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For inclusion in the CPNewsletter*

Caribbean Partnership

(1) Mark this event on your calendars...



OUR NEXT CP MEETING

PLAN TO ATTEND

OUR CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP CELEBRATION

July 21-23, 2011

RESTON, VIRGINIA

Learn how your Rotary Club can work with other Rotary Clubs in Zones 33 and 34 to establish:

- Exciting fellowship opportunities with Rotarians living in distance countries
- Enhanced project opportunities with a partner who knows the culture, community, and contacts
- Improved grant opportunities through matching grants that will make a real difference on an international scale

BELOW IS THE REGISTRATION WEBSITE -

<http://www.directory-nline.com/rotary/Main.cfm?FuseAction=Main&CFID=1133165&CFTOKEN=21278898>

Registration - \$135/person

- Includes registration, all plenary and breakout sessions, and Friday Dinner Buffet
- Enter quantity of reservations/registrations in the Quantity field

Mail checks/cheques to the CP Treasurer, Phil Lustig at -

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If your registration includes a spouse or additional guest, please include that information.

NOTE: Hotel shuttles will be available to transport from the Dulles International Airport.

BELOW ARE WEBSITES FOR REGISTERING FOR THE HOTEL -

- The cut-off date for the hotel block rate is June 28, 2011.
- Rooms are \$69 USD per night.

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/RotaryInternationalReston>

or

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=1101045603&key=1C45D>

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**Message from the Chair
of the Caribbean Partnership
jv Vlass**



The Rotary relationships you develop make all the difference, whether it's with fellow Rotarians, friends, family, or colleagues. Relationships made through our Caribbean Partnership matter.

Our Caribbean Partnership Inc. is an official Program of Zones 33 & 34's 29 Districts - All nations, religions, races, & cultures of the world are representing 125,000 Rotarians.

A. *The specific purpose for which our Corporation was organized is to provide opportunities for Rotarians in the United States and the Caribbean:*

(1) To become better educated as to their respective cultural similarities and differences, and to

(2) Develop relationships and share knowledge, ideas and interests that would result in Partnered Clubs which provide for

- *worthy community needs, and assisting individuals in need with the basic necessities of life*
- *advancing education and literacy*
- *eliminating prejudice and discrimination, and advancing peace through fellowship among all peoples*

B. In furtherance of this specific purpose, our Caribbean Partnership Inc. shall engage in activities which promote:

- *Cultural Exchange*
- *Developing Rotary Relationships, Fellowship & Friendships*
- *Increase Communications between Countries*
- *Share Rotary Ideas and Interests and assist in strengthening*
- *Rotary in Partnered Clubs and Districts*
- *Our program falls under The Family of Rotary which includes our Partners in Service. (Interact & Rotaract)*
- *There is a potential for developing Joint Projects as a natural evolution from each previously stated (synergy)*
- *Assisting individuals with the basic necessities of life in the event of a disaster (Disaster Relief programs)*

*Please join us for our Caribbean Partnership Celebration Meeting **July 21-23, 2011 in Reston, Virginia.***

Learn why Rotary Relationships Matter and experience:

- *Exciting Fellowship and Networking Opportunities*
- *Enhanced Project Opportunities*
- *Improved Grant Opportunities*
- *Case Studies And Success Models For Effective Partnering*

To register for our Caribbean Partnership Celebration please go to <http://www.caribbeanpartnership.org>

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LET'S MEET JOHN SMARGE

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

John Smarge

**RI Director 2010-2012 Zones 33/34
General Chair for the Zone 33-34 Rotary Institute**

John Smarge has been a Rotarian and resident of Naples, Florida since 1981. His classification is Moving and Storage. John and his wife Cindy are Major Donors, Bequest Society Members and Paul Harris Society Members.



John graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University with a degree in Entrepreneurial Management. At the age of twenty-two, John left his home state of New Jersey, moved to Naples, Florida, and purchased a year-old struggling moving company. His multi-office operation handling local, interstate and international moving is now the largest relocation business in SW Florida.

Professionally John was named a National Moving and Storage Association Young Executive Fellow. He has served as a Board Member of the Florida Movers and Warehousemen Association, as a Regional Director of the Southern Community Bank. He has three (3) times been recognized as North American Van Lines Top Quality Agent.

John has served as

- President of The Rotary Club of Naples in 1992-93
- District 6960 Governor in 1995-96
- Rotary International Director for 2010-2012 and
- Chairman of the Rotarian Action Groups Committee

Internationally, John has served

- Twice as a Delegate to the Council on Legislation
- Twice as a Member of the RI Board of Directors Nominating Committee
- As Rotary International Membership Coordinator and
- As Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator
- As General Chair for the Zone 33-34 Rotary Institute
- As a regular speaker around the world at PETS, Assemblies, TRF and Membership Seminars
- As the RI President's Representative at District Conferences

John considers the most rewarding aspects of his many years in Rotary to be the opportunity to participate in the PolioPlus National Immunization Days in India, his medical missions to Ternopil, Ukraine, and his multiple humanitarian trips to the Caribbean.

John continues to initiate, write and assist with Foundation Matching Grants on a yearly basis, including visiting the project sites.

John has received numerous awards for his Rotary Service including the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, the Distinguished Service Award the Rotary International Service above Self Award and he was recognized in 1999 as the District 6960 Rotarian of The Decade.

John and Cindy have three daughters, Jessica, Stephanie and Amanda. He is a past Board Chairman of the Naples YMCA, Boy Scouts of America and Shelter for Abused Women. John has coached girls' basketball teams for more than 15 years. In his most recent coaching job, John's team went three (3) years with only losing one game. In his spare time John is a competition auto racer.

