



# ROTA NEWS



## Rotary Club of Barbados, Barbados

Chartered March 07, 1962

District 7030

July 16, 2015



Be a gift to the world

R.I Theme 2015-16

### R.I. OFFICERS

#### President

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran

#### President Elect

John F. Germ

#### Rotary Foundation

Assistant Regional Rotary

Foundation Coordinator-

Zone 34

PDG David Edwards

### DISTRICT OFFICERS

#### District Governor

Milton Inniss

#### District Governor Elect

Roger Bose

#### District Governor Nominee

Waddy Sowma

#### Assistant Governor

Peter Downes

#### District Grants & Distr. Foundation Annual Giving

PDG David Edwards, Chair

#### Council of Legislation & Distr. Programs Committee Chair

PDG Tony Watkins

#### District Treasurer

PP Lionel Moe

#### Assist. District Confer. Chair

PP Elvin Sealy



### 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**?

### Club Officers & Directors

#### President

Jedder Robinson

#### President Elect

Lisa Cummins

#### Vice President

Carl "Tony" Williams

#### Secretary

Robert "Bobby" Morris

#### Treasurer

Brian Cole

#### Club Service Director

Paul Ashby

#### Vocational Service Director

Winston Warren

#### Community Service Director

Annie Bertrand

#### International Service Director

Dr. Tracy Archer

#### Youth Service Director

Neal Griffith

#### Immediate Past President

William "Alex" Mc Donald

#### Sergeant-At-Arms

Heather Tull

Weekly meetings on **Thursdays** at

**Hilton Barbados**

Needham's Point, Aquatic Gap, St. Michael

at 12 p.m.

P.O. Box 148B, Brittons Hill,

St. Michael, Barbados

[www.clubrunner.ca/barbados](http://www.clubrunner.ca/barbados)

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

Today is a Fellowship Meeting with two presentations. Our Greeters are - PD Trevor Whitehall & VSD Winston Warren. A Classification Talk on Disaster Preparedness by Chair Donna Pierre and "What Rotary Means to me by PDG David Edwards.



**Past Director Trevor Whitehall** joined the Rotary Club of Barbados on July 23, 1998. His Classification is Refined Products - Retail. He served as Director Vocational Service 2003-04. He has served on the Vocational Service, Environment, Drug Awareness Committees. For 2014-15 he served on the Fellowship, Environment and Vocational Service Committees. Currently he serves on the Environment Committee



**Vocational Services 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.

**Environmental Chair, Donna Pierre**, was inducted into the Rotary Club of Barbados on December 11, 2014. Her Classification is Disaster Management. She was proposed by PDG David.



Formerly she was a member of Rotary Club of St Augustine West where she was inducted in May 2010. Shortly after being inducted into SAW Donna relocated to Guyana for what was to be an initial 12 month stint as she trained at PETS as Secretary to assume the position at her home club the following Rotary Year. However, job dictates kept Donna in Guyana longer where she stayed with the Rotary Club of Demerara for almost three years providing support to the Public Relations and Community Service functions of the club.

For her contributions to the club she was awarded Rotarian of the Year for 2011-12. The previous year she also received the award for Community Service. Following the end of her stint in Guyana Donna moved to Barbados to assume the role of Mitigation and Preparedness Specialist at the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA). She left CDEMA briefly to work with the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development as the coordinator for the Canada Caribbean Disaster Risk Management Fund. Donna has since returned to CDEMA as the Disaster Risk Management Specialist.

**David Edwards - PHF+6** - In his Presidential Year 1991-92 the Respite Centre at the Challenor School was constructed to allow live-in facilities for Respite Care. Such a facility enabled parents to spend a weekend away from home and at the same time allow them to appreciate much needed rest. He was Chairman of RI President Bill Huntley's Friendship Conference at Sherbourne 1994. He served as DG for 2004-05. He was appointed Asst Rotary Foundation Regional Coordinator for Zone 34 in 2013. He is the Founding Convenor District 7030 Council of Past Governors



A Profile In Community Service #10 on PDG David is published in the Rota News for September 04, 2014

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE VISIT BY THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JULY 09, 2015

The highlight of our meeting was the Annual Visit by the District Governor. Also joining members were, AG Peter, a number of spouses and members of the Rotaract Club of UWI-Cave Hill Campus

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE VISIT BY THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JULY 09, 2015

### The Presentation by District Governor Milton



**Our theme for this year is "Be a Gift to the World"**. One obvious question to ask yourself, is how can I be a gift? Gifts are not only about money, but can be about talent, advice, lending a helping hand or reaching out to someone in need. If we think of Bill Gates, whose foundation has partnered with us in the fight against polio, Mother Theresa who for years ministered to the poor and needy and Mahatma Gandhi who preached peace throughout the world, we can grasp the essence of what being a gift is.

