



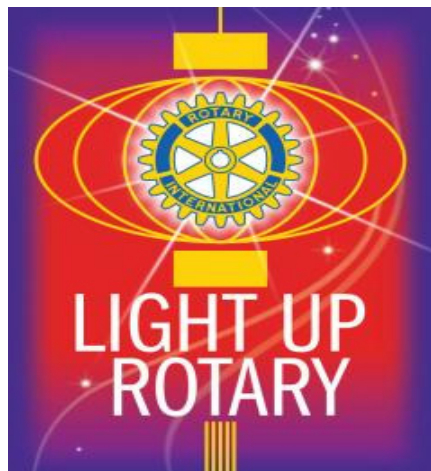
# ROTA NEWS

Sept 11, 2014

## Rotary Club of Barbados, Barbados

Chartered March 07, 1962

District 7030



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

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#### District Governor Elect

Milton Inniss

#### District Governor Nominee

Roger Bose

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Kim Tudor

#### Community Service Director

Shawn Franklin

#### International Service Director

Lisa Cummins

#### Youth Service Director

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#### Immediate Past President

Ron Davis

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Weekly meetings on **Thursdays** at

**Hilton Barbados**

Needham's Point, Aquatic Gap, St. Michael  
at 12 p.m.

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

Today is a fellowship Meeting with a Guest Speaker, Mr. Shawn Clarke who will be presenting the second in the series on Anti Bullying.

The **Anti bullying initiative** is a national campaign to raise the awareness of the many forms of bullying and in particular cyber bullying which has grown almost out of control and is affecting many students and young adults in Barbados today.

The Greeters today are Donald Austin and Past Committee Chair Donna King-Brathwaite.



Donald joined the Rotary Barbados on April 24th, 2003. As a past Senior Regional Executive of Cable and Wireless, he has also been a member of the St. Vincent and The Grenadines and the St. Lucia clubs, and a former member of Rotary South. He has served on the Drug Awareness International Service and Website maintenance & Information Committees. He is presently a member of the Vocational Service committee.

Donna King- Brathwaite joined the Club on December 08, 2005. She has championed the causes of the Environment and the Challenged. She has been Chairperson for the Environment Committee for 2007-08 and 2010-11 and the Challenged/ Senior Citizens Committee 2011-12. She has served as Deputy Director—Community Service. Hers is the face at the Senior Citizens and Children's Homes Events. She was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 2013.



**Shawn Clarke** is the founder member and Chief Executive Officer of Supreme Counselling for Personal Development. He holds qualifications in Social Psychology and Counselling. Shawn is one of two certified Olweus Bullying Prevention Trainers and Consultants in the entire Caribbean. Backed by thirty-five years of research and successful implementation worldwide, the [Olweus Bullying](#)

[Prevention Program](#) is a long-term, system-wide program for change.

Mr. Clarke also served as President of a number of Youth and Community organisations including the first ever National Youth Forum and the National Association of Youth and Community Organisations. In 2012 he was named "Humanitarian of the Year" by the Rotary Club of Barbados. Shawn is a member of several organisations including the International Bullying Prevention Association and has been asked to speak on "Bullying - The Barbados Perspective" at the International Bullying Prevention Conference in San Diego in November 2014.

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

**Rev Guy Hewitt has been confirmed as High Commissioner to London in a comment which appeared in the Barbados Advocate and attributed to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade.**

**Barbados**                      **appoints**                      **new**                      **envoys**  
9/5/2014                      -                      Barbados                      Advocate

*The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Senator Maxine McClean, has announced the appointment of Guy Hewitt and Alpheia Wiggins, as Barbados' new High Commissioner and Deputy High Commissioner to the United Kingdom.*

**We wish the team every success on this new assignment**

**FOR THOSE WHO MISSED THE FORUM ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 06; HERE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS.**

