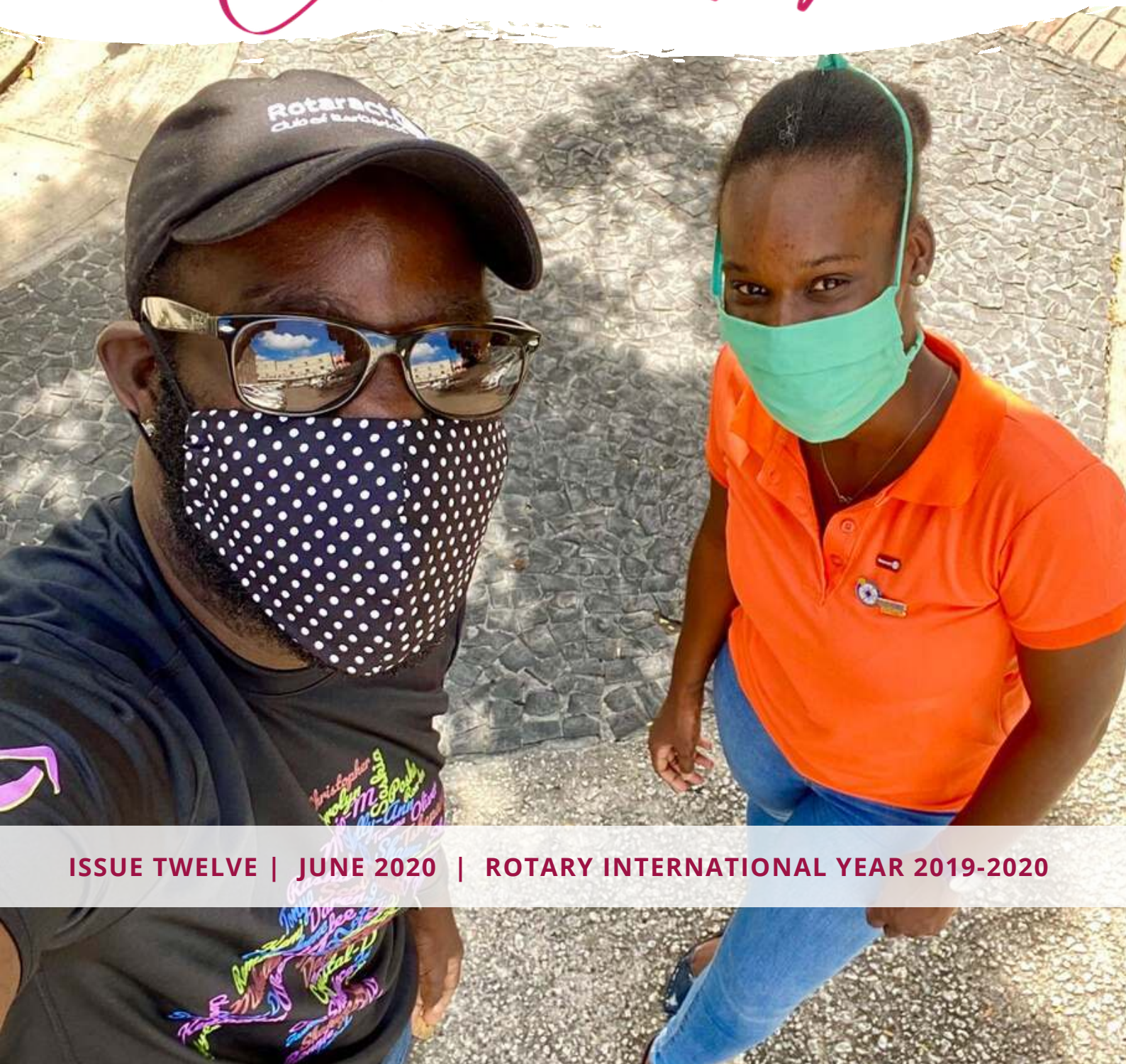




CRANBERRY *Chronicles*





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PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL

♪ *So long, farewell, to you, Cranberries; goodbye for now,
until we meet again, ♪*

... And just like that, we are at the culmination of yet another Rotary Year. This tenure has not only expanded my Rotary knowledge, but it has given me a greater appreciation of the organization that I am proud to be a part of.

