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At Rotary House, Corner Sir Sydney Walling Highway & Nugent Ave., St. John's, Antigua

Happy New Year 2017

On behalf of the 2016-2017 Board and Members of the Rotary Club of Antigua I would like to wish you a happy, peaceful and prosperous new year, 2017.

I am deeply honored and proud to lead this august body at this time in my life. We have just completed the first half of this Rotary Year and I would like to extend a hearty thank you to those who played their part in bringing us thus far.

In July the Club experienced the execution of its major fund raiser, the Rotary Colours Fete under the theme, Colours in Africa. The Club experienced a record attendance and expresses its gratitude to the many patrons who attended and the corporate donors who continue to support the work of the Club.

The Club's focus is on Literacy and based on its Action Plan, at the start of the School year, (September 2016), 12 needy families around the island were recognized and a presentation of back to school supplies made to 12 students.

We were also able to complete Term 1 of the Student of the Month Awards for Grades 1, 2 & 3 students from the Five Islands, Green Bay and Golden Grove Primary Schools. This project seeks to recognize individual students for their ability to portray excellence, achievement, attendance and overall being an exceptional student for the month. A big thank you to Antigua Commercial Bank for partnering with us by offering each Student of the Month an Antigua Commercial Bank Junior Savings Account.

We were graced with the visit of Rotary International President Elect, Ian Riseley and his partner in Service Juliet and a joint Cocktail Reception with Rotary Club



Of Antigua Sundown was held at La Bussola Restaurant to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Foundation. The Club awarded Violet Lake with a Paul Harris Fellow for her dedicated and outstanding service to the community. President Evangeline Allen, IPP Sharon Cordner and PP Denise Armstrong were also pinned with PHF+2, PHF+5 and PHF+1 respectively.

In December, the Club brought Christmas Cheer to the less fortunate children in the various communities through its annual Christmas parties in Antigua and also in Barbuda. We catered for 500 students each of whom received a gift from Rotary's Santa, Rtn. Kirk Francis.

With the new year I am sure the challenges will continue, but it is not the challenges that matter, it's how we deal with the challenges.

Amidst the resolutions we may have taken this year I challenge us to seek to acquire positive actions and create positive change in ourselves, our Club and our communities in whatever we may undertake. I do believe we can do it.

And so as we enter the second half of the Rotary year, I urge you to become more involved and rekindle that flame you had at your induction. Your suggestions and plans are indeed welcome.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017!



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January is Vocational Service Month



Vocational Service

Vocational Service is one of Rotary's Avenues of Service. Vocational Service calls every Rotarian to:

- aspire to high ethical standards in their occupation;
- recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations, and;
- contribute their vocational talents to the problems and needs of society.



Paul Harris
wrote:

"Each Rotarian is a connecting link
between the idealism of Rotary and

Through Vocational Service we:

- **Serve** others by using our unique skills to address community needs
- **Empower** others through training and skill development
- **Inspire** others to act with integrity by following Rotary's guiding principles



**Meet Rotarian Rozanne Emanuel
Sub Chairperson-Literacy Project
Vocation—Tourism Management**



She is employed as a Senior Administrative Assistant, attached to the Minister's Secretariat, at the Ministry of Tourism Economic Development, Investment and Energy.

Her profession entails her to be very involved in the day to day happenings within the Ministry. She has to anticipate the needs of the Minister, along with ensuring the smooth operations of the Secretariat. In any given day, she will be fielding calls, scheduling appointment, coordinating meetings, travel planning, taking notes, e-mail management, assisting the Minister's constituents, entering data, and maintaining the filing systems both electronically and on paper.

Being an Administrative Assistant is not a job most person's will classify as being their "dream job", or a job that has a reputation for being exciting or particularly rewarding. And yet, that is what her job means to her.

Her vocation also affords her the opportunity to help others which she enjoys, whether it's coworkers, professionals or community members. She enjoys the diversity that her job provides, as every day brings a new and unexpected challenges. There is so much variety in what she does and in the people she meets every day. There's always something to learn. She love her job. It's that simple. She has an amazing and fulfilling career which allows her to uphold the ethics of Rotary International.



Congratulations to Lorraine Samuel Rotary Club of Antigua Vocational Service Awardee

Lorraine Samuel was born on October 22, 1953 and is the mother of 2 sons and a daughter. She grew up in the village of Cedar Grove and attended the St. James Primary School now known as the Cedar Grove Primary School. From Cedar Grove Primary Ms. Samuel went on to complete her secondary education at the Princess Margaret Secondary School.