**The Theme—Let's talk about our New Year!**

## Overview of the day



Item	time	topic	responsible
1	9:00	Call to order and Opening	Pres Alex
2	9:05	Prayer	VP. John Cabral
3	9:10	Outline for the day	Pres Alex
4	9:15	The year ahead – the way forward	Pres Alex
5	9:45	<u>Directors reports &amp; Plans</u>	<b>Club Directors:</b>
		Club service	Waldo Clarke*
		Community Service	Shawn Franklin*
		Vocational Service	Kim Tudor
		International Service	Lisa Cummins
		Youth Service	Neal Griffith*
		Fund raising	Jedder Robinson*
6	10:45	Break	
7	11:00	Update on School house project	PP Ron Davis
8	11:15	Anti-bullying campaign	Rtn. Annie Bertrand
9	11:30	Autism – our challenge, our response	Rtn. Tracey Knight Lloyd
10	11:45	Targets for our year	Pres Alex
11	12:00	Open forum / house cleaning	Panel
12	1:00	close	Pres Alex

## Meeting Details

**Thursday, August 28, 2014– Guest Speaker  
Sergeant-At-Arms: Stanley P.P MacDonald**

- Attendance - 63%
- Raffle - \$136.00
- Winner – PP Tony Reece
- Fines - \$174.00

## THE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FORUM (CONT'D)

### The Year Ahead – Let's Light up Rotary

- Overall it will be a challenging year – the economy is weak, more people are needy as the state cuts its spending in some projects.
- Even in the club, some businessmen and women are struggling as more demands are made on their time, finances and attention.
- This year and moving forward we have to be better and have to do more.
- Support each other in the club and outside of the club.
- Support our District in delivering to our regional needs.
- our programme is a mix of old and new, refreshing some old standards, and innovating where necessary.
- We ask our members for their support and enthusiasm



### CLUB SERVICE - DIRECTOR H. WALDO CLARKE

**Club Bulletin - MANDATE** - Being the primary conduit of information, humor and communication about the clubs activities in the week past and for the future week.

Chair PP Michael has proficiently engaged the introduction of a Bio on the greeters in each weekly edition.

The committee has also begun to profile "Older" Rotarians – who would have given at least 20 years service, in order of Rotary Join date. (Rtn. Diana)

A couple of projects are in Work in Progress which would be eventually published amongst them are:

A contribution to Autism (DG Project) Rtn. Tracey K-L

A tour of Completed Projects – awaiting confirmation from President Alex to proceed.

**Guest Speakers - •MANDATE – Introduction of interesting and topical people and topics that will stimulate thought generally and also hopefully point the club to areas of need within our community. Meanwhile, educating members as to what other people in the club do for a living and what their classification can do within the club.**

Today - Part two in the Anti-Bullying Series, Mr. Shawn Clarke.

**Fellowship — MANDATE - Enhancing and growing the friendship between Rotarians, their families and friends, so that there is a closeness in the Club that fosters working in harmony**

#### **Upcoming -**

September - Wine Tasting

October - Pride of Workmanship Awards

Oct/Nov - Treasure Hunt

Dec 07 - Carols by Candlelight

**Attendance - MANDATE: Keeping track of and maintaining contact with members as to enhance the status of their attendance, particularly to encourage 100% attendance and to boost those members whose attendance is flagging. This can be performed by graphing the attendance at meetings, make-ups and overall attendance by members.**

ATTENDANCE: 55% ON AVERAGE

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**PUBLIC RELATIONS - MANDATE** - Meaningfully enhancing the image of the RCoB expose, its projects, members and aims to the public, to provide a transparent forum for the public to see what we do and why we do

**ROTARY INFORMATION & CLASSIFICATION - MANDATE**– To disseminate through the Bulletin to members, information about Rotary generally and when called on, to properly classify members. To provide a classification profile to fire, and child services groups. the members for their information and to target within our media, diplomatic, police, fire and child service groups.

**WEBSITE MAINTENANCE & INFORMATION - MANDATE** - Keeping the website up-to-date with relevant and useful information about the Club; its history and future direction to have pictures and visible proof of the work of the Club. The introduction of greater social media WhatsApp and Facebook applications can also be key to promoting enhanced club visibility.

### GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

•The Club has also procured badges for members. These badges will remain on site in a portfolio and members will retrieve and re-deposit badges on attending meetings.

•The Club has also procured a number of "Rotarian at Work" vests which would be loaned to members performing community based activities.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE - PAST DIRECTOR WILLIE CHILDREN'S HOMES

❖Arrangements are being made to host a **Fun Day** in collaboration with S&R Rentals for the Children Homes at Sandalwood Estates - the tentative date is Jan 21st 2015 (**Errol Barrow Day**).

