



ROTA NEWS



March 19, 2020

Rotary Club of Barbados



District 7030 - Club # 6798

Chartered March 07, 1962

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R.I Theme 2019-20

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President Elect

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**RI Membership
Committee Vice-Chair**
PDG David Edwards



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 12:30 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 CONNECTS THE WORLD



MARCH



TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Be a People of Action



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Today's (Mar 19) Lunch Meeting has been cancelled.

Following the announcement by the Minister of Health & Wellness this morning, (March 17) the Board communicated via a digital platform and made a decision to cancel this Thursday's Fellowship Meeting. The Board has decided to use the Zoom digital platform for hosting future Meetings; given the risk associated with large gatherings.

RI ANNOUNCEMENT

2020 Rotary International Convention cancelled because of growing coronavirus concerns

We regret to announce that the Rotary International Convention, scheduled for 6-10 June 2020, in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, has been canceled in response to the ongoing threat of COVID-19, the illness caused by the novel coronavirus.

We are sorry that we will not see you in Honolulu this year, but this decision is necessary to protect the health of everyone involved.

At this time, we kindly ask that you do not contact RI Registration to inquire about your registration, ticket or housing cancellations as we work diligently to inform all attendees.

COVID-19

Cancellation of In-Person Club Meetings

The Minister of Health & Wellness announced on Tuesday, March 17, that there are two cases of Covid-19 in Barbados and advised organizations to limit public gatherings. On that same day, Rotary District Governor Trevor Blake issued an advisory requesting that ALL in-person District events be cancelled until further notice.

The RCoB Board met on Tuesday evening and made a decision to cancel the Fellowship Meeting scheduled for today, Thursday, March 19. The Board met again last night, Wednesday, March 18 via Zoom to discuss the way forward.

A decision has been taken to CANCEL ALL IN-PERSON MEETINGS and to utilize the Zoom digital platform for hosting our regular Thursday meetings starting March 26.

We will issue further details on how to download the app so that everyone can participate in the virtual meeting. The meeting will be held on Thursday's as usual and the start time will remain the same, but the meeting will be scheduled for 30 minutes.

As Rotarians we need to take reasonable precautions and show leadership to (a) limit the spread of the disease and (b) reduce the risk to ourselves, our families, our fellow Rotarians and those in our community. The WHO has identified a number of steps that community organizations can take and general precautions that we should take.

A few are mentioned here and you are asked to visit the WHO website or the Government of Barbados GIS website for further details.

Limit face-to-face contact - Identify actions to take if you need to temporarily postpone or cancel events, programs, and services, especially for groups at greater risk such as older adults or people with chronic health conditions.

Protect the Vulnerable - People who are at higher risk are encouraged to avoid crowds as much as possible. This includes older adults and people who have severe underlying chronic medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes. These groups seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from the COVID-19 illness.

Promote preventative actions - Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow. Clean frequently touched objects and surfaces. Stay home when sick.

We ask that everyone act prudently and continue to monitor and be guided information from the Ministry of Health & Wellness. If you are experiencing any flu-like symptoms such as fever, cough or difficulty breathing, and you have been in one of the countries where there is community spread of COVID-19 during the previous 14 days, or think you may have come into close contact with someone who has, **CALL (do not visit)** your private medical practitioner, the nearest polyclinic or the COVID -19 hotline at **536-4500** for advice.

Sincerely, **President Peter**

DISTRICT 7030 COVID-19 RESPONSE

You would all be aware of the dreaded coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, and have noted that cases have surfaced in most of the countries/territories of our District. You would have all also seen in the media how the virus has spread across Europe and more recently, the US, and how these countries with relatively strong and resilient health systems have been struggling to cope with the outbreak. The health systems in most, if not all, parts of our District can be considered fragile, at least in comparison to those in Europe and North America. Few are equipped to deal with an outbreak on the scale of what we have seen in other countries. We must, therefore, individually and collectively take such measures that would retard the rampant transmission in our own communities.

You should all have seen the joint message issued this weekend by RI President Mark Maloney and President Elect Holger Knaack, on Rotary's role in battling coronavirus. In their message our RI leaders have asked us in our communities to help in 'flattening the curve' and have recommended the Districts and clubs cancel or postpone meetings or events following the advice of national and local health officials.

One of the most effective means of stemming the exponential spreading of contagious diseases, according to Public Health professionals, is social distancing. This involves avoiding crowds, staying away from public venues, maintaining an appropriate distance (at least 3 feet) from others where interaction cannot be avoided, avoiding personal physical contact and following proper personal hygiene practices. Governments in some countries are implementing measures to promote social distancing, such as closing schools, banning crowd events, such as festivals, fetes and parties, etc., and companies are instituting telecommuting or work from home measures where possible. I have also noted that some clubs have already decided to suspend their regular meetings.

As our RI Leaders have asked, we must take such measures to reduce unnecessary personal interactions. Therefore effective immediately, I am requesting that ALL in-person District events be cancelled until further notice. Arrangements should be made to hold any events or activity online, using electronic media such as Zoom, or uberconference. This applies to all District Rotary, Rotaract, Interact, Earlyact and Rota Kids events.

Further, clubs that have not yet done so, should consider

- 1) cancelling or postponing any events, activities or projects, that would bring large numbers of people together or result in extensive group interaction or personal physical contact, whether they be for training, fellowship or fundraising purposes; and
- 2) suspending their regular in-person meetings.

