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*DG Rupert reminds us that June is Rotary Fellowships Month.*
District 7020 theme for 2008-2009

The District 7020 Conference/PETS

A great success!

St. Croix – May 5 - 10, 2009

At left: The Welcoming Committee with newly-arrived Rotarians on Wednesday afternoon:

Vivian Furet from St. Croix, GSE Alumnus
Kelly Weatherby of District 6950, Rita Grant (wife of PDG Richard), Frank Collins (RI President’s Representative), Ralph Smith (Anguilla), Ceil Collins (wife of Frank) and PDG Richard. What a warm welcome at the airport!

"Appreciation is a wonderful thing: it makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well."

~Voltaire
Above left, the bus ride from Divi to Government House for the Wednesday evening celebration. At right, AG Don Chandler at the event with his wife, Susan, on Don’s right (left in photo) and Rotarian BJ from St. John on his left.

Can you identify the esteemed gentlemen above? PDG Victor Gibbs (“Here’s to me…and here’s to you!”), Peter Dialani, AG Louis Wever, and Cookie Bijlani – all from St. Maarten. DG-Elect, Errol Alberga joins the group on the right above.

Above left, DG-elect Errol with the GSE Team Leader, Artie, from Australia. At right, AG Louis does get around – here he is with DG-nominee Diana White and Loretta from St. Croix.
Above left, DG of Virginia, Bill Pollard, GSE Team Leader from Virginia, Jerry Fields, and PDG Victor Gibbs, St. Maarten. Right, DG Rupert Ross addresses the gathering with his wife, Cheryl.

Above left, Rotarian Nessim Izmery with Rotarian Robert Leger and his wife from Haiti. On the right, The Governor of USVI, John P. deJongh Jr., our host this evening.

Above left, Marston Winkles and Roger White from St. Thomas. Right, DG-elect Errol, his wife, Leonie, and PRID Barry Rassin.
ON THURSDAY MORNING -

Above left, RRFC Joe Mulkerrin, from Zone 33, along with other members of the District Foundation Team presented a Foundation Seminar. At right above, PP Andre Hylton inspired the attendees to promote Rotary through maintaining and increasing membership! Andre received a standing ovation!

- Identify Prospective members
- Inform them about Rotary
- Induct them
- Involve them
- Educate them
- Excite them!

Above, Woody Foster (Sunrise Cayman), Paul Byles (Grand Cayman Central) and Winston Connolly (Grand Cayman Sunrise) listen intently to the morning’s speakers.
At left above, Catherine Fahy, Denison Stockman, and Jasmine Sally enjoy the morning’s sessions. At right, PDG Alastair Patterson receives his District award as District Training Chair!

**SCENES FROM THURSDAY’S LUNCHEON – Do you recognize anyone?**

Above left, Chester and Ava Gail organized the tickets and entrance. At right, Lester Forman, Cheryl-Ann Shand current secretary and secretary-elect. Mike Sottak President-elect both from Provo Club.

Mike Sottak, AG Karen Biker, and friend - Turks and Caicos.
Above left, DG-elect Errol Alberga, from Jamaica, with the current DG, Rupert Ross, from St. Croix.

At left is Interpreter Henriette Raccah, from Guadeloupe, FWI. Henriette works tirelessly translating through the Rotary sessions for all those whose first language is French.

Well done and thank you, Henriette!

Below, AG Haresh Ramchandani, Rotaract Chair, Kameika Fullerton-DeLisser, and AG Don Chandler.
At left, PAG Guy Theodore from Pignon, Haiti, with his award. Rotarian Guy is the District Governor Designate. At right, DG Rupert presents Deborah Howell – in charge of Protocol for the Conference - with her District award.

DG Rupert presents AG David Beck with his award as AG and also for his outstanding efforts in organizing the 2009 St. Croix District 7020 Conference. Well done David!

At right, the oldest attendee to the District Conference – Raymond Roy from Delmas Airport Rotary Club in Haiti. Raymond is 94 years young! Excellent!
President Marcel Galiber, St. Croix Mid-Isle, reminds us that an important part of our membership is attendance to meetings. Anyone who has missed a meeting should do a make-up at another club, club event, or on-line. It is essential to turn in attendance before the end of each month.
Above left – Mireille Smith (St. Croix), Reginald Saunders (Bahamas), John Fuller (St. John). At right – Sam (Sam I Am) Welch, Percy Rhoden, and Gerry Farara, all from the Rotary Club of Tortola.

