**Hand-in-hand!**

**Rotary District 7020**

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**Rotary International President – John Kenny (Scotland)**

**District 7020 Governor – Errol C. Alberga Jr. (Jamaica)**

*The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands*

**September–Rotary New Generations month**

*Newsletter Editor – Kitty Bucsko (RC of Anguilla)*

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**District Newsletter**

**September, 2009**

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The major thrust of Rotary continues to be polio eradication, Water, Hunger, Literacy and Health. With the support of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, it is hoped that polio will finally be eradicated in all areas, including Nigeria, Afghanistan, India and Pakistan.

At the district level, we can accomplish great things if we work together. A new project has been identified in Haiti with a budget of $100,000. This project captures all of the issues which Rotary supports; i.e., literacy, health, water and hunger.
DG Errol, First Lady Leonie; AG. Felix Stubbs and incoming AG Charles Sealy were all in attendance at the July board meeting of Sunrise. Photo shows members of the 2009-10 board.

Photo taken by Dominic Duncombe.

Bottom left to right - Brian Goudie (Disaster Relief) Christine Rolle (membership) Ethan Quant (invited guest); Jacqueline Longley (P.R) Venetia Dekle-Maura (International) First Lady Leonie Alberga, DG Errol Alberga, President Carla Stubbs. AG. Felix Stubbs, Kenn Mortimer (Training) Gregory Stuart (Sgt. at Arms) Top left to right - Lissa McCombe (Club monitor) Fabian Bain (secretary) Elsworth Johnson (vocational) Mario Smith (club services) Coretta Owen (family of Rotary) Shona Woods (asst. secretary) Adrian Sands (community) Karen Pinder (President Elect and 1st V.P) Terez Simmons (treasurer)

On the National Front -

Kalyan Banerjee, a member of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat, India, since 1972, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2011-12. Banerjee will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

Banerjee said he would like to see Rotary "blossom from being the world's most recognized service organization to being the most important NGO [nongovernmental organization] in the world.

"Rotary, it is said, has the strength of a government and the tenderness of a parent," he added.
As a new Club President, what should I be doing in September?

September – Rotary New Generations month

☐ Plan and conduct monthly board meeting.
☐ Promote attendance at the district conference.
☐ Send monthly membership and attendance report to the district governor or district secretary no later than 15 days after the last meeting of the month.
☐ Highlight and promote youth-related activities and programs and celebrate club success in Interact, Rotaract, RYLA and Youth Exchange programs.
☐ Submit a club project in need of funding, volunteers, donated goods and/or partners for a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, or completed projects that can be used as examples of best practices to be posted on Project LINK, RI’s online searchable database.
☐ Monitor membership development initiatives and goals.
☐ Endorse qualified GSE team members’ applications and submit them to the district GSE selection committee by their deadline for consideration.
☐ Ask the PR chair to promote club as planned – including any polio efforts for 24 October, World Polio Day.
☐ 30 September: Obtain and review Monthly Contribution Report (MCR) toward suggested benchmark of 20% of Annual Programs Fund goal achievement.

District Simplified Grants

How do I request a DSG?
A. Every year, districts can request a DSG by filling out the DSG request form available through the first quarter DSG mailing or at www.rotary.org. Before submitting a DSG request, it is strongly recommended that districts review the DSG Best Practices manual to become familiar with the DSG process. The request process begins in the year prior to actual implementation of grant funds (the planning year) and is as follows:

• Requests - DSG requests are accepted from 1 July through 31 March of the planning year.

• Approval - DSG grants are approved by TRF from 1 August though 15 May of the planning year.

• Payment - Districts must meet all preconditions for payment 6 months from the beginning of the program year OR the date of the grant announcement letter, whichever date is later, or the grant will be cancelled.

Adherence to these timelines helps to ensure the timely processing of current and future District Simplified Grants.

District Simplified Grant Criteria
District Simplified Grants support the service activities or humanitarian endeavors of districts.
Each project the grant supports must:

A. Respect the wishes of the receiving community

B. Understand and appreciate another country’s tradition and culture if grant activities will take place outside of the recipient district’s country; and

C. Comply with all standard Humanitarian Grant Policies and Guidelines

For more information, contact the District 7020 Grants Chair –

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Manchester, Jamaica
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"It is our daily actions, and our daily decisions, that determine the course of Rotary for us all.

The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands."

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Announcement concerning Rotaract

...from Kameika Fullerton-DeLisser

1. **DG Errol’s Visit to your Club.** Include your Rotaractors in the activities planned for DG Errol’s visit to your territory. He’s passionate about our younger Rotary family members so I know it would mean a lot to him and they’ll be thrilled to meet him.

