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July 25th, 2024

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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 CONCERN?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL
AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO
ALL CONCERN?



Club Weekly Meetings
Thursdays at 12.30 pm
Hilton Barbados

Needham's Point, Aquatic Gap,
St. Michael

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The Rotary Club of Barbados welcomes visiting Rotarians and Guests.

Rotary 

July

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

"Improved maternal health benefits the whole of society"

Isabella Lovin



Today July 25th, 2024 will be a Fellowship Meeting, which commences at 12:30pm at the Hilton Hotel. Today we have a Guest speaker, Charielle Plowden, who will speak to us on Artificial Intelligence

Meeting Details – July 18th, 2024

Guests

None

Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors

None

Honorary Rotarians

None

Housekeeping

Fines: BBD 155.00

Raffle: BBD 111.00

Auction: BBD 45.00

Our next scheduled meeting will be a Fellowship Meeting on August 8th, 2024, which commences at 12:30 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel.

Summary of the RCOB Meeting Held on July 18th, 2024

RCOB Meeting Minutes July 18, 2024

- President Arlene called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm
- Club members sang the National Anthem which was followed by the saying of the Rotary Grace and then a toast was made to the President of Barbados
- S-A-A Peter welcomed all and indicated that there were no guests to be introduced
- President Arlene announced 2 major items on the agenda: Classification Speech of Rotarian Rachel Power and the pinning of a PHF

12:35 pm Lunch was taken

- S-A-A Peter proceeded with the allocation of fines, specifically to persons whose names were connected to/associated with established businesses

Rotarian Rachel Power's Classification Speech

Rotarian Rachel indicated that she currently serves as a Financial Manager of a Private Villa. Born and raised in Barbados, she was not particularly passionate about numbers in her formative years as she was more of a creative soul with a bit of an entrepreneurial spirit. She loved art, piano and being in the kitchen with her mom, from whom she believed her entrepreneurial spirit was developed as her mom baked and catered to make extra money. Shining shoes, baking and ironing clothes were just some of the entrepreneurial activities she undertook during her childhood, always seeking ways to earn and learn.

After secondary school, she attended the Barbados Community College, pursuing an Associate Degree in Computer Science. Although Accounting was part of the curriculum, she did not enjoy it and actually failed in those subjects, having to repeat exams and take summer classes and barely passing them even then. She moved on to the University of the West Indies with no clear direction with the Accounting and Finance fields the furthest things from her mind. She started a degree in Management but later switched to Accounting, intent on challenging herself following her previous experiences. Overcoming this challenge became a turning point for her and during her last summer at UWI she started in the banking sector, working as a teller and in personal banking gaining knowledge about financial management and customer service, which then motivated her to help people manage their finances better. On completing UWI she had the opportunity to work as an Accounting Officer for a small group of companies which included a small hotel. She then went on to further her studies in Accounting at the London School of Business and Finance. Upon return from London, jobs were not as readily available as expected so she leaned on her entrepreneurial spirit, and started her first business providing bookkeeping services for small businesses. She also partnered in starting a small contractor business specializing in property management before eventually



landing a job as an Accounting and Office Administrator at EcoBreeze, which allowed her to blend her creativity with Accounting as she was mixing paints, advising on colours, flooring and roofing for home and commercial design. She held Accounting roles in various other sectors such as Manufacturing, Oil and Gas, Hospitality and International Business, allowing her to dive deep into financial reporting and compliance and hone her skills in budgeting, financial analysis, inventory management and payroll administration. This journey also provided her the exposure to operations management at a local coffee manufacturer, a role thoroughly enjoyed as a proud coffee snob. Here she leaned on her creative side, planning events and Tastings simultaneously enhancing her people management skills. She then took her talents to UNNA Luxury Resorts as an Accountant for a short while before becoming a victim of job loss resulting from the Covid pandemic. However, she reverted to her entrepreneurial mindset, branching out in the catering business - an incredibly rewarding and learning experience.

When the world returned to some semblance of normalcy, she started working as an Accounting and Client services Administrator at Centralis, an international business. There, she provided management, administrative, and accounting services to a diverse client base, including multinationals engaged in intra-group lending, holding companies, and financing vehicles. She then moved on to the current role as Financial Manager at a luxury Private Villa, overseeing the financial and administrative side of the business ensuring guest satisfaction, employee productivity and operational efficiency. For her, the most rewarding part of the job is seeing the positive impact of her efforts on the businesses. Improving financial performance and operational efficiency is extremely satisfying notwithstanding the challenges of clean-up and ensuring accounts are up to standard.

