

**DISTRICT 7030**  
**CLUB#6798**  
Chartered March 07, 1962

**Aug 8th, 2024**

# ROTANEWS

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**Club Weekly Meetings**  
**Thursdays at 12.30 pm**  
**Hilton Barbados**

Needham's Point, Aquatic Gap,  
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The Rotary Club of Barbados welcomes visiting Rotarians and Guests.



Today August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 will be a Fellowship Meeting, which commences at 12:30pm at the Hilton Hotel.

**Meeting Details – July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

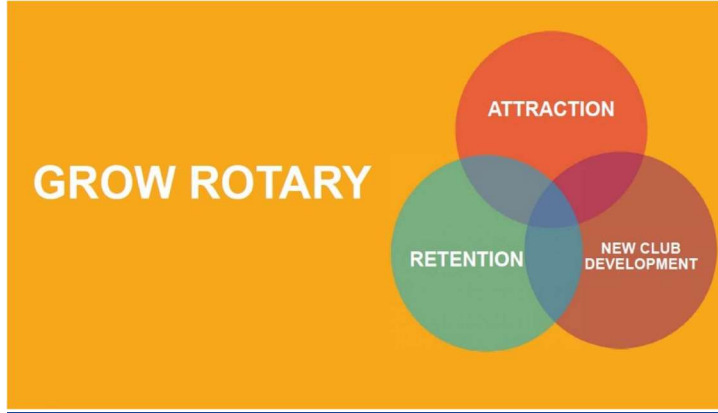
**Guests**  
Kareem Hackett – Rtn. Chrispen Hackett  
Charielle Plowden – Guest Speaker  
Ryles Weekes – Unknown joined on-line  
Camellia Hart – Unknown joined on-line

**Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors**  
IPC Janelle Jordan – Satellite Club ‘Rise Up’

**Honorary Rotarians**  
None

**Housekeeping**  
Fines: BBD 115.00  
Bingo: BBD 105.00 – Due to time constraints this was postponed.

Our next scheduled meeting will be a Business Meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, which commences at 12:30 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel.



**Summary of the RCOB Meeting Held on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The meeting commenced at 12:30 pm with the singing of the National Anthem and the Rotary Grace.

The meeting was a fellowship meeting.

There was a single guest present – Kareem Hackett, brother of and guest of Rtn Chrispen Hackett.

After lunch our guest speaker Charielle Plowden of Wizdom CRM Limited, and her team joined us via Zoom to speak on “Artificial Intelligence”.

She was introduced by PP Robin Ford.

Charielle spoke a bit about Wizdom CRM Limited and the work it does and the service it provides. She explained that it is an Edutech company that covers the region. Its goal is to improve student learning outcomes. She explained that one of its focuses is to teach children about investing on the stock exchange, by providing them with virtual money to “invest” on various regional stock exchanges, using AI. They had primary, secondary and tertiary students working with the programme, all learning financial literacy.

They are aligned with the CSEC curriculum for POA, POB and Management Studies, and have partnered with the stock exchanges of Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and Barbados, and work with the Ministries of Education in Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica and Barbados.

They educate children to save, budget and invest, working with the Ministries of Education in the islands.

They tour the schools to tell them about the platform, demonstrate them and tell them how to get started.

The team took the Club through the website and showed the Club how it worked, introducing the virtual AI powered tutors such as the “Bark” Tutor and the “Mr. Rabbit” tutor for the younger students, and Isabella for the older students. There is a sign language component for those students needing it as well, and those students having problems with reading can be assisted by the “Bark Tutor” which can provide audio feedback.

The platform provides assistance for students who can’t afford a private tutor, but by using the platform can now have private tutoring through the use of AI. 7816 students participated from April - June this year. The platform provides analytics for the Ministries of Education, and the parents of the children, allowing the students’ performance to be analyzed to check their level of understanding and engagement so that they can support them. The platform can assist Ministries of Education based on country and by school and by student, with a timely KPI report, a number one driving factor for the Ministries. Sponsors also get a report.

