



# ROTA NEWS



December 23, 2021



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

**R.I. Theme 2021-22**

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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?

## Rotary Club of Barbados



District 7030 - Club # 6798

**Chartered March 07, 1962**

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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, Thursday, December 23, 2021 will be a **Fellowship Meeting with a Guest Speaker**.

Dr. Justin Robinson, Professor of Corporate Finance, UWI, Cave Hill Campus—Topic **"Economic recovery in spite of COVID-19"**.

The meeting which commences at 12:30 p.m. will ONLY be presented via Zoom.

**The Attendance will be taken by PP Erskine Thompson & Rtn Carlos Depeiza**

**Next week those on duty will be PP Elvin Sealy & Rtn Diana Douglin**

**Jan 06 - those on duty will be Rtn. Dr. Adrian Sealy & Rtn Jeff Evelyn**

### MEET OUR GUEST SPEAKER



Prof. C. Justin Robinson, a Professor of Corporate Finance, is a national of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and currently serves as Pro-Vice Chancellor, Board For Undergraduate Studies, University of the West Indies (responsible for academic quality assurance across

UWI.

He obtained his PhD in Finance from the University of Manchester, UK. He also holds an MSc in Finance and Econometrics from Florida International University and a BSc in Management Studies (First Class Honours) from the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados.

Prof. Robinson's research interests are Capital Markets in Developing Countries, Public Finance, Financial Risk Management and Corporate Finance In Developing Countries.

Prof. Robinson currently serves as a Director of the Central Bank of Barbados, and First Vice President of the Barbados Museum and Historical Society.

## SUMMARY OF THE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL KARAOKE FELLOWSHIP MEETING ON DECEMBER 16, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 by Pres Robin

- Prayers were said by Rtn Makonem
- SAA Randy introduced Visitors and Guests (details on P2b )
- Pres Robin made announcements of Birthdays and Anniversaries (details on P4a )
- PP Brenda delivered the Rotary Minute in the form of "Fun Facts ... and nifty numbers"
- Pres Robin congratulated PP Elvin on attaining the PHF+2 award
- It was announced that Past President Debbie Roopchand, District Peace Chair from RC of Princes Town, Trinidad has been nominated as District Governor for 2024-25 and would be so proclaimed if no competing nominations are made by Dec 31, 2021.
- The Club was reminded of the **Dine Around Event** scheduled for Friday, Dec 17 at selected restaurants in the Gap.
- The Club was further reminded of the Cocktail Reception planned for Mahogany Court on Jan 4, 2022 in honour of RI Director Peter Kyle. Members were also invited to attend the handover of the Solar project at the Schoolhouse for Special Needs on the same day. This will be a media event. Also on that day a visit by the RI Director to the Alleyne School Water Tank Project is scheduled and club members are invited to be part of the tour group.
- We are awaiting final permission from the Ministry of Health and Wellness to proceed with the water tank project on the final two schools: Lester Vaughan and Queens College

**The meeting was then handed over to Rotarian Heather to direct the Carol singing segment of the program.**

Carols/songs included:

- Hark the Herald Angels Sing
- Silent Night
- Joy To the World
- Angels We Have Heard on High
- Away in a Manger
- Give Love on Christmas Day
- "Piece Ah Pork" was the closing song of the singalong **(for lack of a better description!)**
- A Merryman medley **(without RCoB participation)** was the final song of the day in an effort to restore musical integrity.

What the session lacked in adherence to musical key, coordination of participants and timing/beat was certainly made up by the enthusiasm and typical RCoB banter of the singers(?). A good time was had by (almost) all.

SAA Randy had a field day with his fines which were focused on Carols by Candlelight indiscretions

The meeting was closed with a toast to Rotary International.

### Meeting Details — December 16, 2021

#### Guests:

- Deanne Ford - PIS, Pres Robin
- Neomie Tavernier—Guest of Pres Robin
- Rachael Power - Guest of Dir Anton

#### Rotarians & Rotaractors

- Pres Scott Chandler - Rotaract Club of Barbados

#### Housekeeping:

- Attendance - 70.0%



## REVIEW OF "ROTARIANS AT WORK"

### Distribution of Christmas Gifts to Senior Citizens—

We provided Care Boxes of toiletries - soaps, shampoos, wipes, sanitizer, toothpaste and brushes and mouth wash, along with body washes and lotions. We created 12 boxes for 5 homes, split according to the number of clients in residence. The Committee had hoped to do carolling in the courtyard of each home, as was done in 2020, however we opted to remain cautious in light of the COVID-19 situation. We are also planning a raffle of a rocking chair, to raise funds for the facilitation of a special gift to one of the homes. Details will be announced shortly.

### The Following Gift packages are to be distributed:

Gordon Cummings - 3



Geriatric - 4  
Vauxhall - 2  
St. Philip - 2  
Almair - 1

#### Thanks

I'd like to thank the committee as well as Steve and Mary Cozier and Stanley and Harriet MacDonald who helped with the packing, and Jeff and Vicky Evelyn who took care of collection of the items and hosted the packing session at their home.

