

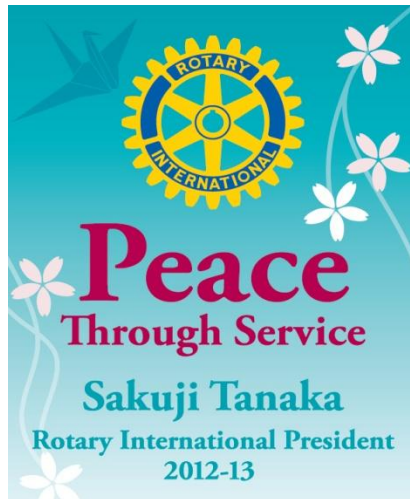


ROTA NEWS

October 18th, 2012

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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,
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www.clubrunner.ca/barbados

**Theme for 2012:
Ending the Violence of Extreme Poverty:
Promoting Empowerment and Building
Peace**

The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty has been observed every year since 1993, when the UN General Assembly, by resolution 47/196, designated this day to promote awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution in all countries. Fighting poverty remains at the core of the UN development agenda.

At the Millennium Summit, world leaders committed themselves to cutting in half, by the year 2015, the proportion of people living in extreme poverty, on less than \$1.25 a day. Over the last decade, millions have overcome extreme poverty and attained better access to health care and education. Extreme poverty rates have decreased in every region of the world. Over 39 million more children attend primary school. Access to clean water has increased to 89 per cent.

Despite these important gains, several critical gaps remain, thus the 2012 commemoration will focus on the theme "Ending the Violence of Extreme Poverty: Promoting Empowerment and Building Peace" with hope that it will launch a continuing dialogue among people everywhere about this issue.



**Rotary Peace Fellow passionate
about water**

by Paul Engleman
Rotary Canada -- October 2012

As a child growing up in Montreal, Ryan Rowe resented his parents' requirement that he learn a second language. "I hated having to learn French," says the 2010-12 Rotary Peace Fellow, who earned a master's degree in public health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in May, along with a certificate in peace and conflict resolution. "I never expected that I would come to love learning new languages."

Rowe, 34, now speaks Spanish and Portuguese in addition to English and French, and he's recently taken up Mandarin Chinese. Learning new languages is something Rowe does as a hobby. His official line of work – the stuff he's really serious about – is water and sanitation. That was his specialty at UNC, where he studied at the internationally acclaimed Water Institute. Today he is a part-time communications officer at the institute and quenches his thirst for volunteer opportunities on water projects in Africa, with Rotary and other organizations.

"A lot of people think the water crisis is just too daunting," he says. "I believe if we work together and remain committed to investing our energy, our skills, and our money, we can have a positive impact."

To hear Rowe tell it, that blend of optimism and determination has been part of his outlook at least since college. While an undergraduate at Concordia University in Montreal, Rowe took a semester off and travelled by bus through Mexico and Central America, immersing himself in the language and cultures to prepare for an exchange program in Colombia, where he took most of his courses in Spanish.

That bus trip, he says, is what opened his eyes to the impoverished conditions that many people face. "But instead of seeing poverty," he says, "I saw opportunity. I've always had an entrepreneurial quality, and I saw how the issues of poverty related to lack of infrastructure."

After earning a bachelor's degree in commerce and finance, Rowe pursued an international master's in strategic management at York University in Toronto..

He studied in Brazil, taking a third of his courses in Portuguese and conducting an independent-study project on private-sector investment in water infrastructure in Latin America

Rowe recalls that during his childhood, he heard tales of world travel and service projects from an aunt and uncle who are Rotarians in Ottawa. "But I wasn't clued in to Rotary's impact on the world," he says.

That changed in 2009, when he was living in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and working in infrastructure development for the Australian investment bank Macquarie Group.

While doing volunteer work, Rowe learned about the Rotary Peace Centers program and saw an opportunity to help address water issues with some of the world's best experts.

