



# ROTA NEWS

October 6, 2011

## Rotary Club of Barbados, Barbados

Chartered March 07, 1962

District 7030



The Rotary Club of Barbados

### R.I. Officers

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#### District Governor Elect

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

R.I. Theme 2011-2012

## Club Officers

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Stanley MacDonald

## 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](http://www.clubrunner.ca/barbados)



## HIV/ AIDS in the Workplace



Dr. Henrick Ellis

Special thanks to Dr. Henrick Ellis, former Chairman of the National HIV AIDS Commission, who was the guest speaker at last week's meeting for his informative presentation on "HIV in the Workplace".

Dr. Ellis noted that as of June 2011 it had been 30 years since the advent of HIV/AIDS in Barbados. He acknowledged that we needed to be aware of how the virus is transmitted in order to help prevent the spread of the disease. He further noted that the three main ways of contracting HIV/AIDS was through sexual transmission, transmission through blood or mother-to-child transmission.

Over the years there has been a widening pool of persons living with HIV/AIDS in Barbados and many persons are in fear of coming forward because of the stigma associated with the disease, we must be aware of the stigma and remove it.

In today's world many persons suffer with HIV/AIDS and this has impacted on the workforce. Statistics show that in Barbados persons contracting the disease are in the age group of 15 – 49 years and this has impacted the workforce through:

- *Increased cost due to absenteeism and turnover*
- *Low morale as a result of stigma associated with the disease*
- *Low Productivity*

Dr. Ellis stated that there is currently no cure for HIV/AIDS but there is hope for persons living with the disease due to the improvement of treatment. The rate of incidence suggests that risky behaviour practices are not changing which signals the need for continued condom promotion, among other things. One of the ways which we can reduce the spread of the disease is through education and information dissemination, other ways of reducing the spread of HIV /AIDS are:

- *Abstinence*
- *Practicing Safe sex*
- *Curtail drug use and avoid the sharing of needles*

## Feature Photo

### "Sunset with the Seniors"



In the above photo is a senior citizen playing the guitar.

***This week's feature photo was taken from the "Sunset with the Seniors" event which was held Saturday, October 1, 2011.***

## REMINDER

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE CRUISE



**5 Nights in the Western Caribbean  
Monday 2nd to Saturday 7th, April 2012**

**Cruise Fee Deposit of USD\$100  
Payment deadline has been extended to  
November 15th 2011**

**ONLY 28 CABINS LEFT IN THE RESERVED  
SECTION**

**Go to "District Conference 2012" at  
[www.rotarydistrict7030.org](http://www.rotarydistrict7030.org) for further details!**

## Meeting Details

At our Fellowship Meeting held on Thursday, September 29th, 2011.

Sgt-at-Arms: **Vic Fernandes**

- Fines \$165.75
- Raffles \$69.60
- Attendance 48%

## October– Vocational Service Month



### *Student learning Automotive Engineering*

Every October, Rotarians are encouraged to focus their attention on vocational service. Vocational Service Month is an opportunity to begin year-long vocational service activities, ranging from Rotary discussions to awards to community projects.

Vocational Service is one of Rotary's Four 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.

One of the central goals of Vocational Service is to promote and advance Rotary's high ethical standards. Two useful tools Rotarians have to assess these standards are **The Four-Way Test** and **The Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions**.

Several of RI's programs offer opportunities to exercise Vocational Service, including:

**Rotary Volunteers:** put your vocational talents to work on a service project

**Rotary Fellowships:** start or join a vocational fellowship group

**RYLA:** teach young people leadership skills

**Rotary Friendship Exchange:** conduct vocational exchanges with Rotarians

## SOME ROTARY "FIRSTS"

### Did you know that?

- The first Rotary club meeting was in Chicago, Illinois, on 23 February 1905.
- The first regular luncheon meetings were in Oakland, California, chartered in 1909.
- The first Rotary convention was in Chicago in 1910.
- The first Rotary club outside of the United States was chartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in 1910.
- The first Rotary club outside of North America was chartered in Dublin, Ireland, in 1911.
- The first Rotary club in a non-English-speaking country was in Havana, Cuba, in 1916.
- The first Rotary club in South America was chartered in Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1918.
- The first Rotary club in Asia was chartered in Manila, Philippines, in 1919.
- The first Rotary club in Africa was chartered in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1921.
- The first Rotary club in Australia was chartered in Melbourne in 1921. (Original idea from "Scandal Sheet")

## "On the Lighter Side"

### Life Insurance

Mary was discussing the various aspects and possible outcome of the insurance policy with the clerk at the Insurance Agency.



During the discussion, she asked, "Suppose I take the life insurance for my husband today for a million dollars, and tomorrow he dies? What will I get?"

The clerk eyed her suspiciously and replied, "Probably a life sentence."