Above left – Bryan Ridgeway, President of Rotary Club of St. Croix, Harborside. At right – Marvin Bethel, Rema Martin, Charles Sealy II, Gina Greene from Southeast Nassau.

At left above - Timothy Ingraham, Annamaria Degregory, Rochelle Wilkinson, from Southeast Nassau. At right – David Moncur, Erica Rolle – also from Southeast Nassau.
Did we enjoy the food?

Above left – Ronald DeCosmo, Rotary Club of St. Croix, Mid-Isle, and Lionel Downer, St. Croix Harborside. At right – Keith Azzan, President of Rotary Club of Montego Bay.
Above left – Stephanie Benn, President of Rotary Club of Road Town, BVI. At right above, Chester Williams and Patricia Petersen Frorup. Below, some fun with the Mocko Jumbie dancers at the Crucian Cultural Extravaganza.

Above left – Ralph Smith, Rotary Club of Anguilla; Louis Wever, AG from St. Maarten; Jerry Fields, GSE Team leader from Virginia. At right, the excellent steel-pan orchestra that entertained!
Dolly Parton promotes Literacy

Country music legend, Dolly Parton, and Rotary International announced a collaborative relationship to begin a new chapter in promoting early childhood reading.

Under the agreement, Rotary clubs in Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States are encouraged to support the Dollywood Foundation's Imagination Library, which provides a book each month to children from birth until age five.

Local Rotary club participation could include promoting the program within the community, helping to identify and register the children, and paying for the books and mailings.

In a public ceremony in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, Rotary Foundation Trustee John Germ joined Parton onstage to make the announcement in front of more than 500 people.

D7020 shines at the Presidential Conference on Membership

DG Rupert Ross and other representatives of D7020 were recognized for their strides in membership growth at the Presidential Conference on Membership. President D.K. Lee was on hand to present them with a plaque for their efforts. The conference was held in Greenbelt, MD, March 26-27.

The following local Rotary Clubs were recognized and awarded special Membership Development plaques by President D.K. Lee, R.I. Director Eric Adamson and Regional RI Membership Coordinator Bevin Wall at the Presidential Membership Conference in Greenbelt on March 28.

Recognized For Recruitment:
Rotary District 7020, Northern Caribbean Islands
I would like to take this opportunity in congratulating us all for a successful 2008-2009 Rotary Year and looking forward to seeing you at our District Conference and working with you for the incoming 2009-2010 year.

I have been charged with the responsibility of being the District 7020 Chair for The Rotary Community Corps.

**What is the Rotary Community Corps?**

The Rotary Community Corps (RCC) is a group of non-Rotarian men and women in the community who share Rotarians' commitment to service and creating a better world for us all. It is a program recognized by Rotary International.

Under the guidance of a sponsoring Rotary Club, dedicated RCC members put their own skills to work to improve the quality of life right in their own community, by spurring long-term economic development and self-sufficiency. By establishing an RCC, community members can help provide long-term solutions to problems that they can implement themselves.

Today, there are more than 4,400 Rotary Community Corps in some 68 countries sponsored by over 1,800 Rotary Clubs. An estimated 103,000 RCC members are making the world a better place to live, one community at a time.

Clubs that have already sponsored a Rotary Community Corps I commend you all. Clubs that have not yet sponsored one, I encourage you to make this one of your major emphases for the upcoming year.

I am in the process of compiling a list of all Rotary Community Corps that are established in the District and Clubs that are in the process of doing so. Please send me the relevant information as soon as possible.

Dr. Gail Ranglin
DRCCC (District 7020 Rotary Community Corps Chair 2009-2010)
Rotary Club of Liguanea Plains

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**Dear Fellow Rotarians,**

I have been charged to be the Community Service Chair for the District 7020 for this incoming Rotary year 2009-2010.
Since Rotary’s founding in 1905, Rotarians have worked tirelessly to help improve their communities through service. As active members of their communities, Rotarians are dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of their friends and neighbors through Rotary’s Third Avenue of Service – Community.