The biggest takeaways are the meaningful bonds I've created with members along this **#LevelUp** Journey and the comfort knowing that the club's future is in good hands. You guys inspired me so much this year. Your eagerness to be of service in the biggest or littlest of ways was indeed refreshing. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic you volunteered your time, finances and health in service of others. Undeniably, these selfless acts touched me.

I thought that letting go of Presidency would have been a much harder task. However, we have smashed all our goals that we have set for the year and it is time to reset, regroup and smash some more again. I am also looking forward to joining the ranks of the other Past Presidents before me, providing guidance to the Board and members alike, when needed.

To my Board, Support Members, Rotaractors and Cranberries in Training; you guys were awesome! Your contributions and commitment to the club made it worthwhile and memorable.

Thank you for coming on this **#LevelUp** Journey with me. Cheers, to a successful year!

Yours In Rotaract,

Kareem French

Captain & Level Up Pioneer



A FINAL WORD FROM YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBOURHOOD SECRETARY

To my Dearest Cran-Fam,

This year has been nothing short of incredible!

I want to first thank you all for supporting this vision of ours and for all of the encouragement that came with each issue. This has honestly been a dream come true. *(Who's chopping onions?!?!)*

This year we were challenged by our **#LevelUp** goals of **Service First**, **Leading by Example** and **Family Vibes** and I must say, you all **SHOWED OUT!!!** In line with the **Rotary International Theme**, we connected to each other and across the world, despite various challenges (*read: COVID-19, bleh*) and we definitely surpassed expectations of our District by providing **Quality** and **Excellence** in all that we achieved this year.

I want to extend a final thank you to all of the essential workers in our Club, you are all rockstars and have made us extremely proud!

Even though our **Level Up Team** is getting ready to say goodbye, we will always be here to assist, encourage and support this Club and its members.

Words cannot express how proud I am to be a part of the family. I pray that we continue to grow and shine in our service. Remember that we're all in this together **#ThroughTheCauseUnited!**

In all that you do, continue to **LEVEL UP!**

Yours In Rotaract,

Danielle C. Jonava

Secretary | **Rotaract Club of Barbados** | 2019-2020





Cranberry Birthdays

We are wishing you a very special and enjoyable birthday!!



- **JUNE 14 AD Saskia Spencer**
- **JUNE 25 PP K. Trémaine Gilkes**

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Thank you for your years of service. We appreciate you!



~ 4 YEARS ~

IPP/DRRN Mario Boyce



~ 3 YEARS ~

VP Zahir Jackson



~ 2 YEARS ~

Dir. Robyn Weekes



~ 2 YEARS ~

HM André Seale



~ 2 YEARS ~

HM Dave Boyce



~ 2 YEARS ~

Rtr. Crystal Waithe



~ 1 YEAR ~

**TE Posha Doyle
Rtr. Dario Brathwaite
HM Oliver Holder**



~ 1 YEAR ~

**Rtr. Kiana Chewitt
Rtr. Regina Farley**

Cranberry Corner

AD Saskia Spencer, BSC, ACCA Affiliate



“There are no secrets to success; it is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure.” - Colin Powell

It has always been a lifelong aspiration of mine to become a Chartered Accountant. In 2017 after completing my BSc. in Accounting and Finance, at the UWI Cavehill Campus, I set out to make my aspirations a reality by commencing the ACCA qualification, whilst also starting a new career in a new country. My success throughout this ACCA journey was not without its obstacles. It forced me to balance working and self studying all at the sacrifice of personal life, coupled with relocating. In the absence of my Antiguan family, being a member of the Rotaract Club of Barbados assisted with supporting my personal and professional growth, by offering invaluable opportunities specifically with professional development, fellowship and community service initiatives.