Zones 33-34 Caribbean Partnership Celebration 2011

July 21-23, 2011 in Reston, Virginia.



Join us for our Caribbean Partnership Celebration Meeting July 21-23, 2011 in Reston, VA, and learn Why Rotary Relationships Matter. Relationships made through our Caribbean Partnership are life-long and lead to fellowship, cultural exchange, and can expedite assistance during a disaster.

Fellowship and Networking Opportunities

Project Opportunities

Learn how RF Matching Grants can assist Partnered Clubs

Success Models for Effective Partnering

Haiti Update

Register at:

<http://www.directory-online.com/rotary/Main.cfm?FuseAction=Main&CFID=1133165&CFTOKEN=21278898>

Hotel: <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/RotaryInternationalReston>

Conference Registration - \$135 per person
Room rate at the Sheraton Reston Hotel - \$69/ night

Located in the middle of all that North VA has to offer.
Minutes from the Dulles airport with FREE airport shuttle and a short drive to Washington DC; we're close to Reston National Golf Course, Reston Town Center (shopping) and many Virginia historical sites.

So get involved with the Caribbean Partnership today
and mark your calendar to join us for our meeting July 21-23, 2011 in Reston, VA

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Coming Events

Rotary International Convention, 2011

New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S.A.

May 21-25, 2011

More information forthcoming – click link below



<http://www.rotary.org/en/members/events/convention/pages/ridefault.aspx>

KATS International Youth Regatta, BVI

July 8-10, 2011

Caribbean Partnership Celebration

Reston, Virginia (close to Washington, DC)

July 21 - 23, 2011

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<http://www.directory-online.com/rotary/login.cfm?f=2>

Hotel Registration -

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Successful CP Projects

Stories of interest at March, 2011

Update on a few Haiti projects

*For information about how you can help Haiti
Please refer to the following:*

(1) <http://www.7020.org>

(where you will see a clear link to the Haiti Earthquake Relief website)

OR

(2) <http://haiti-task-force.blogspot.com/>

(the official Haiti Earthquake Relief website)

ROTARY CLUB OF LES CAYES, Haiti

...submitted by Robert Leger

DAF Project #1- Ecole St. Famille INAUGURATION PHOTOS

As a review, this project comprised the following:

- Rebuilding Six Classrooms has commenced.
 - 300 students to benefit
 - Total Cost is \$122,391.92
- The DAF has committed \$50,000
- District 7020 has committed \$20,000
- SOS has committed \$20,000
- Rotary Club of Montego Bay, Jamaica, has committed \$10,000
- Local Rotarians have committed \$2,000



Above left – AG Yvon giving speech. Centre – Chairman of the Project, Rosa, receiving a gift for Rotary International.

Right – Chairman Rosa thanking all those who assisted with the project.



Above left – Rotarian Rosa with Engineers from EPCOS (Eng. Odinel, Eng. Youldi, and Eng. Samed).

Centre – Children dancing. Right – Members of the audience.



Above left – Audience and Rotarian Rosa. Centre – Children dancing. Right – Poster showing the phases of the project.



Above left – President Aldy cutting the ribbon. Centre – President Aldy giving his speech.

Right – Rotarians from RC of Les Cayes with the Principal of the school.



At left – Students in 6th Grade thanking Rotary with a song.

***ROTARY CLUB OF NASSAU SUNRISE
AND ROTARY CLUB OF FORT MYERS SUNRISE (FLORIDA, USA)
Donate Books to School
To Celebrate Literacy Month***

...By President Karen Pinder and Jeffrey Wright

The Rotary Club of Nassau Sunrise celebrated Literacy Day in September by presenting the Principal and the students of the Mabel Walker Primary School with special grammar school level books. These books were donated as part of the Rotary Club's "Give Thanks with Books" literacy campaign.

Earlier this year, the Rotary Club of Nassau Sunrise together with their Caribbean Partner Club, the Rotary Club of Fort Myers Sunrise (Florida, USA), donated boxes of dictionaries as part of their literacy program.

Speakers at the Club's weekly meetings are thanked with a grammar school book donated to the campaign in their name. On the inner cover of each book is a bookplate that cites the name of the speaker and the date that they appeared before the Club as a speaker.

Mabel Walker Primary was selected as the recipient of this donation as reigning champions of the Rotary Club of Nassau Sunrise's Annual Reading Fair that is held annually in March.

The school's Principal, Willamae Malcolm Bridgewater, allocated these specially marked books to be used in the Ministry of Education's *Lead to Read* program where community leaders would join a classroom and read to the students. These books are specially marked with Rotary's Four Way Test. Students who seek them out receive a prize from the Principal after they have submitted a written report on the book they read.

The school has placed literacy as an important skill set and also encourages the older students to read to the younger ones. Because of the large selection of books, they are very enthusiastic.

Another successful Caribbean Partnership project.



At left - The Rotary Club of Nassau Sunrise celebrates Literacy Day with a book donation to the Mabel Walker Primary School in Nassau.

Shown in the photo are President Karen Pinder, Principal of the school, Ms. Bridgewater and Rotarian Mark Whitehouse along with 2 students.

ROTARY CLUB OF ST. THOMAS

A Taste of Africa - Rotary Helping Uganda

Working with Rotary clubs in Frederiksberg, Denmark, and the Rotary Club of Kirkcudbright, Scotland.

...submitted by Karen John

On November 20, 2010, the Rotary Club of St. Thomas literarily brought the Continent of Africa to the Island of St. Thomas, through its fund-raiser activity called *A Taste of Africa*.



