



Rotary District 7020 Hurricane Recovery Committee Report Report #9 October 21, 2017

NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT DISASTER COMMITTEE

The committee is developing a standard needs assessment survey to proactively get assessments using consistent criteria from each community.

Your Projects: Clubs are encouraged to complete project financing requests as soon as is possible by responding to [PDG Felix Stubbs](#). Our 7020 Rotaractors will be assisting with the promotion of the planned projects on www.rotary.org.

Shipping and Distribution: In St. Croix, PDG Rupert Ross continues to oversee the various on-shipment of relief supplies destined for the eastern islands of St. Barths, St. Martin, Anguilla and the British & US Virgin Islands. Shipments of AquaBoxes and Water Survival Boxes are underway.

Fundraising:

All online donors have received an e-mail of appreciation for their contributions. To date, our funds in the **District 7020 DAF** account are in excess of **US \$165,000.00**.

Donors to the **Rotary GBI Fund in the UK** are too many to list and the total there is at **£71,500** (\$93,000)

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR AMAZING DONORS AND SUPPORTERS



Haiti: Club donated over \$7,500.00, an extraordinary effort.

Thanks to Rotary Clubs of: Les Cayes \$3,466; Port-au-Prince \$2,000; Cap Haitien \$1,000; and Aquin \$1,000.

RC Sarnia, in Ontario, Canada. We previously reported they held a fundraising dinner and raised over \$7,000.00, however, the final contribution to our DAF was in excess of \$12,000.00

The Rotary Club of Guadeloupe: Sent a supply of water and books to the clubs in St. Martin.

Rotary clubs across the globe are supporting us in various ways. Notable are the multitude of clubs in the **USA and the UK** from whom we receive constant support. Thank you all!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROJECT PARTNERSHIPS

On Anguilla: The Club is seeking financial support the recovery of the Hospital, Schools and Senior Citizens Homes. This is a very challenging task.

NEW FROM OUR NEIGHBOUR DISTRICT

District Governor José Lucas Rodríguez from our neighbouring [District 7000](#), Puerto Rico has only just recently been in a position to send out a communications. A "google" translation of his message is attached to this report. Anyone wishing to communicate with the Puerto Rico district for information or support should contact their District Officer, Laura Blizzard.

SUPPORT FROM OVERSEAS



Help from The Netherlands for Sint Maarten School: In Huizen, Netherlands, a town of 41,000 people in an area of 23 km², roughly similar in size to your community, the Rotary Club Huizen Gooimeer is fundraising for Sint-Maarten with the title: "[Huizen voor Sint-Maarten](#)". In Dutch this has a double meaning: "Our whole town Huizen takes action to help Sint-Maarten" and "Houses for Sint-Maarten" to refer to the rebuilding of houses at your island.

The project starts October 11th and ends on St. Martin's day November 11th with a full day of fundraising activities.

One of the key elements is our ability to explain what the money will be used for. We have understood that one of the projects is to rebuild the Marie Laurence School.



Curacao Chronicle: [405,000 guilders collected for Sint Maarten](#)



WILLEMSTAD - The final amount of the 'One Love SXM' action is 405,000 guilders. The money has been donated to the Red Cross. They will, in turn, use it for the reconstruction of Saint Maarten, Saba and Saint Eustatius.

During the One Love SXM action, there were several activities like a marathon broadcast and a concert.

NEWS FROM THE ISLANDS - WE ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

We Will Welcome Visitors This Season. **Without exception**, all territories have a clear message – we will be open for business this season. All of these beautiful islands rely heavily (most rely 100%) on the tourism trade. Working towards welcoming visitors back to these shores is one of the surest ways to put the economy back on its feet.

Canada is the Turks & Caicos' second largest source market and has lauded the territory's "strong and speedy" recovery following the passage of hurricanes Irma and Maria. This comes as an article posted on Canada's leading travel website Travel Week on October 4 reported that water and power have been restored in Providenciales,



The Anguillian reports: ["COME TO ANGUILLA: WE ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS"](#)

The Anguilla Hotel and Tourism Association (AHTA) has a message for travellers in the regional and international marketplace. The message is that, although some larger and luxurious hotels may be closed, some of the smaller accommodation facilities and restaurants are either already opened or just about to open so "Come to Anguilla"



Governor of the USVI states "St. Thomas will receive 25 cruise calls from Nov.10 to 30 .