The final six (6) months of the journey were a test of faith; as almost at the end, I was unsuccessful with an exam. My failure, by one mark, not only made me re-evaluate my study habits but pushed me to not settle for mediocrity. Along with my trust in God, I knew I needed to alter my mindset, and use this failure as a motivating force rather than as a deterrent.

The Great Nelson Mandela once said “It always seems impossible until it's done.”--- and this is true, as I not only **completed my qualification in March 2020 but was also awarded as a Caribbean Top Performer; after only preparing for the final exam in just six (6) weeks (as opposed to the recommended 12-18 weeks)**. I am truly thankful for the unwavering support of family, friends and of course my “Rota- Fam” some of whom have also been with me from the very beginning. I encourage everyone to continue to pursue their dreams, as there are no limits to what you can accomplish except those that you create and accept.

Overall, my ACCA journey although difficult, has also been incredibly inspiring and rewarding. I look forward to the exciting future ahead as I continue to “Level Up!”.

CULTURE NIGHT WITH ROTARACT CLUB OF EAST NASSAU

TUESDAY 5TH MAY, 2020
DE KAVITA SINGH



It was a night of fun and cultural bliss on this month's **Culture Night** held with the **Rotaract Club of East Nassau**. The members of both clubs had the opportunity to highlight 3 aspects of their respective cultures covering cuisine, music and festivals.

Everyone was encouraged to bring a drink and rep their colours and the ice breaker was a simple introductory roll call spearheaded by RC East Nassau's Club Service director Davard Thompson. Each person was also asked to identify at least one destination they would love to go to post Covid.

Rotaractor Julio Roberts of the RC Club of East Nassau got the ball rolling by discussing one of their **cultural festivals Junkanoo**. It was insightful to learn of the history of the festival, how it evolved since the 1600s and what it has become today. The Bahamians then treated the clubs to a live cooking demonstration of one of their **indigenous dishes- conch salad**. That made my mouth water! Rotaractor D'Ante Hanna explained that the salad was made in various ways and is recommended to be consumed with a cold Kalik- a local beverage.

Wrapping up the Bahamian segment was Rotaractor Sasha Bain who introduced us Bajans to a genre of music specific to the Bahamas- 'Rake and Scrape'. The primary instrument used in making this melody is a hand saw... that's right, a good old fashioned carpenter's hand saw.

The clubs were then treated to a snippet of this popular genre of music followed with a shake of the leg from Sasha.

We then travelled south (virtually) to introduce the Bahamians to beautiful Barbados. RaCOB International Service Director Shaniece Davis showed a video depicting our local tourist hot spots- including a trip to the **Oistins Fish Festival** and the **Garrison Savannah** for the epic horse races.

Rotaractor Kekana Goddard then took us back to our grandmother's house where we heard all the popular and beloved bajan sayings including my personal favorite "**cockroach en' have no business at a fowl fight**". The cultural journey was concluded with a goose bump inducing rendition of "**Walk Away From Love**" by Bajan artist **Shirley Stewart**.

I am sure I share the same sentiments of all the attendees that we walked away culturally enriched not just from each other's perspectives but even our own. A huge thank you goes out to all the presenters and participants and I encourage all of those persons who were unable to attend to go watch the video:

<https://rotaractbarbados.org/2020/05/05/culture-night-with-the-rotaract-club-of-east-nassau/>.

It's heartwarming to know that whilst the world stands in travel limbo, we have found a way to cross borders like never before. Thank you!

PASS THE MIC: PIECE O' DE ROCK

SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2020
DE JAMAR MAYERS

The Professional Development Committee ended this series with a bang! Welcoming 5 panellists from diverse areas of the homeownership process, over 200 persons explored the various ways they could own a piece o' de rock!

