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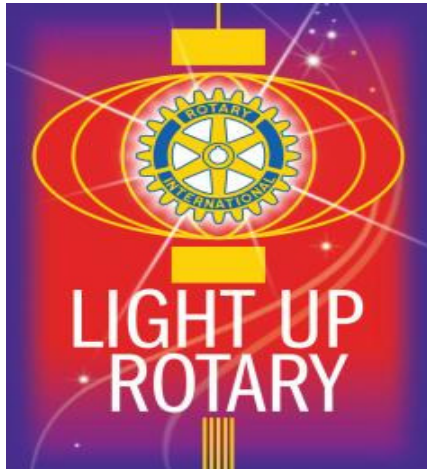


Rotary Club of Barbados, Barbados

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District 7030

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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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at 12 p.m.

P.O. Box 148B, Brittons Hill,

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www.clubrunner.ca/barbados

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARBADOS WELCOMES ALL VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

February is World Understanding Month

Today will be a Fellowship Meeting with another Guest Speaker. This week we will be addressed by Mr. Jeffrey Broomes, Principal of the Parkinson Memorial Secondary School.

Our Greeters are Past Director Trevor Whitehall & Past Chair Diana R. Douglin.



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.

Currently he serves on the Fellowship, Environment and Vocational Service Committees

Past Club Bulletin Editor Diana Douglin

became a member of the Rotary Club of Barbados joining the Rotary Club of Barbados on June 06, 2013. Her Classification is Legal Services – Corporate. She was introduced to the Club by PD Heather Tull.

She has served on the Vocational and Membership Development Committees.

Currently she serves on the Attendance, Bulletin, Safety & CPR and Vocational Service Committees. She is the researcher for the Profiles in Community Service Series.



Meet our Guest Speaker - Biographic Information



Mr. Jeffrey “Jeff” Broomes is described as a teacher by day, writer, husband, father, major grandfather and sports enthusiast.

Jeff has also hosted the Book Talk and Homework Action Line television programmes.

Additionally he has held leadership positions as President of the Barbados Union of Teachers as well as President of the Barbados Association of Principals of Public Secondary Schools.

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Meet our Guest Speaker- Biographic Information

A teacher by profession, Jeff Broomes spent his initial years as an English teacher at St. Lucy Secondary School before moving on to St. James Secondary and later St. Michael School as Deputy Principal. He was then appointed Principal of the Alexandra School a position he now holds at Parkinson Memorial.

Jeff, a Coleridge and Parry alumnus, received his tertiary education at New York’s Union College, and his professional education at the University of the West Indies, George Meany Institute, Erdiston Teachers’ Training College and Scarsdale Technology Academy.

An avid cricketer and fan of the game, Jeff has held several administrative positions in Barbados and West Indies cricket, including Manager of the Barbados Youth, and the West Indies Under 19 Teams; and Vice President of the Barbados Cricket Association, President of the Barbados Women’s Cricket Association and West Indies Cricket Board Director. Jeff’s interests also extend to calypso, having served as Pic-o-de-Crop judge on several occasions.

Jeff launched his television career in 1991 as Presenter of the series, My Teacher, My Parent, My Friend. He has also hosted CXC English Literature, Eleven and Ready, Education at the Crossroads and Playing with Words.

Additionally, Jeff has written and published nine books mainly on teaching of English and Mathematics for Common Entrance and English for CXC. He has also written a quiz book on Cricket as well as one on Teacher Evaluation.

Jeff Broomes, educator, cricketer, writer has now added two areas to his profile: calypso singer and, more significantly, presenter to the Rotary at their lunch time meeting.



February 23 marks the 110th anniversary of Rotary. This year also marks 30 years since Rotary launched its campaign to rid the world of polio. How will you celebrate 30 years of Polio Plus? Find out how to send us your photos: <http://ow.ly/J2hLr>

MEETING DETAILS - Thursday February 12

SAA - PP Vic Fernandes

- Attendance - 57%
- Raffle - \$174.00
- Winner - Past Vice President Roy Smith
- Fines - \$178.00

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2015

Address by H.E. Mikael Barfod, EU Ambassador, Rotary Club Barbados, 12 February 2015

He was introduced by Past President Per Dibber



I am normally surrounded by heavy protocol when I make a speech, but today I have the feeling I can just get away with: "Dear Rotarians, thank you for inviting me to say a few words about the work of the European Union". And I greet the press too.

1. Intro

First of all I would like to inform you that it was Rotary that kicked off my career as a public speaker. When I was 21 I visited a friend's family in Pompano Beach in Florida and the family's father

asked me to give a talk at his Rotary Club. They apparently liked my joke. So I was invited to give a similar talk in the sister club in Grand Bahamas a week later. After this exposure to public speaking in the Caribbean, promoted by Rotary, all I can say is that the rest is history, and here we are back at Rotary today where it all began.

