



Rotary District 7020 Hurricane Recovery Committee Report Report #7 October 7, 2017

NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT DISASTER COMMITTEE

Your Projects: We are receiving information from international sources interested in Global Grants for the affected areas. The Committee has circulated Hurricane Recovery Grant Application Forms to 7020 clubs. Clubs are requested to complete 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.

Fundraising:

All online donors have received an e-mail of appreciation for their contributions. To date, our funds in the DAF account are in excess of **\$95,000.00**

Donors to the Rotary GBI Fund in the UK are too many to list and the total there is over **£66,000 (\$87,000)**

The final two pages of this report is an up-to-date information sheet for how to donate to our District 7020 US\$ funding. Please circulate on our behalf.


Relief Supplies: Arrangements for containers of [Water Survival Boxes](#) to be shipped to Turks & Caicos, Anguilla, Sint Maarten/St. Martin and the BVI are in progress.

Chad and Kris Vanderslice in New York held this fundraiser on our behalf and raised over \$4,000!



Huge thanks, Chad and Kris from all 7020 Rotarians for your outstanding efforts.

LONG ISLAND LOVES THE ISLANDS



HURRICANE RELIEF FUNDRAISER

Canal Cafe
44 Newtown Rd, Hampton Bays
Sept 26th 5pm to 8pm

CALLING ALL ISLANDERS! The Caribbean is hurting. Many of us work and play down there, and our fellow islanders can use our help. Enjoy great food, drinks, and music and win Gift Certificates and prizes from area restaurants and stores in our Chance Auction. We will donate 100% of the proceeds from the evening to the following charities: 1 in 400k USV Relief (St Croix, USVI and San Antonio Spurs players); Virgin Cares for BVI Relief; and Rotary International's Shelterbox.

For additional information or to contribute call or text Vanderslice at 631-963-1771

NEWS FROM OUR 7020 TERRITORIES

The USVI and Puerto Rico are expecting strong thunderstorms, according to the Weather Statement of October 5th.

Watch the BVI Video to support our fundraising efforts: BVI Rotary Clubs help disaster victims. Rebuilding a stronger British Virgin Islands after the catastrophic Hurricane Irma. View, Share and Donate.
<https://www.facebook.com/RotaryTortola/videos/10155180798773635/>



AG Marcellia reports from Sint Maarten: St. Maarten, St. Martin, Saint Barthelemy and Anguilla continue to be in a state of

recovery. The cleaning up process continues on all islands.

ELECTRICITY & RUNNING WATER on all islands continues to be restored in the districts. Water hydrants/main pipes, natural springs/wells and cisterns are still being utilized by those districts still without water. In St. Maarten, water is also made available by reverse osmosis water plant and water tanks. The utilities company GEBE has also managed to restore electricity to an estimated 40 to 50 per cent of the country and water to 60 percent of the community. Over 4000 water meters were taken into the company damaged.

WATER & FOOD DISTRIBUTION by other organizations such as the Red Cross, Rotary, politicians and some businesses are still being done in the districts. **Members of the Rotary Club of St. Maarten, Mid Isle and Sunrise volunteered** and assisted Heineken Americas and its island distributor International Liquor and Tobacco Trading with the distribution of more than 10,000 bottles of drinking water. **The Rotary Club of St. Martin Nord** has also been distributing food and water supplies to the communities on the French side, which were donated by the **Rotary Clubs of Guadeloupe** and the company Pro-A-Pro Distribution.

BUSINESS REOPENING. More businesses (supermarkets, clothing, hardware, restaurants..) continue to open their stores while many others file for business interruption insurance. All major banks are now open on the islands and more of their branches are being opened in the various districts. ATM machines are open for specific time period during the day. AIRPORTS on the islands are slowly receiving commercial flights. The airport on French St. Martin has been receiving commercial flights from Guadeloupe and Martinique. Whilst St. Maarten Airport damages will cost up to US\$100 million. Both the airside and the landside of the airport suffered damages. All four jet bridges were severely damaged. There were extensive roof and water damage to the interior of the airport due to this. As a result, there was significant damage to equipment, but no structural damage. Nevertheless, the St. Maarten airport will open to accept all commercial flights as per October 10, 2017. Prior to that date, a special commercial and repatriation WINAIR flight will service the St. Maarten-Curacao and Curacao-St. Maarten. The once-a-day, round-trip flights commenced on Thursday, October 5, and will be operating on Saturday, October 7 and Tuesday, October 10. WINAIR is utilizing PAWA Dominicana aircraft via its wet lease agreement with that company. The passengers will pay a nominal fee. Flights are primarily meant to repatriate St. Maarten residents who hold a Dutch passport or valid residence permits. French nationals and/or French residents with valid documentation can also travel from Curacao to St. Maarten.

HARBORS on all islands have reopened and are accepting cargo. On St. Maarten it was announced that on November 11, 2017 the first cruise ship will be received on the island.

SCHOOL REOPENING. The majority of elementary and secondary schools on all the islands are open. On St. Maarten / St. Martin schools opened as of Monday, October 2nd for pre-exam and exam students, and in the coming week, the other grades will be welcomed back. On Anguilla schools also commenced on Oct. 2nd.

