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Celebrating Youth Service Month



MAY IS

**YOUTH
SERVICE
MONTH**

"We cannot talk about the future without talking about children. They are our future." - PRIP James L. Lacy 1998-99

Rotary  **YOUTH SERVICES**

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Rotary International's Structured Programmes for Youth Service are: Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Youth Exchange. These are all programmes undertaken by clubs in our District.

The month of May is designated as "Youth Service Month" to focus on all Rotary activities that support the development of young people up to the age of 30.

Over the last 3 years Rotary's commitment to getting youth and young adults actively involved in Rotary has been continually strengthened with emphasis being placed on improving the value of youth programmes and their impact on Rotary's future.

Past RI President Klinginsmith stated that Rotary has the "finest youth programmes in the world" and as "their intrinsic value con-

tinues to escalate, we do a great job with these programmes, we just need to give them more visibility".

This month is a chance to celebrate "youth service" and we are pleased to share information on a project undertaken by an Interact club in our District, submitted by its sponsoring club - Rotary Club of Southwest Tobago.

The Project:

The Christmas Beautification Project: Seniors at the St. Vincent De Paul Home, in Mason Hall:

In addition to its goal of increasing the membership and diversity of the - Rotary Club of Southwest Tobago, which has resulted in moving its membership from eight (8) members in July 2015

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to twenty-nine (29) members as of April 2016, the Club has also re-organised its community based Interact Club, with a membership of thirty-five (35), to ensure it mentored the Interactors and encouraged seamless transitions from Interact Club to the Rotaract Club and then to the Rotary Club.

The Project:

A mural on the wall immediately outside the home was done to beautify the premises.

The group not only painted the walls of the home, they entertained the seniors with some of the popular Christmas carols. The Interact Club of Southwest Tobago also donated food hampers to the elderly folks.

A look forward to International Convention – 2017



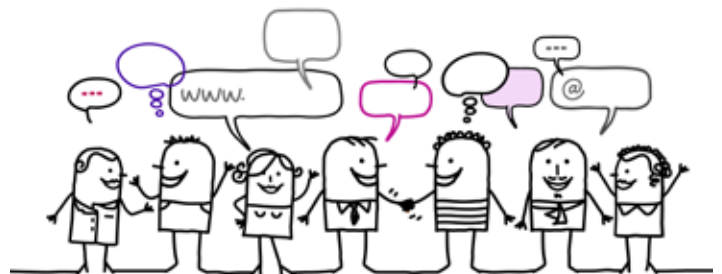
After Seoul, it is on to Atlanta. It is our goal to make this the biggest and the best convention in Rotary International history. That means we have to attract over 45,000 Rotarians. That means we need YOU.



We need you to register, and later this year we will be recruiting volunteers. We will need approximately 1200 volunteers. Our goal is to make this a gateway to the South and show the world what we mean by Southern hospitality.

Our offer to you is to register now and save a lot of money. From May 28th through June 6th the registration fee has been reduced to \$265. It will climb to \$490 as the convention gets closer. You must sign up and pay during this time period to get this rate. In order to sign up starting May 28th, go to www.Rotaryconvention2017.org. It will take you to the appropriate Rotary International registration page.

Everyone on the Host Operating Committee is dedicated to making this the best convention ever, and with your support, it will happen



District Conference

- Rewind

According to conventional wisdom and Rotary information, the purpose of a district conference "is to provide opportunities for networking, inspirational addresses, and discussions of Rotary-related matters. The event should recognize the service programmes, projects, and public relations achievements in the district in order to inspire Rotarians to become more involved in service. The conference should also give Rotarians and clubs a vision of Rotary beyond the club level and provide a memorable fellowship experience." The recently concluded District 7030 Conference by all accounts, met achieved these objectives.

Director Robert Hall and his Partner-in-Service Charlene and Past Rotary International Director Barry Rassin, Aide to Rotary International President K. R Ravindran, and his Partner-in-Service, Esther.

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to see all the photographs. Remember to tag yourself!

