

Chartered September 10, 1972
Meets on Wednesdays - 12:30 p.m.
At Rotary House, Cnr. Factory Road & Nugent Ave., St. John's, Antigua

Rotary Computers for the World Project



The **Rotary Club of Antigua** in partnership with the **Bellevue Breakfast Rotary Club** of Washington State is in its tenth (10) year of conducting the Computer for the World Project which started in 2008.

In this project a team of **Rotarians** headed by **Mr. John Martinka** of the Bellevue Breakfast Rotary Club along with and a team of **Cisco Systems IT Students and Teachers** headed by **Mr. Jeff Mason** from the Newport High School in Bellevue, Washington State have been coming to Antigua & Barbuda and have been installing computers in Government and Private Schools as a donation to the Ministry of Education for the Students of Antigua & Barbuda.

To date over the years, some two thousand, four hundred (2,400) computers have been installed and over **50 fully networked computer labs** have been set up in the schools in Antigua and in Barbuda.

There is also the **Rotary Sewing Project** which

which is also a joint project with **Rotary Club of Kirkland Downtown Washington State**.

This project is headed by **Mrs. Jan Martinka** of the Rotary Club of Kirkland Downtown, Washington State. The initiative of this Sewing Project is to teach women how to sew, thus giving them the opportunity to become proficient in sewing and to be independent and self-sustaining. The local coordinator is **Mr. Cordel Josiah** of Rotary Club of Antigua..

There are six **Rotary Sewing Projects** set up on the island. The first is in the **Grays Green community** next to the Green Bay School. There is one in **Freetown Village** at the Methodist Church, one in **New Winthropes Village** at the Wesleyan Holiness Church, another in **Pigotts Village** at the Bethany Moravian Community Center, another in **Liberta Village** at the Grace Hill Moravian Church, and the most recent which was launched on Monday 20th February in **Bolans Village** at the **Bolans Pentecostal Church**.

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PEACE & CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH-February 2017

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President Herald Roland-Rotary Club of Antigua Sundown— Greetings World Peace & Understanding Church Service

On behalf of President Evangeline Allen, President of the Rotary Club of Antigua, the members of both clubs and President Jessica Challenger President of the Rotaract Club of Antigua, I would like to thank Rev. Denise Smith-Lewis and you the members of Spring Gardens Moravian Church for your warm welcome.

The objective 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 for service; second, high ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of 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 international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Today together with over 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide we celebrate world peace and understanding day which is the birthday of Rotary. On February 23, 1905, Paul Harris and his friends sat down for the very first Rotary meeting. More than a century later, Rotary clubs have become synonymous with serving the community.

If you look for the word "peace" in the dictionary, chances are it would say something about quiet, tranquility and freedom from disturbance. Peace requires a level of understanding and so both peace and understanding go hand in hand.

This is such an important ideal of Rotary that there are even Rotary Centres for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. Rotary Peace Fellows can earn a master's degree or a certificate in these areas at various universities throughout the world.

Through our service projects, peace fellowships, and scholarships, our members are taking action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Here in Antigua, the Rotarians are helping to facilitate peace through our service projects. Including:

- Our Annual Autism Awareness Walk
- The Antigua and Barbuda Waste Recycling Corporation
- Water and Sanitation projects at 4 government schools as well as the Holy Trinity School and Sunshine Home for Girls
- The Pediatric Village Fair
- The eye screening project at Mount St. John
- Donation of a computer lab to Cobbs Cross Primary School
- Fencing of a pre-school in Barbuda
- A tennis program for exceptional children from the Adele School
- The provision of back to school supplies and uniforms
- A Student of the Month Awards Program in the Green Bay, Five Islands and Golden Grove Primary Schools
- A Choices Career Guidance Workshop at the Christian Faith Academy
- The building of a library at the Pigotts Primary School
- Sewing Projects across the Island



- The ongoing Monthly Meals on Wheels Program
- The food bag distribution program
- The Computers for the World Program where over 400 Computers are brought to Antigua by students and instructors from Washington State and are distributed to the various Government and Private Secondary Schools. (Some of these persons are here with us today)

Peace is the mother of progress. Without peace, a nation cannot make any progress. The same goes for us as individuals. Without peace at work and especially in our daily lives we cannot function at our best. So peace is ever desirable.

