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Rotary Club of Barbados



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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?

Weekly meetings on **Thursdays** at
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Needham's Point, Aquatic Gap,
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at 12 p.m.

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www.clubrunner.ca/barbados

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

JANUARY : Vocational Service Month

There will not be a formal meeting today Thursday January 21, which is the Errol Barrow Day, a Public Holiday; however we will host the Children from the three Children's Homes in our Annual Fun Day & Picnic at "Sandlewood," Hothersal Turning St. Michael.

*Rotarians are asked to meet at the venue at 11.00 a.m. to treat the children to, horseback riding, jumping tents, tug-o-war, volleyball etc. Meals will be prepared.
We are looking forward to your attendance and an enjoyable day with the children.*

Dr. Emerson St. Elmo "Saint" Thompson's funeral took place at the St. Andrew Parish Church on Wednesday, January 13. PP Dr. Grenville Phillips presented an Appreciation on behalf of Rotary. On Thursday, January 14th PDG Tony Watkins provided a Tribute at the start of the meeting.

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Following is the Tribute presented by PP, Dr. Grenville at the Funeral Service at St. Andrew's Parish Church on January 13, 2016, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Barbados.



AN APPRECIATION FOR THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DR. ST.ELMO THOMPSON

The Book of Wisdom reminds us that it was man's most cherished ambition to leave a good name and to hand down an honourable remembrance to distant posterity.

Our Rotary colleague St. Elmo was fashioned in that mould, and I am honoured on behalf of the Rotary Club of Barbados to pay a brief tribute at this Service of Thanksgiving.

I first encountered St. Elmo during the embryonic stage of the Nation group. A period which was beset with enormous challenges and one that tested the commitment of the youthful band of entrepreneurs. That it succeeded is testimony of the perseverance of a committed minority that included Dr. St. Elmo Thompson.

My second encounter with him was in the Rotary Club of Barbados. Rotary is an international service organization whose purpose is to bring business and professional leaders together to provide humanitarian services to their communities. It also encourages the practice of high ethical standards and seeks to advance goodwill and peace around the world. St.Elmo, whom we affectionately called 'the Saint' was a member for over thirty years. He was zealous about his attendance at meetings even during his annual sabbaticals to Canada.

Locally, as part of our outreach, we raise funds and support needy causes according to our means. Any organization engaged in such activity is sometimes targeted by unscrupulous persons. The club found it necessary for good stewardship to set up an investigation and donations committee, whose task was to investigate the circumstances of applicants and make recommendations to the board. For many years Rotarian St. Elmo was a member of that committee and indeed served as its chairman for over a decade.

St. Elmo took his responsibility seriously and performed the task without fear or favour; often personally visiting the applicants and interviewing them before making a recommendation. It was not unusual for him to diligently press the board to help a deserving applicant while with equal fervour reporting that another applicant was a scoundrel masquerading as a wolf in sheep's clothing!

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**AN APPRECIATION FOR THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF
DR. ST.ELMO THOMPSON, CONT'D**



The efficacy of the investigations and donations committee has not been exceeded since the days of St.Elmo. Grey was not a colour in the vocabulary of St. Elmo, to him issues were either black or white / right or wrong.

In his personal life he was exceedingly generous to some while from others he demanded a strict accounting. He was a creature of routine habits, albeit ordered and meticulous. To illustrate the point, I cannot let this opportunity pass without telling you about the incident of the banana bread.

It was the tradition at the old Hilton Hotel where the club met, for a slice of banana bread and a roll to be served with the soup. St.Elmo would habitually leave his slice of banana bread to partake as a form of dessert. He had a ritual, he would carefully cut and dice the slice of bread into 6 small cubes and then leisurely partake while listening to the guest speaker.

This ritual was known to all of the waiters except a particular young recruit. On the occasion of which I speak, St. Elmo having performed his ritual, turned for a moment to glance at the speaker. At the same time the young recruit who was clearing the tables with some alacrity removed St. Elmo's treasured trove. We all saw the funny side of the event but St. Elmo was neither pleased nor amused! He upbraided the young waiter, charging him with confiscation of his banana bread and cautioned him never to let it happen again.

Ladies and Gentlemen, in final moments of reflection on occasions such as this, we are often overwhelmed with deep emotions. My own mind tend to find comfort in the words found in the book of Wisdom and the lyrics of the song so beautifully rendered by the late Mahalia Jackson – "If I can help somebody as I pass along then my living would not be in vain".

