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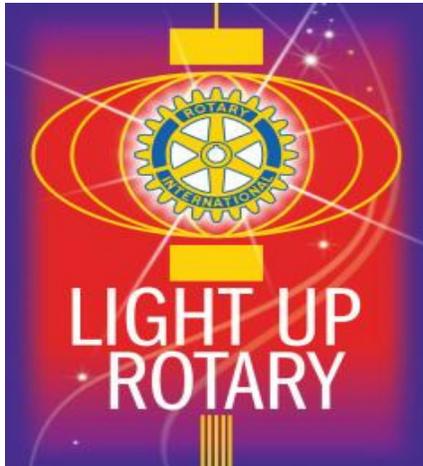


July 17, 2014

Rotary Club of Barbados, Barbados

Chartered March 07, 1962

District 7030



R.I Theme 2014-2015

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President

Gary C. K. Huang

President Elect

K. R. Ravindran

Rotary Foundation Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator-Zone 34
PDG David Edwards



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District Governor Elect

Milton Inniss

District Governor Nominee

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Assistant Governor (Barbados)

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Kim Tudor

Community Service Director

Shawn Franklin

International Service Director

Lisa Cummins

Youth Service Director

Neal Griffith

Immediate Past President

Ron Davis

Sergeant-At-Arms

Vic Fernandes

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, St. Michael

at 12 p.m.

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARBADOS WELCOMES ALL VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Today will be a Business Meeting where President Alex will present the Plans and Programs for 2014-15.

Last Thursday, July 10 there was no regular Club meeting for on Saturday, July 12, the Rotary Club of Barbados joined with family and friends to celebrate the Installation and Handing over Ceremony for the new Term of Office 2014-2015.

Out going President Ronald Davis gave an account of his stewardship for 2013-14 and incoming President William "Alex" McDonald summarized the Plans and Programs for 2014-15.



Past District Governor David Edwards, District Governor Elect Milton and President Alex before the formal proceedings

The meeting was called to Order at 7.33 p.m. by Sergeant at Arms Past President Vic. After the invocation by past Secretary Joe Johnson and the lively Introduction session Past President Ron was invited to give an account of his stewardship for the past year.

Below is the Summary by Past President Ron



Good evening fellow Rotarians and guests. I would like to extend a special welcome to our guests of honour Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator and Past District Governor David Edwards and his partner in service

Donna, Assistant Governor Sonya Alleyne and her partner in service David and District Governor Elect Milton Inniss. Welcome also to President Horace Cobham of Rotary West and his partner in service Karen and President Richard Kennedy of Rotary South.

I am pleased tonight to provide my report on the club's activities for the Rotary year 2013-14. I would first say that I decided to approach my year as President as a learning experience and I must admit that I have learnt a thing or two, especially when to speak and when to be quiet and listen.

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CLUB SERVICE & MEMBERSHIP

The Rotary year started off with one member resignation on July 1st. and I thought to myself "Oh Boy, good start Ron". Fortunately we were able to nullify that with the induction of a new member on July 12th and we then went on to increase our membership with a total of 7 new members being inducted during the year.

We held two club forums during the year and although member attendance was not as good as hoped there was robust discussion of topics and those in attendance benefited from several informative topics including Rotary Foundation and Club Runner.

During March we hosted the Australian Bee Gees Tribute Band at Ilaro Court as we continued to raise funds to benefit **The Schoolhouse for Special Needs**. The event was well attended though not as profitable as previous events held at Concorde Centre.

DISTRICT & INTERCLUB

We, together with the other two Barbados clubs hosted a District Presidents meeting in September and at that meeting the DG auctioned a bottle of wine and raised \$700.00 I then took the bottle of wine and auctioned it at Club and raised another \$700.00. The total amount was used to purchase two paintings from **The Schoolhouse** which were then given to the DG at the District Conference to be auctioned with the proceeds going to The Rotary Foundation.

The DG made his official visit in October and presided at a joint meeting of all three clubs. He toured **The Schoolhouse for Special Needs** which is our signature project.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

This year our club continued to focus on three main groups in our society, the elderly, youth and special needs.

