

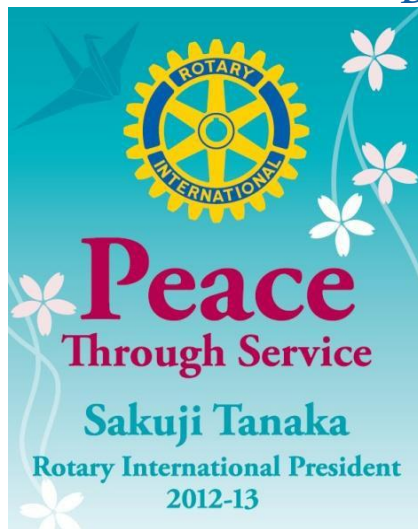


ROTA NEWS

April 18th, 2013

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

P.O. Box 148B, Brittons Hill,
St. Michael, Barbados

www.clubrunner.ca/barbados



Fundraising Movie & Auction

Date: Friday April 19, 2013.

Time: 7.00 pm.

Place: Limegrove Cinemas.

Name of movie: "Oblivion".

Cost: \$75.00 per person.

Purpose: Joint fundraising venture being organized by the three Rotary Clubs in Barbados.

ABOUT THE MOVIE

In 2073, a 37-year-old former [Marine](#) commander named Jack Harper ([Tom Cruise](#)) is one of the last few drone repairmen stationed on Earth, which was nearly destroyed by an alien invasion 60 years earlier. As part of a massive operation to extract the planet's remaining vital resources, he lives in an airborne "town" floating thousands of meters above the Earth. With his mission nearly complete, Jack's soaring existence comes crashing down when he rescues a 22-year-old female stranger from a downed spacecraft. Her arrival triggers a series of events that forces Jack to question everything he knows about the war and its aftermath. In addition, after being captured by an [insurgency](#) led by 102-year-old Malcolm Beech ([Morgan Freeman](#)), Jack is told that the society in which he lives may in fact be a [police state](#).

The movie presentation will be followed by an after-party and auction to be held at Limegrove's famous rooftop.

Update on fundraising movie & auction.

Plans for the fundraising movie and auction tomorrow night at Limegrove are in the final stages.

- Rotaractors will serve as ushers, hosts & hostesses.

- Cocktails will be served on the roof deck at the after party and auction.

- Prizes secured for the silent auction are as follows:

- A diamond bracelet,
- A trip to London Compliments; Virgin Atlantic,
- Access to a land Rover Evogue for a week
- A Blackberry Z10 phone.

Virgin Atlantic who is partnering with us for the after party will providing VIP service for those interested parties.

Each Rotarian is assigned 2 tickets, please collect them from Rotarian Shawn Franklin ASAP if you have not done so.

Joke of the week!



Four people are in an airplane, the pilot, the smartest man in the world, the richest man in the world, and a punk teenager. The airplane experiences some difficulties, and the pilot informs the three passengers that the plane is going to crash, and there are only three parachutes on the plane. The richest man in the world takes one, because he says that his lawyers will sue everyone else on the plane if he doesn't survive. The smartest man in the world takes a parachute, because he thinks that the world would be a worse place without him. The pilot says to the punk "There's only one parachute left, I'll fight you for it." "That won't be necessary," said the punk, "The smartest man in the world took my backpack."



The Amazon rainforest produces half the world's oxygen supply?

Meeting Details

At our Fellowship Meeting held on Thursday, April 11th, 2013

Sgt-at-Arms: **Nicholas Waithe**

- Fines \$202.80
- Raffle \$123.00
- Attendance 61%

Dubai Rotarian fights the scourge of pollution



When David and Theresa Wernery plan a road trip, they don't mess around. In early 2012, they quit their jobs – he as a lawyer, she as a merchant banker – packed up their modified Ford F-150, and headed out from their home base in Dubai on a journey across the Middle East and Europe.

Their aim: to educate people about the environmental effects of plastic pollution. They called it the Plastic Not So Fantastic Expedition.

The Wernerys have both lived in the United Arab Emirates since childhood; David is German, and Theresa is German-British. They originally planned one epic, 18-month trip that would cover more than 110,000 miles through 55 countries. They later decided to split their itinerary into several stages – the first, five-month leg of which began this past May and took them across Iran and Turkey, through the Balkans and Central Europe, to the United Kingdom, then through Scandinavia, the Baltics, Russia, the Caucasus, and back home. They are now raising money for the second leg of their odyssey, slated for next year.

