



ROTA NEWS



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Rotary Club of Barbados

District 7030 - Club # 6798

Chartered March 07, 1962



November 16, 2017

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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

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Needham's Point, Aquatic Gap,

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at 12 p.m.

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**THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARBADOS
WELCOMES ALL VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS**
Mar 07 - Club Charter Date - 1962 - Club # 6798
RI THEME: ROTARY MAKING A DIFFERENCE
NOVEMBER - ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH
NOVEMBER—SUB THEME -
Ethics and Corporate Governance Month

RECAP OF OUR NOVEMBER 09, 2017 MEETING

Last Thursday we invited Nominations for the Board of Directors to work with President Shawn for the Year 2018-19. Also, in keeping with our Theme—Ethics & Corporate Governance we welcomed Guest Speaker Dr. Philmore Alleyne – Lecturer at the University of the West Indies, who presented on "Whistleblowing"

On Saturday Evening, from ALL Reporting, the Partners in Service & Female Rotarians Event- Relax, Refresh, Renew - was a resounding success. A cadre of Mixologists was unearthed at the event.

Today, November 16, will be a Fellowship Day. Our Guest Speaker is Professor Clive Landis, Deputy Principal, UWI Cave Hill Campus. He will speak on *"What are the issues surrounding mosquito borne diseases?"*

FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF NOMINATIONS FOR 2018-19
President 2019-20

Past Director, Peter Williams

Nominated – President Paul, Seconded PP Brenda

Vice President – PP John Cabral

Nominated – PE Shawn, Seconded Kim Tudor

Treasurer – Kolé Mascoll

Nominated – Winston Warren, Seconded PE Shawn

Secretary – Neal Griffith (Current Secretary)

Nominated – President Paul, Seconded Director Makonem

DIRECTORS

Makonem, YSD

Nom – SAA Chrispen, Sec Dr Tracy

Adrian, ISD

Nom– PE Shawn, Sec PE Brenda

Tracey, VSD

Nom – Trevor Whitehall, Sec PE Vic

Malcolm, CSD

Nom – Director Makonem, Sec Dr. Beverley

Crisy, CISD

Nom – PE Shawn, Sec Director Tracey

Winston, PD

Nominated – PP Tony Reece, Seconded Brian Cole

*** Elections for the 5 Directors will be held on December 14**

FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE PRESENTATION ON WHISTLEBLOWING BY DR. PHILMORE ALLEYNE, Senior Lecturer in Accounting, Department of Management Studies University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus.
Dr. Alleyne was introduced by PN Peter Williams. The Vote of thanks was given by Director Tracey.

The Barbados Economy in Reflection

Barbados relies on tourism, manufacturing, agriculture and the international financial services sectors to name a few. However, over time, our economy has experienced several crises. For example, the 1970's oil crisis; in 1980's disintegration of the sugar industry; 1990's introduction of the structural adjustment programme and the 2008 global financial meltdown.

These demonstrate our vulnerability to external influences and as such, rating agencies such as Standard and Poor's and Moody have continued to downgrade us. We are also vulnerable to crises that stem from within the country such as the allegations of wrongdoing through corruption.

Definition of Corruption

Corruption is defined as the "abuse of power for private benefit" alternatively, the Oxford Dictionary adopts a more moral and ethical standpoint by defining it as "dishonest or illegal behaviour from those in authority." It can cause issues such as poverty, mortality, destroy trust in leaders and institutions and keep investors away.

Cases of Corruption (wrongdoing)

There have been several documented cases of alleged wrongdoing within the Caribbean. One can highlight the three most publicised cases: the collapse of Antigua-based Stanford Financial Group, the Trinidadian based Hindu Credit Union and finally, the case which today continues to have a reverberating impact on the entire Caribbean, the collapse of regional conglomerate, Colonial Life Insurance Company (CLICO) in 2009.

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MEETING DETAILS— November 09, 2017

SAA Chrispen Hackett

Attendance - 62%

Fines - \$211.00

Raffle - NIL

Raffle Winner - N/A

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Meanwhile, the Organized Crime Transparency International (OCTI), a global movement that aims for a corruption-free world, ranks countries worldwide based on their level of corruption and publishes a yearly Corruption Perceptions Index. Scores are ranged from 0 (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean). In 2016, Barbados scored 61, which is fairly decent and is well above the global average score of 43. In fact, Barbados is perceived as one of the least corrupt Caribbean countries, second only to the Bahamas on this index. However, that score of 61 represents a significant decline from the excellent score of 76 recorded 5 years ago in 2012, and perhaps may be due to the effects of some of the major corruption cases that have plagued the region.

What can be done?

The devastating impact of wastage, fraud and inefficiency on developing countries' economies is much greater than in larger countries with abundant resources. This makes small nations such as Barbados quite vulnerable to corruption. Many researchers have provided various recommendations with reference to anti-corruption strategies that can be implemented by organizations and countries. To this end, whistleblowing has been argued as a key corporate governance control mechanism to root out corruption within organizations and societies.

What is Whistleblowing?

Near and Miceli (1985, p.4) define whistle-blowing as "the disclosure by organization members (former or current) of illegal, immoral or illegitimate practices under the control of their employers, to persons or organizations that may be able to effect action." Organizational wrongdoing includes corruption, financial fraud and committing questionable acts among others. It involves the reporting of wrongdoing to internal channels (hotline, audit committee, human resource manager, senior manager,) and external channels (regulator, law enforcement, media). Organizations prefer observers of wrongdoing to report internally rather than externally, since management may not want to 'air the dirty laundry' in public. Additionally, internal reporting gives the organization the opportunity to engage in damage control, correct wrongdoing; thus, protect their reputation.

