



ROTA NEWS



June 25, 2020

Rotary Club of Barbados



District 7030 - Club # 6798

Chartered March 07, 1962

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R.I Theme 2019-20

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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?

Weekly meetings on **Thursdays**

Virtual meetings since March 26

at 12:30 p.m.

P.O. Box 148B, Brittons Hill,
St. Michael, Barbados

www.clubrunner.ca/barbados

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARBADOS WELCOMES ALL VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

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

RI THEME: ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD



Join Zoom Meeting

BE ON TIME: If you are late, please remain silent and catch up as best as you can.

CHOOSE A QUIET LOCATION: Please minimize distracting background noise such as radio & TV.

MUTE YOUR MICROPHONE: Use the mute button when you are not speaking. The moderator can also place you on mute, if needed.

BE PATIENT: Please be patient with others on the call.

WAIT TO BE INVITED TO SPEAK: Please use the "Raise Hand" feature in Zoom to let the moderator know that you would like to speak. Please don't interrupt the conversation.

STICK TO THE AGENDA: Please stick to the agenda so that we can complete our meeting on time

Housekeeping- Attendance 69%

Notice is hereby given of our on-line Club meeting to be held on Thursday, June 25, 2020 via Zoom. The Agenda is as follows and our Moderator will be PDG David.

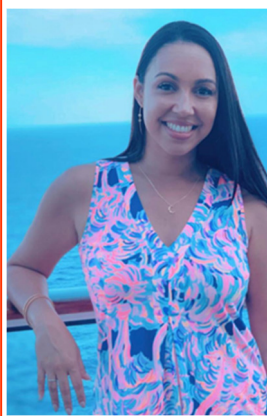
UPCOMING EVENTS

July 02, 2020– Virtual Installation of 2020-21 Board and Officers of RCoB via Zoom at 6.30 pm.

#	AGENDA	LEAD	TIME
1.0	Call to Order & Ground Rules	Pres Peter	12:30 p.m.
2.0	Opening Prayer	VP Elvin	12:32 p.m.
3.0	Welcome Guests – Rotarians to introduce their guests	Sgt-at-Arms Peter	12:34 p.m.
4.0	Announcements & Updates	Pres Peter	12:37 p.m.
5.0	BUSINESS		12:45 p.m.
5.1	Club Stewardship Report for the Year 2019-2020	Pres Peter	15 min
5.2	Q&A – Please "Raise Your Hand" in Zoom	Moderator	5 min
5.3	Virtual Installation - Update	PE Fiona	5 min
6.0	Sgt-at-Arms to Discipline the Club	Sgt-at-Arms Peter	5 min
7.0	Open Fellowship – Please "Raise Your Hand" in Zoom	Moderator	10 min
8.0	Installation Event for the Rotary Year 2020-2021 July 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom		
9.0	ADJOURNMENT	-	1:30 p.m.

June 18 Classification Talk

Rtn. Shakéela Boodhoo



Fellow Rotarians,

First off I would like to thank you all for warmly welcoming me into the Rotarian family. From that first meeting last year at Hilton I felt like Rotary was a great fit for me and I knew that you would be the group of people with whom I will have a lifelong relationship with putting service above self.

I'm a 35 year old Barbadian and I've spent the majority of my life in Barbados with the exception of a couple years where I lived in Florida for my Associate of Arts Degree in Business. Home

drums definitely beat strong and after getting my Associate's degree I returned to Barbados where I gained my Bachelor's Degree in Management Studies at UWI. After taking a hiatus I am now venturing back into the world of official learning - I am currently waiting on my approval to start my PMP certification this year. My biggest achievement however would definitely be being the mother to a beautiful 10 year old daughter Amaya who is my absolute pride and joy. She is an effervescent, creative, funny little soul who wants to be an Architect when she grows up and is always giving her input on redesign for our latest home renovation projects. For the past 14 years I've been employed at RBC Royal Bank where I worked in various roles in Customer Service from your entry level teller, to Private Banking and now Corporate Real Estate which has been my home for 10 years. Corporate Real Estate group manages the RBC portfolio of properties from conception design, lease administration, project management, supplier compliance, to day to day facilities management – we have so many facets within Corporate Real Estate or as we call it at RBC: CRE. My official title is Assistant Manager Facilities for the Southern Caribbean (Barbados, Dutch Caribbean and the Eastern Caribbean). I say my official title because I have not operated in this capacity for a couple years as I have been working in what I would term somewhat of an apprenticeship to fill the role of the CRE Partner Lead for retail projects and am now officially transitioning into this new role while our team is restructured as a result of the EC sale.