We continued our work with the youth at the various children's homes across the island with our Christmas gifts donated by the patrons of Carols by Candlelight. We also completed repainting the Sterling Children's Home in St. Philip and are now working on a mentoring program with the Sterling children. Two fun days were held for the children, one at the Sterling Home (January 21) and the second at Browne's Beach (May 31). Director Shawn and his team have done sterling service (no pun intended) and deserve our congratulations.

Meeting Details

Thursday, July 03, 2014

Sergeant-At-Arms: Vic Fernandes

- Attendance - 54%
- Raffle - \$152.00
- Winner - Nicholle Manz- Baazaoui
- Fines - \$216.00

COMMUNITY SERVICE CONTINUED

Funds were donated to assist in providing prosthetics to Rasonté Parsons, a young child who is a quadruple amputee. Through our efforts and with assistance from Rotary West as well as the Ringwood Rotary Club in England we were able to make up the difference needed to secure the prosthetics and look after accommodation and travel for Rasonté and her mother.

Other contributions were made to Christopher Corbin for corrective eye surgery and the Paralympic Association

Mentoring with the Rotaract and Interact clubs continued with Rotarians attending their weekly meetings.

During December we continued our annual hosting of Carols by Candlelight, our major fundraiser, and the Senior Citizens Christmas party at Government House. Senior Citizens were also entertained by the club at two Sunset Concerts held during the year.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

This year saw a changed program for the Mini Model United Nations assembly which was hosted by all three Barbados clubs, with 4 weeks of intense training sessions. Seven schools were represented and two students went on to the District Mini MUN held in Trinidad & Tobago. This year's event was so well received by the students that a summer academy has been planned during August. From the very first time we met with Stephen O'Malley, the UN Resident Representative, Director Lisa took control and with her team has made this program something that we can all be proud of. In time it will be a flagship event that will have an extremely positive impact on the lives of our young people and will be a public relations coup for Rotary. Congratulations to Director Lisa and her team.

OUR PUBLIC FACE

Displays of the projects completed by Rotary during the past 51 years were mounted at CIBC FCIB Warrens and Emerald City and Carlton Supermarkets. This is a good public relations exercise and serves to highlight Rotary's involvement in the community over the years.

The parish signs project is still ongoing.

From a club perspective, we have maintained an average 60% attendance throughout the year. A number of fellowship events were held and were well attended, and as far as my memory and a few XO and Coconut Water goes, were enjoyed by all.

The Club and Trust Fund accounts are in good shape thanks to Treasurer Brian and I leave them both with funds on hand. We were able to make a donation to Rotary Foundation this year of US\$4,000.00

In addition our partners in service held a Western Jamboree fund raising event in support of the Little Pink Gift Foundation. The event netted \$11,028.03 and a presentation from the funds raised will be made later this evening.

UNSTINTING SUPPORT

None of what I have just reported would have been possible without the commitment of my dedicated board and all the members of the Rotary Club of Barbados. Whenever I have called to get advice or ask for help you have always responded. I consider myself to have been extremely fortunate to have received the level of support that was given to me both by the Board and by you, my fellow Rotarians, and I sincerely thank you.

AWARDS

A number of persons were recognized during the evening .

After a sustained effort by PDG David Edwards who is the ARRFC for Zone 34 the Club and number of members contributed US\$18,160.00 to the Rotary Foundation.

Below is the listing persons recognized at this time.

Paul Harris Fellowship—First Time Awarded
Sharon Oran, Sharen Lady Carmichael, Mary Cozier, Marlene Ramsey, Susanne Davis, Neal Griffith and Joe Johnson

Additional Giving by Members —Sapphires Awarded
Scott Oran, Sir Trevor Carmichael, Ron Ramsey, PP Stanley MacDonald, PP Dr. Grenville Phillips, PP Roger Smith and PDG David Edwards.

Club Paul Harris Awards

Shawn Franklin, continuing as Community Service Director and Lisa Cummins continuing as International Service Director.



Rotarian of the Year—PDG David Edwards

Presentation to Little Pink Gift Foundation

Suzanne Davis, partner in service of Past President Ron presented the proceeds from Western Jamboree Event which was held to raise funds for Little Pink Gift Foundation to Andrea MacKenzie, partner in service of PP John MacKenzie



Past President Ron continued— ***“It is now with mixed emotions, those of joy and happiness, that I now introduce PE Alex as our new President for the Rotary year 2014-15 and invite both Pres Alex and AG Sonya to the podium in order that AG Sonya can pin our new President.”***



Below is a Summary of the presentation by President Alex

Thank you PP Andrew for your very gracious toast to the past presidents of this club.

