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*Mothers in Rotary Honored!*



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## Address from Senator Michael Freeland, Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Works & Housing

### Serving Humanity: Youth Perspective

President and other executive members, Rotarians all

I want to thank you for the invitation in addressing you this afternoon in a fitting and appropriate theme Rotarians serving humanity. As some should know, if not all, these halls are not unfamiliar to me as I am a member of Rotary Antigua Sundown. I just took a long leave of absence and I hope that they will see it fit to reinstate me or I will have to seek an adoption.

What drew me to rotary was my first experience as an observer and heard what I later found out was the four-way test. This test is applicable in anything we do in life. We must always be mindful of the Truth, being fair to all concerned, building goodwill and better friendships, beneficial to all concerned.

I am not here to share what you already know, but rather to join you in advocating the will to serve and the will to serve humanity. As a young Senator, there is no choice but to serve. That is what you are appointed for – serve the government and its policies, and serve the people of Antigua and Barbuda.

Why do we always impart the youths are the future, when we are fearful of the same youths? Why is it that when we look at our goals, whether political, social or religious we make it youth specific? These are the same youths that we think will replace us if we do not keep them at arms length. The same youths that we once were, and wondered why am I always being fought down, and today some of us are filling the role of our then seniors not giving youths a chance.

That cannot be said of this government administration, as it is evident that the make-up of youths within the upper house is almost 50% of the house. That signals a youth agenda and shows action rather than talks. In my role, I must be mindful that energy and hard work must be shown at all times, to encourage the youths of today that they can achieve whatever their minds can conceive.

Each year, a group of students visit Antigua from the Lehigh University (I am sure some of you Rotarians are familiar) as the lead is a Rotarian and engages the clubs upon visitation. This has been a task of mine for the past 6 or 7 years, as long as they have been coming. Introduced by the then ambassador in DC, Deborah Mae Lovell, to highlight our culture. I took great pride of being an escort, for want of a better word, and introduced them to our pan yards and mas camps. The thrill on their faces to learn of a new culture and seeing so many youths participating. If anyone loves pan as much as I do and visit the many that we have, they would recognize that majority of the pan yards are 80% youthful, and that is by design as the youths have the energy, the retention, the excitement and are definitely the future for the survival of pan. When I joined Gemonites in 1996, it was a handful of people who practiced, played for events and then scramble to find 40 plus others for the bomb competition. Realising that 50-60 persons would not be enough for the panorama which was reintroduced in 2001, there had to be plan for the succession. I sat with the executive at the time and said, why not a school of pan. Let us invite students who are now in school, to come on a Saturday learn theory and practical and encourage them to play for the band and panorama. Low and behold, we grew the playing-out members from 12 -22 and the panorama side from 60 to 95 in one year.

Back to my Lehigh story. Every year I am asked to continue with the cultural aspect of this tour, but in the last 3 years, they have asked me to look at collaborating with schools as to how best they can utilize their time. To date, we have assisted Bolans primary with painting and books for library, Adele school, Golden Grove school and more recently, donated sporting supplies to the New Winthorpes school. We are undertaking to adopt the New Winthorpes School to assist them with a more modern library and more books, and to tell you more, Lehigh invited the principal last summer for a one week programme which by all accounts was excellent.

This is just an average day, week, month, year for me when it comes to service. As mentioned in my biography I welcome assisting my community any chance given. That is why, in my role as Parliamentary Secretary I have engaged the business community to collaborate with the Ministry in renovating or building new playgrounds as the community sees fit. Already the process has begun and we are hoping to complete two projects before the next semester for Clare Hall Secondary School and New Winthorpes Primary.





## Address from Senator Michael Freeland, Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Works & Housing cont'd.....

Further, it is my undertaking to assist many youths in finding suitable employment; hence, the work programme governed by this administration is a great stepping-stone for the use of apprentices. We are looking to employ some 60 youths in the roll out of the CDB Road project, utilizing their zeal in the cement and lab facilities newly built and equipped northeast of the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium. It also a charge of mine to have these youths, train in the carpentry and mason block, as well as the mechanic field. From here on, it is to try to reach out to them further about always training and re-tooling so that they can become their own bosses.