To Iris his beloved, and to his children, grandchildren and extended family, the Rotary Club extends it sincere condolences and acknowledges with gratitude his contribution to the organisation and the community we serve.

We here gathered have come to bear testimony that St. Elmo ran life's race with purpose and perspicacity. He is now at rest, having left us an honourable remembrance and I entreat you to be comforted by the knowledge that his living was not in vain.

Dr Grenville Phillips

Past President – Rotary Club of Barbados

Delivered at -St. Andrews Parish Church - 13 January 2016

MEETING DETAILS - Thursday January 14, 2016

SAA - PD Heather M. Tull

- Attendance - %
- Raffle - \$134.00
- Winner -
- Fines - \$

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING-JANUARY 14, 2016

Following is the Tribute by PDG Tony Watkins

Tribute to Dr. St Elmo Thompson, Thursday 14 January, 2016 at Rotary Club of Barbados

Thank you President Jedder for allowing me to pay tribute to Dr. Everson St. Elmo Thompson. It was St. Elmo or the Saint as he was popularly known who proposed me into Rotary thirty years ago for which I am eternally grateful as it was a life changing experience. He also proposed PP Stephen Brathwaite into this club.

Everson St. Elmo Thompson was born in Shorey Village, St Andrew on 4 May 1918 and died on 4 January 2016 aged 97 years.

He was educated at Harrison College and McGill University where he studied medicine specializing in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. However on returning home to see his ill father he realised there was only one Ophthalmologist on the island and so he switched disciplines to that specialty. That is one story. I was led to believe that the switch came about as his O & G patients gave birth at all times of the night or day and this interrupted his bridge playing so he switched to another area that he could have regular appointment hours. I leave it to you to decide what may be the correct version.

I knew St. Elmo for over 50 years starting in the bridge circles. He was a keen bridge player and formidable opponent at the table who represented Barbados successfully in our annual matches against Trinidad and in Zonal competitions. Saint subsequently became Captain of the team. He was President of the Barbados Bridge League from 1979 to 1981. I thought that it was most appropriate that the Minister who officiated at the Service of Thanksgiving yesterday was named Jones as that was the surname of his longstanding bridge partner for over a decade.

St. Elmo joined the Rotary Club of Barbados on 19 August 1976 and like his other passions, he took Rotary very seriously. He was a member of the Investigations & Donation Committee along with Sir Frank Ramsay, Dr Cyril Nelson and Dr Bertie Graham for many years and was Chairman of that committee from 1995 to 2007. He resigned from Rotary in the year 2008-09. Every year St. Elmo would go to Canada for several months and as Attendance Chair I well remember, St. Elmo bringing me 10 to 15 make-ups.

St. Elmo was married to Iris for 64 years with the union producing 3 children, two boys and a girl. On the many occasions that he had to introduce Iris, he fondly spoke of her as "The Iris of his eye."

May he Rest in Peace.

Tony Watkins, PDG

OUR PRESENTERS

Past President Andrew "Proper" Bynoe spoke on "What Rotary Means To Me."

In regaling the Club he spoke of his love for Rotary and at this stage of his membership he "seeks to have fun..... While letting his hair down."

He spoke of the enjoyable projects he took part in over the years. However Pride of Place would be the President's Project of 1994-95 where he sought to give meaning to young students who "did not pass the 11+"



It focused on recognizing the competencies of those children who did not excel in the Common Entrance Exam (11+). He worked with the St. James Composite School to develop the areas of reading and music. Sessions on Self-Improvement were tutored by Partner-in-Service Joyce. He has said that this project was the "fore-runner" of the Alma Parris Secondary School. He thinks that the passage of time has made no difference as the school system continues not to plan for the slow learners from infant school onwards.

In recent times he has been the local Chair of the committee preparing young professionals for the outgoing GSE Team.

EVERY ROTARIAN – EVERY YEAR

The Annual Fund makes it possible for Rotary clubs to transform lives worldwide. Your generous support funds local and international projects that advance The Rotary Foundation's mission. All contributions to the international fund are spent on quality international Rotary projects. [Help support these projects and read more.](#)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING-JANUARY 14, 2016, CONT'D

Past Director Trevor Whitehall spoke on a Community Service Project where assistance will be given through the building of a home. Construction has commenced.



