



The Rotary Club of Saint Lucia

"The Spoke"



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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

August 21

Speaker meeting

August 28

Vocational talk

September 4

Business meeting

Greeters

Joe
Joanna

Leathon
Lorne

Mary
Paul

Prize

Keith

Leevie

Malcolm

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



Birthdays in August

Ginelle Nelson

August 22

Board 2015-16

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

Timothy James
PP Albert Daniel PHF
Selma St. Prix
PP Chester Hinkson
Selma St. Prix
PP Robert "Bobby" Frederick PHF
PP Rudolph "Doddy" Francis 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 Charles, PHF

District responsibilities

Asst. District Governor
District Advisor (TRF) Major Gifts
Vice Chair IFRM D7020 & D7030

PP Konrad F Wagner PHF
PAG Malcolm Charles PHF
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Club Meeting - August 14, 2015

This was a fellowship meeting



Meeting statistics

Attendance:

24 Rotarians 63 %
3 Visiting Rotaractors
Pres. Timothy J. chaired the meeting
Acting Serge Doddy raised \$ 115.00
The raffle was donated by Rot. Ian
It yielded \$ 130.00



Save the date

- August is Membership and New Club Development Month
- Saturday August 29, 2015 Rotary training for board members by PDG Lara at Calabash Cove
- Tuesday September 1, 2015 Rotary board meeting at the home of Pres. Tim
- 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
- 14th. Annual Wine & Cheese Fiesta Saturday February 6, 2016

RI Scholarship for Elizabeth Serieux

Prior to the open discussion Pres. Tim congratulated PP Leathon on seeing this scholarship through and asked him to say a few words about it.

PP Leathon took it all in modesty and stated that not much needed to be done by him personally once both clubs had communicated acceptance of the cooperation. After all the funds come from the Rotary district in Georgia, USA. He did say that the scholarship recipient will be asked in due course to address the club. Ms. Serieux has also pledged her support for the Easter Youth Camp in 2016



Visitors at the meeting



Brittney Gonzague
President
Rotaract Club of
Saint Lucia South



Tyasha Robert
Immediate Past President
Rotaract Club of
Saint Lucia South



Annice JnPaul
Treasurer
Rotaract Club of
Saint Lucia South

Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia South

With the challenges for the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia South it is possible that the Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia South will soon have to be adopted by our club. With this on the horizon Pres. Brittney, IPP Tyasha and Treasurer Annice had visited our meeting.

Pres. Brittney talked briefly about some of her club's projects and possible future programs. She would like to see close cooperation with the Rotary Club of Saint Lucia. Namely a possible Rotaract membership initiative with Rotarians. Possibly professional presentations by Rotarians and hopefully a mentorship program are very high on her agenda.

Dunnottar students return from week long visit to Martinique



With the assistance of the French Embassy and Rotary Clubs in Martinique students and special education teachers once again enjoyed a week long visit to our neighboring French island. A special thank you goes to Jean-Manuel Dunon in Martinique.

The Spoke Editor is still attempting to obtain more pictures.

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Being a fellowship meeting Pres. Tim invited comments on world and local events and “what made me happy and what made me mad”



Pres. Tim talked about the 20 medals the Saint Lucia Special Olympics Team had won at the Special Olympics in Los Angeles. How it made him proud commenting on what an amazing achievement this was. At the same time he was distressed over the many road accidents. Especially the fatal death of a cyclist hitting a pole at 1.20 am seemed so very unusual and sad.



PP Charles had no happy thought. He was unhappy about the nation complaining about the new traffic and licensing laws. According to him, it is not the need to carry your drivers license but rather the possible draconian fines. He has a schedule of all the fines and they can be up to EC\$ 2,000 per offence. He was also unhappy about the “call for discretion” by the Royal Saint Lucia Police Officers.



PP Tim felt the law was the law. It was not up to the Police to use discretion. Just do the right thing – and the fines will not affect you. He agreed with the fines structure.

After Pres. Tim’s intervention PP Tim stated jokingly that Pres Tim was Judge, Jury and Executioner in this debate.

As a society we were too undisciplined. We must build society from the bottom up.

