



# CRANBERRY *Chronicles*



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## PRESIDENT'S Q3 MESSAGE

Happy New Year Cranberries!

*Did you miss us?*

Happy 2021!!

Whew! What a year 2020 was. It was a year of learning, growth and development. We faced a “new normal” head on and pressed on doing what we do best... serve. Now as we reflect on the year that was past and look forward to what this new year has in store, I know that the cranberries are ready and able to tackle 2021, whatever it may bring.

I am excited as I know the plans that each committee has been steadily working on for Quarter 3 and beyond. You continue to put your **Passion in Action** working together to ensure not only our activities are successful but ensuring that the committees, themselves, become the forefront of the club in these everchanging times.

My hope for this new year is that we continue to be true examples of our mottos of, **Service above Self** and **Fellowship through Service**, and as always continue to put your **Passion into Action!**

Yours In Rotaract,

*Rashida Prescod*

President | **Rotaract Club of Barbados** | 2020-2021





## A WORD FROM YOUR SECRETARY

It is a new year once again, and a **new year brings new expectations and goals** and let's not forget **new challenges**. Let us not dwell on what a year 2020 was but persevere, as this new year that is 2021, is a unique opportunity for us all to start afresh. Let us remember **to take time for ourselves as self-care is vital, take a break from the mundane, and unwind from the stress and relax.**

Let us also remember the lessons of the last year, how to **endure, adapt, and be patient**, not with just others but with ourselves. Let's find confidence in ourselves, let us create a **mentality of success and achievement** in all we set out and have always dreamed.

Continue your **personal growth in learning and appreciating those in our lives** who keep us going, for the journey ahead is a long one. This year let us have the resolve to acknowledge those who stand behind us no matter what and love them unconditionally.

Finally, may we continue to put our **"Passion in Action"**, seek to **"Always Do Our Best"** and make the most of every **Opportunity Opened** as we lead every way possible, empower others, nurture our dreams and serve our communities.

So, raise a toast to all of us and welcome the new year and may it be a **successful, peaceful and happy one.**

*PS. Don't forget to wash your hands, wear your masks, social distance and keep safe.*

Welcome back VP Danielle! You were missed!

Yours In Rotaract,

*Shaunte Carter*

Secretary | **Rotaract Club of Barbados** | 2020-2021



## A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

### HAPPY NEW YEAR CRAN-FAM!

I'M BAAAAACKKKKKK!!!

I missed you guys so much but I'm back from rotation and feeling refreshed; I hope you are too!

2020 was crazy! I know it; you know it, but we persevered and I am so proud of each and every one of you for showing up in what ever ways you could.

Even though 2021 didn't start as we would have liked, let's make the most of it. Here are a few little tips to beat that quarantine funk:

1. **Get some sun;**
2. Take mental health breaks each day (even if it means taking a walk to the bathroom and back);
3. **Participate as fully as you can in upcoming events to fellowship responsibly with us;** and
4. Remember, we're all in this together!

Let's push through this like I know we can and end this year like we started it- **Always doing our best** to use the **opportunities opened by Rotary** to showcase our **passion in action** every day!

Yours In Rotaract,

*Danielle C. Yanawa*

Vice President | **Rotaract Club of Barbados** | 2020-2021  
Assistant District Rotaract Secretary | **Rotaract District 7030** | 2020-2021



# Cranberry Birthdays



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YA! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YA! HAPPY  
BIIIIRRRRRTTTHHHHHHDAAYYYYY!!!!**

- **JAN 05** PM Summer Payne-Mascoll
- **JAN 06** Rtr. Oliver Holder
- **JAN 15** PM Stephen Beharrysingh
- **JAN 24** AD Dario Brathwaite
- **JAN 25** Rtr. Hadiya Marshall
- **JAN 27** Rtr. Shakera Daniel



# Cranberry Chronicles

## JANUARY 9, 2018

- Rtr. Cheyanne Francis
- Rtr. Ramon Grant
- Rtr. Saskia Spencer
- Rtr. Natoya Ward

