



ROTA NEWS



Rotary Club of Barbados, Barbados

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District 7030

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THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think,
say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Weekly meetings on **Thursdays** at

Hilton Barbados

Needham's Point, Aquatic Gap, St. Michael

at 12 p.m.

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**THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARBADOS
WELCOMES ALL VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS**

August is Membership & Extension Month

Today is a Fellowship Meeting where we will have a Guest Speaker - Rev Fequel LaPlante - **His topic is Volunteerism. Our Greeters are Past Director Vocational Service Kim Tudor & Rotarian Sanjay Amin**

Past Director Vocational Service Kim Tudor joined the Club on December 24, 2010. She was proposed by Past President Brenda Pope. Her Classification is Education - Executive Training. Kim has served as Rota News Editor (2011-12), Public Relations Chair (2012-13) and for the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of the Club she was responsible for coordinating the exhibition at the Barbados Museum. She served as Director of Vocational Services and on the Fund Raising Committee for 2014-15. Currently she serves on the Rota News and PR Committees.



Rotarian Sanjay Amin joined the Rotary Club of Barbados on April 01, 2010. He was introduced by President Alex. His Classification is Chartered Quantity Surveyor. Before joining our Club he served with the Rotary Club of Tortola, British Virgin Islands from 1998-2007. Since 2010 he has served on the following Committees:



2010-11 – Vocational Service & Children’s Homes, 2011-12 –Rota News & Fellowship, 2012-2014 - Children’s Homes, and currently for 2014-15—Children’s Homes, Fellowship, Guest Speakers & Classification Talks. For 2015-16 he continues on the Children’s Homes Committee.

MEET OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Father Fequel LaPlante, is a Jamaican Citizen. A former Officer of The Salvation Army; he worked with that organization for sixteen years, from 1987 - 2003. During this time he served the Bahamas, St. Martin and Belize.

In February 2004, he resigned from The Salvation Army and joined The Anglican Church and has been a Priest in the for the last eleven (11) years; when he was ordained a Deacon.

He was ordained as a Deacon at Codrington College by retired Archbishop Drexel Gomez.

In 2005, after Ordination, he left Barbados to up a new post in the Diocese of The Bahamas and The Turks and Caicos Islands. A few months later after his arrival in that Island, he was then Ordained as a Priest by the Archbishop Gomez.

He remained and worked in that Diocese for three years and then returned to Barbados in 2008.

Since 2009 he has served as the Priest-in-Charge of the Anglican Church of St. Saviour and St. Simon. He is married to Myra who is also a Priest in the Anglican Church.

In 1996, Fr. LaPlante served as President of the Rotary Club of Lucea in Hanover Jamaica and was a member for four years. He was a member of Kiwanis Club when he served in the Bahamas.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2015, WITH PRESENTATION—WHAT ROTARY MEANS TO ME, CONT'D

President Jedder announced that Rtn. Kristof Abbeloos will be leaving us shortly on relocation to Houston, Texas, USA. There was also a reminder of the Club Forum scheduled for September 5, 2015 which Rotarians with less than 10 year's club membership particularly are expected to attend, notwithstanding that the older members will be there.

Fellowship Chair PP Jerry, reminded the Club of the Boat Cruise on August 30 and the need to sign up !

WHAT ROTARY MEANS TO ME - PP APL TONY REECE

I joined Rotary Club of Barbados in May 1998 and sought to gain from this International Organization not only philanthropic self-development but an added dimension to the public speaking dimension that helped to hone my skills in Toastmasters International.



I felt that even though there exists a Code of Ethics to the profession to which I have been called, yet one should always “think outside the Bank – sorry ‘the box’ !! (Apologies for the Freudian slip).

With this in mind and with encouragement from my more senior Rotarian Proposer and Brother-in-law PP Francis Rock, I was keen to discover how a different service Club could or would impact my personal and professional self-development. As this community involvement was for me neither novel nor unexpected, it is not to say that “I was thrown in at the deep end” when I joined; therefore (and if you will pardon the analogy) using the apt quote from Hon. Bob Marley’s “Rat Race” that you must **“Know your destiny, In the abundance of water, the fool is still thirsty”**, I decided that Rotary must indeed work for and be beneficial to me, both personally and professionally.