RBC has been on a transformation journey over the past few years where we have been relooking our network footprint and renovating our stores to enhance the client experience which further enables our digital journey. Our role as it relates to these transformations projects is quite vast. In the planning phase we work on the project proposal and budget approval, once approved we work on design development based on RBC current standards and partner with industry professionals to execute our vision. My role as the CRE Partner Lead is to support the Director of CRE for the Caribbean during our redesigns, branch consolidations and new builds. Right now we have active projects in Trinidad, Cayman and Bahamas markets and I am responsible for the managing, tracking and reporting on all Caribbean project activities in addition to maintaining and reporting of our project financials.

I am a part of several project operating groups within RBC and committees. I am that person who always puts their hands up to work on a new initiative as I see these opportunities as excellent avenues for development. In 2018 I won the RBC Convention Award in Toronto for my leadership role in the sale of one of RBC major properties. Being a convention cruise winner is a major accomplishment at RBC and one of the top annual awards you can attain. Winning it as a part of our CAO group on a wider enterprise scale and not just for Caribbean Banking was such an honor for me as I truly felt my value to the organization as a whole.

I hope that I can bring my skills to Rotary to be of equal value to you all. I feel at home here at Rotary and am honored to now be a part of the Rotary family.

June 18 Classification Talk—Rtn. Karen Cole



Good afternoon Fellow Rotarians (I think that's the first time I've said that!)

Let's get the personal stuff out of the way first. I'm going to be 40 this November and I have one daughter, Aniyah, who will be turning 10 next month. I give ppl the story that I swore that if I didn't have a child by 30, I wouldn't ... and she was born 4 months before my 30 birthday – so slow clap for God's humour. She's into anything electronic and I suspect she could be a hacker if she tried but wants to be a marine biologist (mostly because she believes in

mermaids). I used to bake cupcakes as a side business but I can't blame excess weight on post-pregnancy 10 years after the fact, so I bake low carb and no sugar now. In my spare time, I manage and ghost write for the social media pages of a health company and for a local DJ. I'm a hands-on 24/7 mom, I love gardening, reading, art, music, I have started to practice yoga and meditation and I am the epitome of a housemouse. I went to Queen's College and have always been into greening, art and business. They didn't know where to place me and I was told I would end up being the activist that drew pretty numbers.

Now on to the stuff that keeps me employed and busy! I've worked for the RBC enterprise for almost 20 years now. I started in the retail bank as a teller (which was only supposed to get me through UWI). I worked there for nearly two years until I was offered a position with the Insurance arm. We're actually a Reinsurance business and for those of you who may not know, reinsurance is basically the insurance of insurance companies. We're also a retrocessionaire – which is the insurance of other reinsurance companies.

I've worn a number of hats over the years and I've worked with Property, Trade Credit, European Life, Mortgage indemnity coverage and Longevity. Basically, all past and present lines of business. I've assisted with the opening of lines of business and also administered run off to close them. My current role and interim title is Assistant Manager, Treasury. I report directly to the Treasurer and together we make up the Treasury team which handles all in-house investing, trading, reconciliations and credit management. I also report to the Director, Risk & Compliance and that half of my job covers off AML, BCP, Policy Management, Privacy and Operational Risk. Because my job is actually two jobs and two completely different roles, no two days ever look the same. My day can be a mix match of client reporting, collateral management, risk reporting, client relationship management, audits, contract management, and the analytics of our in-house investment portfolio.

I was chosen as the President's Choice for the second highest award under the RBC Performance Programme (the RBC Cruise Convention) and while attending that convention, I received the highest level of recognition at RBC – The Leo Award. To date, I am the only one at RBC Reinsurance that holds this honour! So I'm pretty proud of that!

Outside of my formal role, I have organized our "Clean Up Barbados" team for the last 10 years or so and even though we're always one of the smallest groups, we grabbed the "winners" plaque about 3-4 times. I founded the Green committee, Charity committee and integrated the enterprise "rewards and recognition" programme into our own in-office processes. These committees are not as active as they used to be which is why I felt the need to search for that missing piece. The give-back piece that always makes everything else worth it. After doing some research and cornering Past Secretary Neal at a Will's event, immediately Rotary sat well in my heart. My job is so nuts and bolts and analytic that I needed a human element. Fellowship.

I've been called one of the best "generalists" ever by one of my favourite people and a former CEO. Now at first I was slightly hurt. I felt like because I wasn't an actuary or an accountant that maybe it was a disadvantage. But I understand now being a generalist is one of the highest compliments that I could ever have received.

