

DISTRICT 7030
CLUB#6798
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June 19th, 2025

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The Rotary Club of Barbados welcomes visiting Rotarians and Guests.

Guest Speaker Toney Olton



Professional Profile Core Values: Toney Olton is a visionary leader, consultant, coach, and facilitator dedicated to unlocking human potential through emotional intelligence, leadership development, and organizational excellence. Through his consultancy, The Potter Centre, and his social entrepreneurship initiative, The Caribbean Institute for Social and Emotional Learning, he equips individuals, teams, and

organizations with the tools to foster growth, resilience, and meaningful impact. ✓ Empowerment – Equipping people with the skills to lead and succeed. ✓ Excellence – Delivering high-impact, results-driven training and coaching. ✓ Integrity – Upholding professionalism, ethics, and authenticity in every engagement. ✓ Continuous Growth – Championing lifelong learning and personal development. ✓ Community Impact – Committed to fostering social change through education and emotional intelligence. Mission Statement: To cultivate emotionally intelligent, high-performing leaders and organizations by delivering transformational training, coaching, and facilitation rooted in emotional intelligence, leadership excellence, and personal development. Vision Statement: To be the leading force in emotional intelligence and leadership development across the Caribbean, empowering individuals and organizations to thrive, innovate, and create lasting impact. Key Services: Leadership & Executive Coaching – Personalized coaching for leaders, executives, and professionals to enhance decision-making, emotional intelligence, and influence. Organizational & Team Development – Customized programs to strengthen corporate culture, teamwork, and productivity. Emotional Intelligence Training – Practical tools to develop self-awareness, resilience, and effective interpersonal relationships. Facilitation & Strategic Consulting – Expert facilitation for retreats, team-building, and corporate strategy sessions. Social & Emotional Learning (SEL) Initiatives – Advocacy and training to integrate SEL into Caribbean educational systems. Motivational Speaking – Engaging and inspiring keynotes on leadership, emotional intelligence, and personal mastery. Key Professional Qualifications: Certified Emotional Intelligence Practitioner, Educator, Assessor, Facilitator – Six Seconds Certified Executive Leadership Coach & Mentor – Institute Of Leadership & Management Advanced Certification in Holistic Counseling – Grace & Truth Certified Change Management Practitioner – Prosci Graduate Diploma – The Psychology of Work – University of Leicester Executive Diploma – Management – Centre For Management Development – UWI Cave Hill

JUNE IS FELLOWSHIP MONTH

A friend is someone who understands your past, believes in your future, and accepts you just the way you are



Today June 19th, 2025, will be a Fellowship Meeting, which commences at 12:30pm at The Hilton Hotel. Our guest speaker will be Toney Olton who will speak to us on emotional intelligence.

Meeting Details – May 29th, 2025

Guests

None

Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors

None

Honorary Rotarians

None

Fines: BBD 111.00

Raffle: BBD 107.00 won by Sec. Jamella Forde

Our next scheduled meeting will be an evening Fellowship Meeting on June 26th, 2025, which commences at 6:00 pm at the Hilton Hotel. This will be the final meeting of the Rotary year 2024-2025.

Rotary Fellowships are independently organized international groups that connect people who share hobbies, professions, or identities. They advance Rotary's vision of building a global community and creating meaningful connections across cultures. Whether you're into music, art, sports, history, or technology, there's a fellowship for you! [Explore our newest fellowships](#) and discover new ways to engage with Rotary beyond your club and district.

Participation is open to anyone, regardless of membership. [Share the fellowships video](#) with your club to celebrate this vibrant part of Rotary life.

Summary Minutes of the RCOB Meeting Held on June 12th, 2025

The 42nd Meeting of the Rotary year was Called to Order by President

Arlene. She Welcomed everyone and asked PP Erskine Thompson the Lead the National Anthem. Following this, she raised a Toast to HE the President of Barbados the Patron of the Club. The Rotary Grace was said in unison.

She called on SAA (ag) PP & Director David Antrobus to introduce the Visiting Rotarians and Guest. However, before he proceeded, she especially Welcomed back Rotarian Steve Cozier who had been on leave.

Before we proceeded to Lunch, President Arlene invited Rotarian Steve to say a few words.

Summary of the presentation by Rotarian Steve
Rotarian Steve recalled that it was about a year when he last attended a meeting. As he was finding it a challenge to attend meetings, he thought it best that he should resign his membership after being a Rotarian for over 40 years. – February 01, 1985.

He had been a member of the Rotary Club of Barbados since October 30, 2003.

Steve spoke of the privilege and honour to serve as a Rotarian. He challenged the Member to continue to show “Service Above Self!”

There was a Standing Ovation at the end of his presentation.

From the Archives

Steve Cozier joined our Club on October 30, 2003. His Classification is Finance Corporations. He was introduced by PP Norman Barrow. Before coming to Barbados, he had served as Secretary in the Rotary Club of St. Lucia. Since 2004 he has served as the Chair– Website Maintenance & Information. For 2008-09 he served as Director International Service. Over the years he has served on a number of Committees including Drug Awareness, Rota News, Club Runner and Fund Raising. Steve is a Paul Harris Fellow (January 2012)

Following Lunch, Director Katrina presented on the “Humming Bird Feeder Project

Members of the Rotary Club of Barbados have come together to support the restoration of pollinator habitats by installing branded hummingbird feeders at their homes.