**What is Community Service?**

Community Service allows Rotarians to employ their time, talents and resources to respond to the critical needs of their local community. From supporting large scale literacy programs to helping a neighbor in need, Rotarians strive to exemplify Rotary’s motto of *Service Above Self*.

I hope all Presidents-Elect together with their committees will follow these five steps to plan their project ahead of time, work with the individual project to make sure the project is completed and reported accurately. Always remember to document your project with pictures.

*In order to have successful Community Service Projects, the club must first set goals, making sure the goals are:*

- **Shared:** Those who participate in setting a goal and developing strategies to achieve that goal are committed to implementing it.
- **Measurable:** A goal should provide a tangible point to pursue
- **Challenging:** A goal should be ambitious enough to go beyond what a club or district has accomplished in the past.
- **Achievable:** Rotarians should be able to accomplish the goal with the resources available.
- **Time-specific:** A goal should have a deadline or timeline.

I am looking forward to working with you for the incoming Rotary year 2009-2010. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions. I may not have all the answers, but together we can find them.

Yours in Rotary,

Robert Leger
Community Service Chair 2009-2010
District 7020
Rotary Club of Cayes, Haiti.

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**EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR - it’s not too late**

For those of you who already have made your contribution for this year, many thanks for your continued support!

For those who haven't, it's not too late! Log in at the address below and contribute online to ensure TRF gets your contribution before June 30.

- https://riweb.rotaryintl.org/donor_xml/contributionmenu.asp
The GSE Teams and photos submitted

Submitted by René-Jean Duret


Submitted by Don Chandler

- Pictures of the Virginia GSE Team -
  http://picasaweb.google.com/rotaryvi/GSEVA2009#
- Pictures of the Australian GSE Team are at –
  http://picasaweb.google.com/rotaryvi/GSEAust2009#

Blog of the District 7020 GST Team to Australia

Click the link below -
http://gseaussiecaribbean2009.blogspot.com

District 7020 website

www.7020.org

very easy!
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To earn the 2008-09 Presidential Citation, the requirements were the following:

To qualify for the Presidential Citation, a Rotary club must

- initiate a local or international service project that reduces child mortality
- achieve the membership goal, and
- complete one activity from each of the five categories listed in the Presidential Citation Brochure.

To certify the club’s achievement, the form must be signed and sent to the district governor.

The district governor will qualify for the 2008-09 Presidential Citation if

- at least 50 percent of the clubs in the district qualify for a citation and
- the governor and at least 50 percent of the district’s club presidents have brought a new member into Rotary between 1 July 2008 and 31 March 2009.

Eligible governors will receive a certificate of recognition from the president for this achievement.

The governor’s list of certified clubs must arrive at RI by 15 April 2009.

**For the District Governor’s Award**

In order to receive the District Governor’s recognition, a club must have achieved a minimum of 80% of this listing prior to March 31, 2009, provided that it includes those that are required. The higher the percentage of accomplishments, the greater the degree of recognition.

You can be sure that the next year’s requirements will be quite similar. So get started!

**Membership Growth**

- Club membership net increase of 10% (required)
- Club president must sponsor a new member (required)
- 10% of the club membership must sponsor a new member
- Ensured that a club member attends a membership seminar
- Maintained an 80% club meeting attendance record

**Child Mortality**

- Initiated a local or international project that reduces child mortality (required)

**Club Service**

- Reviewed Club By-Laws and considered the Club Leadership Plan
- Conducted Club elections by the end of October, and submitted reports as required
- Submitted SAR reports and District Dues on time
- Updated club strategic plans and submit to District Strategic Planning Chair
- Established a Club Disaster Preparedness plan
- Appointed club membership chair
- Appointed club foundation chair
- Appointed club disaster chair
- Appointed a Family of Rotary chair
- Have the club represented at the RI Convention
- Registered club officers to attend the PETS, Assembly, and Conference
- Recognized a member who is providing service to polio eradication

Service Projects (local or international)
- Conducted a clean water project
- Conducted a health and hunger project
- Sponsored a community literacy project

