



ROTA NEWS



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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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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Weekly meetings on **Thursdays** at

Hilton Barbados

(Meetings via Zoom from July 15, 2021 to present)

Needham's Point, Aquatic Gap,

St. Michael

at 12:30 p.m.

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

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARBADOS WELCOMES ALL VISITING
ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Mar 07 - Club Charter Date - 1962 - Club # 6798

RI THEME: SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



Today, October 21, 2021, is a Fellowship Meeting with the first in our series on Counselling. Our Guest Speaker Mr. Ronald Pope will present on the topic *"What is Psychotherapy."*

The Meeting will **ONLY** be presented by Zoom.

Today our Attendance Takers will be Rtn. Kim Tudor and Rtn. Karen Cole.

**Next week our Attendance Takers will be Rtn. Dr. Carol Belgrave & Rtn. Meryl Stoute.*

OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Pope holds a BA in Psychology and MSc in Applied Psychology from the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus.

He is currently studying for his Doctorate in Education Psychology at UWI, Cave Hill Campus.

Mr. Pope is currently employed as a Psychologist at the Drug Education and Counseling Services, where his duties include:

- Preparing Court Ordered Reports
- Providing Family Counseling
- Teaching Effective Communication Skills
- Youth Mentorship
- Anger Management Counseling
- Drug Counseling
- Conducting Psychological Assessments, and
- Preparing Probation reports.

Mr. Pope also volunteers his services with the Ministry of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs Counseling Services for Victims of Hurricane Elsa.



REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS MEETING—OCTOBER 14, 2021

- Pres. Robin called the 14th meeting of the year to order.
- Rtn Joe Johnson delivered the Opening Prayer.
- SAA Randy welcomed and introduced our guest speaker Dr. Idamay Denny, visiting Rotarians and Guests. (Please see page 3)
- Pres. Robin gave the weekly announcements of anniversaries and birthdays.
- Pres Robin - CLUB PROJECT—WATER TANKS FOR SCHOOLS. There will be a presentation of the water tanks to the Ministry of Education on Friday, October 15 at 10 a.m. at the Alleyne School. Due to COVID-19 restrictions RCoB can attend with 15 Rotarians.
- PP Peter - WORLD POLIO DAY – He will be heading a team along with the other 2 Rotary Clubs, Rotaract and Interact Clubs to highlight the work of Rotary. Once the plans are finalized, the club will be informed.
- Rtn. Nikita - The Rotary Minute . (Please see page 3b)

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Idamay Denny was introduced to us by Rtn Jamella.

Dr Denny is the Director of the newly formed Education Reform Unit of the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training. She spoke on the topic of *Education Reform in Barbados.*

Transformation of the education system in Barbados has been identified as one of the major priorities of the current administration. But such transformation is located in a context of numerous issues existing in our education sector, which, if not addressed, will have a negative impact on the sector, and eventually on the social and economic development of the country.

These issues include persistent underperformance, disengagement and indiscipline of students across the system; low levels of certification; male attrition; programming out of sync with the needs of the economy; weak instructional quality; weak leadership at all levels of the system, the absence of standards; the absence of accountability; limited research and data to inform evidenced-based decision making; and an archaic regulatory system.

In addition to addressing these issues, as a result of the developments across the world since our last major reform initiative, we must also focus attention on preparing our students for jobs which do not currently exist.

According to the 2016 Future of Jobs Report of the World Economic Forum, 65% of the students who entered school in that year, will work in jobs which do not currently exist. These jobs will be based on, and enhanced by the use of technology. Therefore, if our students are to be competent to operate in these jobs and to assist Barbados in achieving sustainable economic development, it is imperative that the education system prepare them appropriately.

We therefore set out an ambitious and extensive reform agenda to address the existing issues and to bring our system up to date with the needs of a modern and responsive education system.

The reform agenda includes institutional strengthening as well as infrastructural enhancements. We recognize that there is a pressing need to enhance student outcomes since students are the primary clients of the system.

Therefore, a major plank of the reform agenda is restructuring of the basic education system to meet the needs of all students.

EDUCATION REFORM IN BARBADOS– CONT'D

This will obviously include a change in the mode of transition from the primary to the secondary level.

It will also include specific policies and programmes for addressing children with special educational needs, and in the context of the current Covid 19 environment programmes for building the physical and mental resilience of our children.

Teachers are critical to the quality of the instruction which is delivered to our children, the reform agenda also focuses in a meaningful way on improving instructional quality.

This means that we must implement mechanisms for providing oversight of the teaching profession. This includes licensing and professional development standards, and the introduction of new pedagogical approaches to facilitate different models of learning.

We will also identify and disseminate best practices so that all children have an opportunity to benefit from them.

In addition, in keeping with the conclusions of the Future of Jobs Report, we recognize that reform of the system has to include the incorporation of technology.

This has been significantly underscored by the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic which has shown us the importance of enhancing the technological underpinnings of instruction. The reform agenda therefore focuses not only on the development of a broad electronic education framework which embraces all electronic technologies, but it seeks to produce content across all media, to provide appropriate support resources; as well as to deliver continuous training and orientation for teachers to ensure that they become proficient in the delivery of electronic instruction.

Curriculum reform is also an important element of the reform agenda. Therefore, there is an immediate need for diversification of the economy. Such change commences in the classroom.

When these new industries arrive, because we have prepared beforehand, Barbados will have the skills to services them. Part of the agenda also focuses on the implementation of programming in areas of innovation like coding and robotics that provide our children with the opportunity to become not only users of, but moreso, developers of the technology. Coding and Robotics has already been implemented and is receiving rave reviews from both students and teachers,

None of the initiatives I have discussed are going to be successfully implemented unless we hone the skills required for effective and efficient leadership of the system. All of the areas will need to be supported with an appropriate regulatory framework. The current Education Act and Regulations were developed in the 1980s.

