

DISTRICT 7030
CLUB#6798
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Rotary
Club of Barbados



September 26th, 2024

ROTANEWS

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HE The Most Honorable Dame
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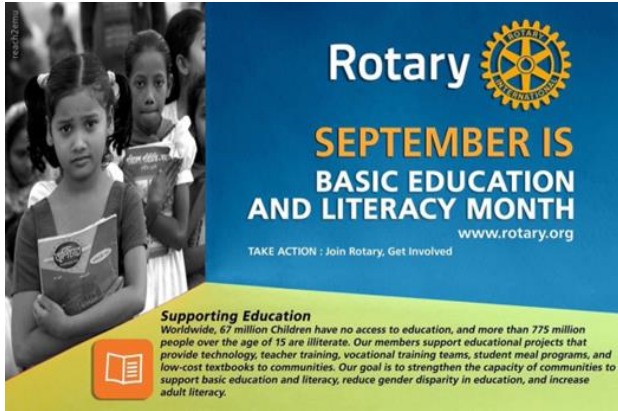
Club Weekly Meetings
Thursdays at 12.30 pm
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The Rotary Club of Barbados welcomes visiting Rotarians and Guests.



Summary of the RCOB Meeting Held on September 19th, 2024

- The 10th Meeting of the Rotary Year 2024-2025 was called to order by President Arlene as a Fellowship Meeting with a Guest Speaker.
- The National Anthem was sung followed by a toast by the President to the President of Barbados.
- The Rotary Grace was said by all present.
- Acting Sarge Rotarian Heather Tull welcomed Visiting Rotarians and Guests.
- Visiting Rotarians were: Curry Clifford and Libby McCready of the RC of Gravenhurst of Ontario, Canada.

Lunch was served Buffet Style and lively fellowship was shared,

- Director: Club Administration, Randy Marshall introduced Guest Speaker Mr. Shaun Archer, who worked with IBM for 25 years as a Web Developer and Network Administrator and is presently Senior Partner Technical Specialist. He addressed the club on the Topic “Artificial Intelligence”.
- In a wide-ranging discussion on the benefits and challenges of AI he advised that AI is not bad – it depends on what kind of AI you are using, it is a way of computers to behave like humans. He explained that it was not tied to hardware but more so to software connection. They are two types (1) Traditional machine learning such as the software that beat Kasparov in chess or (2) Generative AI or Foundational Models. Whereas traditional machine learning was more targeted, Foundational Models take a huge amount of data and then ask AI to speak to it. The adage “Garbage in – Garbage out” applies, hence correct set of data is essential. He cautioned that one should be careful on what one wants to say. “There is no filter on AI. AI does not care”. He informed of new developments in Open AI and Open AI01. These generate an initial answer and then reviews. Also, the propensity for streaming and the Text to video capability.
- At Question time PP Brenda queried issues of “bias, ethics and massive disinformation”. In response Mr. Archer stressed the importance of governing the data. If data is biased the AI is bias. IBM established data piles. Models can be managed for drift and bias. PP Stanley queried the liability of firms using AI.
- Rtn. Simone thanked Mr. Archer for sharing his knowledge and for the passion he brought to the discussion.

In disciplining the club acting Sarge Heather commended the alumni of Harrison College and Queens College in respect of the National Scholarships and Exhibitions. She also extended congratulations to a “prominent Cleaning Company

Today September 26th, 2024 will be a Fellowship Meeting, which commences at 12:30pm at the Hilton Hotel. Rtn. Rochelle Haynes will be giving a classification talk.

