



# ROTA NEWS

April 17, 2014

## Rotary Club of Barbados, Barbados

Chartered March 07, 1962

District 7030



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### Officers

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H. Waldo Clarke

**Vocational Service Director**  
Jedder Robinson

**Community Service Director**  
Shawn Franklin

**International Service Director**  
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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**

Needham's Point, Aquatic Gap,  
St. Michael at 12 noon

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**THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARBADOS WELCOMES ALL  
VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS TO THIS WEEKLY  
MEETING**

**Today your Greeters are:**

April 17 – PP Roger Smith and Rtn. Stephen Cozier

**Today, there will be a presentation by Guest Speaker Mr. Rohan Ford. He will be speaking on the “Benefits of Electric Vehicles.”**



Mr. Rohan Ford is the Business Manager for Megapower. Rohan is described as an ambitious 26 years old. He holds three tertiary level degrees which includes an Associate Degree in Computer Science, a BSc. in Management Studies, and a Postgraduate diploma in Natural Resource and Environmental Management- Climate Change.

Megapower provides a real alternative to powering vehicles in Barbados which is heavily reliant on imported oil; Barbados relies almost entirely (96%) on fuel oil and diesel to generate electricity and 90% of this is imported.

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**Last week was a Business Meeting where there were presentations by the Directors.**

***At the start of the meeting President Ron recognized the death of PP Dr. Douglas Carter 1970-71, who was the oldest living Past President, with a Moment of Silence***

**Following is a summary of the Board of Directors presentations, Vocational Service – Jedder Robinson**



Director Jedder (middle) spoke of the continuing exhibition currently on display at the Warrens branch of CIBC First Caribbean Bank. The exhibition which started on March 24th will continue there for another two weeks. The exhibition showcases the work of Rotary over the past fifty one years. RCoB (South) has joined with us and has three exhibits on display at the exhibition.

Director Jedder offered members the opportunity to have the display mounted at their organizations. The Offer was accepted by PP Andrew. Therefore the next stop for the Display will be Carlton & A1, Black Rock, St. Michael

He also spoke on the continuing planning for the Road Signs Project demarcating our parish boundaries. Members were invited to sponsor these signs at \$1,000.00 each. This project will be executed through the Ministry of Transport & Works.

**Community Service – Shawn Franklin**



Shawn gave an update of the Annual Senior Citizens Sunset Concert scheduled for Sunday, April 13 at the Clock Tower, Garrison; where we will be hosting some 120 persons. Entertainment will be provided by the RBPF Band and friends, the Goodwill Singers among others. The event is scheduled for the period 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 pm. Members were reminded to support the occasion.

He reminded of the ongoing weekly work with the children of Sterling Children’s Home and the planned Beach Day in May; Child month.

**Club Service – H. Waldo Clarke**



In a wide ranging presentation, Director Waldo reported the level of attendance for March was 60%. He commended the continuing improvement seen in the production of the Rota News and the steady returns by the Sergeant At Arms “Combo” on the average weekly returns of \$230.00.

**Meeting Details**

**Thursday, April 10, 2014**

**Sergeant-At-Arms: President Elect – W Alex McDonald**

- **Attendance - 60%**
- **Raffle - \$100.00**
- **Fines - \$219.51**

### **Club Service – H. Waldo Clarke cont'd**

He reported that next week, April 17, there would be a Guest Speaker, Mr. Rohan Ford on the topic – The Benefits of Electrical Vehicles.

He reminded of the upcoming Fellowship Event scheduled for May 10, 2014.

### **International Service – Lisa Cummins**



Director Lisa reported on the success of Mini MUN which was conducted in both Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago. In addition, she spoke of the opportunities which have been presented by BASSP – Secondary School Principals; to work with all the secondary schools. A zonal competition has been proposed which will be evaluated.

Planning is being undertaken for the Summer Academy. She further invited members to follow the FB page and the Positive Youth – Nation Column – Page 13A. Wednesday, April 9.

President Ron commended the program and saw it as a vehicle for the sponsoring of additional Interact Clubs by the three local Rotary Clubs.

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**Rotarian Rev. Philip Saunders Celebrated 91 years on April 10, 2014. The club was vociferous in singing "Happy Birthday to You!"**



**A dapper Rev Philip was described as "Philip The More" having regularly extracted heavy fines as SAA**

### **Profiles in Community Service # 6**

**William M. Tomlin – President 1998-1999. Paul Harris Fellow – 2002 - William is married to Debbie.**



William joined Rotary at an early age - on July 15, 1976. On returning from Canada he was invited to join the Insurance Department of Barbados Hardware by Sir Stanley Blanchette (President 1966-67; District Governor 1987-88) who later encouraged him to join Rotary in the Presidency of Pat Toppin.

