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## Rotary District 7020 Hurricane Recovery Committee Report Report #8 October 14, 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](http://www.rotary.org).

### **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 \$155,000.00**.

Donors to the **Rotary GBI Fund in the UK** are too many to list and the total there is over **£70,000** (\$93,000)

**FLOW Foundation** Fund is already at **US\$1.1million**.



### **THANK YOU TO ALL OUR AMAZING DONORS AND SUPPORTERS**

**La Mesa Sunrise Rotary Foundation's message:** "Just the beginning of fundraising efforts to bring relief to the Virgin Islands and other areas devastated by the recent hurricanes. We donated \$5,000!! Go Rotary!"

**Haiti - RC Aquin and RC Les Cayes:** We would like to make special mention of these two clubs in Haiti for their generous donations of \$1,000,00 each

**Denmark Sending Aid to U.S. Virgin Islands** The Danish Emergency Management Agency is sending an emergency team to the U.S. Virgin Islands to assist officials in recovery efforts following the widespread devastation caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria, the Royal Danish Consulate announced earlier this month.

**Rotary Monserrat & Cayman Rotarian Aid Rotary Anguilla:** Rotary Club of Montserrat donated cases of bottled water and other relief supplies, along with a pallet of water donated by the Government of Anguilla. Rotarian Michelle Daley in Cayman collected and forwarded assorted supplies

## **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.

**On St. Barthelemy. Abigail Leese reports:** Tourism is the base of St. Barthélemy economy. Taxi drivers, Restaurants, Hotels, supermarkets, boutiques, and many others, along with all their relative employees depend on the flux of tourists each year. Our objective is to complete the following project prior to Christmas 2017, welcoming back out first tourists of what will be a difficult but important season for the future of St. Barthélemy.

Following the devastating passage of hurricane Irma on September 6, the Rotary Club of St. Barthélemy has committed to embark on a major reconstruction/re-plantation of the public gardens around the Gustavia Harbour. This will be the third time since hurricane Louis in 1995 that the Island leaders have entrusted in our club this important project. We plan to begin with phase 1: from the pétanque field to the Tourism office. If we are able to raise more than our initial objective, we will continue rehabilitation around the harbor, in front of the Anglican Church to the kiosk.

Rotarians will be donating their time and expertise collaborating on the design, sourcing, supplying and financing and planting. We will create a sustainable project and avoid replantation of species that aren't adapted to our harsh conditions by working closely with the head of the environmental committee and the Collectivity of Saint Barthélemy.

We have set an initial budget at 80,000 euros for phase 1. Our Board has agreed to put our entire treasury (40,000) towards this ambitious project but it's clear that we will need District and private support. Our goal will be to raise 50,000 through district support and donations.

**On Sint Maarten:** President John Caputo of the Rotary Club of St. Maarten is still finalizing the project proposal for the Marie Laurence School Project and hopes to complete it by the end of this week. The Rotary Club Huizen Gooimeer in Holland is planning support and other clubs which are interested in receiving some information on the project can visit the Rotary Club of St. Maarten [Facebook](#) page which has some information on the project. (See destruction photos below).



**Your News:** Please send us your news to [PDG Diana White](#) and [PDG Haresh Ramchandani](#)



## NEWS FROM OUR 7020 TERRITORIES

**Turks and Caicos Islands:** The Rotary Club plans to resume regular meetings next month. Rotarians have been actively involved in the relief and recovery process for the island and have assisted the Red Cross with their distributions. The club has undertaken two clean ups this weekend.

**St. Thomas & St. John USVI – AG Marston Winkles:** We are still experiencing more rain causing further damage to vulnerable properties.

