

LIAMUIGA LIVING

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Welcome to Liamuiga Living

Liamuiga Living is the biannual e-newsletter of the Rotary Club of Liamuiga and highlights the activities and achievements of the Club within the twin-island Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis and beyond.

St. Kitts and Nevis Hosts Governor of Rotary District 7030 (2014-2015)

The Rotary Club of Liamuiga and the Rotary Club of St. Kitts will jointly hosted District 7030 Governor Mr Elwin Atmodimedjo of the Rotary Club Paramaribo Residence (Suriname). Rotary's District 7030 includes the islands of the Eastern Caribbean as well as Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana.

District Governor Elwin and his wife Maureene Atmodimedjo visited the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis from January 9-13, 2015. As part of his visit to the Federation, District Governor Elwin participated in meetings and fellowships with the 2 local Rotary Clubs. This visit came at an opportune time in the Rotary year as January is celebrated as Rotary Awareness Month by all clubs throughout the world each year.

He noted that the work of the Rotary Club is very important and has been instrumental in the eradication of polio, adding that the clubs play a significant role in their respective countries. *(More photos on Page 3)*

DG Elwin (center) with Board members and AG Trevor Blake (far right)



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"We in Rotary aspire to great deeds. We admire those who gave great gifts to humanity: Abraham Lincoln, who gave the gift of human dignity to the downtrodden; Mother Teresa, who gave the gift of compassion to the forgotten; Mahatma Gandhi, who gave the gift of peaceful change to the oppressed. Their very lives became gifts to the world.

We can be inspired by their example. We can be inspired to ask, how can I, in the life that I live – without neglecting the responsibilities that are so dear to me – how can I, too, become a gift to the world? "

*- K.R. "RAVI" RAVINDRAN
PRESIDENT 2015-16*



Be a gift to the world

2015-2016 Rotary International Theme

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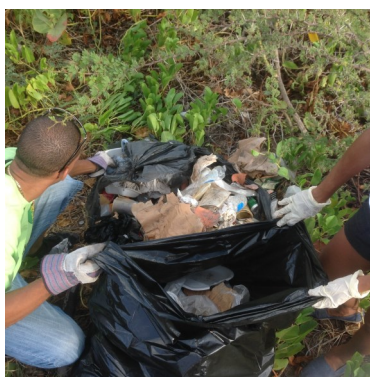


Photo op after a hard morning of work

“Stop the Dumping!”

On Saturday June 20, 2015, members of the Rotary Club of Liamuiga journeyed to South Friars Bay for the Club’s third annual coastal clean-up project. Partnering with the Club for the third consecutive year were members of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) Staff Association.

Shortly after sunrise, groups of 2 and 3 persons began spreading out and scouring the coastline area and the one mile stretch of beach. In the end, over 25 large 30-gallon garbage bags were filled with trash and other debris was gathered.



The Rotary Club of Liamuiga extends sincerest thanks to the ECCB Staff Association for its continued partnership in this service project and the Parks & Beaches Unit for facilitating the removal of the collected trash.

RCL encourages all users of our nation’s beaches to “Help Keep Our Beaches Clean” and “Please Leave Nothing But Footprints.”



Donation to Ade’s Place

The Rotary Club of Liamuiga continued its community work on Monday with a timely donation to Ade’s Place.

The Club presented a brand new stove and a cordless electric kettle to the center.

President of the Rotary Club of Liamuiga, Dr. Marcus Natta said after several consultations, they realized the center was in need of a stove.

He said, “We at the Rotary Club of Liamuiga are always looking within the community to see where we can be of service and in this case, we reached out to Ade’s Place. There was a need for a new stove for them to facilitate their cooking activities for the tenants or the clients that they have here at the center and we were very happy to oblige and donate this stove to them.”

Director of Ade’s Place, Rosemary Monroe thanked the Club for its generous donation and explained how the residents of Ade’s Place will benefit from the gifts.

Ade’s Place is a non-governmental organisation which helps to improve the living conditions of young adults with disabilities.



Photos from DG Visit

January 9-13, 2015



Rotary helps to promote Autism Awareness

The Rotary Clubs of St. Kitts and Liamuiga continued activities to promote autism awareness with a Lighting Ceremony at The Circus on Thursday evening.

April was internationally recognised as World Autism Month and the local rotary clubs planned several events in its commemoration. Among them was the illumination, with blue lights, of the Berkeley Memorial at The Circus.



In explaining the significance of the event, President of the Rotary Club of Liamuiga, Dr. Marcus said, "There is a major campaign around the world where different landmarks are lit up blue in recognition of autism and we thought that we should bring to St. Kitts. For example, the Eiffel Tower in Parris, the Empire State Building and even the pyramids of Giza in Egypt are lit up this year. So we want to start this tradition and see if we can do this each and every year."

