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District 7030 - Club # 6798

Chartered March 07, 1962

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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?

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Weekly meetings on **Thursdays** at

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Needham's Point, Aquatic Gap,
St. Michael
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 - Club # 6798

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*March is February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
Month*

**Today The Rotary Club of Barbados Celebrates Charter
Day with this Special Edition of the RotaNews**

ROTARY COMES TO BARBADOS

Taken from rotary.org

The development of the Tourist Industry and Manufacturing in Barbados during the early sixties can be considered as the main reason for the birth of a Rotary Club.

At that time, among the many visitors and business executives who visited, were Rotarians who were members of various clubs especially in the United States and they often queried whether there were any Rotary Clubs on the island at which they could attend in order to keep up their attendance and maintain their membership in their respective clubs.

It was in July 1961, that Paul Foster, the then manager of the Barbados Tourist Board (which became the Barbados Tourism Authority) and Canadian, Tom McLaughlin, Manager of the Barbados Development Board, now Barbados Industrial Development Corporation (BIDC) both shared offices on the top floor of Cavan House on Lower Broad Street, The City.

It was an ordinary day in the lives of both men when McLaughlin walked into Foster's office and asked the question: "Why don't we start a Rotary Club in Barbados?"

This question was of significance to McLaughlin, because many visitors who came into his office to discuss industrial matters were Rotarians who felt that Barbados needed a Rotary Club.

Foster in turn related to his friend that visitors were also expressing the same need to him.

The idea was further discussed with Canadian Roy Wells, the new Manager of The Bank of Nova Scotia (1960-1964). The Bank had started operations in Barbados in 1956. Wells shared the same sentiments expressed by his two customers Foster and McLaughlin.

On September 22, 1961, an initial meeting was held and received with such enthusiasm that another meeting was called only six days later for further discussion aimed at finalizing action for the formation of a club and to appoint officers. Records show that by January 18, 1962, plans were being made for the first official meeting of the club and there was a total of 23 paid up members.

Having satisfied the requirements of Rotary International, a Charter was presented on March 7, 1962 and the Rotary Club of Barbados came into being with eminent Barrister-at-Law, J.E. Theodore Brancker, one of the founder members as the Charter President.

With the start of the Rotary year 1962-63 in July, the Charter President, who had only served three months, was re-elected for the full term along with Stanley Chapman as Vice President; Ranny Greaves, a dentist, as Secretary and Edward (Ted) Cassell, an experienced Rotarian, as Assistant Secretary.

From its inception, the Rotary Club of Barbados has always been able to conform to the long established principles of Rotary International in recruiting its members and filling classifications from the top executives in business, the professions and the services.

The regular meetings were held for lunch at the Marine Hotel every Thursday where Julius Zelinka, a charter member, was the resident manager. He also permitted the Club to hold its Board and Committee Meetings, as well as the frequent Club Assemblies, at the Hotel.

During the early years of the Club, many resident visitors who were experienced Rotarians, gave the benefit of their knowledge to the young club and assisted in steering it along the "Ways of Rotary".

The club achieved a significant milestone on January 13, 2005 with the induction of its first female members, Karen Smith and Brenda Pope.

On July 9, 2011 another significant milestone was achieved when the Club's first female President, Brenda Pope, was installed.



CHARTER MEMBERS

The 23 Charter members who founded the Club in 1962 are:

Sam Ashby
Theodore Brancker
Clifford Chapman
Rawle Chase
E.L. "Jimmy" Cozier
Les Debege
Charlie English
Paul Foster
Trevor Gale
David Harvey-Read
Charlie Heath
Alistair Johnson
Stanley Kinch
C.E. "Charlie" McKenzie
Tom McLaughlin
George Nehaul
John Rose
Gordon Simpson
Colin Tudor
Roy Wells
Jimmy Whitelaw
Edzard Zelinka
Julius Zelinka

Marine Hotel, Hastings, Barbados



The Marine was a 200 room hotel built in 1887 in Hastings, Barbados about 2 miles from Bridgetown. The hotel featured some very elaborately detailed cast iron balustrades, large wrap-around patios and a magnificent ballroom. Today, on the sites of both the Marine and Pomroy Hotels is the PomMarine Hotel, a teaching Hotel attached to the Barbados Community College.