Distinguished Guests

Among the 450 Conference Delegates we were fortunate to have Past Rotary International President Richard King, Rotary International President's Special Representative and his Partner- in Service, Cherie; Rotary International



I arrived at 11:30 pm in Suriname and was met at airport by PDG Elwin, DGN Waddy and AG Djaienti. We then took the long drive into Paramaribo, arriving around 1:30 am. Next morning started early, with the official opening of the Paramaribo Central Rotary Business Chess Tournament. This is an annual event with corporate sponsorship, in which children from as young as 6 years old enter to play. This year saw 20 top chess players, each representing companies, participate in the tournament. The tournament is organized by chess club First Free Move under the auspices of the Suriname Chess Federation. Following that, there was an afternoon on the river in speedboats with lots of fun and fellowship!!!

Over the next week, I held the board meeting with the 3 Suriname Clubs, where we discussed plans & objectives for the year along with club and district matters. Particularly close to my heart, were my meetings with the 2 Interact Clubs and the 3 Rotaract Clubs. Both meetings were well attended and very lively. All clubs presented their plans and projects for the year and after we had interactive discussions.

We had our joint meeting on Wednesday evening and we were joined by Partners in Service, board members of the Interact and Rotaract Clubs and Inner Wheel members. After the meeting, we then had a wonderful informal get together on the Hotel Torarica Pier.

On Thursday, we visited the Shri Ganesh and Saint Benedictus Schools to view the renovations that had been done to the toilet facilities along with other improvements such as gardens and the renovation of old facilities into a computer lab.



Fellowship on the river

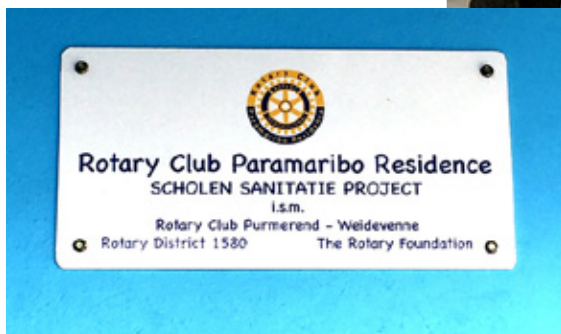
Friday started with a visit to the Staatsolie Oil Refinery, which is the state owned oil company of Suriname. I had an overview of the company, its commercial activities and a tour of the plant. The day ended with a wonderful home hospitality reception at AG Djaienti's home with Rotarians from all 3 clubs. From there, it was straight to the airport at 3 am to take the flight back to Barbados.



Meeting with Interact Clubs of Suriname



Meeting with Rotaract Clubs of Suriname



Plaque at Shri Ganesh Primary School



Renovation of toilet facilities at Shri Ganesh Primary School



Computer Room at Saint Benedictus School



Saint Benedictus School toilet facility

Highlighted Projects

Physics Olympiad – 5 students are sent every year - **Paramaribo**

Student Excellence Awards, a joint project with Interact and Rotaract - **Paramaribo**

Apetina Water Project – providing water system with solar panels, distribution lines and faucets in village – **Paramaribo Central**

Pikin Slee river stairs – construction of 3 more stairs in the village

where the villages participate in the project – **Paramaribo Central**

Go Glo project - stimulates excellence in primary schools. Over 100 awardees and done with Rotaract F.R.E.S.H. – **Paramaribo Residence**

Stuka Prisiri – children 9 – 12 are given lessons every other Saturday to develop basic life skills, positive image and self-esteem. This is joint with Quota Int'l – **Paramaribo Residence**

DOMINICA

District Governor's Travel Log

My trip to Dominica had to be rescheduled due to Tropical Storm Erika. Although life seemed to have gotten back to normal, there was still evidence of the damage that had been done some 3 months before on my drive from the airport into Roseau. That same day, I met with the Rotaractors in Dominica who were celebrating their 30th anniversary.

I paid a courtesy call on His Excellency The Acting President of Dominica, Conrad McIntyre, along with the Presidents of the 2 clubs in Dominica and Assistant Governor Haynes. We then proceeded to the Alpha Centre, which was set up

in 1974 to provide educational facilities for children with moderate to severe developmental disabilities. The facility comprises classrooms, workshops, a sewing room, a library and computer room along with administrative and ancillary facilities. There are also gardens where vegetable & herbs are grown and students and parents are taught about composting.