❖The Committee also plans to host a **Beach Day** the last weekend in **May 2015** in collaboration with CCB, Dive Barbados and the Barbados Coast Guard as part of the celebration of Child Month.

❖Due to the overwhelming popularity of the **Beach Day** in May this year consideration is being given to hosting another one in October.

❖The ongoing review of the Children Homes programmes resulted in the initiative "Programme for Community Reintegration" for the adolescents at Farr's and Sterling Homes.

### **BROAD OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME**

❖Develop adolescents' aspirations for an appropriate career path or potential work options.

❖Assist adolescents in achieving their long term goals with short-term achievable targets to include - improving academics, relevant internships or part-time jobs, acquiring specific skills, etc.

❖Inspire the adolescents to become good and productive citizens through the exposure to a wide range of role models and professionals.

❖The plan of action to implement the programme is being coordinated by the Committee in conjunction with the CCB Officer. (Dr. Alleyne)

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## CHILDREN'S HOMES (CONT'D)

### DRUG AWARENESS

- ❖ The **Club's Drug Awareness Programme** for this Rotary year will be restructured in order to maximise its effectiveness.
- ❖ The Programme will continue with the visits to Verdun House, the Psychiatric Hospital and HM Prisons Dodds, targeting students from the secondary schools.
- ❖ The Committee wishes to facilitate also the requests for young clients at Verdun House to visit the secondary schools and make presentations during morning assemblies on their experience with drug addictions.
- ❖ In addition to the planned motivational talks from former addicts, greater emphasis will be placed on monitoring the effectiveness of the programme.

### DONATIONS & INVESTIGATIONS

- ❖ The Club will continue to make donations to needy causes by reference to a select Investigations Committee approved by the Board and will treat such matters with utmost confidentiality.

### ENVIRONMENT

- ❖ The Committee's thrust for this Rotary year will be on **Awareness and Education of Caring for the Environment**, through the formulation of an outreach programme to sensitise persons – while examining the opportunities for the distribution of reusable shopping bags, reusable cups etc.
- ❖ The **Natural Heritage Department** is seeking some assistance in the marshalling and sponsorship of their 10K heritage run through a national park scheduled for **Environmental Month** next year.
- ❖ The date for the **Annual Beach Clean-up 2014** is 20th September 2014 and details of the programme will be announced.

### HBI- PACEMAKER BANK

- ❖ The Pacemaker Bank programme has not been operational due the changes in Heartbeat International regulations.
- ❖ The Chairman of the Pacemaker Bank met recently with the CEO QEH to move the process forward and to finalise the arrangements for the new Pacemaker Bank entity, in accordance with Heartbeat International's regulations.
- ❖ CEO QEH has agreed in principle to continue providing support for the programme under the new regulations but it is apparent that approval is required at the policy level.

### SENIOR CITIZENS & CHALLENGED

- ❖ The **Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party and Concert** at Government House will continue this year with the approval of His Excellency the Governor General.
- ❖ **"Evening with the Seniors"** concerts are planned for the year, which provides the opportunity for members of the Club to spend an evening with the Senior Citizens at the various District Hospitals where the music is provided by the Defence Force and Royal Barbados Police Force Bands.
- ❖ One **Sunset Concert** will be organised again this year at the Main Guard for the Senior Citizens from the District Hospitals and private homes across the island.
- ❖ The **Special Olympics** is conducting various activities in order to raise funds for their annual meet with support from the Apes Hill Golf course and the Barbados Golf Club tournaments. The Club will be invited to participate in one or both of these tournaments by either entering a team or assisting with the organizing.

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE (Cont'd)

### SAFETY & CPR

- ❖ The Safety and CPR programme for 2014 - 15 will be integrated with the Children's Homes programme to provide training for the staff in First Aid and Fire Safety.
- ❖ The staff at the Homes are not trained in First Aid or Fire Safety and the programme is being finalized with the Barbados Heart and Stroke Foundation and St. Johns Ambulance Brigade.
- ❖ The aim of the programme is to train and certify 60 staff members to ensure that there are qualified persons on each duty shift at the homes.
- ❖ Rotarian Clifford will conduct the fire safety training programme for the staff members at the homes whilst conducting fire safety inspections.
- ❖ Based on the success of the this programme, consideration will be given to training the staff at the Government Day Nurseries.

