



# ROTA NEWS

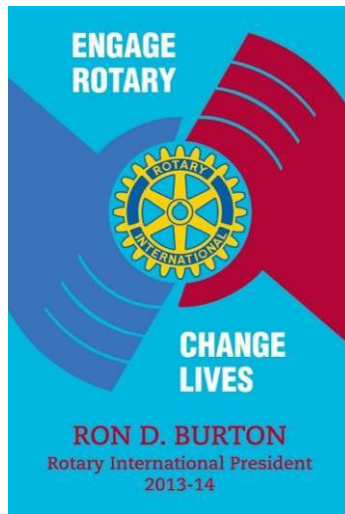


May 22, 2014

## Rotary Club of Barbados, Barbados

Chartered March 07, 1962

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](http://www.clubrunner.ca/barbados)

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

Guest speaker today will be Mr. Stephen O'Malley, Resident Coordinator of the UN in Barbados with responsibility for Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean and the Head of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

**Your greeters for today are:**

**Treasurer Brian Cole and Dr. Adrian Sealy**

**Last Thursday was a Fellowship Meeting with a Classification Talk by Rotarian Annie. Her Classification is - President and Co-Founder**

Following is a summary of the presentation



I am Annie Bertrand, originally from a small town, north of Montréal, Québec, Canada. This is why I have such a strong French Canadian accent...or maybe it's because I learnt to speak English when I was 20yrs old.

I moved to Barbados 8 years ago with my husband while I was still completing my Master in Business Administration (MBA) at Harvard Business School (HBS). When I graduated in 2007, I had already transitioned my career to international development. Overall, I have lived in or visited 67 countries across continents including:

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## South-East Asia

I worked in Sri Lanka for the institution which was established to rebuild the country post Tsunami. I was responsible for the economic recovery and supported those affected in the north and east regions which were under the control of a terrorist organization 9LTTE) during the civil war.

I founded a nonprofit organization ([www.indiaschoolfund.org](http://www.indiaschoolfund.org)) in 2005 aimed at ensuring effective delivery of education and entrepreneurship skills in rural India to break the vicious cycle of poverty. The business plan I wrote won multiple competitions and awards but its execution from a distance has been challenging. Nevertheless, 300 children received a good education every year and I now have a Director in our Delhi office to manage the operations more closely.



## Middle - East and Africa

I worked for an international development agency called Mercy Corps which specializes in areas affected by conflicts or disasters. I built the capacity of field offices and scaled -up effective programs in youth development during the youth bulge, which historically tends to drive revolutions and wars. Each city where I stayed in Chad, Gaza, Mauritania, Somalia and Niger were bombed or attacked after left which is why my husband didn't allow me to travel after our son Charles (Charlie) was born four years ago.

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## Meeting Details

Thursday, May 15, 2014

Sergeant-At-Arms: PE Alex

- Attendance - 54%
- Raffle - \$114.00
- Fines - \$142.50



## Barbados

Since I cannot be fulfilled only as a house-wife, I got involved in multiple projects including the Canadian Women's Club where I raised nearly \$300,000 during my years as a fundraising chair in the executive. I also initiated a volunteering program 4yrs ago where women facilitate psychosocial, academic and recreational activities for the Nightengale Complex (Children's Homes) – every Mondays 4-6pm. **Join us if you can!** The Community Services Committee of the Rotary Club recently started a similar program at Sterling Children's Home which will evolve to meet the specific needs of adolescents. I also worked for the United Nations (UNDP-Barbados) but all these years in the nonprofit sectors where fulfilling emotionally but not mentally as I missed business operations. Before my MBA, I worked four years as a management consultant for Deloitte, helping large companies improve their financial performance. I left the private sector because I was sick of working until 2am thinking that I was helping rich people become richer...so this is where it gets interesting:

Two years ago, I met Derek Foster, the chairman of Automotive Art who asked me to join its entrepreneurship competition as a judge. This experience enabled me to recognize the potential of young entrepreneurs while realizing that business skills were lacking. The second year of the competition, I agreed to help organizing it but I didn't want to be a judge – I wanted to coach the entrepreneurs to raise the bar and help them think more critically/strategically about their business model. The business plans were much stronger as a result so I was delighted to finally find an area of work where I can achieve both of my goals – help society while leveraging my business skills.