Past President Ron, distinguished and honoured guests, Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator PDG David Edwards, and Donna Edwards, Assistant Governor Sonya Alleyne and David Alleyne, District Governor Elect Milton Inniss. President Richard Kennedy, President Horace Cobham, other distinguished Rotarians. Specially Invited guests Mrs. Pamela McDonald and master Tristan Alleyne, Senator Wilfred Abrahams and his partner Natalie Jones. Friends all.

I first acknowledge to you that I am deeply honoured that you, the members of this very established and storied club would deign to have me sit for this Rotary year as its 53rd president. A club that has produced no less than three eminent District Governors and our own guest of honour ARRFC David Edwards. Not to mention that this is the club that pioneered Rotary in Barbados and has on its roll the good and great of Barbados. I say this to remind you that I now know what it must feel for the past presidents of this club and their acknowledgement of the big shoes that they are expected to fill.

In that light, I congratulate PP Ron Davis for the sterling work that he and his Board of directors, chairmen of committees and members of this club have done in the last Rotary year, as it has pushed the agenda of our club, and the work of Rotary forward in a significant and meaningful way.

The work of Rotary never takes a day off, somewhere in the world Rotarians are doing something to promote the ideals of the organisation, we are truly a movement that does not sleep, and we are truly a movement that has at its core, a deep abiding care and love for humanity in all of its forms. Internationally our RI president Gary CK Huang has, through his theme for this year, invited us to **LIGHT UP ROTARY.**

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This seemingly simple message has many nuances and layers as inevitably it will mean many things to different people. Some may see it as an injunction to invigorate our clubs with fresh ideas and approaches, others may see it as a request to illuminate the work of Rotary through an aggressive PR and media awareness campaign, others still, may see it as an invitation to have Rotary shine as a beacon of hope in an increasingly gloomy world.

My own interpretation of what is required of us this year is that we must strive to embrace as many of the nuances that this theme invokes.

So with this our RI President has shrewdly challenged us to do great things simply and with purpose.

The charge to **Light Up Rotary**, fellow Rotarians and guests, contemplates that there must be darkness; it implies that lighting a single candle and having it shine brightly is a better situation than for us to be lamenting the darkness.

Through the imagery of this Confucian reflection we are led to understand that action rather than inaction, positivity rather than negativity, hope rather than hopelessness and courage rather than cowardice are the true hallmarks of people who face the darkness and strike the first light.

So how do we propose to light up Rotary this year?

My friends I do not propose to outline the scheme of work for this club here tonight, the proper place for that is at our club forum. What I do hope to convey to you in these few remaining minutes is to give you a feeling of the direction that the club will be taking and the goals that we wish to achieve.

Change and life are two intertwined realities that we all face; in Rotary it is no different,

If we are to grow, survive and thrive in this community we have to also adapt and change. But even as we do so we have to always bear in mind that there are anchors and roots that we have put down over the years many of these in fact, do not hold us back but give us the stability and credibility that is so important in our community.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

In community service we have made huge strides over the past few years, and we intend to continue along this path, we will continue to strengthen our relationships in the children's homes and introduce new and exciting vocational workshops to help prepare the children for the real world of work. Drug awareness will continue to be a focus of our club, we feel that it's time that we examine our effectiveness in this activity to ensure that we are achieving the original tenants of the campaign.

We continue to support our elderly, and plan to do more with them as we have seen the joy that our interactions bring to these pillars of our community.

CLUB PROJECT

This year we will continue to support the School House for Special Needs, hopefully with a grant or special funding from the district and RI.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL FOCUS

Autism will be a special focus for our club, and in this regard we will be asking Rotarians with knowledge and expertise in this area to help us deliver an education campaign targeted at raising awareness in our community at large.

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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

International service too, will see greater activity. Coming off of a successful MUNA experience we, the three clubs in the island have decided to expand the opportunity for young people by hosting a summer activity that starts Monday! (We are not wasting time).

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Vocational service too is being charged to find new ways to expose the role of vocations in our community and the director has exciting plans to invigorate that avenue of service while maintaining our traditions and expectations.

