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Dyslexia Fact #1

Dyslexia is not a vision problem and cannot be remediated by color overlays or vision therapy. Sure, those may help, but for true dyslexia, an intensive remediation is necessary. People with dyslexia see things the way people without dyslexia do, therefore if vision problems are suspected, they need to be ruled out or remediated before a diagnosis of dyslexia can be made.

DR. KELLI SANDMAN-HURLEY

DyslexiaTrainingInstitute.org

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Rotary Club of Demerara



The President's Update

“Be a Gift to the World” is the theme for this Rotary year 2015-2016. Rotary International’s President K.R. “Ravi” Ravindran has urged that we use our talents, expertise and leadership to transform lives in our communities. This theme will inform the work of our club this year and we are excited to put it into action. We are working with youth through our interactions with our Rotaractors in Linden mentoring via our quarterly professional development sessions. We aim to brighten the environment of the elderly at two homes for the aged. We will add our efforts towards the fight to eliminate gender based violence by raising awareness via a cycle-ton event and our partnership with Help and Shelter a leading advocacy organisation in this area.

We continue with our quarterly medical outreaches to underserved communities. We are assisted through the kind support of our corporate partners and the Ministry of Public Health. We have contributed another computer to the Georgetown Prisons as part of their literacy programme and we recently donated a quantity of books to the community library of Kuru-Kururu

Rotarians are the life blood of Rotary. One of the ways we recharge ourselves is through fellowship. We have made an effort to have interesting meetings with thought provoking speakers. We have made an effort to celebrate life through our monthly celebrations of birthdays and anniversaries. I think the cake and ice-cream

meetings were well received. We have planned quarterly fellowship events as we aim to continue to have fun, food and fellowship throughout this Rotary year.



President 2015-2016
—Rotary Club of Demerara

“Be a Gift to the World” - We can do this through the projects we choose and the way we demonstrate what it means to be a Rotarian— Pres. Renata Chuck-a-Sang

Editor's Note:

I am honoured to present the first newsletter of the Rotary of The Rotary Club of Demerara for the year 2015-2016. The aim of the newsletter is to keep members, partners and other stakeholders informed about the achievements, activities and goals of the club for the Rotary Year 2015-2016. In keeping with the current Rotary theme : “Be a Gift to the World”, the club has planned, promoted and fostered appropriate activities. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to this edition of the newsletter. Please feel free to bring any comments, suggestions or new stories to my attention for future editions.

Warm regards and happy reading!

Onecia Johnson, PR Chair

Join Rotary and support your community

Rotarians in Action - Projects

Medical Outreach - Mauritaro, Upper Demerara River



Blood Pressure Testing among medical services provided.

On Sunday the 20th September, 2015 the Rotary Club of Demerara conducted another one of its series of medical outreaches to communities in outlying areas of Guyana. The medical outreach was held in the community of Mauritaro, situated on the bank of the upper Demerara River. The medical team comprised of two general doctors, a pharmacist, a HIV tester/ counselor, a social worker and a

dental service team. The team provided services of blood pressure testing, blood sugar testing, diabetic treatment, HIV testing and counseling, complete dental services, general health service consulting and medication distribution. Toys were also distributed to the children. The team provided these services to approximately sixty adults and twenty children.



Members of the Community receiving medical services.

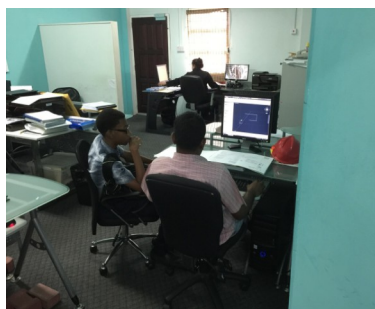
Services—Dental Extraction, Sugar testing and Diabetic treatment, HIV testing and counseling

Fellowship and Meetings

Areas of Focus and Guest

Speakers

- **Fiber Optic Cable** —PP Lance Hinds
- **Constitutional Reform** – Attorney Nigel Hughes
- **Guyana National Youth Policy**—Tricia Teekah and Francis Bailey
- **Dyslexia**—Marcia Nicole Smith, Gifted Hands Learning Center for Special Needs
- **Club Membership**—AG Marcel Gaskin
- **Buxton Literacy Project: Success stories** - Lenny Shuffler (Rot)



Book Donation - Kuru Kururu Community Library

On the 21st September 2015 the Rotary Club of Demerara donated a mixture of adult and children books to the Kuru-Kururu Library. The club responded to a request made by the librarian. Ms. Jeannette Frank. The books were presented by President Renata during a simple ceremony which was organized by the Chief Librarian of National Library by the Chief

Librarian of the National Library. In the picture is President Renata and staff of the National Library. The Rotary Club of Demerara wishes to thank the Guyana Book Foundation for their support on this project.

