



# ROTA NEWS

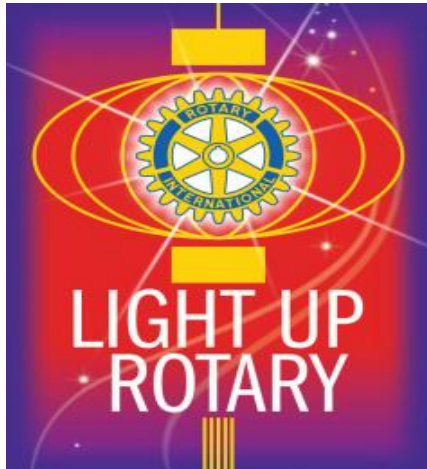


## Rotary Club of Barbados, Barbados

Chartered March 07, 1962

District 7030

Apr 08-11, 2015



R.I Theme 2014-2015

### R.I. OFFICERS

#### President

Gary C. K. Huang

#### President Elect

K. R. Ravindran

**Rotary Foundation Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator-Zone 34**  
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?

### DISTRICT OFFICERS

#### District Governor

Elwin Atmodimedjo

#### District Governor Elect

Milton Inniss

#### District Governor Nominee

Roger Bose

#### Assistant Governor (Barbados)

Sonya Alleyne

#### District Grants

PDG David Edwards, Chair

#### Council of Legislation

PDG Tony Watkins

### Club Officers & Directors

#### President

William "Alex" McDonald

#### President Elect

Jedder Robinson

#### Vice President

John Cabral

#### Secretary

Paul Ashby

#### Treasurer

Brian Cole

#### Club Service Director

H. Waldo Clarke

#### Vocational Service Director

Kim Tudor

#### Community Service Director

Shawn Franklin

#### International Service Director

Lisa Cummins

#### Youth Service Director

Neal Griffith

#### Immediate Past President

Ron Davis

#### Sergeant-At-Arms

Vic Fernandes

Weekly meetings on **Thursdays** at

**Hilton Barbados**

Needham's Point, Aquatic Gap, St. Michael

at 12 p.m.

P.O. Box 148B, Brittons Hill,

St. Michael, Barbados

[www.clubrunner.ca/barbados](http://www.clubrunner.ca/barbados)

**THE ROTARY CLUBS OF BARBADOS WELCOME ALL VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS TO THE 2016 DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

**April - Magazine Month**

*This is a Limited Edition of the Rota News - "The 2015 District Conference Special"*

**Headliners of the Conference**



DG District Governor Elwin Atmodimedjo, District Governor Elect Milton Inniss, District Governor Nominee Roger Bose and DGNN (District Secretary) Waddy Sowma

**A reflection on the 23rd Rotary District 7030 PETS, Assembly & Conference— April 08-11, 2015 in Suriname by President William A. McDonald**



**The Official Opening of the District 7030** District Conference was on Thursday April 09<sup>th</sup>, and began with a bus ride through Paramaribo to the centre of town to the magnificent Basilica of St



Peter and St Paul , where delegates were treated to some light refreshments prior to the official opening. And what an opening, it underscored the fact that ceremonies such as these are best done when they are simple, respectful and most of all punctual manner! The ceremony started exactly on time at 7:00 p.m.

The Master of Ceremonies effortlessly conducted the opening in both English and French, Surinamese are mostly multi lingual and therefore they all understood the English portion of the ceremony. The highlight of the ceremony was the raising of the flags of the representative states in District 7030. We were all enthralled as one of Suriname's leading female singers flawlessly sang every single one of the anthems, it was truly a beautiful moment captured in a very beautiful space the ceremony ended exactly one hour later – on time. This set the tone of the timing of the rest of the conference. The delegates then moved next door to the De Surinaamsche Bank, the oldest bank in Suriname (150 years old) the "brasa" event was a success! Delegates were greeted to drumming and dancers welcoming them to the event, each drummer and dancer combination represented one of the ethnicities in Suriname, the event was heavily supported by corporate Suriname and guests were delighted!



**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE SURINAME - APRIL 08-11 (Cont'd)**

The Conference for the District 7030 started on Friday April 10<sup>th</sup> with opening comments from RI Presidents representative Dominique Dubois. A packed agenda then followed, covering a number of very interesting topics such as ClubRunner data mining, **working with the autistic child, Rotarian Tracey would have shone at this event, as her presentations to this club are on par with these deliveries!** The conference also discussed giving to the Rotary through a very powerful talk by PDG Laura Quentrall - Thomas, membership update – where we heard that the District was well on its way to meeting its growth targets despite the fact that some clubs had done a "house cleaning" of its membership rolls, in the next three months we should be able to add 20 new members in the District to meet the targets that we have set ourselves. The RCoB received a **District Recognition Award** for its commitment to working with people with autism. This award was widely shared in the District.

