



# ROTA NEWS



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## Rotary Club of Barbados



District 7030

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#### President

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran

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John F. Germ

**Rotary Foundation  
Assistant Regional Rotary  
Foundation Coordinator-  
Zone 34**

PDG David Edwards

### DISTRICT OFFICERS

#### District Governor

Milton Inniss

#### District Governor Elect

Roger Bose

#### District Governor Nominee

Waddy Sowma

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**District Grants &  
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PDG David Edwards, Chair

**Council of Legislation &  
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PDG Tony Watkins

#### District Treasurer

PP Lionel Moe

#### Assist. District Confer. Chair

PP Elvin Sealy

### Club Officers & Directors

#### President

Jedder Robinson

#### President Elect

Lisa Cummins

#### Vice President

Carl "Tony" Williams

#### Secretary

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#### Treasurer

Brian Cole

#### Club Service Director

Paul Ashby

#### Vocational Service Director

Winston Warren

#### Community Service Director

Annie Bertrand

#### International Service Director

Dr. Tracy Archer

#### Youth Service Director

Neal Griffith

#### Immediate Past President

William "Alex" Mc Donald

#### Sergeant-At-Arms

Heather Tull



### THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think,  
say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Weekly meetings on **Thursdays** at  
**Hilton Barbados**

Needham's Point, Aquatic Gap,  
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at 12 p.m.

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## THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARBADOS WELCOMES ALL VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Mar 07 - Club Charter Date - 1962

### MARCH - WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

*Today will be a Fellowship Meeting, where we will have as Guest Speaker, Environment Chair Donna M. Pierre who will speak on Disaster Preparedness*

*The Greeters are Past Deputy Director Rotarian O'Reilly Lewis & Past President Jerry Ishmael*

#### MEET OUR GREETERS

Past Deputy Director O'Reilly Lewis joined the Club on September 25, 2008. He was proposed by Past President Jerry Ishmael. His Classification is Engineering.

He was a member in his native St. Vincent and the Grenadines in 2001; where he held the position of Secretary-Elect before coming to Barbados.

For 2013-14 he served on the Rotaract & Vocational Service Committees. In 2012-13 he served as Deputy Director on the Vocational Services Committee and a member of the Rotaract and Fundraising subcommittees.

For 2011-12 he was a member of the Fellowship, Vocational and International Service sub-committees. For 2014-15 he served on the Environment Committee.

Currently he continues on the Environment Committee along with Vocational Services. O'Reilly would have participated in the Club Community Challenge for

**Past President Jerome "Jerry" Ishmael** joined the Club on July 22, 1999. He was introduced by PP Lionel Moe and PP Vic Fernandes. His Classification is Event Management. Before becoming President for 2007-08 Jerry had served in many areas of Club life. From 2001-2003 he was Director of Club Service, 2003-04 Director of Community Service; Sergeant -At-Arms 2004-05; Chairman, Public Relations 2005-06 and President Elect, Chairman Fund Raising 2006-07. From 2009-2014 he served as Chairman Fellowship. Also he was a member of the 50th Anniversary Sub-committee.



For 2014-15 he served on the following sub-committees - Fellowship, PR, Fund Raising and the Challenged/Senior Citizens.

For his Presidential Project he upgraded the Sir Clyde Gollop Men's Hostel at Hindsbury Road and completed the Evalina Smith Children's Ward Project at the St. Philip District Hospital which had commenced the previous year. Jerry's contribution to Club and Community was recognized with a Paul Harris Fellowship Award in June 2003.

Currently he serves as Chair Fellowship and is a member of the Challenges/Senior Citizens, Fund Raising and PR Committees

#### MEET OUR GUEST SPEAKER

**Environment Chair, Donna Pierre**, was inducted into the Rotary Club of Barbados on December 11, 2014. Her Classification is Disaster Management. She was proposed by PDG David.

Formerly she was a member of Rotary Club of St Augustine West, Trinidad where she was inducted in May 2010. Shortly after being inducted Donna relocated to Guyana for what was to be an initial 12 month stint as she trained at PETS as Secretary to assume the position at her home club the following Rotary Year. However, job dictates kept Donna in Guyana longer where she stayed with the Rotary Club of Demerara for almost three years providing support to the Public Relations and Community Service functions of the club.

Currently she serves on Club Bulletin, Fellowship and Youth Services Committees and Chairs the Environment Committee.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING WHICH INCLUDED A GUEST SPEAKER & INSTALLATION OF A NEW MEMBER- FEBRUARY 28, 2016



PDG Tony Introduces Mark Wheeler to the Club.