2. **Rotaract Chairperson.** Appoint a Rotaract or Youth Service Chair for your club to work with your Rotaractors and help them achieve their goals as well as the goals set by the District and RI.

3. **Communicate with the District Rotaract Chair.** Pass on the Chair’s contact info to me so we can communicate directly and I can help provide any support the club may need.

Kameika Fullerton-DeLisser
District 7020 Rotaract Chair
Vice President, Rotary Club of St. Andrew North

Email: kamfull@hotmail.com

**Rotary Leadership Institute in the Cayman Islands**

Be sure to attend the RLI nearest you! Learn about Rotary! Enjoy the excellent fellowship!

![RLI Graduates](image_url)

RLI - Graduates on 9th August 2009 at a course held in the Cayman Islands. Left to right: Wil Pineau, (Central) Raquel Solomon, (SUNRISE), Eric Bush, (Grand Cayman), Catherine Chesnut,(Grand Cayman), Haresh L. Ramchandani (Facilitator), David Watler, (SUNRISE), David Reid, SUNRISE, Christine Sanders, (SUNRISE), Marilyn Conolly, (SUNRISE), Winston Connolly,(SUNRISE) , Geoff Mathews (SUNRISE).
Two notes from the District PR Chair - Lorraine Baa

The first note

The new PR Chair, Lorraine, is asking clubs to submit stories on what they are doing to heighten the awareness of Rotary's Public Image.

We can share information and ideas through the District Newsletter.

The second - excellent idea for free publicity!

Can your club afford FREE advertising? Here's a creative way to get some free Publicity in your local newspapers.

Whenever you have a visitor to your club from out of town, approach and suggest that they write a "Letter to the Editor" of your local hometown paper. They can start out by saying

I was visiting your beautiful island and had the pleasure of visiting Rotary Club of _____ and was treated extremely well. The Rotary Club's President who is __________ was warm and friendly, and I was impressed with learning all about their __________ project in __________.

I am so sorry that I won't be able to be there for their big fundraising event.

You get the idea.

If your visitor does not know how to do this, walk them through it - even if it means providing them with a sample letter. Ask them about their stay and, with their permission, you can even write and submit it for them.

These letters can usually be submitted by e-mail, no real fuss. And most editors I know would love to publish a"good news" story.

Try it and let me know!

Lorraine Baa
District Chair-Public Image
rotarypr7020@yahoo.com
International Literacy Day
September 8, 2009

October
Vocational Services Month

RLI Training
Tortola
September 26, 27
(Contact: PP Mary Findley)

World Polio Day
Saturday, October 24, 2009

RLI Training
St. Thomas
Part I, Part III
January 9, 2010
Part II, Graduate Course
January 10, 2010
(Contact: AG Don Chandler – dchandler@islandtechnicalsolutions.com)

The 65th Annual District Conference
PETS, Assembly and Conference
May 4-8, 2010
Jamaica Pegasus Hotel
Kingston, Jamaica

Rotary International Convention
June 20-23, 2010
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Register online
Dear Fellow Rotarians

A District Governor once said, "Managing a district is like herding kittens. Every club has a wandering agenda!" (PDG 6980 Carlos Giraldo-2008)

Every District Governor wants to be the best Governor in the history of the District. This can only be accomplished with a solid agenda and clubs willing to get on board. The Rotarian Connectivity Network is a tool which will help clubs become efficient in carrying out your wishes, whether it's raising money through new and exciting fundraising programs to meet the District's goal for Polio Plus, or simply completing an international service project on-time.

We have learned that membership is not something that can be recruited. The clubs' badge boxes, full of old name badges, bears witness to that. Exciting clubs are fun clubs which are efficient and fun in everything they do. We have been telling clubs for the last year...**Successful clubs are vibrant, fun, and get things done!** New members will flock to clubs because of successful local projects in the community, and will stay with Rotary because of international projects. The Network is your key to helping clubs have a successful year under your leadership.

