



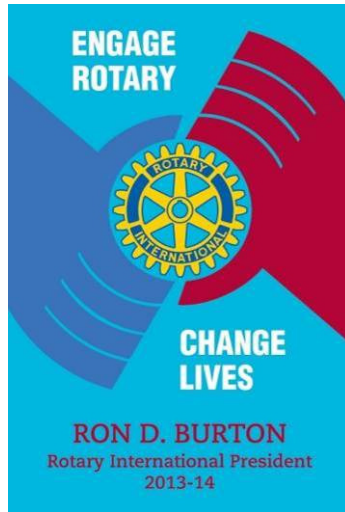
ROTA NEWS

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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 noon

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARBADOS WELCOMES ALL VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS TO THIS WEEKLY MEETING

Your greeters for today are:

Past President John Cabral & David Walker

Today our Directors & Officers will give an update on the state of the Club.

Last Thursday our Guest Speaker Mr. Peter N. Boos, FCA spoke on: **"Regaining Paradise- Let's Put Barbados First."**

Following is a summary of his presentation - (Caribbean 360.com).



The Rotary Club Barbados recently invited me to make a presentation at a recent members' lunch.

My topic was **'Regaining Paradise'** a call to action by Civil Society to immediately collectively establish a mechanism to address the deteriorating confidence in the state of affairs in Barbados by engaging with all key stakeholders, including Government and the Opposition, and embracing all our National Resources to:(a) openly and comprehensively address urgent National Economic concerns, and (b) review our National Governance Model by making our existing Westminster Style model more effective and relevant for our times.

Inviting the IMF to partner with us in the economic transformation aspects is wise. We need their expertise and financial resources to regain our international credit ratings and reputation for sound and prudent financial management.

Additionally such a partnership will ensure the transparency and accountability which is now lacking. This will immediately improve confidence which is now absent.

We have all been complicit in permitting Party Politics to dominate National Governance, resulting in the corruption of the good intentions of the Founders of our Independence in 1966.

This situation cannot continue.

Barbados is a wonderful country with resilient, friendly, intelligent people. All of us fortunate enough to live here are passionate about keeping it as a model of sound governance for others to admire and seek to emulate.

There is no reason why Barbados, given its progress so far, should not be a shining example of a well led and managed Small Island State.

At present we are heading for further decline as we pursue a plan that lacks clarity and communication as to its strategic vision. The Government must articulate its Vision for the Nation and how this is to be achieved.

We can build a growing sustainable economy based on the competitive skills of Barbadians combined in partnership with global stakeholders who have our interests at heart.

This requires leadership based on integrity and high, commonly-shared, values plus management grounded in competence and accountability. 166 square miles and less than 300,000 people is surely manageable?

The Rotary presentation highlighted several areas where clearly our performance is weak and worsening. These are a few:

- loss of confidence in our economic strategy and management (e.g. our international credit ratings are at an all-time low), -visibly low productivity and poor work ethic,
- unaffordable 'freeness and entitlements culture'
- poor responsiveness (facilitated by bureaucratic processes) of some Public Sector Services,
- unsupportive business facilitation culture,
- under-performing Legal Justice System,
- lack of accountability and transparency in Public Finance (see 2013 Auditor General's Report), abuse of NIS Fund,
- absence of leadership at many levels in all sectors,
- weak Private Sector Management,
- need for a new model of labour-management relations,
- patronage and corruption in Party Politics.

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Meeting Details

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Sergeant-At-Arms: PE Alex

- Attendance - 64%
- Raffle - \$150.00
- Fines - \$194.25

These problems have been developing for quite some time and we all have to accept some degree of responsibility and must now together find the right solutions.

Striking quick, panic deals that lack transparency and a strategic fit to our National Vision is undesirable.

The loan from Credit Suisse, the Almond/Sandals agreement, the Four Seasons investment etc. are recent examples. We are now hearing of major investments relating to Andrews Sugar Factory and a Waste To Energy Project but details are absent.

The last Central Bank report refers to \$4.5 billion in foreign investment in the next 3 years but where are the details? Is the UAE about to give Barbados a huge loan? If so on what terms? What is to happen with the CLICO assets?

Immediately Barbados needs a team of competent people to form a nucleus of an Executive Advisory Group on the Economy and another similarly resourced group to advise on National Governance Reform.

These teams should be appointed by the Social Partners including the Opposition.

Selection must be based on integrity and competence and free of political bias.

Both these teams would be accountable to Parliament.

There are many well qualified, non-partisan persons who, given the opportunity, would wish to help.

Our Government should welcome a discussion of these ideas with all stakeholders including the Opposition and other important voices in Civil Society.

To delay will be both unwise and costly.

Let's all put Barbados First.

