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Meets on Wednesdays - 12:15 p.m.
At Rotary House, Cnr. Factory Road & Nugent Ave., St. John's, Antigua

Santa Brings Christmas Cheer



Christmas Cheer

The Rotary Club of Antigua provided a day of fun and games for 250 children from 13 government primary schools across the island last weekend. Each student also received a gift from Santa, who arrived on a fire truck. Santa's next stop is the sister isle, Barbuda this weekend. The club has been having these parties on both islands for more than 25 years. (Photo courtesy RCA)



Rotary Club of Antigua—Celebrating 44 Years

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Seasons Greetings From President Evangeline Allen

Christmas is the celebration of the belief that God came into the world in the form of man to atone for the sins of humanity.

Our excitement will be expressed in gift giving, Christmas music and caroling, exchanges of Christmas cards, church services, special meals, and the display of various Christmas decorations, including Christmas trees, Christmas lights, nativity scenes, garlands and wreaths. Additionally, Santa Claus will bring gifts and cheer to children and the less fortunate during the season and some of us will enjoy our own traditions in family dinners etc.

Rotary Club of Antigua was able to continue its annual Christmas project to provide Christmas Cheer to 250 children Antigua, some of whom will be receiving the only gift for Christmas and another 250 children in Barbuda. Each child in Antigua and Barbuda received a toy from Santa and was treated to games, food and entertainment.

During December at the Meals on Wheels Program, the Club also prepared 100 food bags for distribution. These food bags were distributed by members to the less fortunate across the island.

From the bottom of my heart, I am extremely grateful and proud of the service Rotarians give on a daily basis because it ensures better opportunities for individual growth and the growth of our communities. Great appreciation goes out to our loved ones and the community for the tremendous demonstration of understanding and support that we receive.

The focus this year is Literacy with emphasis on rewarding students for overall good work/sportsmanship both in and out of the classroom and competing for a prize in reading.

To date, I can say that we absolutely achieved the majority of the goals as set out in our plan-of-action and obtained very good results for the first half of the Rotary Year.

For the second half in 2017, we plan to continue the excellent work by executing a Career Guidance Workshop for 75 Students at the Christian face Academy School. The Student of the Month

Award for Students in Grades 1, 2 &3 at the Golden Grove Primary, Gren Bay Primary and Five Islands Primary Schools. Book in a Bag and a Book Reading Competition for students in Grades 4 & 5 of the aforementioned Schools. An Easter Fair to attract 150 Students across the island.

On behalf of the Executive, I encourage you to celebrate this yuletide season in the company of your loved ones in order to receive great blessings and discover that there is no greater gift than being together with family and friends, enjoying the peace and love of this beautiful holiday.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous, Happy and Healthy New Year 2017!





December is Family of Rotary Month, but one may ask, what is "Family of Rotary"? Is it limited to only Rotarians? As Rotarians, we all have our personal families. But the Family of Rotary is more than a single family unit. It represents many aspects of our organization.

Of course it starts with our spouses; children and parents are all part of our family of Rotary. So are our fellow club members and the spouses of our de-ceased Rotarians. It also includes the Rotaractors, Interactors, RCC members, Youth Ex-change students and RYLarians.

The RI Board is part of the Family of Rotary International. So is each district as well as each club. Each Group Study Exchange and Vocational Training team is part of the Family of Rotary. Our RI training leaders and resource groups form various parts of the family of Rotary.

The Rotary Foundation is a large and very important part of the family of Rotary.

Join us as we seek to recruit family members like spouse and matured children to become Rotarians through various service and fellowship gathering.

Invite partners and children of Rotarian to attend our regular meetings and events.

And encourage new Rotarians and their partners to take part in projects.

Pictured below are some family members of Rotarians who attended Club Meeting on December 21, 2016.



President Evangeline Allen and Sister-Ursula Willock



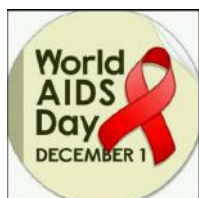
Rotarian Kirk Francis and daughter Kirshian Francis.



Past President Paul Ryan & Partner in Service Francine Ryan.

Rotary
Club of Antigua





A Message from Oswald G. Hannays,

ASSESSING ACHIEVEMENTS IN HIV ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

By Oswald G. Hannays – Counsellor and Educator

St. John's Antigua and Barbuda – Any mention of HIV and AIDS in the same sentence usually spark a huge public discourse; which is why public education must continue among the general population. The first reported HIV and AIDS case was documented in 1985. Since then, many new developments have taken place.

To date, there has been a total of 1142 HIV reported cases over the period 1985 – August 2016, below gives a brief overview the cases for the corresponding period mentioned.

HIV cases by Gender and Related Deaths (1985 - 2016)

Male	Female	Deaths	PLHIV
605	537	272	870

Starting around 2006 Persons Living with HIV (PLHIV) have had easier access to free antiretroviral (ARVs) at no cost with improved care and treatment. Additionally, more effective diagnostic techniques have been introduced which have impacted the way persons are now able to know their HIV status.