Ms. Samuel always wanted to be a teacher and knew that from the age of 10 when she unofficially employed herself as a teacher of the trees in her backyard and gave regular lessons to them on a daily basis especially during vacation times. Her mom recognizing her talent, engaged her as a teacher to teach her younger siblings. Each day after school and during vacations, she would dress like her Head Mistress (black hovel skirt and white shirt) and went to teach her students-her siblings. But guess what, she was paidyes she was paid .25 cents each week.

Lorraine always had the desire for higher education and wanted to attend the University of the West Indies, but due to financial constraints she could not. It was then she opted to teach to become financially independent.

Her teaching career began on October 9, 1972 in her native village Cedar Grove. After 2 years of teaching she was selected to attend the Leeward Islands Teachers College where she obtained the first stage in her professional journey.

Upon graduation, she returned to Cedar Grove Primary where she taught students from Kindergarten to Grade 9. Her professional training permitted her to teach in Montserrat, Anguilla and Barbados.

She enjoys teaching and it is no wonder she kept it up for 43 years, 33 of which she gave to the civil service.



She attributes her unbroken service to the influence of her first Head Teacher, the late Mrs. Miriam Oliver. Ms Samuel and her Head Teacher shared a bond. Mrs. Oliver loved her and she adored Mrs. Oliver. In Ms. Samuel's own words she said.. 'This is the same relationship I endeavour to create between myself and each student – genuine love and interest not only academically but socially'.

For Lorraine, her initial professional training at the Leeward Islands Teachers College was just the beginning. Knowledge is power and she wanted to empower herself so she enrolled in 2 Distance Learning Education Programs with UWI:

Reading (Cave Hill)
Health and Family Life Education (Mona)

In 1992 she pursued a Bachelor of Education Degree on Campus at Cave Hill Barbados. Upon graduation, Ms Samuel returned to Antigua to continue her teaching career. A few years later, she received the local In-house Ministry of Education training to be a Principal of Primary Schools.

She also lectured at the Antigua State College and was Deputy Principal at T N Kirnon School. In 2006 as Principal of the New Field Primary School Ms. Samuel accepted the Government's voluntary severance package.

Retiring from the Government Service did not mean retiring from teaching, Ms. Samuel recognized a community needs people who can step up to the plate and offer voluntary service where it is needed, for as long as it is needed: And by January 2007 Ms. Samuel established Foundations of Faith Tutorial at her home.

This institution she stated was set up to help students, especially boys who would have 'fallen through the crack' for lack of an experienced tutor. So far, each year a set of boys who would not have made it just because they were slow have entered various secondary schools and are doing well.

Prior to establishing Foundations of Faith: In 1996 she established K&L pre-school which is now Little Diamonds.

Ms Samuel seems to be always on the go, not knowing what a vacation is was totally dedicated to her vocation. During the summer vacations, she gave 10 unbroken years of service to the Gender Affairs Annual Summer Reading Camp and 10 years to the Adult Literacy Programs.

The Summer School kept the children profitably engaged while many ladies used the literacy classes to facilitate their upward mobility in the work place. She also offered her service to Project Hope and Hope Institute in their evening and after school programs. She enjoys reading, sewing and gardening.

Ms. Samuel has embodied the ideals of Rotary and have for 43 years demonstrated the Motto of Rotary's 'Service Above Self' in her Vocation of Teaching.

Rotary Club of Antigua is pleased to honour her with this Vocational Service Award!



Volunteers are the Lifeblood of Rotary.

Being a Rotarian is one of the most rewarding experiences of your life. You can help and make long lasting change to the lives of many in the local and global community; you can make new friends and network with leaders in your local area and even other countries!

With Rotary you can and will have so many rewarding experiences.

There' are any number of ways with Rotary that you could volunteer some of your time towards. Rotary even provides opportunities for personal development and training in a wide variety of ways.





Meet Rotarian Amaya M. Athill
Director-Youth Service
Vocation—Attorney-at-Law

Director Amaya Athill is an Associate at the law firm of Messrs. Lake & Kentish. She specializes in Civil Litigation.

