

DISTRICT 7030
CLUB#6798
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April 24th, 2025

ROTANEWS

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Club Weekly Meetings
Thursdays at 12.30 pm
Hilton Barbados

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The Rotary Club of Barbados welcomes visiting Rotarians and Guests.



Today April 24th 2025, will be a Fellowship Meeting, which commences at 6:00pm at the Hilton Hotel.

Meeting Details – April 17th 2025

Guests

Dr. Gillian Birchwood – Guest Speaker
Tamisha Warren – Rtn. Winston Warren
Chris Jn. Marie – PP Carole Jn. Marie
Krystia Macdonald – Rtn. Neal Griffith

Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors

Rtn. Dario Brathwaite – Rotaract Club of Barbados

Honorary Rotarians

Hon. Rtn. Angela Jennings

Fines: BBD 88.00

Quiz: BBD 90.00

Our next weekly meeting will be a joint club meeting at the 3W's on May 6th at 6:00pm. On May 15th 2025, there will be a Business Meeting, which will commence at 12:30pm at The Hilton Hotel.

Here's a more detailed look at Rotary's environmental focus in April:

- **Focus on Sustainability:**

Rotary aims to promote sustainability and conservation efforts, recognizing the importance of a healthy environment for the well-being of people and the planet.

- **Renewed Commitment:**

April is a time for Rotarians to reaffirm their commitment to environmental stewardship and to

collaborate on projects that protect and restore the planet.

- **Diverse Projects:**

Rotary clubs engage in a wide range of environmental projects, including water and sanitation initiatives, disease prevention, and efforts to combat climate change and environmental degradation.

- **Community Involvement:**

Rotary encourages partnerships with local communities and organizations to amplify the impact of environmental projects.

- **Raising Awareness:**

Rotary uses this month to raise awareness about environmental issues, educate members and the public, and advocate for change.

Waukesha Sunrise Rotary Club

Summary Minutes of the RCOB Meeting Held on April 17th, 2025

President Arlene called the meeting to order and invited PP Erskine to lead in singing of the National Anthem. In a break from tradition the acting Sarge(s) was the Husband-and-Wife team of Anton and Ayesha Nicholls.

There was lively discussion among members and Guests during the fellowship session.

Honorary Rotarian Dr. Jennings, former Head of the Department of Pediatrics at the QEH introduced Guest Speaker Dr. Birchwood Head of the Newborn Neo Natal Intensive Care unit of the QEH that caters to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean. Dr. Birchwood explained that there was one other such unit in Trinidad and Tobago. These Neo Natal Intensive care units manage the 10% of babies born pre-mature or very sick. They can require long hospitalization and intensive care due to their immature bodies requiring support to survive. In such cases mother's milk is imperative for survival. Hence the availability of high-grade breast pumps was the difference between life and death for these babies. It was during President Arlene's research for Project Amai that the need for the breast pump was identified. Dr. Jennings then made a presentation of a "Modela" Double Breast Pump valued at \$5,000.00 to Dr. Birchwood for the QEH on behalf of the RCOB.

In response to a question Dr. Birchwood informed that the optimal number of pumps was 2. Rtn. Makonem queried whether there were any plans for a Milk Bank. Dr. Birchwood explained that such a facility requires management, expertise, and special infrastructure for safe operation. She was excused from the meeting to attend an urgent personal matter.

Sarge Anton introduced a multi-choice "Trivia Test" in place of the raffle and Rtn. Meryl Stoute was the winner of the bottle of wine which she gave to Guest Tamisha. The other half of the Sarge Duo, Ayesha, fined members for failing to stock up on pork hence her "pork tax" and contrived a rationale for an "environmental tax"..

President Arlene presented and pinned Rtn, Roger Blackman with his Paul Harris +1 pin.



Youth Elevation Scheme

Our final Y.E.S session with our youth for this cohort is being led by Honorary Rotarian Sgt. Kim Harris. Her focus is on positive relationships and boundaries. The next **few sessions** will be held with the parents, and then we have our closing ceremony on May 17th.



Plant, Pollinate, Protect 2025

Showers of blessings created the mood on Sunday morning for some tree planting as we were educated by Sharon Cooke - Owner of Andromeda Botanic Gardens and the St Joseph We Gatherin team on pollination and milk-weed plants and the importance it has on biodiversity and agroforestry. RCOB donated four pots, each pot is marked with a plaque 'Donated by The Rotary Club of Barbados, Plant, Pollinate, Protect 2025'. We also planted milkweeds and zinnias. Parents and their children from various schools within the parish and the Rotary Club of Barbados were invited to take part in this educational ceremony and it was indeed beautifully intimate and a much-needed activity!



Council on Legislation approves dues increase

Rotarians from all over the world met in Chicago, Illinois, USA 13-17 April to vote on the rules governing Rotary clubs. Representatives considered more than 75 proposals. The Council approved an increase in the dues that all members pay to Rotary International each year through 2028-29. The Board argued the increases were needed to keep providing valuable programs and services to members. The Council also approved allowing clubs to charter with as few as 15 members instead of 20. [Read a summary of the proposals and see preliminary vote totals.](#)

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Club of Barbados

NECTAR FOR NATURE

Help us bring sweetness back into the world, one hummingbird at a time!