Before becoming President for 1998/99 William served as Bulletin Editor and Secretary over a number of years and was part of many of the ground breaking events of the club. These included Bajan Night (1977) and the Barbados National Chain Link (1979). He served as Secretary and one of the original Trustees, for the Trust Fund (1981) to determine how the proceeds of the Chain Link would be administered, along with President Richard A. Blanchette, VP Grenville W. Phillips, PE Trevor A. Carmichael and Treasurer Harold E. Tryhane.

William brought some innovation to the management of the club; instituting a "Spread Sheet" to manage the activities of Bajan Night and bound copies for the President Plans and Programs for the club which were presented annually to the District Governor.

In his year, William challenged members to be "hands on" in a worthwhile community project. Members were provided with \$1,000.00 each. The caveat was – Rotarians were to be involved in the execution of the project. The challenge was taken up by some Rotarians and included the restoration of a tomb in the St. George Parish Church, houses were repaired and homes were provided with electricity and running water.

In 2001/2002 under President Algie Leacock, William brought back the idea of recognizing those "unheralded Vocations in our communities under "The Pride of Workmanship Award." He along with Roger Smith and Michael Browne were charged with interfacing with the three groups – ZR Transport Workers, the Sanitation Service Authority and the Post Office.

William expressed one regret in his year as president. He so much was looking forward to being the President to admit females to the club. However the vote was defeated. He was able to welcome the event on January 13, 2005.



### Upcoming Events

April 19 – RCoB –West – Polo Fund Raising Event

**April 22 – 26** – District Conference – Martinique.

Please be reminded that the Registration Fee is now **USD\$400.00**.

**April 24** - Classification Talk – Tracey Knight-Lloyd

### Greeters

April 24 – Rtn. Neal Griffith and PP Vic Fernandez

May 01 – May Day Holiday

May 08 - Rtn Kim Tudor and Director Lisa Cummins

### Guests -None this week- some humor

Three Rotary Club members, all a little hard of hearing, were standing by the bowling green in the park.

One remarked to the other

"Windy isn't it?"

"No" the second man replied, "its Thursday". The third man nodded in agreement:

"So am I. let's have a cup of tea"

### **APRIL**

**Magazine Month - "Getting the Word out"  
Did you know?**

Established in 1911, The Rotarian is the official magazine of Rotary International and is circulated worldwide. Each issue contains feature articles, columns, and departments about, or of interest to, Rotarians. Seventeen Nobel Prize winners and 19 Pulitzer Prize winners – from Mahatma Ghandi to Kurt Vonnegut Jr. – have written for the magazine.

**Have you read yours today?**

### Visiting Rotarians

Past President Gregory Hazzard – RCoB West

Neil Owen – RCo St. Kitts

### **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 Anniversaries - Congratulations!

*No lovers celebrating this week!*

### Birthdays - Rotarians

Marie Theodore April 20

PP Steve Brathwaite April 21

Hon Rotarian Marina Leacock April 21

Dr Carol Belgrave April 23

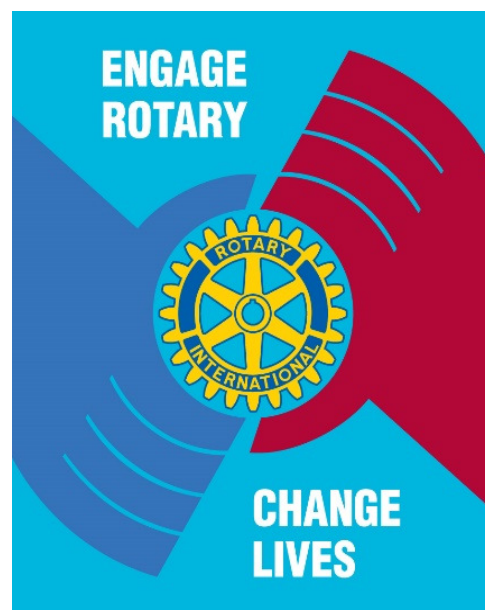
### Birthdays - Partners in Service

Juliette Sutherland - Dwight April 24

### Join Date Anniversaries

Donald Austin April 24, 2010

President Ron Davis April 24, 2010



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Michael Wilson Browne