New Generations and Literacy Month

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Youth Service Month – New Generations & Literacy Month

Most of the more seasoned Rotarians may know this month as Youth Service Month, but this was all changed in 2010. **WHY?** Well, Rotary wanted to get the Youths and Young Adults actively involved in Rotary, hence, the birth of the **Fifth Area of Focus**.

New Generations Service acknowledges the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership, development activities, community and international service, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding. Programs include RYLA, Rotaract, Interact, and Rotary Youth Exchange.

Literacy – Rotary's goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

This month our **Youth Service Chair – Past President LaPaige Gardiner** together with **Community Project Chair Daswell Cox** and **Community Project Administration Jadetra Ingraham** will provide a fun and impactful calendar of events.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 4, 17 – Assembly at Penn Pratt Co-Educational Unit.

Sept. 5, 17 – Club Meeting

Sept. 6, 17 – Rotaract Fair at Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute.

Sept. 9, 17 – Literacy for Life Extravaganza at the University of the Bahamas Library.

Sept. 10, 17 – Fellowship – Kayaking

Sept. 12, 17 – Club Meeting

Sept. 16, 17 – Service Project at the Penn Pratt Co-Ed Unit.

Sept. 19, 17 - Club Meeting

Sept. 26, 17 - Club Meeting

Sept. 29, 17 – Fellowship Friday

Traditional books versus E-books

The times are a-changing!

As with everything in society nowadays, technology is slowly but surely taking over. The literary world isn't immune to these trends and the most glaring way this can be observed is with the advent of e-reading.

If you have a phone, a tablet or even a computer, along with an Internet connection, libraries of books can be searched and a chosen selection downloaded in mere seconds. Let's take a quick look at some of the advantages of e-reading:

- E-books are very convenient to read. One can buy e-books directly from a cellular phone, Kindle or similar electronic device at any time of day or night and start reading at once.
- For print books, one has to go to a bookshop or online store, find it, then purchase it.
- E-books are lightweight. They take up very little storage space in an electronic device. In fact, one device can save and hold many e-books. When traveling, reading e-books is all the more easy and convenient. There is no need to carry a suitcase full of physical books around.
- Books that have been purchased online can easily be downloaded again in case you lose your e-book or device and wish to read that content again.
- Print books do not have this advantage. If you lose your book, you will have to buy another physical copy.
- Another big advantage of e-books is that you can adjust the legibility of the printed words, specifically the font size. This is very useful for those who have vision challenges. As persons get older, their vision deteriorates. While they may have been keen readers in their younger days, the ease of reading printed books decreases over time.
- An e-book's capability of font adjustment to a completely different font or color is another great advantage of e-books as compared to paper books.
- With e-books, one can look up for the meaning of a word without leaving the book. One can also read related links or related stories at the same time.
- Some e-books are interactive. They include audios, videos etc. As such, reading is made even more enjoyable.

While the above list is not an exhaustive one regarding why e-readers are so popular, it definitely shows some of the reasons why the trend is here to stay.

The bottom line is that no matter what format is preferred, it is important to keep reading throughout one's life, whether it be in a traditional paperback or hardcover way or one that lends credence to the latest in technological innovation.

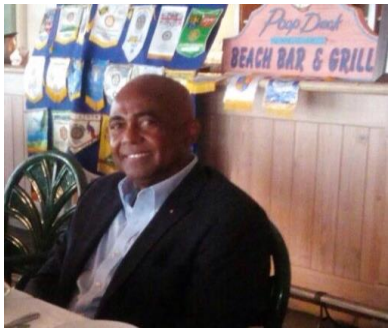
Happy reading!

Rotary: Making A Difference



New Members Induction

The Rotary Club of New Providence (RCNP) inducted three new members on Tuesday, August 1st, 2017. The new inductees are Dr. Bridgette Johnson, Dellareese Bethel and Erin Gay. The trio extends RCNP's membership to 41. The new inductees are excited to be a part of RCNP's membership and look forward to serving the community.



Guest Speaker: AG Bryan Knowles

"Rotary Making a Difference, Objects of Rotary & What is a Rotarian"

PDG Bostwick conducted the induction ceremony. He challenged the new Inductees to commit to "Service Above Self".

