



Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon, Bella Vita Restaurant

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JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

Today (June 11):

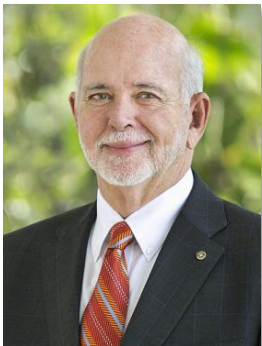
Next Week (June 18): **Kim Lauren** - The ever growing epidemic with selfies, social media and technology

Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Jun. 21	6 pm	Installation of 2019/2020 Executive	Meadow Gardens Golf Club
Aug. 11	11 am	Rotary Duck Race	Maple Ridge Park
Aug. 27	Noon	DG Brad Whittaker's Visit	
Sep. 6-8		Rotary Camping Weekend	

RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I look back on all the things I have seen and the people I have met since becoming president of Rotary International last July, I am certain of this: Rotary's capacity to transform lives for the better is unparalleled. Our impact is far beyond anything I could have imagined when I first became a Rotarian.

I think about the Rotarians I met in Pakistan, who partnered with Coca-Cola to improve sanitation in Karachi's neighborhoods while supporting polio eradication efforts. I think about the Puerto Rican Rotarians who are helping entire communities rebuild their lives after Hurricane Maria. I think about the German Rotaractors who are working to save bees — whose role as pollinators is so important to our planet — from extinction. I think about the six Rotarians and Rotaractors who were honored as People of Action: Young Innovators at Rotary Day at the United Nations in Nairobi, Kenya, in November for their work to create novel solutions to tough challenges.

It seems like only yesterday that I stood on a stage in San Diego and asked you to *Be the Inspiration* in your clubs, in your communities, and in the world. Your response was an inspiration to me. You are paving the way for Rotaractors to become our future leaders, helping start new Rotaract clubs and working to include Rotaractors in Rotary events and projects in your communities. You are working hard to eradicate polio,

participating in 4,200 events in more than 100 countries for World Polio Day. And you are carrying out transformative projects that will create lasting change in your communities and in the world.

This year, I also saw how Rotary's work to build peace is bearing fruit. The 98 Rotary Peace Fellows who are studying at our peace centers will soon graduate, joining more than 1,200 others in applying their conflict resolution skills to problems that need solutions. And this month, Esther and I will travel to Hamburg, Germany, for a convention where people of all races, nationalities, religions, and political backgrounds will unite because they want to make the lives of all people better.

Seeing what Rotary means to people — to the communities we serve and to Rotarians themselves — has deepened my affection and admiration for all that Rotary is and does.

Soon it will be time for Esther and me to return home to Nassau. When we get there, I will look out on the vast sea that surrounds our island, and it will remind me of Rotary's limitless possibilities, and of the amazing future that awaits us beyond the horizon. I look forward to sailing there with you.

Barry Rassin
President 2018-19

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Clint Callison** conducted the meeting, and **Scott Payne** gave the invocation / inspirational thought for the day.

Today's quote:



On the other hand:



Guest: **Sherry Robinson**, lawyer with Centra Lawyers.

Laurie Anderson had some sad news, advising that past President Stan Wade's wife, Deborah Lee Daniels, recently passed away from cancer.

Laurie will be away for a week as he is going on a road trip, with his son Stephen, to visit his sister in Utah (Republican country).

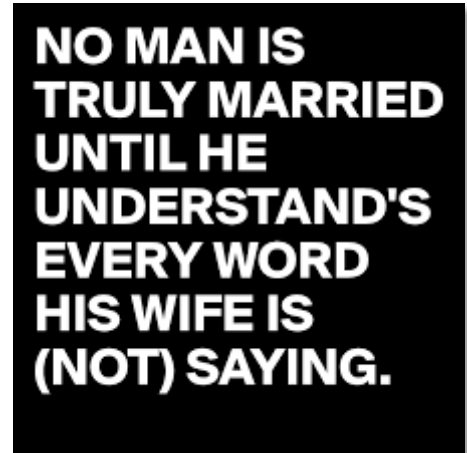
Peter Boekhorst will be away next Tuesday as he is picking up Ineke at the airport. Ineke is returning from the Rotary International convention in Germany.

Program:

Libby handed around some sheets for members to fill in, stating what committees the members are willing to belong to in the coming Rotary year. Also, members were asked to state what suggestions they had to make the meeting room at the Bela Vita more inviting and pleasant (the executive will take some of these suggestions to the management of the restaurant for their consideration).

In 2020 the Meadow Ridge Rotary Club will celebrate its 30th anniversary. A committee (consisting of Scott Payne [who volunteered to chair the Committee], Matt DeBruyn, Mike Davies, Eric Mollema, Laurie Anderson, and Peter Boekhorst) met after today's meeting to begin planning for this happy event.

Closing Quote:



On the other hand:



Submitted by **Laurie Anderson**