The Grand Finale of the series **Pass the Mic** will be spoken about for months to come. The phenomenal event focused on home ownership under the catchy title **Piece o' de Rock**. We all would like to own piece of “de rock” someday but do we really know how to go about doing it? This impactful session provided us with the tools for buying or building your dream home.

Although the session was held on the Zoom platform, our panelists were still extremely effective in delivering their wealth of knowledge. The panelists consisted of a **Banker**, a **Civil Engineer**, a **Real Estate agent**, a **Conveyance Lawyer** and a **Financial Advisor**. There could not have been a more diverse and certified bunch of professionals to teach us some tips and tricks for home ownership.

Director-Elect Kavita Singh, a Relationship Manager at **RBC Bank** reminded us that “*Cost and worth are two very different things*” and therefore we should understand that there is a difference between price and value. The presentation further highlighted the types of mortgages available to a prospective homeowner and the necessary steps and documentation needed for the process.

Proud **Cranberry** and Civil Engineer **Jai Gooding** from **Renostruct Building Services** discussed the pros and cons of building a home. Jai shared the ins and outs during the pre-construction stage, during construction stage and post-construction phase of the building process. He also mentioned that most persons make the mistake of not catering for disaster preparedness since we live in the tropics with an active yearly hurricane season.

The certified real estate agent **Lisa Coyle** from **Terra Caribbean** reminded us of the importance of having an agent during the home buying process. Buying a home can be a roller coaster and having the team of professionals can make the ride a lot easier. Lisa reminded us of the standard five step purchasing procedure and mentioned that pre-advice from a real estate agent was free of cost for the buyer.

From a legal prospective, the knowledgeable **conveyance lawyer Anice Granville** from **Lex Caribbean** presented an insightful overview of the legal ramifications when purchasing a home. We learned that buying a home was not as simple as handing over money and receiving keys to the property. This was precluded by the discussion of pre-contractual matters, the purchase contract, investigation of the title and closing costs.

Dave Boyce, another Rotaractor and financial advisor with **Sagicor Life Inc.** delivered the final presentation. He highlighted why it was important to protect your investment by acquiring the correct home insurance policy. We also learned of the other pre-investments of life insurance, which can be used as a form of security when purchasing a home.

A few important take always from the session included:

- **Don't spend more than you can afford**
- **Always budget for unexpected cost of renovations**
- **Always protect your investment**
- **Always perform a title check**
- **Never purchase a home without having it surveyed**

The informative and valuable session received an overwhelming response as participants echoed the anticipation of a part two of **Piece 'o de Rock**.

If you missed the session please check out the club's website here <https://rotaractbarbados.org/pass-the-mic-piece-o-de-rock/> to watch the replay and get in contact with our panelists.

A LOOK BACK AT - FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

ROTARACT CLUB OF KOLOLO, UGANDA

FRIDAY 15TH MAY 2020



A **Google Meet** joint Fellowship on;
**The Role of Youth in
the fight against the
COVID 19 Pandemic**



Innocent Kamukama
Rotaract Club of Kololo

Panelists:



Edna Kathambi
Rotaract Club of Muthaiga North



Kavita
Rotaract Club of Barbados



Paul P. Elias
Rotaract Club of Arusha



A LOOK BACK AT - FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

ROTARACT CLUB OF DOMBIVLI SUNCITY,
MUMBAI, INDIA

SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2020

District 3142
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"30 Days Around the World"

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RID 7030

#DAY23



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TABLETS DONATION TO LUTHER THORNE MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCOTT CHANDLER



“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.” – Malcolm X.

During this unprecedented time, countries across the world have gone through some form of lockdown due to the pandemic, the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). These lockdowns, though implemented to aid in the flattening of the curve/spread of this devastating virus, has resulted in the closures of many schools both here and globally. The impact of the school closures worldwide is estimated to have resulted in **1.53 billion students from 184 countries making up 87.6% of the world’s total enrolled learners now being displaced** and some have been thrown into uncharted waters of home schooling.

