



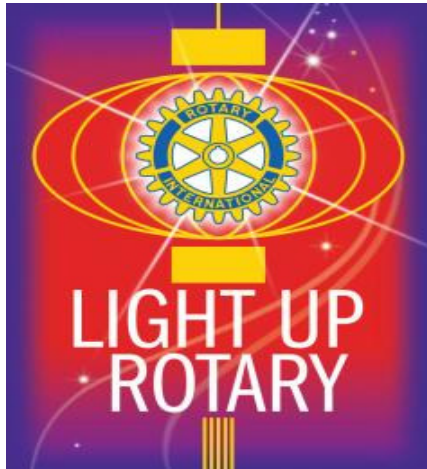
# ROTA NEWS

## Rotary Club of Barbados, Barbados

Chartered March 07, 1962

District 7030

August 21, 2014



R.I Theme 2014-2015

### R.I. OFFICERS

#### President

Gary C. K. Huang

#### President Elect

K. R. Ravindran

**Rotary Foundation Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator-Zone 34**  
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?

### DISTRICT OFFICERS

#### District Governor

Elwin Atmodimedjo

#### District Governor Elect

Milton Inniss

#### District Governor Nominee

Roger Bose

#### Assistant Governor (Barbados)

Sonya Alleyne

#### District Grants

PDG David Edwards, Chair

#### Council of Legislation

PDG Tony Watkins

### Club Officers & Directors

#### President

William "Alex" McDonald

#### President Elect

Jedder Robinson

#### Vice President

John Cabral

#### Secretary

Paul Ashby

#### Treasurer

Brian Cole

#### Club Service Director

H. Waldo Clarke

#### Vocational Service Director

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

Weekly meetings on **Thursdays** at

**Hilton Barbados**

Needham's Point, Aquatic Gap, St. Michael

at 12 p.m.

P.O. Box 148B, Brittons Hill,  
St. Michael, Barbados

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## THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARBADOS WELCOMES ALL VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Today will be a Special Meeting—it is *Past President's Day*. As is tradition the program will highlight the contributions made by the Past Presidents of our Club.

Victor Fernandes (2000-2001) will Chair the proceedings with Roger Smith (2004-2005) as his Sergeant-At-Arms.

The Greeting Team this week consists of Past Director Berkeley "Bee" Blades & Past President Brenda Pope.

### Meet PD Bee and PP Brenda



Past Director Berkeley joined the Club on February 24, 1994. He served as Director Community Service—1998-99 and twice as Chairman Children's Homes 1996-97 and 2002-03.

Bee indicates that "*I have personally visited every government children's home during my tenure as chairman of that committee.*"

Bee has always taken a keen interest in the environment and was a member of the Barbados Environmental Association prior to joining Rotary.

He has been instrumental in securing "Flags" and "Banners" for the Club.

Past President Brenda has the distinction of being, along with Karen Smith, the first females to join the Club on January 13, 2005. Not happy with that distinction she became our first female President for the year 2011-2012, our 50th Year. She has also served as Treasurer 2007-2008, Director Vocational Service 2008-2009 and Director Community Service 2009-2010. She was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship in 2011.



### For those who missed last Thursday; following are the highlights.



Vice President John Cabral chaired the meeting. He entrusted the lead for the Anthem to PP Elvin who also recited the Four Way Test.

President (ag.) John requested that the Club observe a moment of silence in memory of the late Sir Denys Williams, former Chief Justice and Hon. Rotarian RCoB-South, who was buried the day before. Sir Denys is the uncle of Past Director Peter Williams.