Civil law is the area of law that deals with the private relationships between parties - individuals or corporations. A few examples of civil litigation matters include personal injury, breach of contract, divorce, family law, and employment law. The practice of civil litigation deals with the advocacy of these civil matters in the various local and regional courts (Industrial Court, Magistrates Court, High Court, Court of Appeal, and Privy Council). The litigation environment is fast-paced, highly competitive, and results oriented.

More broadly, her practice at Lake & Kentish has allowed her to delve into other areas of law in which she has a keen interest, namely, constitutional law and human rights. In this vein, she has represented persons from disadvantaged/at risk community groups, specifically, prisoners on death row, women, victims of domestic violence, victims of police brutality, and persons in the LGBTQ community.

In addition to litigation, she also worked as an independent consultant with the Directorate of Gender Affairs on a project that serves to implement the United Nations Trust Fund Project to End Gender-Based Violence in Antigua & Barbuda through review of existing Gender Based and Sexual Violence (GBSV) related laws.

The practice of law, in these areas, allows her to have a profound and intensely personal impact on some of the most vulnerable in our community as I am working to ensure the protection of their liberty, livelihood and legal rights.

Through Rotarian Amaya's Vocation, she is able to Serve others by using her unique skills to address the needs of the various communities.

Rotaract President Jessica Challenger Mid Year Report

The Rotaract Club of Antigua has been off to a good start for the Rotaract Year. The club's theme for this year is Inspire. Empower. Achieve. Aimed at inspiring others to give back to the community via our community projects and club activities, empowering members to take leadership roles by encouraging full participation in all club functions and achieving the plans that was set out by the Executive. In addition, by doing all of the aforementioned points, the main objective is to increase the visibility of the club to the public and create interest for potential members as well, along with increasing the fellowship among members.

That being said, the 1st Quarter of the Rotaract Year began with a hike to Mount McNish to foster fellowship and to encourage fitness. The Community Service Committee held its Spelling Bee Media Launch and did two back to school donations, one to Delma Bellott and the other to St. Peter's Academy. The Professional Development Committee held its first phase of its 'Learn a Trade' Project which was pottery. The members learned about pottery making and got a chance to use the potter's wheel.

The 2nd Quarter was really active and the club engaged in a lot of activities and projects.

The Community Service Committee began the quarter with the annual Inet Rotaract Spelling Bee, where 21 schools participated and Caden Phillip of Sunnyside Tutorial School emerged the winner. The committee also did its donation of picnic benches, a PA system and table cloths as part of the winning school prize to Sunnyside School. In addition, the committee did its Share the Cheer donation to the Good Sheppard Home for girls where members played games with the residents and presented individual hampers with items for the 10 girls living at the home.

The Finance and Fundraising committee had its Spelling Bee Snack Tent and was able to raise \$1420.00 over the 2 week competition and the Independence Sweet Treats Stall was able to raise \$1175.00. The International Service Committee and the members did lunches for the homeless on World Food Day, which was on Sunday 16th October, 2016.

The club was able to give hot lunches to various persons that live on the streets to commemorate that day. The committee also held a Free HIV testing drive which gathered close to 50 persons being tested and the committee executed an international cook off between the members, where foods from Greece, Morocco and Thailand were prepared and sampled with Thailand emerging the winner.



The Professional Development Committee held its second phase of its 'Learn a Trade' Project, where the members built a 6 bass steel pan from scratch and donated the pans to the Cedar Grove Primary School. The Club Service Committee held the first ever Rotary-Rotaract-Interact Beach Social. This was a great success as members from each branch of the Rotary family was in attendance and it was a fun time. The committee also executed the club's charter week activities which ended with the 30th Anniversary Banquet at the Touloulou Restaurant. As it relates to the 30th Anniversary, the club was able to get an article published in the December/ January edition of the Business Focus to celebrate that milestone.

In terms of the visibility of the club, it has been going pretty well so far. The club has an active PRO that has been doing her best to ensure that the public is fully aware of the club's activities. The club uses various social media platforms, such as Face book, Instagram and Twitter to raise awareness of the club. Through these platforms, the club has many followers and we have gained some new guests as well throughout the year.

The PRO also represents the club for interviews at various media houses to promote upcoming events. The post of the PRO has helped the club tremendously in its marketing efforts thus far.

So far for the 3rd Quarter, the Professional Development Committee held its 'Know your Rights' Project in collaboration with the Labour Department. The project was a success. We targeted 21 secondary schools, Antigua State College and members of the public. Our District Rotaract Representative was also in attendance for this project.

