DISTRICT 7030 CLUB#6798 Chartered March 07, 1962



May 2nd, 2024

# **ROTANEWS**

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HE The Most Honorable Dame Sandra Mason, FB, GCMG, DA, SC. President of Barbados

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**District Governor** Brian Glasgow

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**Ermine Darroux-Francis** 

**President Elect** 

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**Public Relations** 

Keri Mapp

**Community Service** 

David Antrobus

**International/Rotary Foundation** 

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Neal Griffith

**Immediate Past President** 

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Sergeant-at-Arms

Heather Tull

### Club Weekly Meetings Thursdays at 12.30 pm Hilton Barbados

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# The Rotary Club of Barbados welcomes visiting Rotarians and Guests.



May is Youth Services month

Today May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 will be a Fellowship Meeting, which commences at 12:30 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel.

### Meeting Details – April 25th, 2024

#### Guests

George Frederick – Guest Speaker Judy Hart – Rtn. Freddie Hart

### **Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors**

PDG Robert Legere – RC Les Cayes Haiti PAG Rose Legere – RC Les Cayes Haiti

### **Honorary Rotarians**

None

### **Housekeeping**

Fines: BBD 254.00

Raffle: BBD 93.00 won by PP Denise



Our next scheduled meeting will be a Business Meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, which commences at 12:30 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel.

# **Summary of the RCOB Meeting Held on April 25<sup>th</sup>**, **2024**

President Ermine called the 35<sup>th</sup> meeting to order, a fellowship meeting with singing of the national anthem and the Rotary prayer.

Guests were introduced by acting sergeant-at-arms PP Vic.

President Ermine invited Rtn. Katrina to the podium to introduce the guest speaker Mr. Douglas Frederick. Mr. Frederick has been an attorney for 30+ years and will be speaking to the club on consumer rights. Mr. Frederick has been the recipient of a Rotary scholarship.

Mr. Frederick opened by thanking the club for the honor of giving the presentation to the club. He recognized the power of Rotary and the impact it has had on his life and career. The presentation is his way of giving back.

Mr. Frederick spoke of representing consumer rights and to represent consumers. Mr. Frederick went on to define consumers according to the Act. He saw a deficiency and sought to make persons aware of the office of the public counsel. The public counsel provides a voice since persons felt they had no voice with suppliers who were not willing to mediate. The duty of the office is to mediate.

A consumers claim tribunal was created to hear matters led by someone who is like a magistrate with claims up to \$10, 000.00. If it is more, it has to go to court. The tribunal makes a judgement which can be enforced. Credibility has been built up with even suppliers asking what their duties are.

Mr. Frederick went on to explain fit for purpose and use. He spoke on the warranty/guarantee and the role it plays and about services and products and their breakdown and the impact on the consumer especially when a cheap product is bought. There is a guarantee under the consumers act though there is no one case fits all. However, a lot of factors are considered especially using professionals doing forensics to determine what caused the failure of the service/product. Mr. Frederick spoke on the role of demonstration by the supplier as well as agreed prices, especially no hidden prices.

Mr. Frederick also spoke about remedies available and the need for communication between the consumer and the supplier first to see if there can be rectification. If none or if not satisfactory, then the consumer can reject the goods. From there if no resolution then the office of the public counsel can be brought into the situation.

Mr. Frederick brought samples of signs displayed in the stores around Barbados. As the consumer, they have the right to a refund or having the items replaced. Know your rights.

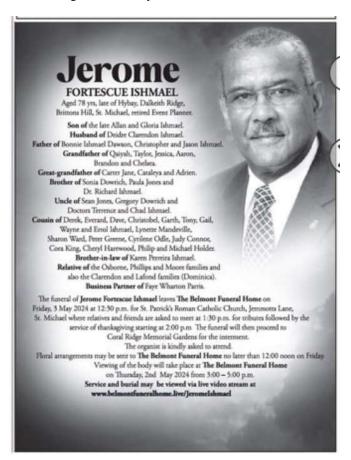
Mr. Frederick also spoke on the confusion related to the Fair Trading Commission versus the Office of the Public Counsel. Fair Trading is before and the office of the counsel is after.

The floor was opened to questions from the club.

Mr. Frederick gave flyers to the club to sensitize persons. Rtn. Peter gave the vote of thanks.

PP David spoke on the upcoming children event this weekend.

The announcements were given. A toast was given to Rotary International.



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 9<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting
May 11<sup>th</sup> – Health Fair
May 16<sup>th</sup> – Fellowship Meeting
May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fellowship Meeting
May 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> – International Convention, Singapore
May 30<sup>th</sup> – Fellowship Meeting
June 30<sup>th</sup> – 62<sup>nd</sup> Installation of Officers

### RaCOB/Satellite Club/EarlyAct

May 1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> – The Rota Challenge

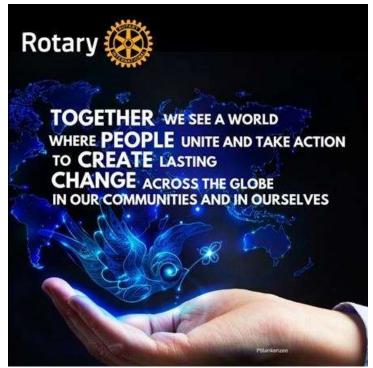
### **DISTRICT 7030 EVENTS**

April 23 to 26, 2025 - District conference, T&T













### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Birthdays Rotarians**

PP Shawn Franklin – May 5<sup>th</sup> Rtn. Winston Warren – May 8<sup>th</sup>

### <u>Birthdays – Partners-in-Service</u>

None

### Wedding Anniversaries

PDG Tony & Hélène Watkins – 58 yrs – May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1966

### Join Date Anniversary

PP Peter Williams – 19 yrs – May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005 PP Tony Reece – 26 yrs – May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1998

### **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 of service:

**SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition and 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 the international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

#### **ROTARY GRACE**

O Lord and giver of all things good We thank Thee for our daily food May Rotary friends and Rotary ways Help us to serve Thee all our days.



**Bulletin Editor: PP Denise Antrobus**