This project is focused on providing a sustainable food source for hummingbirds, essential pollinators that help maintain biodiversity and support local ecosystems. By creating a welcoming environment for these birds, the Rotary members are actively contributing to the preservation of pollinator populations, which are crucial for the pollination of many

plants and crops and raising awareness within the community about the importance of protecting pollinators and promoting environmental sustainability. Through their individual efforts, the Rotary Club members are making a meaningful impact on local conservation efforts.

Part of the Project was the contribution made to Andromeda Gardens which was highlighted in the Board Reports at the Business Meeting on June 05.

President Arlene the invite SAA (ag) PP David to discipline the Club.

The first action of SAA David in the Spirit of Levity, was to “Break with Tradition” by fining President Arlene who had allegedly “usurped” his authority by Welcoming Rotarian Steve.

He closed by asking members to guess where and when he was proposed as a Rotarian-by-Rotarian Steve - Rotary Club of St. Lucia February 1996.

Finally, he welcomed back Rotarian Leandre who had also been on leave.

Tribute to Rotarian Steve by AG Paul

AG Paul indicated that he was speaking in his capacity as a Member of the Club, highlighting that he referred to Steve as PP Steve as he was impressed with his overall contribution to Rotary both at home and abroad.

- His participation in projects
- Bar manager at carols
- Web master for the club
- Trainer for club runner
- The support and involvement from Mary as well
- Being an excellent host in Canada to Rotarians
- He being ever so presents that everyone thought he was Past President Steve a title he never held but his commitment and dedication was never in question

He wished Mary & Steve well as they continued on their journey.

PP Robin Ford requested an opportunity to speak. He indicated that as it was his final club meeting for the year, he was seeking the opportunity to thank President Arlene and her Board for the visionary leadership and growth that was seen during the Year. He mentioned the interventions by YES and project Amai which had made a difference in the lives of the young participants.

He wished the club well in the coming year.

Housekeeping

President Arlene made the announcements regarding Wedding Anniversaries, Birthdays and Join dates; which were listed in the Rota News.

Announcements

The club was reminded the upcoming events.

June 14 – Project Amai Recognition Ceremony

June 19 – Guest Speaker – Toney Olton

June 26- Final Meeting for the Year – Evening Meeting
July 05 - Installation

Closure

President Arlene closed the Meeting with a Toast to Rotary International.
She wished everyone a great week of Service Above Self.

Francesco Arezzo 2025-2026 Rotary International President



[Francesco Arezzo of Italy selected to be 2025-26 Rotary International President | Rotary International](#)

Please click on the above link for more info.

Project Amai

Project Amai Recognition and Graduation Ceremony was a beautiful and heartwarming afternoon.

The proceedings kicked off with a procession of the graduates clad in bright blue and gold robes and caps, walking to the song: "Love Your Life" by Hilary Weeks into a brilliantly decorated room donned with blue, white and gold balloons suspended from the ceiling and filled with proud family members, program facilitators, sponsors, Rotarians and the media.

The procession was followed by the playing of the National Anthem then the Opening Prayer which was delivered by Past President Erskine Thompson. After Masters of Ceremony

Rotarian Alvaro Holder and Amai Participant Khalisha Forde introduced themselves, Rotarian Alvaro established the protocols then introduced Past President Denise Antrobus and invited her to deliver the opening remarks. Past President Denise gave a review of the program, invoking a chuckle from the audience when she mentioned that although she has been told that she deals with the nuts and bolts of the program, she is the nut, still looking for the bolts.

The keynote address was then delivered by President Arlene who admonished the participants let their experiences fuel their ambitions, and let the certificate they receive be more than a piece of paper, let it be a promise to their children, to themselves, and to the world that they will keep rising, keep learning, and keep leading.

The Certificates and awards we handed out by President Arlene and Past President Denise and the Special Awards were handed out by AG Paul, and PDG Sonya.

Honorary Rotarian and program facilitator Keriann Hurley provided a musical interlude singing one of her original songs.

Master of Ceremony Khalisha shared her Project Amai experience, speaking from the heart about her transformation from not trusting anyone to feeling seen and heard.

Khalisha also introduced fellow participant Destinee Gill who read her essay: "My Project Amai Experience." In her essay, Destinee mentioned how the participant sat at a table strangers and got up with new friends. She highlighted the free boutique and how helpful it was to participants, adding, "this project was a memorable event for both my daughter and I, the love and time put into it was more than impressive."

Past President Brenda delivered the vote of thanks which highlighted the large community or village that was involved in successfully producing and maintaining Project Amai.

Then, to the sweet sounds of steelpan music, everyone mingled and enjoyed light refreshments.



