



CRANBERRY *Chronicles*





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PRESIDENT'S Q2 MESSAGE

SERVICE, SERVICE, SERVICE! That was the sound that echoed all quarter long. From our inaugural *Service Saturdays* to *Once Upon A Time – Brain Tease*, our Service Soldiers made us indeed, very proud. With service, comes fellowship, and it was great seeing senior and new members create meaningful bonds. This translated into improved communication and greater committee synergies.

A big shout out goes to all the committees for their monthly meetings and Rotary for their continuous advice and support this past quarter. Our attendance continues to climb with member engagement ranging between 75% - 85% at each meeting, event or activity.

Last quarter we also saw Board members heavily involved with the initiation of project proposals, execution and district reporting. Our focus this quarter will be on members having a more active role with leading projects with the Board acting as advisers.

Our goal for this second quarter is to have a more balanced schedule and make further improvements to the flow of information to our Cranberries and Cranberries in Training.

We made it through the hardest quarter guys, one down, three more to go. Let's continue to **#LevelUp**, together.

Yours In Rotaract,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Kareem French".

Captain & Level Up Pioneer





A WORD FROM YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBOURHOOD SECRETARY

Con-**nec**-tion

/kə'nekSH(ə)n/

noun

1. a relationship in which a person, thing, or idea is linked or associated with something [or someone] else.

This year's Rotary International theme is all about connecting; with each other and with our communities - through **service**. Q1 showed just how committed and enthusiastic this Club is about that!

Last quarter was A LOT! but you were undeterred and met every challenge with passion and excitement! I am so proud of this **Rota-Family** for putting in the work and doing what we Cranberries do best!

This Quarter is not as fast-paced as Q1 but we have plenty of **Service** and plenty of **Fellowship** in store!

In the last quarter we connected with each other in a way that is truly *Levelling Up* our family dynamic and I think I speak for the rest of the Board when I say I cannot wait to keep connecting!

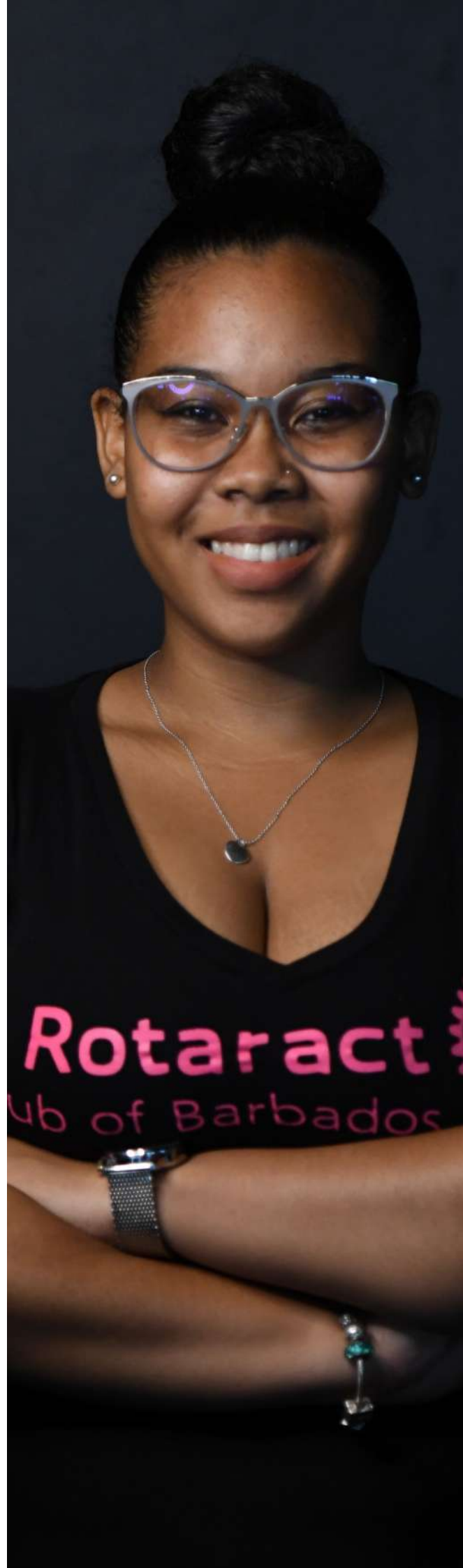
I'm not crying, you are!