We often hear of the saying, "Young people do not like work, or they cannot work together. Black people do not like partnerships." However, I often explain to the youths, that until we come together and pool our limited resources; finance, intellectual, professional, and most times your networks, we will always have that crab in a barrel mentality. It is this reason why I often share the story of Myst Carnival, 4 young men, black young men who came together in 2008 to build a carnival mas band. We utilize our scarce financial beings, our creative minds, our project management and network ability to build one of the most powerful brands in Antigua & Barbuda and this year we are celebrating 10 years of Mas. It was hard work and a commitment to raise the level of service and ensure that quality was always at the forefront. For this reason, we tell our patrons, you are never paying for a costume; you are paying for an experience. That experience takes place from the launch in March until we say farewell in august, building a family of young people who can revel and enjoy themselves in a fun, safe environment.

Note that Myst Carnival also ensures its serving of humanity. Our philanthropic arm HUG (Help us Give) provides more than 200 food baskets every Christmas season to deserving families, assist persons in dire moments like buying a year's school supplies and uniforms for those children affected by the fire which destroyed their homes, giving to the then Amazing Grace and now CARE project, whether painting the home, buying appliances or matching our monetary donations, we cannot forget those who are in need. For the past 6 years, we have given a cancer society or individual proceeds from our tee shirt mas and depict the cause by the color of the shirt. This year, we are recognizing some of the most prominent cancers and will continue to support as best as we can with our theme, "Let's beat it".

I am sure I could speak for hours in my quest to show that there are youths today doing as much as they can with the will and support. However, I am mindful that we are all professionals with tight schedules and this is lunch.

Thanks very much to Rotary Club of Antigua for this invitation once again, and feel free to call on me even if it is a question and answer segment on Roads.

*M O T H E R*

*M* is for moments together

*O* is for your optimism

*T* is for your tenderness

*H* is for happiness you bring

*E* is for your everlasting love

*R* is for the respect I have for you.





## My Tribute to Mother By Past President Denise Armstrong



To My Mother, Mother  
To My Grandmother, Mother  
To My Aunt, Mother  
To My Sister, Mother  
To My Friend, Mother  
To my Other Mother, Mother  
I Salute YOU!

For your unconditional Love  
At my birth  
For your Care and Tenderness  
As I Crept and Crawled my way  
Out of Infancy  
For Catching me when I fall  
For Being My all in All  
I Salute YOU!

For the many feverish nights  
When you carried me  
In your weary arms to soothe and calm  
With worry frowns and tears  
As you prayed and nursed through  
Bouts of Fear  
I Salute YOU!

For Nurturing and Teaching  
Through stubbornness and rebellion  
You Instilled the Love of God  
And Love of Others  
Family Values and Legacies  
Never to be forgotten  
I Salute YOU!

For your Forbearance  
Your Unswerving support  
Through college and career choices  
For being there to pick me up  
When I was not strong  
I Salute YOU!

For Being Mother to My Spouse  
And Mother to my Children  
With Unconditional Love  
As Only Mother Gives  
I Salute YOU!

With Love  
With appreciation  
With Gratitude  
With Respect  
With Thanks  
I Salute YOU, Mother!









WOMAN\*.....

When God created woman he was working late on the 6th day.....

An angel came by and asked." Why spend so much time on her?"

The lord answered. "Have you seen all the specifications I have to meet to shape her?"

- She must function on all kinds of situations.
- She must be able to embrace several kids at the same time.
- Have a hug that can heal anything from a bruised knee to a broken heart.
- She must do all this with only two hands.
- She cures herself when sick and can work 18 hours a day.

THE ANGEL was impressed" Just two hands.....impossible!

And this is the standard model?"

The Angel came closer and touched the woman.

"But you have made her so soft, Lord".

"She is soft", said the Lord,

"But I have made her strong. You can't imagine what she can endure and overcome"

"Can she think?" The Angel asked...

The Lord answered. "Not only can she think, she can reason and negotiate".

The Angel touched her cheeks....

"Lord, it seems this creation is leaking! You have put too many burdens on her".