"The public health program at UNC is fantastic. This is an amazing partnership for Rotary," he says. "Applying to the Rotary Peace Centers program was the best decision I ever made." In June, just four weeks after completing his fellowship, Rowe packed up his laptop, strapped on a backpack, and set off on his latest adventure: a six-month working tour of Africa that began with stops in Zambia, Malawi, and Mozambique, where he spoke at a conference sponsored by the World Health Organization and UNICEF. He plans to visit Nairobi, Kenya, where he serves on the board of trustees of the Tabasamu Education Fund, a nonprofit that provides funding to help children stay in school.

JOINT TRAINING SEMINAR

We are appealing to Rotarians to make a special effort to attend the training on Nov.03, 2012. This seminar is designed to benefit ALL Rotarians. At this forum, updates will be provided about Rotary as it is today. The majority of presenters are senior Rotarians who are well versed about the topics being presented. The training will be opened by a motivational speaker. The theme is "RE-ENGAGING ROTARIANS". You are required to register by Oct.25 so that adequate provision can be made for seating, catering etc. Contribution required is BDS\$35.00. Bring your laptops and learn about Club Runner. **PLEASE COME AND BE INFORMED. LET US ALL MOVE FORWARD WITH THE SAME UNDERSTANDING OF ROTARY.** We look forward to seeing you.

While Rowe continues his work for the Water Institute, his goal is to create a social investment fund to provide sustainable financing for infrastructure and development projects that improve the health and welfare of people in vulnerable areas. He also expects that his career path will lead to collaborations with other peace fellows. "We're all in the same army," he says. "I'm following my passion, and I think that may be the most important thing a human being can do to be successful. I thank Rotary for enabling me to do that."



Joke of the Week!!!

Two lawyers were walking through the woods and spotted a vicious-looking bear. The first lawyer immediately opened his briefcase and pulled out a pair of sneakers and started to put them on. The second lawyer looked at him and said "You are crazy! You'll never be able to outrun that bear!"

"I don't have to" the first lawyer replied. "I only have to outrun you".

Meeting Details

At our Fellowship Meeting held on Thursday, October 11th, 2012

Sgt-at-Arms: **Heather Tull**

- Fines \$179.00
- Raffle \$65.00
- Attendance 60%

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

Thursday, October 25th
Fellowship – Interact & Roteract Board

Thursday, November 1st
No luncheon meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding Anniversary
 Joel & Margaret McCarthy October 17

Birthdays
Rotarians
 Jomo Hope October 15
 Algernon Leacock October 20

Spouses
 Jennifer Williams (Wife of Rotarian Peter Williams)
 October 19

GREETERS ROSTER

To be announced

VISITING ROTARIANS

None

GUESTS

October 11th

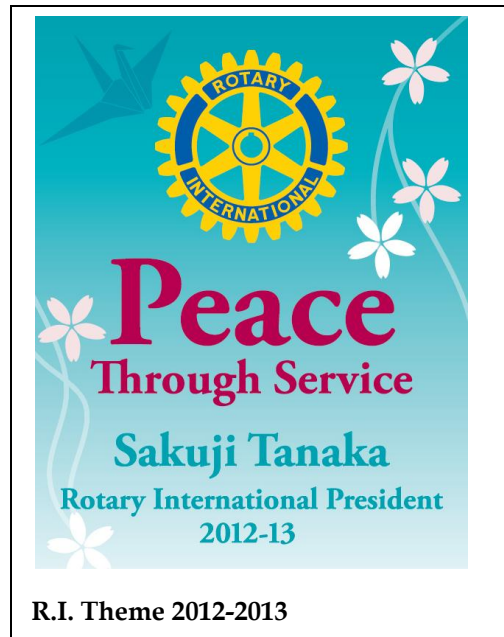
Guest	Rotarian
Williams Hinds	President Tony Williams

UPCOMING EVENTS

Joint Training Seminar at the Barbados Community College – November 3rd, 2012

Notices:

- A roster of Greeters for the first half of the Rotary year has been emailed to some members. The final agreed list will be issued in the Bulletin next week.



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.

Bulletin Editor
 Marie Theodore