The Club was reminded of the need to sign up early with PP Jerry for the Boat Picnic on Sunday, August 24. **The time for the picnic is 11.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m. Sailing will be from the areas where each boat is docked.**

### Following is a Summary of the Presentations by the Board

#### Club Service—H. Waldo Clarke

- First Club Forum, Sat September 06—Training Room BL&P
- Attendance averaged around 55%
- Rota News —The introduction of a Bio on the greeters in each weekly edition.
- Rota News - Profile "Older" Rotarians – who would have given at least 20 years service, in order of Rotary Join date. (Rtn. Diana)
- Overview on Autism (DG Project) Rtn. Tracey K-L
- Boat Cruise – August 24<sup>th</sup>
- September - Wine Tasting Event
- Chair Guest Speakers PP Erskine has canvassed topics for consideration, but would be grateful to receive some feedback from the Board on the frequency. Presentations should start promptly at 1.00 pm and allow 15 minutes for the speech and 5 minutes for questions.
- Chair PR Rtn. Tracey K-L has purported that the main theme this year is "*This is Rotary Barbados*" and one of the best ways in which we can build on this is to highlight the great work that we do as Rotary.
- Chair Steve Cozier reported that ClubRunner recently upgraded their software from v2.0 to v3.0: v.3.0 is cloud-based. While this was supposed to be easily portable; it was not and required considerable time on my part manually updating and working with ClubRunner tech support to fix all the areas that did not properly convert. Happily, it is about 95% satisfactorily converted.

#### Community Service—Shawn Franklin

- Through the generous donations of admission and spending money by Rotarians, 30 children and 6 caregivers from Farr's and Sterling Children's homes were able to enjoy the St David's Church Fair.
- After the Child Care Board reached out to RCOB for assistance with summer camps for their wards, the Children's Homes Committee in turn reached out to our corporate friends and Sagicor immediately came to the rescue, and covered the cost of the 26 children at the Sports Council's Summer Camp.
- The Safety & CPR committee has started to coordinate the training of the Children's Homes 'Aunties' in CPR. This new program will be assisted by individuals from the Barbados Defence Force, The Heart and Stroke Foundation and the St John Ambulance Brigade.

*Past President Tony Williams requested, through Chair John, that all Director Reports should be copied to members. This was unanimously supported by members.*

### Meeting Details

Thursday, August 14, 2014  
Sergeant-At-Arms: Vic Fernandes

- Attendance - 56%
- Raffle - \$102.00
- Winner – PP E.L. Thompson
- Fines - \$212.00

## PROFILES IN COMMUNITY SERVICE -#9— PAST PRESIDENT ROBERT “BOBBY” MORRIS, PHF.

By D.R. Douglin



As with all Rotarians, Robert M. O. “Bobby” Morris is passionate about Rotary.

He was first a member of the Rotary Club of Grenada which he joined on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 1977.

He joined the Barbados Club on relocation to Barbados on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1978.

Mr. Morris describes Rotary as an “opportunity to serve” and is vocal re-

garding his vision for the Club and past traditions. He believes that Rotarians should remain faithful to the Rotary cause and its tenets. Members must always bear in mind that Rotary is all about service above self. He feels strongly that all vocations have a place to bear in Rotary for persons at the top of their field of endeavor.

The Club must be vigilant, he says, to ensure that it does not unwittingly impose onerous conditions that make it prohibitive for persons who may have a lot to offer from entering the club. Rotary should be open to all and have a good cross section of members.

Service Above Self and observance of the Four Way Test comprises Bobby’s advice to the younger members of the Club. He urges us to follow that test in the Club and in our lives outside of Rotary, always the truth, always fair to all concerned, always foster goodwill and better relationships and always do what is beneficial to all.

Mr. Morris called also for younger members to organize additional fellowship events recalling a time when members freely visited each other’s homes for fellowship. He encouraged the members to do the same to foster closer relationships with their peers.

Mr. Morris smiled when reminiscing on the immense participation in the past of Club member’s Partners in Service, the “Rotariannes”. That support, he noted, is vital to the Club and encouraged younger members to continue to invoke and encourage their partner’s involvement reinvigorating the Rotariannes’ contribution to projects and fellowship.

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## PROFILES IN COMMUNITY SERVICE CON’T—PP Bobby Morris

Additionally, he believes that every Rotarian should experience at least one District and one International Conference. He, himself has attended international conferences in Nice, France; Argentina and Chicago and district conferences in Martinique, Trinidad and Barbados. These are great places to interact with other members and pick up new and exciting ideas for Rotary.

