



DISTRICT 7030 NEWSLETTER

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English Edition



RI President Jennifer Jones Message



Dear friends:

As this Rotary year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect upon the incredible contributions you have made as we imagined what Rotary could be, and what our future could be, together.

It has been a joy to witness all that our clubs are doing in every corner of the world, and you have led your district with great distinction.

Throughout this year, we have reaffirmed that the comfort and care of our members is the single greatest driver to member satisfaction and retention.

We've also seen the power that courageous and empathetic leadership can have, especially during these tumultuous times when the landscape of our world has changed and demanded that we adapt. I am so proud of how you removed obstacles and took this opportunity to write a new chapter for your district and your clubs.

While I am honored to serve as our organizations first female President, I am even more humbled to see the impact this has had in making Rotary more welcoming for all its members – not just women, but for anyone who believes they are being seen for their full potential. We collectively have worked to make our clubs a place where every member and participant feels included and engaged. I thank you for your leadership in this most fundamental area of Rotary.

As I shared with those who were able to join us last month in Melbourne, for another exhilarating Rotary Convention, I am so excited that 64% of countries across the Rotary world have achieved our goal of having 30% (or more) female membership.

And beyond our global membership goals, we have seen our values on display in powerful ways, such as our Empowering Girls initiative. I am heartened by the countless ways you have unlocked the potential of women and girls, showcasing different ways to build self-confidence while also ensuring basic needs are met and human rights are protected.

We also see the impact of what Rotary can do when we leverage our connections to turn big dreams into reality. Throughout the eight stops of the Imagine Impact tour this year, we were able to share stories of significant, sustainable, impactful projects in each of our areas of focus.

From the Guatemala Literacy Project which has helped children learn to read for more than 25 years, to Rotaract clubs in refugee settlements in Uganda that work toward lasting peace – to the impact of projects that transform local economies to be more sustainable and equitable like the chestnut and truffle harvesting projects we visited in Taiwan.

These stories provided a framework for much of what we shared during our Convention. For those of you who were able to attend, I hope you were inspired by the speakers and videos that showcased these projects. If you weren't able to attend, or want to watch them again or share them with your friends, you can find these at rotary.org.

Our term together was full and there's no place where Rotary's impact can be felt more strongly than our unwavering commitment to eradicating polio. This is why I'm so heartened by the many creative ways you raised funds for @EndPolio and The Rotary Foundation through the signed, numbered prints you were provided, from my incredibly talented brother and artist, Darren Jones. As I compose this letter, our class of Governor's is projected to have raised more than 1 million US dollars from the prints alone!

And finally, we have harnessed the power of our disaster response fund, unlike any year in the past. We have moved tens of millions into aid in Ukraine and Pakistan. We have helped flood and tornado victims in the United States. There were mudslides and cyclones in Brazil and South Asia and the list goes on.

And while we are not a disaster response organization, we breathe one air – and as people of action, we respond when disaster strikes. That is because we are an organization without borders and boundaries and when something happens to our family in another part of the world....it also happens to us.

This year, I asked you to Imagine Rotary, and our 2023–24 President, Gordon McInally, is building upon this by asking us to Create Hope in the World in the year to come.

We don't imagine yesterday – and we also don't look for hope in past actions. Hope and imagination are words for tomorrow – words that propel us forward. They build upon each other and offer a path forward. A path of continuity.

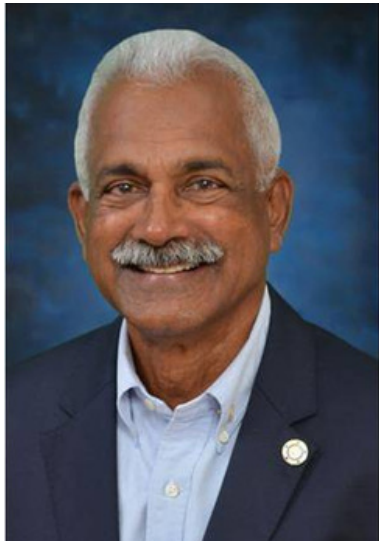
I take this moment to thank you for the time and talent you've invested into this incredible year. I want you to know that your term of leadership is not coming to a close – in Rotary, we are all brave leaders with a collective responsibility to build a better future. I am so grateful to move forward to the next chapter with you by my side.

Warm regards,
Jen

Jennifer Jones
President, Rotary International 2022–23



District Governor Leslie Ramdhanny Message



IMAGINE! – It's the end of the Rotary Year! It has been a wonderful experience! I'd like to begin by expressing my gratitude to the Leadership Team, all Rotarians, Rotaractors Interactors and Friends of Rotary for their unwavering support and dedication which made this year a success.