Lowry refers to the hotel in his novel *Ultramarine*; " ' Talking about cows, all round the West Indies I been, Barbados, Bridgetown, that's hot stuff...All the grape trees coming down to the water's edge, you want to stay at the Colonial in the Milk Market there - nigger orchestra. The Marine's no good - that is, if you got money. I had. That was during the war. I tried the Marine, and the Balmoral. And then I went to the Colonial.....' " (Pg. 174).

[Guttred Arcades of the Past: Marine Hotel, Hastings, Barbados](http://guttedarcsades.blogspot.com/2012/09/marine-hotel-hastings-barbados.html)
guttedarcsades.blogspot.com/2012/09/marine-hotel-hastings-barbados.html Thursday, 6 September 2012. *Marine Hotel, Hastings, Barbados*

PROFILES OF OUR PAST PRESIDENTS—1962-2018



1962-63
Sir Theodore Brancker, Q.C.* - PHF, Charter President. Astute lawyer and politician. Longest serving Speaker of the House of Assembly.



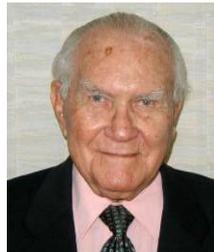
1963-64
Stanley Chapman* - Along with the C Sisters founded the Challenor School, Andrews House, Blackman's St. Joseph - our first major project which is still supported. It then moved to Whitehall House, Codrington St. Michael and now Canefield House, St. Thomas



1964-65
Sam Ashby* - Chairman of IDC
Challenor School officially opened September 07, 1964



1965-66
John (Jet) Nelson* - MD of Pan Am. Set a high standard of fellowship and did much for our visitors



1966-67
Sir Stanley Blanchette* - PHF - Erected drinking fountain in the Fairchild Street Bus terminal as an Independence gift to Barbados. District Governor 1985-86.



1967-68
Denis Bell - Became President when Sir Winston Scott was elevated to the office of GG and could not hold both positions. Opened the Fiscus Club in St. Thomas for young men. The Senior Citizens Christmas Party commenced at Government House



1968-69
Neville Grosvenor* - PHF- Editor of the Barbados Advocate. Did much to promote relationships with the clubs of the District. Editor of 3 Decades of Rotary in Barbados—1961-1991

1969-70

John (Electric) Nelson* - Was Manager of B'dos Light and Power Co, and assisted with many of the clubs projects. One of these was the lighting up of the area around the "Hotpot" near the former Holiday Inn at Pebbles Beach



1970-71

Dr. Douglas Carter*

A Medical Doctor who assisted with cases in need especially medical. A fully equipped emergency van was presented to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital



1971-72

Girwood Springer* - Commissioner of Police. The club assisted with the reformation of the Barbados Boys' Scout Band



1972-73

Pat Castagne*

Penned the words to "Let's join Hands" which was sung during the Barbados National Chain Link Day on Independence Day, November 30, 1979



1973-74

Lester Whitehead* QC. Maintained the existing projects, especially the Challenor School. Donations were made to youth organizations including the Church Lads Brigade Regiment. At his hand over meeting he indicated that due to the oil crisis, water shortages and rising cost of materials, the main project at Trevor's Way could not be completed. The Club received the President's Award from the Boys' Scouts Association for its service to scouting in the island.



1974-75

Miles Rothwell*

Charter President of the RCoB West. August 14, 1975 Charter issued to Rotary Club of Barbados West. He served as Governor of District 404—1979-80



1975-76

David Harvey-Read*

Men's Club opened at Clarkes Hill, St. Catherine St. Philip. Everton Halfway House, Dash Valley, St. George developed. Trevor's Way developed. August 14, 1975 Charter issued to Rotary Club of Barbados West.



