



ROTA NEWS



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

R.I. Theme 2021-22

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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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November 04, 2021

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Weekly meetings on **Thursdays** at

Hilton Barbados

(Meetings via Zoom from July 15, 2021 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

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

REVIEW OF THE



Today, November 04, 2021, we return to our Lunchtime Meeting. This will be a Business Meeting where the Board of Directors will update us on the state of the Club.

We will also have a presentation by Isaac DaSilva, President of the Interact Club, St. Michael School.

The Meeting which commences at 12:30 p.m. will ONLY be presented by Zoom.

Today our Attendance Takers will be Rtn. Dr. Albert Best & Rtn. Onika Stewart.

**Next week our Attendance Takers will be Rtn. Joel Brathwaite & Rtn. Adrian Skeete.*

EVENING LECTURE SERIES MEETING - OCTOBER 28, 2021

President Robin called the 2nd evening lecture to order and requested that we stand for the singing of the National Anthem.

- President Robin indicated that Professor Clyde W. Ford would be addressing us on ***"The Challenge of Digital Technology in a World Lacking Equity & Inclusion."***
- He then asked **Rotarian Joe Johnson** to deliver the Opening Prayer.
- He thanked our sponsors which are Trowel Plastics Barbados Ltd, Trident Insurance, Sagicor Ltd and Consolidated Finance Director.
- **Director Savitri** introduced our award winning Guest Speaker who authored 13 works of Fiction and Nonfiction

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION

- **Prof Ford** started by congratulating Barbados for electing our first President and taking a step away towards decolonization and standing as an independent Republic.
- Started with a piece from his book, "Think Black" with background music by Shaft. A ride on the subway from the Bronx to Manhattan on a fall morning in 1971.
- Reporting to work at IBM where his Dad worked.
- His Dad worked there in 1947 and was determined to prove that he belonged there and was the first black systems engineer at IBM.
- Thomas J. Watson was the founder and CEO of IBM and he offered Prof Ford's father, a black man, a job.

REVIEW OF THE EVENING LECTURE SERIES MEETING - OCTOBER 28, 2021

- He had us look at the picture of the white men and one black man and 2 women. The white men were looking straight out but his father and the 2 women were looking towards the side. It reflected the time.
- He wrote a book highlighting his father's journey at IBM.
- His publisher wanted to know why his father was hired at IBM.
- In researching that, he found IBM was consistently on the wrong side of human rights.
- He mentioned Madison Grant's book of 1917 on The Passing of the great race. Basically highlighting eugenics and the study of eugenics and there were laws on the books which pushed the white race and the exclusion of black people.
- Mentioned the importance of people of Nordic stock and the elimination of the others.
- Mentioned the study of mixed race people on the island of Jamaica. They wanted to eliminate non-white people.
- He used IBM's punch card technology to capture the data. The study worked well in Jamaica.
- This new technology was used by the Third Reich in every aspect of subjugating and eliminating Jews. IBM was very involved in counting Jews and kept track of the Jews. IBM made fantastic profits from the work with Nazi Germany.
- Watson was a profiteer; he looked around the world to find where this equipment could be used. IBM got very involved in Apartheid. Producing punch cards to control the Black South African.
- This later went into facial recognition software. Which the purpose was to differentiate people based on race.
- Facial recognition technology identified people based on skin colour and was used by immigration at the border against a group of people.
- IBM named their facial recognition software Watson Facial Recognition technology using the name of the founder of IBM, who founded IBM on the wrong side of human rights, social and racial justice.
- In 2020 the CEO of IBM was changed and the new CEO immediately came out of facial recognition software, as did Amazon. The larger players came out but a lot of the small players got involved.
- Based on the testimony of Frances Haugen, a Facebook whistleblower, Facebook's algorithms prioritized antidemocratic behavior, hate speech, attack and often death of Muslims. This prioritization is good for business.
- Facebook prioritized behavior which riles up people emotionally.
- Facebook especially harms young people especially young girls and promotes body images which causes depression in young girls.
- When technology is used to segregate a portion of the population it can be used destructively. As in the 2016 US Elections and the absence of Black voters and the consequential election of Donald Trump. Black voters were targeted and promoted to stay home.
- Government should set up regulation which that focuses on high tech companies.
- For change to take place we need to get more minorities in the C-suite.
- We need to get our news from more reputable source.
- We need to regulate technology companies because history has shown that Tech companies are often on the wrong side of history.

Rotarian Neal gave the vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.

President Robin thank the speaker and Rotarians and brought the meeting to an end.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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Save the Date

Carols by Candlelight

December 11th & 12th, 2021
The Globe Drive-In
Showtime 6pm



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Tickets are available for Carols by Candlelight scheduled for Sat. Dec. 11 & Sun. Dec. 12. Show at the Drive-in at 6.00 pm. Cost per car - \$65.00. Please contact PP Tony Williams to obtain the tickets you are required to sell. Contact details - mobile 231-4561 or via WhatsApp. We need to push the sales.

