

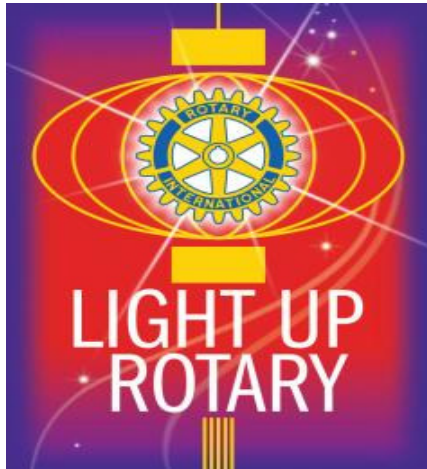


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Rotary Club of Barbados, Barbados
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THE FOUR WAY TEST

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?

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARBADOS WELCOMES ALL VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

April - Magazine Month

Today is a Fellowship Meeting where we will be provided with a Conference Report.

Brasa is Surinamese for a warm hug, an embracement of people wishing each other the best.

Early information from the District Conference: DG Milton Inniss D7030 2016 Conference - Barbados- April 20-23

Assistant Governor—PP Peter Downes, District Secretary PP Katrina Sam, District Treasurer PP Lionel Moe, District Trainer PP Joe Steinbok and Conference Chair— PP Sonya Alleyne

Our Greeters are Rotarian Nicholle Manz-Baazaoui & Chair Tracey Knight - Lloyd



Rotarian Nicholle joined the Club on March 27, 2014. Her Classification is Economics—International Relations. She was introduced by Secretary Paul. Nicholle is a Foreign Service Economic Officer with the United States Department of State. She is currently the Political and Economic Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Barbados. She is responsible for assessing the impact of political and economic developments in the region and providing foreign policy recommendations. Nicholle also coordinates with regional and international economic organizations and government officials to resolve market challenges and promote fair practices. She is a member of the Attendance and Vocational Service Committees

Chair of both the Autism and Public Relations Committees Rotarian Tracey (2) joined the Rotary Club of Barbados on June 06, 2013. Her Classification is Financial Services - Marketing. She was introduced by Director & PEE Lisa Cummins. For 2013-14, Tracey served as Chair Interact and a member of the Children's Home Committee. Currently, in addition to Chairing the Autism & PR Committees she is a member of the Fund Raising and Website Committees.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BUSINESS MEETING WITH A GUEST SPEAKER HELD ON APRIL 09, 2015

The meeting chaired by PP Michael, took an interesting turn notwithstanding the "Order" left by President Alex. He and VP John were attending the District Conference in Suriname.

Following the Anthem guided in a low key by PP Ron (according to SAA Vic) the prayer was said by co-opted Greeter PP Tony Williams, the Four Way Test by Past Chair Diana and the Object of Rotary by Past Secretary Clifford; SAA Vic welcomed our Guests.

However instead of proceeding to lunch, and through the howls of derision, Director Reports were called for.

Director Shawn gave an update on Community Service.

Here is a summary of his report.

The scheduled training in Safety & CPR for forty (40) "Aunties" of the Child Care Board will commence on April 15. This will be conducted in phases over a three week period.

A grant has been applied for to assist in implementing the re-integration programme for the adolescent members of the homes. An output of the programme is to seek self efficiency in some areas of agriculture.

The Annual Sunset Concert is scheduled for Sunday, April 26 at the Clock Tower, Garrison Savannah



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING HELD ON APRIL 09, 2015

Following the presentation on February 19 by Mr. Jeffrey Broomes, Principal of the Parkinson Memorial Secondary School spoke on the topic - ***What I would Change in the Current Educational Curriculum***; last Thursday Guest Speaker, PVC Professor, Dr. Andrew Downes spoke on - ***Building Capabilities: Education Policy and Practice in Barbados***.

Dr. Downes was introduced by Chair of Guest Speakers, Past President Erskine Thompson.

Following is the story carried by Marlon Madden in Barbados Today on April 09

FIX IT!