This disruption and shift to home schooling has been felt by many families around the world: home-schooling is not only a massive shock to parents’ productivity, but also to children’s social life and learning. Teaching and assessments have also moved online, on an untested and unprecedented scale. We have also found out during this time that many students have been tested in ways we never really considered as a result of closing the education system, from now missing out on their only meals to exposing the ugly truth that even with the shift to eLearning platforms that many children and families are still being left behind as a result of having little to no access to laptops and other smart devices; and in some cases even internet access.

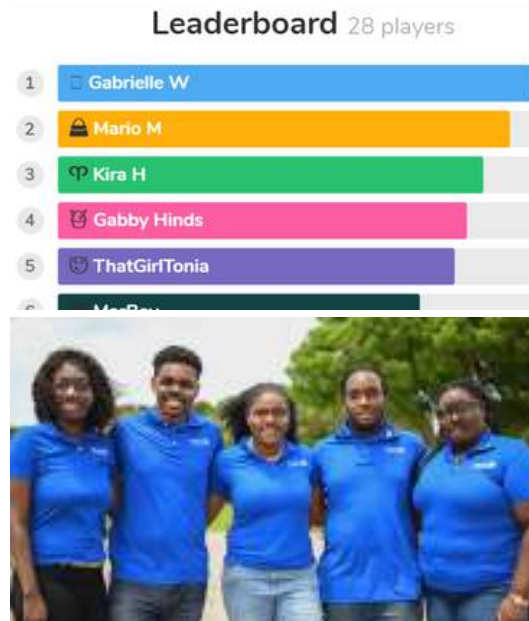
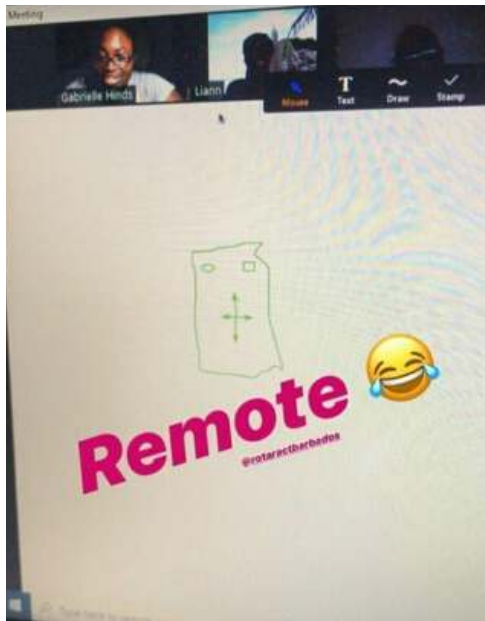
To this end, in true Rotary/Rotaract fashion, we heard the cries of the most vulnerable members of our society and heeded the call to action to provide students with devices to assist **seventeen (17) Class 4 students** most critically in need. We got this done through profits from **Rotalympus: Under the Stars**, our movie night fundraiser held last August, and by joining forces with our sponsor club, **Rotary Club of Barbados** and the **Ministry of Education** and with the consultation of the principal of the **Luther Throne Memorial Primary School**. In a matter of weeks, we secured these highly sought after devices from **PromoTech Inc**, ensured that each device was adequately equipped with all the necessary programs needed by the students as they continue on their lifelong journey of learning and finally delivered them into the hands of the students.

Further, the **Rotary Club of Barbados** also donated an additional **twenty-five (25) tablets** for students of the **St. Stephen’s** and **Charles F Broome** primary schools to the Ministry of Education.

This continues to show that the Rotary Family is fully committed to the cause. **#RotaryResponds**

GAMES NIGHT WITH ROTARACT CLUB OF SOUTH BARBADOS

SATURDAY 23RD MAY 2020
DIR. AKEEM SPENCER



It's not uncommon for there to be tension when two competitive Rotaract clubs clash and it's not very often the **Rotaract Clubs of Barbados** and **South Barbados** collaborate. However, on Saturday 23rd of May 2020, the two clubs set their rivalry aside for a night full of fun, fellowship water and lots of laughter. We were also graced by the presence of rotaractors from **East Nassau** and none of them could have been prepared for what was to come.