The Rotary Club of St. Thomas has been involved with other Rotary clubs in Fredericksberg, Denmark, and the Rotary Club of Kirkcudbright, Scotland. The clubs wrote matching grants to help the Rotary Club of Lira, Uganda, (1) buy prosthetics for people who lost their limbs to land mines, (2) help with providing them with clean water, and above all (3) help them help themselves through beekeeping and sewing entrepreneurial activities.

This year, with the help of "The African Association of St. Thomas" and its president, Dr. Solomona Kabuka, a native of Uganda, the Rotary Club of St. Thomas, was able to hold its Taste of Africa fundraiser. Twenty (20) dishes from about twenty (20) different African countries were cooked and presented by members of the Association.

The event was hosted by Dr. Yegin Habtes, a native of Eritrea and president of the Club and attended by District Governor Diana White, who sampled a variety of African cuisine. The event included African drums and music.

Guests were dazzled by the multiple colors of Africa, the many African regalia and national dresses. The sight was mesmerizing, and all representative of the beauty of Africa. The night culminated with a fashion show and African dances. It was a wonderful night where people learned not only about Africa, but also about Rotary as a local, regional and international organization.

ROTARY CLUB OF TORTOLA

...by Joycelyn Murraine

Michael 'Beans' Gardener charitable support of Ile A Vache, Haiti



On November 19, 2010, The Rotary Club of Tortola in a joint meeting with other BVI Rotary Clubs honored local entertainer and humanitarian Michael "Beans" (Gardner) for his selfless efforts and exceptional service to the people of Haiti.

Michael Beans was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow Award by Rotary 7020 District Governor, Diana White. The District Governor explained that the Paul Harris Fellow Award is named for the Founder of Rotary International and is intended to honor those who exemplify the Rotary motto of "service above self."

Born in Spring Lake, Michigan, in 1956, young adventure seeker Michael Gardner first went to Haiti in 1976 aged 19 on an expedition to search for the famous Canadian Schooner "Blue Nose." The ill-fated expedition found the schooner, but lost its financial backing when the support money no longer came. Michael agreed to stay alone at the camp on the remote island of Ile A Vache to protect the gear, whilst the rest of the team went

back to the US to investigate the financial problems.

The anticipated return of the team in a few weeks did not happen, and young Michael became lonely, depressed and fell seriously ill, subsequently falling into a coma. When he awoke, he was nursed back to health by locals and returned to the USA.

During the next 20 years, Michael developed his Music Career, spending his summers in North America and winters in the Caribbean. During this time, he developed his Pirate Show, and transformed into "Michael Beans" the Pirate Entertainer. Michael never forgot the kindness he received whilst in Haiti. In 1997, some twenty years after his first ill-fated visit to the island, he decided to return to see what he could do to help those people who had saved his young life so many years before.

In 2000, Michael formed the Good Samaritan of Haiti Foundation to assist in the Health, Education and Welfare of the people of Ile A Vache. The Foundation's first project was to establish a school, by jury rigging some tarpaulins over an old dilapidated mission building and employing local school teachers. The school's objective was to bring free education to any child within walking distance, irrespective of denomination. For the past 30 years, Michael, with sole responsibility for fundraising, has worked tirelessly, putting all his energies into supporting the Good Samaritan Foundation. He donated most of the proceeds from his CD's to the project.

The Rotary Club of Tortola joined forces with the Good Samaritan Foundation of Haiti and Rotary Club of Les Cayes, Haiti to provide water tanks and outboard boat engines for the local community and support the Good Samaritan school by supporting the teacher's salaries for the last three years. During the last two years, Tortola Club has been fundraising to build a new school for the Foundation which is now under construction.

Stephen Cooper and Cate Stephenson of the Tortola Rotary Club have been tasked with the role of seeking sponsors to take over the support funding of the new school.

"In Haiti, one of the poorest nations in the Western Hemisphere, many children do not attend school because their families cannot afford it. By helping Haitian school children get a good education, we can help Haiti break the cycle of poverty" said Haiti School Fund chairman, Rotarian Stephen Cooper.

Michael's positive and practical approach to charitable support of Ile A Vache is truly an inspiration to us all. This man lives and breathes Ile A Vache and his positive, enthusiastic and fun approach shows us all how to live our lives in a better way.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE
DISTRICTS 6950 & 7020 PARTNER TO PROVIDE
PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL'S NICU
with a Ventilator for Premature Newborns



(Pictured from left to right: Thelma Rolle, PMH Public Relations Manager; Dorothy Hepburn, Deputy Hospital Administrator, PMH; Barry Rassin, Past Rotary International Director; Michele Rassin, Past President Rotary Club of East Nassau, District 7020; Joanne Smith, President, Rotary Club of East Nassau, District 7020; Boyd Acklin, President, Rotary Club of St. Petersburg Sunrise, District 6950; Paulette Zonicle, PMH Foundation Board Member; Cathy King, Rotary Club of St. Petersburg Sunrise, District 6950; Dr. Carlos Thomas, Neonatologist; Sandra Orlander, Nursing Officer I, PMH NICU; Una Bain, Nursing Officer II, PMH NICU.)

Premature neonates can now breathe easy thanks to the generous donation of a ventilator made by service organization Rotary International Districts 6950 & 7020 and the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. As the only Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in the Region, management and staff at the Princess Margaret Hospital were pleased to accept such a generous donation presented by international organization Rotary International.