UWI professor wants action to address flaws in education system



A senior official of the University of the West Indies (UWI) is calling for "some creative destruction" of Barbados' education system.

Pro Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development at the Cave Hill Campus, Professor Andrew Downes said there were several flaws within the education system that were cause for concern, including the "straight jacket" approach to delivering information and rigid assessment methods.

He made the observation and the call for reform today as he addressed a Rotary Club of Barbados meeting on **Building Capabilities: Education Policy and Practice in Barbados**.

Downes suggested that non-governmental organizations and private sector entities "push for change in the system". While acknowledging that Barbados' education policy was generally a good one and was highly regarded around the world, Downes said there were a few areas that needed tweaking to improve the system.

"Going forward, we need some creative destruction in the education and training system with respect to four areas," the economist said, identifying one as reform of the school curricula to make them not only more relevant but "globally oriented".

Downes also said more focus should be placed on methods of delivering information.

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MEETING DETAILS - Thursday April 09

SAA - PP Vic Fernandes

- Attendance - 44%
- Raffle - \$74.00
- Winner - PP Jerry Ishmael
- Fines - \$156.00

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING HELD ON APRIL 09, 2015 (Cont'd)

"What we have as an education system is straight jacketed, forcing you to finish things in a certain time by a certain age and some of us are not up to speed in that regard. That creates a bit of a problem for us," he said.

"We need also to look at assessment methods. How do we assess people, especially at the transition from one level of the education system to another? We want that system to not only be continuous but also be developmental.

"Finally, we need to have a system where we develop transition arrangements as we move from one level to a next in such a way that it is flexible rather than rigid. It might be the end of the 11-plus, but we have to find better ways," added the former director of the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies.

Expressing concern about low registration levels for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), Downes said while there has been a push in those areas in recent times, "the base for developing STEM is just not there". He also pointed to students' less than favourable performance in English Language and Mathematics.

Despite some improvement, Downes said that performance suggested "there is some wastage in the system that we need to deal with or we need to certainly rearrange the system in such a way that those rates will be much higher". He said there were also some "disturbing issues" that needed to be examined when it came to the labour market. Downes called for more programmes focused on employers' needs. He also lamented that there were too many adults without certification.

The economist suggested that Barbados would face challenges moving to the innovation stage of development "until we are able to raise the level or the quality of the education product that we produce".

He therefore urged private sector entities to become more involved in the design of the school curricula since they were in a good position to say what areas of training were needed. The university official also called on the private sector to do more fundraising to help with the development of the education system and provide more mentoring opportunities to help young people build their capabilities.

EDUCATIONAL REFORM NEEDED FOR GROWTH

Barbados Advocate - April 12 - Patricia Thangaraj

Barbados needs an education reform which would effectively cater to its labour market and human resource needs, thereby putting it in a position to move to greater levels of development.

This coming from Professor of the University of the West Indies (UWI), Cave Hill Campus, Andrew Downes who spoke at the Rotary Club of Bridgetown weekly luncheon recently at the Hilton Hotel.

"We need some degree of educational reform in so far that it is linked to the labour market and the human resources needs of the country. That reform certainly would allow Barbados to get out of what I call the middle income trap that we have found ourselves in and be able to move to a higher level of development."

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EDUCATIONAL REFORM NEEDED FOR GROWTH (Cont'd) Barbados Advocate - April 12 - Patricia Thangaraj

He said that there are some obstacles in the educational system, which are currently presenting themselves in the labour market, one of which is a lack in middle skilled persons.

"What we are also seeing in the labour market, as reflective in the education system, is what I call the missing middle in the occupational ladder. That is, it is a situation where we have a structure in the labour market where you either have highly skilled persons or very low level skilled persons. But in the middle which is where the technical and support staff persons are – that is very, very weak."

The Professor said that this is partly due to the importance that they place on services and as a result, the "technical people are weak in that particular area."

However, the more troubling problem that they have is that since 1960, there has been a decline in the levels of development for this island.