Ever so often, we should ask ourselves what more can I do as a Rotarian, how can I be better as a Rotarian, where do I want to go as a Rotarian. Hopefully, that driving force that brought you into Rotary in the first place remains and continues to grow and the answers to those questions help us to evolve as Rotarians and make us gifts to the world.

Our founder Paul Harris once said, "If Rotary hopes to advance its aims it must be evolutionary always and at times revolutionary". It is important therefore that we as individuals evolve so that our clubs evolve, our district evolves and Rotary evolves. Each of you as members of this Club, has a role to play. You should participate in some way in the Club's activities in whatever capacity you are able to fulfill. Bring projects and causes that you are passionate about to the Club and see them through. This helps to give everyone a sense of purpose within the club.

Fellowship remains a pivotal feature of maintaining strong membership. Rotarians should not only get to know members of their own Club and their families, but should make a point of visiting other Rotary Clubs, whether in your own country, our district or further afield, to make friends and create relationships for the furtherance of Rotary. District Conferences and International conferences also provide conduits for Rotarians to meet up and learn more about Rotary and I encourage you to attend these events.

As we continue to grow membership in new and innovative ways, Rotary International has launched a program called Rotary Global Awards, which is available to all Rotarians once you sign up on rotary.org. It will offer discounts and concessions through hundreds of service providers including major brands with a worldwide presence.

Another very important area of our Rotary life is the support of our Foundation. The Foundation remains the engine through which our global humanitarian work is done and its importance cannot be underestimated. It is vitally important that we support our Foundation. We must widen our perspective and realize that we are contributing in our own way to the success of Rotary.

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### MEETING DETAILS - Thursday July 09, 2015

SAA - PD Heather M. Tull

- Attendance - 52%
- Raffle - \$118.00
- Winner - PP Norman S. Barrow
- Fines - \$178.25

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE VISIT BY THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JULY 09, 2015, (Cont'd)

Our work, along with our partners and governments across the world, in the global eradication of polio is nothing short of amazing. Since the inception of the programme 30 years ago where polio was endemic in over 130 countries, we now only have 27 cases in 2 countries. Rotary went into action in Nepal after 2 deadly earthquakes, bringing in supplies and much needed assistance to people who were suffering and had lost much. In October this year, our District is part of a multi-district grant for a project that will give medical screening and treatment to 500,000 people at Rotary Family Health Days in Ghana. All of these programs are our gifts to the world.

It is important that we embrace the work of the Foundation and continue to contribute, as we are able. I wish for us to reach a stage in this District where members feel a sense of obligation to give to the Foundation, where you go online and make your donation yourself.

Telling our story also remains a priority for Rotary. We must tell the world about the work that we do and we must be proud to do so, no matter how large or small the project. We must never feel that what we do is insignificant and therefore not worthy of advertisement. Every project counts!!! By telling our story we can attract members.

One of the most recognizable symbols and greatest piece of advertisement that we have is our Rotary pin. All too often, Rotarians do not wear it every day and sometimes not even at Rotary meetings. While not wearing it can provide a source of revenue for the Club through fines, we ignore the fact that it is a symbol of who we are!! We must be proud to wear our pin!! It is a reminder of the commitment that we have to the organization that we serve.

In today's age, the wonder of the Internet allows us to reach a far greater audience than 15 years ago was not possible. Most of us personally will have some form of social media platform through which we interact with friends, colleagues and business partners across the world. Help your club by showcasing projects that you have done on your Facebook page or other social media platforms that you may subscribe to.

Send your projects for inclusion in the District Newsletter and showcase them on Rotary Showcase, so that the world can see what we do in our District.



The Rotaract-Rotary relationship is one that needs to be nurtured in order for us to increase that transition from Rotaract to Rotary. It has to be realized that Rotaract is really Rotary. The same applies to Interact and Earlyact; they too are Rotary. One of my goals for this year is to try to bring Rotaractors and Interactors closer into the family of Rotary. This is in keeping with the goals of the last two District Governors and our District Strategic Plan. Greater cooperation and involvement between Rotaract clubs and their sponsor clubs needs to occur.

Rotaractors should be welcome to visit their Rotary Clubs at any time. Similarly, Rotarians should visit Rotaract Clubs and attend meetings. Rotarians and Rotaractors should have discussions on each other's plans for the year and see where commonalities exist and how you can each assist.

You should seek to plan projects together and assist at each other's fundraisers.