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PP Tony

RCOB Dance-Off

NOV / 26 / 2021

DANCEHALL

BAJAN SOCA

BALLROOM

JERUSALEMA

PLACE:
CYBERSPACE VIA ZOOM AT 8.00PM

RCOB Dance-Off Rules

DANCE-OFF: 26TH NOVEMBER 2021 AT 8PM

CHALLENGE: PERSONS CAN REGISTER TO COMPETE IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

1. Dancehall
2. Bajan soca
3. Ballroom
4. Jerusalem line dance

The videos must be no longer than 2 minutes and submitted by November 23rd and will be judged by a panel of peers

Persons with exceptional dance skills can enter in more than one category

All duos must include a Rotarian and teams must have at least 50% Rotarian participation

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Grand Prize Worth \$1,500.00

\$5 Charity Raffle

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Future Club Projects

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It's the time you've all been waiting for!

The Finance & Fundraising Team is **GIVING AWAY** a #staycation at **South Beach Hotel** as our **GRAND PRIZE** to one lucky winner in this year's \$5 Charity Raffle so get the word out.

So, enter now for your chance to win any of our exciting prizes. **Winners will be announced Saturday, November 13th, 2021.**

Stay tuned to hear more of our other great prizes. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Club with a **pop-up sale on Thursday, October 21st, 2021, at Luther Thorne Primary School from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm.**

Contact your nearest Board Member for your tickets!

FUN FACT

Today's Member Fun Facts are compliments of the Fellowship Committee. Our hope is that you will enjoy learning more about your fellow club colleagues weekly.
10 Fun Facts about Rotarian Jamella Forde



1. **I cannot live without:** Music
2. **My superpower is:** Intuition
3. **I am best at:** Listening to my little voice
4. **I love a:** Good chicken wing and whiskey sour
5. **My alternate career would be:** Travel writer
6. **Most people do not know that:** I'm terrified of snakes
7. **Best vacation ever:** Central American Cruise
8. **Favourite addiction:** Crafting
9. **Bucket List item #1:** Sail down the Grande Canal in Venice
10. **Best Rotary Moment:** Earlyact Halloween Event

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **World Interact Week 2021—November 01-07**
- **Nov 11th - Nominations for the BoD 2022-23**
- **Nov 18th - RCoB Evening Lecture Series @ 6 P.M. by: Steve Farber — "Extreme Leadership"**
- **Nov 26th - Fellowship Event —Virtual Dance Off**

DISTRICT 7030 EVENTS:

- **District Conference 2022—Barbados—April 06-09**
- ****More Information on upcoming events will be published as soon as the details are available.**

Announcements

Wedding Anniversary

- Grace Durant & PP Orville Durant - 56 yrs - Nov 06

Birthday - Rotarians

- PP David Antrobus—Nov 04
- PP Jerome Ishmael—Nov 04
- Rtn. Dr. Beverley Agard—Nov 11

Birthday - Partners-in-Service

- Sharen, Lady Carmichael—PP Sir Trevor—Nov 07
- Tessa Chaderton-Shaw—Rtn. Anthony Shaw—Nov 11

Join Date Anniversary

None this Week

Attendance 30%

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.



WELCOME Y'ALL

Ready for Lift Off?! We are

On behalf of the Host Organization Committee, we cannot wait to welcome Rotarians and guests to Houston and the great State of Texas for the 2022 Rotary International Convention. The saying goes that everything is "Bigger", "Better" and "Friendlier" in Texas, and the goal of the Houston Host Organization Committee is to have each of you feel that every moment as our guest while in Houston! From the humble beginnings of this great city, Houston has been led by "People of Action" who have taken this City to great heights including, to the moon and back.

The City has plenty of activities to keep you entertained. Visit Space Center Houston, the home of Johnson Space Center and the Astronauts. Enjoy a night at the theater. Houston features a world class symphony, opera, ballet and permanent theater company. World class museums are within a short ride from the convention center. Of course, you can watch the 2017 World Series Champion Houston Astros at Minute Maid Park which is walking distance from the Houston Convention Center.

Houston is one of the most diverse cities in the world with a vast range of cultures. Houston's diversity has resulted in some of the world's best cuisine. Houston's vast array of restaurants include Creole, Chinese, Thai, Vietnamese, Italian, African, Caribbean, Argentinian and of course our very own Tex-Mex and world famous BBQ, to name a few.

Stay tuned for some exciting things to look forward to during your trip to Houston!

We look forward to welcoming each of you personally to Houston in June of 2022!!

PDG Rhonda Kennedy
Chair Host Organization Committee 2022

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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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