As I close, I would like to challenge you with two very specific ideas, heavily informed by the Christian worldview. First, "If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men." Second, "Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another."

We cannot control what others across the world do; we cannot control what others across the region do; we cannot control what people across the country do; we cannot control what people across the parish do; we cannot control what people in our families do; But, most importantly, we can control what we do.

Is peace possible in The world? I don't know. Is peace possible in My world? Absolutely!

Imagine if we can multiply that individual peace 1.2 million times over! That doesn't have to be a dream. That can become a reality.

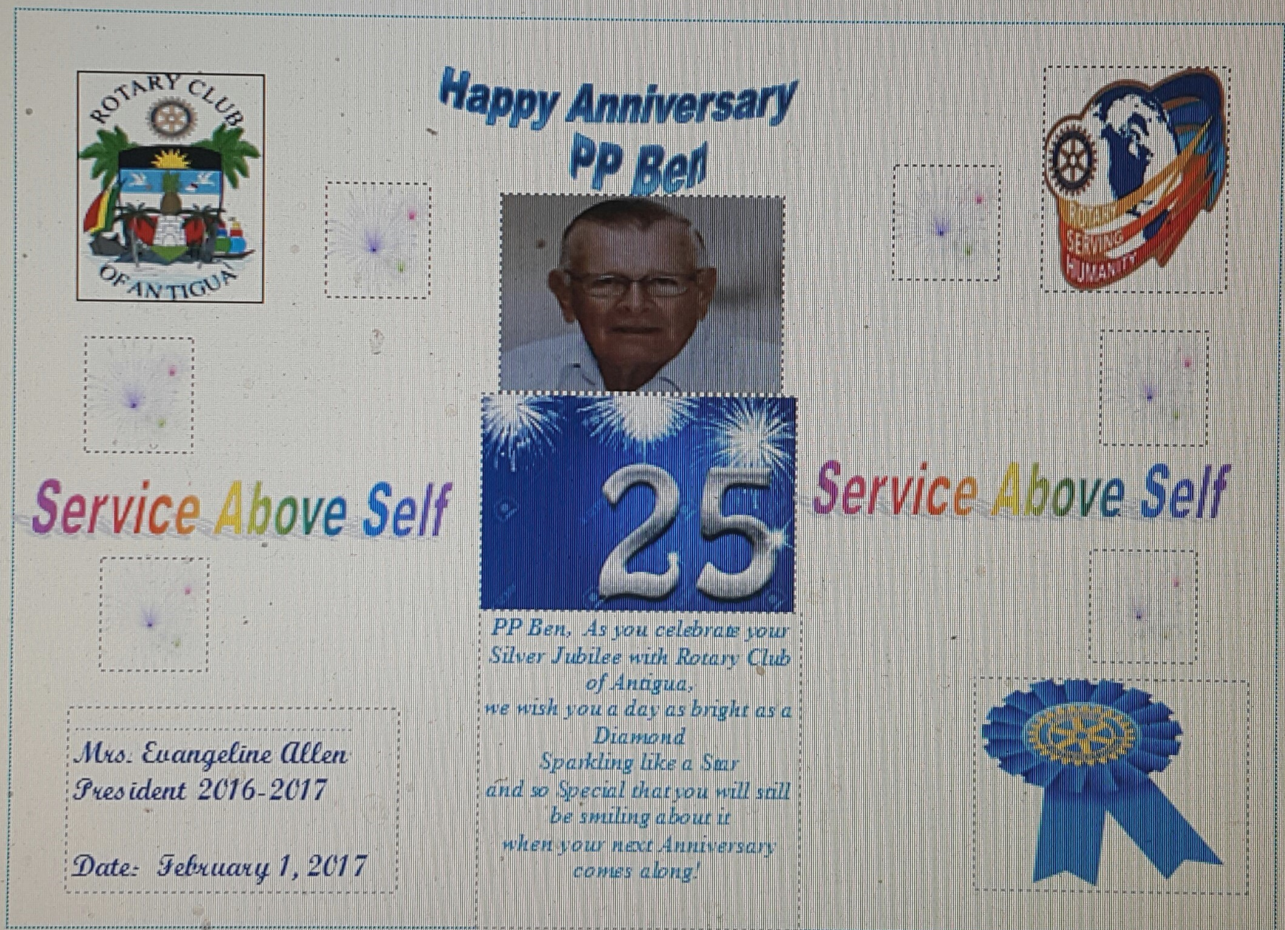
World peace is available today! World peace begins with each of us!



