



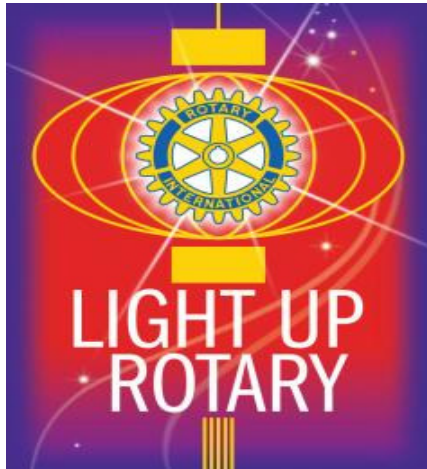
# ROTA NEWS

## Rotary Club of Barbados, Barbados

Chartered March 07, 1962

District 7030

Apr 09, 2015



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### 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

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#### Vocational Service Director

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#### Community Service Director

Shawn Franklin

#### International Service Director

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#### 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 CLUB OF BARBADOS WELCOMES ALL VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

### April - Magazine Month

Today is a Business Meeting the 39th for the year. The Board of Directors will provide a status update of the Club. We will also be having a Guest Speaker. Also at this time hundreds of fellow Rotarians are gathered for the 23rd Rotary District 7030 PETS, Assembly & Conference 2015 in Suriname.

We wish District Governor Elwin Atmodimedjo, District Governor Elect Milton Inniss, District Governor Nominee Roger Bose and DGNN (District Secretary) Waddy Sowma a purposeful gathering.



District Team- District Governor - Elwin Atmodimedjo, District Secretary - Waddy Sowma, District Treasurer - Agnes Moensi, District Governor Elect - Milton Inniss, District Governor Nominee – Roger Bose and Chair Counsel of Governors – IPDG Herve Honoré

### Guest Speaker PVC Professor Andrew Downes - *Building Capabilities: Education Policy and Practice in Barbados*

Dr Andrew Downes is Professor of Economics and Pro Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development at the University of the West Indies. He was previously Director of the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies. Professor Downes specialises in labour/human resources economics and is the author of several articles and reports on Caribbean economic issues. He is also Deputy Chairman of the Barbados Fair Trading Commission.



### Our Greeters are Past Presidents Elvin Sealy and Stephen Brathwaite

**Past President Elvin R. Sealy, MBE** joined the Club on Dec 01, 1985. In his Presidential Year 2008-09 he supported the Breakfast Feeding Program of the YWCA. He was PE and Chair Fund Raising 2007-08. He has served as VP for 2010-11 and 2013-14. He also served as Director Club Service 2003-04 and International Service 2005-06, the Chair Environment Committee 2002-03. Highlights of his year included the visit by RI President, Dong Kurn Lee and his spouse in May, 2009 and also in May the delivery of chairs through the Wheel Chair Program initiated by the Rotary Club of Felicity/Charlottesville, Trinidad & Tobago.

PP Elvin was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship in 2006.

He currently serves on the Fund Raising & Drug Awareness Committees.

**Past President Stephen G. Brathwaite** joined the Rotary Club of Barbados on May 22, 1991. While attending the District Conference in Guadeloupe (April 1999) he was persuaded to take over as President from July 1999 after PE David Harding was unable to embark on his year due to a major change in his business. Not having time to plan for a President's Project he undertook a Review of all Projects. During his year refurbishments were done at the Boy Scouts HQ and the Challenor School.

Prior to this PP Steve served as Chair – Bulletin Committee 2006-07, Director Community Service 1994-95, Vocational Service– 1995-96 and International Service 2000-01. From 1996-1998 he served as Chair of the PR Committee. PP Steve was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 2003.

Currently he serves on the PR, Fund Raising, Investigations and Safety & CPR Committees.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING HELD ON 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 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.

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### *This Thursday was an Interesting Day for the Club as we welcomed two more Deborah Smiths: one the Guest Speaker and the other the daughter of PP Erskine!!*

**A presentation** by Ms Deborah Smith (Educator) Principal of Providence School on - "Autism Experience - Toronto Canada."



Today she will share a vision for our schools as they face the challenge of servicing children with autism and special needs in general.

She was introduced by Chair Guest Speakers, PP Erskine

#### BIOGRAPHY

Over the past 30 years, she has been an advocate for student success in her multiple roles in education, starting in Toronto, Canada as a classroom teacher, Special Education Diagnostic and Resource Teacher, and School Principal.

In addition to completing her Masters in Education and additional qualifications in School Administration, Special Education, and the teaching of Reading, Deborah has worked collaboratively in a variety of Learning Networks in Canada focussing on the impact of developing inclusive, safe environments that encourage teachers and administrators to learn alongside each other, with a common focus on improved student achievement.

Ms Smith has shared some of her experience in her role of Special Projects Officer, Special Needs for the Ministry of Education, Barbados. Currently, she is the principal of the Providence Secondary School here in Barbados.

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#### MEETING DETAILS - Thursday April 02

SAA - PP Vic Fernandes

- Attendance - 64%
- Raffle - \$150.00
- Winner - Karen N. Smith (Former Secretary)
- Fines - \$221.00

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING HELD ON APRIL 02, 2015 (Cont'd)

### ***AUTISM - ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder)***

#### ***Summary of Presentation***

Ms Smith used her presentation to draw attention to a number of incidences where autism was misunderstood leading to the detriment of the person with autism.

Autism is a severe learning disorder that is characterized by disturbances in:

- rate of educational development;
- ability to relate to the environment;
- mobility;
- perception, speech, and language; and a lack of the representational-symbolic behaviour that precedes language.

