



ROTA NEWS



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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

Profiles in Community Service

Richard Blanchette



PP Richard and PP Bill, some 35 years on!

Richard Blanchette joined the Rotary to give back to the community and is pleased that he has been able to make a contribution to the ongoing work of Rotary. When Richard joined Rotary on January 15, 1976, it was a unique occasion. He was under the age of 30 and his father Sir Stanley (President 1966/67, District Governor 1987/88,) was a Rotarian. He however was quick to point out that he was asked to join the club by David "Mosie" Harvey-Reid, who was the then President. Richard moved ahead quickly and became President of the Club 1981/82 and to day is one of the youngest Presidents to have served this club. On his installation night, his mother Lady Pearl was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship for her community work and contribution to Rotary. Richard not only served as President, but also Chair of Childrens' Homes and Club Forum. His contribution was officially recognised when he was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 2002. Richard is married to Dr. Margaret Blanchette and his hobbies are Golf, Tennis and Bridge.

Richard had a real concern when he joined the club because he did not know how he would relate to these "older" men – "captains of industry" – notwithstanding being a youngster he was a Rotarian like them. His concern was quickly extinguished as his Saturday mornings were spent rubbing shoulders with the older Rotarians as they cleared stones and pushed wheel barrows as they prepared for what was to become Trevor's Way. This is where he formed a friendship with Bill Highton.

Richard tells the story of how another iconic Rotary treasure – "Bajan Night" was conceptualized. We are reminded that Rotary is about fellowship, family and fun while providing Service Above Self. He recalls that at one of the regular family outings at Cattlewash, it was remarked that the "spread" provided by the spouses was of such an excellent quality that it should be shared with the wider community. After about three weeks of planning, Bajan Night was held on the Saturday closest to Valentine's Day started in the year of Charles L. "Pat" Toppin (1976/77)'s presidency.

He recalls the long mornings after Bajan Night, into about 3.00 a.m. where the clean up had to be completed to return the grounds on the Sunday Morning. He fondly recalls the president's project for his year which was featured in the review of the Rotary Year in July 1982 and 3 Decades of Rotary In Barbados 1961-1991. The Junior Library Project (Bridgetown) was a project aimed to encourage children to read by donating approximately \$25,000.00 in books and other auxiliary equipment to the library.

The project was the brainchild of Debbie Tomlin (wife of William) and Sharen Carmichael (wife of Trevor) upon realisation that the Barbados Public Library was rarely used and poorly stocked with books and equipment. Programs such as 90-minute Saturday morning sessions which were held at the Barbados Public Library, the Holetown Public Library, The Alexandra School, Six Cross Roads Library, Christ Church Girls School and which started on November 7, 1941 involved children between the ages of 5 to 14 years. Rotarians through classification talks and their wives shared with the children many interesting aspects of their careers and hobbies.



Sir Stan and Lady Pearl at the President's Party held at "Radnor" their home – January 2007.

Look out for more interesting information in part 2 of next week's edition - Past President, Richard Blachette.

Meeting Details

Meeting held on Thursday, February 20, 2014.

Sgt-at-Arms: Roger Smith

- Fines - \$223.00
- Attendance - 50%
- Raffle - \$76.60

Events

Australian Bee Gees Show



The Rotary Club of Barbados
PRESENTS
THE AUSTRALIAN BEE GEES SHOW
A TRIBUTE TO THE BEE GEES
On the Grounds
at
Ilaro Court
Experience the fever with the timeless hits of
the Bee Gees!
other entertainment includes "BRASS SOUL"
the newest band in Barbados!
SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH, 2014 AT 8:00PM
Tickets available online at [TicketPal](http://TicketPal.com)

GENERAL \$70.00 **SPECIAL SEATING \$120.00** **VIP \$200.00**

TICKETS ON SALE AT: Globe Finance, Rendezvous Main Road Ch. Ch. - A&B Music Supplies, Sheraton Centre
Carlton Supermarket, Black Rock - Emerald City Supermarket, Six Roads - St. Philip
Resellers Real Estate Ltd. Holcomb - RT Hardware, Worthing Ch Ch
Wine World, Rockley and Holcomb - Any Member of the Rotary Club of Barbados.
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: 246-230-4332

Reminder: The Australian BEE GEES on the grounds of the Ilaro Court on March 15, 2014.

President Ron is still in possession of member ticket envelopes. Please collect if you have not already done so.

Members are asked to hand all collected proceeds for the upcoming AUSTRALIAN BEE GEES concert to Treasurer Brian.

There is also a Facebook page promoting the event. Please like and share.

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Rotary Club of Barbados Mini Model United Nations Project

On Saturday February 22nd 2014, a guest presentation was delivered by Programme Manager of the UNDP's Environmental Sustainability Program, Mr. John "Ricky" Wilson. Rotarian Tracy Archer also spoke about women's empowerment and reproductive health. There is a Facebook page (Barbados Mini MUN) where all the information and tons of pics are readily available. Please "Like" the page. The Mini MUN continues this Saturday March 1, at the UN House and all are invited.



Rotarian Tracy Archer



Upcoming Events

March 15th (Saturday) - Bee Gees Show at Ilaro Court, **MINI MUN**

April 22 - 26 District Conference in Martinique

Greeters

Rtns. John Mackenzie & O'Reilly Lewis.

Guests

March Literacy Month

31 March — Deadline for Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs to submit forms for the Presidential Citation to district governors

Visiting Rotarians

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 - Congratulations!!

NONE

Birthdays - Rotarians

William Highton

March 2

Birthdays - Partners in Service

Ann Goddard (Randall Goddard)

February 27

Join Date Anniversaries

Clifford Clarke

March 1

Clyde "CQ" Williams

March 1

Horace King

March 7



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