In the mean time, the Barbados Entrepreneurship Foundation launched an initiative called the Trident Angels, which connects Barbadian business leaders interested in investing their personal funds with start-ups of high potential returns. I am now helping promising entrepreneurs to prepare the necessary business case that meets the rigorous needs of these angel investors.

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Given such exciting context, I recently incorporated a management consulting company called **Newstep Consulting** which will continue to help young entrepreneurs pro-bono during the concept phase, and provide consulting services at a later stage. I also intend to serve investors to facilitate the due diligence process, deal structuring, performance management, post-investment monitoring, or capacity building of functional areas for their chosen investees. I will of course also tap into my network of friends and Harvard Business School Alumni worldwide to attract foreign investors.

In 10 years, I would like to see multiple Funds available to finance start-ups as well as growth-phase companies that create employment – not only in Barbados but across the Caribbean. The only bottle-neck at this point however is the immigration process – I'm applying for immigrant status which would allow me to work – let's keep our fingers crossed that the government will recognize my desire and capacity to make a positive contribution to the Barbadian economy.

Finally, I am happy to announce I am 3 months pregnant with my second child. I'm delighted and proud to raise my family in this country with such wonderful people.

Likewise, I'm excited about the opportunities to apply my business skills toward ambitious goals which will directly benefit the Bajan community. At some point, I will likely tap into your local expertise and kind hearts to help these youngsters become the next generation of business leaders!

## President Ron's Fellowship Function Saturday, May 10 at the home of PDG David and Donna



**PDG David & Donna and Suzanne & President Ron**

## REMINDER -EXHIBITION

A partial display of the projects completed by the Rotary Club of Barbados for the past fifty one years is mounted at the A One Supermarkets - Carlton and Emerald City and will remain in place for the month of May 2014.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

May 29 – Guest Speaker – Peter Boos  
May 31 – Beach Day with the Child Care Board at Brown's Beach  
June 1-4 – International Convention – Sydney, Australia  
June 19 – Special Meeting  
June 26 – Classification Talk – Nicholle  
July 12 – Installation Night

### GREETERS

May 29 – Rev. Curtis Goodridge and PP Michael

### HELP US NAME THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL BOOK

In 2016-17, The Rotary Foundation will celebrate 100 years of Doing Good in the World. To commemorate this momentous occasion, we commissioned author David Forward to write the definitive history of our Foundation. Such an august work needs a great name, and we need your help in choosing the best one.  
<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary>

### GUESTS

Richard Sacco - Barbados - Annie Bertrand  
Andrew Niven - Barbados – President Ron Davis

Carl Leach – Barbados - Winston Warren  
Hans Kupin - Antigua - Past President Brenda Pope

Selwyn Cambridge - Barbados – Director Lisa Cummins

### VISITING ROTARIAN

Noel Haynes - Rotary Club of London

### 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

Rev. Philip and Marjorie Saunders May 26

### Birthdays - Rotarians

Donna King-Brathwaite May 25

Past President CQ Williams May 25

Founding Member and Hon Rotarian Paul Foster May 27

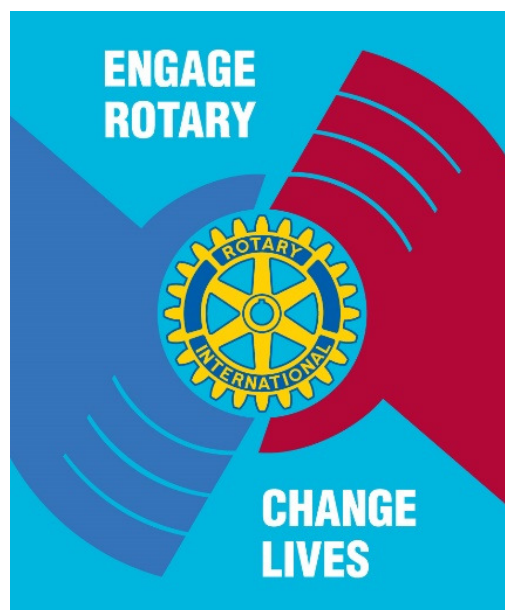
### Birthdays - Partners in Service

Sharon Oran - Scott May 24

Diane Highton – Past President Bill May 25

### Join Date Anniversaries

Past President Steve Brathwaite May 23 1991



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