



ROTA NEWS



April 09, 2020

Rotary Club of Barbados



District 7030 - Club # 6798

Chartered March 07, 1962

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R.I Theme 2019-20

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**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?

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's guest speaker is RI's PP Barry Rassin from the year of 'Be The Inspiration' who will speak on *Rotary: Covid-19 and Beyond*

1.) Attendance for Apr 02 - 78%

Ground Rules for Rotary Meetings on Zoom

BE ON TIME: If you are late, please remain silent and catch up as best as you can.

CHOOSE A QUIET LOCATION: Please minimize distracting background noise such as radio & TV.

MUTE YOUR MICROPHONE: Use the mute button when you are not speaking. The moderator can also place you on mute, if necessary.

BE PATIENT: This is a new experience so please be patient with others on the call.

WAIT TO BE INVITED TO SPEAK: Please use the "Raise Hand" feature in Zoom to let the moderator know that you would like to speak. Please don't interrupt the conversation.

IDENTIFY YOURSELF: Before you start to speak, please state your name.

STICK TO THE AGENDA: Please stick to the agenda so that we can complete our meeting on time and in an orderly manner.

While we will miss our regular luncheon meetings, it is important that we stay connected and maintain our fellowship during this period of isolation and working from home. Log in to Zoom at 12:20 p.m. for a prompt start at 12:30 p.m. See you then!

APRIL DESIGNATION IS



"What is the value of the life of one child saved? No one will ever know, but if the child were our own, the price tag would be marked: Not for sale - this life is invaluable." 1979-80 James L. Bomar Jr



TAKE ACTION: Join a Project

A Warm Rotary Welcome To Our Six New Rotarians:

- Karen Cole — Rtn. Neal Griffith
- Shakéela Boodhoo — Rtn. Keri Mapp
- Nigel Pierre — PP. Paul Ashby
- Mark Hassell — PP. Paul Ashby
- Savitri St John — Treas. Meryl Stoute
- Russell Wilson — Sec Ermine Darroux

Mark Hassell

My first real interaction with Rotary, was when I was invited as a guest to a meeting sometime last year. At the time, I didn't know much about the breadth and reach of the organization - it was just something that I would hear anecdotally "He's active in Rotary" or "She just joined Rotary". It's only after attending a few meetings that I started to research and find out about the deep and long-lasting commitment to service and to helping the community. I continued to attend the weekly lunch meetings, getting introduced to more and more members and I was struck by the jovial tone of every session and the friendliness of the members. Attending one of the MUN sessions one Saturday morning sealed the deal for me, and I began to discuss with my sponsor what the "next steps" were shortly after. I'm excited to be a new member and look forward to helping where I can.



Russell Wilson



"I've always been interested in public service and development work. Good fortune allowed me to both work with regional development institutions and serve in a few senior roles within the Lions Club of Dominica. Due to family commitments and a change in residency status, I was unable to

continue my public service with the Lions Club. However, based on a change in my personal circumstances, and moreover, due to the excellent promotion of the accomplishments of the Rotary Club by Rotarian Ermine, I am excited to once again pursue the mission of public service. This mission will now be accomplished with the Rotary Club of Barbados!"

BOARD REPORT

The Board held its **10th Board** meeting for the Rotary year on Monday, March 30, 2020 via Zoom. Plans for the remainder of the 2019-20 Year were reviewed in light of the present COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions on activities.



Community Service: Events & Projects Postponed or 'Under Watch'

- ◆ **Children's Beach Party:** This was scheduled for May 31, but it is likely that this will have to be postponed. We will consult with the Child Care Board on plans.
- ◆ **RotaGames:** A decision has been taken to postpone this event due to the focus of our corporate sponsors on the impacts of COVID-19 on their businesses and corporate giving. Circumstances permitting, this will now be held in August.
- ◆ **Sustainable Living Project:** This will resume as soon as the circumstances permit. Details will be presented when we are ready to commence. This project has benefitted from a RI Grant and an application will be sent to RI requesting an extension.
- ◆ **Music Camp:** A decision had already been taken to postpone this event which is now slated for late August.

Club Meetings

- ◆ **Zoom On-Line Meetings:** The Club has transitioned smoothly to on-line meetings. There was a high level of attendance at the first meeting held on March 26, 2020.
- ◆ **Club Forum:** This was scheduled for Thursday, March 26 and will now take the form of a Zoom meeting. This is slated for Thursday, April 30 at 5:30 p.m. An agenda will be circulated.

Attendance

- ◆ **Average Year to Date:** Attendance stands at 76% with 41 members at 100%. A commendable performance by Club members.

Membership

- ◆ **Membership:** Six persons new members were approved, bringing the total to of 88 members We welcome these new Rotarians and look forward to their participation.
- ◆ **Member Leave:** Three Rotarians are presently on leave: Onika Stewart, Diana Douglin and Albert Best.

Board Report: cont'd

International Service

- ◆ **Model United Nations:** MUN was successfully concluded. Special thanks to our facilitators, AG Lisa Cummins, PDG David Edwards and DGN Sonya Alleyne.