1976-77

Charles L. Toppin - PHF

Commencement of Bajan Night (Dinner Event) which saw its last stand in 2006. It was the major Club Fundraiser until the advent of Carols By Candlelight in 1995



1977-78

Harold L. Cole* - PHF

Was Manager of Esso SA Ltd and became District Secretary under DG Richard Joachim—1984-85 and Sir Stanley 1985-86



1978-79

Colin A. Jones* - PHF

Relationship started with the Thelma Vaughn Home



1979-80

Peter L. Inniss* - PHF

Barbados National Chain Link – November 30, 1979. confirmed that 93,111 persons joined hands across the nation. Over \$150,000.00 was raised through a raffle



1980-81

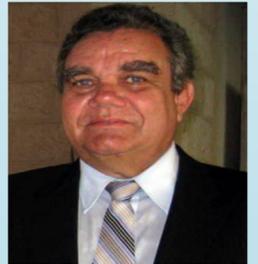
J.W. (Bill) Highton* - PHF

Get Rotary Sailing—
Sailing programs for the Youth



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.



1983-84
Harold Tryhane - PHF
The Barbados Computer Project was conceived. 64 Commodore Computers were provided to secondary schools across the island. The financing for the project was over \$49,000.00



1984-85
George Hadchity* - PHF
Initiated the restoration of the Boys' Scout Headquarters



1985-86
Robert M.O. Morris - PHF - Annex at the Children's Development Centre along with the Business Community. Completed the restoration of Boys' Scout Headquarters. Rotary Club of Barbados South Chartered January 13, 1986. Charter President was Peter Hollands. Chairman of 50th Anniversary Project



1986-87
Grenville Phillips - PHF - 25th Anniversary of RCoB - Recognized twenty-five (25) persons who made a difference to the Community. First pacemaker donated to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital



1987-88
Rex. E. Wason* - PHF - Tree planting at Lodge School. Rekindling of the Interact spirit at St. Michael School. A new Club was formed in September 1987. Major focus on Polio eradication.



1988-89
Leo Leacock* - PHF - Assisted in the procurement of the computer equipment for the Club project 1983/84. Contributed to the ongoing work of the Salvation Army.



1989-90
Dr. Frank Ramsey* - PHF Tree planting on ABC Highway from Lowlands to the Grantley Adams Airport. Planting was also planned from Haggatt Hall to the Belle. Championed the activities of Heartbeat International. Magi Jim Newman came to visit. Regional coordinator for the Polio Plus Campaign 1987-88.



1990-91
Orville Durant - PHF - Did much to start the Drug Awareness Programme; which continues today. The project would focus on visits by secondary school pupils in fourth form at the 21 schools to the Psychiatric Hospital at HMP at Glendairy where they gained first hand knowledge and insights from inmates on the results of the use of drugs. Included today is the SAF centre at Verdun.



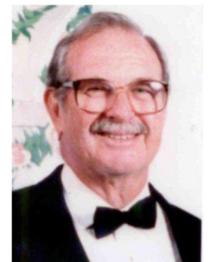
1991-92
David Edwards - PHF- Constructed the Respite Centre at the Challenor Home to allow live-in facilities for Respite Care. Such a facility will enable parents to spend a weekend away from home and at the same time allow them to appreciate much needed rest. Chairman RI President Bill Huntley's Friendship Conference at Sherbourne 1994, District Governor 2004-05. Appointed Asst Rotary Foundation Regional Coordinator for Zone 34 2013. Founding Con-venor District 7030 Council of Past Governors



1992-93
John Cabral - PHF - Establishment of the Kingsland Recreational Park. Chairman Junior Library Project, 1981-82



1993-94
John Grace* - PHF Environmental/Agricultural Project. The secondary schools interfaced with the Children's homes and produced crops. This was to twin/bridge 17 of the business community with 17 schools and the community at large for the betterment of the environment. Computers and Televisions were offered as prizes for the Schools



1994-95
Andrew Bynoe - PHF - Rotary Education Project at the St. James Composite School. The project was designed to improve the academic and social performance of students. This included a "Remedial Teaching Program." He has said that this project was the "fore-runner" of the Alma Parris Secondary School. Friendship Conference held.



1995-96
Stanley P. P. MacDonald - PHF - Introduced Carols by Candlelight, the Schools Drive Carefully safety signs - Rotary Resource Room and the Learning Centre St. James. Build Boview Home - Challenor School



1996-97
W. Anthony Watkins - PHF - Proposed project derailed by Government's EDU TECH Program - donated two multi-media computers and printers to the Learning Centre and Challenor School - Became District Governor 2010-11.



