

DISTRICT 7030  
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April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

# ROTANEWS

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

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## The Rotary Club of Barbados welcomes visiting Rotarians and Guests.



Today April 10th 2025, will be a Business Meeting, which commences at 12.30pm at the Hilton Hotel.

### Meeting Details – March 20th, 2025

#### Guests

None

#### Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors

DRR Scott Chandler – Rotaract Club of Barbados  
Pres. Shante Carter – Rotaract Club of Barbados

#### Honorary Rotarians

None

Our next weekly meeting will be on April 17th 2025, this will be a Fellowship Meeting, which will commence at 12.30pm at The Hilton Hotel.

### Summary Minutes of the RCOB Meeting Held on April 3rd, 2025

Pres. Arlene called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. and welcomed all present to the 33rd regular meeting for the 2024/25 Rotary Year. Following the playing of the National Anthem of Barbados, the Rotary grace was recited and Sargeant-at-Arms Peter Arender invited guests to the meeting to introduce themselves.

President-Elect Andre Wharton from the Rotary Club of Barbados West introduced himself to

those present and the meeting was handed over to him, since he is handling the logistics for the humanitarian visit by Rotarians from District 5280. He confirmed that 65 Rotarians are making the trip to Barbados, a reduction from the initially expected numbers due to the wildfires experienced in California. He presented the itinerary for the trip, confirming that the visiting Rotarians will arrive on April 29, 2025 and depart on May 7, 2025 and are ready to work on all the hands-on projects selected by the local Clubs during their visit.

On arrival at GAIA, they will be welcomed by members of the Barbados Tourism Investment Inc (BTMI) in the arrivals hall and a small Rotary contingent led by AG Paul after they pass through Customs, before being transported to Hilton Barbados.

April 30, 2025

1. Press Reception and Breakfast at Hilton Barbados - All media houses have been contacted by PE Andre and are expected to be in attendance.

2. After the Press briefing, the group splits in half and will visit Rotary Club of Barbados West (RCOBW) projects at (1) Good Shepherd Primary School (Hearing Project, COP Breakfast Feeding and Greenhouse) and (2) West Terrace Primary School (Ellen Steinbok Hearing Project and Peace Pole Planting). Groups will then reconvene at UWI Park for Lunch and Fellowship.

Each Club hosting the projects on each day are asked to provide a light lunch- drink, sandwich and light snacks PE Andre asked the Club to provide sign-up sheets to cater for our own members and to include dietary requirements and allergies; he confirmed that these had already been sent by the visiting Rotarians to the Club Presidents.

3. Sunset Cruise on Tiami Cruises (4:00 p.m.) - Each evening activity has a flyer with a jot form for members to sign-up if they wish to join the activities

May 1, 2025

The group of visiting Rotarians will again divide in two and visit:

1. Rotary Club of Barbados' (RCOB) Boviev House painting and repairs project; and

2. Nature Fun Ranch (RCOBW)- painting, Greenhouse construction, Peace Pole planting and gardening

The evening activity is the Harbour Lights Dinner Show (\$210.00)

May 2, 2025

The group of visiting Rotarians will again divide in two and visit Agrokids (Rotary Club of Barbados South) locations at:

1. Bay Primary

2. Luther Thorne Primary School

The evening activity is an Oistins Extravaganza (BTMI) - sponsored vouchers to Pat's Place and Mo's for the visiting Rotarians by BTMI - local Rotarians are encouraged to come out to this event for fellowship.

May 3, 2025

The group of visiting Rotarians will again divide in two and visit:

1. Caribbean Dyslexia Centre (RCOBW) and painting of Classrooms and balcony and general tour and clean-up of facilities. After this, 14 of the D5280 Rotarians (so far) have signed up for Island Safari (\$155.00 pp lunch inclusive) as they are leaving the island early on May 4, 2025.

2. RCOB Children's picnic - Carlisle House (RCOB) circa 11:30. The Press has also been invited to this event invited There is a group dinner scheduled for local and D5280 Rotarians, but the details are still being determined. It may beat Hilton but could be at another resort. More information on this will be shared once finalized.