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 26th Fellowship Meeting
July 5th – 64th Installation of Officers

RaCOB/Satellite Club/EarlyAct

June 21st – Paint and Bond
July 6th – Handing over and Awards ceremony

DISTRICT 7030 EVENTS

June 19th - Rotary Matters – Foundation
14th-16th November - RYLA
22nd - 25th April 2026 - District Conference



Brush & Bond!



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, June 21, 2025

CONTRIBUTION: \$80.00

Rotary 
Club of Barbados

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

64TH INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & COCKTAIL RECEPTION

JULY 5TH - 6:00 PM

MAHOGANY RIDGE, ST. THOMAS

PRICE: 140.00
RSVP VIA CLUB RUNNER
BY JUNE 20TH, 2025

Rotaract 
Club of Barbados

Handing Over & Awards Ceremony

July 6, 2025 | 4:00 p.m.
Early Bird: \$120 | Regular: \$130

Join us at
ISLAND INN HOTEL
as our incoming board prepares to Ignite Change and Inspire Hope

Dresscode: Semi-Formal

SAVE THE DATE

RYLA

NOVEMBER 14
NOVEMBER 15
NOVEMBER 16

2025


 

ANTIGUA


RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards



BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY



PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION



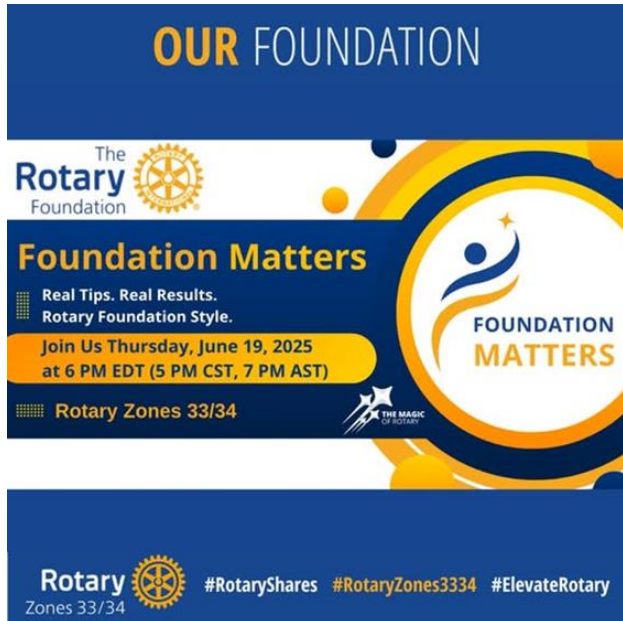
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Rotary Areas of Focus

Learning Center Mobile App

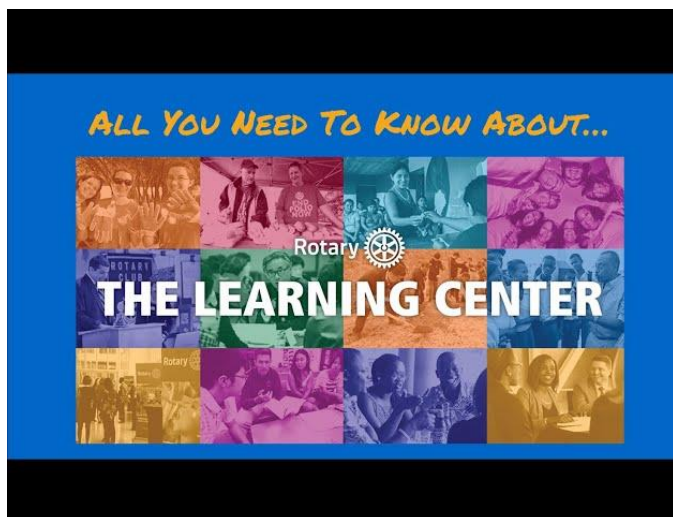
Learning Center mobile app improves member experience

The Rotary Learning Center is introducing a new mobile app for members, RotaryLearn, that makes it easier to take courses on mobile devices. [Download RotaryLearn today.](#)



This month's webinar highlights the best of our Foundation Matters webinars from this year. Rotarians will receive valuable, effective information from fellow Rotarians. The "Foundation Matters" Webinar Series was developed especially for you, Club Presidents, and Club Foundation Chairs. These monthly webinars will provide "bite-sized chunks" of valuable insights and actionable strategies that work to increase club engagement in The Rotary Foundation. Sign up today at

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays Rotarians

PP John Cabral – June 19th
Rtn. Tremaine Gilkes – June 25th

Birthdays – Partners-in-Service

None

Wedding Anniversaries

Rtn. Scott & Sharon Oran – 45 yrs – June 22nd, 1980

Join Date Anniversary

Rtn. Alvaro Holder – 5 yrs – June 20th, 2020
Rtn. Neal Griffith – 13 yrs – June 21st, 2012
Rtn. Makonem Hurley – 13 yrs – June 21st, 2012
PP Roger Smith – 30 yrs – June 22nd, 1995
Rtn. Poshia Doyle - 6 yrs – June 23rd, 2019
Rtn. Nicholas Waithe – 16 yrs – June 25th, 2009

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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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: PP Denise Antrobus



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