



# ROTA NEWS



May 24, 2018

## Rotary Club of Barbados



District 7030 - Club # 6798

*Chartered March 07, 1962*



**ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

**R.I Theme 2017-18**

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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**

Needham's Point, Aquatic Gap,  
St. Michael  
at 12 p.m.

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

**RECAP OF THURSDAY MAY 17, 2018 FELLOWSHIP MEETING  
WITH A GUEST SPEAKER, MS. CONNIE SMITH**

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

**RI THEME: ROTARY MAKING A DIFFERENCE  
MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH**

Our guest speaker was introduced by PP Vic Fernandes. The presenter, Connie Smith-Young, is Managing Director of Tricor Group's operation in Barbados and a Governance, Compliance and Risk professional. She is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA), The Governance Institute in the United Kingdom, Chairman of the Barbados Branch of ICSA, and a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners.

Mrs Smith Young however, addressed the club in her capacity as a Trustee of Plastic Oceans Trust (Barbados).

Plastic Oceans Trust Barbados is part of the Plastic Oceans global movement which is aimed at reducing the plastic pollution which is destroying the water, marine life and human food chain. Mrs. Smith Young presented some startling statistics such as the 300 million tonnes of plastic produced every year, half of which being single use plastic and more than 8 million tonnes of which is dumped into our oceans.

According to Mrs Smith Young, locally, in 2016 Barbados imported over 140,000 lbs of plastic containers, 150,000 lbs of plastic cups and 100 million individual plastic bags. To drive the point home she pointed out that the plastic imported into Barbados in 2016 was enough to wrap around the island 368 times and that it was indeed wrapping around the island. Many species including turtles, fish, and seabirds consume or get trapped in plastic which sometimes results in their deaths. Plastic debris affects human health, wildlife and the environment. The millions of tons of plastic bottles, bags and garbage in the world's oceans are breaking down and leaching toxins. Plastic materials in landfills sink harmful chemicals into groundwater and the chemicals added to plastics are absorbed by humans which among other things, can dangerously alter hormones.

Mrs Smith Young gave practical examples of how each of us could do our part by refusing to use plastic straws, taking along reusable grocery bags to do our shopping and walking with our non plastic coffee containers and water bottles. She urged the club to "think reusable not disposable" by refusing single use plastic.

This is an issue which is very near to the heart of our Club.

**Question for the presenter.**

*Why is there a difficulty in embracing the reduction in the use of plastic?*

*Comment—We seem to better respond after Legislation.*

Guest Speaker:

Connie Smith as she presented on the proliferation of plastic products and its impact on health, the environment and Barbados' economy.



Below left: PP Vic Fernandes introduces the Guest Speaker and recalls the environmental initiative during his presidency. Below right: PP Erskine Thompson gives the Vote of Thanks, thanking our speaker for such an enlightening presentation.



Let's make the pledge!

**MEETING DETAILS— May 17, 2018**

**SAA Chrispen Hackett**

Attendance:: 56.5%

Fines: \$113.00

Raffle Proceeds \$203.00

Raffle Winner : PP Jedder Robinson

The meeting was chaired by Acting President PP Algie Leacock, and we were graced by the presence of Assistant Governor Peter Downes.



*A Fully Engaged Audience*



**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS:**

**After fleeing conflict in their own countries, a group of young Rotaractors is healing wounds and bringing cultures together in a Ugandan refugee settlement.**

Nakivale accommodates those seeking refuge from regional conflicts, including civil war in South Sudan, violent state collapse in Somalia, and rebellions and armed militias that continue to terrorize eastern Congo.

The Rotaract Club of Nakivale, officially inaugurated last July, may be the first Rotaract club based inside a refugee camp. It is a tale of young people who have refused to let conflict stifle their dreams; of a country that sees the humanity in all the refugees who cross its borders; and of a spirit of service that endures, even among those who have experienced unspeakable tragedy.

In 2016 then Rotary president-elect Sam F. Owori attended an event organized by the American Refugee Committee (ARC) for the young people of Nakivale which challenged them to propose innovations that could improve lives. The winners received a small amount of seed money. Owori believed the 13 winners could become leaders in their community, so he proposed a Rotaract club. The first project, in 2017, helped new arrivals, many of whom had endured harrowing journeys to escape violence. They sleep in rows of tents, which are periodically overrun with bedbugs and cockroaches. The Rotaractors pooled their modest savings and, with assistance from ARC, purchased chemicals and sprayers to fumigate infested areas. "We don't want to have to call someone every time, asking for support," says Uwizeye, a computer scientist who fled his native Burundi in 2015 to avoid being forced into a youth militia.

**OUR GREETERS THIS WEEK ARE-**

**Past President Anthony "Tony" Reece, PHF** 2009, joined the Club on May 07, 1988. He was President for the year 2005-06. In 2001-02 Tony served as Secretary, SAA 1999-2000, VP 2003-04 and from 2008-2014 served as Chair of the Heartbeat International Committee— Pacemaker Bank.

**David "Pop" Walker** served as Vice President for the year 1992-93 to John Cabral. Other offices included Director of Club Service 1990-1992 and SAA 1987-1989. He was Chair Club Liaison 1997-98. For the "older" members one would recall Pop supervising the Wine Bar at the annual Bajan Night Event. He spent a number of years employed by Stokes & Bynoe, agents for wine. David's contribution to the Community was recognized with a Paul Harris Fellowship Award in June 2007. He joined the Club on July 01, 1986.

**THIS IS THE MONTH FOR OUR CHILDREN'S BEACH PARTY**  
*Director Malcolm gave an update, reminding members to sign up and indicate their area of participation.*

**ANNUAL EVENT**  
 On May 26, we will be meeting at Browne's Beach to interact with those children in need as they enjoy a day at the beach. Rotarians are requested to come out in their numbers from **8:30 a.m.** to help set up. The actual party begins at **10:00 a.m.** and of course you are encouraged to participate and enjoy the day with the children as they play games and simply enjoy nature's gift of the outdoors.

## MAY—YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

### Activities for June

June 2—Presidential Peace building Conference: Chicago, Illinois, USA

June 23-27—Rotary International Convention: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

June 30—Last day for Rotary and Rotaract clubs to report goals for the Rotary Citation.

### GREETERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

May 24 PP Anthony Reece and Rtn. David “Pop” Walker  
May 31 PP Michael Browne and Rtn. Dr. Beverley Agard



## Announcements

### Wedding Anniversary

None this week.

### Birthday - Rotarians

Rtn Donna King-Brathwaite May 25  
PP CQ Williams May 25

### Birthday - Partners in Service

Sharon Oran (Scott Oran) May 24  
Averil Byer (Elvin Sealy) May 27

### Join Date Anniversary

Rtn Roger Blackman 1 year May 25, 2017  
Rtn Ermine Darroux 1 year May 25, 2017  
Rtn Arlene Ross 1 year May 25, 2017  
Rtn Meryl Stoute 1 year May 25, 2017  
Rtn Alex Whitehead 1 year May 25, 2017



## **OUR GUESTS—May 17, 2018**

### VISTING ROTARIAN:

AG Peter Downes

### GUESTS:

Ms. Denise Downes— Dir. Community Service Rtn Malcolm Vaughn

## 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.

## **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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