Meeting Details – September 19th, 2024

Guests

Shaun Archer – Guest Speaker

Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors

Rtn. Curry Clifford – RC of Gravenhurst of Ontario
Rtn. Libby McCready – RC of Gravenhurst of Ontario

Honorary Rotarians

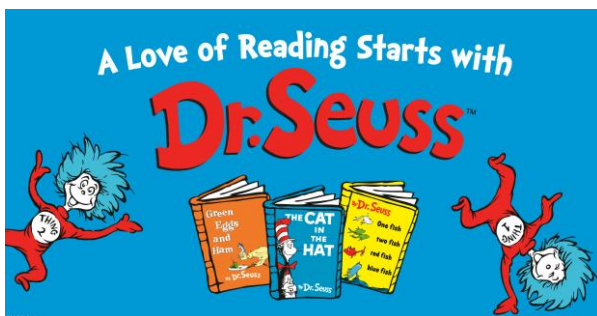
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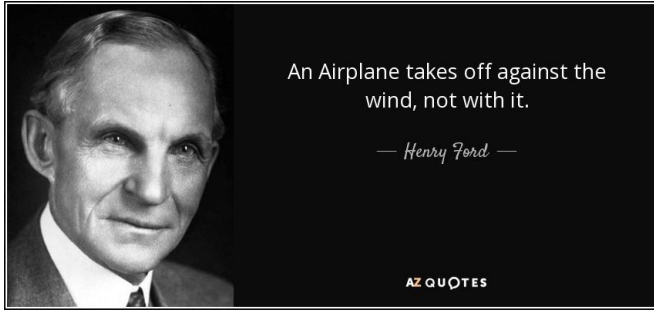
Fines: BBD 165.00

Raffle: BBD 91.00 won by Rtn. Dawn Greaves

Our next scheduled meeting will be on October 3rd, 2024, which will be a Fellowship Meeting and will commence at 12:30 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel. Dr. Deanne Forde will be presenting to us on the topic of Mental Health.



celebrating 33 years". Rtn. Winston bowed in acknowledgement.
President Arlene closed the meeting with the Thought for the Week:



Christms Shoe Box Project

The Christmas Shoe Box project will be launched today and close on Friday November 29th, 2024.

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CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX PROJECT

Bring joy to those in need by donating to the annual Christmas Shoebox Project.

This year, we are asking each Rotarian to donate \$50 to this worthy cause by Friday 29 November 2024.

Funds will go towards purchasing two (2) outfits for each child; one (1) casual and one (1) semi-formal.

Donations should be given to Dir. Randy.

Children's Home Movie Night

Movie night at Nightingale stole the scene. A team of over 20 Rotarians and Rotaractors came out on Saturday 14 September to setup a cozy outdoor movie screening creating an atmosphere that brought excitement and laughter to the young residents.

As the sun set, the children settled in to enjoy the trailers and movie. Food and drinks were served all night long. The event not only provided entertainment but also fostered connections,

leaving the children with cherished memories and the Rotarians inspired by the resilience and joy of those they served. It was a heartwarming service event, reinforcing the impact of community service and engagement and the importance of bringing Rotary Magic to those in need.

Please click on link below to see the memories of the movie night enjoyed by the children.

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Donation to the Erdiston Special School



UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 24th - Board's virtual meeting with DG Debbie
- October 3rd - Fellowship Meeting – Guest Speaker Dr. Deanne Forde
- October 4th – Launch of Project Amai
- October 4th – 1st Session of Project Amai
- October 5th – Previous Projects Check Bus Crawl
- October 10th – **NO MEETING**
- October 12th – Club Forum
- October 24th – World Polio Day
- November 29th – Last Day of Shoe Box Collection

RaCOB/Satellite Club/EarlyAct

September 29th – RaCOB, Beach Please, Luau Edition

DISTRICT 7030 EVENTS

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



For more information on the 'Beach Please' and to sign up for the fun day please click on link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKkJBm3TkSJAk4_DG13oFNrxpMI7yuAtc1H_NWHE6uPdlqg/viewform



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays Rotarians

Chair Mario Boyce – September 26th
 Treas. Nikita Gibson -September 26th
 Rtn. Barbara Trieloff-Deane – October 1st

Birthdays – Partners-in-Service

Shelia - PP Algie Leacock – September 30th

Wedding Anniversaries

None

Join Date Anniversary

PP Bobby Morris – 46 yrs – October 1st, 1977

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.



Bulletin Editor: PP Denise Antrobus

