



# ROTA NEWS



## Rotary Club of Barbados, Barbados

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District 7030

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

**August is Membership & Extension Month**

**Today is a Business Meeting and Our Greeters are Director of Vocational Service Winston Warren and Director of Club Service Paul Ashby. The Board of Directors will report on the Status of the Club.**

**Vocational Service Director Winston Warren** joined the Club on December 06, 2012. His Classification is Business Services - Cleaning. He was introduced by Past Community Service Director Shawn Franklin.



He served as the Chair of the Environment Committee 2013-14. For 2014-15 he continued as Chair of the Environment Committee in addition to the Chair of the Drug Awareness Committee. He is also the Quartermaster of the Club.



**Club Service Director Paul M. Ashby** joined the Club on March 05, 2009. His Classification is Commercial Banking.

He was introduced by PP & VP C.A. "Tony" Williams. For 2009-10 he served on the Fund Raising and Children's Homes Committees.

He served as Director New Generations 2010-2012. He served as Secretary for 2013-2015 and the Chair of the Attendance Committee and a member of the

Fund Raising Committee for 2015-16

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING OF AUGUST 06, 2015**

The Club heartily welcomed back President Jedder, who had been indisposed the previous week. **He informed the Club of the success of Mr. Christopher Lashley who had been awarded an UNESCO Scholarship through the Rotary Foundation.**

*(Please note an announcement on the following page)*

PDG David gave his talk on "What Rotary Means To Me."

Fellowship Chair, PP Jerry gave an update on the Annual Boat Cruise; indicating a change in the date. *(Please note an announcement on the following page)*

**The Club recognised guests Ms Natalie John and Mr. Winston Bovell who were instrumental in supporting Chair Diana Douglin in successfully completing the first - Rotary Community Challenge.**

**BREAKING NEWS! UNESCO SCHOLARSHIP!!! JULY 31, 2015  
Club meeting May 14, 2015**

Guest Christopher Lashley, introduced himself indicating that he was seeking a recommendation from the Club for a Rotary Foundation Scholarship. Currently he works in water and environment sector. "We recognized need for professionals in this sector. Coastal erosion is a problem." **He has been accepted into Masters program at UNESCO Institute.**

**Dear Rotarians:**

Congratulations! Your scholarship application, submitted by Rotary Club of Barbados for a scholarship Christopher Lashley to pursue an MSc degree at the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education in Delft, The Netherlands, has been approved by The Rotary Foundation (TRF). This scholarship, combined with additional funding that will be sourced by UNESCO-IHE, covers the total cost of the program. *Continued next page*

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING OF AUGUST 06, 2015, (CONT'D)**

Your club and district do not contribute funds towards this scholarship; TRF and UNESCO-IHE cover the costs. Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to UNESCO-IHE. This message serves as a formal notification of the scholarship's approval.

A scholarship award letter will be sent to the scholar on your behalf. Please find a copy of the terms and conditions for this award [here](#). We encourage you all to contact us at [grants@rotary.org](mailto:grants@rotary.org) with any questions or concerns regarding the implementation or reporting of this grant.

Best regards,  
The Rotary Foundation Grants Department

**ANNUAL BOAT CRUISE**

"Fellow Rotarians the Club's annual boat picnic is planned for Sunday August 30, 2015. So far PDG David, PP Ron, and PP John Cabral have made their boats available. The time for the picnic is 11.00am until 4.00pm and we sail from the areas where each boat is docked. Please confirm your attendance as a matter of urgency by 12.00 noon on Tuesday, August 18 to PP Jerry via email to [jerry@premierevents.com.bb](mailto:jerry@premierevents.com.bb). Remember there is limited capacity and places will be allocated on a first response first accommodated basis.

It is customary that the passengers on each boat provide their Food & Beverage. The Captains of each boat will contact each person regarding the menu.

**Chair PP Jerry**

**ROTARY PUSHING ROBOTICS**

August 06, 2015 – Daily Nation

ROTARY CLUB OF BARBADOS recently teamed up with two Barbadian educators from Louisville, Kentucky, in the United States to introduce the subject of robotics to youngsters of Sterling Children's Home, St. Philip. Gregory Gralette and Ian Brewster, both educators knowledgeable in robotics, and the service club thought it would be a wonderful idea to introduce the exciting world of robotics to the children at Sterling.