"We have seen a decline in the average rate of growth for Barbados. In the 1960's and 70's and so on – 60's for sure – we had average growth rates in the region of 4.5 per cent. Sometimes, we would get a six per cent growth rate. Now we have seen a decline in that average growth rate to just one and sometimes, below one per cent."

Dr. Downes suggested that one of the reasons for this could be that like Jamaica, there has been a steady migration of skilled labour out of Barbados.

"But at the same time, we have an increase in the output of the education system, which creates a major dilemma that we have. [Is that] what it is? Is it a quality issue? The quality of the product that we are producing in the educational system that we can't get our growth rates up to levels which they were. Is it a productivity issue or is it that people are migrating as with the case in Jamaica? Because the same problem has been observed in Jamaica."

Before the Vote of Thanks by Past President Andrew questions were asked by PPs Tony Williams and Erskine. PP Tony spoke to the need for specialised training in a subject area such as agriculture where the work of Dr. Cardinal Warde of MIT and the Caribbean Science Foundation could be utilised.

PP Erskine spoke to the economic model of Singapore.

PP Andrew in thanking Dr. Downes linked his submission to the "reaching the expectation" of the populace through education and raised the issue of the continuing relevance of the 11+.

DISTRICT AUTISM PROJECT

Impacting Autism through Early Intervention Seminar

Steady progress is being made with the plans for this one-day seminar, which will see professionals and parents discuss autism and the latest in autism educational approaches.

To-date, the event will be held on Monday May 18th at The Cave Hill School of Business and this location has been kindly facilitated by PP Ron Davis and Globe Finance. Thanks Ron!

If you have a nanny, the name of your child's nursery, pre-school teacher or any other early childcare professional that you think would benefit from this seminar, do send that information on to Rotarian Tracey Knight-Lloyd.

In addition, we are looking for promotional items such as pens, notebooks, giveaways etc for our seminar bags. Any items that we can also raffle would be greatly appreciated. This is a great way to assist whist highlighting your brand!

Do contact Rotarian Tracey for this and any other way in which you can assist.



UP-COMING EVENTS
Mar 07 - Club Charter Date - 1962

April - Magazine Month

15 April — Deadline for district governors to report the names of Presidential Citation qualifying clubs in My Rotary

April 26 - Sunset Concert, Clock Tower, Garrison Savannah

May 18 - Impacting Autism through Early Intervention Seminar, at The Cave Hill School of Business

May 21-24 -29th District 7030 Rotaract Conference – Barbados :<http://rotaractbarbados.org/conference/>

June 6-9 - International Convention- Anhembi Convention Center, São Paulo, Brazil. www.riconvention.org.

Jun 27 - Joint Installation

GREETERS

April 23 - DE Dr. Tracy Archer & PS Steve Cozier

April 30 - PP Ron Davis & Chair Dr. Ron Ramsay

May 07 - PC Ron Williams & Rtn. Sanjay Amin

May 14 - PS Joe Johnson & VS Director Kim Tudor

OUR GUESTS

VISITORS

Professor Dr. Andrew Downes - Guest Speaker

Coral Deborah Thompson— PP Erskine

Alexandria Leacock—PP Algje

MEDIA

Marlon Madden—Reporter -Barbados Today

Shane Lynton—Cameraman -Barbados Today

Ryan Broome - Journalist - CBC

Patricia Joyce Thanganay—Journalist - Barbados Advocate

Trevor Yearwood—Nation Publishing

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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

Rotarian Sanjay and Usha Amin

26 years Apr 16,1989

Birthday - Rotarians

Rotarian Sue Springer

Apr 16

Past Chair Marie Theodore

Apr 20

Past President Steve Brathwaite

Apr 21

Hon Rotarian Marina Leacock

Apr 21

Past Director Dr. Carol Belgrave

Apr 23

Birthday - Partners in Service

None this week

Join Date Anniversary

Past President Lionel A. Moe

31 years April 12, 1984

May 21-24 -29th District 7030 Rotaract Conference



29th Annual Rotaract District 7030 Conference

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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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