



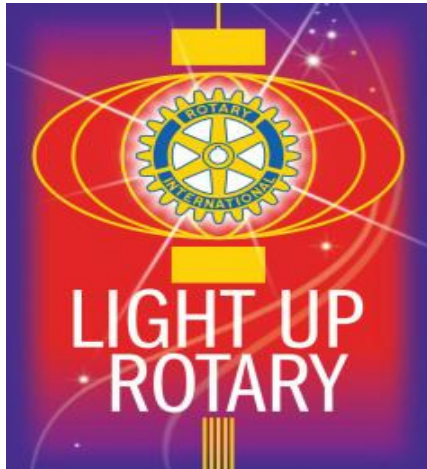
ROTA NEWS

Jan 15, 2015

Rotary Club of Barbados, Barbados

Chartered March 07, 1962

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?
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4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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Weekly meetings on **Thursdays** at

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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

January is Rotary Awareness Month

IN MEMORIAM

Stalwarts of Methodism

Sir Lawrence Vernon Harcourt Lewis, KCMG, GCM JP

It is with much sadness that we announce the death of Honorary Rotarian, Sir Harcourt Lewis. He died on the morning of January 13 (Tuesday).



Sir Harcourt joined the Rotary Club of Barbados June 01 1978. He was invited to become an Honorary Rotarian on his appointment as Senator and Minister of Government in 1986.

(Historically in Barbados Cabinet meetings are held on Thursday).

In 2008 the Club recognized the contribution of Sir Harcourt with the award of a Paul Harris Fellowship.

In 2010 Sir Harcourt was Knighted in the New Year Birthday Honors of Queen Elizabeth and named Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George for his contributions to Barbados' financial services industry.

Described as a pioneer of the Barbados Credit Union Movement, he was a founding member of the Bethel Circuit Co-operative Credit Union Ltd. and instrumental in the formation of Public Workers Co-operative Credit Union Ltd., now the Caribbean island nation's largest credit union.

Reverend Philip Edward Mc Burnie Saunders

*"There will be a memorial service for the lives of Rev. Phillip Saunders and Rev. Pearl Carter. The service will be held on **Tuesday January 20th 2015 at Hawthorn Memorial Methodist Church.** The service will begin at **6:30 am** (in the morning). the service will be preached by Rev. Dr. Leslie Anderson a past president of the United Theological College of the West Indies."*

Rev. Philip died on June 09, 2014

Following is the Tribute made by Past President Grenville Phillips at the Funeral Service of Rev. Philip on June 13, 2014

Honourable Prime Minister and other Dignitaries, Mrs Saunders and the extended family of our esteemed and noble brother, ladies and gentlemen.

(I am not the distinguished Dr John Mayers as printed on the programme. My name is Grenville Phillips – a past president of the Rotary Club of Barbados – deputising for Rotarian John).

To many of us in this congregation the Reverend Philip Saunders was probably the last of the Methodist ministers in Barbados who would have served the Methodist Church under the British Conference and who was also at the forefront of the transition which created the Caribbean Conference of Methodism.

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Born in 1923 in what was then called British Guyana, Young Philip entered the ministry at or around the age of 30 years where he grew in stature both as priest and pastor. He was known to have been diligent in the preparation of his sermons. He had a keen sense of occasion and was widely regarded as a prince of the pulpit.

For 61 years he pursued his calling as a messenger of the Gospel. For 58 of those years he was privileged to have had Mrs. Marjorie Saunders at his side. He was a skilful no nonsense ecclesiastical administrator and held many administrative offices in the Methodist Church. Philip's concept of service however extended beyond the boundaries of the church. Wherever human need existed there you would find him - that was his parish.

We in Rotary can attest to that fact! For he was a Rotarian of no mean standing among us, fully embracing the concept of service above self. He joined the Rotary Club of Barbados on 12 December 1990 during the Presidency of Rotarian Orville Durant.

It is part of Rotary's tradition to appoint a person, on a yearly basis, to office of Sergeant at Arms. The function of the Sergeant at Arms, among other duties, is the imposition of fines on members for misdemeanours. Those fines help to defray the expense of running the club since no funds raised from the public are ever used for that purpose.

