



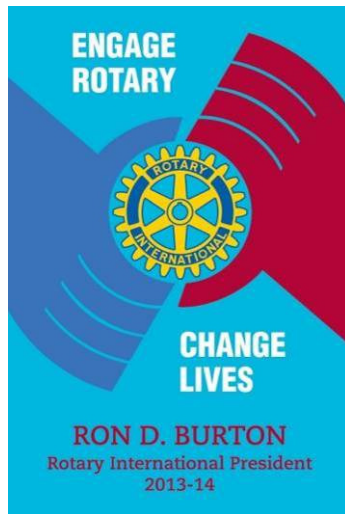
ROTA NEWS

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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
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THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARBADOS WELCOMES ALL VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS TO THIS WEEKLY MEETING

President Ron has promised a "Special Meeting" for today

Your Greeting Team Members for today are – Past President Tony Williams and Secretary Paul Ashby

IN MEMORIAM

Last Thursday saw some somber moments as the Club paid tribute to the late Reverend Philip E. M. Saunders who had died on Monday, June 09, 2014. After the opening welcome and silence in memory of Rev Philip; President (ag.) Elvin asked his friend and transport partner Dr. John Mayers to pay his tribute. Before he closed, the club was asked to stand as John prayed for his friend. After this he confirmed that "this was hard time for him."

Tribute was also paid to late founding member of Rotary Club South Mr. Latchman Klssoon who passed away on the 31st day of May 2014. The club was informed of a tribute evening for Mr. Klssoon held at the Accra Beach Hotel and Spa on Wednesday June 18th at 6:30pm and all were invited to attend.

The Tribute by Dr. John Mayers

Philip Saunders was born in British Guyana. He was a staunch Methodist. He candidated for the Ministry and he went to Jamaica where he was trained at Canewood College. After graduating he was stationed in Grenada, Trinidad and Tobago before coming to Barbados.

He joined the Rotary Club of Barbados in 1990 and was actively engaged in its activities. He was particularly concerned about drug abuse. He was in charge of the Club's Drug Awareness Programme for 14 years. This involved organizing visits to schools to educate students about the negative effects of drugs.

He was made a Paul Harris Fellow in 2000 and was married to Marjorie for 58 years. This union produced two daughters Alison and Angela.

Philip was a very friendly person; so he had many friends. He was sincere, **"and to me he was the brother I never had"**.



A pensive Dr. John Mayers, centre, flanked by Robin Ford and Clifford Clarke, after he paid tribute to his friend the late Rotarian Reverend Philip E M. Saunders

On Friday, June 13, 2014 the Rotary Club of Barbados joined many well wishers to pay a final Tribute to Rev Philip at his Funeral Service at the James Street Methodist Church and his interment at the Bethel Methodist Churchyard, Bay Street, St. Michael.

Following is the Tribute by Alison Saunders, daughter of Reverend Philip



Today as our family says good-bye to Dad, my sister and I feel blessed because we have had the privilege of having a wonderful father for all of our lives to date and our children have had a loving grand-father. Interestingly, even though Dad was a preacher he did very little preaching at home. He did, however, give very clear instructions and he led by example. What are some of the things we learnt from Philip Saunders? We learnt about loving and respecting people...all kinds of people. We learnt how to shake hands and smile warmly with those you meet. Dad's firm handshake endured to his last day on earth as one of his last acts was to graciously shake the hand of his nurse who expressed surprise at how firm that handshake was even on his deathbed. We learnt about the value of showing affection...as a very elderly lady at the viewing testified yesterday. She looked at Dad in the casket and said sadly to him.... "I goin' miss those hugs and kisses". To ensure that he gave out as many of those as possible Dad until a few weeks ago would position himself at the Western door of Bethel during the last hymn, no matter who was preaching and be nearly the last person to leave. My mother learned early on in their marriage to get a ride home. No sermon but Dad through his interactions taught us daily about the importance of true friendship. He had so many friends – of all ages, races and walks of life: People he cared about and who cared about him.