It was an informative and interactive session for those that attended.

Upcoming in the 3rd quarter, the International service Committee is hosting a fitness session entitled 'We Can, I Can- Fight Cancer Together' to commemorate World Cancer Day, on the 4th of February beginning at 7:00am at the YMCA. Cost is \$15.00. There will be 2 trainers Dayson of Red Square and Tony the Tiger. It promises to be a fun session in an effort to bring awareness and fight cancer. Proceeds will go towards a Cancer society of our choice.

The Finance and Fundraising committee is having its annual Valentines Raffle, books are on sale at \$60.00 or \$5.00 per ticket.

Prizes include:

- Couples Day Pass at Sandals
- Dinner for 2 at Carlisle Bay Resort
- Couples Day Pass at Jolly Beach
- Half day 3 hour package for two on D-Boat
- Dinner for 2 at OJ's Restaurant
- Massage for 2 at Touch Therapies

Please support the club in its fundraising efforts. The committee is also having a date auction on the 11th of March to raise funds for club. The Club Service Committee will host the annual World Rotaract Week of Activities to be held from the 12th to the 19th of March in which the club retreat will be held on the 17th to the 19th of March. The Community Service Committee also has a project scheduled for World Rotaract Week but more details will follow as the time draws near.

As it relates to the relationship between Rotaract and Rotary, I must say that it is definitely growing more as the year continues and I must commend and thank President Vangie for being so dedicated to our club during her presidency.

In closing, I think it is safe to say that the club has been doing well so far in terms of projects and activities to increase the visibility and attract new members. Also newer members are inspired to take up leadership roles, so there should be some new faces when elections conclude next month. We will continue to do as much as we can to give back to the community, enhance personal development and have continued fellowship opportunities in efforts to continue to grow and develop the club.

Thank you.



JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

We proudly introduce our newest member
Rotarian Jacqueline Matthews ☐
Vocation – International Banking

Rotarian Jacqueline has had a long career in International Banking, which began from the inception of the industry in Antigua Barbuda 1996.

Her first job was as an Operations Manager and since then she has held the position of Customer Service Department Manager and is presently Manager of CBA Bank & Trust Inc.



Her present job is a challenging one but she enjoys it. She is in charge of managing the day to day affairs of the bank and has to ensure that all operations are done in accordance with the Policies and Rules for bank client management, risk management including Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing.

Her work includes advising the head office on policies in response to local developments, managing staff, communicating with company lawyers, internal and external auditors, communicating with the Financial Sector Regulatory Commission (FSRC). She also ensures that the bank is in compliance with all the guidelines stipulated in the regulations of the FSRC which is the Supervisory Authority and by the Office of National Drug and Control Policy.

Through her vocation she enjoys working with international clients and has developed stronger people and communication skills which assists her in all aspects of her life.

The most valuable lesson she has learned in her years as a manager is that a good team and strong team work is the most valuable asset of any company or business.

We wish our newest member, Rotarian Jacqueline the very best in her Vocation as she continues to grow in Rotary. The Sky is the Limit!

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JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH



Meet Rotarian Kirk Francis
Vocation – Refrigeration Technician

From a very early age Rotarian Kirk always had a passion for repairing Refrigerators and other electrical items and helping his customers save money, while offering quality service at a very affordable cost.

It was in that vision the birth of his company, "FRANCIS REFRIDGERATION SERVICES AND SALES" was born.

His servicemen are highly trained and offer the highest and exceptional service to every customer.

As the chief Refrigeration Technician of Francis Refrigeration, he ensures that his company provides top quality service and maintenance at the best practices and standards.

Francis Refrigeration Services provide services of installations of appliances to both home and offices all across the island to include Banks, Schools, Churches, Colleges, Business Offices and in some regional countries. He mainly focus on appliances such as: Refrigerators, Stoves, Air Conditions and Heating Units such as Dryers and Washing machines.

The services include but are not limited to:
Repairing of Stoves, Heating and Air Conditions Units and Refrigerators
Redesign of Units
Sales and Replacement of Air Conditions both commercial and Domestic.

As the proprietor of this business he believes that top quality service at an affordable price will ensure that everyone can enjoy the comfort of their appliances when they need them most.

He is aware that his Vocation has now become very competitive: Hence the only way to remain competitive is to offer a very reliable and high quality service with delivery in a very timely manner. Sound advice is a must to his very valuable customers.