### VOCATIONAL SERVICE - DIRECTOR KIM TUDOR

Rooted in the Second Object, which calls on Rotarians to "encourage and foster":

- High ethical standards in business and professions
- The recognition of the worthiness of all occupations
- The dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society

### How Rotarians Can Put It Into Practice

- Talk about your vocation in your club, and take time to learn about fellow members' vocations
- Use your professional skills to serve the Community
- Practice your profession with integrity and inspire others to behave ethically through your own words and actions
- Help a young person to achieve their career aspirations
- Guide and encourage others in their professional development

### PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARD EVENT

October 23, 2014—Awardees - Air Traffic Controllers

### ROTARY DAYS

Encouraged by RI President Huang-

**This year, I am urging all Rotarians to Light Up Rotary by participating in Rotary Days. The Rotary Day concept is a simple one: hold a fun, informal event in your community for the non-Rotary public and use it as an opportunity to introduce them to Rotary**

The Rotary Board of Directors will facilitate several national Rotary Days in 2014-15. These events will demonstrate Rotary's relevance in today's world and highlight our good work.

Clubs hosting a Rotary Day could receive a special award from the District Governor.

- Rotary Day Video Contest
- Upload pictures of Rotary Day on social media using #RotaryDay

### FOUR OPTIONS DISCUSSED FOR JOINT EVENTS WITH THE OTHER TWO CLUBS

#### *Option A – Rotary Pride of Workmanship Day*

The entire working population of Barbados to wear a sticker (promoting productivity and pride in their job)

*Option B- Host a Breakfast or Luncheon* for the Business Community with a Rotarian International Motivational Speaker

*Option C National Career Showcase* with career options being showcased by Rotarians

*Option D – Rotary Salutes!!!* For a month on television a 10 second ad saluting a Vocation; such as Tip of the Day!

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE - DIRECTOR LISA CUMMINS

### CONTEXT FOR INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

RI identifies a number of areas of action on the website. They include the role of Rotary in promoting;

- Diverse cultures
- Exploration of our causes
- Advancing Education
- Sharing diverse perspectives
- Exploring Rotary Clubs
- Developing Leadership Skills

The International Service Avenue aims in this year to focus attention on at least ONE activity in each of these broad areas.

- Diverse cultures – Global Shapers
- Exploration of our causes – Rotary the World Over
- Advancing Education – Summer Academy, For the Love of Learning Project (RI)
- Sharing diverse perspectives - MUN
- Exploring Rotary Clubs – Rotary the World Over
- Developing Leadership Skills – WEF/Global Shapers

#### Rotary the World Over. –

Replicating the Chain link project we are ‘holding hands’ with Rotary the world over.

With the new theme of ‘Light up Rotary’ the International Service avenue proposes to replicate a ‘virtual’ Holding hands Project.

This project will be a video presentation of projects being undertaken by Rotary all around the globe. It is to be done under the theme ‘Rotary the World Over’ and link local projects internationally to showcase the reach and work of Rotary.

International Service Directors from each of the continents around the globe will be asked to partner on this project which could be used as a marketing tool for RI.

At least three clubs per continent will produce a short clip of a couple of their major projects and, here in Barbados, we will compile all the clips into a single documentary/promotional video on Rotary to illustrate its international reach.

It should give practical effect to our toast, ‘Rotary the World Over’ hence the theme.

**Internal** - Raising Awareness within the club of the work being undertaken by Rotary around the world

**External** - Providing a platform for public service communication about Rotary International and the purpose and object of Rotary. This is meant to support our fundraising efforts, our communications and marketing strategy and also to connect us to clubs across the world

#### MODEL UN ASSEMBLY

- This will be the third year for the MUN and planning will begin shortly to expand its scope and substance;
- This continues to be a joint project among the three clubs led by the RCoB
- Proposed to be hosted to cover all public and secondary schools up to a maximum of 4 students per team.

#### MUN SUMMER ACADEMY

Based on the MUN concept, the Rotary Club has an opportunity to develop GLOBAL CITIZENS through a project which prepares young future leaders for international careers. We had environmental science majors, film industry and law aspirants all trying to see how they can choose academic courses after the MUN that would allow them to have an international career either in the UN system or another international organization. Rotary has an ideal opportunity through our Youth Service and International Service Avenues of Service to develop a student development program which:

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE - Cont'd

- Expands the scope of MUN to create an annual ‘Academy’ for secondary school students which exposes them to international careers
- Affords students exposure to a wide range of international careers through building partnerships
- Develops partnerships with local and international agencies/organizations which can identify scholarships and exchange programs for students
- Trains future leaders for excellence
- Exposes students to cultural, political and geographical differences
- This Summer Academy was launched on July 14th in partnership with the United Nations and ran for five days.

