



The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia

"The Spoke"



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Rotary District 7030 PETS, Barbados April 20-23, 2016

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

Weekly Duties

The 4-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Meeting

Vocational talk
Mark Ozawa

Business
meeting

Fellowship
meeting

Greeters

Bobby
Cyril

David
Doddy

Frank
Joanna

Prize

Chris

Digby

Ian

If you can't make it as above, please tell Dir. Joanna ASAP!



Birthdays in July

Chester Hinkson
Peter Barnard

July 9
July 23

Board 2015-16

President
Vice President
President Elect
Immediate PP
Secretary
Treasurer
Sergeant at Arms:

Timothy James
PP Albert Daniel PHF
Selma St. Prix
PP Chester Hinkson
Selma St. Prix
PP Robert "Bobby" Frederick PHF
PP Carole Jn Marie PHF

Directors

Club Administration:
Community Service
Vocational Service
International Service
Membership Service
Youth Service:
Rotary Foundation:

Joanna Charles
Steve Johnny PHF
Andre Cherebin PHF
PP Leathon Khan PHF
PP Tim Moffat PHF
Ginelle Nelson
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 24, 2015

This was a meeting with a guest speaker



Meeting statistics

Attendance:

25 Rotarians 68 %

2 visiting Rotarian

2 guests

Pres. Timothy J. chaired the meeting

Acting Serge David raised \$ 140.34

The raffle won by PP Bobby earned \$ 115.34



Save the date

- Saturday August 1, 2015 Homeless lunch, Castries City Hall
- Tuesday August 4, 2015 Rotary Board of Directors meeting
- Thursday August 6, 2015 Club Assembly, venue to be confirmed
- August 9-16, 2015 Dunnottar School visit to Martinique in cooperation with the Rotary Club of Lamentin
- Saturday August 29, 2015 Rotary training for board members by PDG Lara at Calabash Cove
- September 19-20 Rotary Presidents conference and Leadership training in Antigua
- Rotary Calabashers Concert, **"new date" Saturday November 28, 2015**, National Cultural Centre
- Visit of DG Milton December 14-16, 2015
- Looking ahead, August is Membership and New Club Development Month

Visitors



VR Donald Austin
Barbados



VR Francois Vaudreuil
Martinique

and guests at the meeting



Fitzgerald John
guest of the club



"Shaggy" Isaac
guest of Rot. Birgitta

Training for new board members

A Rotary training exercise is planned for Saturday August 29, 2015. It will be aimed at strengthening the board members and newer Rotarians understanding of their individual board roles and at the same time update some of the longer serving members understanding of the way forward for Rotary International. All new board members are invited and asked to make a very special effort to attend. PDG Lara will visit from Trinidad for the day and conduct the training. Depending on the final number of attendees the training session is scheduled to take place at Calabash Cove starting at 9.00 am to mid afternoon. By the end of the seminar all board members should be more in tune with the responsibilities and roles they play within their club and district 7030 and function as even more effective directors for the Rotary year 2015 -16.





Guest speaker on Water Resource Management



The speaker was introduced by PP Konrad Mr. Fitzgerald John is a Senior Water Resource Officer in the Ministry of Sustainable Development Energy and Science. After initial agriculture studies in Trinidad and Tobago he completed post graduate studies on Water Resource Management at the UWI in Kingston, Jamaica.

Presently his main focus is on:

- Data collection
- Data analysis
- Work with the technical unit
- Development of Water Resource Awareness Programs



The Water Resource Management Authority "WRMA" is responsible for:

- The management of the islands water resources
- Water quality monitoring
- Issuing of abstraction licenses
- Advise to the Minister for Sustainable Development Energy and Science

Mr. John used a number of slides to demonstrate one main point. Namely, water levels all across Saint Lucia and the Caribbean are at an all time low

- The average recent precipitation has never been lower
- Present rainfall is on average only a fraction of the last 20 years average

This means the island has been in a draught mode for the greater part of a full year.

Even an event like wet fete that would consume app 75,000 gallons of fresh water was cancelled.

Very similar water data is reported throughout the Caribbean

Predictions are that we may have a rather dry wet season coming up. With El Nino in full effect some forecasters are projecting the drought could continue all the way into the next dry season, therefore compounding the water woes.