Rotary Foundation Commitments
- Met the clubs’ Rotary Fund Development Goal
- Encouraged and caused club members participation in Every Rotary, Every Year (EREY)
- Contributed to the $100M Challenge Grant Commitment
- Participated in a grant program
- Participated in the Caribbean Partnership program

Rotary’s Public Image
- Celebrated a publicity significant club event
- Established and maintained a club website
- Published a weekly club bulletin
- Used Rotary signage identifying club activities

Sharing Rotary with the Younger Generation
- Sponsored an Interact, Rotaract, or Rotary Community Corp
- Provided a scholarship
- Sponsored participation in a Rotary youth program
- Sponsored or hosted a GSE team member

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Rotaract District Conference
  June 4 - 8
  St Maarten

New Rotary Year Begins
  July 1, 2009
  Errol Alberga, from Jamaica,
  Becomes District Governor
  Theme – One Love
  John Kenny (Scotland) becomes RI President

International Literacy Day
  September 8, 2009

Incoming Presidents, Secretaries and Directors

Please note that Rotary public relations is/can be one of your criteria for your Presidential citation. Often overlooked until the last month or when the project is done. You can find a lot of PR for RI prepared on the Humanity in Motion series available from the RI website. Remind your PR reps for your club to sign up for the RI PR tips from the RI website.
Annual Kite Flying a success!

by Ryan Geluk

On Saturday, 11 April 2009, the club held its annual kite flying. There were approximately 50 persons who registered to take part in the competition and between 75 to 100 kites in the air over the course of the day. It brought out the young and old who transformed themselves back to their younger selves to have fun in the hot sun.

The event was an overall success that was supported by the entire community. It was a great family fun day. It also was a great fellowship among Rotarians of all clubs. We saw participation from the entire Rotary family, including Rotaract and Interact.

The Rotary Club of Road Town would like to thank all of those who came out and had some fun and made this project once again a great success!

To our sponsors LIME, Marketing in Motion, Road Town Wholesale Trading Limited, Bobby's Supermarket, Department of Agriculture, Drakes Traders, Island Supply Limited, ZROD and DJ Push Pop, we say a big THANK YOU!

Rotary Club of Cayman Brac

Submitted by J.D. Mosley-Matchett [jd@jdmm.com]

On Saturday, March 28, the Rotary Club of Cayman Brac held its 27th annual Bike-a-thon. This is one of the club’s major fundraisers. This year was a tremendous success with 55 participants and a total of over $5000 raised which will go into the club’s Paloma relief fund.

First past the post again this year was none other than Michael Hundt, the Brac’s cycling supremo. However, he was challenged hard this year by a pack of 5 or 6 serious cycling enthusiasts. His time for the 11 mile course was 29 minutes.

It was especially pleasing to see so many parents out riding with their children. The prize for the biggest family riding went to the Fredericks of West End. The oldest rider was Wallace Platts and youngest 5-year old Caleb Frederick. Winners for the school-aged riders were Simon Watson, Shanelle Frederick, Eval Miller and Camille Brown. The fastest lady prize went to Vivian Williams.
The Club wishes to thank all those who donated funds to the riders, and special thanks to the sponsors who helped to make the day such a success. Prizes were sponsored by Jim Bollinger, Lime, Texaco and Casa Bracca. Refreshments and food for the riders were sponsored by Dr. Reid, Billy’s, Ed’s Place, and the Shoppe.

The club also received a generous donation of helmets to give to all the riders from Pamela Skull of the Young Marines of California.

This year the trophy for the school which collected the most sponsorship went to Creek and Spot Bay. But as always everyone who contributed was a winner. President Alphanso and all the Rotarians say a big THANK YOU to all.

Above left, the Frederick family with the most riders, receiving their prize from President Alphanso Gayle. On the right, President Alphanso at centre, giving final advice and guidelines prior to the start of the event.

Above left, the finish line, where everyone came together to do a photo at the West End Park. Right above, some of the riders ready and waiting for the start of the event.

