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## DISTRICT PHOTO CONTEST:

### WHERE DOES ROTARY TAKE YOU?

We want to see where Rotary takes you! Our District is made up of 17 countries, each with their unique histories, natural wonders, and charm. Show us the beauty that you encounter while your Club is serving to change lives.

*Email your images at any time and every month, we'll choose our favourite for the Newsletter's cover!*

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PICTURE OF FLAGSTAFF IN TOBAGO  
PICTURE BY ROTARIAN PHILBERT WILLIAMS, ROTARY CLUB OF TOBAGO

## MEET THIS YEAR'S EDITORIAL TEAM



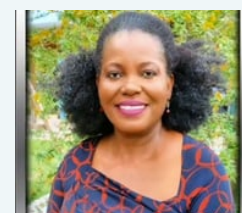
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**DID YOU KNOW POLIO COULD  
BE THE SECOND HUMAN DISEASE  
TO EVER BE ERADICATED?**

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**WORLD POLIO DAY**  
IS 24 OCTOBER [endpolio.org](https://endpolio.org) | [facebook.com/endpolio](https://facebook.com/endpolio)



When Rotary and its partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988, there were 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries every year. We've made great progress against the disease since then. Today, polio cases have been reduced by 99.9 percent, and just two countries continue to report cases of wild poliovirus: Afghanistan & Pakistan.

With polio nearly eradicated, Rotary and its partners must sustain this progress and continue to reach every child with the polio vaccine. This month, we encourage you to make an effort in your Club to help make history!

[To learn more about World Polio Day, click here.](#)

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

My District 7030 Rotary Family, I cannot believe that we are at the end of Quarter 1 of this year. So much has happened in the last 3 months. It has been a whirlwind since July 1, 2021 with virtual visits of the Boards of the Clubs of the District. My heart swells with pride as I experience the work, albeit virtually, that Rotary is doing in our communities. The team that has joined me on these visits are really impressed with our Clubs and what is going on in the District.

In August, I had the privilege to visit the Rotary Family in St Vincent and the Grenadines as we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of The Rotary Club of St Vincent. While there, we had the opportunity to not only visit with the Clubs and review their Plans and Objectives but we went out in to the field to see the tremendous work being done by the Rotarians and Rotaractors there. I have to tell you, it was heartbreaking and heartwarming at the same time.

Humanitarian projects like this and all the ones we do in our District show why the world looks to Rotary to get things done. We are People of Action. In August we also saw some growth during Membership month but as we know, the past year has been a difficult one for all Clubs and while I ask you to grow, I also ask that you focus on your members and their families and how they are coping in the pandemic. Quality vs quantity is a good watchword when we talk membership.

September has also yielded much to be proud. The Basic and Education projects undertaken by the Clubs across the District have left us excited for the future. It was amazing to see how many of the District Themes were incorporated in these projects specifically Peace and Childhood Obesity. The icing on the cake was our first Rotary Day of Service which centered around cyberbullying. This theme coincided with the Peace Committee's activity on The United Nations International Day of Peace. This resulted in a social media blast on the days leading up to September 21 and an absolute media blitz. This culminated with the Peace Committee's workshop on cyberbullying. Thank you to all who made these activities happen and to you, the members of the District, for making it a reality.

The pandemic is still very much around and as People of Action, it is our responsibility to ensure that we are saving lives and protecting the most vulnerable. Please continue to fight this scourge as we Serve to Change Lives.



DG Sonya Alleyne



# IN THE DISTRICT: PROJECTS

Here's how some Clubs have been Serving to Change lives!



## The Hauraruni Girl Power Project Basic Education & Literacy

The Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Georgetown Central in collaboration with corporate partners executed a 2-phase project to educate and empower girls of the Hauraruni Children's Home, Soesdyke Linden Highway. Twenty-two girls under 18 years benefited from guidance and empowerment sessions to widen their perspectives and opportunities. Their learning environment was improved by adding furniture, book racks, dry erase boards, other learning materials and personal care supplies. Meanwhile, their kitchen garden was shaded and replanted, and surroundings were enhanced with brightly painted tyres and plants.



## RC GEORGETOWN CENTRAL



## Beach Cleanup | Soup Kitchen Supporting the Environment

RC Antigua Sundown conducted a Beach clean-up of Pensioner's Beach on Aug 14, 2021 Rotarians from their sister club (Rotary Club of Antigua) were invited. In addition, the Club engaged in a community service project to feed the less fortunate at a local Soup kitchen. The Club also helped to build capacity at the soup kitchen by donating 2 water tanks to increase their water storage capacity.