He said autism is not a well known disorder in the Federation so raising awareness about it is crucial.

"We often look at young persons and we say they are slow, hard-headed, or they don't want to learn, we don't really recognise that they may be autistic or have some other development challenges. So we are happy at the Rotary Club of Liamuiga to partner with our fellow Rotarians in the Rotary Club of St. Kitts and also other inter-actors and also the Rotaract Club of St. Kitts to bring some awareness of autism here to St. Kitts and Nevis," he said.

President of the Rotary Club of St. Kitts, Pat Mourillon said the club is committed to working on behalf of autistic persons, particularly children.

"Our club continues to work with children with special needs and we continue to raise awareness and assist in making the life of autistic persons more fulfilling," she noted.



The Rotary Club of St. Kitts also hosted a cruise for charity to raise funds for the Cotton Thomas Comprehensive School and its work with autistic children.



Rotarians and students at the Bronte Welsh Primary School after the Unveiling of their 4-Way test Sign

Sharing Four-Way Test with Primary School Students

Members of the Rotary Club of Liamuiga recently journeyed to two primary schools in St. Kitts to share the principles of the Rotary Four-Way Test. On June 17 and 18, the Club members visited and interacted with students, teachers and staff at the Irishtown Primary and Bronte Welsh Primary Schools, respectively.

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and non-sectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings:

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?

Rotarian Dr Ismay Taylor led the presentations on the Four-Way Test and also gave the students an overview of what is Rotary and what being a Rotarian is all about. Her discussion with the students and teachers was illustrated and enlivened with videos illustrating how applying the Four-Way Test is beneficial in everyday life. The featured video was the "Andy & Elmer's Apple Dumping Adventure"; the story of a young entrepreneur who starts an apple dumping business. With the guidance of a mysterious voice, conveying the Four-Way Test, he turns his venture into a wonderful success and makes friends along the way. At the end of the interactive session, bookmarks inscribed with the Rotary Four-Way Test were distributed to students and teachers of each school.

At the conclusion of each school visit, the Rotarians unveiled large, wall-mounted signs displaying the Four-Way Test and encouraged students, teachers and staff to read it daily and live up to its principles.



Member Spotlight

Our Club added four new members in the second half of the Rotary year 2014-2015.

We shine the Rotary spotlight for friendship and fellowship on:

Marsha Clayton

Classification: Insurance

Vincia Herbert

Classification: Administrative Services

Nichole Liburd

Classification: Inventory

Burnell Nisbett

Classification: Information Technology



(L-R) Rotarians Nichole, Marsha and Vincia



Rotarian Burnell



Pre-School Reading Activities for Rotary Literacy Month (March 2015)

Members visited 3 Pre-Schools and Early Childhood Development Centres in St. Kitts and Shared Short Stories with the Bright, Young Students.

Cayon Pre-School



C A Paul Southwell Industrial Site Pre-School



Kebabies Child Development Centre





New Board of Executives Takes the Helm

The exquisite grounds of the newly-renovated Ocean Terrace Inn offered an excellent atmosphere for the Rotary Club of Liamuiga's Annual Installation Ceremony and Awards Banquet held on July 1, 2015. The prestigious event was held under the Rotary International theme for 2015-2016 – "Be a Gift to the World".

"Fellow Rotarians I want you to reflect on this year's Rotary International theme "Be a Gift to the World", our motto "Service Above Self" and the ethical guidelines as set out in the Rotary "4-Way Test". I then invite you to engage in introspection and think about how you can be a gift to the world," said President Tuffida Stewart. "I ask that you consider not only gifts of

time, expertise and resources but that you also consider gifts that have lasting imprints on the hearts of others: gifts of compassion, tolerance, understanding, recognition and hope."

Immediate Past President Dr Marcus L Natta also presented a number of year-end awards:

- Mrs Frances Taylor of Tabernacle was recognized for her stellar service to the elderly and home care in general.
- Ms Trevicia Clarke of St. Johnson Village was recognized for her extraordinary work in probation and youth development.
- Eleven (11) corporate partners were recognized for their immense generosity to the Club during the Rotary year 2014-2015.
- Rotarians Maritza Bowry, Dr Cameron Wilkinson, Calvin Esdaille and Lester Hanley were single doubt for the continued commitment and exemplary service to the Club.
- Rotarian and Club Administration Chair Ms Kristal Gardner was presented the 'Rotarian of the Year' award for her extraordinary hard work and dedication and for illustrating true Rotarian spirit.



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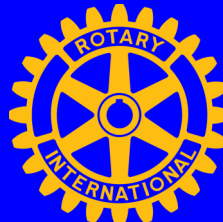
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