Dr Carol Belgrave of Rotary discussed the project with Gralette and club president Jedder Robinson, who readily agreed to the idea. Using the LEGO Mindstorms kit and other LEGO materials, the children were required to design, build and programme different robots. They worked in teams and built, programmed and tested their creations.

"It was an amazing manifestation of problem-solving skills, team spirit and critical thinking. The interest was palpable to the point where the children were viewing other possible robotic designs online and were excited about building other robots, but alas, time was limited. They all readily agreed that they truly loved the project. They found this novel experience very stimulating and showed a keen interest in continuing this project in the very near future," said a release from the Club.

Staff at the Children's home were also very impressed with the project and with the dedication showed by the youngsters. Gralette and Brewster were so encouraged by the level of engagement of the children that they expressed a desire through Rotary to maintain and develop the connection with the children at Sterling, and take the robotics project to another even more engaging level. (PR)

**MEETING DETAILS - Thursday August 06, 2015**

**SAA - PD Heather M. Tull**

- Attendance - 54%
- Raffle - \$115.20
- Winner - PDG David Edwards
- Fines - \$272.25

## END POLIO NOW!

### Catholic Bishops In Kenya Call For A Boycott Of Polio Vaccines

AUGUST 09, 2015 8:35 AM ET—[Gregory Warner](#)



*A child is vaccinated in Makadara Health Clinic, Nairobi, Kenya.*  
Greg Warner/NPR

Africa will mark one year without polio on Tuesday. The last case was in Somalia in 2014. But last week, a

polio vaccination campaign in Kenya faced an unlikely opponent.

The country's Conference of Catholic Bishops declared a boycott of the World Health Organization's vaccination campaign, saying they needed to "test" whether ingredients contain a derivative of estrogen. Dr. Wahome Ngare of the Kenyan Catholic Doctor's Association alleged that the presence of the female hormone could sterilize children.

Ngare is a practicing gynecologist with no infectious disease experience. Health workers went door to door to vaccinate residents in Nairobi, Kenya. Greg Warner/NPR

He raises the specter of eugenics — sterilizing segments of human populations. He put forth other objections as well: "There are all sorts of stories out there," he told me. "Vaccines can cause autism. Vaccines have been used for spread of HIV. There are some cancer-causing viruses that you'd find in vaccines. So there are a lot of stories. Some of them we don't know whether they're true or not true."

I pointed out to him that research has shown that claims of vaccines being linked to [autism](#) and [HIV](#) and cancer are in fact not true. His response: "We could debate this forever." But Wahome is not, he insists, anti-vaccine. He administers vaccines to patients in his clinic. His children are vaccinated. "Regular immunizations are safe and they must continue," he says. "You must immunize your child."

In Kenya, vaccine suspicion has taken its own local strain, aimed less at vaccines themselves than at the international bodies, like the U.N. and WHO, that distribute them. The distrust has been fueled by WHO's decision to blanket Kenya with polio vaccines, well over and above routine injections, in an effort to boost population immunity. The idea is that some of the people reached by the campaign will have already been vaccinated, but some will not. The WHO says there's no harm in giving extra vaccines to children who are already vaccinated.

But Kenyans have concerns. Jacqueline Okaya, a freelance journalist who's pro-vaccine but not a Catholic, can't help but wonder. "As a parent I was a bit worried why the number of immunizations keep coming all the time," she says. "Then you start doubting it."

For two hours this week I followed Dr. Sylvia Njugu of the Ministry of Health and her team, who were canvassing Nairobi with vaccine vials, countering doubts with friendly smiles — and scare tactics. Njugu says almost all of the parents who refused at first were convinced when she described polio's effect on the body.

"They get convinced and they allow us to do that," Njugu says.

You scare them a bit? I say. She says, "Of course!" and laughs. It must have been persuasive. Of the more than 1,500 children her team approached to vaccinate in five days, only a handful of parents finally said no.