## JANUARY 8, 2019

- DE Zachary McCollin
- Rtr. Ronnie Griffith
- Rtr. Sharia Pilgrim

## JANUARY 7, 2020

- AD/DE Rachel Austin
- CS Maya Kellman
- CS Charida Selman
- Rtr. Ama Best
- Rtr. Janelle Jordan
- Rtr. Christopher Laurie
- Rtr. Waynel Lynch
- Rtr. Marisa Smith



# ONCE UPON A TIME: HANDLED

DECEMBER 5, 2020  
DIRECTOR KAVITA SINGH



On December 5th, 2020, in celebrating the **International Day of Persons with Disabilities** which occurred on December 3rd, 2020, the members of the **Rotaract Club of Barbados** participated in a virtual teaching session with **Ms. Bonnie Leonce** in American Sign Language.

Participants were encouraged to turn their cameras on and enjoy learning the alphabet and common phrases. The club members were also given the opportunity to learn about common misconceptions within the blind and deaf community, which would help to enhance communication and awareness. This literacy initiative was well received and presented the chance to not only learn American Sign Language but to have fun while doing it.

For those who missed please feel free to visit the link below: [RaCOB- OUAT Handled](#)



# A LOOK BACK AT DECEMBER 2020



**December 05 & 09, 2020: Breaking Bread Takeover and Assist**



**December 08, 2020: Club Elections**

# O' CHRISTMAS TREE: A CARIBBEAN CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 13, 2020

DIRECTOR JOELEITA AGARD

This year was like no other and to celebrate the end of this year and the holidays, we held our annual Christmas social O' Christmas Tree on December 13th, 2020 at The Schoolhouse for Special Needs. This year's theme was "A Caribbean Christmas" in which we celebrated the Christmas traditions, food and music which are unique to the Caribbean.

After enjoying a delicious early dinner, members socialised and broke out into games. Our joint activities were led by Director-Elect Rachel. Our gift wrapping game brought out the coordination and communication skills of our members and required them to wrap Christmas "gifts" each using one hand. Christmas song charades proved to be quite challenging to some members \*cough\* (Dir. Jamar), but our club is gracious and gave him a chance to redeem himself.

As usual at the end of the night a favourite club game "Mafia" was played to end off the activities. The evening was full of laughter and fellowship and came to a perfect end with the celebration of the Quarter 2 birthdays.



# ROTAGIFT: GRANT A WISH, CREATE A SMILE

DECEMBER 05 TO 18, 2020  
DIRECTOR MELANIE GOODRIDGE

*Mother Theresa wrote: "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."*

A year of challenges ended with gratefulness as the beneficiary of **RotaGift: Grant A Wish Create A Smile** graciously accepted the donations. Members of the Rotaract Club of Barbados and the wider Barbadian population gave what they could and did it with love.

This year we partnered with **The Barbados Community College** and the **Republic Bank (Barbados) Ltd.**, placing our branded barrels for ten days at their locations and invited the public to give generously from their pockets and hearts.

We also received donations from **Cherish Cosmetics** and monetary gifts from club members, which was a great kick-off to this initiative. Through this project, we provided the **Barbados Professional Women's Shelter** with food and specific household items as requested by them.

Despite the numerous challenges faced throughout this project, it ended on a high; and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each person who played a part. I must extend gratitude to the team at **Slam 101.1** radio station and **DRRE Mario Boyce** for getting the message across to the public; encouraging them to give towards this worthy cause.

Let's continue to be a beacon in our community by giving what we can no matter how small and live graciously by our motto "**Service Above Self!**"



# CAROLS DIFFERENT BUT YET THE SAME

DECEMBER 14 & 15, 2020  
PRESIDENT-ELECT SCOTT CHANDLER



**Carols by Candlelight 2020** was a bit unusual but let's face it the whole of 2020 was an extraordinary year.

2020 saw the pinnacle Christmas event being significantly disrupted, in that, instead of the lush greens of the lawns at Ilaro Court filled with families and witnessing an actual "Candlelight Sea", Carols by Candlelight 2020 was transformed to a virtual show, where all the performances were pre-recorded, and transferred to the massive screen at the **Globe Drive-In**, but that didn't mean the atmosphere changed... in fact, quite the opposite happened.