I am humbled and honored to have served as your District Governor. I will forever hold fond memories of the experiences from the virtual & physical club visits and fellowship demonstrated by your Clubs. I am touched by the degree of projects executed as you impacted the communities in which you serve in meaningful ways. Rotary is in good hands because of you, and I am eternally grateful to have been part of this experience.

As a District we have achieved significant progress over the past year:

Rotary Club Central – It was observed that 60 clubs set more than the minimum number of goals required to achieve an RI citation. This is a statistic that is key to evaluating how clubs perform and I do look forward to the results of the citation awards.

Membership Growth – most clubs retained their membership count and we saw the establishment of new Clubs under the Rotary umbrella – Early Act, interact and Rotary.

Our Rotary club membership has grown to 2450 from 2344 at the start of the year, a growth of over 4%. I am happy to welcome the Rotary club of Aranguetz to our membership. Kudos to President Kevan St. Brice for putting together a team of former Rotaractors to form this club which clearly tells us that the future is now! Unfortunately, Rotaract membership declined with the regularization of their new status. I trust that this can be reversed during the upcoming year. It is gratifying to observe that clubs have been adapting to the flexibility that RI now allows to have a minimum of two meetings per month. This will ensure that members can manage their meeting schedules more effectively.

Rotary Foundation Programmes (EREY, Annual Club Funds & Polio Plus) – while we haven't achieved our target, our contributions will continue to go a long way to further 'doing good in the world'; I thus, encourage you to diligently support the Rotary Foundation. Empower your Club by taking advantage of RF & District Grant opportunities available to support your projects.

The statistics show that the goals of the district for the Annual Fund – \$157,000 and the Polio Plus fund – \$62,000 were achieved. The fact remains that our total giving was less than in the last two years! And this is simply because there were over 20 non-giving clubs in our District! Can we, my friends make one final drive before June 30??

District Childhood Obesity Programme – we heighten awareness of this non-communicable disease affecting our children through the 'Rotary Moves' Campaign and beacon the call for all stakeholders to join us in reducing the incidence of Childhood Obesity.

Environmental Projects – I was filled with joy to see how you have embraced initiatives designed to protect our environment, as was evident by the submission of environmental projects as part of the District Citation criteria and Environmental Award.

I encourage you to continue your Rotary development by signing up for the vast range of training sessions offered via the Learning Centre (www.rotary.org); Zone 33&34 and District 7030. Get into action – volunteer your time, talent, and skills in ways that would promote the development of this wonderful organization.

June is Rotary Fellowships Month. This is a perfect time to explore your hobbies, interests, or profession through Rotary by joining a fellowship: an international, independently organized group of people who have a common interest. A good way to connect with new friends beyond your club and expand your international network.

And as we seek to end the Rotary year let us connect and celebrate with our fellow Rotarians in fellowship reflecting and savouring the good times looking to the horizon of the new Rotary year to **‘Create Hope in the World’**.

On behalf of the D7030 Executive Team, I’ll like to wish DGE Brian and his Team success for the 2023/24 Rotary Year and express our continued support for the development of our District.

**Yours In Rotary Spirit,
DG Leslie L. Ramdhanny 2022-23**



RI Monthly Theme



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PEOPLE OF ACTION



Rotary Club of Garden City – Georgetown Establishes the First Early Act Club in Guyana.



On June 16, 2023, the School of Nations in collaboration with Rotary Club of Garden City – Georgetown launched the first ever EarlyAct Club in Guyana.

Early Act is a school-based service club for Primary School students from ages 6 to 13. It provides young students with the opportunity to gain an increased level of awareness and knowledge of their communities and the world.

The mission of EarlyAct is to promote goodwill, understanding and peace through the active participation of the student members so that with committed citizenship and effective leadership, they may improve the quality of life in their school, local and global communities.

Assistant Governor, Mrs. Elizabeth Cox in the featured address congratulated School of the Nations and Rotary Club Garden City–Georgetown for the formation the EarlyAct Club while explaining the values the students will gain, such as, Care & Tolerance, Respect & Friendship, Responsibility & Leadership.

President Natasha Backer in her remarks mentioned that the Rotary Club of Garden City is honoured to be the Sponsoring Club and pledged support in providing guidance and/or assistance to the Early Actors as they aim to achieve their objectives.

Director of Nations Mrs. O'toole recognizes the importance of children being involved in volunteering at an early age and she believes it will help the students to build character while they learn about the environment and a healthy lifestyle.