HAPPY READING! We're far from finished...

Yours In Rotaract,

Danielle C. Jonava

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





Cranberry Birthdays



"Happy Birthday to ya! Happy Birthday to ya! Happy Brrrrthdayyyy!!!"

Join us in **December** to celebrate with these members at our quarterly birthday social!

- **OCT 4** HM Shakeila Marshall
- **OCT 4** Rtr. Zachary McCollin
- **OCT 5** PM Jamar Mayers
- **OCT 5** Rtr. Curtis Forde
- **OCT 9** HM Sharia Pilgrim
- **OCT 9** PM Nicole Wiltshire
- **OCT 18** Rtr. Ramon Grant
- **OCT 21** Dir. Akeem Spencer
- **OCT 22** Dir. Haylee Shaw
- **OCT 22** Rtr. Natoya Ward
- **OCT 24** Rtr. Nia Flemming
- **OCT 24** PM Shaddia Morris
- **OCT 25** HM Dave Boyce



Cranberry Chronicles



This month also marks the anniversaries of the induction of these amazing members of the *Cranberry Clan*!

- **Rtr. Shakera Daniel** - 2 years
- **AD Shakira Hall** - 2 years
- **DPPO Tonya King** - 2 years
- **Rtr. Stephon Rayside** - 2 years
- **Dir. Haylee Shaw** - 2 years

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Cranberry Alumnus, Carlos Depeiza was recently pinned as a member of the **Rotary Club of Barbados**! Given that he was pinned as a Rotaractor during Past President Shelly-Ann Sealey's tenure, she proudly represented our club at this historic induction. Historic in the sense that he is the first Rotaractor from our club to fully transition into Rotary!

While a Cranberry, Rotarian Carlos was an active member of the Professional Development Committee and was also recognized at *The Last Dance - Handing Over Ceremony*, for being dependable, reliable and always willing to serve during the Rotary International year 2017-2018.

We are so proud of Carlos and encourage our Honorary Members to **#LevelUp** and take this step to become a Rotarian.

Spotlight On...

ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER TREY CUMBERBATCH

"UNFORTUNATELY, OUR WORLD is ravaged by social problems such as poverty, crime, discrimination, and war. Each day, these problems threaten the lives and well-being of millions, and ultimately, dismantle the harmony of our global society. Additionally, many individuals resort to prioritizing self above others as a means of survival, thereby reinforcing the disunity afflicting our world.

For these reasons, I believe that we need service now more than ever. Service is a powerful tool through which we can fight against the abovementioned social ills and enhance the lives of persons around the world. Furthermore, American author Debasish Mridha states that *"everyone comes to this world with one great purpose; that is to serve others."* This suggests that every one of us is inherently called to serve others. Therefore, if we each apply our given talents to the service of others, we can ultimately restore unity to this world.



Having said that, Rotary International provides a shining example of how service can unite individuals. In doing so, Rotary builds bridges across the world every day. Service is Rotary's defining value; this is exemplified in a quote given by former District 5400 Governor Kevin Learned, who states that *"a Rotarian is someone who plants a tree under which they will not sit."* Through this unapologetic ideology of **"Service Above Self,"** Rotary reminds us of our human obligation to cast aside our individual concerns and act in the service others.

Moreover, the organization tangibly connects individuals in this common purpose of service. According to the 2017-2018 annual report, there are **1,195,107 Rotarians** spread across **35,678 clubs worldwide**. Each club provides a platform through which people from various walks of life combine their talents to serve their local and global communities. Also, business, friendship and familial bonds are forged that transcend geographical and cultural boundaries.

Rotary also connects the world in service by maintaining a strong social media presence. To date, **Rotary International has 170,000 Instagram followers and 330,000 Twitter followers**. This social media presence not only ensures that Rotarians across the globe can contribute to other clubs' activities, but also that persons outside of Rotary are aware of and can participate in any service initiatives being undertaken.