The power of having a Network where Rotary Clubs can easily access everything they need to participate in international service and disaster relief projects, cannot be overstated. This was recognized as far back as the early 1990's when PRIP Cliff Dochterman convinced the RI Board to fund the World Community Services Resource Network. PDG 5240, Jim Johannsen assumed the project in 2003, changing the name to Hands Across the Sea. Jim lost his battle with Lymphoma in 2008, and our group of PDG's and committed Rotarians have continued the pursuit of excellence in developing the Rotarian Connectivity Network-RCN. We invite you to a quick preview at [www.projectsupportcenter.org/SENDAUG!.htm](http://www.projectsupportcenter.org/SENDAUG!.htm)

Our goal is to **enroll every Rotary Club** in the Network so they can easily connect with other clubs and create partnerships in service. With a comprehensive list of Country Consultants and Project Advisors, clubs can get the kind of assistance they need to complete projects on time and in a cost-effective manner. Additionally, the Network will provide clubs with everything needed to excel in international service and in supporting Rotarian disaster relief efforts, from sourcing goods and services to cost-saving shipping through our bulk-rate shipping contracts with commercial carriers as well as through our Rotarian Civilian-Military Project Initiative.

Yours in Rotary service,

**Ed Mattson PHF, Member Rotary Club of Mishawaka, IN D-6540**
**Ron White, Member Rotary Club of Carmel, IN D-6560**
**PDG Rob Ketron PHF, Rotary Club of Towsontowne, MD D-7620**
**PDG Joe Clark PHF, Rotary Club of Riverdale, NY D-7230**
**Dr. Leigh Readdy PHF, Rotary Club of Northshore, WA 5030**
**DGE George Camp PHF, Rotary Club of Ossining, NY D-7230**
**Christie Stiner, Member Rotary Club of Carmel, IN D-6560**
**Irina Mattson, Member Rotary Club of Mishawaka, IN 6540**
The 4-way Test of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

"Well done is better than well said."
Benjamin Franklin
(1706-1790)

"A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to put its pants on."
Winston Churchill
(1874-1965)

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."
Mother Teresa
(1910-1997)

"The time is always right to do what is right."
Martin Luther King, Jr.
(1929-1968)

"It is better to light the candle than to curse the darkness."
Eleanor Roosevelt
(1884-1962)

"A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both."
Dwight Eisenhower
(1890-1969)
The Results are in. We did it! We have Made Dreams Real, thanks to you. It has been one interesting year!

- We have fulfilled our part to help decrease child mortality in our community especially on an international level.
- We have maintained outstanding fellowships from our lively informative club meetings and fun social gatherings.
- We have had a successful Rotary Sunrise Scramble Golf fundraiser that made it possible for one deserving young person, Jolanda Donadelle to obtain our Annual Ron Magnuson Scholarship. She will receive a good sound college education at the University of the Virgin Islands.
- We were able to see positive results from the distribution of school planners territory-wide to assist many young students.
- We were very supportive to our adopted school, Jane E.Tuitt Elementary by members reading and participating with students to broaden their inquisitive minds.
- We gave out presents in the form of refreshing reading around the Christmas Holidays.
- We were also instrumental in supplying back packs equipped with recommended books and educational supplies for their next journey for higher learning.
- We also helped with our sister clubs in other major literacy projects.

But that's just part of the story; we assisted the Salvation Army, Junior Achievement, Alternative to Violence, Family Resource Center, Relay for Life, and several other projects to strengthen our community.

- We had the pleasure of entertaining our seniors from the Lucinda Millin Home for the Elderly that brought out rejuvenating vitality.
- We had the privilege in helping several families that were less fortunate by giving a lending hand to see a brighter day!

But there's even more. We were the first club of Rotary International to award the Paul Harris Fellow Award to President Obama!

We would like to thank and recognize the 7020 Past District Governor Rupert Ross for awarding the District Governor's Award to our Sunrise Club. We also like to show our gratitude for the Presidential Citation Award given by 2008 -2009 RI President Dong Kurn Lee for his clever Rotary theme, "Make Dreams Real!"

We have made some dreams real in this journey. Now is the time to pass the torch to Incoming Sunrise President Jeni Smith to continue the great mission of Rotary as we embark a new theme, "The Future of Rotary Is In Your Hands."

Thank you! Sunrisers! and many others for rising to the occasion! In the photo above – Tommy Boatwright and Fellow Rotarian, Roger White.
MARTHA CONNOLLY IS ELECTED NEW MEMBER OF ROTARY SUNRISE

Martha Connolly is the latest member of Rotary SUNRISE. She is the first member who has joined from the Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman. Rotaract, Grand Cayman, are sponsored by - and have been associated with -- Rotary SUNRISE from its inception in 2006. They represent the younger arm of Rotary and are deeply involved in various projects serving the community.

Martha was inducted by District Governor, Errol Alberga, upon his visit to the SUNRISE Club under the leadership of President Winston Connolly.