That afternoon after my board meeting with the Rotary Club of Dominica, there were presentations of vouchers to Dominicans who had lost their ability to work after Tropical



Government House, Roseau

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Storm Erika. These vouchers allowed them to get tools and other necessities to recommence business. That evening, there was a dinner reception with the Rotary Club of Dominica.

The next day we took a long drive to the northwest of the island to visit the Rotary Club of Portsmouth. After their board meeting, we went to the official opening of the Dr. Reginald F. Armour Hospital Emergency Room, which was a project undertaken by Portsmouth soon after being chartered to completely renovate a space to house modern emergency facilities at the hospital.

The evening ended quietly with a board game night hosted by President Lise, before a 5am departure for the airport the next morning.



Part of a bridge lying in the riverbed



More destruction



Opening of hospital emergency room



Treatment room in the emergency area

Highlighted Projects

VOSH eye program – eye care clinic catering 1,600 people in 4 days - *Dominica*

Hearing Mission Centres for hearing care donating hearing aids to 500 patients - *Dominica*

Water tanks project to provide water to primary schools - *Portsmouth*

Mobile Health Clinic staffed with a pharmacist and doctor - *Portsmouth*

TRINIDAD EAST

District Governor's Travel Log

The trip to the 5 Trinidad East clubs was a short one. Over the next 3 days, I would have board meetings with the Rotary Clubs of Arima, Piarco, Sangre Grande, St. Augustine and St. Augustine West. Interspersed with these meetings were some memorable visits.

plays an important part in the centre, having provided covered walkways, tiling and clothing to the facility. We then visited the Eco Park, a project of the Piarco Club. The club has provided play park equipment and other facilities for the residents of St. Helena, who look after the facility with



Memisa Residential Centre Arima

First, there was the visit to Memisa Centre in Arima, a school which delivers special education to intellectually impaired children. Students are taught basic functional skills in math and literacy. The curriculum also includes agricultural science, art and craft and personal hygiene. The Arima Club

their own community corps.

The drive to Sangre Grande gave me the opportunity to see a part of Trinidad that I had not visited for many years. We spent the day at the Servol facility in Saint Andrews, visit-



Fish culture programme at Memisa Arima

ing the various classes, meeting the students & teachers and having lunch prepared by the school. Servol provides an adolescent developmental programme and a skills training programme in various facilities throughout Trinidad. The facility in Saint Andrews, ably supported by the Sangre Grande club, provides skills in electrical installation, welding, air-conditioning & refrigeration, auto-mechanics, food preparation and home health aide.

My visit to Mount Hope Complex included seeing Heart-beat International of Trinidad & Tobago, who donate and implant pacemakers and cardioverter defibrillators free of charge to needy individuals in Trinidad & Tobago. I also toured the Pediatric Ward where the Rotary Club of St. Augustine West presented a fridge and microwave to the unit. My visit to Trinidad East ended with a joint dinner with all 5 clubs.

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Play park at Eco Park



Students at Servol learning refrigeration



Students at Servol learning auto mechanics

Highlighted Projects

Youth Empowerment programme – **Arima**

Memisa Residential Centre for differently abled persons – providing cover and tiling to walkway; donating clothes - **Arima**

Eco Park project – working with community corps in St. Helena to develop a play park - **Piarco**

Sri Jaya Lakshmi Children's Home for abandoned kids – renovating kitchen and providing computers - **Piarco**

Servol programme – an adolescent development and skills training programme – **Sangre Grande**

Rotary care/Rotary Share – collect new & used items to distribute; Rotaract, Interact and Rotary Community Corps attend – **Sangre Grande**

Golf Tournament – **St. Augustine**

Trying to achieve 100% Paul Harris Fellowships in club – **St. Augustine**

Pediatric Ward at Mount Hope Hospital – **St. Augustine West**

Cyril Ross Home for children up to 16 years old with HIV – club assisting in getting a bus – **St. Augustine West**



Presentation of refrigerator in Pediatric Ward at Mount Hope



Presentation of microwave in Pediatric Ward at Mount Hope

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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.