



ROTA NEWS

January 12, 2012

Rotary Club of Barbados, Barbados

Chartered March 07, 1962
District 7030



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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity
R.I. Theme 2011-2012

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

Distribution of Tickets for the Partners in Service Celebration Event

Fellow Rotarians,

Invitations for the Partners in Service Celebration event to be held on Saturday February 18, 2012 are now available and orders for the numbers you require must be made to the Invitation Coordinator Jenny Williams (partner in service of Peter Williams) who can be reached at either 234-4436 (c) or 436-4345 (H).

Please note that there are a limited number available and these will be provided on a first-come first-serve basis. Please contact Jenny **EARLY** so as not to be disappointed.

Reminder



President's Party and Lime

Rotarians are reminded that the President's after Christmas party and Lime is scheduled for Saturday, January 14th, 2012 from 7.30pm until 11.30pm at President Brenda's House located 33 High Point Close, Rolling Hills, St George.

All Rotarians are asked to make a special effort to attend.

Meeting Details

At our Meeting held on Thursday, December 05, 2011.

Sgt-at-Arms: **Andrew Mallalieu**

- Fines \$ 283.00
- Attendance 79%
- Raffles \$88.00

Seven ways to get more out of Rotary in 2012

Try something different in 2012 to attract new members and keep existing ones. Here are a few ideas to help you do more with Rotary in the New Year.

Be part of Rotary's efforts to End Polio Now

Consider planning a fundraiser for polio eradication, or having your club or district light up a landmark as part of Rotary's anniversary celebration on 23 February. Rotarians have made great progress in the push to end the disease, but the job isn't finished yet. As little as US\$0.60 can help immunize a child against the incurable disease. Contribute to PolioPlus, and learn more about Rotary's eradication efforts.

Think strategically and set club goals

A new online assessment tool will be launched in July to help clubs set goals and track their accomplishments, such as contributions to The Rotary Foundation. Available in Member Access, it will replace paper-based tracking methods and help RI measure Rotary's global impact. Help your club work more efficiently by using the tool to set and measure club goals.

Help the Foundation fulfill its mission

Make a resolution to donate to the Foundation's Annual Fund in 2012. Skip one latte a week, and you'd have US\$100 or more to contribute to your club's Every Rotarian, Every Year effort. You can make a one-time contribution or a recurring gift. Learn how your club or district can make a difference in one of Rotary's six areas of focus with a Foundation grant.

Get inspired at the RI Convention

The 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, 6-9 May, will feature speakers including Nobel Peace Prize recipient Muhammad Yunus and Global Poverty Project CEO Hugh Evans. And, along with thousands of your fellow Rotarians from around the world, you'll be able to attend workshops on topics such as membership, leadership, and Future Vision. Register today.

Celebrate 50 years of Interact

Interact will celebrate its 50th year in 2012. Since the first club was established in 1962 at a high school in Melbourne, Florida, USA, thousands of communities worldwide have benefited from Interactors putting Service Above Self. The program has helped countless youth develop leadership skills, meet new friends, and become more familiar with Rotary. Rotary clubs that sponsor an Interact club gain fresh insight into service and help develop future Rotarians. If your club isn't already involved in Interact, consider sponsoring a club.

Publicize your good work

PR grants enable districts to raise Rotary's profile and promote the global and local work of Rotarians by placing public service announcements on television and radio, in print media and on billboards, and on the Web. Help your district apply for a grant by 4 March. To further promote your club's signature activities, be sure to update your website with information about your projects and meetings. Also, start a social media page, and follow what Rotary is doing on sites such as Facebook and LinkedIn.

Connect with alumni

Rotary Foundation alumni can be effective speakers at club meetings, and many are potential club members. Reach out to them.

(Background)
FROM LEFT:
 Principal
 Yasmin Vlahakis
 speaks with Ron
 Davis of Rotary
 Club of Barbados
 while
(foreground)
 Student Aid,
 Garcia Lewis
 waits with Jared
 Burke as Susie
 Webb autographs
 his poster and
 Teacher Gina
 Sahai looks
 on.



Rotary, FABBA out to help Schoolhouse for Special Needs

By Kerri Gooding

WHILE here vacationing recently, the most prestigious ABBA tribute band, FABBA, which performed back in April, 2011 at the Concorde Experience to raise funds for the Schoolhouse For Special Needs, decided to surprise and interact directly with the kids they have assisted.

The fund-raising concert was organised by The Rotary Club of Barbados and it saw some Bds \$170 000 raised to improve and expand the facilities of the schoolhouse. According to then Treasurer of Rotary, Ron Davis, and Principal, Yasmin Vlahakis, the school has since outgrown the present location.

Over the past six years, the school has expanded considerably, with the major problem now being that of space.

Vlahakis said: "I am really happy for the support from Rotary, otherwise we had no help from government in any way. For someone to recognise the need and step in to assist is a great help so that we can do what needs to be done."

Looking around, she continued, "We need a new plant, we've outgrown space. We are looking for land or a large house. The goal is to make the new facility an all-sensory, all-encompassing plant catering from reception to young adults."

At present, the schoolhouse caters to 14

students with six staff members.

Each and every child reacted with awe and surprise when they saw the females of the FABBA band in the lobby of their schoolhouse. The six students who joined the band on stage to end the emotional evening of song at the April fundraiser, begged Susie Webb and Zoe Nicholas to sing a few of their favourite songs. Christine Davis, Dion Ellyatt, Gabrielle Ward, Tiffany Gibson, Odessa David and Tyreik Husbans joined hands with their classmates who met the dynamic singers for the first time and sang some of ABBA's greatest hits such as "Mama Mia" and "Dancing Queen".

Zoe Nicholas said, "We will never forget that concert. I don't think there was a dry eye in the audience."

Agreeing with her bandmate, Susie Webb added, "It is a lovely memory how they came on stage and danced and sang with us. We just had to come visit them while we're here."

As Davis of Rotary watched the response and reaction of the students who beseeched him to have another FABBA concert, he said, "We are thinking to organise another FABBA concert in 2013 as we continue fund-raising."

"You need to still raise more money, for a school of this nature needs all the help it can get to make a difference for these special kids ..."



Zoe Nicholas tells the students about the band's travels.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 12th, 2012
Business Meeting

Thursday, January 19th, 2012
Guest Speaker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club Anniversary

President Brenda January 13

Wedding Anniversary

No Wedding Anniversaries for this period.

Birthdays

Nellie Brathwaite (Joel) January 12

Judy Hart (Groffrey) January 12

David Edwards January 12

“On the Lighter Side”

Prayer

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served.

When little Johnny received his plate he started eating right away.

"Johnny, wait until we say our prayer."

"I don't have to," the boy replied.

"Of course you do," his mother insisted. "We say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house," Johnny explained, "but this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook."



TODAY'S GREETERS

January 12th

Andrew Mallalieu
John MacKenzie

NEXT WEEK'S GREETERS

January 19th

Lennox Lewis
Algernon Leacock

VISITING ROTARIANS

Kristof Abeloos –
Houston

Romeo Mocanu –
Amos, Quebec

QUOTATION

“Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.”

Mother Teresa

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, January 14, 2012

President's Party at President Brenda's House

Monday, January 16, 2012

Official handover of homes refurbished under 50th Anniversary Programme to recipients:

- Belfield Hurdle - Newcastle St John 3:00 pm

- Cheryl Belgrave - Long Bay St Philip 4:00 (ish) pm

(Interested members are invited to attend. Directions will be made available in the next day or two.)

Saturday, January 28, 2012

Leadership Training/Forum with 3 clubs at BL&P Training Room from 9am-12pm

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.

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