



# ROTA NEWS



Rotary Opens Opportunities

**R.I. Theme 2020-21**

## R.I. OFFICERS

### President

Holger Knaack

### President Elect

Shekhar Mehta

### RI Membership Committee Chair

PDG David Edwards



## 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**

### PATRON

HE Dame Sandra Mason, GCMG, DA.

Governor General

### DISTRICT OFFICERS

District Governor  
Lisle Chase

District Governor Elect  
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District Governor Nominee  
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Council of Governors Chair  
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District Rotary Foundation Chair  
PDG Milton Inniss

District Disaster Relief Chair  
PDG David Edwards

District TRF Annual Fund Chair  
Sonya Alleyne

**25TH FEBRUARY 2021**

### Club Officers & Directors

#### President

Fiona Hinds

#### President Elect

Robin Ford

#### Vice President

Ron Davis

#### Secretary

Ermine Darroux

#### Treasurer

Meryl Stoute

#### Club Administration

Jeff Evelyn

#### Membership/Youth Service

Stanley MacDonald

#### Public Relations

Arlene Ross

#### Community Service

Adrian Skeete

#### International/Rotary Foundation

Makonem Hurley

#### Immediate Past President

Peter Williams

#### Sergeant-at-Arms

Randy Marshall

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 we celebrate Founders Day as Rotary International celebrates 116 years via our Zoom Meeting.

Our Zoom meeting Moderator will be PDG David.

**OUR GUESTS — Meeting Held On 18th February 2021**

**Guests**

- Oliver Jordan – Guest of Neal Griffith

**Visiting Rotarians and Rotaractors**

- DG Lisle Chase
- PDG Milton Inniss
- Rtn. David Antrobus - RC of St. Maarten-Mid Isle
- Hon Rtn. Dr. Anne St John

**Housekeeping**

- Attendance - 61%

**Virtual  
Founder's Day Celebration**  
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2021  
VIA ZOOM

- 11:00am. Church Service with St James Parish Church (Anglican)
- 12:00-2:00pm. Cook - off (Recipe sharing)
- 3:30-5:00pm. Afternoon Tea (Trivia & other games)



**Rotary**  
Club of Barbados



**Club Meeting– 18th  
February 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 12.33 pm with opening remarks from President Fiona (pictured right).



Prayers were led by PP Grenville Philips.

A moment's silence was observed for former Rotarian Philip Sattaur.

Sergeant-at-Arms Randy (pictured right) introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.



**Announcements:**

- Birthdays/anniversaries can be viewed in the Bulletin.
- The District seminar -“Peace and Conflict Resolution Prevention/Resolution” is on February 23, 2021 via Zoom at 7 pm.
- Rotarians were encouraged to eat healthy and be involved in some kind of movement as opposed to being too sedentary during the lockdown.
- The Club was informed that 50 fitness trackers are on hand and they are to be donated to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. (H&SF).
- Honorary Rotarian Dr Anne St.John expressed thanks, on behalf of the H&SF.
- Rtn Neal and his team of Rotarians and Rotaractors were thanked for their assistance with parceling the care packages which were delivered to needy persons because of the lockdown.
- Director Makonem was congratulated on the birth of his baby daughter, Sabira.
- A further appeal was made to Rotarians to contribute to Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY).

President Fiona then shared a few motivational tips.

**PDG Tony Watkins delivered a presentation on his Life in Rotary.**

- He used a variety of photographs to aid with his presentation.
- He joined Rotary in 1985.
- He reflected that over the years, Rotary brought him many lifelong friends and brought him closer to his wife.
- He developed a great insight about the ins and out of the Club and Rotary when he held the positions of Bulletin Editor and Secretary. He also served in other positions in the Club and was Chairman of Attendance for 25 years .
- For the period 1996-97 he was elevated to the position of President. This position was thrust upon him at short notice when the intended President was transferred off island and he was asked to fill the role of President.





## Club Meeting– 18th February 2021 (Cont'd)

He feels all new members should be given specific tasks and assigned to a committee.