May 4, 2025

Fourteen of the D5280 Rotarians depart the island and the others check-out of Hilton for an Island Safari ending at Wyndham where they will stay for a few days of relaxation.

May 6, 2025

Joint Club Meeting at 3Ws Oval - Cocktail: Flyer with the sign-up form to be circulated. Also wish to invite sponsors for projects.

Pres. Arlene noted therefore that there will be no regular Club meeting for RCOB on Thursday May 8, 2025.

May 7, 2025 The visiting D5280 Rotarians Depart on that morning.

PE Andre informed the members that the visitors have been advised to fill out online immigration form and seeking to have a dedicated line for them. PP Robin advised that there is also, an issue of collecting bags at the airport as the process is usually delayed so the visiting Rotarians should also be aware of that fact, particularly since their flight lands at 10:00 p.m. PP Denise Antrobus asked why the visiting Rotarians were not visiting Project Amai on May 2. Pres. Arlene advised that the visiting Rotarians indicated that they wished to focus on RCOBS' project that day but they would be open to going by Project Amai if it was on the way to either of the Agrokids locations. She also advised that the visiting Rotarians were familiar with Project Amai and it's not a "hands-on project" so they would prefer to focus on South's projects.

PE Andre thanked our members for their attention and that he is looking forward to seeing as many of us as possible at the various events.

Pres. Arlene then Invited SAA Peter to discipline of the Club. SAA Peter advised that he was not issuing any fines today, however, members are encouraged to bring cash as well as items in kind for fines to our next meeting.

Announcements

Project Amai continues this Friday, April 4, 2025

YES continues on Saturday April 5, 2025

Thought for the Week- "Service to others is the rent we pay for our room here on Earth" -

Muhammed Ali

Formal meeting ended at 1:04 p.m.

## Charles F. Broome EarlyAct Club



A small update from CFB Early Act. Thanks to the support of RCOB, they were able to get the garden going with the EarlyAct members enthusiastically engaged.

Thanks to you all and a special shout out to Rtn Wayne for the donation of tyres.



## Youth Elevation Scheme

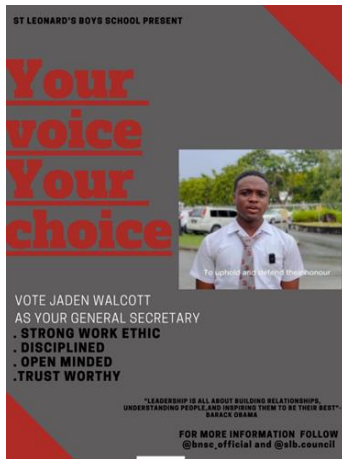
The Rotary Club of Barbados believes that every child needs a champion and has been the children's champion for over 60 years. The Club believes in developing the next generation of leaders and our many programs help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education, and learn the value of service.

Partner in service Dr. Forde was with us again last Saturday presenting on Self-Worth and Self-Doubt.



YES Words of wisdom for us as a club - shared by PIS Deanne - lessons for our Saturday teens and for us - 'breaking a cycle of negativity' - perhaps you want a different ending - perhaps

you need a better understanding of yourself and perhaps if you think that you cannot change it is time to understand why so that you can find a solution'. Another YES word of wisdom from PIS Deanne ' self worth is something that comes from within'.



Jayden Walcott is a participant of the Y.E.S. programme.

### Project Amai

Maritza Brewster and PIS Dr. Deanne Forde gave a presentation on post partum depression to the participants. The Amai Closet Boutique was set up by Rtn Savitr for the participants monthly browse. The participants are now planning for their 'Recognition Ceremony' on June 14<sup>th</sup>. They are currently writing their stories on their 'Project Amai Journey'.

One of our participants was recommended for a BBD 5,000.00 grant from Rotary West and she has now received confirmation that she has been approved for the grant!

Please view the link below to see Project Amai in action.

