



The Sun Times Interview

TOM BOLT

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Interviewed on Oct. 6 at BoltNagi offices, St. Thomas

What are you doing today?

I started my day off by dropping my wife at the airport as she was going to see our daughter and my grand-daughter in Durango, Colorado. After that I went to a Salvation Army Advisory Board meeting to help to plan several events for the year including an October event for the homeless as well as our annual Ringing of the Bell. I also made a couple calls to a few senators and to AARP, then met with a few attorneys at our firm regarding client issues.

What was the last thing that made you laugh?

My six-year-old granddaughter makes me laugh as she comes up with some interesting and funny comments from time to time.

What was the last thing that made you angry?

I don't get angry, I solve problems. My goal is to seek positive solutions and work to help others find options they can't see. We're all part of a team and a social community; it's my goal to create positive actions.

When you spend money on yourself, on what do you splurge?

I like to travel, reading as well as learning, and those are things I like to spend my time and money on.

If you could be reincarnated as a word what would it be?

Others is a word I would use to describe myself because as a Christian I believe we should love our brothers and as a Rotarian and I strongly believe in service to others.

What, so far, has been the defining moment in your life?

Marrying my wife Jeni - she makes me who I am and enables me to do all that I do.

Who inspires you?

I draw inspiration from many people, whether it's the president of the United States, John F. Kennedy, Franklin Delano Roosevelt or Martin Luther King - I am a fan of service to others and they were each an example of that.

What is one thing you know for sure?

I could say death and taxes but I won't because the one thing I know for sure is the fact that God loves me.

The history of the Virgin Islands is complex, what would you like to see in the territory's future?

I'd like to see the government become more responsive to the needs of the people. Education is the key to the future of the islands. I'd also like to establish a children's museum to educate elementary school kids with a local flair that is hands-on and is open to both locals and tourists alike.

Name something that should never change in the Virgin Islands?

It's amazing what happens in times of disaster - we put our differences aside and we come together and that's something I never want to see change because as a community there is no limit to what we can accomplish on these great islands when we come together as one.

Tom Bolt is an attorney at law, formerly served as Legislative Counsel for more than 10 years, is a dedicated Rotarian, chairman of the Salvation Army Advisory Board and is the VP of Make-A-Wish, USVI. In his spare time, Tom volunteers his time to help others.