GAS / DIESEL / COOKING GAS. More gas stations are opening on all of the islands. On St. Maarten it was mentioned by the management of SOL N.V. that there are no shortage of gasoline and diesel on the island. The main supplier SOL has 80% of its service stations pre Irma open and the initial restriction on purchases to ensure service to as many people as possible and for replenishing of the gas stations has been lifted in most cases. There is no shortage but distribution is limited due to resellers not wishing to open back due to looting.

RELIEF SUPPLIES. The following relief supplies are still needed by persons that are still roofless and homeless in some areas that were heavily damaged by Hurricane Irma.

Water and food (non-perished and canned, baby food), tarpaulins, sanitary items (toiletries, baby pampers, wipes), hermos flasks to keep water or food hot (shortage of cooking gas), cleaning items, batteries, building materials and furniture, clothing and shoes, education materials/books, toys and board games, generators

[Help from Haiti - Waves for Water](#) Haitian Rotarian Fritz Pierre-Louis and the President of the Rotary Club of Leogane, have joined together with a few members of the Rotary Club of the US and British Virgin Islands to initiate some water filter programs and assess the destruction of Hurricane Irma and Maria. *Photo: Waves for Water team travel around the Virgin Islands by seaplane*



[AG Amarylis is in San Juan, Puerto Rico and reports:](#)

Currently on 7% of Puerto Rico has power. I understand that the military and FEMA intend to have a 72-hour "lock down" curfew when all the emergency workers will endeavour to restock the stores and work on restoration of utilities. This timing of this special curfew has not yet been officially announced.

[From the BVI, Abbie O'Neal reports:](#) After three weeks of non-stop work the BVI Rotary Family came together for a joint meeting of Rotary and Rotaract Clubs. The fellowship was a welcome break from the work that continues. Members were updated by the DGE Delma who is spear heading Rotary relief efforts and we had a very special call for DG Robert himself.

[BVI News Article: Relief supplies to reach right hands, Rotary assures Digicel](#)



IN ALL NEWS / BY: BVI NEWS ONLINE ON OCTOBER 7, 2017
AT 5:15 PM /

District Governor for Rotary Delma Maduro and Chief Executive Officer at Digicel BVI Kevin Gordon

The humanitarian efforts of the local Rotary Club were bolstered yesterday when the organization received several food and medical supplies from telecommunications giant Digicel.

Digicel donated some 560 cases of water, in excess of 12 cases of medical supplies, as well as more than 300 cases of juices and food items such as corned beef, cereals, and biscuits. District Governor for Rotary Delma Maduro said the items will be distributed to persons who have been living in emergency shelters since the hurricanes affected the territory last month.

[Anguilla: reported by Lou DeLagran:](#) Generally speaking I think rebuilding is progressing very well. Schools are running again. Anguilla wants some sort of tourist season & I think they will have it. Our favourite local restaurants are already back in business. Generators are arriving which is great for those still off the power grid.

Help Anguilla Rebuild Now fund has raised \$75,000.00 USD and will be used by local Anguilla Red Cross in their relief activities which they have been coordinating along with the UK. Supermarkets are stocked with food, water and supplies. The funds raised will be transferred into vouchers to purchase food, water, rebuilding materials and medication. As of Oct. 3, Anguilla Red Cross' 41 volunteers have reached 6,777 families with aid.

Telecommunications - FLOW has restored most of the company's LTE mobile sites.

[St. Thomas:](#) Curfews are still in effect but non-curfew hours have been extended to the following: Friday, Saturday, Sunday 7am to 8pm and Monday through Thursday 7am to 6pm. The Virgin Islands Government along with federal agencies are working to bring relief to residents affected by the hurricanes. The Power Authority seems to be moving quickly to install new electrical poles on main highways. However, many still remain without power. Stores supplying building material are open but have extremely long lines. Restaurants are opening slowly but surely. TV including football games in bars are hot commodities.

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

ROTARIANS IN ACTION

[Full page article in the Sint Maarten Daily Herald.](#) **Applauding the work of Rotary and Rotarians:**



*They say it is better to light a single small candle than to curse the darkness. So we see how our fellow islanders react to disaster, some curse the situation, others work to make a change for the better – and of course, most of us do both. Perhaps the example to follow is that of the **Rotary Clubs**, Red Cross, and K1 Britannia. Not to overlook the heroic efforts of the Military, the Police and Fire departments, VROMI, and GEBE personnel. These have been our heroes of late, but when the drama dies away, the hard task of picking up the pieces and rebuilding our lives comes into stark focus. That medium to long term vision has gripped the members of the island's three Dutch-side Rotary Clubs. Club presidents John Caputo, Anjali Manek and Damali Bryson along with Marcellia Henry, assistant governor for the Rotary Clubs of St. Maarten/St. Martin, St. Barth and Anguilla, are meeting weekly to write proposals to Rotary International to apply for grants to help with the rebuilding of the island's schools. .*

St. Croix, USVI: 850 cases of water have been distributed across St. Croix by Rotarians who went to communities to distribute to special needs centres and the like. (Pictured extreme right)

BVI Rotarians at Work:
(Pictured right) Distribute food and supplies to those in need.



The Rotary Club of Sint Maarten is starting their rebuilding efforts with a focus on the Sister Marie Laurent School in Middle Region (pictured below).





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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

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
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