



# ROTA NEWS



Rotary Opens Opportunities

**R.I. Theme 2020-21**

## R.I. OFFICERS

### President

Holger Knaack

### President Elect

Shekhar Mehta

### RI Membership Committee Chair

PDG David Edwards



## 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**

### PATRON

HE Dame Sandra Mason, GCMG, DA.

Governor General

### DISTRICT OFFICERS

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District Rotary Foundation Chair  
PDG Milton Inniss

District Disaster Relief Chair  
PDG David Edwards

District TRF Annual Fund Chair  
Sonya Alleyne

**6TH MAY 2021**

### Club Officers & Directors

#### President

Fiona Hinds

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#### Secretary

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#### Treasurer

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#### Public Relations

Arlene Ross

#### Community Service

Adrian Skeete

#### International/Rotary Foundation

Makonem Hurley

#### Immediate Past President

Peter Williams

#### Sergeant-at-Arms

Randy Marshall

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 which is being held via Zoom Only.

Reporting will be provided by the Club's Directors and Officers to the membership.

Our Zoom meeting Moderators will be PDG David and Sec Ermine.

### Visiting Rotarians and Rotaractors

- Rtn. David Antrobus — RC St. Maarten Mid-Isle
- Rtr. Scott, Rtr. Melanie, Rtr. Katie — Rotaract Club of Barbados

### Guest :

- Joy-Anne Johnson — Guest Speaker
- Dr. Glenford Howe — Guest of PP Shawn Franklin

### Housekeeping:

- Attendance - 66%

**DON'T LET COVID  
TEAR YOUR DREAMS**

**GET VACCINATED NOW**

Rotary  **SUPPORTS  
COVID VACCINATION**

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**Club Meeting**  
**- 29th April, 2021**

President Fiona welcomed everyone to the 43rd meeting of the year. She said the prayer.

SAA Randy welcomed the Visiting Rotarians and Guests and reminded of our Guest Speaker of the day, Ms Joy-Anne Johnson who would engage us on the Topic: **"Hurricane Preparedness During the COVID-19 Pandemic."** She is the Programme Officer with the Department of Emergency Management.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Fiona (pictured right), commended the RotaNews for its record on the activities of the club. She gave kudos to the team spearheading the Water Drive in St. Joseph, on Sunday April 25—VP Ron, PDG David and Director Adrian. She said the residents were "effusive" in their praise and thanks for the Club's contribution. Gifts were even afforded some members of the Club.



The team which cleaned up the School House on Friday April 23, was effusively praised by the President for a job "Well Done."

Further President Fiona commended the Virtual International Convention which is scheduled from June 12-16, 2021 in Taipei, Taiwan. The President reminded us to stay focussed as there were many activities planned for May and June.

In closing this section of Announcements, President Fiona asked us to observe a Moment of Silence as we recognised the death of Paul Pasmore, the father of Rotarian Simone, who passed away in Jamaica yesterday, April 28.

### **MOTIVATIONAL MOMENT**

In deference to Heroes Day which is celebrated on April 28, in Barbados, President Fiona sought out Heroic/Heroine Themes.

A hero is brave in deeds as well as words.

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A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles.

**Christopher Reeve**

I think that we all do heroic things, but hero is not a noun, it's a verb.

**Robert Downey, Jr.**

As All Rotarians are Heroes, we should continue to contribute to Every Rotarian Every Year.

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Our Speaker Ms. Johnson was introduced by Rotarian Jamella Forde and the VOT was given by Rotarian Chrispen.

Ms. Johnson started by enquiring of us what had changed over the years to impact on Hurricane Preparedness. She spoke of the impact of Climate Change and the necessity to be adequately prepared, especially in the area of Insurance Coverage.

She recalled the financial impact visited by Hurricanes and Storms in the recent years.

- On an annual basis humans lose their lives or livelihoods and economies or sustain lasting damage due to numerous disasters.
- Over the last decade nearly a million people have been killed by disasters caused by storms, droughts and floods.
- The number of disaster events and their related economic and humanitarian losses have been increasing steadily since the 1990s.



Ms. Joyanne Johnson

## Club Meeting – 29th April, 2021 Continued

- Overall losses from world-wide natural catastrophes in 2017 totaled \$330 billion dollars, these losses occurred from 740 events.
- The costliest natural catastrophe in 2017 ranked by insured losses was Hurricane Maria which caused \$32 billion in insured losses in the United States and the Caribbean.
- Hurricane Irma ranked at number three and Hurricane Harvey at number four both with \$30 billion in losses.
- The world's costliest natural catastrophes in 2017 were hurricanes, drought, wildfires, heat waves, hail, floods, earthquakes, cold frost.
- Overall losses from world-wide natural catastrophes in **2019** totaled \$166 billion from 860 events and 9,000 deaths
- Ranked by insured losses Hurricane Dorian ranked third with \$4 billion after two Typhoons which caused \$10 billion and \$7 billion
- The top five world costliest natural catastrophes by insured losses were from two (2) Typhoons, Hurricane Dorian, storms and floods
- Hurricane Dorian caused an estimated \$3.4 billion, hundreds dead or missing while 29,472 persons were affected by the hurricane

### HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS & COVID19

- Take into account your usual Hurricane preparations, but add the new COVID19 protocols Masks, Sanitizing and Social Distancing
- Develop an Emergency Plan which should include the shelter closest to your home – information on your District Emergency Organisation (DEOs)
- Know your Shelters
- Volunteer with the local District Emergency Organisation
- Developing a family plan
- Your family may not be together when a disaster occurs; thus, it is important to know:
  - What you will do during a disaster and how will your family be reconnected immediately?
  - How will you contact family members to let them know you are ok?