Meeting Details

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Sergeant-At-Arms: PE Alex

- Attendance - 61%
- Raffle - \$182.00
- Winner - Treasurer Brian Cole
- Fines - \$186.00

There were his Ministerial friends like his treasured bestie, as the young people say, of 64 years – Johnny Gumbs who would really have wished to be here today and his Rotarian buddies like John Mayers, church leaders like Sir Harcourt Lewis, but Dad's friends also included an impresario as he called him, a pump attendant, a security guard, and his favourite tellers at the bank...people he knew on a personal level.

Without the benefit of Facebook notifications, Dad had an uncanny ability (or maybe a system) to remember the birthdays of an array of friends who he would call, visit, send cards and entertain – the latter with my mother's help – "Dear...he would say, so and so is coming for lunch!" and she would quickly set another place at the table. He taught us how to be there for friends in good times but more importantly in bad. I recall Dad going in the dead of night to the police station to support a friend whose son had been arrested. His many visits to friends and church members who were sick or distressed are legendary. This continued until very recently, even in his more feeble stage, when much to everyone's relief he finally stopped driving... he insisted that I carry him to commiserate with the family of an old friend who had passed. All of this was done with joy! I have never heard him complain about undertaking such activities – when he flashed that smile and told you "...my pleasure"...it really was!

Dad taught us to work hard, to try to do the best job we could, set goals and go after them, save money and invest. Without any lectures on entrepreneurship he demonstrated through his many initiatives what it meant to be innovative. We also learnt what it meant to have an independent mind – think through all the information, make your own conclusions and speak your truth in the Queen's English and without any "bad words". This he did fearlessly every day, even if he ruffled feathers. We knew from very young what it meant to have "backbone"!

No elocution lessons given, but by listening to him, he taught us how to read with expression and how to communicate effectively, skills that I have used almost every day.

Dad was generous with his time and possessions to us children. In spite of his tireless work in the vineyard that was the Methodist Church and Rotary, he always had time for his two daughters – meals together, Saturday afternoon drives in the country and a genuine interest in our activities that never waned.

While Angela and I are quite different, he celebrated us both and has been an ongoing source of support and encouragement. I consistently felt that if I had a problem and all else failed...I could turn to Dad and he would find a solution. When I did, he always tried and usually succeeded.

We have been blessed by the goodwill that his life has generated throughout Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean. When the death announcement appeared in the press, one of my former landlords called to express dismay that he did not know that Philip Saunders was my father for the years that I was his tenant. I told him that he had been very kind to me nevertheless, to which he replied "if I had known I would have given you the world!" All because of the positive impact Dad had on his family.

Even through his shortcomings, we learnt from our Dad. Philip Saunders was notoriously impatient. A type A personality – he was highly strung – full of passion - did everything fast - my Mum would say. But we learnt that even if that is who you are, you can be calm in a crisis, trusting in God to see you through. We learned how to pray and about the power of prayer. No sermons at home at all, but just daily examples of Dad's faith - dealing with difficult situations decisively and calmly.

He could be stubborn – you all know that- but we also learnt how not to agonise about a decision once made but to stand by it and take the consequences, as he did.

One of my cousins when spending time with us as children, was afraid of his sharp verbal reprimands or "buffs" as we called them in Trinidad. Like us, she came to understand that Dad's bark was worse than his bite...and the "buffs" would be short-lived and once he made his point, life would go back to normal within five minutes. He demonstrated daily how to speak nicely the next day with persons with whom you disagreed.

Philip Edward Mc Burnie Saunders left Guyana in 1950 as a skinny man and left this earth at 91 the same...with no major variations in between. I have been trying to work out how he did it, for my own benefit...given the three square meals that included two sets of soup and dessert as well as afternoon tea that he consumed daily. Again...there were no lectures on healthy eating...but here's the secret: dad ate a very small portion of everything...often, and soup filled him up as did his frequent glasses of water, his one morning cup of coffee and afternoon cup of tea...he drank little else.

Finally, you could not talk about Philip Saunders without reference to his beloved wife of 58 years. To his grandsons...no sermon...but this is a lesson in choosing a good wife. This week my sister and I found the letter from our grandfather in response to Dad's written request for her hand in marriage.