Rotarian Kirk's Vocation definitely offers the skills necessary to assist persons in the community.

He supports the RI Motto:

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JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH



We proudly introduce
Past President Paul Everton Ryan
Vocation - Auto Dealer

Paul Everton Ryan was born in Antigua on the 11th November 1964 to George and the late Gweneth Ryan. He attended the Catholic Pre-School, the Christ the King High School Primary and then the Antigua Grammar School and Princess Margaret School where he diligently pursued his secondary education.

Having successfully completed High School in 1981, Paul took up a position in his family business in Antigua Motors Limited as a sales person and today serves as the General Manager. The Dealership for Honda, Isuzu and Chevrolet on the island.

Paul did not attend College or University, which he mirrored from his Dad and developed himself on the job as well as various professional development courses in Japan, USA, South America, Europe, and within the region and holds several certificates in Business Management, and Automotive Technology.

As an ardent car enthusiast, he taught himself to drive by nine taking out the family car without permission and was competently handling the wheels from the early age of 12. He loved to race and was racing bicycles from age 10 mopeds and scooters at age 15 and racing cars and motorcycles on Independence Drive, Ottos Comprehensive School Stretch, and other street strips illegally, to include Crabbs. Bethesda and most other roads that had at least a 1/8 mile straight stretch.

At age 16 he obtained his driver's license and got his first vehicle a 600cc Honda pickup. As a race car driver, many hours and money was committed to building fast cars with the aim of always being ahead of his competitors. He has also raced professionally and represented Antigua in Florida, Trinidad and the USVI region.

Paul believes in dedicating one's self to service of humanity and national development, and as such over the years have given of his time to many associations and groups.

He was a Founding member of Antigua and Barbuda Auto Sports Inc and served as Chairman for a few years and organized the early events of the first official Drag Race Track in Antigua.

Founding member of the Power Boat Association

Founding member of Antigua Barbuda Auto Sports Federation

Served as Chairman for the Antigua Pier Group, on the Board of Directors for Liat for 3 years

Various Committees for Government and Political Parties for Nation Building.

In 2000, Paul became a member of the Rotary Club of Antigua. Over the years, he has held numerous positions in the Club. He served as Secretary, President, Vice-President and the top regional position of Assistant Governor. Today, he continues to commit his time weekly to attending meetings, participating in service project and an active committee member. He loves this organization, which gives him the opportunity to give back. Paul married in 2010 to Francine, his partner for many years and they both reside in Hodges Bay with their two daughters.

Paul's impact in business and the community was recognized by the Queen. In 2012 he was Awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for the Caribbean Realms.

On his quiet time, he enjoys Golfing, Cycling, Boating, Volunteering for community projects, Movies and volunteering at the new Race Track.

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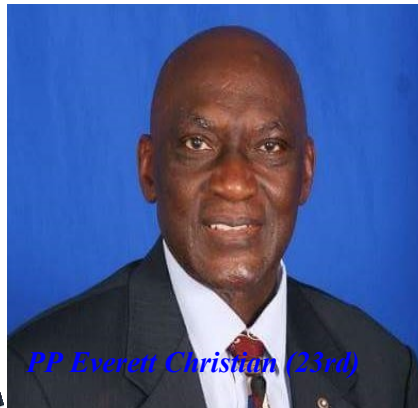


Rotary Club of Antigua

Happy Birthday



It's a TWIN Celebration.(20th)
Rotarian Kelvin John & President Elect Eric Joseph



Partner in Service Birthdays

Auldith Matthew (2nd)
Spouse of Rtn. Daryl Matthew

Anansha Williams (12th)
Spouse of Rtn. Rene Williams

Congratulations

Wedding Anniversaries

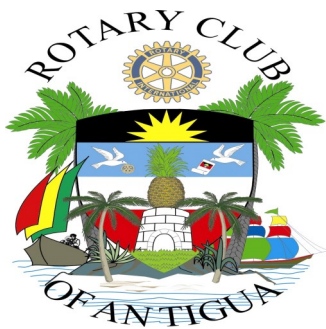
Rotarian Fr. Reid Simon & Partner in
Service Turkessa Simon (3rd)

Club Anniversaries

Rtn. Nicole Berntsson-Martin(3rd)
PP Arthur Thomas (3rd)
Rtn. Kelvin John (27th)

Congratulations





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.



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:

- 1 The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- 2 High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- 3 The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life;
- 4 The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.



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.

