

ROTA NEWS



District 7030 - Club # 6798

Chartered March 07, 1962

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22ND OCTOBER 2020

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R.I. Theme 2020-21

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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 **Hilton Barbados**

(Hybrid Meetings via Zoom from Aug 6, 2020 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: ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES





Today our club meeting will be held via Zoom at 6pm in observance of World Polio Day on 24th October, 2020 (End Polio Now programme).

Our Guest Speaker will be Rotarian Ramesh Ferris; a Polio Survivor. He will be sharing his life story and inform us of the work he has been doing to raise Polio awareness. More can be read on Rtn. Ferris on page 4.

OUR GUESTS — Meeting Held On 8TH October 2020

- Nikita Gibson guest of Diana Douglin
- Ward Trotman guest of Nigel Pierre
- Monique Archer guest of Jeff Evelyn
- Wayne Archer guest of Jeff Evelyn

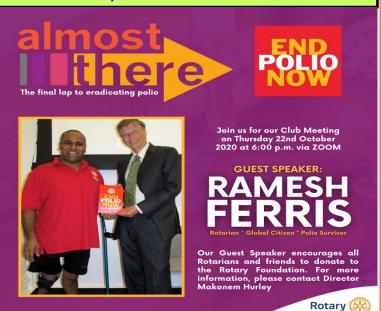
Housekeeping:

Attendance for our club's previous meeting was 62%.

Fines Collected — \$112.00 BBD

Raffle Proceeds — \$71.00 BBD

Winner: SAA Randy





Club Meeting—15th October 2020

President Fiona opened the meeting with the National Anthem and a toast to the Queen

SAA Randy introduced & welcomed guests

President Fiona formally pinned previously inducted members:





Rtn. Job Laboyrie pinned by Pres. Fiona

Rtn. Mark Hassell & Pres. Fiona

Rotarian Job addressed the club with combined remarks. His speech comprised of his maiden introductory address, a classification talk and a farewell speech (he is leaving the island, not the club!)

Job was born and raised in the Netherlands. Growing up he wanted to help people and took an interest in becoming a surgeon. His professional path led him to project management and he accepted the role of store manager of Kooyman in Aruba.



Over time he became overall project manager and led the expansion to 5 stores in different countries, including the most recent in Barbados. Job has 2 daughters and a number of lovely grand-children.

Club Meeting—15th October 2020

Rotarian Mark addressed the club with introductory remarks and a classification talk.

Mark was born in Barbados, where he attended Harrison College, before travelling to DC to pursue studies at Howard University. After graduating, he



worked in financial services, working as a floor trader at UBS Investment for 10 years. After this period he began consulting with tech startup firms advising on strategic business development. He subsequently returned to Barbados where he decided he had a desire to serve, and was attracted to the spirit and essence of Rotary, thus inspiring him to become a Rotarian.

- President Fiona spoke about Rotary's collaboration on the Barbados Covid-19 Essentials (BCE) initiative during the height of the pandemic. Monique Archer, the founder of BCE, was specially recognized and thanked by the president.
- Ms. Archer spoke briefly about what led to her decision to start BCE.
- She recognized that Barbados would eventually and inevitably suffer from the global fallout from COVID. After discussions with Director Jeff, the decision was made to form an organization focused on helping Barbados' response to the pandemic and ensuring much needed assistance the most vulnerable in the island. Rotarians were called upon and volunteered



readily to assist in the administration and execution of the initiative.

Rtn. Neal gave the vote of thanks to Ms. Archer for presenting to the club.



- Director Jeff updated club on upcoming activities. These updates are listed in the announcements section on Page 4.
- Sergeant-At-Arms Randy disciplined the club.
- President Fiona delivered announcements.







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CARIBBEAN





UPCOMING EVENTS

- One Caribbean Multi District Event on Saturday,
 October 24 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. (see notice on P3b)
- No club meeting on 29th October 2020 at the Hilton.
- Wine & Cheese on 31st October 2020 at the Schoolhouse. Dr. Kevin Greenidge Senior Advisor to the Government of Barbados will be in attendance. Ralph "Bizzy" Williams will be presenting on the topic "How to plan in a Covid environment.

Announcements

Wedding Anniversary

None this week.

Birthday - Rotarians

- PP. Paul Ashby Oct 24th
- PP. Tony Reece— Oct 24th
- Rtn. Tracey Knight-Lloyd— Oct 27th
- Rtn. Joseph Johnson—Oct 29th

Birthday - Partners-in-Service

None this week.

Join Date Anniversary

- Rtn. Joseph Johnson—25 Oct 2001
- Dir. Jeff Evelyn 25 Oct 2018

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.



Who is Rtn. Ramesh Ferris

Ramesh Ferris was born in December 1979 in Coimbatore, located in the Southern State of Tamil Nadu in India. He contracted polio at age six months and his legs were left paralyzed for life. With no means or access to rehabilitation for him, Ramesh's mother placed him in Families for Children, a Canadian-



Rtn. Ramesh Ferris (Left)

founded orphanage, a year later. Soon after, Ron Ferris, Anglican Bishop of Yukon in Canada, and his wife Jan began the lengthy process to adopt Ramesh and take him back to Canada. With the support of his new Canadian family and after several operations, Ramesh learned to walk with crutches and braces for the first time at age 3.5 years.

Since 2001 graduating with his diploma in Social Work from Confederation College in Thunder Bay, Ontario he has been active in his community working with at-risk youths, social welfare recipients and people of varying abilities. In recognition of his work with youth, Ramesh was recognized with a Paul Harris Fellowship in February 2008 by the Whitehorse Rendezvous Rotary Club. In 2002, Ramesh returned to India for the first time to meet his biological mother and to visit the orphanage where he once lived. During the visit, Ramesh learned of polio survivors who, without the necessary medical attention and supports, were forced to pad their knees with cut-up pieces of tire and crawl on the ground.

After much reflection about his visit to India, Ramesh was determined to raise money in order to make a difference to the lives of polio survivors and to prevent polio from claiming new victims. Cycle to Walk Canada was born, with a focus on Polio Eradication, Education and Rehabilitation. In 2008, Ramesh hand-cycled 7,120 kms across Canada. Along the route, he participated in 350 media interviews and made over 200 presentations at Schools, Rotary Clubs, Churches and various levels of Government. This campaign raised C\$318,000 and increased the awareness of polio dramatically.

He also features on the speaking circuit in India, the USA and throughout his home country of Canada, talking about his experiences with polio and the need to end polio now.

Source: Adapted from Rotary.org

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

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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