The Virgin Islands Consortium



St. Croix: Yesterday, over 40,000 pounds of supplies, among them batteries, baby items, cleaning supplies, clothing, flashlights, non-perishable food, personal hygiene products, toiletries, towels and water will be distributed free of charge. Event sponsors include the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (Mu Gamma Omega Chapter), Ferrol Trucking, Just Right Trucking and Trash Removal, Monarch Heavy Equipment Rental, the V.I.P.D. and the V.I. Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation.

French Saint-Martin: Rene-Jean Duret reports: Rotary Club of Saint-Martin Nord received another 20' container from Rotary clubs of Guadeloupe, with bottles of water, as the eastern part of the French side is not totally connected to the public water network. We continue to have problems of internet connection in some areas.

British Virgin Islands: PP Lorna Smith reports that Rotary not only continues to provide hot meals to all shelters but has now joined forces with Government to replace lost roofs. With a donation we received from a Rotarian we are providing the labour while government is providing materials. We are also using ShelterBoxes on Jost Van Dyke and hope to provide shelter for linesmen coming to restore power.



Premier Hon. Dr. D. Orlando Smith, OBE in his weekly [radio brief](#) on Friday stated: "Immediately following the passage of Hurricane Irma, Government began discussions with key long-standing and new partners locally and internationally to assist us with the massive response that is necessary following such a catastrophic disaster as Hurricane Irma. These partners have been high profile private residents and businesses, regional and international NGOs and response agencies, as well as service groups such as our Rotary Clubs. Rotary has played a vital role in supporting logistics and coordinating various groups that have come to our aid. On Thursday, my team and I had productive meetings with the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean who will be assisting us by providing a large team of technical persons to help undertake a detailed damage and loss assessment across all sectors. This will be undertaken in the coming weeks"



[The BVI Platinum](#) reported "The Rotary Club of Tortola says it has called on one of its international partners, [Habitat for Humanity](#), to help repair and rebuild homes within the BVI. The Rotary Club has partnered with the government to assist with relief and recovery efforts within the Territory. The club says the local housing needs of the Territory are too great and cannot be met solely with the help of local contractors. Habitat for Humanity, a Rotary International partner program, is known for building homes for underprivileged persons in times of disasters. The group should arrive in the Territory within a month.

"By the end of this week, we hope to have a plan in place with Habitat for Humanity as far as the scope of work to be carried out and how many resources they can offer us here in the BVI," Rotary's Operations and Logistics Coordinator, Joseph Ryan said during a press conference held at the BVI FSC conference room yesterday, October, 17.

Rotary Operations and Logistics Coordinator, Joseph Ryan

Photo Credit: Sherine Williams/BVI Platinum News

It was noted that Habitat for Humanity is quite adaptable, and once they get into a Territory, they familiarize themselves with building codes and other such areas. "They will also be retrained by our people on the ground and guided by qualified contractors in the country," Ryan said

Rotary's District Governor Elect, Delma Maduro said Habitat for Humanity has already been briefed on the type of structures, to ensure that the right team comes to help rebuild homes.

[From Turks and Caicos:](#) AG Karl Isaac reports: There are three shipping lines weekly between Turks and Caicos Islands and Miami; Tropical Shipping, Caicos Caribbean Line and Seacor Island Lines. Fedex, DHL and UPS couriers are also now delivering.

[USVI Report](#) from [Virgin Islands Consortium](#) (click for full details)

Governor Kenneth Mapp reports that more than 500 linemen from across the U.S. will soon be in the territory to help the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority meet its goal of restoring power to 90 percent of the USVI by Christmas.

The public are being advised to continue to take the precaution of boiling water for drinking and for food preparation.

Mapp, at a press conference on Friday, also said many beaches in the territory are now safe for swimming and fishing. A firm has arrived that is working in terms of getting the sand back on Fort Frederick beach on St. Croix.

"Tall Order"

Photo by Jocelyn Augustino/FEMA



ROTARIANS AT WORK!

AG Marcellia reports on this month's activities of the French & Dutch clubs and Anguilla

[RC St. Barthelemy:](#) Shipped 13 pallets of water, canned food, clothing, shoes, toys and board games to the Rotary Clubs of St. Maarten and St. Martin. Photos below are of Rotarians distributing the products.

[RC Anguilla:](#) Sorted and bagged hygiene products and breakfast products for over one thousand (1000) students who are now back at school.