#### Develop an Emergency Evacuation Plan

- Take measures to protect your home and personal property
- Create an Emergency Evacuation Plan

#### Psychosocial Support and Stress Management in Disasters

- Just because you have experienced a disaster does not mean you will be damaged by it, but you will be changed by it.  
...Weaver (1995)
- For every physical injury, there maybe ten times that amount of psychological injuries

#### Conclusion

- Disasters can occur anywhere, anytime and impact everyone
- Disasters can take away our safety and security, and disrupt our livelihoods
- Knowing what to do during a disaster can save lives and properties
- We cannot stop natural disasters from occurring
- We need to increase our preparedness efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic
- There are several stages to overcoming a disaster impact
- Be Prepared – Be Aware

***A Hurricane Preparedness Emergency Supplies Checklist has been provided by Ms. Johnson***



## Why Should Rotary Promote Youth

### Roles During Youth Service Month

## Roles and Responsibilities

- Coordinate and partner with non-Rotary organizations to support service projects
- Engage international scholars and alumni
- Promote Youth Service month
- Promote and support establishing Community Based Rotaract Clubs with interested clubs
- Conduct annual Youth Conference
- Ensure Youth and Rotarians receive youth protection training



### Being Rotarian

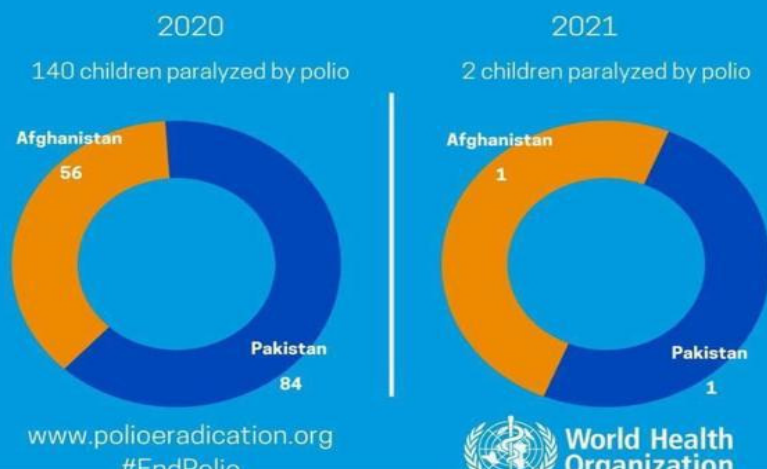
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Polio this week - No Wild Polio Virus Case is Reported in this week - 0 Afghanistan and 0 Pakistan. Total Globally Cases now are 2 in 2021, 140 in 2020, 176 cases in 2019 and 33 cases in 2018.

As on date, Pakistan now has 1 Case in 2021, 84 Cases in 2020 & 147 cases for 2019 and Afghanistan 1 Case 2021, 56 Cases 2020 & 29 cases in 2019.

## Wild Poliovirus Weekly Update

27 April 2021



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The goal is to help out the homeless by preparing and serving breakfast for their consumption. The Rotaract Club of Barbados will partner with the organisation "Breaking Bread" to assist with this initiative on a fortnightly basis, with a full takeover once quarterly.

Dates: 8th & 22nd May 2021

Time: 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.

Location: Barbados Vagrants & Homeless Society,

Spry Street B'dgetown



May Assists

Rotaract Club of Barbados



### VACCINE HESITANCY

is a hurdle on the road to defeating COVID-19—but we know from history that it's surmountable!

Here's what **vaccine skepticism** looks like around the world. →

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In Rwanda, where confidence in vaccinations is strong, life expectancy has risen by **MORE THAN 33%** over two decades, an achievement credited largely to **widespread vaccination**.



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On the other end of the spectrum, **low vaccination rates** in France are believed to have contributed to a 2017-2018

### MEASLES OUTBREAK.



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One prime contributor to vaccine hesitancy is **misinformation**, which can spread quickly online. In the U.K., **41% OF PARENTS** report being exposed to **negative content** about vaccines on social media.



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Social media can also be used to spread **positive information about immunizations**. When Ukraine experienced a polio outbreak, Rotarians and other global partners successfully mobilized parents to speak directly to other parents about

### VACCINE SAFETY ONLINE.

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By continuing to **build trust**, share **fact-based information**, and **have conversations** with our loved ones, we can achieve a historic mass

### VACCINATION EFFORT

and end the pandemic for good.



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Read the full article at: <https://on.rotary.org/3na9MQp>

### 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: Rtn. Carlos Depeiza

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 13th— About Rotary International
- May 20th—Fellowship & Classification Talk
- May 27th—Fellowship meeting with a Guest speaker (TBA)

### Rotary Works Program:

- May 12, 2021 – Roadblocks to Avoid on your Road to Success (Via Zoom—Register at @ rotarydistrict7030.org)

**\*\*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.**

### Announcements

#### Wedding Anniversary

- Hélène Watkins (PHF) —PDG Tony Watkins— May 7th—55 Years

#### Birthday - Rotarians

- Rtn. Winston Warren — 8th May

#### Birthday - Partners-in-Service

- Mary Cozier (PHF) & Rtn. Steve Cozier—10th May

#### Join Date Anniversary

- PP. Tony Reece – 23 Years – May 07