## RC ANTIGUA SUNDOWN

## RC PARAMARIBO RESIDENCE

### New Math Project Basic Education & Literacy



In 2018, RC Paramaribo Residence started a project in collaboration with the RKBO (Roman Catholic Special Education) to enhance the didactic skills of math teachers in primary education. Up to May 2020, forty teachers have been trained by RCPR fellow Ewald Levens. Unfortunately, the Covid19 pandemic has interrupted the training and demanded a change of course. The new approach is to make instruction videos (total of 25) in different local languages and distribute them to schools mainly in the rural areas and the interior of Suriname. The launch of this project took place on September 9th.

## RC MARAVAL

### Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader Basic Education & Literacy



"Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader" is a slogan displayed in RC Maraval's first upgraded school library in the Maraval community, La Seiva R.C. This month, they are upgrading a third library, Paramin R.C after completing the second one, Boissier R.C. earlier. These upgrades encourage students to acquire a love for books in a space that is conducive to reading. As we celebrate Basic Education & Literacy month, RC Maraval congratulates their students who were successful in the recent secondary school assessment examination despite difficulties encountered during this pandemic.

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## RC SOUTHWEST TOBAGO

Back to School  
Basic Education & Literacy



RC Southwest Tobago held its Back to School project with the aim of aiding low income earning families who have been adversely affected by the COVID19 pandemic. Rotarians came together to shop for supplies and grocery items, package preparation and distribution to parents. This ensured that students were provided with the necessary supplies to begin the school term. RC Southwest Tobago through financial contributions of its members and other donors was able to prepare forty-eight (48) packages with school supplies and grocery items for students on their return to school.



Basic Education & Literacy  
Basic Education & Literacy

Hosted by RC New Amsterdam, youths from Grade 11 from the top secondary schools along with students from the New Amsterdam Technical Institute and Rotaractors were exposed to a one day training program. Topics covered included Leadership, Communication Skills, Budgeting and Accounting, Childhood Obesity, and Peace and Conflict resolution. These topics were facilitated by Rotarians.



## RC NEW AMSTERDAM



## RC PARAMARIBO CENTRAL

MESA Project Suriname  
Disease prevention and treatment



RC Paramaribo Central, in collaboration with Rotary Club Northwest Ohio, donated a MESA container with medical goods to the AZP, RKZ's Lands hospital, the diakonessen hospital and retirement home Ashiana. Rotary Club of Northwest Ohio of the USA founded MESA (Medical Equipment and Supplies Abroad Foundation, Inc.) of district 6600, in 1981 to support worldwide with medical supplies. The total value of the items donated by Mesa was over USD 200,000. Earlier in the year, a batch of wigs was also received for cancer patients of the Diakonessen Hospital. And in 2018, a MESA container with medical goods for various hospitals and institutions was also received through the intermediary of Rotary Ohio. These goods were then symbolically handed over by Past Rotary International President, Ian Risely, who was present in Suriname at the time.



Financial Relief & Donations  
Economic & Community Development

## RC PRINCES TOWN

RC Princes Town provided financial assistance & donations:

- Eye Surgery for 6th Form Student afflicted with Keratoconus
- 8 2020-2021 Scholarships to students of St. Stephen's College
- House building materials to a single parent afflicted with Keratoconus
- Refrigerator & medication to a 10 year old boy with haemophilia
- Hampers to communities affected by COVID-19 lockdown measures
- Donation of Items to geriatric home
- Hampers to communities affected by flooding





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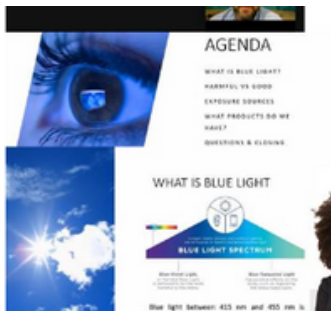
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## RC TOBAGO


**Back to School**  
 Basic Education & Literacy



Understanding that awareness and maintenance of visual health has an integral impact on literacy and learning, the RC Tobago continued its "For Sight Project" for a 3rd consecutive year in the form of an informative virtual session titled: "Shedding Light On Blue Light". In addition, the 2021 Back to School Project was a collaborative effort between the Golden Lane Police Youth Club and the Rotary Clubs of North York and G.O.A.L.S in District 7070. They were supported by the Rotary Clubs of Maraval, St. Augustine and Tobago and Rotaract Club of Tobago in District 7030. A total of 50 backpacks were distributed to primary and secondary school students of Golden Lane and environs.