The donation of the much needed incubator was made possible through a Rotary International Matching Grant in partnership with The Rotary Foundation and the following clubs:

District 7020	District 6950
The Rotary Club of East Nassau	Rotary Club of St. Pete Sunrise
Rotary Club of Nassau	Rotary Club of Holiday
Rotary Club of New Providence	Rotary Club of Dunedin
Rotary Club of West Nassau	Rotary Club of Indian Rocks Beach
Rotary Club of South-East Nassau	Rotary Club of Dunedin North
Rotary Club of Nassau Sunrise, Bahamas	Rotary Club of New Port Richey
	Rotary Club of St. Petersburg
	Rotary Club of St. Pete Sunset
	Rotary Club of Hudson
	Rotary Club of Wesley Chapel
	Rotary Club of Crystal River Kings Bay
	Rotary Club of St. Pete Suncoast
	Rotary Club of Gulf Beaches
	Rotary Club of Dunedin North, Florida



As stated by Boyd Acklin, President of the Rotary Club of St. Petersburg Sunrise, Florida, District 6950,

"We felt it was important to lend support to such a worthy cause; this meaningful donation to the Princess Margaret Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit is another way to give back to the international community, and we encourage other persons to become involved and do their part in helping the world.

We are delighted to be able to provide this ventilator. It makes us proud to be Rotarians."

As stated by Michele Rassin, Past President of the Rotary Club of East Nassau,

"On behalf of the Bahamas, I would like to thank all of our partners for their generous donation which will help save the lives of thousands of premature babies who would be unable to breathe without the assistance of these ventilators. We are delighted to be able to receive this donation and present it to the Princess Margaret Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit as no child should have to struggle for that first breath.

We would like to say a very heartfelt thank you to all of the Rotary Clubs and District 6950 and the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International who have contributed to this life-saving initiative."



(Matching Grant #73553)

STORY FROM SAN JUAN AND ROTARY

Movers of the Matenwa Library project recognized

...by Joanne Curcio, www.sanjuanrotary.org

Rotarian Wells Hood of Skidaway Island, Savannah, Georgia Club paid a visit to San Juan Rotary. His mission was to recognize all those whose efforts made it possible for the Matenwa Library in La Gonaive, Haiti to become a reality.

It was six years since he first discussed with now-DG Johnny Richardson the idea of building a community library on the impoverished island with no electricity or running water, but plenty of children anxious to learn.



At the meeting, he recognized the CPS Interact Club - who took the initiative to raise the initial funds to kick start and to see the project through - by presenting its current student leaders with a District 6920 and District 7000 Governor's Award.

Chris Low, Matenwa's co-director who was in attendance, was also honored with a Paul Harris Fellow Award. The many movers and shakers of the project were thanked including both SJ and Skidaway Rotarians, DG Johnny, former director Angela Schlump, and Ana Colomer, among others.

At left - Chris Low, of San Juan Rotary, with Wells Hood of Skidaway Island Rotary Club of Savannah, Georgia.

The Matenwa Library project's first phase was a complete success! A more recent effort that also included a Rotary matching grant has continued the expansion of the library. This project has given residents of the tiny island Internet access and, therefore, access to a whole new view of the world.

CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP PROJECT Districts 7020 and 6910

Congratulations with D-7020 & D-6910's Jaipur limb project "HAITI" in achieving a Humanitarian Grant from our Rotary Foundation. Your efforts are an ideal and excellent example of what our Caribbean Partnership is all about.

Website - <http://www.rotaryjaipurlimb.co.uk>

Youtube Video of the Project - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9j6cXFMKXY>



True Rotarians for Haiti!!

Please share your Partnership story with all 29 Districts of our RI Zones 33 & 34.

CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIPS

Rotary Clubs of Anguilla, St. Maarten, and Vero Beach Sunrise in Florida

Caribbean Partnerships

Friends made through Caribbean Partnerships are the best!

Last February, Rotarians from Vero Beach Sunrise Club in Florida travelled to Anguilla to participate in a Matching Grant program at the W.I.S.E. school (Workshop Initiative for Support in Education).

This February, Rotarian Arthur Hodge from the Vero Beach Sunrise Club was on a cruise that stopped on Tuesday morning, February 15, in Philipsburg, St. Maarten.

Rotarians Louis Wever and Fred van der Peijl from St. Maarten met Arthur and his friend, Ron Hutchinson, at the cruise ship terminal, travelled with them to the local ferry terminal in Marigot, and then over to Anguilla for the morning.

In Anguilla, met by Rotarians, the group visited the W.I.S.E. school briefly and then went for lunch.

A brief visit, but oh so much fun!

Thanks Rotary!



Left – At the Anguilla Ferry Boat Terminal - Rotarian Louis Wever (SXM), Ron Hutchinson, Rotarian Arthur Hodge (Vero Beach Sunrise), Rotarian Fred van der Peijl (SXM), Rotarians Ralph Smith and Calvert Carty (Anguilla)

Right – The same group at the W.I.S.E. school - with the addition of Rotarian Seymour Hodge (Anguilla), second from left, and teacher Jonathan, third from left.

BAY ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY HALL, MISSISSIPPI GRAND OPENING -- JANUARY 28, 2011

A JOINT ROTARY PROJECT INCLUDING D-7020

.....submitted by Patrick Adizua

The Bay St. Louis Community Hall is approximately a \$5 M project with significant funding coming from a Mississippi Development Authority Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), **as well as contributions from Rotary Clubs around the world.** The Rotary Foundation, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community Foundation, Gulf Coast Rebuilding Fund, Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund, and the New York community of Freeport, Long Island. 24 Rotary Districts in the central portion of the US from Texas to Alabama to Illinois to

the Gulf Coast contributed to this project. They were joined by 20 additional Rotary districts from around the world, including Jamaica.

