



Rotary Club of Taveuni Island

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Welcome all. We are here to dedicate a plaque to Geoffrey Amos, a man with a never ending smile.

But first a bit of history.

Sixteen years ago when forming Taveuni Rotary Club the first thing I needed to do was put together a list of people who might be persuaded to become a Rotarian. The #1 name I wrote down was Geoffrey Amos.

In those days, 16 yrs ago, Geoffrey was out on his boat fishing several days a week, and enjoying life. I wasn't sure whether I could drag him away from his love of fishing. "Rotary," he said???

"SOUNDS GREAT - YES, LET'S DO IT." And within a few months Geoffrey stopped hooking fish because Geoffrey got hooked on Rotary.

It wasn't long before he sold his boat and began dedicating his full-time efforts toward Rotary. No matter what the project, Geoffrey tackled it with a positive attitude and a big smile. He devoted many hours coordinating school building projects, village reconstruction projects, and student educational projects. No project too difficult. No project impossible.

Then 13 yrs ago he became involved in what is now known as the TAVEUNI EYE PROJECT. This was Geoffrey's greatest accomplishment and something with which he was most proud.

The Taveuni Eye Project is an immense project involving hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, coordinating of skilled medical support from our volunteer doctors, nurses, and support team who come to us from around the world and coordinating the transport and taking care of hundreds of patients who come from remote locations



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throughout Fiji to have their sight restored. To date over 3000 persons have been given the gift of sight. Most certainly none of this would have happened without Geoffrey leading the way. And for his efforts, thousands of people throughout Fiji will be forever be grateful.

Geoffrey was motivated by his deep-rooted love for people, and he is no-doubt looking down upon us today with great pride and that warm Geoffrey smile. So let us now give a big vinaka vakalevu to Geoffrey. A man with a big smile, and an even a bigger heart.