CHARTER NIGHT
Brac Rotarians Celebrate Birthday

March 30, 2009
Author - Alphanso Gayle

The Cayman Brac Rotary Club celebrated its 28th year in fine style at the Cayman Brac High School hall. It was an evening where the club was placed under the microscope for its track record in serving the community over these years.
Special emphasis was made on the mobilization of the Grand Cayman clubs in resurrecting the Hurricane Relief Fund to assisting us as a result of Hurricane Paloma’s devastation to the island. Members of the community applauded the effort as help pours in for those seriously affected.

At left - Brian Enright, President Alphanso Gayle, JD Mosley-Matchett, and ADG Raymond Whittaker

The evening was filled with activities which had us thinking and guessing what next. It was lots of fun. We were graced with the presence of Assistant Governor Raymond Whittaker who is also the current District 7020 Disaster Chair, and Joey, Country chair. The president in his address echoed many thanks to the Chairs for their continued help and support as we recover from such an ordeal.

The highlight of the evening was the pinning of JD Mosley, who was a member of the Sunrise Club and the induction of new Rotarian, Brian Enright. The ceremony was administered by the Assistant Governor Raymond Whittaker and assisted by President Alphanso Gayle.

Above left – President Alphanso Gayle, Yvette Gayle, ADG Raymond Whittaker, Country Chair for Disaster Joey Hew, and Vice President Valerie Bolageer

Above right – PP John Elliott looks on as President Alphanso greets new Rotarian Brian Enright.

Prior to this President Alphanso challenged the club to maintain a high ethical standard as we embrace the idea of Rotary’s ‘Service Above Self” for the community.

Brian is married to Georgia for 32 years and they have two grown children. Brian has a doctoral degree in education. Currently, he is the president of National Training Network, a publishing company that focuses on the development of mathematics books and training. Past president John Elliott sponsored Brian.
**Joke of the Week – from Road Town, BVI**

Where you headed?

A taxi passenger tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him a question. The driver screaming, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the footpath, and stopped centimeters from a shop window.

For a second everything went quiet in the cab, then the driver said, “Look mate, don’t ever do that again. You scared the daylights out of me!”

The passenger apologized and said, “I didn’t realize that a little tap would scare you so much.”

The driver replied, “It’s okay, that’s not really your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver. I’ve been driving a funeral van for the last 25 years.”

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**ROTARY CLUB SUNRISE OF ROAD TOWN**

*The new club in the BVI!*

President of the Rotary Club Sunrise of Road Town, Monica Ramgeet, has said that the focus of the new Club will be on hands-on projects in partnership with the rest of the Rotary family in the Virgin Islands.

She made the announcement on Saturday as she was officially inducted as the first President of the third Rotary Club in the territory. The Charter Presentation and Installation Celebration was held at the Treasure Isle Hotel and was attended by His Excellency Governor David Pearey, Premier Honourable Ralph T. O’Neal, Rotary 7020 District Governor Rupert Ross Jr., members of the House of Assembly, Rotarians from St. Croix and members of the visiting Australian Rotary Group Study Exchange GSE Programme.

President Monica said she was proud to accept the challenge to lead this highly energized Club, made up of 23 business professionals, whose classifications range from resort and real estate management to general law and medical practice, communications, accounting and banking.

“We now have a new cadre of leaders to help make dreams real,” she said. “This new Club gives us more opportunities for service, and the focus will be on hands-on projects. We...
will partner with the Rotary family, including the other two Rotary Clubs, Rotaract and Interact Clubs, and other non-profit organizations to benefit this community. We also intend to reach out to Virgin Gorda, Anegada and Jost Van Dyke."

In his remarks, DG Rupert was full of praise for the Rotary organization in the BVI, as he congratulated the members of the new Club for taking “this bold and historic step.” He noted that the BVI has the highest number of Rotarians per capita in District 7020, which comprises 64 Clubs in ten Caribbean countries and territories, including Jamaica, Haiti, The Bahamas, Cayman Islands, French West Indies, Netherland Antilles, Turks and Caicos, Anguilla and the Virgin Islands.