Based on this, it becomes clear that through its dedication to service, **Rotary is an unbreakable chain that brings together the entire world**. Accordingly, each Rotaractor has a key role to play in ensuring that the Rotarian chain is strengthened and extended. Internally, Rotaractors must strive to make at least one new friend in every club meeting, activity, and project; after all, every relationship formed can potentially impact lives across the world. Furthermore, Rotaractors must not hesitate to promote Rotary's mission to serve and recruit individuals in this regard; to this end, they can capitalize on social media's global scope and share their club's activities at every given opportunity.

Lastly, Rotaractors can augment Rotary's connection of the world by demonstrating service in every aspect of their own lives."

Cranberry Corner



~ Reppin' BIM at Carnival



~ Work Selfie



~ Boat Ride Captain :)



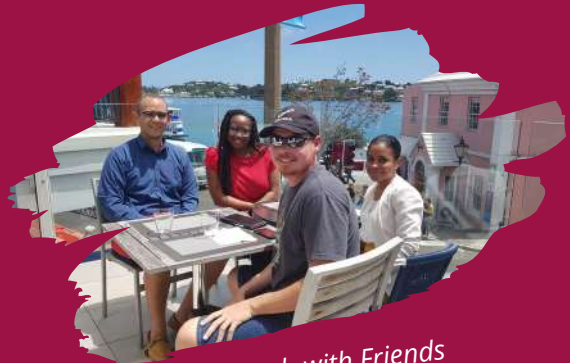
~ Visit to Fort St. Catherine



~ Being a Tourist



~ Chilling at the Beach



~ Lunch with Friends

The move to Bermuda happened so quickly for me, as I just signed a contract and within a few short weeks, I had packed my whole life into three suitcases and flew to Bermuda.

Since coming to the island, I have had experience after experience with many highs and lows; from the joys of being a tourist, meeting new people, reacquainting with old friends and making new friends, to the trials of finding an apartment, the bus life, having to get my drivers's license all over again and buying a car. What was most comforting about the move was that Bermuda was an island just like Barbados so the transition was not too difficult. The things I like most about Bermuda are: finally getting to live on my own and their amazing beaches, which I frequent more often than I did the ones when I was home in Bim. As with every new adventure, there is always that bittersweet element, which for me is my family and friends who I miss tremendously and can't wait to see at Christmas time!

~ Rotaractor Michelle Storey



BREAKING BREAD, MAKING BREAD

ROTARACTOR MELANIE GOODRIDGE

On **Saturday September 7th 2019**, approximately 30 Rotaractors took to Queens Park for 6:00 a.m. to feed and distribute clothing to the homeless in and around the area. But before that, our cooking team, supervised by Head Chef Rtr. Posha Doyle, prepared **eggs, sausages, toast, baked beans, juice, tea and oats**. Persons on the receiving end were elated with the breakfast menu and expressed their love for the oats served. They were also very appreciative of the clothing provided, and some who didn't receive, put in the request for the next time.



Though we fell short on bread and clothing, it is agreed that all in attendance were extremely grateful and had a grand time! One gentleman mentioned how impressed he was with the amount of young persons present and doing something positive. For him it was a welcomed change from all the violence seen on the news.



I must commend the entire team and all persons who came out and lent a helping hand, together we can definitely do great things. Some of our members were amazed at how orderly the men and women we assisted were and are excited for the next takeover. By the end of the day some were offering to make contributions for the next time and it is my belief that this day will be forever etched in all our hearts.

The Cranberries volunteer with the "Breaking Bread" organisation on alternate Saturday mornings and our next full takeover is scheduled for December 7, 2019! Stayed tuned for more updates and if you wish to assist, donate or volunteer to help us continue to connect with our community in this way, please contact us!



ONCE UPON A TIME - PHASE 1

SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2019



With the boxes "expertly" wrapped on August 24, 2019, the service continued in September with the culmination of our **Book Drive**.

A shocking **1,443 books** were sorted and wrapped by our Cranberries for presentation to our beneficiaries: *Luther Thorne Memorial Primary School, St. Lucy's Primary School, Irving Wilson School, BPW Shelter for Abused Women* and various children's homes across Barbados.