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MEETING DETAILS - Thursday August 20 , 2015

SAA - PD Heather M. Tull

- Attendance - 51%
- Raffle - \$110.00
- Winner - CHAIR DIANA R. DOUGLIN
- Fines - \$272.00

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2015, WITH PRESENTATION—WHAT ROTARY MEANS TO ME, CONT'D

All that being said, I then 'chanced upon' a Declaration of Rotarians that further crystallized my Rotary focus. It states the mandates that should guide Rotarians engaged in a business or profession. In concert with a few of those mandates to which I now refer, Rotary therefore means to me that I must:

- **Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve.** I can happily reflect that starting my work life in a smaller type Law Firm did much to carve that quality;
- **Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of my community.** Rotary teaches me that in my profession, it is invariably that single oversight or inattention to detail that will come back to haunt you;
- **Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards.** Rotary teaches me therefore that we need patience – 'that light that never changes' - and that that inexperienced practitioner who clearly needs guidance may gain something from a more experienced word of caution.
- Finally - **Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.**

Fellow Rotarians, what better application of part of our own Four Way Test – that "Is it fair to all concerned?" and "Will it build Goodwill and better Friendships?"

Pres. Jedder, this much is what Rotary has meant to me. I am therefore pleased to say that '*in the abundance of Rotary, my thirst has indeed been quenched*'. I am obliged to you.

PROFILES IN COMMUNITY SERVICE #16 - PAST PRESIDENT, NORMAN STANLEY BARROW, PHF - BY CHAIR D.R. DOUGLIN

His Classification is Musical Instruments Retail. His mood is jovial.



Smiling throughout the interview Norman Barrow informed me that he has been a Rotarian for nearly 33 years (Nov 01, 1982) and has enjoyed every minute. His rationale for becoming a member is that he believes we should all give back something to society.

The Four Way Test is the cornerstone of his life philosophy and he embraces it in both his professional and personal capacities. "The Four Way Test works for me, I always tell the truth, I always try to be fair, and I hope it will be beneficial to all people".

His desire to give back to society, to people and the environment had led him to hold virtually every post in the Club...President 1997-98, Sergeant-At-Arms and the Director of every Avenue of Service especially the Fund-Raising committee on which, he reveals, he has been a sitting member since his induction.

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PROFILES IN COMMUNITY SERVICE #16 - PAST PRESIDENT, NORMAN STANLEY BARROW, CONT'D

The President's project of his year was the refurbishment of one of the buildings at Verdun House, St John for the Substance Abuse Foundation, to provide living quarters for five counselors. The project funds tallying in excess of \$75,000.00 were raised by Bajan Night, the premier fundraising event for the Rotary Club of Barbados at that time.

Becoming animated, he recalls the beginnings of the Carols by Candlelight fund-raiser and its evolution to the event that it has turned out to be. Noting the hard work and dedication of the fund raising committee members towards the planning and promotion of the event, he reports that it is "extremely rewarding to see the event continuing to be important to the Club as a Fundraiser and the society at large. People look forward to it as one of the premier events of the Season".

It was his mandate to produce the event and he recalls making changes annually to keep the event relevant and enticing for the audience. "When Carols by Candlelight first started, there were literally only choirs performing. However the open air environment at Ilaro Court coupled with the element of Children was not practical and the children who attended demanded something more lively. We were able to change it to keep it current and relevant".

He is the resident expert on Music, Audio and event Production. For many years he also was also involved in the provision of music for the Christmas Senior Citizens party at the Governor General's residence and the Club's Christmas Party.

Event production being one of his strengths, he is always available to offer this skill to the Club and the wider Rotary family. For example the recent installation of the District Governor and three Club Presidents at Sandy Lane. He was responsible for the audio and the décor of the room. He points out that Rotary allows and encourages you to contribute your professional talents to the Club. "As a Rotarian I do that successfully and I contribute freely to the Club."