He felt it was perfectly reasonable to expect a driver to have the drivers license on him.



PP Leathon stated that he often rushed out of his home and forgot his license.

He was reminded that a photo copy was also acceptable. One could possibly leave a copy in the car.

Maybe NOT A GOOD IDEA!



PP Frank feels the application of the law is not equal across all segments of society. In Saint Lucia certain members of society seem immune to prosecution. He then proceeded on recounting an example of a Prime Minister meeting with students in Canada as it related to the eventual implementation of visas for Saint Lucian Nationals travelling to Canada. This upsets him to no end as it once again has impeded his travel plans to see his daughter. According to him it is difficult to forgive our politicians for letting us down so often.



Rot. Ginelle has no personal grudges. She believes right is right and wrong is wrong.

As an example she mentioned a drunk driver driving his car getting stopped by the Police.

Since there are no breathalyzers, that man can not be legally charge. Where are the priorities?



Rot. Ian was rather curious how these laws were passed so fast, knowing how slow our legislators can work at times.

In his view fines should fit the infraction. He does not support lawlessness and was wondering if these fines were designed to drive Government revenue?!



PP Tim added all these points raised were good. So let’s go back to the basics.

He then recalled an interview with Alan Greenspan. When questioned on what was the most important issue in The development of a nation he answered “the lawfulness of all its decisions and Government”.



PP Digby said he shared PP Tim’s sentiments and stated.

“Government should be of laws and not of men”.

What a profound statement!



PP Joe changed the subject to health matters. He told a story of a 7 years old Epilepsy patient that can in essence not be treated and cared for because the hospital is missing a breaker to make the x-ray machine operable and there is money to pay for one. Meanwhile the child is possibly developing a very dangerous kidney infection.



P. E. Selma had a happy thought. I makes her happy that he committee meeting (at PP Bobby’s home) was so enjoyable and lasted until late into the evening. According to her, she almost stayed for the night.

What made her mad was the ongoing Police visa situation and the problem with visas for the general public as a result of the crime situation in Saint Lucia.



PP Tim stated that the Embassies have to carry out background checks on visa applicants and that will take time.



PP Bobby volunteered how the OECS was just not operating as one unit. He named examples where our independent island nations pursued their own agendas.

Why can the OECS not cooperate it efforts when it comes to external and internal challenges like the Economic Citizenship Program or the introduction of VAT.

That of course is for an entirely new discussion (the spoke Editor)



A new initiative at the weekly Rotary meeting



In its second committee meeting it was on PP Bobby's recommendation agreed that there should be a Rotary minute called "Rotary Mean - it" at every lunch meeting to talk about Rotary. This is aimed at enhancing member engagement and education. A schedule on speakers and topics will be forthcoming shortly.



PP Bobby was the first to present "Rotary mean - it". He explained how this segment will be quick and not so long as to put members to sleep. Next week's presenter will be PP Tim. Members scheduled to speak and unable to attend are responsible to find a replacement, ensuring the talk took place.

PP Bobby's subject was Rotary's strategic plan. The 5 points are:

He selected to address the improvement of membership.

It was not just a question of numbers but also an issue of quality and age. The age dynamic was of particular importance in keeping the club dynamic and viable. PP Bobby read excerpts from the RI on-line manual and appealed to members to use the RI web sources to learn more about Rotary and understand our wonderful worldwide organization better.

For more information please visit:

www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/strategic-plan



Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia South

In recognition of the likely upcoming changes for the Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia South AG Konrad and New Generations Dir. Ginelle attended a club meeting on Tuesday August 18, 2015. The club meets alternating between Laborie and Vieux Fort. This is aimed at generating more interest in new membership directly in the Vieux Fort area.

At this meeting the attendance was relatively good.

AG Konrad gave a presentation on Rotaract and what is expected from Rotaractors within the family of Rotary and gave examples of some successful Rotaractors. Pres. Tim voiced some of his views as a former Rotaractor and Dir. Ginelle introduced herself to the members as the New Generations Director and talked about planning of club activities. In addition to the Rotarians also Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia Pres. Keisha, R'act. Eldon and PP Everistus showed their support for the Rotaract Club of Saint Lucia South