2. What is EU?

"What makes the European Union special", I asked a group of 100 sociology students at the Florida International University recently. At first they did not know what to say, so I cautiously added: is it like the United States of America? Finally someone said hesitantly: Not exactly like the US, but the "EU does have **sovereignty**". This is in a way a clever answer. The European Union is not a regional organisation of 28 member states because we have a lot state-like powers or sovereignty. If the Barbadian government is interested in discussing with any country in the EU policies on trade, environment, climate etc., you do not book a ticket to London, Paris, Berlin, Rome or Warsaw. No, you book a ticket to EU HQ in Brussels. The EU has the powers to deal with these matters, of course with a certain amount of influence and scrutiny by our MS in the decision-making process. Unlike CARICOM and all the other regional organisations the European Commission has **executive powers** with certain legislation that can be implemented directly in EU MS.

Why in Europe do we work more closely together and have much stronger, binding institutions than any other region? That is because history has taught us that this is the best way to promote **peace** and **economic prosperity** in Europe. So it is no surprise that we believe in a world of multilateralism where countries come together to discuss challenges, defend human rights, fight poverty and sustainable growth. With over 1/2 billion inhabitants, The EU has the largest GDP in the World, ahead of USA and China. The EU is by far the largest trading block. The EU is also the largest source of development assistance, which is widely used to fight poverty and injustice.

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We are even developing a **diplomatic corps** to encourage a coordinated approach to foreign relations. Since our last treaty in 2010, the EU now has a legal identity that allows it to act and speak in many international contexts, which is why it says 'Ambassador' on my calling card. Some recent internal successes include : Atalanta fighting pirates off the Horn of Africa, Iranian talks on peaceful use of nuclear facilities and reconciliation in the Balkans. Geopolitics in Ukraine is more complicated as is the situation in the Middle East but we believe our multilateral approach is more valid than ever.

3. What is the EU doing in the Caribbean?

Europe has strong **historic ties** with the Caribbean region and our MS have had territory not far from here. Politically we are **aligned** in many ways: Westminster democracies with relatively good human rights records. As the region has grown and changed, our approach has grown and changed with them. Our involvement in the region is based on our overall policy of poverty alleviation. We are by far the largest donor of grant aid at a time when many other donors are pulling out of the Caribbean. We have a **whopping EUR 1 billion** over next seven years to be programmed.

A third of the billion goes to **regional programmes benefiting several Caribbean countries in one go**. The regional nature of this makes it obvious that we would emphasise regional cooperation with Caribbean. If we feel that European economies are too small to cope in today's global economy – just imagine what the prospects of the small Caribbean islands are like in the long run, unless they integrate effectively. In the regional programme we support an envelope for common issues like, disaster preparedness, climate mitigation, energy, security as well as integration and trade.

Speaking of trade, you probably know that we have signed in 2010 the **Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)** between the EU and the Caribbean. It is the first of its kind. It is an asymmetric trade agreement, where the EU reduces tariffs more than the Caribbean side. It also very much encourages intra-Caribbean trade, which is growing a bit. In spite of massive grant support the EPA has nevertheless been slow in taking off. As stipulated by the EPA, Caribbean **tariffs are being reduced**, but slower than expected, **However, the most important is that private investors take full advantage of the new trade framework. And that is yet to come.**

Another interesting aspect of the regional programme is the EUR 180 million **Caribbean Investment Facility**. Many projects within agriculture, energy, transport, ITC are promising but need a bit of a nudging to reduce risks in the start-up phase. An example: Geothermal in Dominica was initially a risky business. The EU provided a grant for initial studies and test drillings, which enabled a development bank to invest with a far bigger amount and hopefully this will eventually lead to bigger private investments. Because our initial grant made accessing geothermal energy in Dominica a reality, both St. Lucia as well as St. Vincent and the Grenadines are very interested also in this type of energy source. So we give our money more bang for the EUR by leveraging grant money with loans and investments. **We have lots of hope in the use of CIF in terms of starting new projects and generating employment and growth in the region.**

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4. What is the EU doing in Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean

The Last bit of our programme is **national programmes**. In **Barbados and the OECS**, which is my direct responsibility, we have supported areas as diverse as housing, health, education, public finance management and reform, safety and security, environment, climate change, disaster preparedness and much, much more. On an annual basis we disburse € 60 million EUR or around BBD 140 million.

In **Barbados** the EU continues to be the largest provider of bilateral grant aid to the county. The portfolio has grown significantly over the past four years, primarily through the infusion of "sugar funds" which is meant to compensate Barbados for the loss of sugar quotas to the EU under the new WTO rules.