She joins 94 other members (32 ladies) mostly young professionals from Cayman and 23 other countries, having fun helping in the community. Martha is Caymanian, born in New York of Caymanian parents and moved back to Cayman in 1983.

She is a Graphic Designer by profession and is currently the Assistant Manager in the Marketing and Business Development Department at Deloitte.

Rotary SUNRISE meets at Grand Old House on Wednesday mornings for breakfast - One of the youngest average-age Rotary clubs in the world.

"Service is the rent we pay for living on this earth". (--Shirley Anita Chisolm)

My involvement with different projects that serve others goes way back. When I joined Rotary, my sense of having a responsibility to serve rose to another level.

I do love Rotary. I am inspired by the idea of "Service Above Self." I am heartened by the idea of people wanting to help others and serving their community. And to do so voluntarily!

Rotarians know deep within their consciousness that at some level each person is his brother's keeper. We know that while it is laudatory to do well, it is more important to do good. It is not enough to lead successful lives - our lives should be significant. Real Rotarians do not sit on the sidelines with critics and commentators wondering, "When is somebody going to do something?" We can and do create the change we want to see. Over the years we have lent a helping hand, made a difference, sown seeds of love and made dreams real.

It has been an absolute privilege to be a part of The Rotary Club of Nassau Sunrise, the best little club in the galaxy! I am humbled and pleased to serve as President of this dynamic club. My hope is that during the
Rotary year 2009-2010, our club will firmly place its imprint on our community, both at home and abroad.

Being in Rotary means that the world is our home, and within that larger home, we serve and are served by others. This year, the future of Rotary is in our hands. The future of Nassau Sunrise is in our hands. We will do well to remember that there are many persons whose futures are caught up with ours. It is imperative, especially in the current climate of economic turmoil and upheaval, that we uphold the ideal of service. It is incumbent on us that we renew our commitment to help those who require assistance. More than ever, our service and our leadership in our community are required.

Let's enjoy great fellowship in our Nassau Sunrise family while serving others. Let's make it a great year for Nassau Sunrise and for Rotary. Together, let's ensure a great future for our communities. To that end, we need "All Hands on Deck." Nassau Sunrise - The Future of Rotary is in your hands. Your Board and I look forward to working with you to make this the best year ever!

**Fabian Bain from Rotary Nassau Sunrise reminds us of ... What is a Club Assembly**

by Fabian Bain

A Club Assembly is a meeting of all members, including officers, directors and committee chairs. Club assemblies are an opportunity to discuss the club's programs and activities. Club Assemblies allow for –

- Goal Setting and developing action plans
- Coordination of committee activities
- Awareness of how your club's action plans are implemented
- Informal discussions that stimulate creative solutions
- Ongoing education about Rotary and its programs
- Review of the club's strengths and weaknesses
- The club should hold 4 to 6 club assemblies during the year!

**GRAND CAYMAN-ROTARY SUNRISE & The Red Dinner**

SUNRISE Rotary “let their hair down” and hold a special dinner every other month, organised by Nigel Twohey and his Fellowship committee. This latest idea was an idea fresh from Paris - a dinner where the food was red - you drank red wine - everyone wore red - even the waiters were going to be in Red.

We booked every seat at Bacchus Restaurant on a Saturday night, and they prepared a great Red Menu starting with a gazpacho of fresh heirloom tomatoes, poached red trout or grilled duck in sauce rubis, and with an assiette of fruit rouge for dessert. Wine was Chateau La Gurgue or Castello di Brollio and suited beautifully.

Members and guests, mostly attired in red, complemented the tablecloths and red napkins. A great time was had by all. Rotary SUNRISE has 93 members, 32 ladies, mostly young professionals from Cayman and 23 other countries. When not dining in the red - are having fun, helping in the community. The club meets for breakfast every Wednesday at the Grand Old House.

Photographs follow – through Rose-coloured glasses!

At left - Christine Sanders, Dr. Sook Yin & Rotary Sunrise President Winston Connolly. At right - Jonathan Adam, Michael Levitt, and Rosie Jamieson.

At left - Simone Wiesinger & Olga Gregorova. Middle - Pauline McGettigan & James Chiweshe. At Right - Lucinda Walsh, Dr. Sook Yin and Brian Eccles.
54 youngsters, 50:50 boys and girls from Grand Cayman and the Brac, attended the 3rd Annual Youth Cooking Camp in the kitchens at the George Hicks Campus from 27th July to 31st July. They prepared a variety of meals with the grand finale on Friday 31st July when 4 judges - Michael Levitt and Woody Foster from Rotary SUNRISE, Jason Koppinger, Executive Chef from the Westin, and Alok Singh, from Progressive, tasted and pronounced on the final competition. The standard of preparation, cooking and presentation were all incredibly high and a credit to those who have trained them.