Peace & Conflict Prevention Solution



Celebrating 25 Years of Service Above Self!



Pics from various Sewing Centres

Free Sewing Classess are offered at the Five Sewing Centres Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Antigua in conjunction with Bellevue Breakfast Rotary Club & Kirkland Downtown Rotary Club.

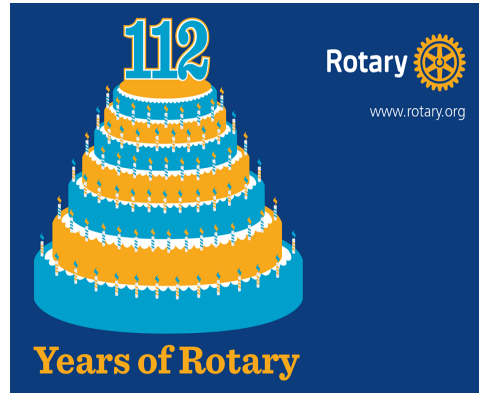


Message from Rotary International President
John F. Germ

On 23 February, we will mark 112 years since the founding of Rotary. It is incredible to think about how much has changed, in our world and in our organization, since the first Rotary club met in Chicago with Paul Harris as a founding member.

Some things are easy to compare between now and 1905. There have been changes in technology, medicine, and society. When we look at a map of the world in 1905 and a map of the world today, we can see what's different. What we can't do is compare what is with what might have been. There is no way to compare our world as it exists now with the world as it would have been without Rotary.

Rotary has risen to so many challenges in its 112 years. We've answered conflict with peace, and poverty with education. We've responded to a lack of basic health care with projects large and small, from equipping clinics in tiny villages to eradicating polio across the globe. We will never know how different the world would have been if Rotary had never been founded; if any one Rotary club had never been chartered; or if any single Rotarian had declined the invitation to join a Rotary club.



But I will say, with absolute faith and complete confidence, that the world is a far, far better place now than it would have been without Rotary and that Rotary itself is stronger because of every one of you.

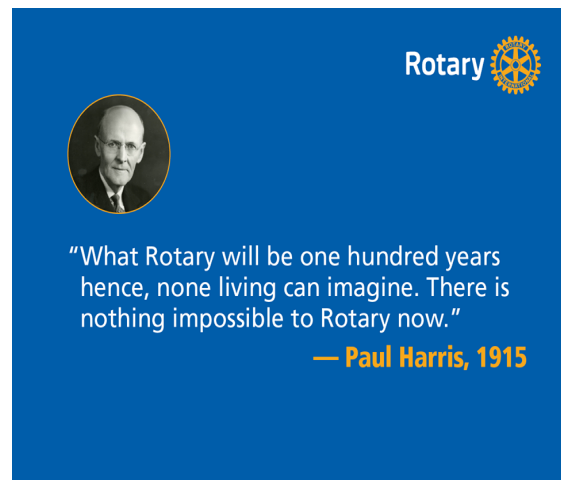
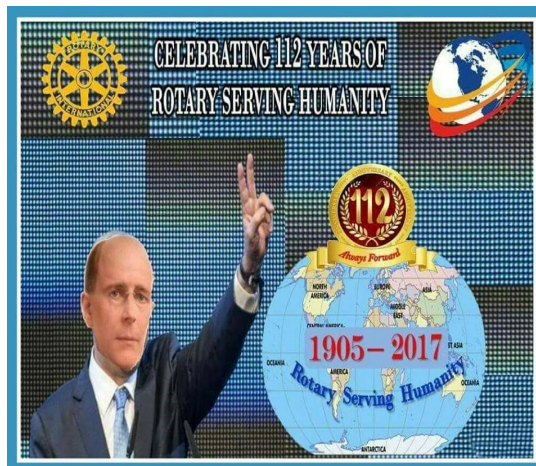
The world needs Rotary more than ever. It needs our courage, our optimism, and our idealism. It needs the voice of tolerance, cooperation, and hope that we can offer. It needs the example of an organization that has proven that the citizens of all countries can work together successfully, gladly, and in friendship.