Philip's year of service as Sergeant at Arms is fondly remembered by some and by others with lingering trepidation as we recall to mind his skill of extracting with ecclesiastical zeal the high level of fines from members during his year in office. Arising out of that experience some members of the club sought to rechristened him - "Philip the More".

Ladies and Gentlemen, not all of Rotary's work is done with accompanying publicity. Much of it is done quietly and without fanfare. Few may know of the drug awareness programme that the club conducted for many years as we sought to sensitize the nation's youth at secondary schools concerning the scourge of illicit substances.

Rotarian Philip Saunders was among those in the vanguard of that initiative. Indeed the record shows that he was the longest serving chairman of the club's drug awareness programme having served from 1993 to 2007.

For his contribution to the community and Rotary, the club bestowed upon him the award of a Paul Harris Fellow in 2002. That is one of Rotary's highest accolades.

We will miss his jovial spirit, his inspiring prayers on special occasions, and his constant and punctual attendance at our weekly meetings.

We grieve, as we must, at the passing of one of our brothers but concerning him, his fellow Rotarians have not come to this place merely out of a sense of duty, nay! We come here with respect and love in our hearts to bear testimony to the fact that our departed brother Philip ran life's race with dignity, decorum and purpose and to declare before you that his living was not in vain.

May he now rest in Peace.

MEETING DETAILS - Thursday January 08

SAA - PP Vic Fernandes

- Attendance - 60%
- Raffle - \$100.00
- Winner - PP APL 'Tony' Reece
- Fines - \$261.00

TODAY WILL BE A FELLOWSHIP MEETING UNDER THE BANNER - THE GREAT ROTARY.

YOUR GREETERS ARE PAST PRESIDENT RON DAVIS & CHAIR HBI DR. RON RAMSAY. MEET OUR GREETERS

Past President Ron Davis joined the Club on April 24, 2003, He was introduced by Treasurer Brian Cole. His Classification is Finance Corporations. Before taking up the mantle of leadership for the year 2013-14, he served on two occasions as Treasurer—a total of four years. In his year as Fund Raising Chair he championed the School House Project, which will require the commitment of the club for a number of years. This is a very special cause.



In 2007-08 was given a special award for dedication and service to RCOB. In 2009 awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship. In 2010 -11 awarded Rotarian of the Year in recognition of his leadership and fundraising for The School-house for Special Needs. In 2013 while President-elect took back over the position of Treasurer for the period January to June 2013.



Heartbeat International Chair Dr. Ronnie Ramsay joined the Club on Oct 24, 2002. He was introduced by PP Roger Smith. His Classification is Dentist—orthodontics. He served as Director Community Service 2005-06, International Service 2009-10 and Dpt. Director Club Service 2012-13 and currently serves as the Chair of the Heartbeat International Committee and a member of the Guest Speaker & Classification and Children's Homes Committees. He served as Chair Centennial Poster Competition 2003, Rotary Mini

Olympics – 2007 - 2010 and RYLA Coordinating Committee 2009. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow 2010.

FOLLOWING ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BUSINESS MEETING LAST WEEK

Director's Reports for December

Kim Tudor – Vocational Service

Fellowship Day will be held on March 28. This will take the form of a treasure hunt terminating at the King George V Memorial Park in St. Philip. There will be a cook-off between the 3 clubs.

Rotary Week – May 17-23. This week aims to showcase Rotary. The public will be asked to participate as a challenge will be issued for ALL in the country to practice 'Service Above Self. "

Neal Griffith – Youth Service

The 3 Junior Clubs are out on Christmas Break. There were no meetings held in December. One of this year's goals is to meet with the new Principals of the St. Michael's and Codrington School to solidify the existing support for the Clubs.

The Committee will reach out to the Principals and inform them of the Club, Rotary in general and their activities and goals.

The District Rotaract Conference will be held in Barbados May 21-25, 2015. The Conference hotel is Divi Southwinds with events at UWI, Cave Hill. The Rotaractors have requested assistance with the planning of the event from members of the Club. PP Andrew suggested that a steering committee be set up with alacrity.