Far left is Rotarian Michael Levitt; Second from right, Rotarian Woody Foster.
Rotary SUNRISE was delighted to sponsor. Club Vice President Andrea Bryan presented graduation certificates.

Future catering in the Cayman Islands is in very good hands!

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**ROTARY CAYMAN CENTRAL**

**gives Boatswain’s Beach a makeover**

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Rotary Central got busy on Saturday, 25th June, at Boatswain’s Beach in West Bay on a community project intended to rejuvenate some of the park’s natural highlights. The project was a joint effort between Rotary Central, the Cayman Wildlife Organisation, CUC, Dart Management Ltd. and Boatswain’s Beach, otherwise known as the Cayman Turtle Farm.

Among other things, the day entailed a clean-up of the nature trail at Boatswain’s Beach. Geddes Hislop, the park’s Curator of Terrestrial Exhibits & Education Programmes, said, “The nature trail is a hidden treasure of the Cayman Islands and regularly introduces residents and visitors alike to Cayman’s unique but delicate ecosystem.” He continued, “The visual examples of the harmonious relationship between insects such as butterflies, birds and the indigenous flora help to educate the children especially on environmental matters.”

One of the main focuses of the day was the landscaping of the Butterfly Garden. Dart Management Ltd. made a significant donation of plants that are known to attract butterflies. Dart’s Doug Webster and Leo Ungriano guided the identification of optimum locations for the plants.
Rotary Central President, Paul Byles, was delighted with the success of the project. He said, “We had a great turn-out on the day, and everybody worked extremely hard, even the children. I would like to extend my thanks to all the Rotary Central members, corporate supporters and everyone else who took part, especially Dart Management for donating so many plants to the project and Rotarian Naude Dreyer for organizing the day.”

At left – The Rotary Central Team at the Turtle Farm

During the clean-up, shrubs and bushes along the trail were pruned and dead foliage removed in anticipation of the rainy season. Orchids rescued by the park’s Mr. Hislop from a construction site were relocated to the Orchid Garden and the existing orchids were re-taped by orchid enthusiast, Rotarian Mike Mandish.

The day also marked the establishment of a bat house at Boatswain’s Beach. According to bat expert Lois Blumenthal of the Cayman Wildlife Organisation bats play a very important role in the Cayman Islands’ ecosystem. The new bat house will be an addition to the two already in use in West Bay. It was designed and constructed by local carpenter, Ron Moser, and was secured atop a sturdy utility pole donated by CUC.

CAYMAN ROTARY CENTRAL donates to Haiti ‘Big Kid project’

At the recent District Conference in St. Croix, Rotarians around the world were exposed to the growing need of economic assistance for underprivileged Haiti families.

The project which is called the ‘Big Kid project’ and is run through the Rotary Club of Pignon, looks to provide all underprivileged families with a goat to assist them economically.

Rotary Central President Paul Byles, started a local initiative through Rotary Central dubbed the ‘goatee club’, which secured sponsorship of one goat by every Rotarian in the club for a family in Haiti.

“The families will benefit greatly economically in terms of breeding possibilities, milk, meat, and resale value,” said Mr. Byles. He added “I am very proud of the enthusiasm and support given by the members of Rotary Central for this international services project. We have secured sponsorship of 65 goats, which will be a huge benefit to poor families in Haiti. This is what Rotary international is all about.”

Errol Alberga, District Governor said, “It is humbling to see the support from Rotary Central, Cayman Islands. I hope that we continue to have their support on all upcoming Haiti projects. I would like to thank all club members and Rotary Central President Paul Byles for this generous donation to help communities in Haiti.”
The Big Kid Project

The project of the Rotary Club of Pignon, Haiti, is designed to assist the communities in the Pignon area in providing nutrition for their families. Goat meat is a staple of the diet in Haiti and the indigenous small Cabritas goat has long been the primary meat source.

Long time Rotarian and humanitarian, Guy Theodore, purchased three large, thoroughbred male goats to cross-breed with the female Cabritas goats and begin the production of larger offspring for higher meat production. Once pregnant, each female goat is given to a family for free. A kid from the first litter is returned to the stock as full payment for the pregnant female. All future progeny, now larger than the indigenous variety, provide a greater quantity of meat for the family on an on-going basis.