None of us ever knows the full impact of our actions. None of us knows the effects that will ripple out from the things we do and say, the decisions we make, the opportunities we seize, and those we let pass. But I think we all know that when we choose to do good, good will follow; and that when we choose Service Above Self as our life's path, the direction it will take us will be a good one.

No one can see the future. No one knows what changes lie ahead. But I have faith in Rotary, and in Rotarians, that with every passing year, you will make our world a better place through Rotary Serving Humanity.

John F. Germ

President 2016-17



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Report forthcoming in March Newsletter.



AG Corina Sealy—Greetings World Peace & Understanding Brunch



Before proceeding please let us please bow our heads for a moment of silence as we acknowledge the passing of PP Bengt's PIS and Rtn Nicole's mother – Leah.

PDG Malcolm, PIS Lotte, President Evangeline, President Herald and PIS Colleen, President Jessica, Fellow Rotarians, Team Leaders and Students of Computers for the World and Guests:

Welcome to the Rotary Clubs of Antigua and Antigua Sundown's joint fellowship as we mark 112 years of the founding of Rotary and celebrate World Peace and Understanding. These two words could not be more relevant today and as we share fellowship we should reflect on how fortunate we are and appreciate some of life's simple pleasures, many of which we take for granted – the sound of nature, the sound of laughter, being able to express a difference of opinion, availability of education and health care, not worrying about whether we are safe while at church or at a gathering like this.

It is exciting that while the main goal of Computers for the World is in the installation of computers, through this simple exercise the team is exposed to another environment where after two weeks I am sure they will have a better understanding of our community and geographical area. And the Caribbean could not be more representative and harmonious of creed, race and colour. Let us continue to teach our children tolerance and understanding.

They are our future!

A huge thank you Rtn Vanetta, for opening up your home to us and for your attention to detail. Thank you also for the excellent support of all Rotarians. Everyone enjoy the day and bon appetite!



President Evangeline receives a Teddy Bear on Valentine's Day!

Daisy Lake says Thank You!

Fellow Rotarians, on December 5, 2016, Rotary Club of Antigua donated a pair of glasses to Daisy Lake.

On February 14, 2017 the Teddy Bear below was delivered by Ms. Lake to the President, thanking Rotary Club of Antigua for being there for her in her time of need.

It was quite an emotional moment for President Evangeline. With teary eyes, the President asked Ms. Lake why she presented the Teddy Bear. Ms Lake replied that she saved a little money and wanted to show her love for the Club.

The delivery was quite a surprise because not many persons return thanks.

Rotary Club of Antigua is committed to Serving Humanity and will continue its work in the communities to make people's lives better!



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**Rotary Club of Antigua is
pleased to host Students of
Christian Faith Academy
at**



**A Career Guidance
Workshop**



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And



The youths are the future leaders of our Country. The success of any country hangs on the education and training given to the child leading to their future career path.

Hence, career exploration is important and will help the student to develop a clearer view of himself/herself.

President Evangeline, recognizing the importance of choosing the right career, engage the services of Choices, a company duly registered in Jamaica.

Choices offered the students the Career Key, which is a self-assessment test helped them to find the right career path and an essential tool to help the student identify his interests, skills, values, aptitudes and personality.

Christian Faith Academy has been selected for this project and we wish the students the very best as they embark on their various careers.

2017-02-13.

