



# ROTA NEWS

September 29, 2011

## Rotary Club of Barbados, Barbados

Chartered March 07, 1962  
District 7030



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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity  
R.I. Theme 2011-2012

## 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

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## ROTARIANS PARTICIPATE IN COACHING/MENTORING SESSION

As part of New Generations month several Rotarians were the featured panelists in a Coaching / Mentoring Session for Rotaracts held on Saturday September 24, 2011 at the University of the West Indies.



A comprehensive presentation in the subject areas of Strategic Management, Time Management and Motivating Volunteers was delivered by an esteemed panel of distinguishable Rotarians, with collectively over 100 years of experience in the areas of Finance, Law, Economics, The Constabulary, and General Business services to a group of thirteen Rotaract members from the UWI and South clubs.



The session lasted for over an hour and forty minutes where experienced Rotarians were successfully able to impart their own personal experience and advice to the pensive group of multi-disciplined students. Questions streamed and answers were delivered to enlighten the curious minds, closing the uncertainty while yet strengthening the platform as they begin to chart their journey with a view to become better equipped citizens to serve in all that they undertake.

Many appreciated the words of advice and could be seen mingling with the Panelist at recess seeking more wisdom.

## *Sunset with the Senior Citizens*

The Club will be hosting a ***“Sunset with the Senior Citizens on the Boardwalk”*** for the senior citizens from the Districts Hospitals and the Geriatric Hospital on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011.



The proposed programme for the evening will commence at 3:30 pm with the arrival of the senior citizens at the entrance near the Gazebo at Hastings Rocks, where they will be taken by wheelchairs to the area of the “Headlands” directly behind Kentucky Restaurant.

Music for the evening will be provided by steel-panist, Boney, poetry will be read by the Green Poets and light refreshments will be served. The evening’s programme will conclude with watching sunset which is forecasted at 5:48 pm for that day. A special invitation is extended to all Rotarians.

Rotarians are asked to arrive at the Hasting Rocks by 3:00 pm and to bring one Pep bottle of soda or juice.

## Important Updates to Events Calendar

Please note the following updates to the Club events:

**Thursday, September 29, 2011**

### **Postponement of Rotary Cookbook Fellowship Dinner**

The fellowship dinner meeting originally scheduled for today has been postponed. A revised date and location will be provided once confirmed.

**Tuesday, October 18, 2011**

### **The National Youth Orchestra (NYO) Concert**

Tickets are in the process of being printed and are expected to be available for sale by Friday of this week. Our members will be expected to **assist at the bar and at the door** on the evening. In addition on the evening before (which is a special “by invitation only” dress rehearsal), some members will also be required to assist with serving refreshments to the orchestra members during the intermission.

Kindly note on that evening, Monday, October 17, RCOB members will **NOT** be required to work at the bar.

**Thursday, October 20, 2011**

### **The “Pride of Workmanship” Dinner Meeting**

Rotarians are reminded that the “Pride of Wormanship dinner is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2011 and **all** are urged to make a special effort to attend with partners in service.

## **Meeting Details**

At our Fellowship Meeting held on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.

Sgt-at-Arms: **Roger Smith**

- Fines \$165.49
- Raffles \$96.05
- Attendance 58%

## Coastal Clean-up



*Rotarians all geared up and ready to work*

Special thanks to all those who participated in last Saturday's International Coastal Cleanup Day activity, at Morgan Lewis Beach.

We are aware that the rescheduling from the rain affected the September 17<sup>th</sup> date and may have impacted the level of participation that was anticipated.

This was indeed a good example of "Rotary at Work", and having fun too!!! Lots of Trash...and some treasure.

## Inventor of the Pacemaker Dies at 92

Wilson Greatbatch, whose invention of the implantable cardiac pacemaker has kept millions of hearts beating in rhythm, died Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011. He was 92.

In a lifetime of inventing, Greatbatch received more than 150 national and international patents, including one for the pacemaker, which was first implanted in humans in 1960. Today, hundreds of thousands of people world wide receive them every year.



In 1988, Greatbatch was inducted into the National Inventors' Hall of Fame in Akron, Ohio, following in the footsteps of his hero, inventor Thomas Edison. After his own induction, Greatbatch for years continued to attend the hall's yearly induction ceremonies.

In 1983, the National Society of Professional Engineers chose the pacemaker as one of the 10 greatest engineering contributions to society during the past 50 years. The device was first successfully implanted in a 77-year-old man at Buffalo's Veteran's Affairs Hospital. The patient lived for 18 months.

In his later years, Greatbatch challenged the next generation of inventors to develop nuclear fusion with a type of helium found on the moon to replace fossil fuels, which he said will be exhausted by 2050. He also worked toward finding a cure for AIDS.

*Taken from the Associated Press*

## "On the Lighter Side"

Republicans rebuked North Carolina Gov. Beverly Perdue after she suggested Congress suspend elections for two years so lawmakers can get to work stimulating the economy unencumbered by anxiety about what voters think

The governor's office has since claimed the remark was "hyperbole." But the North Carolina GOP isn't buying it.



"She wasn't joking at all. The congressional Democrats are wildly unpopular in North Carolina, so she may have been trying to invent a solution to save their jobs from public accountability," spokesman Rob Lockwood said. "If it was a joke, what was the set-up? What was the punch-line? Where was the pause for laughter?"

"We'll just call it an unconstitutionally bad-idea," he said in a statement. The Constitution dictates elections for the House be held every two years.

The Raleigh News & Observer first reported that Perdue, a Democrat, suggested a change in protocol during a speech at a local Rotary Club.

"I think we ought to suspend, perhaps, elections for Congress for two years and just tell them we won't hold it against them, whatever decisions they make, to just let them help this country recover," she said. "I really hope that someone can agree with me on that. ... You want people who don't worry about the next election.

## Polio Facts Update

The September 27, 2011 the polio position was as follows:

- 410 cases reported compared to 682 at the same time last year i.e. 60%.
  - 352 were Type 1 of 613 last year (57%).
  - 58 are Type 3 of 69 (84%)
- The countries with the largest numbers of polio cases this year are:
  - Chad with 114 vs. 14 at the same time in 2010
  - Pakistan 91 vs. 59
  - DRC 79 vs. 15
  - Cote d'Ivoire 34 vs. none last year
  - Nigeria 33 vs. 7
  - Afghanistan 28 vs. 17

Other countries:

- In Africa: 7 in Mali, 4 in Angola, 2 in each of Burkina Faso, Guinea and Niger and one in each of the countries of Congo, Gabon and Kenya.
- In Asia: India still has had only one case in 2011 but China now has 10.