With ethics being the backbone of Accounting and Finance, transparency, integrity, and accuracy are thereby fundamental to her practice. Being a member of the Rotary Club reinforces these values, serving as a reminder of the importance of service and ethical conduct in all of her professional endeavours. Success in finance requires strong analytical and communication skills, with emphasis on attention to detail while staying adaptable and proactive, especially in a rapidly changing economic landscape. An entrepreneurial mindset and the ability to work both independently and as part of a team are also essential. Constant learning, growing and adapting is paramount when navigating the ever-changing business environment especially as it relates to providing the best service to clients and staying ahead in the industry. Her advice to persons considering a career in accounting and finance, is to remain curious and committed to continuous learning. The finance industry is ever evolving, and staying updated with the latest trends and technologies is vital. Building a solid foundation in ethical practices and developing strong analytical skills will serve you well throughout your career. She is extremely passionate about the field she works in and is dedicated to making a positive impact.

Outside of work, she has an affinity for cooking, reading, and art, not to mention animals, being a proud mom to two wonderful dogs. These interests help her maintain a balanced life and bring creativity and joy into everything she does.

Being part of the Rotary Club of Barbados allows her to blend her professional expertise with her desire to give back to the community. She looks forward to getting to know her fellow Rotarians better and contributing to the Rotary Club and its mission.

Please click on link below for Rtn. Rachel's full classification talk.

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/0000007241/en-ca/files/homepage/rachel-power-classification-talk/Classification-Talk---R.Power.pdf>

- Following the Speech, Rotarian Rachel answered questions posed by her fellow Rotarians present
- S-A-A Peter auctioned shirts provided by PP Elvin - 2 of the shirts were sold
- President Arlene pinned S-A-A Peter as PHF+5
- President Arlene announced Birthdays and anniversaries and asked the Rotarians present to check in and/or reach out to the Rotarians
- President Arlene announce that the 2024-25 Installation Ceremony has been rescheduled to August 23rd at Mahogany Ridge
- There was a toast to Rotary and the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm

Guest Speaker Charielle Plowden



Charielle Plowden
Country Manager
WizdomCRM
Caribbean Limited

Charielle Plowden is the Country Manager of WizdomCRM, an edutech company shaping the future of financial education across the region. She has over seven years of experience in wealth management, during which she managed over \$140 million in funds at leading local and regional brokerage firms in Trinidad and Tobago. As Treasurer of Nestle Credit Union, Charielle managed assets exceeding \$97 million. Charielle is a passionate advocate for financial inclusion, recognizing its profound impact on social development by leveraging Artificial Intelligence to empower individuals from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds. She volunteers with the FinTech Association of Trinidad and Tobago and her dedication to empowering underserved youth started through the We Say Yes organization demonstrating her commitment to making a tangible difference in the region.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 1st – **NO LUNCH TIME MEETING**

August 8th – Fellowship Meeting

August 15th – Business Meeting

August 23rd – 63rd Installation of Officers

August 24th – School Signs Painting

August 29th – Launch of Shoe Box Project

August 31st – School Signs Painting

RaCOB/Satellite Club/EarlyAct

July 27th – Satellite Club Movie Night

DISTRICT 7030 EVENTS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays Rotarians

Rtn. Roger Blackman – July 25th

Rtn. Gregory Wood – July 26th

Birthdays – Partners-in-Service

Ferida – PP Vic Fernandes – July 25th

Wedding Anniversaries

PP Jeddar & Heather Robinson – 45 yrs – July 28th, 1979

Join Date Anniversary

Rtn. Joel Brathwaite – 18 yrs – July 27th, 2006

Rtn. Stephon Rayside – 7 yrs – July 31st, 2017

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.

FLICKS AND FELLOWSHIP

ROTARY SATELLITE CLUB MOVIE NIGHT

Private Screening of Deadpool and Wolverine
Saturday, July 27, 2024
Olympus Theatres

Contribution - \$25
Due by Monday, July 22, 2024

RSVP BY MONDAY JULY 22, 2024

Contribution covers movie entry only
Refreshments will be on sale

Rotary Club of Barbados

63RD

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & DINNER

AUGUST

FRIDAY | 23 | AT 6 PM

\$175

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PLUM TREE ROAD, ST JAMES
BARBADOS

DRESS CODE: FORMAL

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