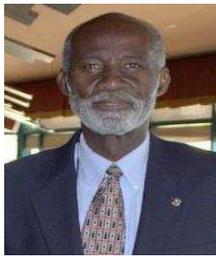
1997-98
 Norman Barrow - PHF – Initiated the refurbishment of a building at Verdun, St. John – Substance Abuse Foundation, to provide living quarters for five councilors. It is expected that this will incur a cost of \$75,000.00. Major fund raising project for HBI. Formation of Rotary Roosters. Founders Day Service moved from St. Joseph Parish Church & St Aidan's, held at St. Lawrence



1998-99
 William M. Tomlin - PHF - Projects to assist the needy in the community – "Get Involved" Each Rotarian provided with \$850.00 (82 members) to be spent on a "hands on" Project. Over \$50,000.00 spent. Completed the Verdun project. Saw another club forum discussion on the admittance of females to the club. Regularized the Trust Fund - National Chain Link Project



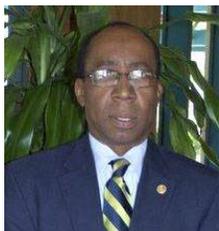
1999-2000
 Stephen G. Brathwaite - PHF. Asked to take over as President in April 1999 while attending the District Conference in Guadeloupe after PE David Harding, due to a major change in his business, could not continue as President. Review of all Projects – refurbishments done at the Boy Scouts HQ and the Challenor School



2000-01
 Victor Fernandes - PHF – A focus on the Environment. Introduced Earth machines (composters) for recycling, environmental and greening project. Sports and recreational equipment provided to the Government Industrial School. Sale of the CD produced by the Rotary Roosters



2001-02
 Algernon Leacock - PHF – Re-launched the Pride of Workmanship Awards – with the first group – ZR Drivers, SSA workers and Postal Workers – Started refurbishment work at the St. Patrick RC School after fire.



2002-03
 Lionel Moe - PHF – Continued work at the St Patrick RC School. Trained Montessori Teachers. Donated \$50,000.00 to Challenor Adult Training Centre. Served multiple times as District Treasurer.



2003-04
 Clyde Q Williams - PHF – Donated musical instruments to the Barbados National Youth Orchestra to the value of \$50,000.00. Along with two Canadian Clubs donated over \$60,000.00 for the construction of the General Arnold Brown Centre at the Salvation Army HQ, Reed Street, Bridgetown.



2004-05
 Roger Smith - PHF – Refurbished the Kitchen at the St. Thomas District Hospital – Gordon Cummins – was lead in the Grenada – Ivan Relief Project. As the 100th Anniversary of Rotary project, along with the 2 other Clubs refurbished the Fountain in Queen's Park, which was designed by Lady Carter. First two females joined the club on Jan 13 2005



2005-06
 Anthony Reece - PHF – First Fund Raising Concert by the Barbados National Youth Orchestra. Donation to BNYO Training Fund. Saw the final Bajan Night Event in his year. \$95,000.00 was given back to the Community.



2006-07
 Michael Browne - PHF – Started the Senior Citizen Sunset Concerts. Initiated the refurbishment of the Evalina Smith Children's Ward – St. Philip District Hospital. Oversaw the first fundraiser after Bajan Night—Love Unmasked at Bagatelle Great House. Installed by PDG Ethelbert Thompson. Served as District Assistant Secretary/ Treasurer 2000-01



2007-08
 Jerome F. Ishmael - PHF – Completed refurbishment at the Evalina Smith Children's ward. Up graded the Sir Clyde Gollop Men's Hostel, Hindsbury Road



2008-09
 Elvin Sealy - PHF – Breakfast feeding program with YWCA
 Visit by RI President – **Dong Kurn Lee** - May, 2009



Wheelchair Project Managed by the Felicity/Charlieville Rotary Club of Trinidad & Tobago. President Elvin Re-



ceiving Wheel Chairs at the St. Philip District Hospital.



2011-12
 Brenda Pope - PHF – Launched Sea For All Project. 50th Anniversary celebrations. Refurbished two homes for the needy. Donated \$50,000.00 (matching grant) worth of equipment to the Evalina Smith Children's ward. Establishment of 50 trees in the "Rotary Arboretum" in the National Botanical Garden, Codrington, St. Michael. Visit by RI President Kalyan Banerjee.