An official presentation to St. Lucy's Primary School was made by Director of International Service Shaniece Davis on Friday September 13, 2019 while Assistant Secretary Scott made the presentation to the Luther Thorne Memorial Primary School on Friday September 27, 2019.

Special thanks go out to our partners during this phase including- **Emera Caribbean, First Citizens (Barbados) Bank Ltd., Sky Mall, Lex Caribbean, The Nation Publishing Co. Limited, Courts (Barbados) Limited and Prestige Print.**

CONNECTING THE WORLD THROUGH ROTARY- JOINT ROTARACT MEETING

TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2019



CONNECTING THE WORLD THROUGH ROTARY was our first joint meeting with our sister club, **Rotaract Club of UWI Cave Hill** and it was an evening filled with fun and inspiration!! Chaired by President-Elect Rashida Prescod, we kicked things off by truly showcasing all of the connections our club would have made through Rotary.

Our connections spread out worldwide to include Antigua & Barbuda, Jamaica, the BVI Islands, South Carolina, Jamaica, Canada, Russia and Uganda.

This was followed by presentations from members of our sponsor club, Rotary Club of Barbados, and the induction of three new Cranberries: **Melanie Goodridge**, **Chevon Graham** and **Jai Gooding**!

The meeting ended with all present making a cash donation to assist with the Bahamas relief efforts. Thanks to you, we raised a whopping \$350.00 Barbadian Dollars.



INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN UP

SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2019



"The strongest governments on earth cannot clean up pollution by themselves. They must rely on each ordinary person, like you and me, on our choices and on our will" - Chai Jing

We joined with the Environmental Protection Department of Barbados, the Rotary Club of Barbados, the Rotaract Club of UWI Cave Hill and various school clubs from around Barbados to spend the morning cleaning up the Morgan Lewis Beach in St. Andrew to commemorate International Coastal Cleanup Day 2019.

We were also joined by the Honourable Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy, Kirk Humphrey, who contributed his time to support our efforts.

The level of garbage dumped on this coastline alone was astonishing with plastic, household furniture and even fibre glass, weighing over 350 lbs, being removed. In the words of our Honourable Prime Minister, Mia Amor Mottley, *"many hands make light work"* and that certainly proved true with over 120 persons participating in making Morgan Lewis Beach clean!

Unfortunately, this was not an easy task and by no means should it only occur on that one day. Keeping our island and communities clean needs to be an on-going process and we encourage each and every person to do their part. *Let's all be a part of the solution, not the pollution.*

ONCE UPON A TIME - PHASE 3 BRAIN TEASE

SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2019



ELEVEN CLASS-3 STUDENTS from two (2) primary schools, their teachers and parents gathered at the school hall of Combermere School for this interschool literacy competition, which was an extension of last year's whirlwind Spelling Bee. The contest consisted of 3 rounds, with the lowest three (3) scorers by the end of round 1 and lowest four (4) scorers at the end for round 2 being eliminated.

All 11 students, who came from **St. Paul's Primary School** and **Luther Thorne Memorial Primary School** received participation ribbons, Chefette goodie bags, *Brain Quest Game* DVDs and certificates of participation, with the top 3 scorers winning medals and the first-place scorer receiving an additional prize of headphones from our sponsor, **PromoTech Inc.**

The event was fully sponsored by title sponsor, **Emera (Caribbean) Ltd.** and both teams received vouchers, \$100.00 from **Chefette Restaurants Ltd.** and \$150.00 from **Bubbas Sports Bar**. Two (2) volunteers from the crowd were challenged to spell specific words and were gifted tokens from **CG Trophies**.

Special thanks also go out to our judges, **Anderson 'Mr. Blood' Armstrong**, **Dr. Victor Agard** and **Rtr. Saskia Spencer** and to our host, calypsonian **Faith Callender**. We are grateful for the presence of our own YSD Makonem Hurley and PDG David Edwards from the Rotary Club of Barbados.

Congratulations to the 2019 champions, **Luther Thorne Memorial Primary School**, who received a donation of an HP printer from PromoTech Inc.

