



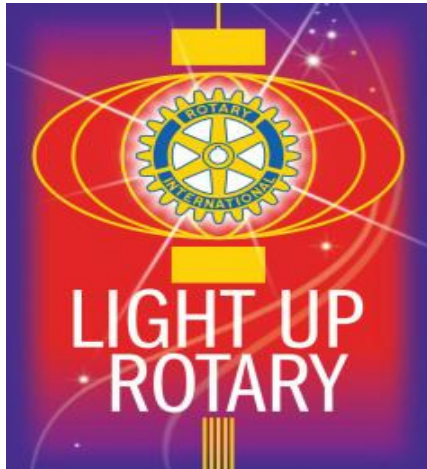
ROTA NEWS

July 10, 2014

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?

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Weekly meetings on **Thursdays** at

Hilton Barbados

Needham's Point, Aquatic Gap, St. Michael

at 12 p.m.

P.O. Box 148B, Brittons Hill,

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARBADOS WELCOMES ALL VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Last Thursday, July 03 was the First Meeting of the Rotary year 2014-15. It was a Fellowship Meeting, when Past President Roger Smith gave a synopsis of the recently concluded RI Convention, which was held in Sydney, Australia from June 01-04.

Past President John MacKenzie also made a presentation to the club of one of the Torches used from the iconic project—Barbados National Chain Link Project—November 30, 1979.

As is the tradition with the Club, notwithstanding that the Rotary year commences on July 01, the President does not preside over meetings until he/she is inducted. That being the case with Installation scheduled for July 12, Past President Michael W. Browne presided over the meeting.

The Club was asked to observe a moment of silence in memory of Bert Williams the uncle of Peter Williams; who had died in Canada.

Below is a Summary of the presentation by Past President Roger Smith—G'DAY from Sydney!



The time it took to get there gave me a new appreciation of the term a “short flight” which for me is now an 8 hour flight to London (lol). 8hrs to London, 7hrs to Dubai, 14hrs to Sydney (29hrs total).

Firstly I must take a few minutes to tell you how blown away

Deborah and I were when we set our eyes on the beautiful Harbour City Sydney (Hotel in Circular Quay), water everywhere, with timely ferries moving not only tourist but busy business people from point A to B on the waterways with incredible iconic sights, the Sydney Opera House, the Sydney Bridge, Dennison Fort; etc, etc.

Sydney is lively and clean, with beautiful parks like Hyde Park (UK) and, some first class restaurants. We were fortunate to be there for Vivid Sydney where the buildings in Darling Harbour (Conference Hotel) and Sydney Harbour were lit up each night for a month with fireworks and laser light shows in the evenings. It was Amazing!

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The City of Sydney opened its doors to all Rotarians with the not so popular Prime Minister of Australia Tony Abbot addressing the Opening Plenary. He was so taken back by the outstanding applause said “Thank You , I just hope that there are a lot of Australians out there too!”

He spoke really well, winning over the Aussies that were there, he even introduced his father who is now an honorary Rotarian and stated that he, Tony, was a product of a Rotary family and is a child of Rotary.

With that he made a pledge to Rotary of \$100 million Australian dollars over a period of five years to help to eradicate polio.

We were also treated to a vibrant performance by the Australian Group Human Nature who are now based in Las Vegas. They performed hits from Motown and had the crowd going wild!!!

There was also a special performance at The Sydney Opera House for 2500 Rotarians by The Sydney Symphony Orchestra on Monday, June 2nd.

The Newly appointed New South Wales premier Mike Baird also addressed the conference assuring the Australians and visitors of his commitment to Rotary.

There was Free public transport for all Rotarians on the trains, buses and ferries for the duration of the conference. (Thursday May 29th to Thursday 5th June.)

For the first time since the hosting of the Sydney Olympics in 2000, the Olympic torch was lit in Honor of Rotary International, with an incredible journey across the harbour by boat rowed by the Surf Life Saving (Life Guards) across the harbour for many hours carrying the Rotary and Australian Flags and then ran into the Stadium and the Olympic torch was lit for the first time since the Olympics. This was an incredible honor and tribute paid to Rotary International.

Two World records were broken by 340 attending International Rotarians and locals with the climbing of the iconic Sydney Harbor Bridge carrying flags. The number of flags was a record and the bridge climbing, another previous record was originally 308.

Meeting Details

Thursday, July 03, 2014

Sergeant-At-Arms: Vic Fernandes

- Attendance - 54%
- Raffle - \$152.00
- Winner - Nicholle Manz- Baazaoui
- Fines - \$216.00

Past President Roger Smith—G'DAY from Sydney! continues

Some very interesting Break Out Sessions were conducted. One in particular that will always stay in our minds – “Bringing the Fun back into Rotary” led by a Jamaican, Haresh Ramchandani, a Rotarian from The Rotary Club of Montego Bay East and an incoming DG. Some crazy ideas were offered.