District 7020 was the International District that made the project happen. The District contributed \$3000 USD.

Approximately 400 people came for their first look at the new facility. Joining many of the local residents were supporters from across the nation. Visitors from Alabama, Louisiana, New York, Boston, Illinois, **and Jamaica** attended the Grand Opening and dedication of The Bay St. Louis Community Hall in Bay St. Louis on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.



The Katrina rebuilding project was born from the relief efforts that occurred when the Rotary Club of Jonesboro, Arkansas, adopted Bay St. Louis, Mississippi after Katrina. The Rotary Club of Jonesboro worked with volunteers across the nation to bring much needed supplies and volunteers to the area after the disaster.

At left – Rotarian Patrick Adizua (far left) from Rotary Club of Mandeville, Jamaica, attended the event on behalf of District 7020.

A group of Rotarians from Jonesboro and Bay St. Louis met with Mississippi Governor Hailey Barbour to present the project application for the CDBG Grant. Weeks after this meeting the \$2.7 M grant was designated for the project.

The hall was designed by Belinda Stewart Architects and built by K Thompson Builders. The project steering committee was chaired by Mayor Eddie Favre, Corky Hadden, and Bob Warner. It is a 14,000 square foot facility that features a 6,630-square-foot hall, a 1,700-square-foot gallery hall, exterior porches and several meeting rooms. It is designed for meetings, conferences, receptions, parties, celebrations and live performances.

The grand hall will accommodate 650 in a theater-style layout and 420 around tables in a banquet setting. An oversized commercial kitchen is a plus for dinners, banquets and other events that include food preparation. The facility also can serve as a disaster relief center and can serve 1000's of meals a day if needed.

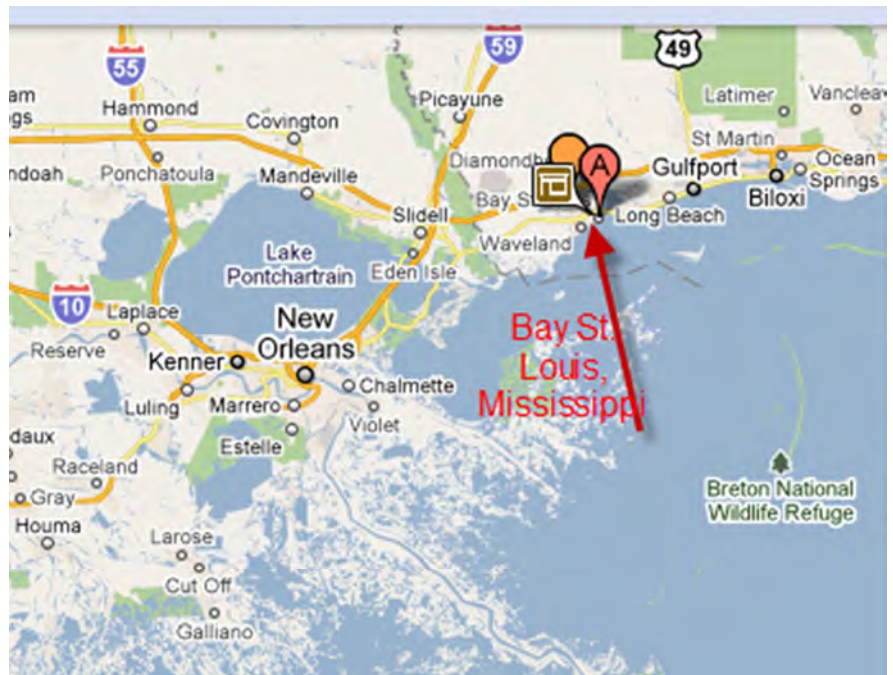
“When you walk in this building you get the sense that it’s been part of Bay St. Louis for a long, long time,” Mayor Les Fillingame said. The \$5 million project won’t be a burden to taxpayers, Fillingame said. Revenue generated through rental fees will “more than accommodate the ongoing maintenance cost,” he said.

Bob Warner, a Jonesboro, Arkansas Rotarian, grew up in Bay St. Louis and wanted to help after Hurricane Katrina. His club sent supplies after the storm, and has been a driving force behind the fundraising for the community hall project.

“Rotarians throughout the world have supported this,” he said. “The hall will be a huge asset to the city. We see it as a beacon of hope and economic stimulus for the area,” he said.

“It has exceeded every expectation that we ever had,” Bay St. Louis Rotarian Corky Hadden said.

“We’ve never had something like this to offer,” Fillingame said. “For the future of Bay St. Louis, it’s a dream come true.”





At left – Rotarian Patrick Adizua from D-7020 and Bob Warner, Rotarian from Jonesboro, Arkansas. Bob Warner grew up in Bay St. Louis.



ROTARY CLUB OF CAYMAN BRAC An excellent Caribbean Partnership idea!

Rotary Awareness Month - Guest Speakers “Visit” Clubs Via Skype

...submitted by Andrea Stevens



SKYPE - Fantastic!

During the month of January, in recognition of Rotary Awareness Month, the Rotary Club of Cayman Brac (a Club consisting of 10 dedicated, hardworking members on an island of 1500 people), utilized Skype as a means to overcome these obstacles.

Testing the idea of having guest speakers “visit” the Club via Skype, the Club welcomed

PDG and Past RI Director Barry Rassin in December as he sat at home in the Bahamas. PDG Barry spoke about earthquake recovery efforts and the cholera outbreak in Haiti. The Skype connection was very good.