A drought warning remains in effect for Saint Lucia and similar measures have been announced in Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Trinidad, the French islands and the greater Caribbean.

El Nino also increases worries of a possibly dangerous Hurricane season.

Fitzgerald John issued an appeal to all to adopt and improve their long term water conservation practices. He offered several ideas for members to implement at home.

After the presentation he took a few questions.

On a question relating to abstraction licenses he advised that a new act is in place that regulates drilling and water harvesting with exceptions for private homes and farms.

PP Bobby suggested that all new home and business constructions should have tanks and water harvesting facilities and devices.

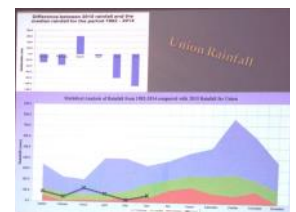
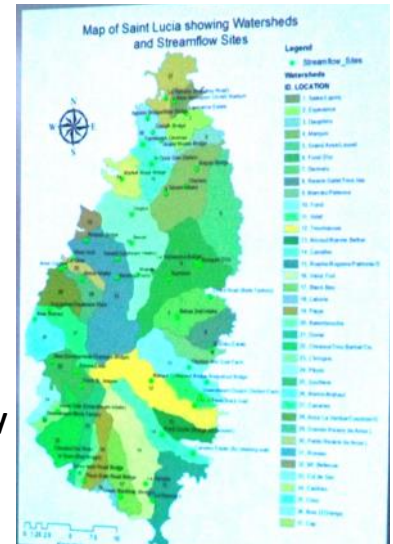
PP Charlie felt Saint Lucia had a gap between rules for businesses and homes and possible changes in the abstraction laws could be considered.

PP Joe wondered if sea water could have been used for the wet fete. This may not have been acceptable to the owners of the pumps and other equipment and would likely have been less enjoyable for the patrons.



PP Albert in delivering the vote of thanks referred to the water challenges for the development of our society and the additional difficulties young island nations like Saint Lucia are likely going to face in the years ahead.

He thanked the speaker for the extensive data and facts provided. Unfortunately too few people take the water issues as serious as they should. There is definitely space for improvement for all, present company included.





Happy Birthday Pedro



The meeting concluded with Happy Birthday wishes to a very special Rotarian. Rot. Pedro celebrated his 86th. Birthday on Thursday July 23, 2015/ What better way than to celebrate with Rotary friends. Pedro we wish you many more Birthdays and trust you will celebrate them with your Rotary friends.



Committee meetings and fellowship

Early indications are that every committee had its first meeting for the new Rotary year. This must be commended and is a very good sign for the year ahead.



It is not certain if the Club Service Committee stuck to its agenda while meeting at the Brewery in Rodney Bay. Rumor has it the minutes were a wash.

And fellowship at IPP Chester's home in celebration of his Birthday lasted from 2.30 pm until way into the night.



One Year Without Polio in Nigeria

This month marks one year since Nigeria last reported a polio case caused by the wild poliovirus. This is the longest the country has ever gone without a case of polio, and it's a critical step on the path toward a polio-free Africa. It was only a decade ago that polio struck 12,631 people in Africa in one year —three-quarters of all cases in the world.

August 11 will mark an even greater milestone: one year since the last case of polio in Africa. For Africa to be certified polio-free by the World Health Organization, it must go two more years without a case of polio. To do this, all children in Nigeria must continue to receive the polio vaccine, including those in hard-to-reach and underserved areas.

We are immensely thankful for our supporters, who have donated \$688.5 million to fight polio throughout Africa. We also thank the volunteers and health workers from Africa and around the world who have devoted countless hours to immunizing the children there, who now have the opportunity to lead healthier, happier lives. You're our greatest advocates, and we need your help spreading the news about this significant milestone. Visit endpolio.org to download a tool kit of materials that will help you raise awareness of this progress. The tool kit includes sample social media posts, info and share graphics, a new video, and several customizable advocacy and media tools.

Visit www.Rotary.org to share your support for the fight to end polio.

Thirty years ago, we told the world that we could achieve the eradication of polio. For every child, let's make sure that reality is a bright one.

Thank you,
The End Polio Now Team