#### PARTNERS;

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade

Ministry of Education

Secondary Schools

United Nations system (UN Headquarters, UNESCO, WHO, UN Women, UNICEF, WTO, UNCTAD, UNDP, WMO, UNEP, UN-HABITAT, UNDOC, UNFPA, WFP, ITC, OHCHR)

Organisation of American States (OAS) (2015)

Inter-American Institute of Agriculture (IICA)

Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)

Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) (2015)

World Bank (2015)

This project will significantly raise the profile of the Rotary Club in the young generation and build a profile of the Club among possible future leaders and future Rotarians. Additionally, the Interact and Rotaract Clubs will benefit from increased presence of the Rotary Club in the school system and the consequential spill over in potential membership for these two clubs.

At the end of their time in the ‘Academy’ students would have gleaned a greater understanding of their options for careers globally, the possibility of dedicating their careers to international development and how this all ties in with the Rotary motto of ‘Service Above Self.’

#### 2014-15 PROJECT – RI SUBMISSION – FOR THE LOVE OF LEARNING

International service continues to look at all aspects of internationalization of the work of Rotary in Barbados. With a strongly education focus, this year it is proposed that the club will partner with the other Barbados clubs and apply for a Rotary Grant to fund a Project themed ‘For the Love of Learning.’

This project will bring the International Baccalaureate into mainstream public schools in Barbados to expose Barbadian students to integrated learning methods which are used by international schools around the world. Negotiations have already begun with Codrington School and they have pledged their support in principle for the project in terms of technical support.

The project will equip one classroom at IB standard in three pilot schools and train three teachers to deliver the program. In this program, we will integrate all aspects of international development so that students have continuous exposure.

There are six areas of emphasis for the Rotary Foundation. This project will cover the object area ‘Support Education’ using international methodologies.

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## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE (Cont'd)

### PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GLOBAL SHAPERS AND GLOBAL LEADERS OF THE WEF

The World Economic Forum has invested in the creation of a cadre of outstanding Global youth leaders from around the world. There is a hub here in Barbados and this year, we aim to partner with them to collaborate on projects.

One of the collaborations will be a blend of International and Youth Service so that we position Interact and Rotaract Students to progress to the level of the Global Shapers in the world of international business and international development in a multicultural environment.

The main activity for the year will be an event focusing on exploring the role business people play in promoting entrepreneurship and business and how those elements are linked to Social Entrepreneurship and Impact Investment.

Impact Investment focuses on attracting investment and business to projects which have a high impact on communities, societies, low income groups and poverty alleviation strategies.

Partner – Inter-American Development Bank

### “Global citizens uniting for the common good.”

New activities for International Days

Section in the Bulletin (once a month) highlighting projects being done by Rotary Clubs around the world which create ‘global citizens.’

Collaboration with International Agencies on project windows for technical collaboration and funding

Conferences – District and Conventions - International

## YOUTH SERVICE - ANNIE BERTRAND—CHAIRPERSON OF THE ANTI-BULLYING INITIATIVE

### PRIMARY GOALS

- Re-train Clubs on Rotary
- Raise Public Awareness of Rotary through projects/campaigns

### DISCUSSION POINTS

Anti-Bullying Campaign

Youth Clubs update

2014 Plans and Activities

### ANTI-BULLYING CAMPAIGN

***Bullying is the abuse of power through the repeated use of force, threat or intimidation to hurt somebody physically OR emotionally***

### PROGRAM GOALS

- Prevent bullying by reaching children emotionally early in their development
- Limit cyber-bullying by educating parents
- Mobilize community groups to stop bullying

### COMPONENTS

**1- Awareness building:** Design and implement a strategic communication plan to educate the population about the prevalence of bullying/cyber-bullying and the effective ways to stop and prevent it.