The AIDS Secretariat has also made strides in respect to targeted prevention activities focusing on sexual lifestyle (multiple partners/Bi-sexual relationship/transactional sex/gang sex), most of which occurs without persons knowing each other's HIV status among Most At Risk Persons (MARPs).

Antigua and Barbuda have seen a successful prevention of Mother-To-Child Transmission programme. During 2015, 1,157 women delivered babies in MSJMC of which 13 were HIV positive. There has been close to 100% uptake of the HIV test by these women.

Nine of the thirteen women who delivered during 2015 were known HIV cases prior to pregnancy and 4 were diagnosed during pregnancy and ARV were initiated. One woman was seen for the first time at the maternity ward when she accessed care at the time of delivery.

All 13 babies attend the pediatric clinic at MSJMC. Breast feeding was avoided for these babies except for 1 who initiated breast feeding but subsequently stopped. Financially challenged mothers were given nutritional support from the government funded subsistence programme.



**Rotary Club of Antigua
Congratulates the
Rotaract Club of Antigua
On its 30th Anniversary.**



*Church Service at St. John's
Lutheran Church*



*President Jessica & Imme-
diate Past President Mikel
at Closing Banquet*



Media Day



Media Day



Past Rotaractor, PP Ato-MC



*President Jessica accepted
generous donation from
Charter Member, Past
President Patrick 'Paddy'
Benjamin at
Closing Banquet.*



Media Day



*Donation of Steel Pans to Cedar
Grove Primary School as part of its
'Learn a Trade Project'
[Rotaractors built and tuned steel
pans from scratch].*



*President Evangeline &
Director Amaya & PP Ato
at Closing Banquet*



Closing Banquet at Tou Lou Lou Restaurant



*School Enhancement Initiative-Winning School-
Spelling Bee 2016-Sunnyside Tutorial Primary
School.*



*Interactors at
Closing Banquet*



Media Day



*President Evangeline
with Past Rotaract
Director Abba Scotland.*

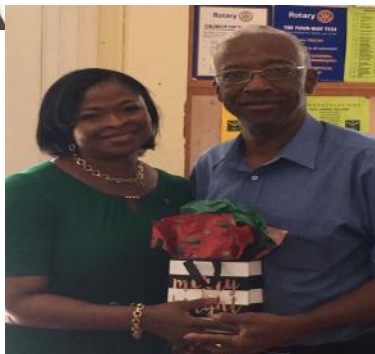


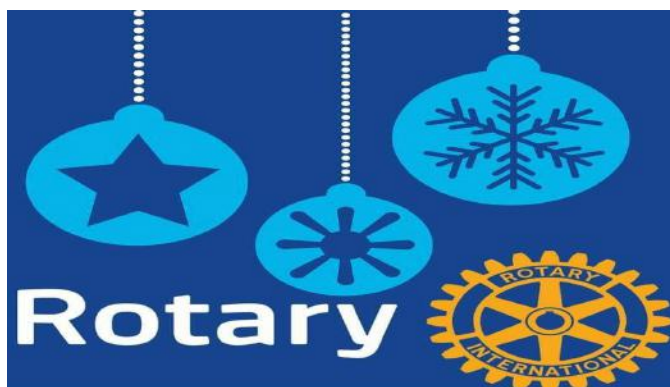
*Guest Speaker, Charter Member
Past President Patrick 'Paddy'
Benjamin at Closing Banquet.*



*Past Rotaract
Presidents*

Highlights of Gift Exchange





Christmas Came Early for Daisy

The Rotary Club of Antigua presented an early Christmas Gift to Daisy Lake. This is just one of the ways the Club gives back to the Community. Daisy wrote a letter to the Club requesting assistance in acquiring her new pair of glasses which she desperately needed due to certain medical conditions. Rotary Club sponsored all the expenses and is pleased to make the presentation. May God continue to bless Daisy and her partner, Wilfred Luke. The Club takes the opportunity to wish Daisy and Wilfred a Blessed and Merry Christmas.



On December 1, 2016, World Aids Day, Dr. Sir Prince Ramsey addressed the Club at its meeting at Rotary House, taking us back to 35 years ago—'HIV Aids Dynamics'!

We have come a long way after 35 Years!

Happy World Aids Day!





President addressing Club.



Meeting Highlights



Guest Speaker Dr. James Sutton from the Mavis Cabral Medical Centre Second Chance Foundation.



Visiting Rotarian Sylvain Harvey from Rotry Club of Quebec City exchanges flag with President Evangeline.



Visiting Past President from St. Kitts Rotry Club, Stacey Hobson Sr. Great Fellowship!



Congrats PP Salem. Raffle winner of a ticket to Rotary Club of Antigua Sundown Signature Fete-Stush!



Visiting Rotarian Sylvain Harvey from Rotry Club of Quebec City and guest Mario Faubert. Great Fellowship!

