



THE ROTARY CLUB OF PORT-LOUIS

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Welcome to the Rotary Club of Port-Louis !

The Rotary Club of Port-Louis is part of District 9220. It is the oldest club in Mauritius, chartered on 9 November 1964. As the founder Club in Mauritius, the Rotary Club of Mauritius has been instrumental in spreading Rotary ideals of service by creating three other clubs in 1974, 1981 and 1989. There are presently 14 Rotary Clubs including one on the country's second main island of Rodrigues, situated 550 kilometers east of Mauritius..

Active membership as at November 2007 stands at 47. We meet every Wednesday, except on public holidays, at La Bonne Marmite Restaurant, opposite the Bank of Mauritius, Sir William Newton Street, Port-Louis (Tel: 208 3330). Meetings start at 12h15 and end at about 13h30.

For the year 2007 - 2008, our **President** is Michael Bootle (Tel: 453 8113. Portable: 721 5737.

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Activities



Over the years, the club has initiated numerous innovative projects. The **outing for the handicapped**, one of the early Community Service projects has become the event of the year for over 250 physically impaired from homes and orphanages in the country. Another much awaited event is the **Brains Trust**, a public speaking contest for Higher School Certificate students that has become a feature of the school calendar and is aired on TV. Other projects include our Ladies' fundraising through jumble sale to provide **breakfast to needy children** in a primary school, a **Careers Guidance Manual** and a **Primary Schools Quiz**.

Roche-Bois Outreach and Care Programme

Another major project of the Rotary Club of Port-Louis and which involves important fund-raising activities is an Outreach and Care Programme for the rehabilitation of street children of Roche-Bois, one of the most distressed suburbs of Port-Louis. The ultimate objective is to get each of these children into vocational training so that they can emerge with a sustainable livelihood and can thus become independent, responsible adult citizens. The European Union is helping with substantial funding.



Pre-Primary School for Visually-Impaired Children

We are currently assisting to raise funds for this proposed school, as there are no existing facilities for such children below school age, for which we also hope to have the support of a French charitable business organization.

Aids Awareness

In the pipeline the club has an HIV/AIDS project designed to change attitudes and the approach towards the illness in the workplace. We plan to work with both the public, NGO and private sectors in this respect and perhaps encourage closer collaboration between those already involved in one way or another.

International Contacts



We regularly welcome Visiting Rotarians on holiday in Mauritius or here for business reasons and will shortly sign a Twinning Agreement with the Rotary Club of Saint Denis in our neighboring island of Reunion. We have also received Rotarian couples from Chandigarh under the Family Exchange Programme.

Obviously, the above is just a summary of our projects. We would be delighted to keep in touch with you, particularly if your club is interested in organizing joint projects with us and in negotiating matching grants through Rotary International. But above all, we look forward to seeing you again when you next visit Mauritius.