DG Rupert and Assistant District Governor Vance Lewis presided over the installation of the 23 charter members of the Rotary Club Sunrise of Road Town. Board members include Vice President Laura Hunte-Arthur; Secretary Christy Almeida; Treasurer Nayada Henry; Sergeant-at-Arms Richard Arthur and Directors – Maxwell George (Membership), Micheal Thomas (Service Projects), Donna Farmer-Arter (The Rotary Foundation), Alan Bates (Public Relations) and Corleen Goodman (Club Administration).

Saturday’s ceremony was chaired by Rotarian Gerard Farara, the invocation was done by Rev. Edris O’Neal, and President of the Rotary Club of Road Town Stephanie Benn brought congratulatory remarks.

The new Rotary Club Sunrise of Road Town was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Road Town, which was sponsored almost 20 years ago by the Rotary Club of Tortola. The new Club meets Tuesdays 7:00 a.m. at Maria’s By The Sea Restaurant.

**ROTARY IN THE TURKS AND CAICOS**

Formal permission has now been granted by Delton Jones of the Recovery Task Force, for work to begin on the repair of the water tanks. The Water Tank Repair Project is an initiative of the Rotary Clubs of Provo and Grand Turk.

At left - Karen Biker, Assistant District Governor District 7020; Steve Thompson, General Manager Projetech; John Lawson, President of the Rotary Club of Providenciales; Frank McGurk, Project Manager, Projetech; and Butch Graveley, Site Supervisor, Projetech. The team are pictured here, reviewing the condition of the water tank at the Police Barracks in Grand Turk.

Material has been ordered and works are set to begin this week on the following tanks: Hospital Tank East, Hospital Tank West, Medical Clinic Tank #1, Medical Clinic Tank #2, Police Barracks and Salt Cay Main Tank. Budget for the repair of the potable water storage tanks has been set at approximately $200,000. This includes the complete recovering of the tanks, replacing the rafter framing and some structural repair.

The approval of this project marks a milestone in a collaborative effort between the two Rotary Clubs in the country, the Government, Projetech Construction Management and Services Ltd. and other private sector
contributors. In addition to Rotary's Hurricane Relief Fund raising a substantial financial contribution to this project was made by Carnival Cruise Lines through the United Way in Miami.

Says Rotary President, John Lawson, "There are an incredible number of people and organizations who had to come together to make this project work. In particular, we would like to thank Carnival Cruise Lines and the United Way for their financial support of this project and the other projects that they have generously supported. The recovery process cannot be accomplished by any one group, only by pooling our resources can we accomplish this task."

The Water Tank Project will be completed by the end of June. The Rotary Clubs are currently working on several projects in Grand Turk, Salt Cay and Providenciales.

**And here's an update –**

We thought that we should give you a quick update on the water tank progress in Grand Turk. It is happening so quickly that we did not want you to miss the process. The Rotary Clubs of Provo and Grand Turk have tackled the project of repairing the tanks. These tanks provide storage of potable water for the island of Grand Turk and are a critical part of the public water supply system. They were badly damaged in the hurricanes.

In addition to the funds raised by the Rotary Club of Provo, Carnival Cruise Lines and the United Way of Miami donated generously and made this project possible.

At left – A photo of one of the tanks at the Medical Clinic. The tank has been drained, power washed and emptied. The wooden rafters were inspected and repaired or replaced as required. The battens on the top were replaced with 2x4's to strengthen the design. The metal sheeting will go on top and be screwed to the 2x4 battens.

We are obviously delighted by how quickly our partner, Projetech Construction, has moved on this project. We are well on track to have this completely prior to hurricane season. Way to go Projetech!

Here is an update on the other tanks that are part of this initiative:

- **Medical Clinic, East** – Tank cleaned, rafters and battens replaced as needed. Awaiting roof sheeting.
- **Police Barracks** – Tank still being emptied. Replacement rafters and battens starting today.
- **Hospital Tank, East (Adjacent to Fence)** – Tank still being emptied. Must coordinate with the Hospital and EMS regarding temporary water plans to supply hospital while repairs underway. Awaiting Structural Engineering drawings, will review today.
- **Hospital Tank, West** – Awaiting Structural Engineering drawings, some structural repairs may be required.

Salt Cay Tank – Amassing materials in GT in preparation for short boat ride to Salt Cay. Projetech was
able to order a children's play set for the school in Salt Cay. They will transport this with the other material and install it while they are on island to fix the water tank. Very cool!