JUNE - ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

June is designated Rotary Fellowships Month to recognize the importance of international fellowship and goodwill among Rotarians with similar recreational and vocational interests, promote increased participation in fellowships, and increase understanding of this program. The RI Board encourages these groups to celebrate Rotary Fellowships Month through projects, activities, and events. (RCP42.010.9). MOP 2013.

JUNE - ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH CONT

What are the benefits for Rotarians in joining the Rotary Fellowships? Fellowship provides opportunities for Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside their own Club, District or country. There are many Fellowships that would be of interest to our members, and they are detailed on www.rotary.org/fellowships.

You may find many extensive activities of the Rotary Fellowships that your profession, business or industry area has already established. If not, why not think about starting one yourself! Fellowships contribute to the advancement of world understanding and peace. Interested Rotarians can join a Rotary Fellowship by clicking: Rotary Fellowships Handbook (729) or even start a prospective Rotary Fellowship if their recreational or vocational interest is not in the list of approved Rotary Fellowships. The Rotary Fellowships are expected to facilitate communication among their members and maintain regular communication with RI.

The month of June is considered as Rotary Fellowship Month in the Rotary calendar. There is a misconception among Rotarians on what aspect of the RI programs is being celebrated for this month of June. Let us clarify the issue. When we talk about "Rotary Fellowships", we actually refer to the groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses and Rotaractors who join together to:

- Share a common interest in worthwhile recreational activities (sports, hobbies, etc.);
- Further their vocational development through acquaintance with others of the same profession;
- Make new friends around the world;
- Explore new opportunities for service; and
- Have fun and enhance their experience in Rotary.

Examples of Rotary Fellowships include: Rotarians on the Internet (ROTI), International Fellowship of Rotarians of Amateur Radio (ROAR), International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotarians (ICUFR), International Fellowship of Rotary Convention Goers, International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians, International Fellowship of Rotarians Musicians, Rotary Global History Fellowship, etc.

Interested Rotarians can join a Rotary Fellowship by clicking <http://www.rotary.org/programs/fellowships/index.html>

Next Week -From the RI CONVENTION

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 12 - Fellowship Meeting

June 19 – Special Meeting

June 26 – Classification Talk – Nicholle Manz-Baazaoui

Installation Night – July 12

GREETERS

June 12 – PP Anthony Williams & Secretary Paul

June 19 – Nicholas Waithe & Trevor Whitehall

GUESTS

Peter Boos (Guest Speaker)

Heide Armstrong

HELP US NAME THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL BOOK - [Rotary International](#)

Rotary has commissioned Rotarian and author David Forward to write the history of The [#Rotary](#) Foundation to celebrate its centennial in 2016-17.

From now through 15 June vote at <http://ow.ly/wLeCg> for one of four selected titles or submit your own for a chance to win a trip to the 2017 Rotary Convention in Atlanta or a free copy of the book.

History fact and [#tbt](#): At the 1980 Rotary convention in Chicago, Dr. Albert Sabin told Rotarians of the need for "community campaigns for mass vaccination of all children under four or five years of age" to eradicate [#polio](#).

In this photo from Rotary's archives, Sabin and 1984-85 RI President Carlos Canseco appear at a press conference to announce the launch of Polio 2005 (PolioPlus) in 1985.

VISITING ROTARIAN

NONE

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 Anniversaries

Joel and Nellie Brathwaite	June 09
O'Reilly and Lisa Lewis	June 09
Past President Michael and Emelda Browne	June 10

Birthdays - Rotarians

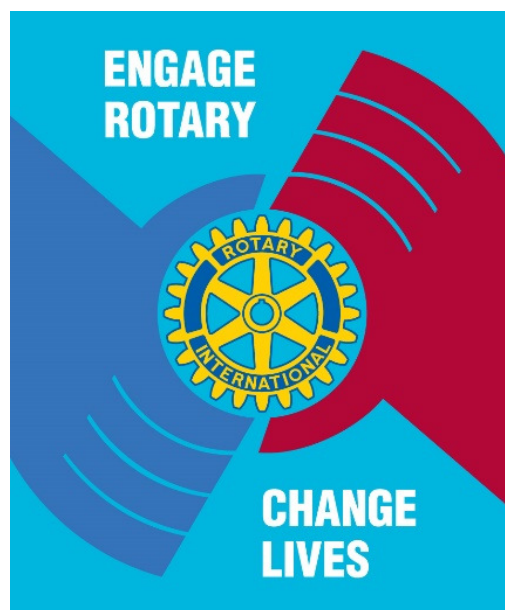
Donella Zorzi	June 09
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Birthdays - Partners in Service

None this week

Join Date Anniversaries

Diana R Douglin	June 06, 2013
Tracey Knight-Lloyd	June 06, 2013
President Nominee Jeddler Robinson	June 09, 2005



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