The Inductees bring a wealth of experience and a range of skills and will no doubt enhance the club's membership and bring positive change. Membership in Rotary improves personal and professional development through leadership, team building, organization and planning, public speaking and communication. This list is by no means exhaustive.





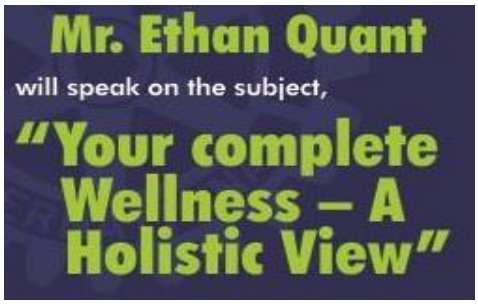
Our Speaker was our Club's First Past District Governor, Edward Bostwick.



Our Speaker was Rotarian Antona Curry.



Our Speaker was Club Trainer Valentino Hamilton,



A Fresh Start- Rotary Making A Difference



The Rotary Club of New Providence (RCNP) completed another Community Service Project at Penn/Pratt Co-Educational Unit. The installation of a new school sign, that was design by RCNP, and the donation of several garbage bins that were painted and placed around the school. RCNP engaged in one of Rotary's Main Area of Focus – Water and Sanitation.

RCNP has always been the club whose actions echo in the community, for rejuvenating the children of the Penn Pratt Unit and help them progress in every area of their lives. This year RCNP has made a commitment to go the extra mile in ensuring that the students of the Penn/Pratt Co-Educational Unit are positively engaged and impacted.

Rotarians in action, making a difference!



Rotary aims to plant 1.2m trees



Rotarians around the world have pledged to plant 1.2 million plus trees between July 1, 2017 and April 22, Earth Day, next year. Ian Riseley, President of Rotary International requested all Rotary clubs to plant at least one tree for each member to work towards environmental sustainability.

In making a difference, the Rotary Club of New Providence (RCNP) partnered with the Rotary Club of East Nassau (RCEN) on Saturday 19th August 2017 to create a Peace Garden at the C.C. Sweeting School. The Bahamas Forestry Unit also teamed up with the clubs and donated 15 fruits trees.

All hands were on deck as Rotarians and Rotaractors planted trees and flowers to assist with protecting the environment. Benches were also repaired and trash bins were donated by RCNP and painted. A total of ninety plants have been planted by RCNP and 120 by RCEN. The initiative represents phase I of a series where Rotarians will plant trees to aid in creating an eco-friendlier environment. The tree planting project is designed to have a large impact on the community. The positive consequence of this initiative is that the trees will remove carbon dioxide and contaminants from the air which slows down global warming and feed a number of person.

Rotary recognizes the serious threats of climate change and global warming which are major environmental issues. President Ian in giving his mandate to Rotary Clubs stated, "It is my hope that the result of that effort will be far greater than the environmental benefit that those 1.2 million new trees will bring…I believe the greater result will be a Rotary that recognizes our responsibility not only to the people on our planet, but to the planet itself". RCNP and RCEN will continue to make a difference in doing its part to bring about environmental sustainability.