Donation of \$50,000 in books plus Matching Grant Donation from the Book Foundation.

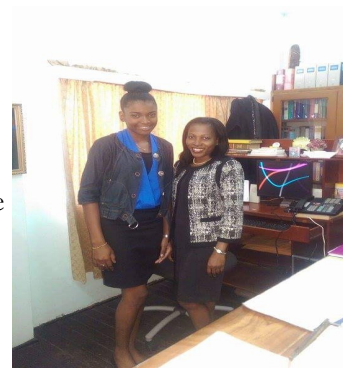
Total value of books donated: \$100,000.



Vocational Training and Career Guidance

As part of activities planned for Vocation Services month, the Vocational Training and Career Guidance Project was implemented by Vocational Services Chair—Rot. Simone Morris Ramall. The program involved

students being mentored and given career guidance while working for one day in the field or career they intend to pursue. Thus far the program was facilitated by Rot. Simone and PP. Ronald of Rotary Club of Georgetown, Attorneys-at-law and AG Marcel, Engineer.



Goals and Objectives 2015 - Meet our Committee Chairs



**Lance Hinds –
Foundation Chair**

Goals

1. Increase awareness of Polio and its eradication.
2. Encourage greater participation in the EREY program.
3. Increase awareness of support for Domestic Violence and develop information cards to support.



**Pamela Welch –
Club Administration**

Goals:

1. Achieve at least 70% attendance of each Rotarian.
2. Assist with the preparation of weekly agenda to ensure good content
3. Increase interaction with other Rotary clubs so as to share and exchange resources.



**Rhonda LaFargue -
Service Projects Chair**

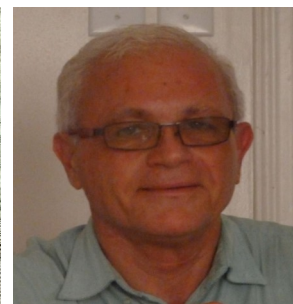
1. Plan and execute projects with sub-committees
2. Identify all opportunities for signature projects that will increase recognition of the club in the community.
3. Lead all efforts to raise funds within the club
4. Collaborate with PR committee to promote projects.



**Simone Morris- Ramlall
Vocational Service Chair**

Goals:

1. Introduce school holiday internship program for students.
2. Facilitate career guidance speeches and mock interviews at various educational institutions.
3. Prepare and distribute material on “Career Guidance”
4. Develop and empower young women in the area of Business Development.



**Karim DeToledo –
International Service
Chair**

Goals:

1. Raise awareness of the world of Rotary through planning of activities with clubs around the world.
2. Promote international service through a joint project with club in Suriname or Trinidad.
3. Coordinate the club's activities to boost relief efforts towards



**Ramesh Seebaran –
Community Service Chair
Goals**

1. Provide access to medical care in remote villages through four (4) medical outreaches.
2. Upgrade of the Archer's Home
3. Improve literacy through reading projects and donations to the Kuru Kururu community library.



**Onecia Johnson
Public Relations Chair-
Goals:**

1. Increase public awareness of Rotary and Rotary Club of Demerara through website, social media etc.
2. Improve members communication and awareness through information sessions and newsletters.
3. Coordinate with other clubs to produce “Rotary in Guyana” article for Rotary Magazine.