**ROUNDTOWN CENTRAL – GRAND CAYMAN**

Rotary Central Supports Bodden Town Primary School Library

...submitted by Margaret Rattray

Bodden Town Primary School library is to benefit from Rotary’s Matching Grant scheme. Rotary Central has been working with a partner Rotary Club – Roswell East in North Fulton, Georgia, USA – to attract a Matching Grant for the project. This involves both partner clubs giving a contribution – each, in this case, gave $5000. This amount was then matched from the District Development Fund and finally supported by the Rotary Foundation. A total of almost US$33,000 was the final amount granted for the project.

Matching Grants are used for humanitarian projects including literacy projects. The Bodden Town Primary School library suffered badly during Hurricane Ivan in 2004 and the books have been being replaced very slowly. This grant from Rotary Central and its partners will ensure that the school can make an excellent start at rebuilding an up-to-date, relevant and age appropriate library. With such a collection, the children will be well placed to develop their literacy skills both for pleasure and for research.

The Principal of Bodden Town Primary School, Ms. Cetonya Cacho, said

“We are delighted to have such a generous donation from Rotary Central. Since Hurricane Ivan the library resources at Bodden Town Primary School have been severely depleted. The donation from Rotary Central enables the school to purchase a very large number of books for the school library. This is an extremely important gesture as it allows our students to be exposed to authentic reading materials. Through reading students explore, engage, and learn. We need our students to be immersed in reading making it a part of their everyday lives. Students need to be interested in the reading materials and Rotary Central has allowed us to provide a variety of books of various genres, and areas of interest.”

The books are now on order and we eagerly await a photo opportunity when they finally arrive on the shelves.

Our thanks must go to Past President Fred Speirs of the Rotary Central Club who has worked tirelessly to bring this project to fruition. A chance meeting with Mr. Lee Hollingsworth of the Roswell East Club while both were visiting the Stone Mountain Club also in Georgia, USA, led to a discussion about matching Grants and the rest is now history.

Well done to both for their hard work and dedication! Thanks also to everyone who supports Rotary Central fundraising events – with your support, the club has been able to turn your dollars into many more for the benefit of the local community.
The annual Rotary Central Science Fair was held on May 2 in the auditorium of the Cayman Prep and High School. There were 16 competitors and a range of projects covering all aspects of science including life sciences, food/health, physics/chemistry and earth sciences.

The competitors represented 5 of our schools. The overall winner was Brandon Johnson, aged 13, from Leading Edge High School. He received a cash prize, held in trust towards his future college education, of $3000 and a laptop computer for presenting the best project overall. Kelly Sun, St Ignatius; Diarra Hoyte, Leading Edge; Evan Forth, Cayman International School; and Michael Sun, St Ignatius were all also awarded first prizes of $3000 in trust.

The Science Fair will be back next year to encourage secondary school pupils to take a personal interest in science and the world of work that science supports.

Rotary Central would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of this event including all their sponsors and their project mentors. Special thanks to Rotarians Walt Mustin and April Lewis who organized the event.

More than 4 years have passed since Hurricane Ivan devastated Grand Cayman, and Anita Welds finally has a dry roof. Two years ago, Rotary Central was approached to assist Ms. Welds with repairs to her home. Now she not only has a new roof, but new dry wall, cabinetry and tiling. The National Recovery Fund, joint Rotary Disaster Fund and Rotary Central teamed up to assist Ms. Welds and her 2 children, Brandi and Tiffany.

“It is really nice to live in a dry house” said Tiffany. Brandi was all smiles and equally pleased with the work done to make their home livable.

“This project took a long time, and it was well worth it. The NRF was able to provide this family with so
much more than what Rotary could have done on its own” said Nickii Sonnenberg, Community Services Director of Rotary Central.