President Jedder Pinning Mark

Rotarian Mark giving his first Speech



#### March - Water and Sanitation Month

1 March — Deadline for district governors to submit nominations for the [Rotarian Spouse/Partner Service Award](#)

7-13 March — World Rotaract Week

11-13 March — [Presidential Conference: Literacy and WASH in Schools](#), Kolkata, India

15 March — Deadline for district governors to submit nominations for the [Significant Achievement Award](#) (for clubs)

18-19 March — [Presidential Conference: WASH in Schools](#), Pasay City, Manila, Philippines

31 March — Preregistration discount ends for [Rotary International Convention](#)

#### MEETING DETAILS - Thursday, February 25, 2016 SAA, Past Director Heather M. Tull

- Attendance - 52%
- Raffle - \$88.00
- Winner - Past President Elvin Sealy
- Fines - \$164.25



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING WHICH INCLUDED A GUEST SPEAKER & INSTALLATION OF A NEW MEMBER- FEBRUARY 28, 2016

Last Thursday, February 25, Barbados' Ambassador to Caricom H.E. The Hon Robert Morris addressed the Club on the topic **"Barbados Past, Present and Future."** PP Erskine introduced him and Rotarian Freddie Hart gave the Vote of Thanks.

Following is a Summary of the Presentation by Ambassador Morris.

Ambassador Morris restated a question which had been asked ***"How could a vulnerable land state, ravaged by devastating hurricanes in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, with a history of slavery and a monocrop economy for over 350 years, emerging into democracy just over 65 years ago, and into Independence for just 50 years, command such respect in the global community as is constantly recorded in the Human Development Index?"***



He spoke to the development of Barbados in comparison to our better endowed regional neighbours with larger populations and superior natural resources. This in his view should "affirm our confidence, that in the roller coaster of human development, with its swings and shift, we should be proud of where we have come from, proud of where we are, and confident in assuring our people, especially our children that we are confident

of our future, as we celebrate 50 years of Independence."

Confident but not complacent, as we face our achievements, and our challenges, with fortitude and commitment, as we pursue a vision and a mission, to which we all commit ourselves as citizens of this country."

He reflected on our colonial past which was "tainted by the horrible experience of chattel slavery." Further he indicated that he has continued to argue that "we have not moved sufficiently to heal the divisions in our society."

He revealed that "For that I have been called racist by some, for others I have been supported for posing an alternative view."

"Today I wish to repeat that Barbados benefited in the colonial era from the fact that we were settled by families of the gentry class in England. There are still representatives of those families in Barbados, who recognise themselves as Barbadians and who make valuable contributions to our country."

Further he stated that "It is certainly not my intention to glorify the colonial past, or in any way support the iniquitous system of slavery. But I wish to emphasise that there is much work to be done, not just in validating Bussa, Franklin and the free coloureds who gave leadership to the 1816 rebellion which shook the foundations of slavery, and whose 200th Anniversary we celebrate today, or the leaders of the 1876 or of 1937.

"By the 1980's we were being celebrated all over the world for punching above our weight. The transformation achieved by economic diversification into light manufacturing, tourism, offshore banking and financial services, driven by local entrepreneurship with international partnership, and aided by massive state support in infrastructural, super structural, legislative, bureaucratic, technical and other support, had propelled us to my position where we were to be graduated to being more than a middle income country, and considered to be on the brink of being a first world country."

He concludes by stating "I do not pretend to be a seer, or a prophet. My frame for this discussion, my point of view, and my narrative is based on the perception that change is a constant and a necessity. It is also based on the premise that, except in colonial and tyrannical environments, evolution is preferable to revolution, except for the revolution of the mind and the expansion of free thought and innovation."

I see the Social partnership as a base for encouraging true integration in our society, without the polarization that comes from ethnicity, racism or classism. We must all clearly understand what it is to be BARBADIAN, A BIM, a BA-JAN. We who are here came from many continents to make this gem what it is. WE need more to understand our global origins as we continue to make our way in the global world."



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dear Rotarians,

World Rotaract Week is soon upon us!

As you would have already seen the calendar for the week, you will know that we have a series of fun and informative activities planned for everyone; to make these activities a success, we need to confirm the amount of persons attending each activity and we kindly ask that you provide this information for your clubs as soon as possible.

In regards to the March 9th lecture on Dyslexia however, we ask that you confirm the numbers for your club by 10:00 pm the latest on Wednesday, March 2nd to ensure an accurate reservation of seats.

Please note that the theme for this lecture is "Understanding and Embracing Dyslexia in Your Community". This will be held at 6:30 pm at the Accra Beach Hotel and will be facilitated by Mrs. Vicki Whitehead from the Caribbean Dyslexia Association and Centre.