The Barbados **Human Resource Development** programme represents the single largest collaboration between the EU and Barbados. Out of EUR 53 million a bit less than half has been spent to date and the rest will follow in the next couple of years. The programme has made significant progress, particularly during the past two years of implementation. This has largely been the result of the combined efforts of the government HRD Implementation Unit and external assistance provided by the European Union; backed by continual dialogue at the technical, policy, and political levels. Achievements to date include improvements in the time for registering training providers; increases in the number of institutional assessments; and increased training across the public sector. **In short, the programme should produce qualifications and classifications that deliver education which respond better to the needs of the Barbadian industry and society.**

In addition, Euro 5.81 M from the 10 EDF is supporting the country's **renewable energy programme** through an agreement with the Inter-American Development Bank. A further Euro 3.0 M will continue to support the energy sector through the 11 EDF National Indicative Programme. The aim is to finance renewable energy and energy efficient installations in key secondary schools in each parish of the country; for a maximum demonstration effect, to students and parents. This is to be complemented with RE/EE educational material; and as a novelty possibly a roving electric van, which can showcase further ideas and possibilities for RE/EE measures in schools and homes.

5. Budget Support

A large chunk of the aid to Barbados and the OECS is provided as **Budget support**. After assuring ourselves that the macroeconomic situation is stable, the aid is provided in tranches, where each time we ensure that detailed criteria is fulfilled in terms of, agreed policies, performance targets such as number of people trained and other concrete milestones achieved. On the other hand the government can use its own budgeting and procurement systems to achieve these goals. When this system works it is a win-win situation. We paid more than EUR 8 million in 2014 and could have almost 3 times as much available in 2015 if the government meets our conditions, primarily regarding macroeconomic stability and public finance management. We would hope that this support in itself could have a positive effect of assisting the country in recovering from the current economic crisis.

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6. Climate Change/Energy

The EU is a champion in the fight against global climate change and mitigating its effect where we can, including in the Caribbean. We actively explore and exploit all opportunities to make the most of the Caribbean's abundant domestic clean energy resources: wind, solar, marine, geothermal etc. This will reduce dependency on local and imported fossil fuels. Improving energy efficiency is also critical, being one of the keys to ensuring affordability for all the citizens, which will also be favoured by tighter regional cooperation and by diversifying energy sources. Renewable energy is the focal sector of the 11 EDF not only as we saw for Barbados, but for SKN and DOM until 2020. **So we are serious about the climate and energy at global, regional and national levels.**

7. Human Rights

Finally let me say a word or two about human rights. Generally speaking the respect for human rights and the promotion of European values is very high on the EU agenda. In democratic societies governed by the rule of law this is easier than many other places. But as is also the case in Europe there are short comings which we identify and offer to assist governments with in Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean where I work. We have identified the fight against domestic and gender-based violence as particularly important for citizens security and for the future cohesion of Caribbean societies. In this regard we have worked with the police and NSA in setting up a specific unit within the police force to deal with this issue.

We are also concerned about the rights of LGBT. The levels of tolerance varies from country to country but the legal protection lags behind the situation in countries that Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean usually compare themselves with when it comes to human rights, including the EU.

Finally on the death penalty, we are happy about the ongoing process to abolish mandatory death sentences and hope that this will lead to the next step which is a legally binding moratorium on the death penalty (we recognise a de facto moratorium has been respected for years) and finally abolition of the death penalty altogether.

In conclusion, I think the EU is a good example of an **all-weather ally** in the areas that matter for the Caribbean and for Barbados. But then again, as EU Ambassador I would say that, wouldn't I?

Thank you

I'll be happy to answer questions, also about current issues like Ukraine and the Euro.

Questions were asked in the following areas:

PP Andrew Bynoe

- The need for Public Management Accounts Reforms

PD Peter Williams

- Transparency and the lack of Integrity legislation

Past Director Freddie Hart

- The impact of Global Warming and Climate Change on the Tourism Industry

The Vote of thanks was given by PP Erskine Thompson, Guest Speaker Committee Chair.

UP-COMING EVENTS

UWI Rotaractor to Attend RYLA

The Rotaract Club of the University of The West Indies, Cave Hill, has selected Rotaractor Olvine Holas as its delegate to attend the upcoming RYLA which gets underway in St. Vincent this weekend.

Olvine is 23 years old from the island of Grenada. He is currently a third year International Business student at the Cave Hill Campus.

He has been a Rotaractor for just over a year and currently serves as the Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the Rotaract Club of the UWI - Cave Hill.