Mr. Morris’ experience comes from 36 years of membership. He was inducted as President in 1985 seven years after becoming a member.

His focus that year was on children’s development. His project –the Pre-Vocational Workshop for the Children’s Development Centre was part of an ambitious wider project for the establishment of the Children’s Development Centre conceived by the late Sir Cecil (Bertie) Graham, Physician and also a former Rotarian. This project saw the contribution of many of the service organizations in Barbados raising in excess of BDS1.2 million dollars for its execution. Speaking fondly of the fund raising effort required of our Club to raise \$100,000.00 to get the pre-vocational workshop ‘off the ground’, he noted that the Centre facilitated special needs children who required physiotherapy and speech therapy among other treatments, while the Work Shop contributed to the development of their individual skills. The project was completed and stands today in Jemmott’s Lane in the City.

The cost of ongoing operations was of greatest concern in managing the project, which was alleviated by Government support.



**The Annex of the Albert Cecil Graham Development Centre formerly the Children’s Development Centre ©DRDouglin**

Mr. Morris’ other positions of leadership in the Club include the Director of the International Service and the Vocational Service Committees, Secretary, Sergeant-at-arms and Chairman of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Celebrations Committee. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 2009.

Robert M. O. Morris born in Barbados on July 7, 1941 was nicknamed ‘Bob’ by his father. He grew up in Grenada, attending Grenada Boys Secondary School. On living and working in Barbados, his nickname quickly became ‘Bobby’. He is married to Beverly (1969) with 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

He formerly worked for Royal Bank of Canada, managing a number of their operations in Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean. On retirement from the Bank in 2000, he became active in Barbados’ Offshore Sector, Managing an Offshore Bank, and serving as Director on several International Business Companies. He was a Director of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, Member of the Royal Commonwealth Society and the Barbados International Business Association. His hobbies are tennis, music, cricket, sailing and golf.



### UP-COMING EVENTS

August 24—Boat Cruise/Picnic  
August 28— Guest Speaker— Presentation on Anti-Bullying - Dr. Shirley Alleyne  
September 06—Club Forum  
September 11—Guest Speaker—Presentation on Anti-Bullying -Mr. Shawn Clarke

### GREETERS

Aug 28—Treasurer Brian & Dr. Carol Belgrave  
Sep 04—No Meeting—Forum—September 06  
Sep 11—Past Secretary Clifford Clarke & PP C.Q. Williams

### OUR VISITORS— August 14

#### GUESTS

Leonard Astwood—Bermuda—Hon Rotarian Sir Frank Blackman  
Eduardo Montero—Colombia—Kristof Abbealos

AUGUST—Membership and Extension Month -Bring A Friend to a meeting

#### WHO ELSE IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE?

Kwi-Won Park  
The Korean "mother of medicine" who has helped repair congenital defects in thousands of children.

Ahmes Ghabrial  
An Egyptian physician who introduced an innovative literacy method in his country that has helped thousands of Egyptians learn to read and write.

District Secretary - PP Waddy Sowma  
District Treasurer - PP Agnes Moensi  
District Trainer - PDG Herve Honore  
District Membership Chair - DGE Milton Inniss  
District Rotary Foundation Chair - PDG Cees Dilweg  
District Fundraising Coordinator - PDG Lara Quentail-Thomas  
District PR Chair - PP Katrina Sam-Prescod  
District Newsletter Coordinator - PIS Maureen At-modimedjo

### 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

Past Director Peter and Jennifer Williams	Aug 21
Past Director Warren and Shawn Mottley	Aug 22
Doni Zorzi and Ale de Rienzo	Aug 22
Kristof Abbealos and Madoka Yamaue	Aug 23
Past President Algie and Sheila Leacock	Aug 25

### Birthdays - Rotarians

Dr. Albert Best	Aug 27
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### Birthdays - Partners in Service

Emelda Browne—PP Michael	Aug 27
Donna Edwards—PDG David	Aug 27

### Join Date Anniversaries

None this week

### 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:

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| 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: *Michael Wilson Browne*