



ROTA NEWS



May 07, 2020

Rotary Club of Barbados



District 7030 - Club # 6798

Chartered March 07, 1962

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R.I Theme 2019-20

R.I. OFFICERS

President
Mark Maloney

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Holger Knaack

RI Membership
Committee Vice-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?

Club Officers & Directors

President
Peter Williams

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Fiona Hinds

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Public Relations
Arlene Ross

Community Service
Adrian Skeete

International/Rotary Foundation
Heather Tull

Immediate Past President
Shawn Franklin

Sergeant-At-Arms
Peter Arender

Weekly meetings on **Thursdays** at

Hilton Barbados

Needham's Point, Aquatic Gap,
St. Michael
at 12:30 p.m.

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

www.clubrunner.ca/barbados

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARBADOS WELCOMES ALL VISITING
ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

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

RI THEME: ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD



This week (May 07) will be a Business Meeting

Last Week's Activities – April 30

Agenda

1. Club Forum

Matters for Discussion:

- Minutes of the September 26, 2019 Forum
- Membership & Classification Study
- Approval of the Revised By-Laws & Constitution
- Plans for 2020-21—PE Fiona Hinds
- Plans for 2021-22—PEE Robin Ford

Housekeeping

- Attendance for Apr 30 - 73%



Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick was made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the Coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health.

Heal us from fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.

Heal us from pride, which can make us claim immunity to a disease that knows no borders, no race, class or creed.

Be with us as we conduct this club forum, give us the wisdom to make good decisions that can lead to sustainable results for us and for those whom we serve. Steer our intentions to align with Your righteous will.

Remind us of Your faithful provision and restore our faith in the ultimate triumph, of the plans you have for us.

We ask these things in Jesus name. Amen

Rotary Club of Barbados - Forum Meeting Notes

1. Opening of meeting by President Peter Williams with announcements.
2. Review of Club By-Laws and Constitution and proposed changes by PDG Tony Watkins — Adoption of a standard club constitution based on the RI template from 2019. This revised document will be circulated to members after having been approved by all members at the meeting. The club By-Laws were last approved in 2012. New amendments were made and shown to all members via the Zoom platform.

PP Alex McDonald – raised a question on quorum wording section (6) under Article 13 was also queried for wording used.

PP Shawn Franklin – queried Article 1 definitions used.

Dir. Heather Tull – raised a point on Article 13 based orientation, asking for inclusion of two past presidents into orientation meeting for new members.

PE Fiona J. Hinds – raised a point on Article 3, Section (1) that the language used should be similar in the By-laws as in the Constitution to avoid the potential for a clash of language and definitions in the future. Also, to review the wording used under Article 7, for Electronic voting within online meetings.

PP Ron Davis – Article 12 Finances, some wording from this section may need to be placed in the Finance Trust document and not in the Finance articles.

Zahir Jackson (Rotaract Club of Barbados) – Raised a point of clarifying an Immediate past president role as they are not classified as an officer of the club in the By-laws. Also looking at the Membership section for the club, Zahir questioned why Rotaract, Interact and Early Act Clubs documentation was encompassed into this section and not under the Youth Service Committee section within the By-laws.

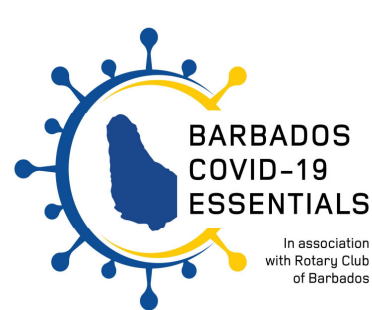
Rtn. Anthony Shaw – addressing Article 3, Election of Directors and Officers. The point was raised that as a Treasurer is not defined as a Director, and they should be included in this section. A recommended change is to amend the wording of the section to read along the lines of, "A member of the Board" instead of "Director".

Kareem French (President of Rotaract Club of Barbados) Examining the Membership Section – No noted language contained in the section for Rotaractors transitioning from Rotaract to Rotary club. Questioned if there was a need for any policy for that.

Board Report Presentation – By President Peter Williams This report was presented to the membership, with the interjection by the respective Directors on their respective components with the reports.

PEE Robin Ford - Presentation on Water Tanks for Secondary Schools in Barbados.

PE Fiona Hinds – Presentation on Vision 2020 and Beyond. The Vision is on opening opportunities for our children in the coming Rotary year.



**BARBADOS
COVID-19
ESSENTIALS**

In association
with Rotary Club
of Barbados



The **COVID-19 Essentials** initiative is reaching hundreds of our fellow Barbadians who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic.

To recap — The Rotary Club of Barbados, through its charitable fund, Rotary Trust Fund Projects Inc., has partnered with like-minded citizens led by Monique Archer, to mobilize the distribution of essential food items and supplies to support Barbadians most impacted economically by the Covid-19 pandemic.

To date, the initiative has received \$308,000 and has obtained commitments for a further \$86,000. Suppliers have also donated food items to the effort. A warehouse has been set up to receive, store the goods and pack the hampers. Rotarians and Rotaractors have volunteered many hours and by the end of this week 600 hampers would have been delivered to the Salvation Army.

The organizing committee continues to hold weekly virtual meetings to monitor progress and address issues as they arise. We anticipate ramping up deliveries, but will continue to restrict the number of persons in the warehouse to maintain adequate social distancing.

As a reminder, Rotarians who wish to contribute to the initiative can make the donation to the Rotary Trust Fund Projects Inc. at the following bank account.