After commending Dad's gentlemanly and Christian manner, Moulton and Violet Collymore wrote:

"Marjorie is a genuine, warm-hearted, loving, unselfish daughter, very thoughtful of others, considerate and understanding. In her you will have not only an excellent wife and mother of your children should God bless you with them, but a loyal and devoted helpmeet in your Ministry." These were prophetic words indeed!

Their love has endured the many challenges that life presents but clearly so good a woman was she that Dad, in his last days when he was focused on the after-life, lamented that she did not seem to want to go home with him! He was clearly taking the vow of "Till death do us part" to another level.

Dad was a planner...in his own words "a Man with a Plan". During his short critical illness he continued to ask me the standard question, "What is your plan today?" Even in death he had a plan and it seems to have been based on guidance from God. Dad chose not to go to the hospital, but in that final week to be cared for at home. On medical advice, my sister came in from the US and on Sunday he asked her: "what day are you leaving to which she replied..."Thursday, Dad." He then said confidently, "I am going home tomorrow." The next day (Monday) he held up three fingers and asked for his Bible, his hymn book and prayer book and then demanded that we sing hymn 113...which of course we did.

After a day of smiles and loving exchanges with close friends and family, he sat up and made a speech, most of which his nurse and I could not decipher because of his slurred speech but I do know it was a thank you given with great flourish – to his loved ones. I did detect the words "...a wonderful performance" after which he clapped his hands in a seated ovation and then slumped back onto the bed. A few hours later at five minutes to midnight on Monday June 9 he expired.

I would like to thank all those who cared for our Dad, supported his Ministry, his many initiatives, and our family and thank Rev Edwards, his colleagues and staff for collaborating with us and facilitating this wonderful celebration of Dad's life. I will close by reading a card that my sister, Angela and her family sent to Dad on his birthday:

A good man chooses to do what is right

He places his faith in the Lord and puts his family first

A good man changes the community around him by the light of his own example

A good man shapes the lives of his children with the strength of his love."

Thank you Dad for being such a good man

For loving us strong and raising us right."

Dad, we love you and may you rest in peace.

Past President Dr Grenville Phillips, on behalf of the Club paid this tribute to Reverend Philip.

Honourable Prime Minister and other Dignitaries, Mrs. Saunders and the extended family of our esteemed and noble brother, ladies and gentlemen.

(I am not the distinguished Dr John Mayers as printed on the programme. My name is Grenville Phillips – a past president of the Rotary Club of Barbados – deputising for Rotarian John).

To many of us in this congregation the Reverend Philip Saunders was probably the last of the Methodist ministers in Barbados who would have served the Methodist Church under the British Conference and who was also at the forefront of the transition which created the Caribbean Conference of Methodism.

Born in 1923 in what was then called British Guyana, Young Philip entered the ministry at or around the age of 30 years where he grew in stature both as priest and pastor. He was known to have been diligent in the preparation of his sermons. He had a keen sense of occasion and was widely regarded as a prince of the pulpit.

For 61 years he pursued his calling as a messenger of the Gospel. For 58 of those years he was privileged to have had Mrs Marjorie Saunders at his side. He was a skilful no nonsense ecclesiastical administrator and held many administrative offices in the Methodist Church.

Philip's concept of service however extended beyond the boundaries of the church. Wherever human need existed there you would find him - that was his parish.

We in Rotary can attest to that fact! For he was a Rotarian of no mean standing among us, fully embracing the concept of service above self. He joined the Rotary Club of Barbados on 12 December 1990 during the Presidency of Rotarian Orville Durant.

It is part of Rotary's tradition to appoint a person, on a yearly basis, to office of Sergeant at Arms. The function of the Sergeant at Arms, among other duties, is the imposition of fines on members for misdemeanours. Those fines help to defray the expense of running the club since no funds raised from the public are ever used for that purpose.

Philip's year of service as Sergeant at Arms is fondly remember by some and by others with lingering trepidation as we recall to mind his skill of extracting with ecclesiastical zeal the high level of fines from members during his year in office. Arising out of that experience some members of the club sought to rechristened him - "Philip the More".