A Korean Rotarian actually admitted that free Viagra was used as an incentive to lure Rotarians to attend fund raising, suggested using this ploy as a door prize for functions, free Viagra for a year. He said that you would be amazed to see who was scrambling to get tickets.

The Final Plenary focused on young people and three presentations really stood out:

Ramkumar Raju District 3230 Rotaract Representative from The Rotary Club of Chennai India -”Giving youth the opportunity - don’t hold them back.”

New Generations – “Now is the Time” Ronald Kawadwa (33yrs) - District 9211 New Generations Chair, Rotary Club of Kasangati, Uganda.

Digital Learning Room- Supporting Equality through Technology. Kelsi Lopatecki Cox (Canadian), Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Rotary Youth Exchange Alumna and Coordinator for The Digital Learning Room.

Well to close off , the theme for the New Rotary Year is “Light Up Rotary”.

We were totally impressed with the new President Gary Huang from the Rotary Club of Taipei, Taiwan. He seems like a very humble man, a man of quiet action and less words — a hands on kind of man.

In his words “It is better to light a candle than to sit down and curse the darkness”.

The Year ahead should be engaging with Gary Huang at the helm.

Gary C.K. Huang, a member of the Rotary Club of Taipei, Taiwan, is asking Rotary members to Light Up Rotary in 2014-15. In a [profile](#) for the July issue of The Rotarian magazine, Huang shows us the meaning behind the family of Rotary.

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Past President John MacKenzie made a presentation to the club of one of the Torches used from the iconic project—Barbados National Chain Link (Holding Hands)—November 30, 1979.

The story of the “Barbados National Chain Link” is recorded in the publication— 3 Decades of Rotary in Barbados—1961-1991.

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The members of the head table (SAA Vic, President Alex, PP Roger and Past Secretary Roy) listened intently to ascertain how PP John acquired the Torch from a former Rotarian.

The presentation was made to PDG David Edwards who was a committee member for the 1979 Project.



Memorabilia from the 1979 Project is now housed at The Barbados Museum and Historical Society.



At the end of the meeting, just before the usual Toast to Rotary International—a very signal moment was observed as President Alex was invited to take his “Chain of Office ” from meeting Chair, PP Michael W. Browne.

**UP-COMING EVENT
INSTALLATION NIGHT - JULY 12**

The passing of the Baton and the Installation of President William "Alex" takes place on Saturday, July 12, 2014 at the Mahogany Ridge, St. Thomas. The contribution is \$110.00 per person and the meal will consist of "Heavy Cocktails." The Ceremony commences at 6.30 p.m. Dress: Lounge Suit for the gentlemen and Cocktail Attire for the ladies.

GREETERS

July 10—No meeting scheduled
July 17—Annie Bertrand & Rev Guy Hewitt
July 24—Mitra Knight & Sue Springer

OUR VISITORS

GUEST

Kerry-Ann Thompson – St. Catherine – Jamaica
- Rotarian Donna Pierre

ROTARIAN

Donna Pierre – Rotary Club of St. Augustine – West, Trinidad & Tobago

Rotary members unite at home and across the globe to put our experience and knowledge to work tackling our most pressing challenges.

We focus our efforts in six areas: promoting peace, preventing diseases, providing access to clean water and sanitation, enhancing maternal and child health, improving basic education and literacy, and helping communities develop.

We are especially dedicated to [ending polio in our lifetimes](#). Rotary members have persevered in this fight since 1979 and have now helped eradicate polio in all but three countries worldwide.

When you give to Rotary, you support the work we do in your community and around the world. We are a [responsible organization](#) that uses nearly 90% of our funding for program expenses.

Announcements

Wedding Anniversaries

Peter and Kathleen Hermant July 07
Joseph and Jenifer Johnson July 08

Birthdays - Rotarians

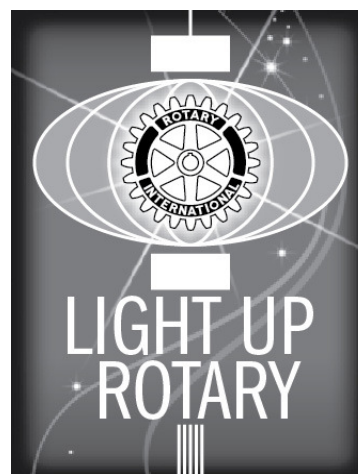
Past President Robert "Bobby" Morris July 07

Birthdays - Partners in Service

Elizabeth Cole – Treasurer Brian July 06
Selena McDonald –
President William Alex July 09
Donna Wilkinson-Clarke – Director Waldo July 10
Dr. Margaret Blanchette—Past President Richard July 13

Join Date Anniversaries

Geoffrey "Freddie" Hart July 06, 1998
Hon Rotarian Marina Leacock July 06, 2007
Scott Oran July 10, 1989
Anthony Shaw July 10, 2008
Doni Zorzi July 12, 2013
Past President William Tomlin July 15, 1976



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ROTARY GRACE
O Lord and giver of all things good
We thank Thee for our daily food
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
Help to serve Thee all our days.

Bulletin Editor
Michael Wilson Browne