June 18 Classification Talk—Rtn. Karen Cole

I am grateful to him to this day. As far back as I can recall...my guiding philosophy has always been that "I can make something from nothing and then turn that something into everything". I think that's the most unique and strongest attribute that I can bring to this club.

Every team needs a McGyver. I thank you for listening to my ramble. I am humbled by the opportunity to serve and I thank you all for being so very welcoming from the get-go.

Thank You!

From start to finish the 2019–20 Rotary Year has been thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding, even if at times exhausting. Without doubt, it has been a year of *"Service above Self"*, full of challenges, achievements, and surprises. We began with a truly fabulous Installation dinner and have journeyed to today's final on-line Zoom meeting. Who would have thought back then that today we would be 'social distancing' and wearing masks, but what a great response from members who swiftly transitioned from the Club's regular lunch meetings to our on-line Zoom meetings during the pandemic lockdown.

We mixed our tried and tested approaches to events, such as our successful Senior Citizens Party, with fresh and innovative ideas, including inviting corporate Barbados to support our Pride of Workmanship Awards, which raised in excess of \$30,000 towards the Blood Collection Center and the fight against diabetes. We also led the way in bringing the three Clubs together at the Daphne Joseph Hackett Theatre to participate in Rotary International's *End Polio Now* campaign. Our many community service activities were well supported, including active participation by our Rotaract Club colleagues, with their high energy levels. The Public Image team did us proud, with regular articles in the media and keeping our social media platforms up to date. The Directors, without exception, have done outstanding work.

Our Club, the largest in the District, is a great place for friendly banter and camaraderie. That is the heart of our Club, as we unite in our common goal of service. Thankfully, we have sustained this through the lockdown via our lively Zoom chats, with guests from around the globe and top class presenters, including RI President Elect Holger Knaack, and through our RCOB Members Business WhatsApp chat and more recently our *Fun & Fellowship* chat – what a great idea. Nonetheless, we all look forward to returning to sharing in-person fellowship.

As I stated at the beginning of the year, if any one of us worked every day for our entire life, we could never achieve as individuals what we achieve together as Rotarians. This must include a contribution to the Rotary Foundation under the *Every Rotarian Every Year* banner. There is still time, so go to the My Rotary site and make your contribution.

No Club can function without an efficient Secretary. Secretary Ermine has epitomized the role and I wish to thank her for the fabulous work that she has done. Thanks to Past Secretary Neal for helping to prepare Ermine for her "tour of duty". I also owe a debt of gratitude to the senior Rotarians who have provided regular advice and guidance.

We have a great Club. Can we improve? Of course we can. Indeed, every Board should be setting the stage for the incoming President and team to reach higher levels of achievement. I hope that the present Board has been able to do just that and I look forward to a stellar 2020-21 Rotary Year under the able leadership of President Fiona.

Thank you to my fellow Rotarians, Partners-in-Service and my own partner, Jennifer, for all of your support.

Yours in Rotary — President Peter



ROTARY CLUB OF BARBADOS Virtual Installation of Officers July 2, 2020 PROGRAMME

National Anthem

The Loyal Toast to Her Majesty the Queen

Invocation

Introduction of Guests

Rotary Club of Barbados Year in Review

Welcome and 2019/2020 President's Address

Feature Speaker: Past Director Bradford 'Brad' Howard –
Chair of Rotary International Communications Committee

2019/2020 Awards

Installation of President, Directors and Officers

DG Lisle Chase – congratulatory remarks

2020/2021 President's Remarks and introduction of
Honorary Rotarians

Toast to Rotary International

Announcements

Wedding Anniversary

- Suzanne Davis & PP Ron Davis – 42yrs – Jul 01
- Harriet MacDonald & PP Stan MacDonald – 18yrs – Jul 01

Birthday - Rotarians

- Rtn. Freddie Hart – Jun 29
- Rtn. Savitri St. John – Jul 02

Birthday - Partners-in-Service

- None This Week

Join Date Anniversary

- Rtn. Nicholas Waithe – 11yrs – Jun 25
- Rtn. Pop Walker – 34yrs – Jul 01

Honorary Rotarians — Jul 01

- Ms Krystal Boyea
- Mrs Marina Leacock
- Dr Raymond "Jeff" Massay
- Professor Anne St John

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.



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Rotary Opens
Opportunities

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARBADOS
INVITES YOU TO ITS
VIRTUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
JULY 2, 2020 | 6:30 PM

DONATION OF \$130.00 WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED
FOR THE EDUCATION PROJECT AND FUNDS ARE PAYABLE
TO THE ROTARY TRUST FUND PROJECTS

PROGRAMME

2019/2020 Report & Awards

Installation of the President, Directors & Officers

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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