Each side must learn to bridge the generational gap, respecting positions, but negotiating to reach a common goal. I feel very strongly that deeper involvement with each other makes the process of transition from Rotaract to Rotary easier. Rotarians and Rotaractors have a lot to offer and a lot to learn from each other. Rotarians bring a wealth of experience to the table as well as contacts that may not be available to Rotaractors to help with fundraising. Rotaractors bring fresh ideas, different ways of thinking and different experiences. We must just be willing to try.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE VISIT BY THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR JULY 09, 2015, (Cont'd)

As committed Rotarians, we should be seeking to keep ourselves up to date on Rotary matters. You are encouraged to use Rotary.org, which contains a wealth of information. Rotary education should become part of your life. There are sufficient resources within the District through Past District Governors, Assistant Governors, District Chairs and senior Rotarians who can be of service in this regard.

There are also a number of webinars available which you are encouraged to participate in. Social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn also provide discussion groups on various Rotary topics where Rotarians are free to join and express an opinion. The District also offers Rotary Learning Institute training, which, although not an official program of Rotary, provides quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills.

This year my special project will focus on **Dyslexia** and I would like each and every one of you to be a part of this project. One in five people suffer from some form of language-based disorder, dyslexia being the most common. Very often, this disorder remains undiagnosed and untreated leaving children at a disadvantage in school.

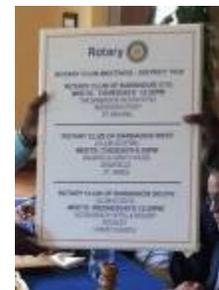
Dyslexics learn differently and can succeed in life. I am therefore asking you to help bring awareness to communities about dyslexia by sensitizing people to what is available, in terms of what it is, how testing can be done and how it can be treated. We must also be aware that there will always be people who will not have the necessary means to avail themselves of testing or treatment. I would also like your Club to consider sponsoring a needy child for testing and/or treatment during the year.

Similarly, there are limited qualified personnel in our District who have training in special needs education. Your Club can also consider sponsoring a teacher to become trained in special education, testing or assessment.

**It only remains for me to thank you most sincerely for the warm hospitality that you have shown me during my visit, and to thank my Assistant Governor for making the arrangements that have made it such a success. I wish you well in all of your future endeavours and remain available to help in any way that I can.**



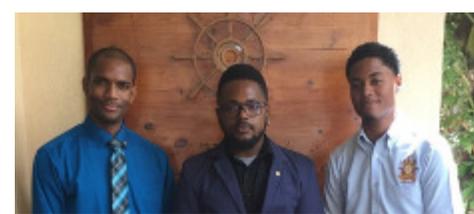
The Past President's Table was duly fined by SAA Heather for not extending fellow Ship



Rotary Clubs of Barbados Meeting Sign for GAI Airport



Head Table



## UP-COMING EVENTS

Mar 07 - Club Charter Date - 1962

July - No Designation

July 23 - Guest Speaker - Justice Leroy Inniss

## GREETERS

July 23 - VP Tony Williams & PC Joel Brathwaite

July 30 - PD Peter Williams & PP Steve Brathwaite

August 06 - PVP David Walker & PD Dr. Carol Belgrave



District Project -

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.

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## OUR GUESTS

### VISITORS

Donna Edwards - PDG David Edwards  
Norma Lady Blackman - Hon Rotarian Sir Frank Blackman  
Heather Robinson - Partner of President Jedder Robinson  
Sandy Niven - Rtn. Andrew Niven  
Gillian Applewhaite - Club Service Director Paul Ashby  
Fiona Hinds - Club Service Director Paul Ashby  
Dr. Angela Jennins - Vocational Services Director Winston Warren  
Chrispen Hackett - UWI Rotaract Member - Rtn. Makonem Hurley  
Olvin Holas - UWI Rotaract Member - Rtn. Makonem Hurley  
Kareem McLean - Past Director Waldo Clarke

### ROTARIANS

DG Milton Inniss - Rotary Club West  
AG Peter Downes - Rotary Club West

## 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 Secretary Jomo & Valerie Hope 10 yrs July 23, 2005

### Birthday - Rotarians

Rotarian Andrew Niven

July 23

### Birthday - Partners in Service

*None this week*

### Join Date Anniversary

Past AG & Treasurer Ivan Browne

36 yrs Jul 20, 1979

Rotarian Joel Brathwaite

9 yrs Jul 21, 2006

Past President Jerome Ishmael

16 yrs Jul 22, 1999

Past Director Trevor Whitehall

17 yrs Jul 23, 1998

## 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!!!!



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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.

Bulletin Editor: *Michael Wilson Browne*