The couple learned about plastic pollution through David's father, Ulrich Wernery, the scientific director of the Central Veterinary Research Laboratory in Dubai. He has studied the role that plastic debris plays in the deaths of desert animals, finding that many species, including protected ones such as sand gazelles, die after ingesting plastic, either from choking or from blocked digestive systems. Even as plastic breaks down, the tiny particles pose a persistent threat to hungry, curious birds and other animals.

With the elder Wernery's help, David, a member of the Rotary Club of Jumeirah-Dubai, and Theresa began giving local educational presentations and organizing cleanups at desert dump sites. When they started noticing a buildup of plastic trash at their favorite camping areas, the nature lovers decided to hit the road to share what they'd learned. "I was surprised when they told me they wanted to fight pollution globally, and extremely grateful and happy that they choose this way to make countries aware of this problem," David's father says.

As they planned their trip, the couple worked with several eco-minded companies. Fellow Rotarian Jan Willem Van Es donated a fuel additive distributed by his firm, Saham Global, to help increase their truck's fuel efficiency. "Sponsoring the expedition allowed David and Theresa to reduce their carbon footprint," Van Es says. GoalZero, which manufactures portable solar devices, helped the Wernerys set up solar power for their truck-turned-camper. Reusable containers filled with power adapters, cookware, and lightweight cotton clothing went in the truck bed next to a makeshift wooden shower stand. The Wernerys took along two folding sinks, a small clothesline, and a mini fridge. They installed a roof rack as well as heavy-duty off-road shock absorbers. Except for the time they spent with friends and family in the United Kingdom, Germany, and Scandinavia, they camped out almost every night.

As David plotted their course, the couple contacted Rotary and Rotaract clubs along the way. David had been a Rotaract club president a decade earlier, while he was a university student in Bonn, Germany; he later served as the New Generations service director and Rotary Foundation chair for his Rotary club. In areas where the couple had no personal connection, they used the Rotary Club Locator app to find nearby clubs.

The Wernerys focused on documenting the impact of plastic pollution on the people and places along their route. At club meetings, they talked with Rotarians about the effects of plastic trash on local nature reserves, beaches, and camping sites. When they were in one place longer than a few days, David notes, they tried to visit as many clubs as possible. "We were able to attend meetings at a number of clubs in London and in North Wales," he says.

In July, the Wernerys spent five days at Latitude, a music festival in Suffolk, England. They camped in the mud, assisted with recycling and cleanup efforts, and set up a table where they handed out information and talked with festival goers about environmental issues.

Some couples might not do well spending months together on the road, squeezed into a tiny truck cab by day and sharing a small tent by night. But the Wernerys enjoyed the hours of uninterrupted togetherness, and they are pleased by how supportive fellow Rotarians have been throughout their travels. "Rotarians speak a common language," David says. "Environmental issues are immediately discussed and supported."

Upcoming Events

April 17th-20th: [District Conference in Grenada](#)

April 19th: [Fundraising Movie – joint project](#)

Greeters

April 18th – PP Lionel Lionel Moe & Rotarian Sanjay Amin

April 25th – PP Steve Brathwaite and Rotarian Clifford Clarke

Guest – March 28th April 4th

Tamara Arthur – Rotarian Carol Belgrave
Donella Zorsi – PDG David Edwards
Jason Ishmael, Gregory Dowrich & Quinton Dawson – PP Jerome Ishmael

MEETING SCHEDULED FOR ROTARY MAGAZINE MONTH

Thursday April 18th – Fellowship

Thursday April 25th – Business Meeting

VISITING ROTARIANS – APRIL 4TH, 2013

Per Dibber – Rotary Club of Bruxelles

Frank Robinson – Rotary Club of Barbados South

Rotarian Dieter & Gigi Blennemann – Rotary Club of Connecticut

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

None

Birthdays

Rotarians

Marie Theodore - April 20th

Stephen Brathwaite - April 21st

Marina Leacock - April 21st

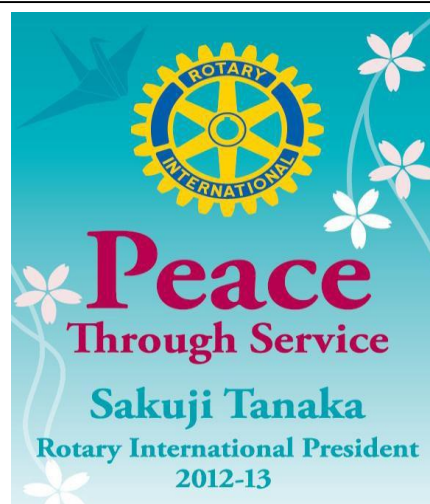
Carol Belgrave - April 24th

Spouse Birthdays

None

Join Date Anniversaries

None



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