The setting created a more intimate, feeling atmosphere. Families and friends still came in their groups; children were even heard laughing and seen playing. Also, 2020 did not affect the entertainment quality with performers such as **RPB** and **G-Syndicate**, to name a few, had patrons rocking and singing along with them.

As usual with Carols, we [**Rotaractors**] are called upon to lend our support to the event, and it was no different, but what was different is some instances was how we assisted. Our members came out and aided in the smooth operation of the night. As usual, we made it a time to bond with each other more and even with our fellow Rotarians, and we even got the chance to "connect" a little too closely with mother nature while enjoying fellowship #IYKYK.

All in all, the event was a nice spin, and it still allowed for the core elements of what **Carols by Candlelight** is to shine forth despite the dimness of a year that was 2020.

# Breaking Bread Assists

Due to the current prevailing climate with regards to public health and safety caused by a COVID-19 outbreak, Breaking Bread Assists have been suspended temporarily. The situation will continue to be monitored and reassessed as needed.



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Club of Barbados



# COMING UP...

**January 10, 2021:**  
**Finance & Fundraising  
Committee Meeting** – 6:00 PM,  
Zoom

**January 20, 2021:**  
**Community Service  
Committee Meeting** –  
7:00 PM,  
Zoom



**Committee Meetings**

**JANUARY**

- Finance & Fundraising Committee  
Sunday, January 10th 2021, 6pm via Zoom
- Community Service Committee  
Wednesday, January 20th, 2021, 7pm via Zoom

NO COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- CLUB SERVICE
- INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- PUBLIC RELATIONS
- THE SECRETARIAT
- MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Rotaract  
District 7030

Rotaract

UWI Cave Hill  
South Barbados  
Barbados West  
Barbados

JANUARY 18TH, 2021 - 7PM VIA ZOOM

## DRR VIRTUAL VISIT

*District Rotaract Representative - Kevan St. Brice*

**January 18, 2021:**

**DRR Virtual Visit**– 7:00 PM, Zoom

**Zoom Link:** [DRR Visit](#)

**Meeting ID:** 697 235 0008

**Passcode:** DRRVisit

# COMING UP...



**Cranberry Crash Course**

JANUARY 23RD 2021  
ONLINE VIA ZOOM | 3:30 P.M.

We are interested in recruiting self-motivated and energized individuals, with a passion for community service and professional development, aged eighteen years and over! The goal of this session is to provide attendees with the basic understanding of Rotary, Rotaract and specific requirements to become a member of the Rotaract Club of Barbados.

Rotaract Club of Barbados

The poster features a group photo of people at a "NATURE FUN RANCH" and the Rotaract Club of Barbados logo.

**January 23, 2021:**

**Cranberry Crash Course** -  
3:30 PM, Zoom

Zoom Link:

<http://bit.ly/JanuaryTripleC>

**January 31, 2021:**

**RaCOB Turns 5: Church Service** -  
8:00 AM,  
Ellerton Wesleyan Holiness Church  
via YouTube

In celebration of our 5th Charter Anniversary, join us in worship and praise of our journey so far as we ask for guidance on how we continue to progress going forward.