Photo: Anguilla gets the assistance of students from schools to off load the items from container



[RC St. Martin Nord:](#) Continued distributing the donation received from the company 'Pro a Pro Distribution' and the eight ***Rotary Clubs of Guadeloupe***. 10



pallets of water were shared out to the people in the communities on the French side of the island. The club also continued to distribute food items to the community as well and distributing 15 boxes of French books, received from the ***Rotary Club of St. Barthelemy***.

[RC St. Maarten Mid-Isle:](#) Donated food items, water, and clothing to the Hope Outreach Foster Home, Player Development and the Safe Haven Foundation, this was made possible by the generous donation from the ***Rotary Club of St. Barthelemy***. The club also donated school bags full of supplies for children and boxes of books for the children to read. The members of the club also volunteer and read to the children on Saturdays.



RC Sint. Maarten:



In collaboration with Prime Distributors and various suppliers such as: Rivianna Foods, who donated a full container load of Mahatma Rice, Ronzoni Pasta products, distributed over one thousand (1000) food baskets across the island.

RC St. Martin Sunrise: Rotary Club of St. Maarten and the local businesses donated 37, 20lbs bags of rice which the Sunrise club delivered to the White & Yellow Cross foundation. These were then distributed to the residents of the Sint Maarten Home, the Sr. Basilia Center and their staff whose homes were damaged by hurricane Irma.



All St. Maarten Clubs donated a variety of toys, puzzles, board games, and 88 cases of drinking water to fifteen (15) Day Care Centers that recently opened after the destruction caused by Hurricane Irma. The St. Maarten Early Childhood Development Association, who received the donation on behalf of all day care centers and organized an official ceremony for the presentation of the items.



AG Marcellia writes "Excellent work is being done by all Rotary Clubs in our area to assist the people in their community on the islands, and I would like to congratulate all presidents and their members. Well Done!"



DONATIONS IN EUROS MAY BE SENT TO:

LETTER FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOSE LUCAS RODRIGUEZ



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DISTRICT 7020: HURRICANE DISASTER RECOVERY FUND

In response to the devastation caused by Hurricanes throughout District 7020's many islands, District 7020 has set up a Disaster Recovery Fund.

The fund is managed by Rotary's DNA-RAG Rotarian Action Group, a 501(c)3, #[47-3860087](#) in cooperation with District 7020's Disaster Relief Committee

http://www.dna-rag.com/d7020_irma-relief-fund

<http://www.7020.org/>



Disaster Network of Assistance
Rotarian Action Group

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

By Credit Card or PayPal: <http://www.dna-rag.com>

By Crowdfunding: <https://www.gofundme.com/rotary7020hurricanerelief>

By wire transfer:

Account Name: Disaster Network of Assistance - Rotarian Action Group, Inc. dba "DNA-RAG"
9937 Majorca PL, Boca Raton, FL 33434

Account #: 12 1682 8928

Swift Code: PNCCUS33

Physical address of Bank: PNC Bank, 9033 Glades Rd, Boca Raton, FL 33433

Contact: PDG Phil Lustig, Vice Chair, Tel: 1 561 212 6554 Email: phil.lustig3@gmail.com

Ensure payee instructions entered for: "District 7020 Hurricane Irma Fund"

For further information on District 7020 contact:

District 7020 Hurricane Relief & Recovery Chair, Past District Governor Jeremy Hurst
District 7020 Communications Committee

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ROTARY DISTRICT 7000

It is the first time after Hurricane Maria that we have access to the e-mail database of the Rotary members due to the limited electronic communication that we have in the Country. I trust that this email can be read by as many partners. Several days after the hurricane, I called on the Rotarians of Puerto Rico to activate in their respective communities in order to improve communication with the clubs. Already a month after the hurricane, we still do not get communication with all the presidents of the clubs, as some of them are still incommunicado by telephone and do not have access to the Internet. It is for this reason that I urge all Rotarians who can receive this message to serve as a spokesperson for the message with their club presidents to communicate with Area Assistants or this server at 787-632-1275 to integrate them into the initiatives we are working at the District level.

I would like to inform you that Rotary International, through its President-Elect, Barry Rassin established the Donor Advised Fund through the Rotary Foundation to make it available to those clubs abroad who wish to make their contributions for the recovery of Puerto Rico. The number of that fund is # 614.

