

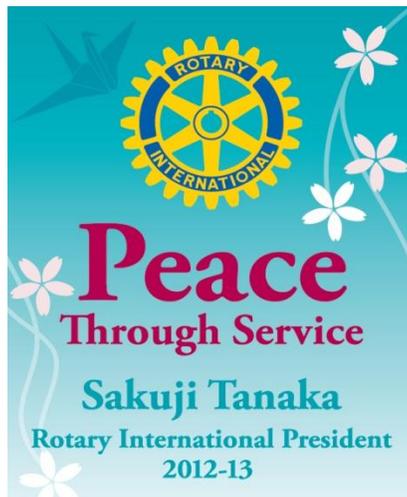


ROTA NEWS

December 6th, 2012

Rotary Club of Barbados, Barbados

Chartered March 07, 1962
District 7030

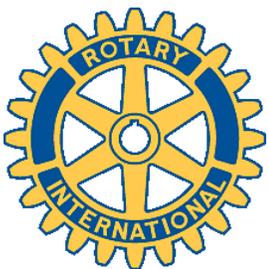


R.I. Theme 2012-2013

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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

P.O. Box 148B, Brittons Hill,
St. Michael, Barbados
www.clubrunner.ca/barbados

Rotarian Action Group expands maternal health project in Nigeria

In Nigeria, one out of every 18 women dies as a result of childbirth. The country has the second-highest maternal mortality rate in the world.

That's why the [Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth and Sustainable Development](#) targeted the northern Nigerian states of Kaduna and Kano with a pilot program aimed at reducing maternal mortality by preventing and treating obstetric fistula, a serious birth injury. From 2005 until 2010, the project, partly supported by a grant from The Rotary Foundation, reduced maternal death by 60 percent in participating hospitals, reached 1 million women of childbearing age, and repaired obstetric fistulas for 1,500 Nigerian women.

"We have to empower women, and women cannot be empowered if they can't make their own choices in antenatal care and child spacing," says Dr. Robert Zinser, CEO of the Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth and Sustainable Development and member of the Rotary Club of Ludwigshafen-Rheinschanze, Germany.

Zinser has been to Nigeria nearly 20 times to work on maternal and child health projects, including the northern Nigeria pilot focused on the prevention and treatment of fistulas. An obstetric fistula is a birth injury that can cause stillbirth and, in the mother, chronic incontinence, infection, nerve damage, or death. The primary cause is labor that goes on for too long, often for days. Because 70 percent of Nigerian women deliver at home, often without access to proper medical care, long labors that would be prevented in the developed world are more common.

According to the World Health Organization, "prevention is the key," Zinser says. "We insisted on a comprehensive approach of better antenatal care" that includes training, equipment, quality, hygiene, and benchmarking.

The project also included surgery to repair damage from fistula. Many women with the injury don't know it can be repaired, so Rotarians created a series of radio programs that explained the condition, its causes, and the available treatment.

"People listened, and village women found out their fistulas could be repaired at the Rotary center. We repaired 1,500 fistulas, 500 more than our goal," Zinser says.

The action group is now preparing to replicate the project in the states of Abuja and Onoda, with plans to eventually establish the model in other central and southern Nigeria states.

Zinser is adamant that the project can be implemented in other areas with high maternal mortality. "We must save the mothers so that the mothers can save the world," he says.

- The action group has a team of medical experts available to help clubs propose and implement projects in the area of maternal health. To learn more about this or how to start a project like the Nigeria pilot, visit [maternal-health.org](#).
- [Watch "The Edge of Joy,"](#) a documentary that follows doctors, midwives, and families inside a maternity ward in Kano.
- Read about other maternal health projects on the [Rotary Voices](#) blog.
- [Watch "Doing Good: Intro,"](#) a video about how your contributions to The Rotary Foundation support programs like these. [Contribute now](#).

Reminder!

Carols by Candlelight - Sunday December 9th

Please make a special effort to attend and remember to check the list which was circulated by Rotarian Carl Williams for items required.

Meeting Details

At our Fellowship Meeting held on Thursday, November 29th, 2012

Sgt-at-Arms: **PP Anthony Reece**

- Fines \$259.00
- Raffle \$114.00
- Attendance 52%

Annual Gratuity for Hilton Staff.

It is that time of year for us to make the annual contribution of \$10.00 per member as a gratuity to the waiters and other staff at the Hilton who serve us weekly. Since contributions comes only from Rotarians present on the collection day invoices will be issued in an effort to make it easier for these who wish to contribute.

