

ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTBURG

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friendliness and pleasant welcome to all
members and guests.*

*District 7750
2014-2015 Club of the Year
And
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Presiding President Susan Spencer

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
Keith Westbury

**Introduction of Guests, Drawing for
Dollars** Mac McLean,
Jon Rogers, Ron Rountree

Sergeant At Arms Fletcher Mann

Happy Bucks Jon Rogers

Membership Minute Eric Baker

**Announcements
& Club Business** Susan Spencer

Program Marie Flore Lafontant Chipps

Closing /Four Way Test
Susan Spencer

Today's Program Marie Flore Lafontant Chipps



Marie Flore Lafontant Chipps is the founder and the interim Executive Director of Summits Education, a non-governmental organization operating a network of 40 primary schools serving approximately 10,000 students and 350 educators in Haiti's Central Plateau. Summits Education believe that access to a quality education is a human right and in partnership with local communities and governmental entities, they are building education systems in rural Haiti to meet the needs of the whole child.

Marie Flore was exposed to fighting for social justice through her parents Rev. Fritz & Yolande Lafontant, as well as Dr. Paul Farmer who dedicated their lives fighting for the poorest of the poorest especially in the Central plateau, Haiti. She started her career in Zanmi Lasante in November 1990.

Marie Flore has earned a degree in Management and started her profession as a Public Health advocate by directing a family planning project in Cange, Zanmi Lasante to enable women to make informed choices about their sexual and reproductive health. As one of the leader of Zanmi Lasante, she spent her entire career working in diverse sectors such as providing water, sanitation, and education to communities lacking access, information, and training; supporting the most vulnerable such as the elderlies, and orphans by offering dry ration of food weekly and additional subsidies. She joined the agricultural movement where she is a member of the board of Zanmi Agrikol which main goal is fighting and preventing malnutrition by offering seeds, trees and education. To assure the continuity of the education program started under Zanmi Lasante, she founded Summits Education with Paul English to assure that the children served in the 40 schools receive quality Education and are consequently destined to succeed in school and in life.

She plays a significant role in advocating for the underprivileged that resulted in improved health and social status of many. She is known for her philanthropic work and her positive attitudes towards every obstacle.

You may contact Marie Flore at:
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February is Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

Quote For Today

Peace is not absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means.

- Ronald Reagan

Upcoming Programs

March 1	Marcia Papin, Landfill Management
March 8	Friends of Reedy River
March 15	Social, Location TBD
March 22	Club Assembly
March 27	Spring Sing
March 29	No meeting at the Hilton

Happy Birthday

February 9	Larry Lee
February 18	Susan Spencer

Happy Anniversary

February 1	Bob and Kathy Grazio
February 27	Earle and Joan Gauden