Commencing at the beginning of January, ADG Rosie Jamieson “visited” the Club via Skype from her home in Grand Cayman. ADG Rosie spoke to the club about Rotaract in general and also about the history of the Rotaract Clubs in Grand Cayman. She also briefly touched upon Rotary’s response to the cholera outbreak in Haiti.

After ADG Rosie “visited” the Club, District Governor Diana White “visited” the Club while physically visiting clubs in Jamaica. DG Diana spoke about the upcoming District Conference and about her travels throughout the District as District Governor. The Rotary Club of Cayman Brac was especially intrigued about her encouraging comments about the Rotary Club of Cat Island. This club is a small club that faces challenges similar to those of the Rotary Club of Cayman Brac. DG Diana also shared some slides with us via Skype.



The Club also had the delightful opportunity to spend some time, via Skype, with District 7020 RLI Director Haresh Ramchandani. Sitting in his study in Jamaica, Rotarian Haresh spoke about the “branding” of Rotary. Always entertaining, Rotarian Haresh showed great patience and even humor throughout our periods of technical difficulties. After being disconnected from Skype at one point because of a laptop problem, the Club was able to contact him on his personal cell number (after retrieving it from his Facebook profile) to let him know that we were reconnecting with a different laptop.

For the final weekly meeting in the month of January, District 7020 Membership Chair Winston Connolly and PE Andrea Bryan (both members of the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman Sunrise) traveled to Cayman Brac to visit the Club the old fashioned way. Rotarians Winston and Andrea (a Cayman Brac native) were able to provide some very interesting ideas about trying to build the Club’s membership.

Although the technology is not yet perfected, Skype is a very cost effective way for remote Clubs (or any Clubs for that matter) to provide stimulating, interesting weekly guest speakers on a regular basis. Skype is a great means by which Rotary Clubs can maintain contact with Rotarians around the world. With Skype technology, the sky is the limit!

NEWS FROM ROTARY BAHAMAS

***Rotary Club of Nassau Sunrise Donates Books to School
With help of Rotary Club of Fort Myers Sunrise (Florida)
To Celebrate Literacy Month***

By President Karen Pinder and Jeffrey Wright

Earlier this year, the Rotary Club of Nassau Sunrise together with their Caribbean Partner Club the Rotary Club of Fort Myers Sunrise (Florida, USA), donated boxes of dictionaries as part of their literacy program.

The Rotary Club of Nassau Sunrise celebrated Literacy Day in September by presenting the Principal and the students of the Mabel Walker Primary School with special grammar school level books. These books were donated as part of the Rotary Club’s “Give Thanks with Books” literacy campaign. Speakers at the Club’s weekly meetings are thanked with a grammar school book donated to the campaign in their name. On the inner cover of each book is a bookplate that cites the name of the speaker and the date that they appeared before the Club as a speaker.



At left - The Rotary Club of Nassau Sunrise celebrates Literacy Day with a book donation to the Mabel Walker Primary School in Nassau. Shown in the photo are President Karen Pinder, Principal of the school, Ms. Bridgewater and Rotarian Mark Whitehouse along with 2 students

Mabel Walker Primary was selected as the recipient of this donation as reigning champions of the Rotary Club of Nassau Sunrise’s Annual Reading Fair that is held annually in March. The school’s Principal, Willamae Malcolm Bridgewater, allocated these special marked books to be used in the Ministry of Education’s Lead to Read program where community leaders would join a classroom and read to the students. These books are specially marked with Rotary’s Four Way Test and students who seek them out, receive a prize from the Principal after they have submitted a written report on the book they read. The school has placed literacy

as an important skill set and also encourages the older students to read to the younger ones. Because of the large selection of books, they are very enthused.

ROTARY CLUBS OF THE BAHAMAS

International Partnership with California – Santa Monica and Beverly Hills

...submitted by Lindsey Cancino

This article appeared online at <http://www.bahamaislandsinfo.com>

The Rotary Clubs of the Bahamas have come together to create an emergency water plant in Grand Bahama.

When hurricanes Frances and Jeanne ripped through Grand Bahama several years ago, they created a dismal scene where thousands of residents were left scrounging for food and water in their aftermath.

The Grand Bahama Emergency Water Relief Foundation has taken a proactive approach to help islanders become better prepared, with the construction of a reverse osmosis water plant on the island.

The foundation raised nearly \$220,000 for the plant's construction, including a \$120,000 donation by the T.K. Foundation.

It is comprised of members from the Rotary Club of East Nassau, the Grand Bahama District and California (Santa Monica and Beverly Hills), some of whom were not afraid to put their hands to the plough for the plant's construction.

In fact, ten Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Santa Monica were in Freeport painting walls, planting trees and putting up signs at the site. They joined the project at the prompting of their fellow club member, Myles Prichard -- who is a Bahamian.

The plant was commissioned on Wednesday on Grand Bahamian Way on property donated by the Grand Bahama Port Authority and will be able to produce up to 6,200 gallons per day.



Rotary's Deputy Assistant Governor for The Bahamas, Lindsey Cancino, explained that the water plant will commence the storage of water once a storm is tracked in the Grand Bahama area. The plant, which has its own generator, will be managed by Grand Bahama Utility Company.

Said Cancino: "We're going to have to have an emergency on its way like a hurricane and then we would just come and turn the plant on. It produces 6,200 gallons per day. We have a holding tank that can store that water and it would be distributed through a variety of means, but a lot of them mobile.

"So, we would fill tanks and then put them on to trucks and take them out to wherever we need to get them out to Grand Bahama. Even beyond that, we could help people in Abaco if that became necessary and water was an issue."