Account Name: Rotary Trust Fund Projects
Address: 61 Grand View Cliffs, The Mount, St. George
Bank: Scotiabank, Broad Street, Bridgetown
Bank Branch #: 40055
Account Number: 9008685

You can execute a bank to bank transfer from your account direct to the account. You will need to provide details of the transfer as it does not always show on the statement and the bank does not provide notification. Rotarians donating \$200 or more and who wish to utilize the donation as a tax deduction will need to inform PP Ron so that he can upload the information to your BRA TAMIS account. Details should be sent via email to PP Ron Davis at ron@luxecaribbeanproperties.com.

Thanks to all those Rotarians and Rotaractors who are volunteering their time to support the effort.

https://www.facebook.com/pg/Rotary-Club-of-Barbados-RCOB-914553221970657/posts/?ref=page_internal

E-Transfer Details for Club's Bank Accounts

The Rotary Club of Barbados maintains two accounts at Scotiabank, Broad Street, Bridgetown. They are the General Account, and the Trust Fund Projects account. The latter account is maintained in the name of the Trust which is: The Rotary Trust Fund Projects Inc.

As a general rule of thumb all payments for special projects, fund raising activities, etc. should be made to the Trust Fund account, while normal club activities such as dues, payment for Rotary merchandise, etc. should be made to the General Account. The following are the details that should be provided to your bank in making electronic (online) bank transfers:

BOTH ACCOUNTS

Bank Name: The Bank of Nova Scotia (Scotiabank)
Branch Name: Broad Street
Branch Address: Broad Street, Bridgetown
Transit Number: 40055
Bank ABA Number: 000000003

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Account Address: P.O. Box 148B Brittons Hill, St Michael
Account Number: 009008684
Contact Person: Club Treasurer

TRUST FUND PROJECTS

Account Address: 61 Grand View Cliffs, The Mount, St. George
Account Number: 009008685
Contact Person: PP Ron Davis

When a transfer is made to either account, please provide details to the Contact Person in one of the following forms:

- Copy of the originating bank's transfer payment receipt and name of sender; or
- Email advising name of sender, amount of transfer, date of transfer.

This information is vital to allow tracking and matching of the transfer to the deposit on the bank statement.

Announcements

Wedding Anniversary

- None This Week

Birthday - Rotarians

- Rtn. Winston Warren – May 08

Birthday - Partners-in-Service

- Mary Cozier – Rtn. Steve Cozier – May 10

Join Date Anniversary

- PP Tony Reece – 22 yrs – May 07

Discussion Topic On-Line Rotary Meetings

On March 26th, the Rotary Club of Barbados held its first on-line meeting in adherence with the national lockdown caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. We have now held **six (6) meetings** in this format, including last week's Club Forum.

Several benefits have been observed:

- ◆ High attendance levels > 85%, including participation by those Club members who are overseas. The high level of attendance may be due to persons having to stay at home in lockdown.
- ◆ Participation by members and guests from around the world.
- ◆ Presentations from international speakers.
- ◆ Ease of attendance— No travel time & log on from anywhere
- ◆ Low cost

There are also significant drawbacks:

- ◆ No face-to-face interactions.
- ◆ No Sgt-at-Arms intervention.
- ◆ No revenue from fines and raffle.

Admittedly our experience is limited, but we can now consider whether we should incorporate some on-line meetings whenever circumstances permit us to resume our regular lunch meetings. Some topics for discussion.

- ◆ How frequent should we meet on-line?
- ◆ How do we collect revenue to cover fines?

We will take 20 minutes of our meeting time on Thursday, May 7 to receive your suggestions on the way forward.

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.

RI President Mark Maloney's Monthly Message



I spend a lot of time thinking of family, not just my own or the extended family of Rotary, but also the families we are helping in the communities we serve. In many parts of the world, mothers and children face challenges to survive that most of us will never comprehend. According to the World Health Organization, the risk of a woman in a low-income country dying during pregnancy or childbirth, or from related causes, is about 120 times higher than that of a woman living in a high-income country. It is encouraging that infant mortality rates are declining globally, yet 4 million babies annually still die within the first year of life.

In April, Rotary turns its attention to maternal and child health. And when we think of what we can do to help, we can look to clubs like the Rotaract Club of Calabar South-CB, Nigeria, for inspiration. It teamed up with the Rotaract Club of Canaan City (CB) in a program focused on educating mothers on best practices to prevent infant mortality and promote postnatal health for themselves and their babies. In Bangladesh, the Rotary Club of Dhaka North provides free surgeries and medicine to pregnant women who cannot afford the hospital costs associated with giving birth. I encourage you and your club to go to ideas.rotary.org to find projects like these that are helping to save mothers and children.

We also have witnessed how millions of people — families and entire communities — have been ripped away from their homes because of conflict, poverty, and disasters during the past decade. But Rotary has not stood idly by during the global refugee crisis.

During Rotary Day at the United Nations last November, we honored a Rotary Peace Fellow and five Rotarians who are taking action to help refugee communities. Among them was Ilge Karacak-Splane of the Rotary Club of Monterey Cannery Row, California. After visiting several tent camps in Turkey, she led a Rotary project that collected 1,000 pairs of children's shoes and socks for families in the camps and, later, led a global grant project to help educate refugee children. In March, Gay and I had the privilege of visiting a tent camp in Torbalı and seeing firsthand the good work that Rotarians from Turkey and California were accomplishing with Syrian refugees.

The challenges faced by mothers, their children, and refugee communities around the world are daunting. But when we remember our greatest strength — how Rotary Connects the World — we can begin to find solutions. Through our creativity, our resources, our dedication, and our networks, Rotary can and will open opportunities to face these challenges.

April 2020

Mark Daniel MALONEY, President, Rotary International

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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