Charielle demonstrated how the platform could give help to a 9-year old student struggling with math and English, explaining that students provide their age on signing up so that the answers to questions are age appropriate.

After the presentation the floor was opened for questions. Rotarian Simone asked how the platform dealt with students with disabilities, and AI biases. Charielle responded that students on signing up would indicate their disability and the biases were dealt with by training the AI with data for the Caribbean, including the CSEC and CAPE syllabus for Trinidad, Barbados, Guyana and Jamaica. They also used the Digital Ocean platform to ensure security of data and a backup in case of hacking.

PE Jeff Evelyn gave the vote of thanks.

Due to the length of the meeting the announcements and bingo were deferred.

The meeting ended at 1:48 pm.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

August 15<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting

August 22<sup>nd</sup> – **NO LUNCH TIME MEETING**

August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 63<sup>rd</sup> Installation of Officers

August 24<sup>th</sup> – School Signs Painting

August 29<sup>th</sup> – Launch of Shoe Box Project

August 31<sup>st</sup> – School Signs Painting

### RaCOB/Satellite Club/EarlyAct

August 13<sup>th</sup> - RaCOB – Dollars @ Sense with  
Treas. Nikita Gibson

### DISTRICT 7030 EVENTS

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - District conference, Trinidad

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# 63<sup>RD</sup>

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & DINNER

### AUGUST

FRIDAY | 23 | AT 6 PM

\$175

MAHOGANY RIDGE  
PLUM TREE ROAD, ST JAMES  
BARBADOS

DRESS CODE: FORMAL

Rotary District 1700 | The Rotarian Minute

## Did you know?

In 1943, a Rotary conference in London on education and cultural exchange led to the creation of UNESCO.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING

# Dollars & Sense

WITH NIKITA GIBSON

August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 6:30 p.m. | Luther Theme Memorial Primary School

## Budgeting

## Saving

## Investing

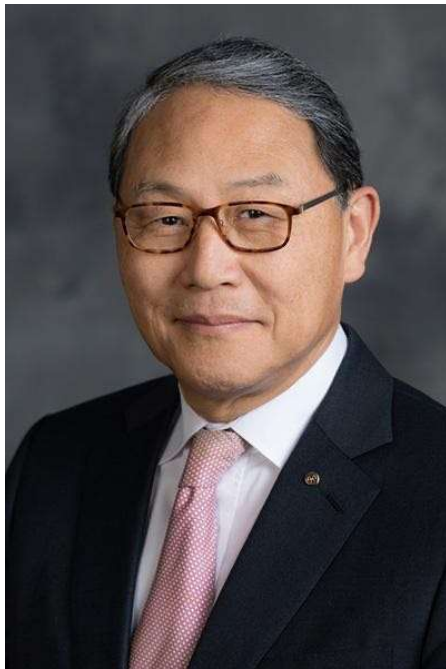
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Please note any makeups you may have had remaining from the Rotary year 2023-24 are now null and void. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 your makeup balance was at a zero balance. Please note any outstanding makeups you did not submit for the Rotary Year 2023-24 are also null and void and will not be included in this year's balance. Please be reminded that you should submit your makeups for the Rotary year 2024-25 to PDG Tony.



**Sangkoo Yun is selected to be 2026-27  
Rotary International President**



<https://www.rotary.org/en/sangkoo-yun-is-selected-to-be-2026-27-rotary-international-president>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Birthdays Rotarians**

Dir. Katrina Alkins – August 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Rtn. Trevor Fields – August 13th

**Birthdays – Partners-in-Service**

Heather – PP Jedder Robinson - August 4th  
Jenifer – Rtn. Joseph Johnson - August 9th  
Harriet – PP Stanley MacDonald – August 9th  
Katie – Rtn. Peter Hermant - August 13th

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Rtn. Roger and Kathy-Ann Blackman –  
Aug 09 1997 - 27 years  
PP Roger and Deborah Smith - Aug 09 1987 - 37 years

**Join Date Anniversary**

None

**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.

**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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