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Shawn Franklyn - Community Service

December was a very busy period. The senior Citizens Party held at Government House on December 14, 2014 was a success. The senior citizens enjoyed the party immensely. The Committee also had great success with the Shoe Box Drive. It was very well received. Children at Farr's and the Sterling Childrens' Homes received gifts from the shoebox drive. Gifts were also distributed from Carols by Candlelight.

The President's Corner

The President noted that his President's Party will be held in late January or early February.

He urged members to settle their accounts for the Carols by Candlelight tickets if there were any still outstanding.

He noted that the eminent Past Rotarian Philip Saunders' Memorial Service would be held at the Hawthorn Methodist Church on January 20th 2015 at 6:30 a.m. He encouraged members to attend.

CLYDE PARRIS – GUEST

Clyde Parris gave an impromptu speech on "how a Bajan ends up in Papua New Guinea". Mr Parris was appointed as a United Nations Observer and military advisor on Weapons Disposal and conflict resolution as a result of a Civil war. The civil war revolved around issues relating to mining. Members of the population of the Island of Bougainville felt that wealth was not evenly distributed and found its way mostly to the mainland. The disposal of weapons was from the ex-fighters in the civil war and were disposed of at sea. The program was not as successful as he had hoped and he left the area prematurely. A peace agreement was brokered in the Island of Bougainville where he was stationed. He later returned after having been stationed in Australia because a local conflict arose in the autonomous region of Bougainville. He worked with the Government initially but not receiving much traction he went out to work with the local people and local defence force, organized and trained them. He empowered them to understand and implement the peace agreement and to understand their responsibilities. He left them with a checklist of 40 questions. Lack of education was a large problem encountered.

CLUB SERVICE REPORT—H. Waldo Clarke

- There was a noticeable increase in attendance with an average of over 60%.
- New Member Donna Pierre was inducted during the month.
- A very busy and joyous month with Carols by Candlelight, Senior Citizens Concerts and Gift Distribution at a number of Children Homes.
- Healthy and handsome fines were realised during the month - in the "Spirit" of the Season.
- The RotaNews & Website Teams continued to inform the Club

UP-COMING EVENTS

January is Rotary Awareness Month

18-24 January - International Assembly, San Diego, California, USA

Memorial Service for Past Rotarian Rev Philip Saunders will be held at the Hawthorn Methodist Church on January 20th 2015 at 6:30 a.m.

Jan 22 - Talk—PP Roger Smith

Jan 29 - Guest Speaker—DG E Milton

Feb 05 - No Weekly Meeting - Club Forum on Feb 07 Feb - RYLA - to be held in four territories - Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, St. Vincent & the Grenadines and Martinique

Apr - District Conference - Suriname - Air travel is being arranged. (Please contact Club Service Director Waldo)

GREETERS

Jan 22 - Past Chair Ron Williams & Rotarian Sanjay Amin

Jan 29 - PD Scott Oran & Director Shawn Franklin

Feb 05 - No Meeting—Club Forum - Feb 07

Feb 12 - PS Steve Cozier & PD Trevor G. Fields

OUR GUESTS

VISITORS

Col. Clyde Parris - Past Director Comm. Wilbert Kirton

Lester Mapp - Secretary Paul Ashby

Chawale Gooding - Secretary Paul Ashby

End POLIO Now



Check out the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's five priorities for 2015 in the last stand against polio: <http://ow.ly/GDV1e>

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 President Erskine and Ena Thompson 45 years Jan 17, 1970
Chair Annie Bertrand and Christian Babouder 7 years Jan 20, 2008
Past President Norman and Amy Barrow 40 years Jan 21, 1975
Past President Andrew and Joyce Bynoe 32 years Jan 22, 1983

Birthday - Rotarians

President William A. McDonald Jan 20
Past Treasurer Anthony Shaw Jan 20

Birthday - Partners in Service

Madoka Yamaue and Rotarian Kristof Abbeloos Jan 20

Join Date Anniversary

Past President Richard Blanchette - 39 years - Jan 15, 1976
President Elect Elect & International Service
Director Lisa Cummins - 3 years - Jan 19, 2012

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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