A fee of \$50 is optional and applies to those who wish to have dinner and drinks.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Regards,

**Ramana Fields (Ms.)**

Secretary (2015-2016)

The Rotaract Club of Barbados West

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A graphic for the World Rotaract Week Calendar. It features a tropical beach scene with palm trees and a blue sky. The text reads: "World Rotaract Week Calendar", "Barbados Rotaract Rotary Club Partner", "U.W.I., South, West &amp; Barbados SAVE THE DATES!!". It lists events for Sunday March 6, Monday March 7, Wednesday March 9, Saturday March 12, and Sunday March 13, 2016, including activities like beach clean up, report writing, dyslexia awareness lecture, rum shop crawl, church service, and a beach hotel visit. A note at the bottom states: "Rotaractors will be visiting their sponsor Rotary Clubs during this week."

**NOTE THE BEACH CLEAN UP FOR THIS SUNDAY!!!**

### The Multi-National Fair - April 09, 2016

Our assistance is being sought by the Organising Committee of the Multi National Fair which is scheduled to take place on April 9th at Four-square Heritage Park St. Philip.

### MUN - THE FINAL WEEK

The Rotary Clubs in Barbados in collaboration with the Barbados office of the United Nations (UN) invite you to attend the finale of the Model United Nations Assembly (MUN). **This will be held at 9:00 am on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2016 at the Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre, Two Mile Hill, St. Michael.**

### DOMINO CHALLENGE WINNER

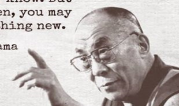
Seven persons won six games but we didn't have enough time to have the play off between the six. We placed the names in a hat and our Guest Speaker Ambassador Morris made the draw and announced the winner. The winner was Director Winston Warren from among the following persons: PP Lionel Moe, PP Grenville Phillips, PP Michael



Browne, President Jedder, Partners-in-Service Mary Cozier and Avril Byer.



When you talk, you are only repeating what you already know. But if you listen, you may learn something new.  
- Dalai Lama



## UP-COMING EVENTS

Mar 07 - Club Charter Date - 1962

**FEBRUARY : Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month**

**REGISTRATION:** <http://www.7030conference2016.com/> to register for the conference and may contact the Planning Committee via email using: 7030conference2016@gmail.com

**Community Challenge #8** - February - Dental Project with Child Care Board - Past Director, Dr. Carol Belgrave

**Community Challenge #9** - March - Rotarian Makonem Hurley will deliver Computer Training to the Elderly

**World Rotaract Week** will be held from March 7-13 2016

**Rotaract Week on Cave Hill Campus from March 13th - 19th.**

**District Conference:** 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016, Bridgetown, Barbados.  
May 28 - June 1, 2016- **Rotary International Convention**- Seoul, South Korea

### Our Greeters

Mar 10 - Past President Algie Leacock & Past Sec. Joe Johnson

Mar 17 - Past Treas Anthony Shaw & Chair Donna King-Brathwaite

Mar 24 - Chair Tracey Knight-Lloyd & Dep Dir. Comm. Willie Kirton

Mar 31 - Past Chair Nicholas Waithe & Past Director Berkeley Blades

### Our District Project DYSLEXIA

a general term for disorders that involve difficulty in learning to read or interpret words, letters, and other symbols, but that do not affect general intelligence.



### Our District Project World Autism Awareness Day, April 2, 2016 in the World



### Our Guests

#### Visitors

H.E. The Hon. Robert Morris, Ambassador to Caricom - Guest Speaker

Erica Wheeler - Partner-in-Service of newly inducted Rotarian

Mark Wheeler

Judy Hart - Partner-in-Service of Rtn. Freddie Hart

Joycelyn Watts-Phillips - Guest of Rtn. Kim Tudor

Rhonda Ryan-Hutson - Guest of Rtn. Kim Tudor

#### Rotarians

John Kedziarski - Rotary Club of Garches Marnes, Vaucresson  
District 1660, Paris

Tom Swainland - Rotary Club of London

### 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.

## Announcements

### Wedding Anniversary

*None this week*

### Birthday - Rotarians

Community Service Director Annie Bertrand  
Past President Vic Fernandes

Mar 08

Mar 08

### Birthday - Partners-in-Service

Sara Sang-Ananta—Past President Per Dibber

Mar 10

### Join Date Anniversary

Club Service Director Paul Ashby

7 years Mar 05, 2009

## LOOKING BACK WITH THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARBADOS Mar 07 1962 - Club Charter Date



1981-82

Richard Blanchette - PHF. Junior Library Project to donate approximately \$25,000.00 in books and other auxiliary equipment to the Barbados Library. On Saturday mornings motivational talks and other interaction were provided to children between the ages of 5 and 14. supported by international clubs.



1982-83

Sir Trevor Carmichael - PHF

The voice for the Blind. Reading tapes were collected and assembled for the blind. Tapes installed and used at the Oistin Branch of the Barbados Public Library.

### 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.

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