YOUTH SERVICE

In youth service the director has a special project under his wing to deliver an invigorated interlink with our Rotaract and Interact clubs we hope that by linking these clubs into our own club, that they will better appreciate the work of our club and we theirs. The avenue of service will also deliver to this club a special project looking at the problem of bullying in schools and our wider community.

CLUB SERVICE

At the level of club service, more fellowship events along with strong guest speakers and a wide range of classification talks are planned for our year. We are, through this avenue of service challenging members to actively participate and engage in the life blood of the club, and as the year unfolds we are asking new things from our members so that coming to a meeting remains a high point to your week.

INTERCLUB ACTIVITIES

The three presidents in Barbados have agreed that closer working ties and fellowship must be the order for this year, to this end, plans are well underway to make this desire a reality as we create a joint fund-raiser for the Rotary foundation, we have also agreed to work together to celebrate a Rotary day in Barbados, and to have fellowship with each other on a more regular basis.

OUR CHALLENGE

The challenge that the board of directors are responding to is one that I have given to them this year to hold to our strengths, create and innovate, serve better and have fun doing it.

While we can plan and work as a board we need all Rotarians in our club to give according to their lot in life. And it is our expectation that all the members of this club will rise to this challenge.

Tonight as we engage to light up Rotary, ours is not merely a selfish prayer for light, our task is far more important than a narrow hope for our own needs. So, as we light up, and our lights diffuse the warmth of Rotary, let us hope, that in doing so that we hold fast to our mantra:

Of the things that WE THINK, SAY OR DO

- 1. Is it the truth?
- 2. Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
- 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Thank you and May God continue to bless us and bless Barbados.

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The Board of the Rotary Club of Barbados—2014-2015



Director Shawn, PE Jedder, Secretary Paul, Treasurer Brian, President Alex, Director Waldo, Director Lisa, SAA Vic, Director Neal and IPP Ron. Absent are VP John and Director Kim

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The Rotary International Affairs Summer Academy was launched on Monday, July 14 and continues until Friday, July 18.

Speaking at the Opening Ceremony were Mr. Stephen O'Malley, Resident Coordinator of the UN in Barbados and the OECS and President Alex McDonald.



Also present at the event were AG Sonya, PDG David and the Presidents of Rotary Club of Barbados West and South, Horace Cobham and Richard Kennedy.

UP-COMING EVENTS

July 23– Visit to Club Projects
July 31—Guest Speaker
August 21—Past President's day
August 28– Guest Speaker
September 06—Club Forum

GREETERS

July 17—Dr. Albert Best & Rev Guy Hewitt
July 24—Mitra Knight & Sue Springer

OUR VISITORS—July 12

GUESTS

Mrs. Jacqueline Griffith—USA—PP Erskine
Friends, along with a number of our spouses
and partners in service

ROTARIAN

Donna Pierre – Rotary Club of St. Augustine –
West, Trinidad & Tobago

[Dates changed for 2015 São Paulo Convention](#)

Rotary International President Gary Huang and the RI Board have changed the dates for the 2015 Rotary Convention in São Paulo, Brazil, to Saturday, 6 June, through Tuesday, 9 June – starting and ending one day earlier than previously scheduled. The dates were changed because the original opening day (Sunday, 7 June) coincided with one of the city's most popular parades.

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

Jomo and Valerie Hope July 23
Randall and Ann Goddard July 24

Birthdays - Rotarians

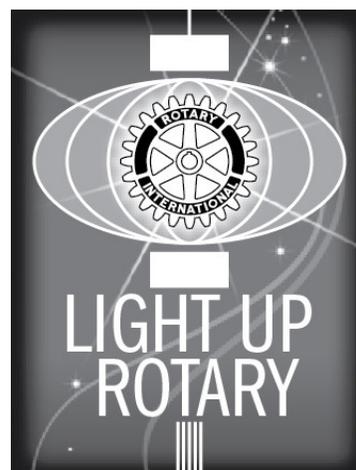
Randall Goddard July 24

Birthdays - Partners in Service

None this week

Join Date Anniversaries

Joel Brathwaite July 21, 2006
Past President Jerry Ishmael July 22, 1999
Trevor Whitehall July 23, 1998



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