There is a constant need for more goats and it is hoped that funding for the project will enable the Pignon Rotary Club to purchase a further 500 females. Each goat, when purchased, requires quarantine for de-worming and de-licing before they can be crossed with the thoroughbred males. The full cost for purchase and quarantine treatment is U.S.$85.00.

If you would like to help with this already successful project, please complete the form on the following page.

Find more information on Haiti’s Big Kid Project at www.7020.org.
Member Development

To talk about Rotary Membership Month, our very own PDG Richard Grant gave us a briefing on the procedure on how to propose a new member and the qualifications.

He pointed to a book "Manual of Procedure" which gives guidance on the procedure. He said the first thing you do is the classification survey, which should be done by August 1st in each year (list of vocations in your community and the names of the members who have filled those seats can be obtained from telephone directory, chamber of commerce, etc.)

Membership Minute - by Ishwar Vaswani

District 5160 PolioPlus chair brings personal perspective

In 1947, 10-year-old Bill Hollingshead peered through a fence at the Yolo County Fair, writes Brad Webber. "On Saturday night, I was looking at a hillbilly band playing to 1,000 people," he recalls. He was enthralled by the audience's reaction. "They were hootin' and hollerin' and clappin'," he says.

Hollingshead had discovered his calling. A lifelong Californian, he went on to work as a concert producer, representing "60s pop idols Frankie Avalon, Ricky Nelson, Fabian, the Kingsmen (who popularized the party song "Louie Louie"), and surf-rock pioneers Jan and Dean and the Wurfaris.

Yet despite being in a promotional business, Hollingshead kept quiet about one thing: his experience as a polio survivor. One evening in July 1951, he told his parents he felt ill. The next day, he remembers, he was at San Francisco Children's Hospital, being rolled down a hallway lined with iron lungs.

None of his friends came to visit. Even his minister stayed away. "I must have done something wrong to have lost all my friends," he recalls thinking. "It was like a social stigma, that I was tainted or that I was untouchable. I asked a pretty girl to a dance. The next morning, she came back with a sad face. 'My parents won't let me go with you. You have polio.'"

Hollingshead rebuilt his strength in the school gym, challenging himself, day by day, to inch his way up a climbing ladder. He tuned up his confidence too, fronting dance bands during high school and at the University of California, Davis. Drafted into the U.S. Army, he served in the Continental Army Command Band.

Before he joined Rotary in 2000, he didn't know that polio eradication was its major priority. Once he became a member, he started talking about being a polio survivor, telling fellow Rotarians things he had never told anyone. "I was so overwrought with the guilt, the shame that I had buried for so long," he recalls. "It started coming out like a volcano."

In October 2001, 50 years after contracting polio, he traveled to Ghana for a National Immunization Day. As the District 5160 PolioPlus Subcommittee chair and a member of the Rotary Club of Davis, California, he's helped raise tens of thousands of dollars, delivering scores of presentations with his trademark let's-put-on-a-show style.

"Bill is a very charismatic kind of guy," says Past District Governor Mark von Hoetzendorff. His effectiveness lies in educating those "who give the blank stare and ask, why is this disease still around?" Call it a testament to his ability to reach those who ponder life's mysteries - like the lyrics to "Louie Louie."
The Rotary Club of Delmas Aéroport, on Friday, July 3, 2009, organized its Changeover Evening. It was an evening of great joy, excellent comradeship, love, happiness shared by all Rotarians. Immediate Past President Dominique Bazin assessed the previous year. The new president, Luc-Marie Luxeus, emphasized in his speech the main objectives of the Club for the New Year.

Everyone enjoyed the rousing music of our DJ Danel George Dady, a friend of the Club, while another friend of the club, Eric Graham, provided us with a splendid coverage of the evening with wonderful photographs.

During the evening, the club raised US $1582.00. This money will be used has carry out the objectives of the Club and to support the Rotary Foundation.

Thanks to everyone, this Rotary fellowship evening was a great success. RCDA thanks you and already is planning our next year’s changeover party envisioned for Saturday, July 3, 2010. It will be special and likely make you quickly forget July 3, 2009! We trust that this Rotary year will continue to be a very special one!
At left - Jean Baptist Brown, PP of Rotary club of Petion-Ville, Denise Amédée, Rotary Club of Delmas Aéroport, Luc Marie Luxeus, Président of Rotary Delmas Aéroport, Guylaine Mecklembourg and Albert Mecklembourg, long-time members of the Rotary Club Delmas Aéroport. Sitting - Chantale Pierre Louis, PP Rotary Club de Petion-Ville, Maryse Jean Louis Jumelle, member of Rotary Club Delmas Aéroport. At right - AG Ted Emmanuel Lazarre, the new President of the RCDA, Luc-Marie Luxeus, the new President of the Rotary Club de Petion-Ville, Gary Perodin, and IPP of RCDA Dominique Bazin.