Michael Stafford, a local Rotarian who helped to galvanize local, national and international Rotarians to bring this project to life, shared how the past storms affected Grand Bahama.

"It was terrible. We lost around 1,100 power poles here. So therefore we had no power and some neighbourhoods had no power for six weeks. Also because of the storm surge and the floods in certain areas, we had our ground water supply contaminated with salt water," he said.

"Economically, we were hit very hard and we lost a major employer with the closure of the Bahamas Princess [Royal Oasis] and if you just look around the island, you can see trees that are snapped in half and roofs that are still not repaired. So there was a tremendous economic impact with the hurricanes and there always is, so Rotary is there to try and help people with their basic necessities."

Stafford said that the new plant draws its water from a salt water well, ensuring a constant supply of water in almost any situation. The plant also runs off of commercial power and has its own standby generator which can keep the facility operating even after the loss of commercial power.



Jillian Alexander, Co-chair of Rotary District 5280 WCS and co-chair for the Bahamas Clean Water Project for District 52ED in Los Angeles said that in 2006 Rotary International took on “clean water” as a major initiative for the group.

However, she said it was the story of Grand Bahama’s devastation that encouraged Rotarians to pour themselves into this project.

“That was something that we really needed to understand. The initial concept from Los Angeles was that people from Grand Bahama should be able to deal with such an issue on their island. We didn’t know that you were flying in emergency water and that was another thing that touched all of the hearts of the Rotarians who participated in raising the funds.”



She said there were eight clubs in the Los Angeles Region who participated in fund raising efforts, raising \$22,000.



NEMA Co-ordinator and administrator in the Office of the Prime Minister Don Cornish commended Rotary for setting the tone for other organisations to forge such partnerships.

“Having a reliable supply like this would be a definite asset. Also, there were other disasters in the past in communities like Grand Cay where they didn’t have water supply because their water system wasn’t functioning. That’s a nice little community and we had to go ask for donations to assist and rely on our resources that we had on hand. So I think this partnership is a very positive thing for us and really demonstrates the importance of partnerships between the community and the government,” he said.

President of Waugh Construction, Sonny Waugh, who supervised the plant’s construction, became very passionate as he spoke about the nearly 40 businesses on Grand Bahama who donated their services.

“We bulldozed the land and as it was in the flood zone, we brought in a pile of fill from Bahama Rock. If you were to see our donors list on the plaque afterwards, you will see how many firms in the community donated to this and how many hours I must have spent on the telephone, on my knees begging, begging. They really came through for us,” he said.



This is one of dozens of humanitarian efforts initiated by Rotary International added Cancino, who reported that there are approximately 60 current grants going into Haiti to help those affected by the deadly 2010 earthquake. Rotary is also planning to build an artificial limb hospital in Haiti to help change the lives of some 4,000 amputees in Port-au-Prince.

As for the role his fellow Rotarians from abroad have played in helping to bring relief in a proactive way, Cancino said: “It is an incredible feeling of camaraderie and a common purpose that all Rotarians share. I am not really surprised that they are involved because Rotarians are incredibly generous people in my experience and we couldn’t be happier that they are here with us and were willing to do this with us. All around it was a terrific experience.”

Click this link to see the video of the event - <http://vimeo.com/20070176>

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REVIEW - ROTARY CORE VALUES

...www.rotary.org

Rotary's core values represent the guiding principles of the organization's culture, including what guides members' priorities and actions within the organization. Values are an increasingly important component in strategic planning because they drive the intent and direction of the organization's leadership.

Service

We believe that our service activities and programs bring about greater world understanding and peace. Service is a major element of our mission. Through the plans and actions of individual clubs, we create a culture of service throughout our organization that provides unparalleled satisfaction for those who serve.

Fellowship

We believe that individual efforts focus on individual needs, but combined efforts serve humanity. The power of combined efforts knows no limitation, multiplies resources, and broadens our lives and perspectives. Fellowship leads to tolerance and transcends racial, national, and other boundaries.

Diversity

We believe Rotary unifies all people internationally behind the ideal of service. We encourage diversity of vocations within our membership and in our activities and service work. A club that reflects its business and professional community is a club with a key to its future.

Integrity

We are committed to and expect accountability from our leaders and fellow members, both in the results of our efforts and in the processes we use to accomplish our goals. We adhere to high ethical and professional standards in our work and personal relationships. We are fair and respectful in our interactions, and we conscientiously steward the resources entrusted to us.

Leadership

We are a global fellowship of individuals who are leaders in their fields of endeavor. We believe in the importance of leadership development and in leadership as a quality of our members. As Rotarians, we are leaders in implementing our core values. All of these core values are reflected in the [Object of Rotary](#) and [The Four-Way Test](#), which we use in our daily lives. They inspire us to foster and support the ideal of service for developing and maintaining integrity in human relations.

PDG Rupert Ross - District 7020

has accepted the challenge of coordinating a Caribbean Partnership exhibit
at the upcoming RI Convention in New Orleans in May 2011

IN SUPPORT OF HAITI...



For your interest and information!

Please pass this information on to all who may be interested in adding their support!

Andy Rance (see below) has released a Rock/Metal single featuring *Lemmy from Motorhead*, the band *Girlschool*, *Rudy Sarzo (bassist from Whitesnake, Ozzy Osbourne, Quiet Riot and Dio)* and *25 young musicians from Livewire Youth Music*. The goal is to raise enough money to either rebuild a school in Haiti or set up a music project there.