The evening was spent experiencing a Cultural Event at Sana Budaya, a place which celebrated the Javanese influence in Suriname. The highlights of the evening were the cultural presentations and food.



and fellowship night , however display that play lasted 15 rivalled the relation to beautification!



There was art and craft on display and for purchase was on point. The pinnacle of the was the magnificent fireworks capped off the evening, the disminutes at least and would have Sandy Lane New Year's display in ty, but it surely beat it on duration!



On Saturday the conference started on time again and again covered a number of key presentations covering: grants, the disaster relief fund among others. Key presentations were on the financial stewardship of PDG Herve, and an extremely engaging presentation on RYLA by the RYLA District Governor. The assembly then went into the business side of the conference when it was asked to support the adoption of the financial statements presented by PDG Herve, and to confirm the appointment of Rotarian Waddy Sowa as DGND (district governor nominee designate).



Both resolutions were passed and adopted.

**MEETING DETAILS - Thursday April 09**

**SAA - PP Vic Fernandes**

- Attendance - 44%
- Raffle - \$74.00
- Winner - PP Jerry Ishmael
- Fines - \$156.00



**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE—  
SURINAME APRIL 08-11, 2015, (Cont'd)**

The club was again awarded a District Governors Citation, this citation was widely shared among all clubs in the district for their passion for the community. A feature of the last day was the very passionate and moving speech that RI President Representative Dominique Dubois gave to the assembly, she emphasised that Rotary is about us, making a difference to one person at a time.



Coming to the end of the day team Barbados delivered a top class video on Barbados as seen from the air (via drones) it was truly beautiful and surely must have inspired the over 50 early registrations (paid) that were made there and then to come to Barbados in April 2016.

The closing ceremony again lived up to the very high standards that the Clubs in Suriname had set from the outset. Delegates were carried to a large warehouse complex belonging to the Chamber of Commerce, where a warehouse was transformed into a space that would hold the 500+ Rotarians, guests and partners that were attending. The theme was a 70's and 80's celebration.

At the closing the RCoB was awarded best club focussing on special needs and Autism. This award is to be considered very prestigious as only two awards of this kind were awarded, one to the RCoB and the other "club of the year" to RCO Paramaribo residence.



Both clubs were given a physical award and USD 3,000 to be spent to their special causes. We are very proud to have accepted the award for the work that the club is doing for the school house for special needs, and reflects the hard work that the club is doing as a whole, but in particular PP Ron Davis and PDG David Edwards.

Afterwards a super old time fete was had by all. We arrived home tired but fulfilled.

Barbados is hosting the 2016 Conference, April 20-23 and we have a year to make it a truly great one.

*THANK YOU TO OUR GRACIOUS HOSTS IN SURINAME!!*



Part of our Delegation before the Opening Ceremony



Handing over?



The Autism Award



The incoming Presidents - A Chance to get to meet them as you visit the other Clubs next week - Jedder Robinson - Farid Mansour - West & John Williams - South

**UP-COMING EVENTS**  
Mar 07 - Club Charter Date - 1962

### April - Magazine Month

Apr 8-11 - District 7030 Conference - Suriname - Join us and Brasa the Suriname Spirit! Register now: [District Conference Website](#)

15 April — Deadline for district governors to report the names of Presidential Citation qualifying clubs in My Rotary

May 18 - Impacting Autism through Early Intervention Seminar, at The Cave Hill School of Business

May 21-24 -29th District 7030 Rotaract Conference – Barbados : <http://rotaractbarbados.org/conference/>

June 6-9 - International Convention- Anhembi Convention Center, São Paulo, Brazil. [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org).

Jun 27 - Joint Installation



#### APRIL 02, 2015 - WORLD AUTISM DAY

##### 2015 Theme: Employment: The Autism Advantage

It is estimated that more than 80% of adults with autism are unemployed. Research suggests that employers are missing out on abilities that that people on the autism spectrum have in greater abundance than “neurotypical” workers do – such as, heightened abilities in pattern recognition and logical reasoning, as well as a greater attention to detail.

The hurdles that need to be overcome to unleash this potential include: a shortage of vocational training, inadequate support with job placement, and pervasive discrimination.

The United Nations General Assembly unanimously [declared 2 April as World Autism Awareness Day \(A/RES/62/139\)](#) to highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of children and adults, who are affected by autism, so they can lead full and meaningful lives.

#### NEED A MAKE-UP?

**SECRETARY - MACNEAL LASHLEY- RCOB - WEST**  
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**SECRETARY - RENNER YEARWOOD - RCOB—SOUTH**  
renner.yearwood@gmail.com

#### 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.



**DISTRICT 7030 - PETS, ASSEMBLY & CONFERENCE**  
SURINAME 2015  
08 - 11 April - 23rd Anniversary



### 29th Annual Rotaract District 7030 Conference

May 21-24 -29th District 7030 Rotaract Conference  
Barbados

<http://rotaractbarbados.org/conference/>

#### 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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