The Club has so far 64 members coming from Grades 1 – 5. The Executive members are:

- **President:** Kamani Sunich
- **1st Vice President:** Alyssandra Ramson
- **2nd Vice President:** Aiden Dookie
- **Recording Secretary:** Halley Mc Kenzie
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Lain Jagdeo
- **Treasurer:** Dominic Smith



Rotary Club of Paramaribo Quota donates USD 14.000,- to 19 social institutions in Suriname



On June 7th, the Rotary Club of Paramaribo Quota celebrated its 2-year anniversary. Every year Rotary Quota organizes various activities to raise funds for the implementation of projects for the benefit of its various target groups.

The largest and best-known fundraising activity of the Rotary Quota is the Men Cook Out. The proceeds from the fundraising activities are used to realize projects for the target groups of the club, of which children and adults with disabilities, malnourished and neglected children, and senior citizens are some.

This year the RCPQ donated about USD 14.000,- to 19 social institutions.



Rotary Club Of St. Vincent In Partnership With The Rotary Family In Taiwan, And The Ministry Of Health, Wellness, And The Environment, Launches the Capacity-Building Training Component Of The Club's Breast Cancer Awareness Project



For the past eight months, the Rotary Club of St. Vincent has been actively educating the public and raising awareness on breast health matters and the importance of regular screening throughout St. Vincent and the Grenadines as part of its Global Grant-funded Breast Cancer Awareness Project (GG2237589); a partnership which was birthed in 2021 in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment, and the Rotary Club of Taipei Prosperity, in Taiwan.

Since the official launch in November 2022, the Club and its project partners have embarked on a robust community awareness campaign on the mainland and

the Grenadines geared towards sensitizing the public on the importance of regular breast self-checks and screening.

As part of the project, three BenQ mobile ultrasound screening devices were purchased and have since arrived in SVG. These mobile ultrasound units will facilitate breast screening of thousands of citizens throughout SVG, directly from the comfort of their own homes, if preferred, as the lightweight equipment are designed to move about effortlessly with the Technologists.



At a brief ceremony on Monday June 19th at the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan), Ambassador Peter Sha-Li Lan represented the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taiwan, and Dr. Janelle Allen, Project Lead representing the Rotary Club of St. Vincent, officially presented the equipment to the Chief Health Promotion Officer Ms. Shanika John, representing the MOHWE, who expressed gratitude for the opportunity to promote wellness, stimulate behaviour change, and build technical capacity of the medical team through this partnership. Ambassador Sha-Li Lan confirmed the Taiwanese Government's commitment to supporting the advancement of health promotion and disease

prevention initiatives in SVG.

As part of the project's Training and Education component, Radiographers Celeste Cumberbatch and Genese Nichols will participate in a two-month training programme on ultrasonography techniques and the use of mobile ultrasound equipment. This training will be facilitated at the MacKay Memorial Hospital, one of the largest medical centers in Taiwan. On their return to SVG in September, the ladies will be sufficiently equipped with the competencies required to utilize the equipment for screening purposes – phase two of this project. Taiwanese medical professionals will visit SVG during the 2023-2024 Rotary year to observe the trainees in action and facilitate additional training with other healthcare professionals in this field. This training component was funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taiwan, valued at US\$40,000.00.

Community awareness campaign activities are scheduled to continue throughout the month of June through to July 2024. Rotary Club of St. Vincent's President-Elect Mikasha Ramsaran, in addressing the gathering, extended best wishes to the trainees for a productive, successful training exercise.

She further reiterated the Club's gratitude to the Rotary family in Taiwan, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in Taiwan, for their overwhelming support in ensuring that this project received the funding required to meet its objectives of enhancing the lives of Vincentian women and girls through access to free breast screening and breast health education services. Centered on one of Rotary's seven areas of focus – Disease Prevention and Treatment, this is the first Global Grant-funded project to be accessed by the Rotary Club of St. Vincent and is valued at approximately US\$223,183.00, through contributions from Rotary Clubs across twelve Districts in Taiwan, Rotary International, and the Government of Taiwan.

Rotary Club Of St. Vincent Hosts George Phillips Excellence Awards In Recognition Of Outstanding Fourth Formers From 27 Secondary Schools



The Rotary Club of St. Vincent has hosted yet another successful annual George Phillips Excellence Awards Ceremony during which 27 fourth-formers representing each Secondary School in St. Vincent and the Grenadines were recognized for their outstanding performance.

The students were selected based on the following criteria:

- Outstanding academic performance
- Team leadership
- Commitment to discipline
- Achievement in approved extra-curricular activities

Over 50 parents and teachers were present to support their students who were awarded at the luncheon ceremony held at the Methodist Church Hall on Wednesday, June 7th, 2023.