The Antigua and Barbuda Youth Enlightenment Academy

Chairman—Mr. Lawrence A. Jardine



Members were enlightened on the Mission of ABYEA:

To Make Every Youth an Enlightened Human

He also expanded on the significant number of academic achievers Antigua and Barbuda has produced.

He commented on the profound and early lesson in understanding the differences between the knowledge-based aspirants and a performance-based society with a culture of accountability.

He further expanded on how to raise the bar and roll-out a new version of Antigua and Barbuda's National Performance Culture. This he said was not an easy task, neither was he suggesting or proposing that he had the answers. However, he opined that where as the "school system" may produce academics with many subject passes, it hardly produces a character, which is preoccupied with its national performance obligations.

Consequently, the school system produces excellent individualists and job seekers with little or no substantive appreciation or understanding of teamwork and nation building. The problem remains systemic as inherited from our colonial past, and an assimilated concept that the devil takes the hindmost. Here, the hindmost goes to prison or petty crimes, and the foremost bankrupts the nation with impunity. What is the difference? The difference is injustice.....

In conclusion he stated that the youths must be cultured to prevent problems and solve problems.

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Rotary Club of Antigua Congratulates Students of the Month - January 2017

Five Islands
Primary
School



Malik Grant



Brenae Sharry



Tyrone Joseph

Greenbay
Primary
School



Tyrian Jackson



Amelia Browne



Zamesha Martin

Golden Grove
Primary
School



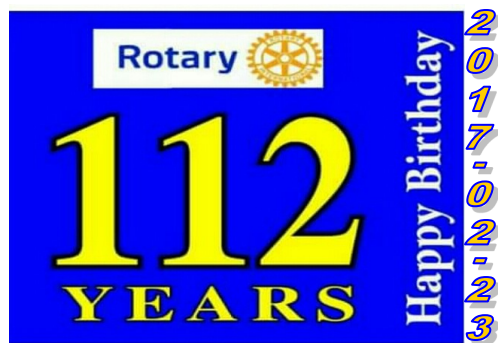
O'Kerry Murray



Kajahney Rhibbs



Anna Williamson



Rotarian Kirk Francis (8th)



Rotarian Stanley Francis (23rd)

Celebration Time



To All the Celebrants!

Partner in Service Birthdays

Mrs. Miriam Harrigan (18th)
Mrs. Avonele Julien (20th)
Mrs. Elenor Bacchus (27th)

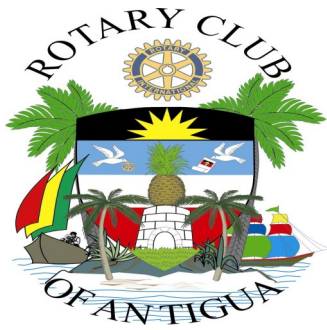
Wedding Anniversaries

Rotarian Michael Spencer & Partner in Service Charmaine (2nd)

Club Anniversaries

Past Treasurer Wilden Gardner (1st)
PP Bengt Berntsson (1st)
Rtn. Paul Bacchus (1st)
Rotarian Delbert Baptiste (2nd)
Past Secretary Sherrie-Ann Brazier (2nd)
Rotarian Julietta Rhudd (2nd)
Rotarian Yolanda Samuel (2nd)
Past Treasurer Michael Spencer (2nd)
Honorary Member Derek Bullett (12th)





Service Above Self

The Rotary motto conveys the humanitarian spirit of the organization's more than 1.2 million members. Strong fellowship among Rotarians and meaningful community and international service projects characterize Rotary worldwide.

PRAYER

Oh God, for the freedom of thought and peace, the love of friends and family, and the opportunity for service through our Rotary Fellowship, we give You thanks. Bless this food for our use and accept our gratitude for Your great gifts. Amen.

Reverend Gordon Patterson
Fairmont Rotary

Rotary Mission

OUR MISSION

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.



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NATIONAL ANTHEM 1st Stanza

Fair Antigua and Barbuda
We thy sons and daughters stand,
Strong and firm in peace or danger
To safe guard our native land,
We commit ourselves to building
A true nation brave and free.
Ever striving, ever seeking
Dwell in love and unity.