At left - Neville Smith, Rotary Central President; Joey Hews, Chairman of the Joint Grand Cayman Clubs Disaster Relief Fund

Two years ago, when a member of the community asked Rotary Central to finish roofing Ms. Welds’ home, Rotary Central provided labor and materials to install rubber coating on the roof. The roof continued to leak even after an additional coating was applied. After getting an estimate from Square Deal Roofing for construction of a new roof, Ms. Sonnenberg contacted Ms. Welds to discuss how to proceed. Ms. Welds informed her that the NRF had gotten involved with the home, but needed additional assistance in order to finish the project.

The joint Rotary Disaster Fund agreed to donate CIS 4,000 and the Rotary Central board of directors agreed to match the donation.

“The National Recovery Fund is delighted to be in partnership with Rotary to assist with helping this needy family back into their home after such a long and patient wait since Hurricane Ivan” said Mr. Laskin, Executive Director of NRF.

North Side Primary School students visit St Petersburg, Florida (sponsored by Rotary Central, Grand Cayman)

North Side Primary school Year 6 pupils are back from their fabulous school trip and would like to say a huge thank you to all the sponsors of that trip to St Petersburg, Florida. Their major sponsor was Rotary Central who also paid for trip t-shirts (see photos). Other sponsors were Maples and Calder; Cayman Islands Development Bank; Cayman National Bank; CUC and Otis A/C. The money they so kindly donated was added to the internal fundraising total and allowed the children to go to Herpetology Camp for a week.

Photos  – Handling a python is a team effort and the class assembled on the day of departure.

The children attended Boyd Hill Nature Preserve daily and were taught by Mr. George Heinrich, of Heinrich Ecological Services, and some of his colleagues. There were some classroom sessions and lots of opportunities to put their learning into a real situation when they went out and about in the preserve.

Keeping quiet enough not to scare the wildlife and vigilant enough not to miss some of the creatures who moved quickly and silently away at any sign of human life meant that the children were rewarded with sightings of snakes, gopher
tortoises, ospreys, toads…and alligators. They were taught how to find clues leading to information about the animals that lived there – even when they were too elusive to be seen. They handled snakes, a tarantula, turtles – and were introduced to the Florida Snapping Turtle whose name fits his appearance and his aggressive response to being disturbed.

The small, but motivated, group of children, staff and parents had a great week and are now back in their North Side classroom putting their learning into a showcase which will be held for parents, Education Department personnel and sponsors on the evening of June 26.

The children are also working on a presentation to be given to the Rotary Central Club as a thank you for their generous support.

More details and photographs can be found on the school blog at www.nsnorthsideprimaryschool.blogspot.com

**ROTARY CLUB OF LUCEA**

Govind Chulani notes that the Rotary Club of Lucea now meets at the Grand Palladium Hotel in Lucea.

The meeting day is Wednesday. Time is 6.00 p.m.

**ROTARY CLUB OF ST. THOMAS II**

Rotary II inducted its two newest members in early May. Meet Rotarian Brenda Coulanges and Rotarian Jose Gonzalez Espinosa.

Their sponsors are Rotarians Simon and Krim, respectively.
Celebrating the 30th Anniversary
Rotary Club of St. Thomas II

Rotarians came together Sunday to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of St. Thomas II. In the tradition of Rotary II founders Macon M. Berryman, David E. Maas, Frank McLaughlin, Aubrey Nelthropp, Patrick M. Rice, Eric O'Neal, Thomas Lawrence, Kendrick Bragg and Richard Spenceley, Jr. club members continue to meet weekly, perform community service projects, and host a variety of speakers.

Attendees reflected on the history of the club and heralded a number of its firsts, including, its first Person of the Year, William "Bill" Lamotta in 1981; the start of the Math Counts competition in 1987; the first female president, Dr. Valerie George in 1996, and countless other firsts.

True to its tradition of being the fun club, members of Rotary II joked with each other and had fits of laughter throughout the afternoon. Emcee Archie Ogden, a past president of the club, kept the celebration fun and fast-paced.

The club was inaugurated on May 19, 1979. The 30th Anniversary luncheon was held in a ballroom of the Marriott Frenchman's Reef Hotel and was attended by about 75 Rotarians and well-wishers.

At left - Rotarians Merle Kiture-Morgan, Al Loiten and Alicia Boatwright at the 30th Anniversary Luncheon.

"Whether you think you can, or you can’t...you’re right."

~Henry Ford
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