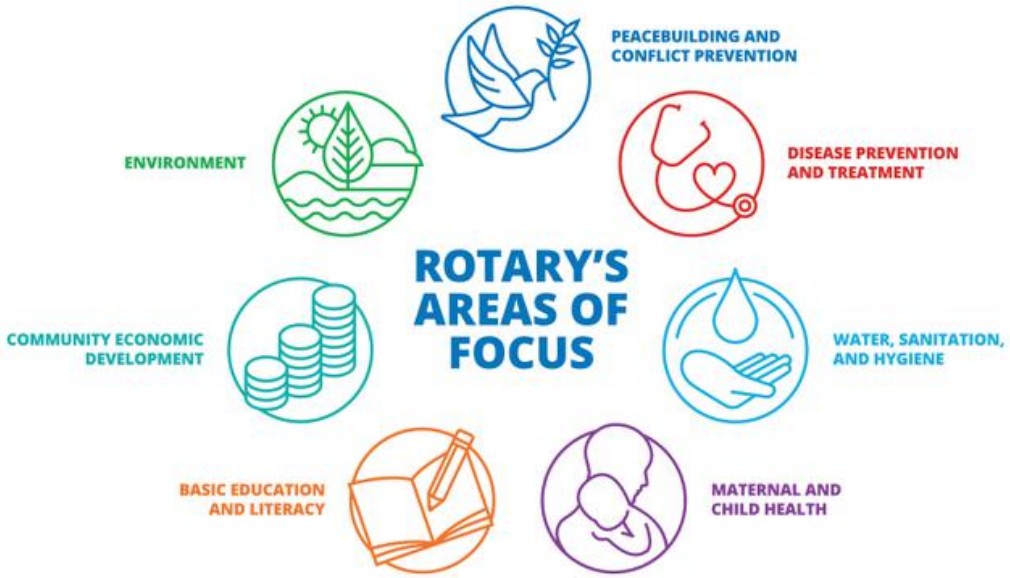
Let's welcome the new committee members for 2022/23

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart". Elizabeth Andrew

ELDERY CARE/AMF **PAG Malcolm Charles** PP Digby Ambris PP Konrad Wagner PP Ira Simmons PP Leevie Herelle PP Chester Hinkson Peter Kent	**CLUB ADMIN** **PP Tim Moffat** IPP Keturah Donai PE Sheba O'Brien Julie Bonnett	**FUND RAISING** **PE Sheba O'Brien** PP Konrad Wagner Sean Devaux Marcus Joseph Julian Charles Steve Johny
COMMUNITY SERVICE **PP Leevie Herelle** PP Brad Paul PP Selma St.Prix Mary Dix Steve Johny	**VOCATIONAL** **Natoya Cassius** PP Konrad Wagner PP Soraya Warner-Gustave PP Rudolph "Doddy" Francis PP Frank Myers PP Azmina Long	**INTERNATIONAL** **Riquette Bonne-Smith** AG - Leathon Khan PP Leevie Herelle PE Sheba O'Brien PP Albert Daniels Francis Belle Harold Adu Angela Coleby
FOUNDATION **PP - Frank Myers** PP Charles Serieux PP Brad Paul Steve Johny	**MEMBERSHIP** **Everton Sealy** AG Leathon Khan Crisy Laurent Mary Dix	**SOCIAL MEDIA/PUBLIC IMAGE** **Roger Hare** AG Leathon Khan Angela Coleby
	YOUTH SERVICES **Daniel Nunez** PP Konrad Wagner PP Tim James	

ROTARY AREAS OF FOCUS

No challenge is too big for us
For more than a century, we've bridged cultures and connected continents. We champion peace, fight illiteracy and poverty, help people get access to clean water and sanitation, and fight disease. Our newest cause is to protect our planet and its resources.



NEXT MEMBERSHIP MONTH

October is Economic and Community Development

ROTARY FOUNDATION

Although November is Foundation month, it should be kept in our minds all year as it is a way of making a global difference. As Rotarians, we may work on local projects but should not forget the purpose of delivering a better world through the Rotary Foundation.

MAKE A REGULAR DONATION

If we all donate a small amount each month then we can make a difference and help others. If 30 members donated just $25 a month, that would be a total of $750 making a total of $9000 a year. Small and steady can make a large impact.

WHY SHOULD I DONATE TO THE FOUNDATION?

When you make a donation to The Rotary Foundation, you are helping Rotary members make a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world, by promoting peace, preventing disease, supporting education, bolstering economic development, and providing clean water and sanitation

WHAT IMPACT CAN ONE DONATION HAVE?

It can save a life. A child can be protected from polio with as little as 60 cents. Our partners make your donation go even further. For every $1 Rotary commits to polio eradication, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has committed $2.

- For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio.
- $50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.
- $500 can launch an antibullying campaign and create a safe environment for children.

HOW DO I MAKE A DONATION?

To make a donation either transfer the funds to our bank and inform the Treasurer what the payment is for or follow the link on our website:

https://my.rotary.org/en/donate

Joke in the Spoke

Some light hearted humour and a word quiz

On their 50th wedding anniversary and during the banquet celebrating it, Tom was asked to give his friends a brief account of the benefits of a marriage of such long duration.
"Tell us Tom, just what is it you have learned from all those wonderful years with your wife?"
Tom responds, "Well, I've learned that marriage is the best teacher of all.
It teaches you loyalty, meekness, forbearance, self-restraint, forgiveness -- and a great many other qualities you wouldn't have needed if you'd stayed single."

EDUCATION MONTH WORD PUZZLE

T E S V D I P T M D D Y C Z P
S M H O M E W O R K A Q I S I
Y S C Y W Z O D Z E Y V H Z H
W G W D S R U E L V X E K H S
I A E U S Q T Q W P D D C W R
M J Y S L S S T S E S T E S A
N F A C G X M S E F R U O Q L
O L S X A N O I T A C U D E O
C T T T I R I C I E C W Y A H
I B U M S X E N L O O H C S C
L G D H R C I T R X S T E T S
Y Y E F A N K C I A M T Z R O
O L N B G Z O S F L E C S M A
Q J T D L W Y Y P T D L Y U K
Q N S J Q F T F E J J N T E B

Find the words in the puzzle

Education	Homework	School
Literacy	Teacher	Learning
Scholarship	Students	
Classroom	Training	

Netflix should change their message from, 'are you still watching?' to 'you should shower and come back'

It takes special kind of person to wake up early and still be late.

I signed up for a zoom workout class that was too advanced so when the instructor said "do a plank and bring your knee to the opposite elbow," I did a modified version where I turned off my computer and made pancakes

FULL MEMBERSHIP

ROTARY CLUB OF ST LUCIA

Adu, Harold
Ambris, Digby
Belle, Francis
Bonne-Smith, Riquette
Bonnett, Julie
Cassius, Natoya
Charles, Julian
Charles, OBE, JP., Malcolm
Charles-Donai, Keturah
Coleby, Angela
Daniels, Albert
Devaux, Sean
Francis, Lorenzo
Hare, Roger
Herelle, Leevie
Hinkson, Chester
James, Timothy
Johnny, Fitzstephen
Jonas, Jeremiah
Joseph, Marcus
Julien, V. Gordon
Kent, Peter
Khan, Leathon
Laurent, Crisy
Lewis- Dix, Mary
Long, Azmina
Moffat, Timothy
Myers, Frank
Nunez, Daniel
O'Brien, Sheba
Paul, Brad
Sealy, Everton
Serieux, Charlie
Simmons, Ira
St.Prix, Selma
Wagner, Konrad
Warner-Gustave, Soraya

Rotary the World Over