- All Rotarians should attend a District Conference.
- Being District Governor 2010-11 for District 7030, was one of the highlights in his Rotary life.
- The Diabetes Project was his flagship project for the District during his tenure as Governor.
- He has attended 11 Rotary International Conventions.
- He continues to serve at District level and at the RI level
- On 2 occasions, he served on the Council of Legislation. This body meets every three years to review/recommend legislative changes in Rotary International.
- He is a Paul Harris Fellow +2.
- For him Rotary has been a life changing experience.



Sir John Watts – First DG of our District

PDG Tony (left) & Sir John Watts



Chat with PM Barbados at District Conference April 2011

Former P.M. of Barbados Rt. Hon. Freundel Stuart & PDG Tony (right)

### Classification talk by Rotarian Michael “Mikey” Mercer

These are some of the highlights of his talk:

- Michael Mercer attended Wesley Hall Boys School, Queens College and UWI where he studied psychology and sociology.
- Towards the end of his university studies he developed a greater love for music.
- As an artist, he is known as Mikey and has won many titles as a calypsonian.
- As an artist, he tries to integrate his knowledge of psychology into his musical productions.
- He has a small studio – “More Music Studios” in which he does voice overs, creates jingles and offers sound production.
- He is a 5<sup>th</sup> degree black belt holder in judo. He won a number of championships in this field and offers self-defense classes for females.
- Via another business “Outhouse Solutions”, he offers printing and embroidery services for table cloths etc. and they manufacture feather banners.
- He is an active weightlifter and won a number of competitions in this field.
- “Team Mikey” is his registered charity. This charity is involved with a variety of charitable exercises for children and seniors. Annually, it grants scholarships to 3 needy children transferring from primary to secondary school.
- Mikey is a U.N. Ambassador for “Violence against women and children”.
- He considers it “awesome” to be a Rotarian, as both he and Rotary are involved in doing like-minded things.



## Club Meeting– 18th February 2021

After the classification talk, the Club was disciplined. Rotarians were reminded to pay their fines online.

As meetings are in Zoom format only, President Fiona sought suggestions on how International Founder’s Day could be celebrated this year.

One suggestion she offers is that on Founder’s Day, Rotarians wear their pins, ties or some form of memorabilia which depicts their association with Rotary.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m. with a toast to Rotary International.



**RI Conventions: 2022 Houston  
Texas, USA 4-8 June; 2023  
Melbourne, Australia 27-31  
May; 2024 Singapore 8-12  
June; 2025 Calgary, Canada  
21-25 June. 2027 Honolulu 5-9**

**June**



**FEBRUARY 23RD  
CELEBRATING 116 YRS**



*Rotary changes us  
and those we serve.  
I believe we can change the  
world one life at a time.*

**Paul Harris**



The first four Rotarians. From left: Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram E. Shorey, Paul P. Harris.

**On 23 February 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Loehr's office for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting.**

**Harris' desire for camaraderie among business associates brought together these four men and eventually led to an international organization of service and fellowship.**

Source: <https://www.rotary.org/>

### **Stop The Churn - Value Your Members**

An Article by PDG C. Ross Carlyle

**Read More At <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-ramps-up-covid-19-vaccination-efforts>**



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Guest Speaker: PDG David Edwards — 25th February

**\*\*All In-Person Meetings at the Hilton have been temporary suspended as we adhere to the Covid-19 protocols outlined by the Government of Barbados.**

**Also please look out for more information concerning any other pending events which will have to rescheduled this month.**

### **Announcements**

#### **Wedding Anniversary**

- None this week

#### **Birthday - Rotarians**

- SAA Randy Marshall — Feb 26
- Rtn. Mark Hassell — Feb 27
- Treas. Meryl Stoute — Mar 01

#### **Birthday - Partners-in-Service**

- Shirley Anne Fields — Rtn. Trevor Fields — Feb 26

#### **Join Date Anniversary**

- Rtn. Jamella Forde — 2 Years — 28 Feb 2019
- SAA Randy Marshall — 2 Years — 28 Feb 2019
- Rtn. Onika Stewart — 2 Years — 28 Feb 2019
- PP Clyde "CQ" Williams — 35 Years — 1 Mar 1986

### **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.

**Bulletin Editor: Rtn. Carlos Depeiza**