Let us make a distinction here. There is a difference between informing and whistleblowing. Informants are often involved in the wrongdoing, and may use reporting to clarify their role or reduce potential liability (similar to an informant seeking to obtain a reduced sentence for assisting the police). Whistle-blowing, on the other hand, is not geared towards self-preservation and does not include malicious intention; rather there is an intention to correct the actual wrongdoing. Some have argued that an employee who has a duty or obligation to report cannot be categorized as a whistleblower. Nonetheless, whether an employee is making a disclosure out of duty or for any other unknown reasons, it is important to note that care must be taken on receiving such reports, and the manner in how they are handled. Can we consider notices on social media which seek to damage the reputation of all as being whistle-blowing? We have to be very careful with malicious and invalid reports which seek to destroy the reputation of other persons. *Continued next page*

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Caribbean: Cases of Whistleblowing

Within the Caribbean there have been several documented cases, specifically in Trinidad and Tobago. However, perhaps one of the most publicised cases was that of Renee-Anne Shirley a former executive of the Jamaican Anti-Doping Commission (JADCO). She disclosed that the level of dope testing in Jamaica was far from rigorous in the lead up to the London Olympic Games and was branded as a "Judas" or "Traitor" and was forced into hiding as a result of the reactions to her disclosure.

CONCLUSION

In closing, today corruption is viewed as a global problem. We need to work together to prevent it from becoming normal patterns of behavior and reaching epidemic levels; thus, ensuring that our workplace, communities, and country is corruption free.

The Full Text of this Presentation is on our website

THE VISIT OF WADDY SOWMA DISTRICT GOVERNOR TO THE BARBADOS CLUBS - November 26th - December 1st

The joint club event is a cocktail reception scheduled for Tuesday, November 28 at 6:30 pm at Apes Hill Golf Club. The cost is \$100. Partner's in Service are invited.

Please confirm numbers by November 23rd

Full Itinerary

Sunday, November 26th - Meet and Greet at the airport.- (Arriving from Grenada) - Presidents, PDGs, AG to attend.

Monday, November 27th - Morning- 11.00 am - Courtesy Call on the Governor General - Presidents and AG to attend..

Afternoon - Courtesy Call on the Prime Minister - (No official word as yet) - Presidents and AG to attend.

Evening- -6.00 pm - DG and AG to attend Feeding the Needy at Hero Square-Rotary South and Rotary West.

Tuesday, November 28th - Morning - Meet with the Board of the Rotary Club of Barbados South and visit project(s).

Afternoon - Meet with the Board of Rotary Club of Barbados West and visit project(s).

Evening- 6.30 to 9.30 pm- Cocktail Reception at Apes Hill

Wednesday, November 29th - Morning- Meet with the Board of the Rotary Club of Barbados and visit project(s)

Evening - Possible dinner with the PDGs.

Thursday, November 30th - Social Activities - Visit of the Tunnels at the Garrison (if open) and/or boat cruise.

Friday, December 1st - DG departs for T & T
Paul M. Ashby

Mar 07 - Club Charter Date - 1962

NOVEMBER—ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Greeters for November

Nov. 16 PDG David Edwards and Rtn. Donella Zorzi
Nov. 23 Rtn. Geoffrey Hart and Rtn. Donna Pierre

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 16 Guest Speaker
Nov. 18 Annual Youth Forum
Nov. 23 Presentation
Nov. 23 DG Visit
Dec. 03 Senior Citizens Christmas Party
Dec. 10 Carols By Candlelight

OUR GUESTS

Visitors:

Dr. Philmore Alleyne - Guest Speaker - RCoB
Ms Renee Thompson & Mrs. Krystal Howell - RCoB
Ms Lisa-Anne Fraser - PEE Peter Williams
Ms Simone Labert & Ms Shelley Goodridge - TE Kolé Mas-coll

Announcements

Wedding Anniversary

None this week

Birthday - Rotarians

Rtn. Ermine Darroux	Nov 19
Club Service Director Crisy Laurent	Nov 20
PP Carole JnMarie	Nov 22

Birthday - Partners in Service

Terry Massay - Hon Rtn. Dr. Jeff Massay	Nov 14
Leslie deCaires - Hon Rtn. Chris deCaires	Nov 23

Join Date Anniversary

None this week

"Those of you who have been members of our Club for a while may remember that the Barbados National Youth Orchestra was a major beneficiary of our sponsorship during PP "C.Q." Williams' year as President, 2003-04"

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARBADOS SOUTH PRESENTS
THE CLASSICAL BEST OF YOUTH VI

PAN & A MINOR

A CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT OF
THE BARBADOS NATIONAL YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

THE FRANK COLLYMORE HALL
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017 | 7:00PM

CLASSICAL MUSIC ORCHESTRA BONDS WITH CARIBBEAN STEEL PAN AS THE ORCHESTRA PAYS TRIBUTE TO LORD KITCHENER'S TIMELESS MASTERPIECE PAN IN A MINOR ARRANGED BY ROGER GITTENS.

Special guest appearance by the outstanding pianist Mark Forde. And introducing the soprano voices of three minors, Denesha Ferguson, Tia Corbin and 11 year old Teen Talent winner, Trinity Clarke.

CONTRIBUTION: \$85100 towards the Rotary Club charities and in support of the programmes of the Barbados National Youth Symphony Orchestra
www.rotaryclubofbarbadosouth.org
For more information please call 828 0350.

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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.

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.

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