To get the ball rolling, **Dir. Tamisha Nelson** (RCSB) asked all members to raise their shot glasses to take a welcome shot before introductions were made. Of course, it wouldn't be a Rota-session without some type of fine/punishment. Throughout the night, any members caught using filler words such as 'am/um', 'like' or 'really' had to take a sip of their chosen fellowship beverage (this didn't end well for some).

Though the night was billed as one of fun, we still had to give those with competitive spirits their fix. This was done through a general knowledge trivia where the faster you answer, the more points you received. **SE Gabrielle Whitehall** (RCSB) was the eventual winner.

Now, have you ever wondered what your face looked like on another person? Me neither. Yet this was the idea the next category "**Guess the Rotaractor**" was centered around. Distinct cackles could be heard from VP Zahir and others as images of 'Reiana' (not "Bad gal") and 'Scotshida' surfaced. Some say PN Scott would make a very cute female; I think the jury is still out.

The highlights of the next game, Pictionary were **PM Alvaro's** creative interpretation of "Netflix & Chill" and **Rtr. Rachel's** inability to draw a television remote. "For the Love Music" revealed that these millennials really don't know their classics and the night proved our club is filled with "Dingbats".

At this stage the structured segment of the night concluded. Some said their goodbyes while others who were either having such a great time or just had nothing better to do with their Saturday night stayed to continue the fun. What was certain once everything was concluded is, whenever Rotaractors come together, magic happens!

Did You Know...



Rotary International Themes and Pins Through the Years 2007 to 2020

Photo Compliments Rotary International Instagram Page

Did You Know...

At February 29th, 2020, in Rotary International (RI), there were:

- 1,214,101 Members of 36,022 Clubs
- 23.64% were female and 6.39% were males



The regions of **Canada, the Caribbean and the United States**, make up 28% of RI Membership

At February 29th, 2020, for **Rotaract**, there are 190,389 Members (*Registered on RI's website*) from over 10,362 Clubs in 179 Countries

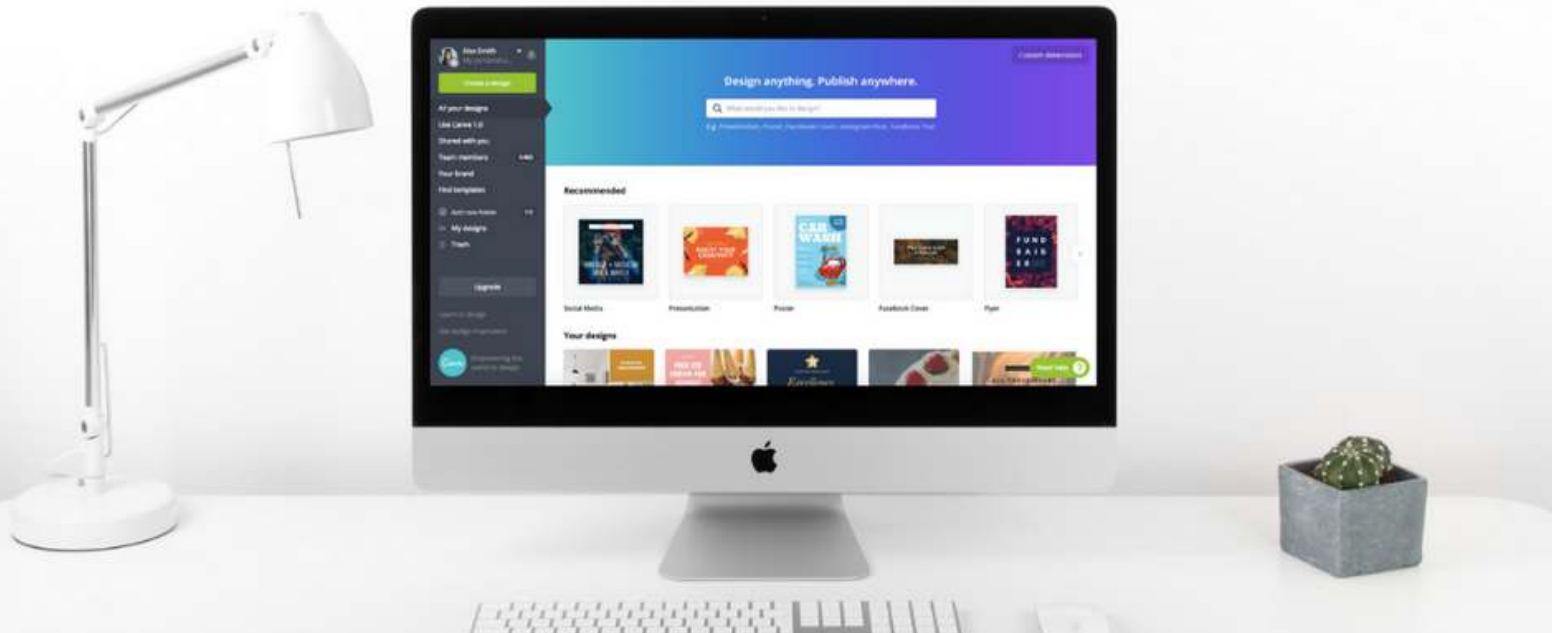
At March 31st, 2020 there were 2,260 Members **for District 7030**