This suggestion to clubs is not intended to supersede or in any way usurp any directives or guidelines issued by local authorities. Indeed, clubs are encouraged to consult with their local health authorities in determining whether the cancellation, postponement or suspension of their events and meetings is warranted. Clubs should be guided by the advice of their national Health Authorities, and at all times, keep the health and safety of their members and their families, and that of the entire community, as the top priority. It is important to note that I am not asking Rotarians to disengage, but rather to connect using available technology. Weekly connections between members could be maintained by the following methods:

- Videoconferencing—Zoom or Facebook Live, uberconference, etc.
- Telephone — organize into small groups for weekly contact and support over the phone
- Private Facebook Group for your club to stay in touch

Our RI leaders have also asked that, as People of Action, Rotarians continue to demonstrate leadership in our communities at this time. I therefore encourage each club to find ways of assisting in the response to this pandemic without putting their members at risk. Clubs could collaborate with the Health Authorities in social messaging and disseminating information to enhance public awareness of preventative measures. Where necessary, and possible, clubs could assist in providing clean running water and soap for handwashing in schools and other public areas, and in providing hand sanitizers if these could be procured. Clubs could also provide tangible support to elderly Rotarians and others in the community, or to those who may be in home isolation, by shopping for them and delivering to their homes, while maintaining a safe distance in leaving the packages and talking with them.

Finally, and most importantly, I ask all Rotarians to follow the guidelines and advice of your local health authorities. Remember the solution to this pandemic is dependent on the individual action of each of us. Be healthy and stay safe.

Sincerely, **DG Trevor Blake**

LAST WEEK'S PRESENTERS



MUN Thank You

President Jean St. John, Rotary West

Today we acknowledge the completion of another successful model united nation project. Project MUN was made possible by the generous support of the United Nations, the three Rotary Clubs of Barbados and Barbados Port Inc. Credit for its success over the years must be given to the incredible planning committee led by Senator Lisa Cummins.

I would like to express our appreciation to the supporting friends of Rotary, fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors who would have taken time out of their busy duties to assist in making this year's Model United Nations project a success. Thank you for your professionalism, collaboration, and hard work. To the parents and teachers - thank you for your commitment.

The most important investment in the future of a country is investment in its youth, in opening doors for their individual development as citizens of the future, who respect each other irrespective of their differences who understand that they equal citizens of the world. Our hope is that this generation become one of peace, one that develops mutual trust, respect, and love for one another.

Young delegates today you are crowning an important experience of your lives - one which would have presented you with both challenges and opportunities. I observed your excellent presentations and it is easy to conclude that the purpose of this project has been completely accomplished. You have my deep respect for your positive participation. You represent the future of this country, never let yourselves be defeated by challenges or barriers - believe in yourself in the abilities and talents you all possess.

Sometimes it is easy to feel a bit lost in the crowd - always remember that each and everyone of you is capable of making a difference. A philosopher once said - What lies before us and what lies behind us are small matter as compared to what lies within us. Let your voices be heard as valued members of your various schools and communities.

I would like to thank once more everyone who would have contributed towards making MUN 2020 a success. It was a pleasure being with such accomplished individuals, thank you.



MUN CLIMATE RESILIENCE

10 SCHOOLS

The Alexandra School, The Alleyne School, The Codrington School, Combermere, Frederick Smith, Graydon Sealy, Harrison College, Lodge School, Queens College and The St. Michael School.

22 COUNTRIES

Australia, The Bahamas, Belize, Canada, China, Denmark, Dominica, Finland, Fiji, France, Germany, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Turkey, Thailand, New Zealand, UK, USA.

Announcements

Wedding Anniversary

- Grace & PP Dr. Grenville Phillips - 58 yrs - Mar 24

Birthday - Rotarians

- PP John MacKenzie—March 19
- Rtn. Scott Oran—March 22
- PP Ron Davis—March 25
- PP Roger Smith - March 30

Birthday - Partners-in-Service

- Gillian Applewhaite—PP Paul Ashby—April 02

Join Date Anniversary

- Rtn. Sanjay Amin—10 yrs—April 01, 2010
- PP John Cabral—39 yrs—April 01, 1981
- Rtn. Waldo Clarke—10 yrs—April 01, 2010
- IPP Shawn Franklin— 10 yrs—April 01, 2010

POSTPONEMENT OF DISTRICT RYLA 2020

Due to the circumstances beyond the control of the organisers, the District RYLA 2020 that was scheduled to be held in Curacao over the period 28 – 29 March 2020 has been postponed. A new date for RYLA will be established, and communicated, at a later date.

The District and the hosts in Curacao apologise to all for the inconvenience caused.

Yours sincerely
DG Trevor

Visitors for March 19

Guests

Savitri St. John - Treasurer Meryl Stoute
Job Laboyrie—PEE Robin Ford
David Jn Marie—AG Lisa Cummins
Kenneth Atherley—AG Lisa Cummins
Karen Forde—AG Lisa Cummins
Harriette Skeete - Director Adrian Skeete
Terry Fenty—PP Andrew Bynoe
Mark Hassell—PP Paul Ashby
Nigel Pierre—PP Paul Ashby
Russell Wilson—Secretary Ermine Darroux
Ted Isaac—PP Brenda Pope

Rotarians

Kareem French—Rotaract Club of Barbados
Danielle Donawa—Rotaract Club of Barbados
Daren Forde—Rotaract Club of Barbados
Leah Craig-Chaderton - RCo St. Kitts
Christopher Hoyte - RCoB—South

Housekeeping for March 19

SAA (Ag) - Winston Warren
Attendance - 63%
Fines - \$206.25
Raffle - \$111.00
Raffle Winner - Director
Arlene Ross presenting to Job Laboyrie



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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