- Prepare educational brochures targeted at children and also for adults.
- Manage the production and broadcasting of TV and/or radio commercials in collaboration with the Supreme Counseling for Personal Development (SCFPD).
- Leverage online networks, social media and email distribution to reinforce the messages.
- Promote a National Rally.
- Collaborate with potential partners such as the Police, UNICEF, UNDP, My child and I, Mustard Seed, Child Care Board, etc.

**2- Youth-led campaign on anti-bullying:** Guide the Interact and Rotaract clubs to mobilize their school and community.

## YOUTH SERVICE (Cont'd)

### 3- Barbadian film **Chrissy on bullying** by Marcia Weekes:

Ensure viewing and effective discussion across primary and secondary schools.

**4- National Rally in January 2015:** Partner with the Supreme Counseling for Personal Development to mobilize community groups (e.g. schools, businesses, churches, employees, etc.) for a walk with placards, motivational speeches and performances.

Meet at Bay Street Esplanade and march to Queen's Park.

### UPDATES

#### 2015 District 7030 Rotaract Conference

Organizing committee in place comprising members from all Rotaract Clubs and some Rotarians.

### SEPTEMBER – YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

18th – Invite youth clubs to lunch at invitation of individual Rotarians. Presentation by UWI Rotaract President.

20th – Annual International Coastal Cleanup Barbados!

### OCTOBER

Joint Rotaract Club Forum

**Goal: Re-engaging old and training the new**

### FUND RAISING—PE JEDDER ROBINSON

**CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT - Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Ilaro Court from 5.30 p.m.**

**REVIEW:-Expenses.**

The committee noted the increase in cost of staging the show for the past three years. It was noticeable that the profits were reducing and the expenses were increasing. These expenses were mainly occurring in the production of the show and not in the areas of food, drinks or tickets. PP Norman Barrow has been tasked to select a small committee to examine the content and cost of production of the show.

### Marketing and Sponsorship.

It was agreed that the show should be marketed earlier than usual and additional sponsors identified to offset some of the expenses. Sponsors with products should be encouraged to display and give away samples during the show.

President Alex has been tasked with selecting a small committee to source companies that will provide sponsorship and assist with the marketing of the show.

### Tickets.

Tickets should be ready for distribution by October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. PP Elvin has been tasked to analyze the logistics of using TICKET PAL.

### Tents and Conveniences.

PP John Cabral informed that the major cost incurred for the items were the air-conditioned toilets. The committee agreed that having provided a high standard of service for our patrons it must be maintained. Again, sponsorship should be sought to offset most of the cost of providing these items.

### Christmas Tree.

PP Elvin to liaise with Mrs. Green at Ilaro Court on the future supply of a Christmas Tree and the booking of a date for Carols 2015.

### DEM Personnel.

Accommodation to be provided under a small tent strategically positioned to allow full view of the audience.

### Clean up Crew.

Rotarian Winston Warren and his crew were complimented for their excellent work in ensuring that Ilaro Court grounds were left in pristine condition after last year's show. **The committee has unanimously agreed to task him with this responsibility again.**

## SCHOOL HOUSE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS - PP RON DAVIS

3-year project to provide school accommodation—Focus on Special Needs Children

### SCHOOLHOUSE NEEDS

*A permanent home that can be developed to meet the school's holistic approach to the development of these special children.*

- Larger Accommodation to meet the increasing student roll & cater for handicapped children.
- Accommodation to include area for physical activities.

### DISCUSSIONS – JENNA TRUST

- Both assist Special Needs
- Jenna Trust – Severe cases
- Schoolhouse – Academics, social and life skills
- Both seeking permanent accommodation
- Jenna – Respite Centre
- Schoolhouse – School facilities



Reservoir Rd., St. Michael, set on two (2) acres of land

### OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY

- New charity being set up to own property
- Vested interest by both parties to the extent of overall monetary contribution
- Charity exempt from land taxes

### HANDS ON PROJECT

- Convert Garage to Art Studio
- Create cover for open area



## AUTISM—TRACEY KNIGHT-LLOYD - CHAIR OF AUTISM PROJECT **EARLY INTERVENTION IS A MUST!**

- ▶ Early intervention is defined as intervention rendered to children from birth to age 3.
- ▶ Such early intervention has been shown to reduce the symptoms of ASDs. Studies have indicated that the reason this early intervention is so successful is that younger brains are more flexible brains.
- ▶ Recent studies indicate that autism can be diagnosed as young as 12-15 months.
- ▶ Today, many children are experiencing better outcomes due to the impact of early intervention.