Lastly, the environment in which teaching and learning takes place is a significant contributor to the achievement of students. Therefore, as we focus attention on teaching and learning, we must give attention to the physical environment as well. Furthermore, this is even more critical in the era of the pandemic and therefore new build as well as refurbishment, will also take the elements for safety into consideration..

Following the Q & A session, the VOT was given by PP Erskine.

Rotary Foundation Minute Oct 14

- Paul Harris Fellow recognition points are assigned to a contributor to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) for dollar gifts given to the Annual Fund, to Polio Plus, or to an authorized Global Grant.
- Did you know that only contributions to THE ROTARY FOUNDATION accrue PAUL HARRIS Recognition points?
- Did you know that your contact person at THE ROTARY FOUNDATION for recognition information is Mark Anderson on mark.anderson@rotary.org or phone +61 2 8894 9841
Did you know that the term “per capita” is a measure of combined Club members giving to the ANNUAL FUND of the Rotary Foundation?

Meeting Details — October 14, 2021

Guests

Dr. Idamay Denny—Guest Speaker
Dr. Jennifer Deanne Ford - Pres Robin
Julia Beckles—Principal (The Alleyne School)
Neomie Tavernier
Carolann Blenman
Donna Barrow - PE Tracey
Rachel Power - Dir Anton
Shane Thompson—Rtn Nikita

Visiting Rotarians and Rotaractors:

- Rotaractor Errolyn Hurley - Dir Stanley
- Rotaractor Tricia Augustine

Housekeeping:

- Attendance - 71%.

ROTARY PROVIDES WATER SOLUTION FOR RURAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN BARBADOS

A water solution project sponsored by the Rotary Club of Barbados, Rotary District 6960 (Florida), Rotary District 7030 (Southern Caribbean and South America) and The Rotary Foundation.

This partnership with the Education Technical Management Unit of the Ministry of Education Technological and Vocational Training is seeing six secondary schools, in the rural parishes of St Lucy, St Peter, St Andrew, St Joseph and St George, furnished with water tanks and pumps to assist with a consistent supply of water.

This initiative, has resulted in the provision of 12 water tanks and associated equipment to the Alleyne, Alexandra, Coleridge and Parry, Daryll Jordan (now commissioned as a COVID-19 Isolation Centre), Grantley Adams Secondary and St George Secondary School.

The main need addressed by this project is access to safe and adequate supply of drinking water, both during the term and when schools are also used as emergency shelters for the neighboring community. An additional need is in the maintenance of sanitation and hygiene standards. This is a critical concern when there is only non-potable water available due to low water pressure or water outages.

FUN FACT

Today's Member Fun Facts are compliments of the Fellowship Committee. Our hope is that you will enjoy learning more about your fellow club colleagues weekly.
10 Fun Facts about Community Service Director Anton

Nicholls

1. Cannot live without: My family
2. My superpower is: Creativity
3. I am best at: Connecting with people
4. I love a: Great movie
5. My alternate career would be: Realtor
6. Most people don't know: I have a younger brother in the US
7. Best vacation ever: World Cup 2006 in Germany
8. Favourite addiction: Cinnabon
9. Bucket list item #1: Skydiving
10. Best Rotary moment: Carols by Candlelight 2019

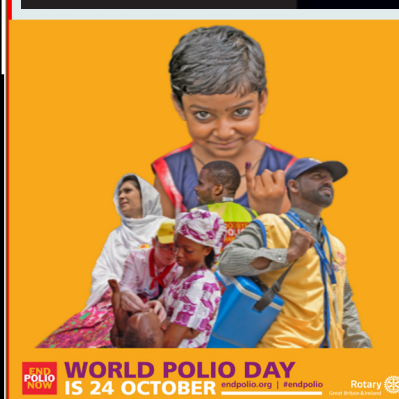


UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 24th - World Polio Day
- Oct 28th - RCoB Evening Lecture Series @ 6 P.M. (By: Clyde W. Ford — *The Challenge of Digital Technology in a world seeking Equity & Inclusion*)
- Nov 7th - Fellowship Event —Dance Off
- Nov 11th- Nominations for the BoD 2022-23

District 7030 Events:

- District Conference 2022—Barbados—April 06-09
- ****More Information on upcoming events will be published as soon as the details are available.**



WORLD POLIO DAY- OCTOBER 24TH

Rotarians Mark your Calendars as this significant day of recognition in the fight against Polio approaches. In the interim you can always read more on the Polio campaign on the specially created website: <https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day> Be part of History, Donate your Time, Donate your Funds, Donate your Voice.

Announcements

Wedding Anniversary

- None this week

Birthday - Rotarians

- PP Paul Ashby—October 24
- PP Tony Reece—October 24
- PE Tracey K-L—October 27

Birthday - Partners-in-Service

- None this week

Join Date Anniversary

- Rotarian Jeff Evelyn - 3 years - Oct 25, 2018
- Rotarian Joe Johnson - 20 years - Oct 25, 2001

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.



It's the time you've all been waiting for!

The Finance & Fundraising Team is **GIVING AWAY** a #staycation at **South Beach Hotel** as our **GRAND PRIZE** to one lucky winner in this year's \$5 Charity Raffle so get the word out.

So, enter now for your chance to win any of our exciting prizes. **Winners will be announced Saturday, November 13th, 2021.**

Stay tuned to hear more of our other great prizes. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Club with a **pop-up sale on Thursday, October 21st, 2021, at Luther Thorne Primary School from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm.**

Contact your nearest Board Member for your tickets!

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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