BEACH, PLEASE!

ROTARACTOR JOELEITA AGARD
COMMITTEE SECRETARY - CLUB SERVICE



THE FIRST QUARTER of this Rotaract year is over and to end it with a bang, the Club Service Committee hosted an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship. The event lovingly known as **Beach, Please!** took place for the second year at Paradise Beach on September 29, 2019. The Club enjoyed great food and drinks, music and the ever-popular *Sorrell by Scott*.

After lunch, teams made up of the committees from each avenue of service competed in games for the title of *Beach, Please! Champions*.

- **The inner artist** was activated (... or not) as participants attempted to sculpt a **sand mermaid** around a team member.

- **In the novelty relay** participants either had to move as quickly as possible with a balloon between their knees or run or walk with a flipper on one foot! The ingenuity of humans never ceases to amaze as many person opted to hop or skip or do a combination of both to complete this task.

How many ways can you pop a balloon? Well, we found out as players got creative and sat, squeezed and stomped on balloons to get them to burst without using their hands (they did use their hands to clean up the pieces afterwards though);

- **The highlight** was the **pole spinning race**. Many persons lost their sense of direction (*and not because of too much fellowship water*) and were more likely to end up in the ocean than to the opposite side of their lane to tag their partner. Players succumbed to the effects of gravity multiple times, but persevered to finish their leg of the race. This was by far the most entertaining event of the day!

While other committees made commendable efforts, the **International Service Committee** won the coveted title of **Beach, Please! Champions 2019** and were awarded a beautiful gold and cranberry trophy! The Quarter 1 Cranberry birthdays were celebrated with a **club serenade of "Happy Birthday"**, a **custom birthday cake** and an **enthusiastic sparkle candle!** The evening ended with a surprisingly warm sunset swim and was a great way to close off our Quarter 1 activities!

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES YET?



REMINDER!

They say the early bird catches the worm. We say, the early Cranberry avoids late fees!

Pinned members, this month is your last chance to pay only **\$125.00** for your Club dues!

After October 31, 2019 Club dues are payable as follows:

- *November 1-29, 2019*: \$130.00
- *December 1-31, 2019*: \$135.00
- *January 2-31, 2020*: \$140.00
- *February 1-29, 2020*: \$145.00
- *March 2020 and after*: \$150.00

A word to the wise is enough.

Find **Treasurer Shaunté Carter** or **Deputy Treasurer Shakira Hall** as soon as you can to avoid those pesky late fees!

COMING UP...

BCS Breast Screening Programme /
CIBC FirstCaribbean
National

WALK *for the* CURE

DATE
Sunday 6th October 2019

LOCATION
CIBC FirstCaribbean Head Office,
Warrens

TIME
3:00 PM

PERFORMANCES BY



Marzville



T.C



Mikey

PLUS MORE ENTERTAINMENT



COMING UP...

I WANT
TO END
POLIO.
JOIN ME.

ROTARY'S

WORLD POLIO DAY

ONLINE GLOBAL UPDATE

24 OCTOBER 2019

HILTON BARBADOS RESORT
7:00 PM | BUSINESS CASUAL



D7030 DRR Travels

OCTOBER 24TH - 31ST



DRR ANYA BLANKENDAL



COOKIES & CANVAS



Date: Saturday 19th October 2019

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Locations: Nightengale Children's Home, Sterling Children's Home and Farr's Children's Home

Service Saturdays is back by popular demand! With Cookies and Canvas, we seek to identify a group that is often stigmatized or disadvantaged and execute a service project revolving around art. Our selected group was disadvantaged children in homes across Barbados. Cranberries will be split into three groups for an evening filled with fun via the Paint N' Sip and outdoor activities. Further, we understand that due to the circumstances associated to the children in these homes, they often feel discouraged or never will have the opportunity to attain a tertiary level education. Part 1 of the afternoon will seek to educate our beneficiaries on accessible vocational careers available to them. The goal is to have these interactive presentations performed by Rotarians and Rotaractors. If interested in joining this committee, please reach out to President Kareem.





Thank you for Reading

Look out for our next issue on November 1, 2019

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