PHOTO GALLERY OF RCNP EVENTS















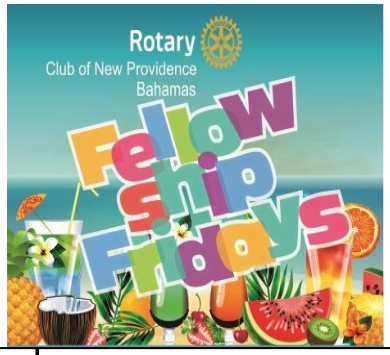


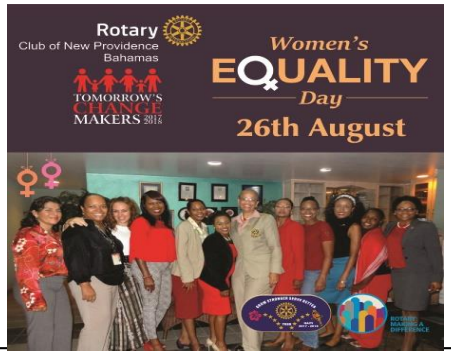
Birthdays

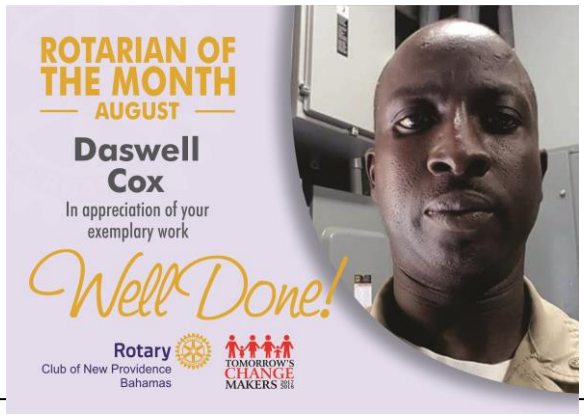
Elburt Ferguson – September 12th
Durie Smith – September 16th
Kevin Surujlal - September 21st
(Spouse of Erin Gay)
Mechelle Martinborough – Sept. 25th
Timothy Dames – September 26th

Rotary Anniversaries

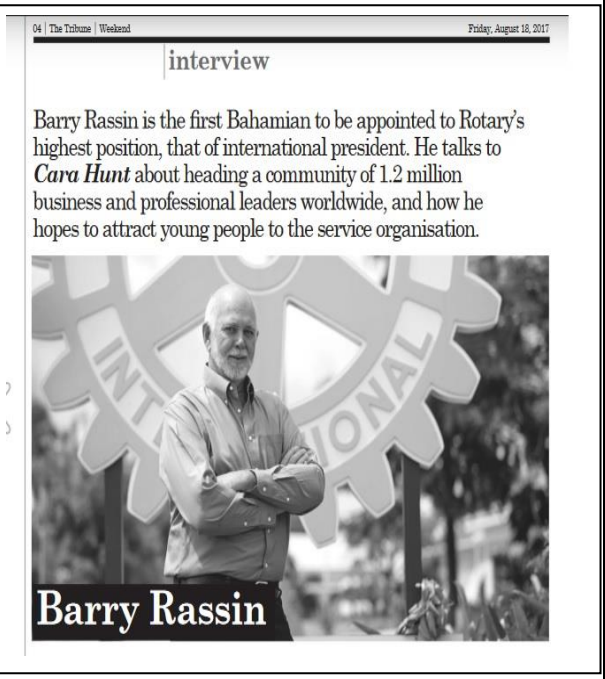
Durie Smith – September 24, (16 yrs.)







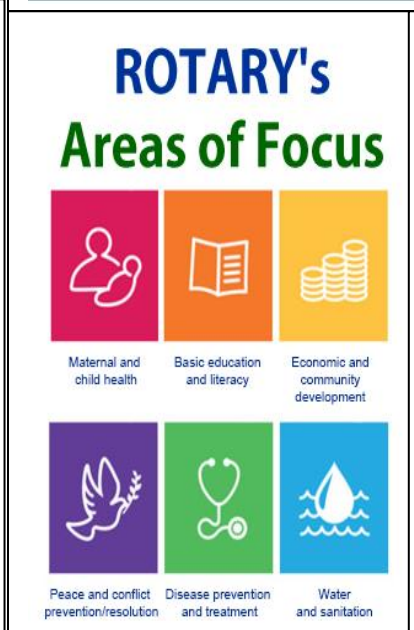




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interview

Barry Rassin is the first Bahamian to be appointed to Rotary's highest position, that of international president. He talks to *Cara Hunt* about heading a community of 1.2 million business and professional leaders worldwide, and how he hopes to attract young people to the service organisation.



Club Training Nook

Rotary is made up of more than 33,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas.

The members of these autonomous clubs are called Rotarians, and they form a global network of 1.2 million business and professional leaders, all volunteering their time and talents to serve their communities and the world.







Meetings: Tuesdays 7pm @ Poop Deck, West, Nassau, The Bahamas

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