

We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give ~ Winston Churchill

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The Rotary Club of Lucaya



Dedication

**The Steven M. Dillet Playground
at**

**THE BEACON SCHOOL
On Frobisher Drive**

Ceremony

3:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 18, 2014

"Service Above Self"



Steven M. Dillet

Each year, the Rotary Club of Lucaya chooses a signature project that exemplifies our motto "Service Above Self".

This project is especially dear to the Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Lucaya as the Beacon School Playground will be named in honor of Mr. Steven M. Dillet who served the Rotary organization for 31 years.

His dedication and commitment to the ideals of Rotary and service to the community leave an exemplary legacy to be followed by all.

Mr. Dillet was an Insurance Adjuster with Algoma Adjusters where, he remained all his life. He served as the Rotary Club of Lucaya President, and held every Board position within the Club except that of Secretary. Steven was Rotary International District 6990 Past Assistant District Governor, and was honored multiple times by Rotary International as a Paul Harris Fellow.

He was a former Toastmaster, an avid and dedicated member of The Church of The Ascension, member and Past President of the ACM (Anglican Church Men) and named "Treasurer for Life" by that organization. He was also a tennis instructor / player, and community worker. Steven dressed as Santa Claus year after to year to bring joy to the students of the Beacon School. In his spare time, he would drop by just to interact with the students and was always present at the special movie days that the Rotary Club of Lucaya held for the students annually.

Several weeks prior to his passing on 28 May, 2013, after a long battle with cancer, Billy Jane Ferguson, who was President elect of the Rotary Club of Lucaya at that time, visited with Steven and asked him if he thought that the idea of the Beacon School Playground was an appropriate signature project for her year as President. He was thrilled by the idea. When she said the Playground would be named in honor of him, he turned away and cried. It meant that much to him.

Steven and his wife Heather were married in 1979 and have always supported their community and their church. They have raised two wonderful children: a son, Vijay Dillet; and a daughter, Shari Cuffie. They were blessed with a son-in-law, Ozzie Cuffie, and daughter-in-law, Kim Dillet, and two grandsons – Carter and Angeles. Steven M. Dillet

was loved by everyone who ever had the opportunity to meet him.

This signature project by The Rotary Club of Lucaya for The Beacon School and its students, present and future, now shows its tremendous love for Steven's dedication and commitment to "service above self".



If a picture paints a thousand words.....



Program

Master of Ceremonies -Mr. Donald A. Glass
Past Assistant District Governor

Invocation..... **Fr. Michael Gittens**
Rector- Church of The Ascension

National Anthem/ Pledge **The Beacon School Students**

Welcome..... **Christine Fields- van der Linde**
Project Chairperson

Remarks..... **Karen N. Clarke**- Project Benefactor

President's Remarks..... **Billy Jane Ferguson**
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Tribute in Song - "It's Your Time"- Donald A. Glass

Introduction of Guest Speaker
The Hon. Dr. Michael Darville, MP., Minister for Grand Bahama

Keynote Address
Hon. Jerome Fitzgerald, MP.
Minister of Education, Science & Technology

Special Presentations

Unveiling of the Steven M. Dillet Monument

JUNKANOO RUSH-OUT- The Beacon School Students
Guests are invited to a guided tour of
The Playpen, Serenity Garden and The Main Playground

Steven M. Dillet Playground at the Beacon School

As the special project for the 2013 – 2014 year, Billy Jane Ferguson, President of the Rotary Club of Lucaya and the Board of Directors, chose the construction of a special needs playground for the Beacon School, Freeport, GBI.

The Beacon School for Special Needs Children buses students in daily from as far away as McLeans Town in East Grand Bahama and West End in West Grand Bahama. President Billy appointed a Chairperson, Rotarian Christine Fields-van der Linde, who in turn chose her committee. The committee visited the school, toured the grounds and realized the challenges to be faced in erecting playground equipment, because the playground had a huge hill right

in the middle of the most significant area. The committee then began its preparation for the construction by itemizing what was needed to be done: level the ground, build retaining walls and truck in tons of dirt and sand, repair fences with holes in all the fences around the perimeter of approximately seventy-five percent of the school, take down all the



casuarinas trees with their sharp, protruding roots lining the back of the field, abutting the property of the YMCA and put up a new fence that would now be part of the Beacon School. Also, additions needed to be made-four new picnic tables for the students to use during their break times, put a gate up at the entrance

of the school to protect the students from running into the roadway, remove the mold in the ceilings under the walkways surrounding the school in front of the classrooms, power wash the walkways, upgrade the landscaping – using non-poisonous trees, shrubs, plants and hedges without thorns, reconfigure the fence layout surrounding the greenhouse and the huge garden that the Agriculture Teacher has developed, build a small 3' X 6 'mini-garden in front of most classrooms, paint the exterior walls of the quadrangle, have murals painted that are bright and engaging.



on the court; repair two bocci courts and walkways . The Serenity Garden was created in honor of teachers and students who had passed away. Over the years, organiza-



tions and individuals have added to the Garden. We also added a gazebo with shade in order for people to sit quietly and in comfort in the Serenity Garden. So putting in the special needs playground equipment wasn't the simple task we thought it would be. But, thankfully, it is now done. The students can play, exercise their bodies and have fun. Teachers no longer have to facilitate the children enjoying the playground facilities. Now those children can wheel themselves onto a swing, a merry-go-round and a number of other beautiful playground equipment on their own.



However, there is more to be done.

Namely, the four lavatories (two for girls and two for boys) do have wheelchair access, but these facilities will have to be modified to accommodate the disabled.

We express our sincere gratitude to companies and individuals for stepping up and volunteering their services, labor and materials. The Grand Bahama community has our deepest thanks and gratitude.

~Karen Clarke -Project Benefactor.

We had to try to find a way, in the small children's playground (named the playpen) to protect the little ones from a drain where they might trip or fall, restore the basketball court, adding nets to each basket, and paint the lines