*Information Compliments
District 7020/7030 P.E.T.S 2020 Training Session on "Membership" by
District 7030 Membership Chair-Elect Joseph Nouh-Chaia*



GRAPHIC DESIGNING 101

2ND JUNE 2020 | 6:30 P.M.



Join us for our final Club Meeting for the 2019-2020 Rota-Year. We will be sharing our final updates for the month of June, followed by training with the Zeem Team as we learn the tips and tricks for making the awesome club graphics.

You don't want to miss this!

Date: June 2, 2020
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Online via Zoom



Breaking Bread Takeover

The goal is to help out the homeless by preparing and serving breakfast for their consumption. The Rotaract Club of Barbados partners with the organisation "Breaking Bread" to assist with this initiative on a fortnightly basis, with a full takeover once quarterly.

Date: Saturday 6th June 2020

Time: 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.

Location: Queen's Park, Constitution Rd, Bridgetown

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Although, we won't be able to come out in true **Cranberry** style for our final Breaking Bread Takeover for the year, a few of us can still get the opportunity to distribute food and interact with these vulnerable members of our society, while adhering to the social distancing requirements.

Date: June 6, 2020

Time: 6:00 AM

Location: Queen's Park

COMMITTEE BRAINSTORM 2020-2021 PLANNING

7TH - 14TH JUNE 2020
6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.



It's that time of year again where we meet with our directors to plan and prepare for the upcoming year. Each committee will have their own day to meet and discuss their plans and ideas via the Zoom App.

See below schedule:

- Sunday 7th June 2020: Finance & Fundraising Committee
- Monday 8th June 2020: Membership Committee
- Tuesday 9th June 2020: International Service Committee
- Wednesday 10th June 2020: Club Service Committee
- Thursday 11th June 2020: Professional Development Committee
- Friday 12th June 2020: Community Service Committee
- Saturday 13th June 2020: Rotary Foundation Committee
- Sunday 14th June 2020: Public Relations Committee

Be sure to stay tuned to your respective committee chats for further updates.

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Supernova:

A Tribute to the Stars



THEME: AWARDS CEREMONY CHIC

SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2020

6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

There is always a new hello with every goodbye - Anshul Soni

Save the Date so you can join us as we close out our #LevelUp Year and ring in RI Year 2020/2021!!

Stay tuned for more details

Thank you for a year of awesome memories!



Look out for our next issue on July 1, 2020

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