Prior to his UWI life, he served on committees of various clubs such as: Students' Council (VP), RBTT Young Leaders (PRO), ISCF & CCC (VP). He sees himself as a self motivated young man with a thirst for excellence and a passion for serving others selflessly.

Director Neal

District 7030 Conference

May 21 to May 25, 2015

Venue: *Divi Southwinds Beach Resort*
US\$400.00 (all inclusive)

<http://rotaractbarbados.org/conference>
Over 200 Delegates expected

DISTRICT 7030 ROTARACT STEERING COMMITTEE

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The Rotarian

Learn more about Rotary Peace Fellows:

Rotary Peace Fellows are helping refugees start over.

Every 10 minutes, a baby is born without a state – without citizenship in any country. The crisis in Syria and conflicts in South Sudan, the Central African Republic, and many other nations are producing new generations of refugees, internally displaced persons, and asylum seekers. Increasingly, they are long-term exiles who are spending years, even decades, in makeshift refugee cities with their families, unable to return home.



UP-COMING EVENTS

FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

We join Rotary International this year to celebrate Founder's Day on Sunday February 22, 2015 with a Church Service at the St. Mary Church, Bridgetown at 8:45a.m.

A beach house lime will then follow around 12:30 p.m. at the Beach Home of PP Andrew and Partner in Service Joyce in Prospect St. James. (Next habitable building after Waves Hotel going North).

Director Waldo

CLUBRUNNER TRAINING

We are in the preliminary stages of planning a practical guide in the basic functionality of ClubRunner.

To this end, we have identified the second Thursday in March (March 12th) from noon to 12:30 p.m. as a suitable time for us to convene this workshop.

It has been long in coming and we urge you to make a concerted effort to avail yourselves and be armed with your laptops or chosen electronic tools to sit in and grasp the essentials of being able to meander your way through ClubRunner.

As time nears, we will provide more details as to; the venue, password access, etc.

Thanking you in advance for your attention and programming into your diary.

Director Waldo

INTERACT MEETING - ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL - FEB 13

The meeting convened around 2:15pm.

In attendance were: Most of the Executive and the Faculty Advisor.

Introductions were done and protocols performed after which DE Winston "launched" into a very electrifying and passionate discussion on the practical side of an entrepreneur.

Key words "research", "sacrifices", "being inventive", "commitment" The Interactors were truly mesmerized.

I then gave a short presentation on the subject - "An Entrepreneur" - "what is/ how can / when can" - experiences, requisites of an Entrepreneur and guiding principles for the Entrepreneur.

Sundries and updates on club activities were then given.

Design imagery of the club's polo shirts was circulated at a cost in the vicinity of \$360 (design costs and six shirts) following which a donation of \$300 was made by DE Winston and Dir. Waldo.

The game, Name that Sound was then played by a very energized group which lasted for about 20 minutes.

The raffle was then performed and a series of numbers were pulled and winners approached the desks for their winnings.

The club was then disciplined by the Sergeant - At - Arms.

The meeting was then adjourned after reciting the Interact Pledge.

Director Waldo

UP-COMING EVENTS

February is World Understanding Month

23 February — Rotary's Anniversary

Feb 22 - Founder's Day Service

Feb 22 - Because of Jenna Trust Fund Raising Event (*Please contact PP Ron*)

Feb - RYLA - to be held in four territories - Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, St. Vincent & the Grenadines and Martinique

Mar 17 - Vocational Service Showcase

Apr 8-11 - District Conference - Suriname - Air travel is being arranged. Note the recent correspondence from CS Director Waldo

GREETERS

Feb 26 - PD Comm Wilbert Kirton & DE Winston Warren

OUR GUESTS

VISITORS

HE Mikael Barfod, EU Ambassador and Head of Delegation to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean.

Ms Geralyn Edward - Nation Publishing

David Wallerson— Director Waldo

Mrs. Cheryl Franklin - Director Waldo

Simon Walker - Director Waldo

Eusa Zorzi—Rtn. Donella

Nanzann Knight - Edmonton, Canada - Rtn. Mitra

Shermaine Denoes-O'Conner - PP Algie Leacock

ROTARIANS

Michael Forde - RCoB - South - ICT

INTERACT CLUB VISITS

PP Tony Williams SMS Feb.20 2.30 pm

PP Erskine Thompson SMS Feb.27 2.30 pm

End POLIO Now

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

None this week

Birthday - Rotarians

Past President Dr. Grenville Phillips

Feb 20

Rtn. Donna Pierre

Feb 23

Hon Rotarian PP Pat Toppin

Feb 25

Birthday - Partners in Service

Shirley Anne Fields - Past Director Trevor

Feb 26

Join Date Anniversary

Past Director Berkley Blades

21 years Feb 21 1994

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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