Ladies and Gentlemen, not all of Rotary's work is done with accompanying publicity. Much of it is done quietly and without fanfare. Few may know of the drug awareness programme that the club conducted for many years as we sought to sensitize the Nation's youth at secondary schools concerning the scourge of illicit substances.

Rotarian Philip Saunders was among those in the vanguard of that initiative. Indeed the record shows that he was the longest serving chairman of the club's drug awareness programme having served from 1993 to 2007.

For his contribution to the community and Rotary, the club bestowed upon him the award of a Paul Harris Fellow in 2000. That is one of Rotary's highest accolades.

We will miss his jovial spirit, his inspiring prayers on special occasions, and his constant and punctual attendance at our weekly meetings. We grieve, as we must, at the passing of one of our brothers but concerning him, his fellow Rotarians have not come to this place merely out of a sense of duty, nay! We come here with respect and love in our hearts to bear testimony to the fact that our departed brother Philip ran life's race with dignity, decorum and purpose and to declare before you that his living was not in vain. May he now rest in Peace.

*A Tribute Delivered By Grenville Phillips On behalf of the Rotary Club of Barbados
At James Street Methodist Church 13 June 2014*



Eight members of the Club were asked to assist as Pall Bearers. PP Elvin, PDG David, PP's Sir Trevor, Grenville, John Cabral, Andrew, Norman and Secretary Paul

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 19 – Special Meeting

June 26 – Classification Talk – Nicholle Manz-Baazaoui

Installation Night – July 12

GREETERS

June 26 – Nicholas Waithe & Trevor Whitehall

A **limerick** is a form of poetry,^[1] especially one in five-line **anapestic meter** with a strict **rhyme scheme** (AABBA), which is sometimes obscene with humorous intent. The first two lines rhyme with the last line and the third and fourth line rhyme, and they are usually shorter.

A LIMERICK

There was this Rotarian President,
Whose driving habits were very prudent.

His speed was very slow.

Always the horn he did blow.

And he never had any accident.

From <http://limerickan.tripod.com/>

GUESTS

Maria Holder-Reece – UK – Com. Wilbert Kirton
Kenneth Gittens – Chair – Needhams Point
Development Ltd – PP Algernon Leacock

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 Anniversaries

Director Shawn and Cheryl Franklin	June 14
Donald and Molly Austin	June 15
Past President Richard and Dr. Margaret	June 16
Steve and Mary Cozier	June 17
Scott and Sharon Oran	June 22

Birthdays - Rotarians

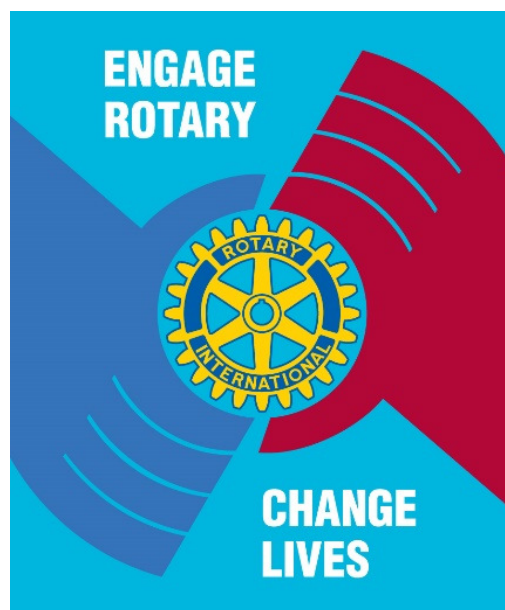
Michael W. Browne	June 15
Geoffrey "Freddie" Hart	June 29

Birthdays - Partners in Service

Dr. Deanne J. Ford – Robin	June 15
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Join Date Anniversaries

Director Elect Neal Griffith	June 21, 2012
Makonem Hurley	June 21, 2012
Past President Roger Smith	June 22, 1995
Nicholas Waithe	June 25, 2009



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