

## OUR CLUB

The Rotary Club of Tortola was established on 5th January 1968 with 20 members. Currently, it is the oldest and largest Rotary Club in the British Virgin Islands with approximately 100 members.

The Club is a member of Rotary International, a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world.

The motto of the Rotary Club of Tortola, and Rotary International, is "Service Above Self" and this is at the very heart of our mission. The Club has been a leader in community projects locally and abroad including building playgrounds and rebuilding schools, running reading projects, funding health service initiatives and providing humanitarian assistance to disaster victims, the less fortunate and other organizations. Our projects do not only benefit those that we serve, but also bring members closer in fellowship. We mix service with fun, fellowship and opportunities for networking, not just at our weekly lunch meetings but at a number of social events throughout the year. Our roster includes individuals from virtually every type of business in the British Virgin Islands.

## COMMITMENT

As is always the case, an individual's reward and satisfaction is contingent upon how much he or she commits to it. The Rotary Club of Tortola meets once per week, and each meeting often includes a guest speaker and programme.

We encourage 100% attendance. Missed meetings can be easily made up by attending other Rotary projects, meetings and functions locally and abroad or online at one of the Rotary e-clubs. Each member is also required to pay annual dues and any other annual contributions as required. Additional donations are also encouraged to the Rotary International's Foundation and PolioPlus.



## WHY ROTARY?

Rotary International is an organization of some 1.2 million business and professional men and women that provides humanitarian service and helps further international goodwill and peace. There is a worldwide network of more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries.

The organization started with the vision of one man—Paul P. Harris. The Chicago attorney formed one of the world's first service organizations, the Rotary Club of Chicago, on 23 February 1905 as a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of each member.

Rotary International is on the verge of eradicating a human disease for only the second time in history, after small pox, with a 99 percent reduction in polio cases worldwide since 1985, when Rotary launched its PolioPlus program. In 1988, Rotary spearheaded the creation of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with its partners the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Polio eradication remains Rotary's top priority. To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to help immunize more than two billion children against polio in 122 countries. Currently, Rotary is working to raise \$35 million per year through 2018 for polio eradication, which will be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

## GET TO KNOW US

**We meet every Thursday at the Moorings  
Mariner Inn Restaurant at 12:30pm**

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## ROTARY AT WORK

The Rotary Club of Tortola continues to be a vital part of the fabric of the British Virgin Islands and the world community in service to others. Some of our projects and fundraisers include:

- Adopting schools including the Alexandrina Maduro Primary School and the Joyce Samuels Primary School
- Annual Grand Affair - Our signature and historic annual fundraising event to assist with community projects raising a record \$350,000+ in year 2014
- Donating \$50,000 to the Neonatal Intensive Care and Dialysis Unit at the Peebles Hospital
- Chartered the Rotaract Club of Tortola
- Chartered the Rotary Club of Road Town
- Conducting several Food Drives
- Construction of a Mangrove Boardwalk
- End Polio Now Programme
- Environmental Cleanups and Tree Planting
- Epic Youth Forum on Peace and Conflict Resolution
- Providing clean drinking water in Haiti
- Providing financial, home renovation and other assistance to disaster victims, the less fortunate, senior citizens, the physically challenged, young people and youth organizations
- Repaired Good Samaritan School in Haiti
- Supporting the Rotary Foundation
- Supporting Children with Special Needs
- Supporting local groups and partnering with organizations such as the BVI Red Cross, Cancer Society, Diabetes Society, Family Support Network, Follow the Movement, HIV/AIDS Foundation and Youth Empowerment Programme
- Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Programme



## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

**The Four Way Test** of the things we think, say or do guides Rotarians and is an instrument to develop respect and understanding among peoples.

The Test is as follows:

**Is it the TRUTH?**

**Is it FAIR to all concerned?**

**Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP?**

**Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

## 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:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life; and

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



## CORE VALUES

## SERVICE ABOVE SELF