**RaCOB Turns FIVE!**  
*Church Service*

Sunday, January 31st 2021 | Ellerton Wesleyan  
8:00 a.m. via YouTube

Rotaract Club of Barbados **5 Years**

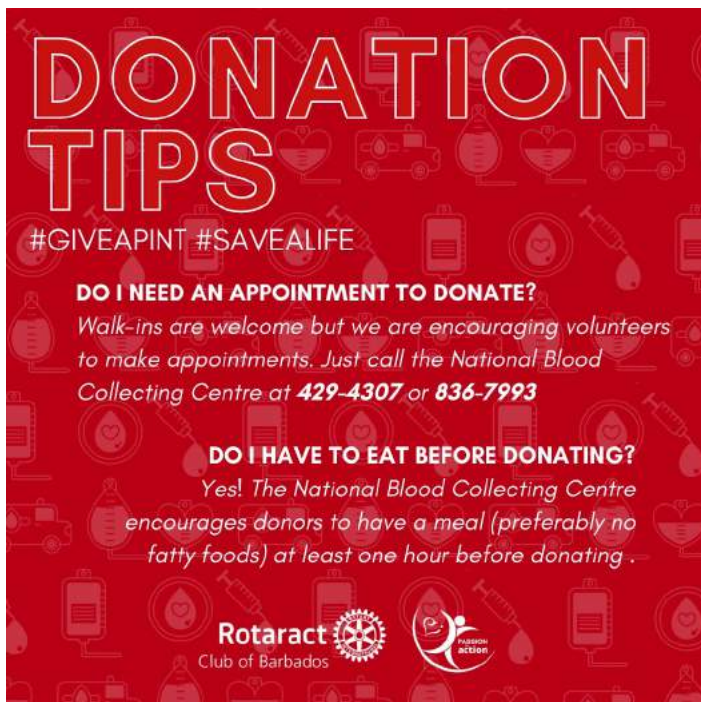
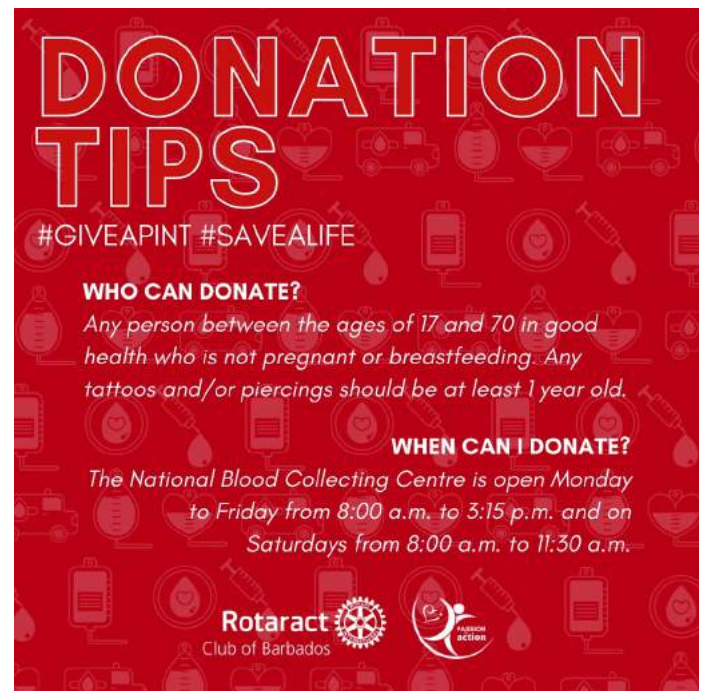
The banner features a group photo of club members and the Rotaract Club of Barbados logo.

# COMING UP...



**February 1-28, 2021 (Monday to Saturday)**

**"Give a Pint, Save A Life" Blood Drive** - National Blood Collecting Centre, Jemmotts Lane, St. Michael



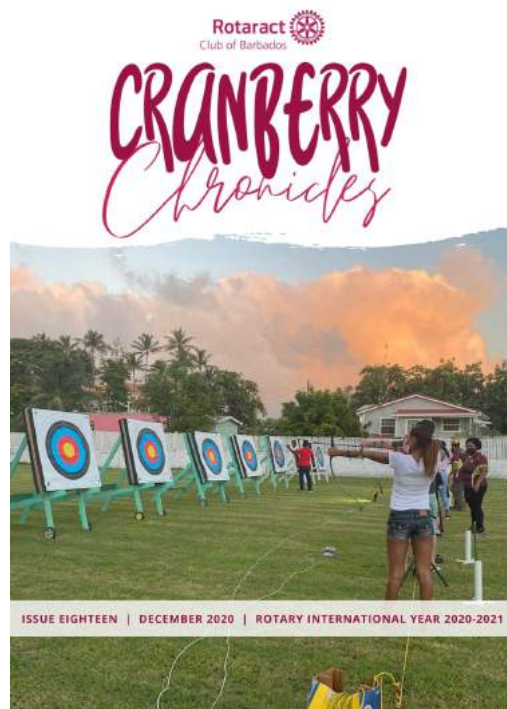




*Thank you for Reading*

Look out for our next issue on February 3, 2021

Did you miss last month's issue? Click the cover below to catch up!



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