UTILITIES: Some progress to provide power and water to the airport, the hospital and public housing in the down town area. The hospital in St Thomas was seriously damaged and is principally non-functional except for ER needs. The Cancer Center is seriously compromised and most patients were airlifted to Puerto Rico or the US mainland. Puerto Rico, however, now has its own problems with the hospitals. Governor Mapp has set a goal to have power throughout the island by Christmas.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND NGO's: FEMA and VITEMA doing a good job of providing meals, water and tarps to those in need. Rotarians are assisting in the distribution with these entities and with the Salvation Army.

TRANSPORTATION: Two mercy ships have sailed with approximately 4,000 residents who wished to leave. These were provided courtesy of our cruise ship partners. The airport in STT is now open to limited flights. About 4 per day to and from the mainland. Jet Blue and Seaborne sea plane are resuming flights this week to and from San Juan. Ferries to and from St. Thomas and St John have resumed as has service between St Thomas and the BVI.

ROTARY: The RC of St. Thomas and St. Thomas II both met this past week and are reviewing long term projects for Grants for long term recovery. RC St. Thomas is spearheading a beach clean-up in preparation for an anticipated cruise ship visit within the month. The Presidents Council has met twice and is looking to develop some long term sustainable projects either by club or collaboratively to assist in long term recovery. Water received from St Croix after Irma and before Maria is being distributed with the help of other NGO partners. Rotary club of St John is collaborating with St John Community Foundation. RC St. Thomas Sunrise and Charlotte Amalie will both meet this week. RC St. Thomas East met to clean up their venue and will also meet again this week. RC St. Thomas is resuming normal meeting times. Water filters are being received from the mainland with a distribution plan pending.

TOURISM PRODUCT: The Marriott is not anticipating a re-opening until January of 2019. All other major hotels are closed with no announced opening dates at this time.

PLANS: All our clubs have a common goal to form a micro-financing plan through RI to help the community get back on its feet. More ideas will be considered next week.

SUPPORT: Some international clubs wish to specifically support St Thomas and St John and an account is set up for those requests. All other inquiries are being referred to the DAF at [7020.org](http://7020.org).

**St. Croix, Virgin Islands:** [\*The VI Daily News\*](#) reports [Rotary to provide meals to Frederiksted community](#)

The Rotary Club of St. Croix West, on behalf of the Rotary Clubs of St. Croix and the Rotaract Club of St. Croix, with the support of the Parkville Rotary Club in Missouri in observance of World Food Day, will provide meals to the Frederiksted community beginning at noon on Sunday (today) at the Frederiksted Vegetable Market.

**AG Marcellia reports from Sint Maarten:** St. Maarten, St. Martin, Saint Barthelemy & Anguilla are steadily moving from a state of recovery to a state of restoration due to the resilience, determination and hard work of the people.

The curfew and state of emergency have now been lifted on all islands. The communities are being requested by their respective Government to continue to respect the law enforcement authorities as they continue to conduct the necessary patrolling in the districts to maintain public order and safety of residents and businesses.

WATER & FOOD DISTRIBUTION: More supermarkets continue to restock and reopen on the islands thus enabling the populace to purchase a variety of drink and food items. Water & food distribution although less in frequency have continued in some districts by service organizations and charity foundations.

On Monday, the Rotary Club of 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. A group of volunteers of over 30 persons coordinated by AG Marcellia Henry, which consisted of Rotarians, Rotaractors, Friends of Rotary, and volunteers sorted and distributed items to sports organizations, foster homes, churches, day care centers, and other foundations within the community. The Presidents of the Rotary Clubs of St. Maarten and St. Martin would like to thank the president and members of the Rotary Club of St. Barthelemy, and give a special thank you to Rotarian Abigail Leese for initiating and coordinating this relief

effort. The Rotary Club of St. Martin Nord also continues to do an excellent job distributing food and water supplies with the assistance of organizations to the French communities received from the Rotary Clubs of Guadeloupe.

The Rotary Club of Anguilla have been distributing water and other items sent by Rotary Club of Montserrat and the people/organizations from the Cayman Islands. The President and members have also been motivating and paving the way to get the people of Anguilla back to work by finding sponsors for chicken farms, and getting the repairs of boats of their most senior fishermen sponsored.