### BARRIERS TO EARLY INTERVENTION

- ▶ Lack of Awareness: caregivers, parents, Sunday school teachers etc simply are not aware of some of the early possible signs of autism and will not be able to seek early intervention therapies.
- ▶ Lack of diagnosis; Many children simply are not diagnosed as they have not been in contact with either a child psychiatrist or pediatrician.
- ▶ Social Stigma: Many persons don't want their children to be deemed as special needs.
- ▶ Access to early intervention therapies: CDC is overwhelmed, private therapy care is costly. Nursery attendants are simply not trained in basic therapy techniques.

### PROJECT I—AUTISM THINK TANK

- ▶ Panel discussion and presentation.
- ▶ Topic: Early Intervention: Promoting Autism Understanding and Awareness

#### TOPICS TO INCLUDE:

**What does Autism look like?** An overview of Autism

**Early Intervention: A key window of opportunity.** This topic to explore why early intervention is so critical.

**Early Intervention Approaches.** A brief look at the various therapies, programmes available.

**Early Intervention Success stories.** Real world stories/experiences of those who have benefitted.

### AUTISM THINK TANK

- ▶ Presenters to include:
- ▶ Child Psychiatrist
- ▶ Speech Therapist
- ▶ Special Needs educator
- ▶ A representative from the Children's Development Centre
- ▶ A representative from the Ministry of Education

### CAREGIVERS SEMINAR

#### ▶ Impacting Autism through Early Intervention

Seminar explaining the basics to **caregivers**, (i.e. aunties at day care, baby sitters, nannies, etc) parents, Sunday School teachers.

#### TOPICS CAN INCLUDE:

What is Autism

Early signs of Autism

Coping strategies for autism

Early therapy interventions

Presenters can include: teachers, autism charities, psychiatrists etc.

### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ Can take the form of a joint club initiative
- ▶ Short television ads highlighting some of the earliest signs of autism. Main objective is for persons to be aware of early symptoms and to get early intervention.
- ▶ Also assists in raising the sensitivity of the public towards persons with this disability.

### NEXT STEPS

- ▶ HELP: Need volunteers to assist with the activities and to provide guidance - GET THE SHOW ON THE ROAD!

## SEPTEMBER

New Generations Month

**"OPENING ARMS TO OUR YOUTH"**

## UP-COMING EVENTS

### Wine Tasting

Sept 18- Interact & Rotaract Day

Sept 25 - Guest Speaker

## GREETERS

Sept 18 - Past Director Dr. Adrian Sealy and Past Ambassadorial Scholarship Chair Dr. John Mayers

Sept 25 - Past Presidents Elvin Sealy & Erskine Thompson

## OUR VISITOR September 06 - FORUM

### Rotarian

AG Sonya Alleyne, RCOB—South.

The AG brought an update on the District Events

Oct 10 - President's Meeting Trinidad & Tobago

Oct 12 - Official Visit by the District Governor

RYLA - November

She reminded us of the need to support the Rotary Foundation.

She commended us on the progress already made in our preparation to support the District project on Autism.

We were also reminded of the work in the Community through "Rotary Days."

## SEPTEMBER

New Generations Month

**Visit an Interact or Rotaract Club!**

***Help a young person to achieve his or her career aspirations***

## 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 Anniversaries

Patrick and Marcia Hinds	Aug 31
Hon Rotarian Paul and Brenda Foster	Sep 09
PDG David and Donna Edwards	Sep 15
Donna King-Brathwaite and Curt Brathwaite	Sep 17

### Birthdays - Rotarians

Past Director Warren Mottley	Aug 30
Lennox O'Reilly Lewis	Sep 03
Past Vice President David "Pop" Walker	Sep 08
Past Director Trevor Whitehall	Sep 12
Kristof Abbeloos	Sep 15

### Birthdays - Partners in Service

Kaye Williams—Ronald	Sep 01
Francie Toppin—Hon Rotarian Pat	Sep 03
Lisa Lewis—Lennox O'Reilly	Sep 07

### Join Date Anniversaries

Past Director Randall Goddard	Sep 01, 1977
Past President Algernon Leacock	Sep 02, 1984
Past President Michael W. Browne	Sep 09, 1993

## 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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