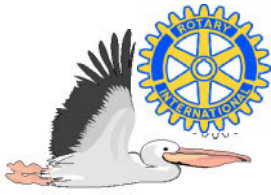


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SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT'S THEME 2012-13 "SHARING, IMAGINING, BEING"



GSE TEAM FROM ROTARY DISTRICT
7030 EASTER CARIBBEAN & FRENCH
GUIANA, SURINAME AND GUYANA



There's an old song named Kokomo sung by the Beach Boys. Parts of the lyrics goes like this, "Aruba Jamaica ooo I wanna take you... To Bermuda Bahamas Come on pretty mama... Key Largo, Montego... baby... why don't we go" and another verse "To Martinique, the Monserrate mystique... Way down to Kokomo". Well that song has been bouncing through my brain since our visiting Rotary Group Study

Exchange Team from Rotary District 7030 a multi-national district, the geography from the north the Eastern Caribbean to the Southern end of South American continent with French Guiana, Suriname and Guyana. Fourteen Countries part of the old British and French West Indies. Rotary has 67 Clubs in this area with more than 2000 members; with English, French, and Dutch as their languages. Our GSE team members this year represented Trinidad, Tobago, Martinique, and Barbados.

GSE Team members are not Rotarians but are sponsored by their local Rotary Clubs partnered with other Rotary Clubs around the world. The Rotary International District Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for business people and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

In a typical four-week tour, applicants participate in five full days of vocational visits, 15 to 20 club presentations, 10 to 15 formal visits and social events, two to three days at the district conference, three to four hours per day of cultural and site tours, and three to four hours per day of free time with host families.

District 7030 GSE Team Leader spoke about the economy of Barbados. Natural Gas drives the economy and provides a very stable economy for the area. Up until recently much of this natural gas had been exported to the United States, now more is being exported to Europe. By-products of the gas such as menthol, ammonia, fertilizer, and feed-stock bring-in additional monies. Tourism also is a key factor in the economy of the Island.

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Club Song Giver of all things good, We Thank you for this food, With one accord Lead us we humbly pray, Onward in Rotary's way
Of service day by day, Most Gracious Lord
(Tune of My Country Tis of Thee)

GSE TEAM

District 7030 flagship project is the acquisition and distribution of wheelchairs for the disabled, elderly, and the medically challenged (2,800 to date). Does this sound familiar? San-Cap Rotary has participated in a similar program with the WheelChair Foundation and has sent a ship-cargo container of wheelchair soon to arrive in Jamaica and now collecting monies for another container, destination unknown (possibly we will work with District 7030 on this).

Tamara Arthur from Barbados spoke more on the cultural side of her country. Barbados consists of eleven parishes, each named after a different Anglican church Saint, Christchurch is the center parish and most well-known. Tamara was, of course, very proud of her Island's beautiful white sand beaches but did tell us that most natives of the Island don't swim. Each of the Caribbean Islands seems to have their own unique Carnival Season, the largest on Barbados is Crop Over. Musical and dress competitions and traditional activities abound. She spoke of the beauty of Harrison Cave, recording stars Rihanna and Rupee, and Cricketer Sr. Garfield Sobers.

Other team members, Mavis Gibus from Martinique and Sasha Williams from Trinidad spoke. Mavis telling us about her sponsoring club's project "The Happy Baby Project". All things baby are expensive on the Islands. Therefore, her club collects slightly used and new baby items for distribution to low-income single mothers. Mavis also spoke about the Carnival on Martinique, when the gentlemen dress up like the ladies and the ladies dress up as the gentlemen. I think this must happen after rum tasting day, after-all Martinique produces fourteen brands of Rum.

Trinidad/Tobago has Carnival as well representing its melting part of cultures. A Carnival known for the music of the steel pan bands, crab dumplings, corn soup, and local specialty Doubles. Sasha's sponsoring Rotary Club's main projects is the *North Coast Literacy Project* teaching 5 year olds reading skills and hopefully improving their skills by two grade levels.

This team certainly represents their homeland Islands well; the warmth and charm of their personalities exude friendship, hospitality and the excitement of learning about other places and cultures.

So are you ready to visit their Islands and have fun at Carnival? If so, let's plan a trip to Kokomo. Rum anyone?

SPEAKER CORNER

MAY COHN/SADLER RECRUITERS

5/10 Rotoract Club-Sandy Scroggins
 5/17 Jeff Tumborello-current trends in foreclosures and the future of real estate value in Lee County.
 5/24 Sanibel Mayor Ruane
 5/31 Club Assembly

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 16-19 Rotary 6960 District Conference

May 16th – 19th, 2013

Registration is now open!!! Sign up early and join us for the
2013 District 6960 Conference
 which will be held at the **Sarasota Hyatt**
 plan on joining your
District Governor Steve Schlueter
 and your other District Rotarian Friends as we
Celebrate the 2012-2013 Rotary Year!!!
 More Information on District web-site



Club Rotarian, Bob Eidsvold paid his Happy Buck dollars in advance for 24 weeks (\$24) plus donated \$100 to the our WheelChair project before he left us for the season.

THANKS BOB!!



Makeup Meeting Locations

Monday	Noon - Fort Myers-South... Crown Plaza Bell Tower
Tuesday	Noon - Estero... Spring Run Country Club Noon - Fort Myers... TBD
Wednesday	7:30 AM - Bonita Springs... Bonita Bay Club 7:30 AM - Fort Myers-East... Beef O'Brady's 7:30 AM - Fort Myers Sunrise ... Hilton Garden Inn 8:00 AM - Cape Coral... LaVenezia Ballroom 6:30 PM - Cape Coral North... Southside Sport Grill
Thursday	Noon - Lehigh Acres...Microtell Inn & Suites 8:00 AM - North Fort Myers Fishbones at Shell Factory Noon - Bonita Springs...Spanish Wells CC
Friday	11:45 AM - CapeCoral...Gold Coast...Gulf Coast Village

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