**ELECTRICITY & RUNNING WATER:** Electricity and running water on St. Maarten, St. Martin, and Anguilla continues to be restored.

**SCHOOL REOPENING:** All elementary and secondary schools on all the islands are open. All students were welcomed back to school, although the school hours have been adjusted (either shorter hours, start later, scheduled at different hours: morning or afternoon) for the meanwhile.

**AIRPORTS:** Airports on the islands are quickly reopening for business although they sustain lots of damages. On Tuesday, October 10, 2017, St. Maarten welcomed its 1st commercial flights to the island marking the re-opening of Princess Juliana International Airport. Regional carriers such as: Winair, InselAir, and PAWA Airlines, and international carriers such as: Delta Airlines and American Airlines arrived on the island with residents and others who were unable to return after the passing of Hurricane Irma.

**HARBORS:** The harbors on all islands are operational. As it relates to passengers and cruise readiness, on St. Maarten, Royal Caribbean Line's (RCL) Grandeur of the Seas will be the first commercial cruise vessel to return to the destination post-Irma on Sunday, November 5th. RCL as of that date will also be carrying out an adjusted cruise itinerary for the remainder of 2017 which will be published within short order.

**RELIEF SUPPLIES:** Relief supplies are still necessary for those who lost their roofs or homes and are still struggling to regain some sense of normalcy, and those without electricity and running water. Supplies needed include:

Water, Food (non-perished and canned, baby food), Tarpaulin, Sanitary items (toiletries, baby pampers, wipes...) Cleaning items, Batteries, Building Materials and furniture, Education materials/books, Play items for children (Board games/toys...),



**BVI – Tortola:** [The BVI Platinum](#) reports: Some 250 tarpaulins were distributed by Rotary and Rotaract Clubs working with Team Rubicon in Road Town on Friday as part of the government's drive to address the housing concerns of people who were affected by Hurricane Irma. To date, over three thousand tarps have been given out to persons who have made requests since the impact from Irma

**Anguilla: reported by President Jacquie Ruan:**

**RELIEF SUPPLIES** Rotarians work with the Relief Committee of the Disaster Management and the Anguilla Red Cross while waiting for

Rotary relief supplies to arrive on the Island. Rotary Club of Montserrat donated cases of bottled water and other relief supplies, along with a pallet of water donated by the Government of Anguilla. These items were distributed in the Sandy Ground, North Hill, Blowing Point, North Valley and The Valley Communities to the most in need. In anticipation of the relief supplies a 40 feet container was sourced and set up with the support of the Royal Marines.

#### **ROTARIANS AT WORK**

The Club assisted a family of three, mother and two children who have lost everything. One child is traumatized who will travel to her grandmother in the UK. Rotarians and friends have already assigned to different communities, including teachers to distribute the relief supplies fairly once the container arrive. Rotarian Michelle Daley in Cayman collected and forwarded assorted supplies and it was well received by the Rotary Club of Anguilla.

#### **LIVELIHOOD:**

While waiting for the relief supplies the Club has started the discussion among Club members how best to support the recovery of the Island and livelihood of the small business sector. The Club has arranged funding for the benefit of the most senior fisherman on the Island by having his boat repaired and ready to go back fishing. As an inspiration to the youth now to find the fish pots. The following sectors areas were identified as the most vulnerable sectors:

The Fishing industry

The Poultry industry

The Farming industry

The Restoration of the Ebenezer Methodist Church Roof, (The oldest church in Anguilla that was built in 1815)

The Club is continuing to source donation to support the recovery of the Hospital, Schools and Senior Citizens Homes.

This is a very challenging task. We are confident that we will succeed.



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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](https://www.dna-rag.com/d7020_irma-relief-fund) in cooperation with District 7020's Disaster Relief Committee

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

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