## ARE YOU A ROTARY SUPERHERO?

August 06, 2015



**Evan Burrell reveals his "superhero" Rotary identity.**

*By Evan Burrell, a member of the Rotary Club of Turramurra, New South Wales, Australia, and a regular contributor*

I'm sure that, as a child, you had a favorite superhero.

Maybe it was Batman or Superman or Wonder Woman or even Spiderman, weaving webs or leaping tall buildings in a single bound to help those in need.

Now that we're older, we know all too well that that sort of superhero is hard to find. But do you know the easiest place to find modern-day superheroes? Your local Rotary club! And they don't even hide behind a secret identity.

Much like our comic book counterparts, Rotary members are regular people who go about their daily lives until "the call comes in."

Through our membership in Rotary, we are able to make a difference in many different ways.

Recently, Rotarians joined other volunteers in immunizing thousands of children against polio during a one-day End Polio Now immunization drive in Pakistan. Rotary superheroes leapt to action in Gujarat, India, launching a program to put books into the hands of children from low-income families. Other superheroes formed a new Rotarian Action Group aimed at protecting the world's most endangered species. Several years ago, Rotary heroes in the New England region of the United States provided long-term recovery assistance to those affected by Tropical Storm Irene.

Being members of a Rotary club, we have the power to lead by example and become role models for others through our integrity and willingness to help those in need.

Accomplishing all these heroic acts requires willing minds and willing hearts. That's what enables ordinary people to achieve extraordinary results. Our children, our friends, our partners, our community — anyone we interact with can be inspired in some small way by our actions and deeds.

Superheroes don't just exist in comic books or movies. And luckily, we don't need to put on a cape to be effective. Each of us, through Rotary, has the power to do good in the world and to make a difference in the lives of others.

Rotarians are truly modern-day superheroes! How are you making a difference through Rotary? Are you a Rotary superhero?

*For Membership and New Club Development Month in August, we are collecting stories from members about why they joined— and are proud to stay— in Rotary. [Tell us your story on Facebook.](#)*



## UP-COMING EVENTS

Mar 07 - Club Charter Date - 1962

August - Membership & Extension Month

Aug 20 - Classification Talk & "What Rotary Means To Me"

Aug 27 - Guest Speaker

Aug 30 - SUNDAY - Annual Boat Cruise

Club Forum- September 05

RYLA - November 5-7 - GRENADA

## GREETERS

Aug 20 - Rotarians Nicholas Waithe & Dr. Albert Best

Aug 27 - Past Director Vocational Service Kim Tudor & Rotarian Sanjay Amin

District Project -



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a general term for disorders that involve difficulty in learning to read or interpret words, letters, and other symbols, but that do not affect general intelligence.

## OUR GUESTS

### VISITORS

Heather Robinson - Partner-in-Service President Jeddler Robinson

Maureen Pollard - Past Vocational Service Director Kim Tudor

Natalie John - Rotary Community Challenge Chair Diana Douglin

Winston Bovell - Rotary Community Challenge Chair Diana Douglin

## 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

Past Chair Dr. John & Nola Mayers 50 yrs Aug 14, 1965  
Past Dir Dr. Ron & Marlene Ramsay 41 yrs Aug 17, 1974  
Hon Rotarian Sir Frank &  
Norma Lady Blackman 20 yrs Aug 19, 1995  
Past Pres William & Debbie Tomlin 43 yrs Aug 19, 1972  
Treasurer Brian & Elizabeth Cole 38 yrs Aug 20, 1977

### Birthday - Rotarians

Past Director Trevor Gordon Fields Aug 13

### Birthday - Partners in Service

Katie Hermant—Past Chair Peter Aug 13  
Wanda Griffith - YS Director Neal Aug 17

### Join Date Anniversary

*None this week*

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

**Welcome to ROTARY AROUND THE WORLD Corner.** The aim is to keep you abreast of our upcoming District Conference and Rotary International Convention.

District Conference: **20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016**, Bridgetown, Barbados. Rotary

International Convention: **28<sup>th</sup> May -1<sup>st</sup> June 2016**, Seoul Korea. Look out for additional information monthly!!!!



## 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*