Various links and information are included below:

- Livewire Youth Music is releasing a charity single with the intention of helping to raise money to rebuild a school in Haiti.
- The charity single has been an epic undertaking

Current press details include:

- <http://www.imotorhead.com/news.cfm> Official Motorhead website
- <http://www.thisisplymouth.co.uk/news/Lemmy-lends-helping-hand/article-3238236-detail/article.html> Evening Herald
- <http://www.planetrock.com/newscentre/rock-news/lemmy-helps-out-on-haiti-charity-single-1521> Planet Rock
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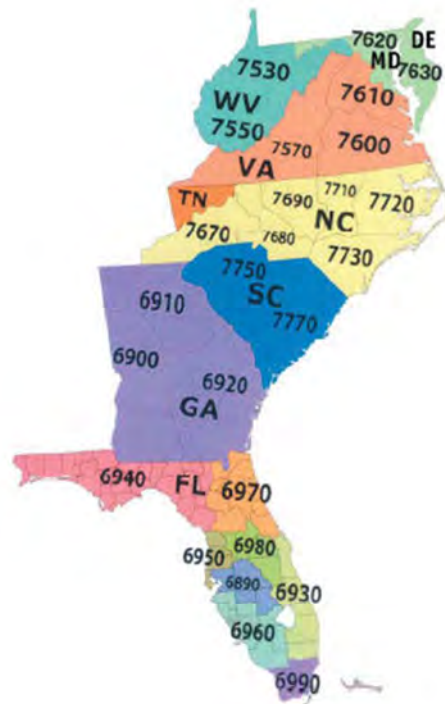
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Zone 33

- ▶ USA: D. C., Delaware, Maryland, North & South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia

Zone 34

- ▶ Caribbean: Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, British Virgin Isl., Cayman Isl., Dominica, Fr. West Indies, Fr. Guiana, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, Netherland Antilles, St. Kitts-Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos, Virgin Isl.; Guyana, Puerto Rico, Suriname, USA: Florida, Georgia

Governors of Zones 33/34 - 2010-11

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This list will be updated as I receive more information. I print it here for your information.

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INTERESTING INFORMATION – ZONES 33 AND 34

Totals for Zone 33

Total number of districts: 15
 Total number of clubs: 784
 Total number of Rotarians: 38572
 Number of two-year terms out of 16 terms: 8

Totals for Zone 34

Total number of districts: 14
 Total number of clubs: 774
 Total number of Rotarians: 37029
 Number of two-year terms out of 16 terms: 8

Interesting websites for Zones 33 and 34

- <http://www.rizones33-34.org/>
- <http://membership33-34.blogspot.com/>
- <http://rotaryresources.blogspot.com/> (Zone 33 Rotary Coordinator's Blog - Rotary Resources)
- <http://zone34retentioncentral.blogspot.com/> (Zone 34 Rotary Coordinator's Blog – Retention Central)

ROTARY ZONE CO-ORDINATORS

What is a Rotary Co-ordinator?

...from Rotary Code of Policies (2010 Rotary Coordinator Institute)

The purpose of the Rotary Co-ordinators is to provide enhanced information and assistance from RI to the clubs and districts. They are to serve as trainers, motivators, coaches, counselors, and resource persons for the club and district leaders in their assigned regions. They also are to be available for assistance at Rotary institutes, GETS, and other zone level meetings.

The Rotary Co-ordinators are to be trained and knowledgeable in all aspects of RI, and they are to perform the following functions through the planning and conducting of district and regional seminars and workshops with the assistance and support of district leaders:

- Inform and motivate Rotarians about RI programs
- Improve both clubs and districts by the sharing of best practices and other practical information and motivation for club and district leadership
- Produce membership growth through stronger and more effective clubs. The Rotary Co-ordinators also will serve as an important source of RI information for clubs and districts and as a vital link between the Secretariat and the Rotarians in their assigned regions.

The Rotary Co-ordinators are to be 41 highly talented Rotarians who serve as RI representatives to the districts in their respective regions with at least one such representative in each of the 34 Rotary zones. Their assigned regions are to be aligned and congruent with the 41 regions assigned to the Regional Rotary Foundation Co-ordinators by the Trustees.

Rotary Co-ordinator for Zone 33, Bevin Wall, adds the following:

The Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator implements the Rotary Foundation's programs and fundraising within a Zone. The (Regional) Rotary Coordinator implements the rest of Rotary's programming, which is best described in the RI Strategic Plan.

Zone 33 – Bevin W. Wall (2010-11)



Rotary Co-ordinator, Mid-Atlantic States, U.S. (Start year, 2010)

Co-ordinator of membership development, training, strategic planning, Rotary programs, vocational service, humanitarian service and public relations for 37,000 Rotarians in the region.

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Zone 34 – Jim Henry (2010-11)

JIM HENRY

Author, Engineer



About The Author

Jim was born in rural Florida in the mid-thirties. After serving in the infantry in Korea, he graduated from the **University of Florida** College of Engineering. He first retired from professional engineering in 1985, but has twice been enticed to return to the work force. He retired for the third, and last, time in October, 2001, but is still active on special projects. He and his wife, Jean, travel extensively, frequently staying in private homes.

Jim, using his laptop, takes notes to use in pursuit of his avocation - writing. **Jim** remains active in his community. He has served with many community organizations, most notably the **Sarasota Education Foundation**. He is an active **Rotarian**, is a Paul Harris Fellow several times over, and served as Governor of Rotary District 6960 in 2003-2004.

A minimum of **25 percent** of the profit from **Jim's** books goes to **Rotary projects local and International, The Education Foundation of Sarasota County, North United Methodist Church and The University of Florida.**

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