The George Phillips Excellence Awards, named after the Charter President of the Rotary Club of St. Vincent, is a signature project of the Club for over 20 years and has been quite instrumental in recognizing and stimulating a culture of excellence throughout our local Secondary Schools. From its inception, this project has been executed in partnership with the Ministry of Education and National Reconciliation. The Ministry was represented at the event by Dr. Godwin James, Senior Education Officer, who brought brief remarks on behalf of the Ministry and commended the students on their achievements as recipients of the award.

This year's featured address to the students was delivered by Mrs. LaTeisha Sandy-Marks, Director of the Financial Intelligence Unit and member of the Rotary Club of St. Vincent. Sandy-Marks' exhortation to the students was focused on the theme "On the other side of the unimaginable" which aligned well with Rotary International's theme for 2022-2023 "Imagine Rotary" leaving students with timely reminders to remain resilient in times of adversity, gentle with themselves in the face of uncertainty, and courageous as they move into new phases of their development.

Major sponsors of this project included the Bank of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, gifting each awardee with the opening of new savings accounts with a starting balance of EC\$150.00 among other tokens; and FLOW, who sponsored each awardee with free broadband internet access for the next two years. The Rotary Club of St. Vincent is also indebted to Island Sipz Water, ECGC, Jaden Inc., St. Vincent Brewery Limited, Coreas Distribution Limited, Coreas Hazells Inc., Grenadine Airways, Fanfare Events, BDO, and Dental Arts Clinic for their generous contributions to the project thereby ensuring its continued success.

The Rotary Club of St. Vincent remains committed to continuing this partnership with the Ministry of Education and corporate SVG which has impacted and continues to impact so many lives. One of Rotary International's areas of focus is Basic Education and Literacy, and the Rotary Club of St. Vincent intends to leverage its partnerships with stakeholders through mentorship and the provision of opportunities for growth to secure the development of our nation's youths and subsequently our future.



Rotary Club Of Paramaribo Quota Introduces New Fundraiser



A new club fundraiser is born with FOMO– Havana edition, a sensational theme party held on May 27th for fellows and friends.

First-time success: Good vibes and music, delicious finger food, smooth rums, quality cigars, and signature FOMO cocktails to top it off!

FOMO means Fear Of Missing Out, 750 tickets were sold out within one week prior to the event. This event raised USD 7.500 to give back to our community.

The FOMO fundraising party is held at least once a year to raise funds for our projects in order to contribute to society.



Rotary Club Willemstad in Curacao organized for the 11th time its RYLA event

From June 9 to 11, 2023 Rotary Club Willemstad organized the 11th edition of the Rotary Leadership program for young leaders between the ages of 14 and 18 in which they train their leadership skills.

Forty-two (42) young ambitious leaders spent 3 days at the Avila Beach Hotel completing assignments with each other and professional coaches and trainers conducted their workshops.



Central themes that concern them are our planet, the environment, climate, and fighting inequality and injustice. It is interesting to see how in recent years since Rotary Club Willemstad has been giving these workshops as of 2010, these young leaders are developing. These young people are our future, and this gives us a lot of confidence.

It is inspiring to see how they interact with each other and think solution-oriented" said Fatima de Windt-Ferreira of Rotary Club Willemstad. Since 2010 Fatima and her team have been organizing this Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) together with schools, coaches, and sponsors. With all editions, more than 400 young people from Curaçao have already followed this leadership program. Participants of the first editions have already graduated and are now leaders as professionals.

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During this event the video featuring Churandi Martina's dedication to becoming a famous Olympian athlete was shown as role model for the participants. Also fascinating was the debate of 6 established leaders of well-known companies on the statement "Young leaders lack the experience to be good leaders, or in other words the more experience, the better the leader. Three relatively young established leaders contested this proposition against 3 established senior leaders. A black and white contrast, but during the panel there was room for personal nuance. At the same time, the young leaders were able to ask questions or make comments, which was done with vigor.

This year's winner is Mishael Lourense, who received his award from President Martin Venloo. He will get the opportunity to attend a RYLA either in North America or Europe completely free of charge. RYLA 2023 was only possible with the support of (Rotary Club Willemstad) sponsors and (Rotary Club Willemstad) volunteers.



Rotary clubs of Suriname organize RYLA 2023



From May 6-7, Rotary Suriname organized RYLA. This 2-day program included community participants for the first time ever sponsored by Rotarians.

The day started with sporty dance moves with MC DRRN Rolinzo Huur. The first session, Ethical Leadership, was an interactive and energetic way to start the day. During the Conflict Resolution session participants were introduced to different methods of conflict handling.

After a well-deserved lunch break, we finished off with the last session Self-Leadership. RYLA was wrapped up by the Club Presidents handing out certificates and closed with a surprise dance workshop by talented Surinamese dancers.





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