Before



UPCOMING EVENTS

DISTRICT CONFERENCE -APRIL 20-23, 2016

The early registration deadline has been extended to January 15, 2016. Your club members may visit: <http://www.7030conference2016.com/> to register for the conference and may contact the Planning Committee via email using: 7030conference2016@gmail.com

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - Seoul May 28 - June 1, 2016

www.riconvention2016.org

CLUB CHALLENGE

President Jedder announced the Challenge to provide 1,000 lbs of Ground Provisions for the Salvation Army Feeding Programme. This to be facilitated in the month of February.

World Polio Day is observed on October 24. This observance was established by nongovernmental organization Rotary International in order to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk, the developer of a vaccine against polio.



nine.

Polio affects the further life of those children who once suffered it. The first efficient attempts to fight the virus were made by Jonas Salk in 1955, who led the first team to develop and test the inactivated vaccine.

Salk's inactivated vaccine and Sabin's oral vaccine helped save thousands children. The use of the vaccines led to establishment of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, that reduced the worldwide cases of polio by 99%.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY, JAN 16, 2016

The BRAVE Plank Walkers - 1-Winston, 2-Waldo's Foot, 3-Heather, 4-Adrian and 5-Spouse Harriette



UP-COMING EVENTS

Mar 07 - Club Charter Date - 1962

JANUARY : Vocational Service Month

Celebrating the Work of Rotary

REGISTRATION: <http://www.7030conference2016.com/> to register for the conference and may contact the Planning Committee via email using: 7030conference2016@gmail.com

Jan 21 - Celebrating with the Child Care Board

Jan 28 - Guest Speaker

Feb 06 - Club Forum

Feb 21 - Founder's Day Service -St. Thomas Parish Church - 9:15 a.m. Further Fellowship follows from Noon at Prospect, St. James

District Conference: 20th-23rd April 2016, Bridgetown, Barbados.

May 28 - June 1, 2016- **Rotary International Convention**- Seoul, South Korea

GREETERS

Jan 21 - No Meeting - Public Holiday

Jan 28 - Past Director Freddie &

Feb 04 - No Meeting - Club Forum Feb 06

Feb 11 - Past President Lionel Moe & Past Chair Peter Hermant

Feb 18 - Immediate Past President Alex & Past Secretary Jomo Hope



OUR GUESTS AT THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY Jan 16 & 17



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DISTRICT PROJECT - DYSLEXIA

a general term for disorders that involve difficulty in learning to read or interpret words, letters, and other symbols, but that do not affect general intelligence.



DISTRICT PROJECT - AUTISM

World Autism Awareness Day, April 2, 2016 in the World

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

Director Annie Bertrand & Christian Babouder	8yrs	Jan 20, 2008
Past President Norman & Amy Barrow	41yrs	Jan 21, 1975
Past President Andrew & Joyce Bynoe	33yrs	Jan 22, 1983

Birthday - Rotarians

Immediate Past President William A. McDonald	Jan 20
Past Treasurer Anthony Shaw	Jan 20
Rotarian Sanjay Amin	Jan 23
Past Chair Robin Ford	Jan 23
Past Chair Nicholas Waithe	Jan 27

Birthday - Partners in Service

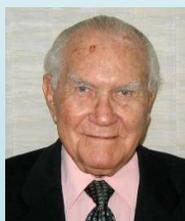
Andrea MacKenzie - Past President John	Jan 24
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Join Date Anniversary

Past President Richard Blanchette	40 yrs	Jan 15, 1976
IS Director, Dr. Tracy Archer	2 yrs	Jan 16, 2014
Com S Director Annie Bertrand	2 yrs	Jan 16, 2014
President Elect Lisa Cummins	4 yrs	Jan 19, 2012

LOOKING BACK WITH THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARBADOS

Mar 07 1962 - Club Charter Date



1966/67

Sir Stanley Blanchette *PHF - Erected a drinking fountain in the Fairchild Street Bus Terminal as an Independence gift to Barbados. He served as District Governor 1985-86.



1967/68

Denis Bell-Became President as Sir Winston Scott was elevated to the office of Governor General and could not hold both positions. Opened the Fiscus Club in St. Thomas for young men. The Senior Citizens Christmas Party commenced at Government House

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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