"She is not leaking...it is a tear". The Lord corrected the Angel...

"What's it for?" Asked the Angel.....

The Lord said. "Tears are her way of expressing her grief, her doubts, her love, her loneliness, her suffering and her pride."...

This made a big impression on the Angel,

"Lord, you are a genius. You thought of everything.

A woman is indeed marvellous"

Lord said ."Indeed she is.

- She has strength that amazes a man.
- She can handle trouble and carry heavy burdens.
- She holds happiness, love and opinions.
- She smiles when she feels like screaming.
- She sings when she feels like crying, cries when happy and laughs when afraid.
- She fights for what she believes in.
- Her love is unconditional.
- Her heart is broken when a next-of-kin or a friend dies but she finds strength to get on with life"

The Angel asked: So she is a perfect being?

The lord replied: No. She has just one drawback.

"She often forgets what she is worth".

***Five Islands Primary School***



***Kenziah Charles  
Grade 1***

***Chalecia Byers  
Grade 2***

***Tyra Wynter  
Grade 3***



***Golden Grove Primary School***

***Jamara Laurent  
Grade 1***

***Keithroy David  
Grade 2***

***Labran Alphonse  
Grade 3***

***Green Bay Primary School***



***Johana Sterling  
Grade 1***

***Jhana Parades  
Grade 2***

***Kenziah Charles  
Grade 1***



## Movements at Meeting



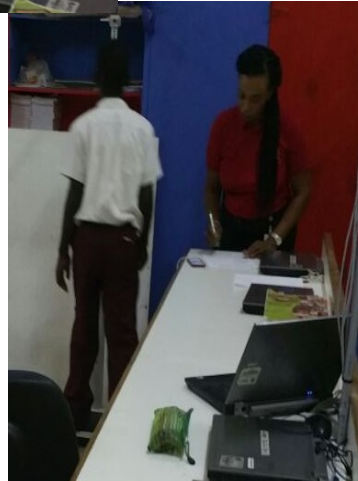
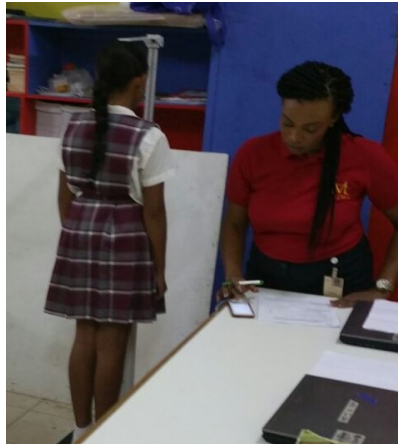


## BMI Screening & Blood Sugar Level Testing

The Club conducted a BMI Screening and Blood Sugar Level Testing for Students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 of the Five Islands Primary School on Thursday, May 18, 2017. 123 students were tested with 10 referrals. The President also used the opportunity to get tested along with the Principal and teachers.

Considering that obesity starts at the children's level, Rotary's aim is to change and improve their health for the future.

A big thank you to Medical Benefits, Mt. St. John Medical Centre, Nurses Rosemond Bobb-Willock and Irene Alexander, and the Principal, Teachers & Students of the Five Is. Primary School.





## Movements at Meeting



Welcome back Rotarian Kevin Silston



Sergeant at Arms Wilbur



Visiting Guest Clement Samuel



Visiting Rotarian Annette Mark



## Celebration Time

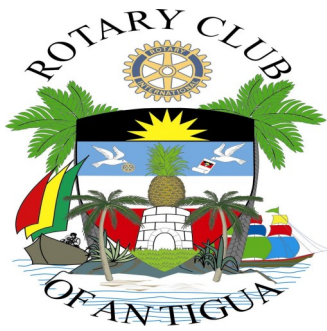


Adekunle Osoba & Rozanne Emanuel  
May 22  
Happy Birthday

## Wedding Anniversaries

*Congratulations to Rotarian  
Paul Bacchus and partner in  
Service, Elenor.  
They celebrated 36 years of  
Marriage on May 23, 2017.  
We wish them many more  
years of love and  
togetherness!*





## 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.