The biggest challenge in dealing with ASD is dealing with the behaviour which stems from their inability to communicate.

It's about education of teachers, families, peers about the behaviour.

Behaviours are a means of communication. It usually serves a purpose, usually to

- Gain something
- Make a change in the environment
- Make a change in the task
- Escape the situation.

The term "spectrum" is used to recognize a range of disorders that include a continuum of developmental severity (Asperger's Disorder, PDD-NOS-pervasive developmental disorder, Autistic Disorder). The symptoms of ASD can range from mild to severe impairments in several areas of development.

We cannot change behaviour until we understand why it happens. The purpose of the behaviour is to communicate something. Often for the autistic child, the filters are not there.

There are people living with autism who have made all kinds of contributions to society.

I'd like to end today by introducing you to Temple Grandin an autism advocate who rose to fame as an author of several books on autism, in addition to the 2010 HBO Film on her life titled '[Temple Grandin](#)'. She speaks across the country about her life growing up with autism and is a professor at Colorado University.

[YouTube – Ted Talk](#)

[https://www.ted.com/talks/](https://www.ted.com/talks/temple_grandin_the_world_needs_all_kinds_of_minds)

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How can the Rotary Club support children with autism in Barbados?

- Provide special transportation
- Computer equipment
- Physical or Sensory equipment
- Financially support the employment of assistants to reduce the pupil/teacher ratio
- Financially support the training of teachers
- Conduct Awareness Campaigns
- Host Autism information sessions to build awareness in the community.

***Schools can be a place that is inclusive, where all children and adults feel safe, respected and challenged to be their best. As Rotarians, your contributions can make that happen one step at a time.***

In the Q&A she was posed with the following: -

**Is there a predisposition to autism?**

**NO**

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### ***AUTISM - ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder)***

**Is there need for more research?**

*Research is ongoing; however persons are diagnosed daily with autism*

**At what age can you observe that a child is autistic? Can one reach ten years old without being diagnosed?**

*It is possible to reach ten without being diagnosed as symptoms vary. Diagnosis is difficult*

In her Vote of Thanks, Autism Chair Tracey K-L was fulsome in her praise of Ms Smith, highlighting the need for more support in the public school system.

In attendance were two teachers of the Irvine Wilson School

*Today one of the two delegates, Elijah Tull a student of Christ Church Foundation School, gave a synopsis of the just concluded MUN Conference in Trinidad & Tobago.*

In acknowledgement of the positive influence received over the six week session with the culmination of the regional gathering; he spoke positively of the opportunity and wished for other youth to be so exposed. He emphasized the camaraderie and fellowship exhibited by fellow participants.



**Here he captures the attention of SAA & PP Vic who posed a question "on the one thing that he has taken away from the MUN experience?" Being tolerant of the views of other persons was his clear response.**

Also representing Barbados over the weekend of March 20-21, 2015 was Nia Marshall of Queen's College.

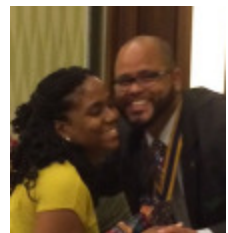
***Follow on Rotary in Barbados Model United Nations - MUN site***

[Rotary International](#)



For the past 70 years, Rotary and [UNESCO](#) have been pursuing the same goals around the world. Rotary's relationship with UNESCO dates back to a 1942 London Rotary Conference to promote international cultural and educational exchanges. Attended by ministers of education and observers from around the world, it was an inspiration to the creation of UNESCO in 1946. Find out more and watch a live broadcast from Rotary Day at UNESCO. <http://riunescoday.org/en/>

**How much is a picture worth? Ask the SAA!**





**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](#)

April 09—Guest Speaker Prof Dr. Andrew Downes

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

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

### GREETERS

April 16 - Rtn Nicholle Manz-Baazaoui & Chair Tracey Knight-Lloyd

April 23 - DE Dr. Tracy Archer & PS Steve Cozier

April 30 - PP Ron Davis & Chair Dr. Ron Ramsay

### OUR GUESTS

#### VISITORS

Deborah Smith - Guest Speaker—President Alex  
Deborah Thompson—Smith & Ena Thompson —PP Erskine  
Claudia Gibson—DE Winston Warren  
Nikita Linton & Jennah Parris - Chair Tracey Knight-Lloyd  
Dr Beverley Agard - Director Community Service, Shawn Franklin  
Erna & Ruta Pullam, Alberta, Canada - Eric Pullam  
Sony & Raj Ahluwalia - Rotarian Eric Pullam  
Genesis Cummins & Elian Tull- Dir International Service & PEE, Lisa  
Karen Smith—Germany—PDG David  
Vicky Callender—Rotarian Orlando Newton

#### ROTARIANS

Eric Pullam, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada - Public Relations  
PP Paul Saunders - RC of St. Augustine - West, Trinidad & Tobago - Disaster Management

### NEED A MAKE-UP?

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**SECRETARY - RENNER YEARWOOD - RCOB—SOUTH**  
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### 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.

## Announcements

### Wedding Anniversary

Rotarian Sanjay and Usha Amin 26 years Apr 16,1989

### Birthday - Rotarians

Past Chair Ron Williams Apr 09  
Rotarian Sue Springer Apr 16

### Birthday - Partners in Service

*None this week*

### Join Date Anniversary

Past District Governor David Edwards 37 years April 11, 1978  
Past President Lionel A. Moe 31 years April 07, 1984

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**29th Annual Rotaract District 7030  
Conference**

The USE of English—These excruciating insults are from an era before the English language was reduced to 4-letter words - *from PP Lionel A. Moe - "Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it."* Moses Hadas

### 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.

Bulletin Editor: *Michael Wilson Browne*