

Monthly Newsletter



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Judy - a job well done



Our thanks to past Assistant Governor, John Douglas, in a year with difficult times with the passing of DG Astra De Costa. His replacement is fully prepared to take over such an important role. (He won't be laughing soon). Lisle says he definitely isn't dressing up as a dentist to fulfill the role.



You might not be able to see his Rotary pin in this photo but he has taken this brief opportunity to advert something.

Below Judy receives an award from the Assistant Governor.



Judy started the new Rotary year with a full team behind her. This was the year we topped all Golf Tournament profits with the amount of money raised - and this in a year suffering a worldwide recession. Well done! Judy's projects were numerous and included;



Butterfly Kisses Foundation, working with teenage girls from underprivileged back grounds - continue **Dental Project**, treating Primary School children in the north of the island - **Diabetic Youth Leadership Course** in Canada in preparation for a Diabetic Camp here in St. Lucia - support for the **Grow Well Centre**, donating computers - **Medical equipment container donation** through Michael Walkers involvement - Continue to support **Step by Step Diabetic Footcare** programme with 3 overseas doctors training our doctors and nursing staff in the early detection and prevention of diabetes - supplying local schools with **40 computers** for a literacy project working with Cable & Wireless - a series of 5 minute **media TV programmes** aired daily on a variety of useful topics. The Media project will highlight the public image of Rotary and show our clubs golf sponsors involvement in their continued support so we can fund our many projects. It is also hoped that this will attract new members.

Tim Bluett (past member) may now be resident in New Zealand but still sprang to our assistance recently. We were asked by a visiting Rotarian to suggest a good cycle route for an avid cyclist visiting St.



Lucia for the day on a cruise ship. Tim had our message forwarded by Wendy and immediately responded with not only a route suggestion but also some very helpful advice. Some of you may not be aware but Tim was attacked while cycling by dogs on several occasions during his stay in St. Lucia.

An extract from Wendy's recent email. We are enjoying New Zealand

fun we enjoyed while in St Lucia. We have bought a beautiful home in New Zealand, rented our house out in the UK, Cleo (our eldest) is at University in Sydney and loves it, Abi is in Auckland at Sixth Form College with us and despite initial home sickness has been amazing. Tim loves his job with NZ Telecom and I am keeping very busy



but intend to return to 'real' work when I return from this visit to UK. Love and best wishes, please remember us to fellow Rotarians.

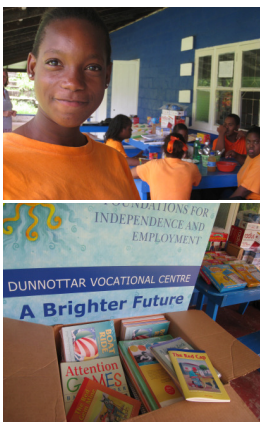
FOUR WAY TEST of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



As part of the Kick Polio Out of Africa awareness campaign, a special soccer ball has made its way through 22 polio-affected countries en route to the RI Convention in Montréal, Canada - June 2010.

Dunnottar School were delighted with our donation of books and games to add to their new Literacy Suite. They have students up to the age of 25 but mainly only children's books, so we supplied exactly what they needed. Saga Holidays donated computers to their new Literacy Suite.



17th annual Charter Dinner

This year will be remembered as the year our Club broke with tradition and had a wonderful night on a boat celebrating our Charter Evening. This gave Vernita the opportunity to show off her skills in feeding the club, (and she only started with five loaves and two fishes). You do realize you could have the job for life. We had a banquet, note Jenny Cenac is in training for next year. The boat trip also gave Ken the chance for a make up, although very soon he won't need an excuse for a make up with all his golf meetings. I bet you can't top last year's golf profits Ken! A rare photo where Ken's not laughing. Could it be he thinks Brian is getting too friendly or is it something in his drink?



This is your Newsletter, not mine, so please pass articles, photos, comments, views to me as soon as you have them. I merely collate them. Send to Secretary SUE

RCSL President Tim Moffatt would like to get involved with some joint projects or social events between our clubs, any ideas? This photo shows the St. Lucian contingent at the recent PETS training in Trinidad. We also managed to catch on camera Nigel Aquí a past member of the Gros Islet Club. Leevie Herellel Secretary of the Castries Club is on the far right.



Kevin Snaggs - Goodbye



We will remember this year well as we lost Kevin Snaggs back to his homeland of Trinidad. Kevin will be sorely missed by the Gros Islet Club for many reasons, too numerous to mention them all, but here are a few. His cheerful wit, constant help, role as Treasurer and support to others, taking over the organising of wheelchair deliveries, always managing to round up some excellent prizes for our Golf Tournament. Kevin was also very generous in the deals he managed to arrange at Cotton Bay for various evening functions we required.

WHEELCHAIR DELIVERIES

This year we had 110 wheelchairs donated to the island via a club in Trinidad. This was obviously between the three Rotary Clubs. The Gros Islet Club found well over half the needy recipients, so there was a lot of work to do delivering them. This was an eye opener to many Rotarians who hadn't been off the beaten track before into the poorest of homes with not even the basic facilities. Some just had a bit of old foam on the floor with a sheet (or material) thrown over, so our wheelchairs were put to immediate use by many of the recipients. Leo Philip pictured, was so pleased to get a visitor to talk to and told us of his earlier life in Pennsylvania.



Board 2010-2011

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