At left - Rotarians and guests. At right, president of the RCDA Luc-Marie Luxeus.

ROTARY CARREFOUR/MON REPOS, WEST, HAITI
Submitted by Joseph Robenson, Secretary, Rotary Club of Carrefour/Mon Repos.

The Charter Celebrations – Congratulations!

At left - Vice-President Ezechiel Louis Charles; Treasurer Paulette Jn Baaptiste; Charter and New President, Fils St. Croix; Protocole Chief Philose S. Pierre; Vice-President Mara Beauchard; Secretary Robenson Joseph.

The club was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fort-Au-Prince, Haiti.
At left - Charter and New President M. Fils St Croix; Local Rotarian, Dorgue Petit Homme. 
At right – Charter and New President, M. Fils St Croix; Public Relations, Club DELMAS/AEROPORT: Marise Pierre-Louis.
Saturday, 25 July 2009, the Rotary Club of Road Town held its 16th Annual Kiddies Fiesta.

The small parade was led by our very own Enis Adams Primary School Majorettes.

There were also 'Natures Treasures' comprised of sections such as Under the Sea, Bee Movie, Monkey Business and Its a Bug’s Life - who all under the blazing sun, danced their way up to the Old Recreation Grounds.

Entertainment at the Old Recreation Grounds was provided by Show Time Band, 3rd Dimension and DJ Push Pop.

President Melvin Stoutt would like to thank all the sponsors, the participants, Rotarians and the public for their support of our annual Kiddies Fiesta.

President Melvin reminded members to register for the RLI Training which is coming up on the 26 and 27 September 2009. Space is very limited. All four parts are being offered. You may register online via the website: www.rlitraining.org or by contacting PP Mary Findley.

Thought for the Week!
by Stephanie Benn

Life is like a game of Tennis. The player who serves well seldom loses...

Oscar Wilde

One Tip for an Exceptional, Superb & Powerful Life

No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
Rotarians at work

Rotarians displayed their carpentry skills with hammers, nails and plywood as they put together a masterpiece. You could hear and feel the excitement in the atmosphere on Wednesday July 29, as work began to flow on the re-construction and beautification of the new Rotary Float for the upcoming August Monday Parade.

This year’s theme depicted the various projects undertaken by the Clubs. Projects like Polio Plus, The Haiti Project which helps to make the public aware of the work of the Rotary Clubs in the BVI.

The Rotary Float made an entrance in the annual August Monday Festival Parade with its flashy new design.

Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors and family members rode on the dazzling float, as it glided along the waterfront drive bearing the Rotary Theme “The Future of Rotary is in your hands”.

This year’s master piece not only interested the crowds, but the judges as well, with its adornment of beautiful colours of gold and blue. The float attracted a cash prize for a third place finish in the adult section of the parade.

Congratulations!!!
The Rotary Club of St. John has worked with the Cleveland Clinic of Ft. Lauderdale and the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center for the past two years to bring Telemedicine to the island of St. John.

An honorary Rotarian, Mr. Donald Sussman, donated $72,000 to his club to jump-start the project. This amount will cover the expenses for the first year.

The virtual technology will connect the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center to the Cleveland Clinic in Ft. Lauderdale, allowing them the possibility to have advanced video conferencing with real-time interaction, digital stethoscope for listening to the heart and chest, high fidelity otoscope for examining ears, nose and throat, a state-of-the-art dermascope for skin examinations, a high resolution video monitor for displaying microscopic detail, and the opportunity to use a special document camera for displaying x-rays, scans and other images.

The opening ceremony will take place in St. John at the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center at 12:00 noon on September 1, 2009.

At the initial presentation of the $72,000 the Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands, Mr. John DeJongh was present along with the Delegate to Congress, Mrs. Donna Christensen and a physician from the Cleveland clinic, Dr. Mercedes Dullum. Mr. Donald Sussman the honorary Rotarian of the Rotary Club of St. John received a Paul Harris Fellow award for his philanthropic act!
Rotarian Cameron Cadogan from the St. Vincent and the Grenadines was our visiting Rotarian last week.

Cameron gave a brief presentation about his Club, St. Vincent South, and received a banner from our President Pierre.