**Basil Jaipaul
New Generation Chair
Goals**

1. Improve development of Rotaractors through professional development sessions.
2. Ensure development of youth leadership through attendance of Rotaractors at RYLA and District Conference



**Marcel Gaskin—
Membership Chair**

Goals:

1. Review new member orientation procedures
2. Increase membership of the club.
3. Coordinate “Rotary Day” during Membership month.
4. Increase engagement with members to encourage use of “My Rotary”

A glimpse down memory lane – Jul.– Sept. 2015

District Governor, Milton Inniss (DG), visited Rotary Clubs in Guyana. During his time in Guyana the DG's visit. Most notable was the DG visited our sponsored community/village Kuru Kururu, located on the Linden highway.

District Governor's Visit - 2015

Over the years the Rotary Club of Demerara has adopted this community and facilitated several projects aimed at improving the lives of persons living within the community. Projects completed within this community are: Building of the school sanitation block and basketball court, refurbishing of the community library and donation of books. On an annual basis the club continues to sponsor a children Christmas party and

donate gifts to children living in the community. As part of the DG's visit a joint meeting of Rotary clubs in Georgetown were also held. At this forum



the DG charged Rotarians to truly exemplify the Rotary theme for this year and **"Be a gift to the World"**. DG Milton received a warm welcome and was treated to Guyanese food, fun and culture.



Oldies Lime and Jig

As part of its efforts to raise funds the Rotary Club of Demerara hosted an Oldies Lime and Jig at the Dutch Bottle Café.



This event was well attended by Rotarians, their families and friends. The atmosphere was very relaxing and presented an oppor-



tunity for fellowship, topical conversations and some smooth dancing to retro music.



Rotary Sports Day - 2015

The Rotary Sports Day was held on Sunday Sept 13 at the Demerara Cricket Club Ground. The day was filled with fun, laughter and fellowship as all Rotary Clubs across Guyana came together to display their skills in activities such as relays, sprint races, bunny hopping, free kick and tug war. for improvement in

While there was room attendance, this did not stop the jubilant spirits of friends, family, young and old from grasping the opportunity to display their athletic abilities.

Rotary Club of Georgetown emerged the overall winners of the day's activities.



Rotaract Club of Linden Shines!

Our adopted Rotaract Club – The Rotaract Club of Linden continues to shine and be a gift to the town of Linden. The club endeavoured to support the development of education and light up the faces of children through the repainting of furniture at the Canvas City Nursery School, Linden. Rehabilitation work included re-painting of children's desk and chairs in all classrooms. The Head Teacher, other teachers and children of the school welcomed the donation and

Refurbishment of Furniture- Canvas City Nursery School



efforts to beautify their school. The project was seen as very timely and beneficial to children of the school and community. This project was made possible by the generous donation of Singh's General Store, Riverview Shopping Center and Brian's Variety Store.



Professional Development Sessions for Youths

Quarterly professional development sessions are held for all Rotaractors and young people of Linden. Our own Rotarian Ramesh Seebaran presented on 'Accounting and Audit Readiness' during the last session.




Congratulations!




Congratulations to AG Marcel Gaskin who was honoured by Rotary International for his contribution to the Rotary Foundation. Mr. Gaskin received a quadruple Paul Harris award for his contribution to the foundation.





Rotary club members are part of a diverse group of professional leaders working to address various community and international service needs.



Interested in joining?

World Polio Day 2015

The Pathway to Eradication

Rotary and its partners are on-track to end polio in the next few years. The eradication effort has seen significant progress in recent years:

In January 2014, we celebrated one of the world's greatest achievements in global health: India being certified as polio-free. India was once considered the hardest place on earth to stop polio. Now, India's success proves polio can be stopped in even the most challenging conditions. In September 2015, Nigeria – Africa's last polio-endemic country – was declared polio-free by the World Health Organization.

The entire continent of Africa has not reported a polio case since August 11, 2014. **Since the global initiative began more than 25 years ago, Rotary and its part-**

ners have reduced polio cases by 99.9% percent worldwide. When the initiative started in 1988, more than 350,000 people were stricken by polio every year - nearly 1,000 new polio cases every day.



Rotary Club of Demerara

Website

<http://www.rotarydemerara.org.gy/>

Meeting Location

Pegasus Hotel
Seawall Rd., Kingston,
Georgetown, Guyana

Meeting Date and Time:

Tuesdays 6:00 PM

Upcoming Conferences



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District Conference 2016

PP Sonya Alleyne
Conference Chair