- ◆ **District Conference & PETS:** While the District Conference has been cancelled, PETS will be held virtually for the President Elects and Secretary Elects of the Clubs.

Rotary Foundation

Our Club set a target to contribute **US\$9,000** to the **Rotary Foundation** for the Rotary Year. At the end of March we had contributed **US\$4,430**. We are almost half way towards our goal and thanks are extended to all who have contributed.



We wish to encourage Rotarians to contribute as part of Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) to get us to our target and support the Rotary Foundation. If you need help in how to make your contribution please reach out to PDG David Edwards.

Public Image

The Club continues to receive excellent coverage in the media, most recently for the MUN event.

The Board is aiming to establish protocols for administration and operation of the various social media sites—Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram as well as the Club's Website.

Financial

The Board agreed that there is a need to revisit our original budget in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some expenditures will be deferred, while others may no longer be required. The Board will provide information to the Club in then coming weeks.

NEW MEMBER—MINI BIOS Cont'd

Savitri St John



I've always had a desire to be useful. As my children grew older, I felt more and more that I could and should be doing more in the community, since they needed me less. In addition, working as a commercial lawyer can leave one feeling disconnected from society - although intellectually I

know that what I do makes a difference and is of benefit, I can't explain what I *actually* do, or what the *point* of it is, to my twelve year old.

This feeling came to head when my family and I attended Carols by Candlelight in 2019. While I thoroughly enjoyed the event, and knew I was contributing by purchasing tickets, it did not feel enough - I wanted to be behind the counter, serving food, behind the bar, on the phone organizing things, taking tickets - anything, other than just a ticket-buying spectator.

So, I decided that 2020 would be the year, and I would add something different to what I do. There is so much that needs doing in Barbados alone, to make things better for everybody. As they say, "rather than curse the darkness, light a candle". By joining Rotary, I'm lighting a candle.

Nigel Pierre



I would like to thank you all for welcoming me into Rotary and special thanks to Paul Ashby for proposing me. I have been to Rotary meetings from time to time over the years and was also impressed with the professionalism of the meetings and the members, the level of service and the overall camaraderie of all those in attendance.

In spending time listening to the meetings and discussion points, I have found there is a lot to learn and the level of service the club engages in, is also appealing. I do miss the giving and serving others being a teacher many years ago and I see this as an opportunity to re-engage in that as well as development myself.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/joint-statement-kiwanis-international-lions-clubs-international-optimist-international-and-rotary>

Joint Statement from Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International, and Rotary International



Woven through the fabric of virtually every community on earth, service clubs of Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International, and Rotary International are working safely and diligently to maintain connections with each other and our neighbors so that we can cope with and overcome the effects of COVID-19. We are leveraging the strength of our combined networks of 3.2 million members to provide comfort and hope to those feeling the effects of isolation and fear. And we are focusing our collective skills, resources and ideas to support frontline health workers and first responders as they battle this disease and save lives.

NEW MEMBER—MINI BIOS Cont'd

Shakéela Boodhoo



I've always had an innate desire to give back to society in any way that I could. Whether it is in the form of volunteering for fund raising activities to help support those in need, donating directly to disadvantaged families through churches or rehabilitation centers, beach clean ups to foster environmental

responsibility, or volunteering at my daughter's school with reading programs and fundraising... I have always been that person to put my hand up to help. While I have received a sense of fulfillment with these initiatives, I still had this strong desire for me to devote more time... to help more people... to simply just do more. I wanted to be a part of a group of people who shared the same values as I do and whose core duty is humanitarian service. My search led me to Rotary, through reading about all your exceptional work across the globe and your motto alone "Service Above Self", I felt like this was would be a great fit for me. From that first meeting I attended last year, I was warmly welcomed on day 1. I honestly didn't have to look anymore and knew that this is it... Rotary is home. I look forward to a lifetime of service and fellowship with my new Rotary family.

Karen Cole



I've worked in banking and reinsurance for over 20 years, with opportunity to sit on rewards and recognition, charity and green business committees. Recently these committees were disbanded and, although on most days I feel like 24hrs is not enough and I'm barely catching my breath, I felt like a piece of

my puzzle was missing. I wanted to be part of something bigger than myself and my daily routines. I wanted to feel like I am making difference, making a meaningful contribution and setting a strong example for my daughter. I did some research and from the very first meeting I attended, I knew that Rotary was my missing piece. The perfect fit.



Autistic, Actually: Broadening YOUR Spectrum

What is Autism? What are the symptoms and causes of Autism Spectrum Disorders? How can you help someone on the spectrum? The answers to these questions and more will form part of this engaging panel discussion.

In light of changes that may take place due to COVID-19, keep especially locked to our social media or reach out to Director Daren Forde or DE Asha Phillander for more details.

Date: Saturday 18th April 2020

Time: 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Location: Online via Zoom

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.

Announcements

Wedding Anniversary

- Usha Amin & Rtn. Sanjay Amin – 31yrs – Apr 16

Birthday - Rotarians

- None This Week

Birthday - Partners-in-Service

- None This Week

Join Date Anniversary

- PDG David Edwards — 42yrs — Apr 11
- PP Lionel Moe — 36yrs — Apr 12

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.

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