Rotary announces partnerships with food bank network and youth service group

Two new service partnerships announced this month by Rotary International will support humanitarian efforts by clubs and districts.

RI will combine resources with the [Global FoodBanking Network](#) to alleviate hunger worldwide. And Rotary and [YSA \(Youth Service America\)](#) will work together to encourage young people to participate in service projects in their communities.

Working with the Global FoodBanking Network, Rotary clubs and districts will be able to volunteer at food banks and help create new ones, organize food collection drives, sponsor trucks for food delivery and distribution, raise awareness of hunger, and distribute food to hungry children through the Backpack and other school food programs.

“Rotarians have served selflessly in the communities where we are developing and expanding food banks,” says Jeffery D. Klein, CEO of the Global FoodBanking Network. “We want to connect Rotary clubs and districts to service projects and food distribution in the more than 20 countries where we are currently engaged in food banking activity, and inspire them to take leadership in this generation’s quest to end hunger.”

Founded in 1986, YSA has partnered with hundreds of organizations in more than 65 countries to increase the number and diversity of young people ages 5 to 25 serving in their communities. The organization works to educate youth, teachers, community organizations, and public officials in the power of young people to solve problems, and to engage the children and youth as volunteers, academic achievers, and community leaders.

YSA’s annual Global Youth Service Day campaign, this year 20-22 April, mobilizes millions of young people in service activities.

Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs and districts are encouraged to use YSA resources and participate in the organization’s activities. Interact and Rotaract clubs and districts are also encouraged to take part in Global Youth Service Day by [registering their projects](#) with YSA.

Among the clubs participating in this year’s event is the Interact Club of AMES-Cottonwood, Utah, USA, which will host a mini marathon. Funds from the race will be donated to Salt Lake Donated Dental Services, a nonprofit organization that provides dental treatment to underprivileged residents.



**MEETING SCHEDULE FOR
FAMILY MONTH**

**Thursday, December 6th
Business Meeting**

**Thursday, December 13th
Elections**

**Thursday, December 20th
Christmas Lunch**

GREETERS

December 6th:
Rotarians: Joel McCarthy & PP John Mackenzie

December 13th:
Rotarians Wilbert Kirtin & PP John Cabral

December 20th:
Rotarians Neville Smith & PP Tony Reece

VISITING ROTARIANS

Rotarian Stan Constant – Rotary Club of West Virginia

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 9th, 2012

Carols By Candlelight at Ilaro Court

December 20, 2012

Annual Christmas Luncheon

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

Mr. and Mrs. Sealy	December 1 st
Mr. and Mrs. Moe	December 7 th
Mr. and Mrs. Thompson	December 7 th
Mr. and Mrs. Fernandes	December 9 th
Mr. & Mrs. Ashby	December 14

Birthdays

Rotarians

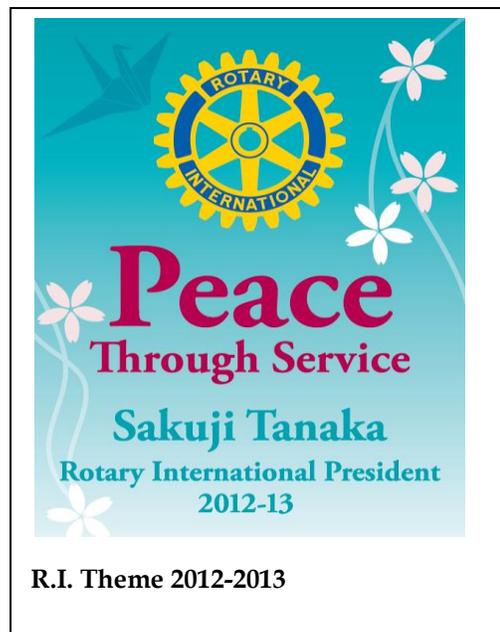
Jedder Robinson	December 1 st
Berkeley Blades	December 7 th
Ivan Brown	December 12 th

Spouse Birthdays:

<u>Spouse</u>	<u>Rotarian</u>	<u>Date</u>
Gloria Kirton	Wilbert Kirton	December 6 th
Marlene Ramsey	Ronald Ramsey	December 8 th
Debbie Tomlin	William Tomlin	December 8 th

GUESTS - October 25th

Winston Warren - Rotarian Shawn Franklin



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