2012-13
 Carl "Tony" Williams - PHF - Refurbished two wards at the Geriatric Hospital – St. Michael District Hospital. Mini M.U.N. program commenced.



2009-10
 John Mackenzie - PHF - Initiated a Community recycling project in conjunction with B's Recycling Barbados. This has been replicated in a number districts. Commenced planning for the 50th Anniversary.



2010-11
 Erskine Thompson - PHF
 Continued planning for the 50th Anniversary including the Sea For All Project with Director Carol. Maintenance of the Evalina Smith Project at the St. Philip District Hospital, where he was Project Leader in 2006.

The Barbados Youth Orchestra Supported by PP CQ Williams in 2003-04



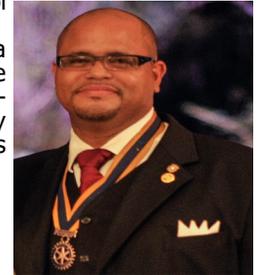
2013-14

Ron Davis - PHF – Ongoing fundraising for the **The Schoolhouse for Special Needs**. Western Jamboree fund raising event in support of the Little Pink Gift Foundation. Funds were donated to assist in providing prosthetics to a young female who is a quadruple amputee. Other contributions were made to a young male for corrective eye surgery and the Paralympic Association of Barbados. The Club and number of members contributed US\$18,160.00 to the Rotary Foundation.



2014-15

Alex William McDonald - PHF
 This Club continued to support the School House for Special Needs. Autism will be a special focus in support of a District Initiative. Rotarians with knowledge and expertise in this area assisted with programmes to educate the Club and community raising awareness. Quarterly Club Awards were initiated



Longstanding Member Horace King, joined the Club in October 1963 being recognized as an Honorary Rotarian by President Alex in December 2014

2015-16

Jedder Robinson - PHF
 The aim of the Community Challenge is to recognize and assist with the wellbeing of needy individuals or organizations in the community during the Rotary year 2015-16. That is, to complete a project for a needy person in the community every month for the 12 months. Projects included replacement of a wooden home, changing a roof, refurbishment of a ward at the Geriatric Hospital, and also a nursery playground equipment, provision of a ramp for a wheelchair bound person, recognising pupils who improved during Class 4 and the "Common Entrance Exam, and "being Homeless for 24 Hours.



2016-17

Lisa Cummins - PHF
 Recognition of the need to do more to help the needy among us especially the children. A new project "Each One Can" in which one of our top athletes Ms. Akela Jones (who is the face of the project) agreed to be a mentor for same.
 The Feed the Needy program: This was approached on many levels obtaining donations of food supplies by shoppers at a locally owned supermarket. To date RCOB has delivered to approximately 37 families on six days in each week food supplies and general assistance. A joint project with Rotary Clubs of Barbados to raise funds for Haiti following the passing of Hurricane Tomas



2017-18

Paul Ashby - PHF – The focus this year was for Sustainable Living and Improving Lives
 The project, which is continuing is geared towards empowering vulnerable families to become more self-reliant.
 The Project aims to provide those identified with a 450 gallon water tank and a Kitchen garden. The project benefited from a Matching Grant from the Rotary Club of Lexington, Kentucky and the support of the Rotary Club of Aruba and Corporate Barbados



Founder's Day 2007— PP Rex & PP Grenville with Rotarians Elvin Sealy and Karen Smith



In 2007—Founding Member Paul Foster. They all had heads covered with hair.



Carols By Candlelight. Our Major Fund Raising Event, Started in December 1995



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.

50th Anniversary House Repair Project



Everton House, Dash Valley



Annual Beach Clean Up at Morgan Lewis



**Bo View Constructed on the Grounds of the Challenor School, 1995-96
 Visit by DG Victor Pilgrim**



Trevor's Way



From left, Director International Service Rotary Club of Barbados Dr. Carol Belgrave, Minister of Social Care Steve Blackett and Assistant Governor Rotary Clubs of Guadeloupe Fritz Grenon during a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially launch the Sea for All programme. March 2011.

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