As for the District's response, we have been making efforts to get humanitarian aid to be delivered to the clubs that in turn deliver it to the communities. We got the arrival of 22 pallets of food and hygiene items and already the Clubs of Añasco, Quebradillas, Camuy-Hatillo, Mayagüez, Yauco and Moca have been delivering help to the needy in their communities. Also, the Club of Dorado has been carrying out its efforts with the resources of the Club and the clubs of Guayama, Manatí and Humacao responded by delivering the help that they had previously collected for Hurricane Irma and could not deliver due to the arrival of Hurricane Maria. We are trying to build teams by area to be more effective in impacting communities. We need additional hands that want to join the emergency response. If you receive this message and you have not been able to contact the president of your club please try to communicate to see what efforts they are working. At the District level, we will be receiving some food to distribute and impact. It is important that if you receive this message and are interested in joining the Hurricane recovery efforts, please respond.

José Lucas Rodríguez
DG 2017-2018
District 7000

Carta del Gobernador Distrito 7000

Es la primera ocasión luego del Huracán María que podemos acceder a la base de datos de correos electrónicos de los socios rotarios debido a la limitada comunicación electrónica que tenemos en el País. Confío en que este correo pueda ser leído por la mayor cantidad de socios. A varios días del paso del Huracán hice un llamado a los Rotarios de Puerto Rico a activarse en sus respectivas comunidades en lo que se lograba mejorar la comunicación con los Clubes. Ya a un mes del paso del huracán, aún no logramos comunicación con todos los presidentes de los Clubes, ya que algunos de ellos aún permanecen incomunicados telefónicamente y no tienen acceso al Internet. Es por ello, que exhorto a todos los rotarios que puedan recibir este mensaje a que sirvan de portavoz del mensaje con sus presidentes de Club para que se comuniquen con los Asistentes de Zona o con este servidor al [787-632-1275](tel:787-632-1275) para integrarlos a las iniciativas que estamos trabajando a nivel de Distrito.

Quiero informarles que Rotary International, por medio de su presidente Electo, Barry Rassin estableció el Donor Advised Fund a través la Fundación Rotaria para hacerlo disponible a aquellos clubes del exterior que deseen hacer sus aportaciones para la recuperación de Puerto Rico. El número de ese fondo es #614.

En cuanto a la respuesta del Distrito, hemos estado realizando gestiones para conseguir ayuda humanitaria para ser entregada a los Clubes que a su vez la entregan en las comunidades. Conseguimos la llegada de 22 paletas de alimentos y artículos de higiene y ya los Clubes de Añasco, Quebradillas, Camuy-Hatillo, Mayagüez, Yauco y Moca han estado entregando ayuda a los necesitados en sus comunidades. También, el Club de Dorado ha estado realizando sus gestiones con los recursos del Club y los clubes de Guayama, Manatí y Humacao respondieron entregando la ayuda que ya previamente habían recolectado para el huracán Irma y no pudieron entregar por la llegada del huracán María. Estamos tratando de formar unos equipos por zona para ser más efectivos en los impactos a las comunidades. Necesitamos manos adicionales que quieran unirse a la respuesta a la emergencia. Si usted recibe este mensaje y no ha podido contactar al presidente de su Club por favor intente comunicarse para ver cuáles esfuerzos ellos están trabajando. A nivel del Distrito, estaremos recibiendo unos alimentos para distribuirlos y hacer impacto. Es importante que si usted recibe este mensaje y está interesado en unirse a los esfuerzos de recuperación del Huracán conteste el mismo proveyendo la siguiente información:

Forma de contacto adicional al email (si funciona su teléfono o mensaje de texto) Horas disponibles para servir de voluntario y días disponibles

Club al que pertenece.

Tamaño de camisa

El sábado, 21 de octubre desde las 9 am nos uniremos a varias organizaciones y al Gobierno para entregar agua en Corozal. Los interesados en participar en esta iniciativa indíquenlo en la contestación a este email. También estaremos recibiendo unos filtros de agua para impactar las comunidades y estamos colaborando con la logística de otras organizaciones que están en la Isla para diversas labores, entre ellos un grupo de Manejo de Desastres auspiciado por Rotary Club of Nueva York y personal de Water Mission.

Juntos vamos a trabajar para levantar a Puerto Rico. Rotarios necesitamos de tus manos para echar a rodar la rueda.

José Lucas Rodríguez

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