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### The Story of Bikes for Kids



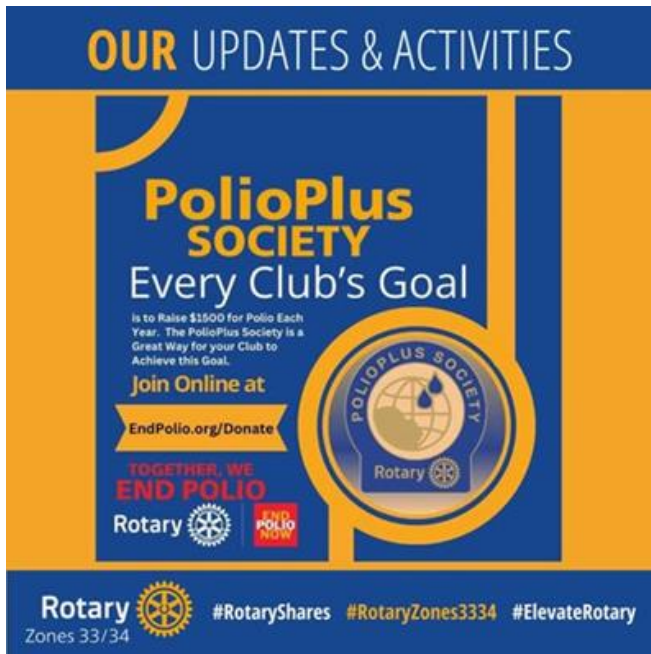
some were in very bad shape but quite a few were not too bad.



(In the words of PE Jeff) This was an initiative started years ago by PP Ron and he gave away a number of bikes. We were talking about it so I decided to restart this program where I reached out to friends on and off Facebook asking who had bikes that their children may have out grown. I then started driving around on a Saturday picking up these second-hand bicycles. I then contacted Martin Taylor of Taylors Cycle center and asked him to run through the bikes and make sure that they were all safe and in good working condition he gave me a special price to put them in safe working condition. I covered the cost of the first few bicycles but then I reached out to the Rotary Trust and they have supported me in having them fixed.

Also, through the request a friend of mine that does bike tours has also donated helmets. I have been going through different districts to find children that are less fortunate but very deserving of a little joy a couple of the karate school have also made request for some joy for some of their students in need of joy. I truly remember just how happy I was the day I got my first bicycle and the joy and excitement that is on the faces of these children is priceless. So I would like to put it out there if any of our members know of a child that they feel would like a bicycle please reach out to me, Peter A or Chrispen and we will do our very best to bring some joy. The more children we can get keeping active the less childhood obesity and NCDs in the future.





Did you know that each Club has a goal of raising \$1500 for polio every year? An easy way to accomplish that is by sharing the PolioPlus Society with them. Members can join their District-led program or go online to join at

[EndPolio.org/Donate](https://endpolio.org/donate). Together We Will End Polio!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- April 12<sup>th</sup> - YES
- April 17<sup>th</sup> – Fellowship Meeting
- April 24<sup>th</sup> – Fellowship meeting (Dinner)
- April 29<sup>th</sup> - May 7<sup>th</sup> - District 5280 Humanitarian Mission
- May 1<sup>st</sup> - **Boview House refurbishment** – (with District 5280)
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Children's Beach Picnic
- May 6<sup>th</sup> – Joint Club Meeting
- May 8<sup>th</sup> – **NO LUNCH TIME MEETING**
- June 14<sup>th</sup> - Project Amai Recognition Ceremony

**RaCOB/Satellite Club/EarlyAct**

None

**DISTRICT 7030 EVENTS**

- April 12<sup>th</sup> - Girls Empowerment Time Capsule
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - District Conference, Trinidad

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Birthdays Rotarians**

Rtn. Rachel Power – April 15<sup>th</sup>

**Birthdays – Partners-in-Service**

Ted Isaac – PP Brenda Pope – April 11<sup>th</sup>

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Rtn. Sanjay & Usha – 36 yrs – April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1989

**Join Date Anniversary**

PDG David Edwards – 47 yrs – April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1978  
PP Lionel Moe – 41 yrs – April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1984

**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.



Bulletin Editor: PP Denise Antrobus

