



ROTA NEWS



Rotary Opens Opportunities

R.I. Theme 2020-21

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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?

Rotary Club of Barbados



District 7030 - Club # 6798

Chartered March 07, 1962

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4TH FEBRUARY 2021

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Weekly meetings on **Thursdays** at

Hilton Barbados

(Hybrid Meetings via Zoom from Aug 6, 2020 to present)

Needham's Point, Aquatic Gap,

St. Michael

at 12:30 p.m.

P.O. Box 148B, Brittons Hill,
St. Michael, Barbados

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARBADOS WELCOMES ALL VISITING
ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Mar 07 - Club Charter Date - 1962 - Club # 6798

RI THEME: ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES



Today is a Business Meeting and it is being held via Zoom Only.

Our Zoom meeting Moderator will be PDG David.

OUR GUESTS — Meeting Held On 28th January 2021

- Mrs. Joy Adamson - Guest Speaker
- Mr. Oliver Jordan - Rtn. Neal Griffith

Visiting Rotarians and Rotaractors

- Rtn. David Antrobus - Rotary Club of St. Maarten-Mid Isle
- IPP Kareem French - RaCoB
- Director Melanie Goodridge - RaCoB

Housekeeping:

- Attendance - 76%



Rotary
Club of Barbados



Club Meeting- 28th
January 2021

After the playing of the Nation-

al Anthem, President Fiona welcomed all to the meeting reminding that the highlight of the Fellowship Meeting would be a presentation on **Responding to Educational Needs in a Covid-19 Environment** by our Guest Speaker, Mrs Joy Adamson, the Acting Chief Education Officer, Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training

The prayer was said by Rtn Donna King-Brathwaite. Which follows:
Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings you have showered on our nation Barbados, our people, and our Rotary Club.

We pray that you will continue to grant us the wisdom, understanding and charity required to navigate these trying times, as we grapple with the impacts of this pandemic.

We pray too, for all educators and students, who are facing untold disruption to the systems of education, which have served us well, up until now. May they be encouraged, as we seek to embrace new and more appropriate ways of teaching and learning, to the benefit of our world.

Dear Lord, keep us in the hollow of Your hand and grant us faith, instead of unbelief; love, instead of hate; peace, instead of quarrels and wars; and safety from all that may cause us distress.

These things we ask in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Guests were welcomed by SAA Randy

Announcements by President Fiona

- The 3rd and 4th Quarters would be designated "Giving Quarters."
- We can give in cash and kind – e.g.-
- Make blood donations to the Blood Bank
- Pay your fines into the Special Carols By Candlelight Website

Members will be billed, as in the past, for the Food Contribution for Carols By Candlelight

Weekly Fines –

<https://carolsbycandlelightbarbados.com/fines/>

Congratulations to IPP Kareem of the Rotaract Club of Barbados on receiving the Paul Harris Award designation

MUN – Model United Nations will not be held this year because of the COVID 19 rules

Recognition of the Birthday of Jennifer Jones RIPN, Rtn Heather & Dr. Marion Williams, Feb 06

GUEST SPEAKER

Responding to Educational Needs in a Covid-19 Environment

Mrs Adamson commenced her presentation by thanking the Rotary Club of Barbados and our Private Sector partners for the support given in providing devices to assist the Ministry in its online program.

BACKGROUND

She started her presentation with a quote by President Nelson Mandela - Education was the greatest weapon to change the world.

CONT'D

RESPONDING TO EDUCATIONAL NEEDS IN A COVID-19 ENVIRONMENT, CONT'D

The Ministry of Education learned much during the lockdown:

- They were forced from March 2020 into Emergency Learning, Learning new programs for delivery
- Online Learning/Blended Learning– for all concerned, Teachers, Parents and pupils. Google suite
- Changes to the 11+ and CXC
- Challenges - teachers and pupils without adequate WiFi and some without electricity. Tackling the Digital Divide
- Challenges with Social Distancing
- Adequately supporting Special Needs pupils

Planning to return to School in January– The December spike caused a change in plan. Consultation with Unions, Teachers, Parents, Pupils and the Ministry of Health were necessary to chart a way forward. The Role of the PTA became even more critical.