Rotarian Cameron promised to mail a banner from his own Club.

Last week in our club – Sint Maarten

Did you know two new members joined our club? Last week Fraser got all the time to talk about himself. He did! Fraser Macdonald is born in Nova Scotia, Canada in a very community minded family. From very young years his parents got him involved and learned what service above self really means.

His career was made in thirty years at Scotiabank, not only in Canada, but Fraser also lived in Chile and Mexico where he and his family immediately got involved in community projects again. Fraser got involved in Rotary in Canada, and now got a position as Assistant Manager at the Windward Islands Bank. Fraser, welcome to our club, and we hope to make use of your experience and work together.

Please make sure that both new members, Fraser and Dymphne Bossers, feel welcome at our club. Talk about Rotary and invite them at lunch.

Aadu made sure we could crunch our brains again with the weekly Rotary quiz. Ten questions were fired at us and 8 were answered correctly. Amazingly there was no winner, so the bottle of wine was returned and handed over to Maria for the next meeting.

Aadu’s joke of the week

One winter morning a husband and wife in northern Colorado were listening to the radio during breakfast. They heard the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the snowplows can get through." So the good wife went out and moved her car.

A week later while they are eating breakfast again, the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snowplows can get through." The good wife went out and moved her car again.

The next week they are again having breakfast, when the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow and----"
Just then the electricity went off. The wife had a worried look on her face when she said, "Honey, I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snowplows can get through?"

With the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married to Blondes exhibit, the husband replied, "Why don't you just leave it in the garage this time?"

**ROTARY CLUB OF ST. THOMAS**

...submitted by Karen John

The Rotary Club of St. Thomas has helped to purchase a generator for the Nana Baby Foster Home in TuTu - in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Cayman Sunrise in the Cayman Islands, and with help from MSI Building Supplies, Import Supply, Innovative Communications, and a few outstanding Rotarians, whose monetary contributions and fund-raising events have helped bring this project to fruition. The Nana Baby Home is one of the Club's service projects

*At left - Beulah Wilson, Administrator of NBH, Senator Louis P. Hill, Senate President, Marston Winkles, President of the Rotary Club of St. Thomas, Mike Levitt, President Elect of the Rotary Club of the Cayman Islands and Mrs. Claire Foster.*

The Rotary Club of St. Thomas recognizes Past President John Foster, whose dedication and support for the Nana Baby Home made the generator a reality. The ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for the new generator was held on Saturday, July 18, 2009 at the home.

The Nana Baby Home was established in 1989 and is an emergency care foster home serving children from birth to age 12. This non-profit organization accommodates children who are neglected, abandoned and in need of care and is the only home in the Virgin Islands that provides this kind of service for these children.

The Rotary Club of St. Thomas has adopted this home and throughout the years, has raised funds for renovations and to purchase needed items for the children. Rotarians also volunteer their time to spend with the children who need care, love and attention. Renovations are currently underway for the kitchen and volunteers and sponsors are always welcome at the home."

**So What's Rotary?**

by Don Chandler

An event for new Rotarians and prospective members, "So What's Rotary” was held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 22, at Windward Passage.

"So What's Rotary" is a program for new Rotarians from all clubs in St. Thomas and St. John, and for prospective members. It included a number of videos highlighting Rotary and its work. One of the most interesting ones is of Paul Harris, our founder, at the 1933 RI Convention in Boston.

Sessions were organized on the Basics of Rotary, Obligations of a Rotarian, Rotary's Worldwide Organization
and Service Projects. Several Rotarians gave short "from the heart" presentations on what Rotary has meant to them.

The big event of the day was our District Membership chair, Andre Hylton, from Kingston, Jamaica. Those of you who attended the District Conference know how he can wow an audience!

At the end of the day, everyone enjoyed a fellowship hour with cash bar. If you are new to Rotary, or would like to introduce someone to Rotary, this event would be of interest to you.

For more information, go to http://www.rotaryvi.org.

**ROTARIANS AT WORK**

*My goal.* To have EVERY CLUB send me ONE PHOTO of ROTARIANS WORKING. Include a clear and complete caption so identification is easy. The picture can be shared, and those in the photo easily and quickly identified.

- Every Club – Try to send a photograph plus caption
- The District Newsletter can be truly a "district" newsletter

**ROTARY CLUB OF CARREFOUR/MON REPAS**

*Photos submitted by one of our newest clubs!* Their Charter Day: May 9, 2009

*In these photos, they are ensuring children have nutrition and gaining great publicity with their shirts.*
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