His commitment to the Club is unwavering "I am a Rotarian and if I have something to do I do it. There are no ifs, ands or buts about me". He encourages each new Rotarian to do the same and to put all their talents at the disposal of the Club. His contributions were recognized with the award of a Paul Harris Fellowship in June 2006.

His favourite memory of Rotary is the night of his induction as President at the Fort Charles Grille of the old Hilton Hotel. The reason? "I was given an appointment to lead the organization for one year. More importantly the Club membership had entrusted me with that responsibility".

Reflecting on the changes he has seen in his 33 years as a member, he tells me that "A lot is happening in the Club and it seems like a lot more activity. There are more young people and more women. I look forward with anticipation to seeing the direction the Club takes in the future".

Norman started his career as a musician and was the leader of the popular Sandpebbles group in the 60's and 70's. From there he founded A&B Music Supplies Ltd which has contributed significantly to the development of the Music industry in Barbados and the Caribbean over the last 40 years.

He was educated at the Ursuline Convent and Harrison College.

Besides being a Rotarian he is a founder member of Verdun House. He has been on the Board from inception and was the Chairman for over 10 years. He is also currently a council member of the Barbados Chamber of Commerce and board member of Gantley Adams International Airport.

UP-COMING EVENTS

Mar 07 - Club Charter Date - 1962

August - Membership & Extension Month

Aug 30 - SUNDAY - Annual Boat Cruise

Sep 03 - No Meeting—Club Forum - September 05

Club Forum- September 05

Sep 10 - Fellowship Meeting

RYLA - November 5-7 - GRENADA

GREETERS

Sep 10 - PP & Chair Erskine & PP & Chair Michael

Sep 17 - PC Marie & PP Andrew

Sep 24 - Rotarian Susan & PP John Cabral

Oct 01 - PP & Chair Roger & PS & Chair Clifford

District Project -



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a general term for disorders that involve difficulty in learning to read or interpret words, letters, and other symbols, but that do not affect general intelligence.

OUR GUESTS

VISITORS

Fanie DeVilliers - Past Director Freddie Hart

Andrew Hart - Past Director Freddie Hart

Dominic Hart - Past Director Freddie Hart

Christopher Lashley -YS Director Neal Griffith

Anton Nicholls - Past President Brenda Pope

Oliver Gale - Past President Brenda Pope

Alicia Codrington - IMM Past Vocational Service Director

Kim Tudor

ROTARIANS

Robert Chase - Rotary South, Barbados

Sue Scholey - Doncaster Rotary Club 1270

ROTARY GRACE

O Lord and giver of all things good
We thank Thee for our daily food
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve Thee all our days.

Announcements

Wedding Anniversary

Past Chair Patrick & Marcia Hinds

47 yrs Aug 31, 1968

Birthday - Rotarians

Past Deputy Director Dr. Albert Best

Aug 27

Past Deputy Director Warren Mottley

Aug 30

Chair Fiona Hinds

Sep 01

Past Deputy Director O'Reilly Lewis

Sep 03

Birthday - Partners in Service

Emelda Browne - PP & Chair Michael

Aug 27

Donna Edwards - PDG David

Aug 27

Kaye Williams - Past Chair Ron

Sep 01

Francie Toppin - Hon Rotarian & PP Pat

Sep 03

Join Date Anniversary

Past Director Randall Goddard

38 yrs Sep 01, 1977

Past President Algie Leacock

31yrs Sep 02, 1984

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



Welcome to ROTARY AROUND THE WORLD Corner. The aim is to keep you abreast of our upcoming District Conference and Rotary International Convention.

District Conference: **20th-23rd April**

2016, Bridgetown, Barbados. Rotary International Convention: **28th May -1st June 2016**, Seoul Korea. Look out for additional informa-



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OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and in particular to encourage and foster:

- FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity of service;
- SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition and the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life; and
- FOURTH:** The advancement of the international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

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