Rotary Christmas Party Barbuda





Tribute to the late Past President, Dr. Carle Walter



The late Dr. Carle J. Walter, Past President of the Rotary Club of Antigua, was inducted on June 1, 1988. He served the club at different levels, participating in and chairing various projects. He served as Assistant Secretary and Director before he served as President from July 1995 to June 1996.

When thinking of PP Carle, one can't help but remember his sober demeanor at Club meetings; his INSISTANCE that meetings end on time and DETERMINATION that the dignity of the Club be maintained at all times. To balance this off his meaningful contributions were often times laced with wit.

As a new member in the Club back in 2009, I was at that time placed in charge of Programs. It is customary that every 5th Wednesday, the meetings would feature some form of light entertainment. I vividly recall in September 2009, I invited a local calypsonian by the name of Banana Joe, and the atmosphere was festive as he belted out his tunes..... until....!! He began singing his famous song....which I won't name, and PP Carle's countenance changed during the song. He did not applaud at the end and I got a proper scolding from PP Carle about screening entertainment in advance of meetings. Yes, PP Carle stood for decency and "upliftment" and felt it his duty or to use a better word, his RESPONSIBILITY to impart those values to others. To tell you more, if jokes given at the podium were found to be inappropriate, he would simply interrupt and while gesturing with his hand "NOT appropriate! Not in this forum!"

His rigid attention to the formalities and his outspoken rebukes when things are seemingly out of line, stood in stark contrast to a heart filled with humour and compassion. It was fun to watch the witty exchanges between him and PP Wilbur. PP Carle loved children, and this I am certain led him to be an important catalyst for expanding our Children's Christmas Party to Barbuda. He believed in the power of education and supported the Club's Literacy Projects.

His mind was a reservoir of information, experience and opinions that he would freely and at times, quietly, share with members either at meeting time on Wednesdays, or when he saw you on the street or if it was particularly concerning he would make a call. He was a firm believer in fellowship and its power to bring persons closer together. We were fortunate to enjoy some fellowship time with PP Carle at his home last year and we are thankful to him and his family for that opportunity.

As Rotarians we are challenged to apply the four way test to thoughts, words and deeds. The test consists of 4 simple questions: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Our Dear PP Carle believed in the Four Way Test, and as a consequence he was an important COG in the great wheel of Rotary. He will be deeply missed.

Our sincere sympathies go out to his dear wife Andrea and children Marissa and Craig. May he continue to rest in perpetual peace.

Highlights of Meeting



Look at the raffle prize that Fr. Reid Simon won today! English Harbour.....Now we know why he's all smiles. Prize presented by Sargeant at Arms Wilbur Harrigan.



Meet Gabrielle Rose-Green, Rotaractor from Montego Bay.....Community Service Director. Wonderful fellowship at meeting!



Meet Secretary Adekunle Osoba, President Elect Designate for 2018-2019.

December Meals on Wheels After Fellowship

Every December extra special Meals on Wheels bags are put together followed by Fun Food and Fellowship. We were happy to have Secretary Mandie from Sundown fellowship with us and the assistance of Rotaractor Treasurer Wazir Browne. Rotary/Rotaract is not just coming together to provide community service. It's also Fun Food and Fellowship!

From our Club to yours and family we wish you a Merry Christmas and a healthy, fruitful and productive 2017.



Congratulations

Rotary Club of Antigua Congratulates the Five Islands Primary School, Greenbay Primary School and Golden Grove Primary School Students of the Month—November 2016



Five Islands Primary



Tavae' Lewis

Green Bay Primary



Kimaya Ferrot



Marcus Henry

Golden Grove Primary



Vere Christian Jr.



Arriann Sosa



Isline Myer



Orion Wilmott



Selena Christopher



Tyra Barthley



PP Gerry Watt (19th)



Rtn. Jermaine Rhudd (1st)



Past President Denise Armstrong &
Partner in Service Eustace.
29 Years of Marital Bliss on Dec. 24th
and wish you many more years of
happiness together!



Partner in Service Birthdays
Rotarian Nicole Martin Partner in
Service Nigel...(9th)

Club Anniversaries
Rtn. Lucine Hanley (1st)
PP Salem Khouly (19th)



Service Above Self

The Rotary motto conveys the humanitarian spirit of the organization's more than 1.2 million members. Strong fellowship among Rotarians and meaningful community and international service projects characterize Rotary worldwide.



PRAYER

Oh God, for the freedom of thought and peace, the love of friends and family, and the opportunity for service through our Rotary Fellowship, we give You thanks. Bless this food for our use and accept our gratitude for Your great gifts. Amen.

Reverend Gordon Patterson
Fairmont Rotary

Rotary Mission

OUR MISSION

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.



Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- 1 The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- 2 High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- 3 The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life;
- 4 The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.



NATIONAL ANTHEM 1st Stanza

Fair Antigua and Barbuda
We thy sons and daughters stand,
Strong and firm in peace or danger
To safe guard our native land,
We commit ourselves to building
A true nation brave and free.
Ever striving, ever seeking
Dwell in love and unity.