Also, this year the WASH project (water, sanitation and hygiene) focused on COVID-related hygiene education and bathroom beautification. The project consisted of two phases, the first being beautification of bathroom stalls with motivational words and words of affirmation to uplift and inspire the students attending the schools. The second phase consisted of short animated videos and posters that addresses COVID-related hygiene.

# IN THE DISTRICT: VIDEO INSPIRATION

More Clubs are embracing videos to showcase the work of their Club. Click on the underlined links below to see what some of our Clubs have been up to, and ***don't forget to subscribe to the District's YouTube Channel to keep up to date with all the opportunities that Rotary affords you!***



- [District 7030: Peace in Cyberspace](#)
- RC Southwest Tobago: [Back to School Drive](#)
- RC Felicity / Charlieville: [International Literacy Day Read Aloud Sessions](#)
- RC Princes Town: [How We Serve](#)
- RC Demerara: [A Guide to joining the RCD](#)
- RC Tobago: [WASH Project](#)

Also, in September, RI President-Elect Jennifer Jones, spoke about taking action to end poverty and protect the planet at Global Citizen Live! Global Citizen Live is an annual 24-hour event across six continents that features global citizens, historic musicians, and global leaders working together for a common goal.

Rotary is proud to be part of #GlobalCitizenLive and helping to unite the world to protect the planet and defeat poverty. Our President-elect said that "We stand together with Global Citizen as people of purpose and people of action" as she spoke from the Paris stage addressing #Rotary's commitment to improving health, economic and education opportunities around the world and to creating opportunity for all. To view her speech, [Click Here!](#)

## ROTARACT



The Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia held a First aid and CPR certification. Members are now fully qualified to assess a situation involving an injured individual, as well as offer adequate care until the proper authorities arrive!



Rotaract Club University of Guyana launched an "Open-Source Library" designed to promote reading across all levels by providing a simple, easily accessible and completely free source of books for any and all readers.

## IN THE ZONE: WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ZONES 33/ 34



Did you know that Districts 7030, 7020 and 7000 are part of Zones 33 & 34 of Rotary International? There are many other resources available to you as a Rotarian within your Zone. Zones 33 & 34 have launched a Newsletter, so we encourage you to click below to learn more about your Zone!

### Zone 33 / 34 Newsletter

## LOOK AHEAD: OCTOBER

### CLUB CHARTER ANNIVERSARIES

#### OCTOBER 2

RC Point Fortin (35 years old)

#### OCTOBER 7

RC Penal (19 years old)

#### OCTOBER 16

RC Marie Galante (14 years old)

#### OCTOBER 17

RC Saint Vincent South (26 years old)

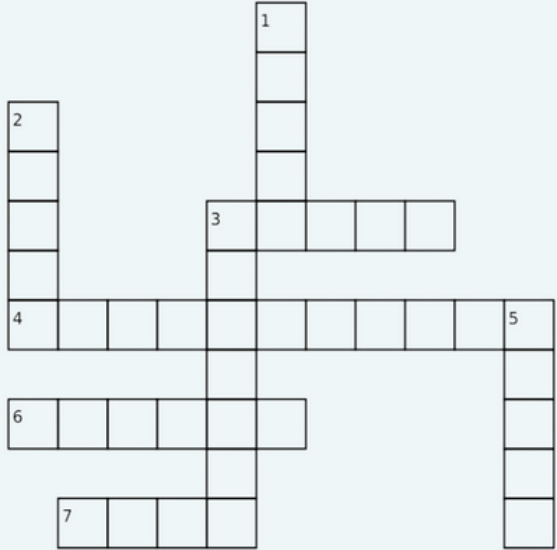
#### OCTOBER 31

RC Grenada East (44 years old)

October's Theme is Economic & Community Development.

To learn about this Area of Focus and read about Project Strategies developed by RI,

[Click here!](#)



**Down:**

1. Close to eradicating this
2. How we change lives
3. Above Self
5. Is it the

**Across:**

3. DG's first name
4. In a word - our newest AOF
6. Paul's last name
7. A step beyond District

**SOLUTION**