DECISIONS

- Monitoring on-screen time for pupils
- Adequate PE time
- Educational Monitoring Committee

OUTSTANDING

- Innovation - Teacher Training continuing. More to be done
- Closing the Digital Divide - need for further support by Civil Society
- Growth in the partnerships with the Private Sector– at all levels. The 2020 World Economic Forum challenge to the Private sector to support Education.

A colleague in the Ministry of Education - : Dr Denise Charles

This can be a dark moment for our nation or it can be a space for light to emerge; compassion, community, cooperation, caring and growth is needed.

QUESTIONS

With the school on lockdown, who is using the schools?

Some Teachers who would not have a quiet space at home will use the schools. Pupils who do not have WiFi at home are able to use the schools. Ancillary Staff are required to keep the plant clean.

Is there any chance to determine the students in need?

Student Support Services has a database which is updated daily to identify those in need.

The Learning Curve and Adaptation—what about social interaction– how will virtual learning impact?

There will be impact on the pupils. It also impacts the Teachers. At the commencement of the class there is a time for virtual social interaction. School is a social place.

How are the Technical Schools and Practical Sessions being catered to?

Students were allowed to come in to have their practical sessions. This would include SJPP, Sciences and even needlework.

What about the 11+?

The dates have been extended. A survey will be done to determine the level at which the pupils are. However the Ministry is in control of the setting of these dates.

The guest speaker was introduced by PP Erskine Thompson and the Vote of Thanks was done by PEE Tracey Knight Lloyd.

The Role of the Sergeant-At-Arms.

Randy gave a Test on the COVID19 protocols. We passed!!!! He included an early Love Tax for Valentines, as meals were not being paid for. Persons involved in COVID 19 support were “called out” for special recognition.

We could not wait to share the good news with you!

PASS THE MIC continues!

What is Pass the Mic?

Pass the Mic is a series of empowering, informative and interactive panel discussions known for its exceptional experience every time! These panel discussions are now being hosted virtually and encompass a broad range of topics for all attendees.

Pass the Mic- Family, Life, Love: “Creating Building Blocks to Healthy Relationships”

What can you gain from attending this event?

We proudly present to you our highly anticipated virtual session for the Rota-Year which is focused on educating our audience on relationships as well providing helpful advice. There will also be valuable tools and strategies to help spark intimacy, build and nourish healthy relationships and many more nuggets of priceless wisdom

Our Panelists

We have invited five (5) diverse and dynamic panelists who are eager to share and provide excellent coverage on creating building blocks to healthy relationships while also fielding questions from the attendees.

Save the date!

Pass the Mic: Family, Life, Love

“Creating Building Blocks to Healthy Relationships”

February 13th 2021, 10am-12pm

**Registration Link* - <http://bit.ly/PTMFL>*

We might not be meeting face to face but we are still helping in our communities here and there





SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



Rotary International President-elect, Shekhar Mehta, unveiled the annual Presidential theme for the Rotary year 2021/22 during the first ever virtual International Assembly. "**Serve to Change Lives**" highlights the central motivation of Rotarians to make a difference through their service.

He is a member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Joint Meeting with RCoB & RCoPoS - February 04 - 6:00 p.m. The Topic is: *'The impact of Covid19 on Domestic Violence in the Caribbean'*
- About MUN—11th February
- Fellowship Meeting—18th February
- Guest Speaker—28th February

****All In-Person Meetings at the Hilton have been temporary suspended as we adhere to the Covid-19 protocols outlined by the Government of Barbados.**

Also please look out for more information concerning any other pending events which will have to rescheduled this month.

Announcements

Wedding Anniversary

- Dir Jeff & Vicki Evelyn—3 years—Feb 10, 2018

Birthday - Rotarians

- Rtn Waldo Clarke - Feb 06
- PP Sir Trevor Carmichael - Feb 09

Birthday - Partners-in-Service

- Dr. Marion Williams - PP CQ - Feb 06
- Lisa Lorde - SAA Randy - Feb 10

Join Date Anniversary

- PP Paul M. Ashby - 12 years - Feb 05, 2009

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.

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