Get involved in 5 easy steps:

1. Order your official Rotary-branded feeder
2. Mix the nectar
3. Place your feeder in a shady spot
4. Record a short video by your feeder
5. Enjoy the show, spread the word, and help restore pollinator habitats across Barbados!

\$60

To sign up, contact Director Katrina

Interesting Facts About the Humming Bird:

- They are the smallest migrating bird. ...
- The name, hummingbird, comes from the humming noise their wings make as they beat so fast.
- Hummingbirds are the only birds that can fly backwards.
- Hummingbirds have no sense of smell.
- The average weight of a hummingbird is less than a nickel

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 24th – 30th – World immunization Week
April 29th - May 7th - District 5280 Humanitarian Mission
May 1st - **Boview House refurbishment** – (with District 5280)
May 3rd - Children's Beach Picnic
May 6th – Joint Club Meeting
May 8th – **NO LUNCH TIME MEETING**
May 15th – Fellowship Meeting
May 17th - Y.E.S. Closing Ceremony
May 22nd – Fellowship Meeting
May 29th – Evening Fellowship Meeting
June 14th - Project Amai Recognition Ceremony
July 5th – 64th Installation of Officers

RaCOB/Satellite Club/EarlyAct

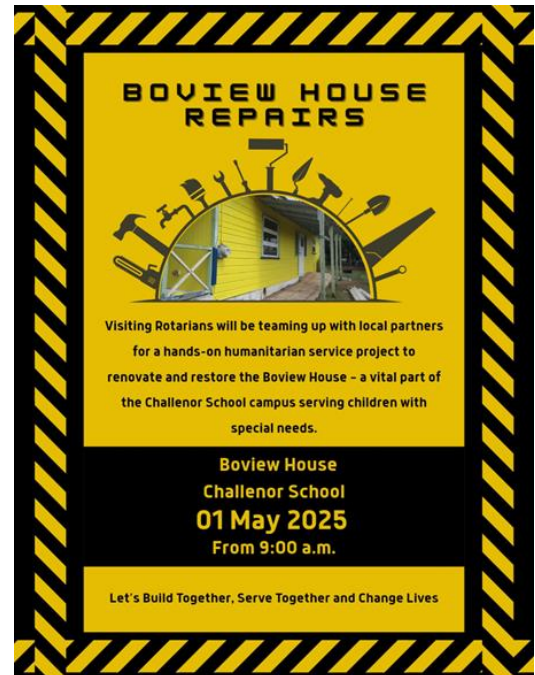
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DISTRICT 7030 EVENTS

April 23rd – 26th, 2025 - District Conference, Trinidad



Boview House



Rotary International and the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) will be observing World Immunization Week from April 24-30, 2025. The theme for 2025 is "Immunization for All is Humanly Possible", and this week is a crucial time to focus on the importance of vaccinations in protecting people of all ages against preventable diseases.



Rotary Club of Barbados

64th Installation of Officers
&
Cocktail Reception

SATURDAY, JULY 5, 2025 | 6:00 PM

O2 BEACH CLUB & SPA
DOVER, CHRST CHURCH

PRICE: \$140.00

RSVP: VIA CLUB RUNNER

Register and pay by 15 December 2024 before prices increase
convention.rotary.org

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
21-25 JUNE 2025 • CALGARY, CANADA

Rotary CALGARY 2025

Rotary Club of Barbados

TOGETHER WE SEE A WORLD WHERE PEOPLE UNITE AND TAKE ACTION TO CREATE LASTING CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES

ROTARY'S VISION STATEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays Rotarians

PP Shawn Franklin – May 5th
Rtn. Winston Warren – May 8th
Rtn. Rueben Brathwaite – May 10th

Birthdays – Partners-in-Service

Helene Watkins – PDG Tony Watkins – April 30th
Mary Cozier– Rtn. Steve Cozier – May 10th
Kervin Frances – IPP Ermine Darroux – May 11th

Wedding Anniversaries

PDG Tony & Helene Watkins – 59 yrs – May 7th, 1966

Join Date Anniversary

Rtn. Rashida Prescod – 7 yrs – April 27th, 2018
PP Ron Davis – 22 yrs – April 30th, 2003
PP Trevor Carmichael – 47 years - May 1st, 1978
Rtn. Carlos Depeiza – 7 yrs – May 1st, 2018
Rtn. Peter Hermant – 31 yrs – May 1st, 1994
PP Grenville Phillips – 49 yrs - May 1st, 1976
PP Peter Williams – 20 yrs – May 5th, 2005
PP Tony Reece – 27 yrs – May 7th, 1998

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.

PROJECT Amai

A YOUNG MOTHERS TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Rotary Club of Barbados

EST. 2024

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