#### Committee

Oh, and the committee comprises:

Jeff Evelyn  
Joe Johnson  
Joel Brathwaite  
Shawn Franklin  
Dir. Anton  
DMKB

Report by Rtn Donna MKB

### Boview House— Continuing Project Elevate

The kitchen at Boview House got a brand new look this week with the laying of new flooring. PP John Cabral and PP Peter Williams did the work on this occasion, continuing the upgrades that were started by the Project Elevate Rotary Team.

Further painting and repairs will resume in early 2022 and more members will be needed to assist in small groups. Stay tuned.

THEN

NOW



## REVIEW OF "ROTARIANS AT WORK???"

Dine around in the GAP—Dec 17



### UPCOMING EVENTS

VISIT BY RI DIRECTOR  
PETER KYLE

January 04, 2022—Space Limited  
Please register

<https://forms.gle/wvoeFQXeYdgvmW48>



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 PP Erskine L. Thompson

1. **I cannot live without:** "Giving thanks to God for my mother"
2. **My superpower is:** "objective thinking".
3. **I am best:** "at expressing myself".
4. **I love a:** "good chicken stew".
5. **My alternate career would be** "Land Surveyor".
6. **Most people do not know that** "I worked on Construction of the Deep Water Harbour and the QEH Hospital".
7. **Best vacation ever:** "Visit to Vancouver and Buchart Gardens in British Columbia, Canada".
8. **Favourite addiction:** "Television News and documentaries".

9. **I love:** "to swim".
10. **Heartwarming Rotary moment:** "Repairing Homes for the poor".

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Dec 30: Guest Speaker—Donna Clarke, Immediate Past Area 17 Director, Toastmasters will speak on "Rotary and Toastmasters Alliance."**
- **January 04—Visit by RI Director, Peter Kyle—Please register**

### DISTRICT 7030 EVENTS: APRIL 07-09, 2022

Rotary District 7030: P.E.T.S., Conference & Assembly 2022 Barbados  
The 2022 Conference is gearing up to be our first in-person District Conference in three years, but with a twist! PETS Registration: US\$75, **Early Bird Conference Registration: US\$395 until December 31, 2021**, Regular Registration: US\$450 until February 28, 2022, Late Registration: US\$500, Conference Registration closes on March 15, 2022. There will also be a virtual registration fee per club which will permit the club members wishing to attend virtually, access to the conference.

**\*\*More Information on upcoming events will be published as soon as the details are available.**

### Announcements

#### Wedding Anniversary

- Kaywana Wilson & Rtn Russell — 8 yrs — Dec 26, 2013
- Beverley Williams & PP Tony — 46 yrs — Dec 27, 1975
- Phyllis Reece & PP Tony — 47 yrs — Dec 28, 1974
- Claire Jordan & PP Oliver — 14 yrs — Dec 29, 2007

#### Birthday — Rotarians

- Rtn. Simone Pasmore — Dec 29

#### Birthday — Partners-in-Service

- Grace Phillips — PP Dr. Grenville — Dec 25
- Phyllis Reece — PP Tony — Dec 27

#### Join Date Anniversary

- Rtn Kim Tudor — 11 yrs — Dec 24, 2010

#### 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.

### The Rotary Foundation Minute - Dec 16

#### Fun Facts & Nifty Numbers

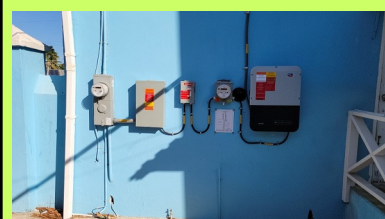
1917: Rotary Foundation started  
1930: Donated \$500 to Easter Seals precursor  
1957: Paul Harris Fellow recognition  
1965: Matching Grants Program  
1979: Polio Eradication Program (1985: Polio+)  
1999: Rotary Peace Centers  
2004: EREY initiative  
2007: Gates Foundation \$100M challenge  
2013: Simplified Grant Model  
2016: Rotary Foundation Centennial Year

#### Nifty Numbers

Founding Donation: \$26.50  
Klumph Fund now: > \$1,000,000,000  
Polio vaccines to children: 2.5 billion  
Reduction in polio cases: 99.9%  
Polio endemic countries: 2 (down from 125)  
Rotary scholarships awarded: 350,000  
Peace fellows trained: 1,400  
Paul Harris Fellows: 1,500,000  
Spend on humanitarian programs and projects: >\$3,000,000,000



**THE ENVIRONMENT - CLEAN ENERGY – INSTALLING A 5KW PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM ON THE SCHOOL HOUSE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS**  
The Solar Project at the Schoolhouse went Live on December 21, 2021.



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#### 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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