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Feb 27th, 2025

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Club Weekly Meetings

Thursdays at 12.30 pm

Hilton Barbados

Needham's Point, Aquatic Gap,
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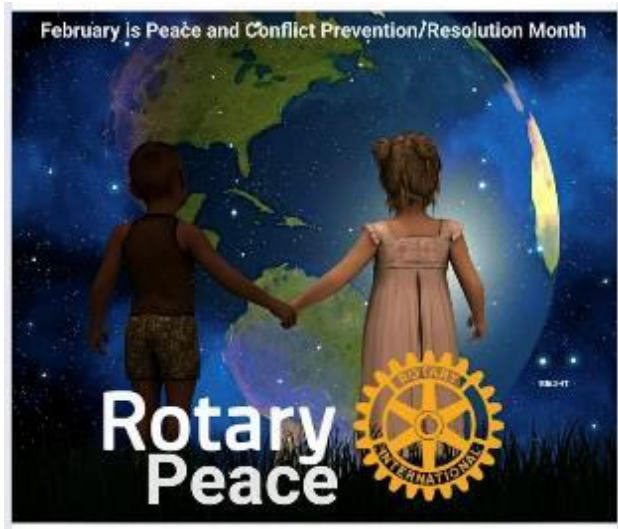
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The Rotary Club of Barbados welcomes visiting Rotarians and Guests.



Founders Day February 23rd, 2025

To celebrate Founders Day 2025, there was a church service at the St. Dominics Church and an afternoon of fellowship at the Bathsbeba home of PDG David and PIS Donna. It was a wonderful Fellowship with food, song, game, good company and a spectacular view. Thanks go out to PDG David and PIS Donna for hosting us and the organising committee.

Please view link below to view President Arlene's Founders Day message for 2025.

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000007241/en-ca/files/homepage/president-arlenes-founders-day-message-2025/President-Arlene-founders-Day-message.pdf>

Today February 27th 2025, is an Evening Fellowship Meeting and will commence at 6pm at The Hilton Hotel

Meeting Details – February 20th, 2025

Guests

Ryan Forde – Guest Speaker
Kemuel Burke – Rtn. Meryl Stoute

Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors

None

Honorary Rotarians

None

Fines: BBD 150.35

Raffle: BBD 111.00 won by PP Denise Antrobus

Our next scheduled weekly meeting will be on March 6th 2025, this will be an online business meeting, which will commence at 12.30pm.



The group at St. Dominics Church



Our Fellowship view



Summary Minutes of the RCOB Meeting Held on February 20th, 2025

The Meeting was called to order at **12:33 pm**. The singing of the National Anthem ensued followed by a toast to the President of Barbados. Sergeant at Arms (SAA) Peter was welcomed to the podium and he proceeded to ask about any guests present at the meeting

Rotarian Meryl Stoute introduced a guest- Kenwell Burke Following on from the Guest introduction, President Arlene introduced the day's Guest Speaker Mr. Ryan Forde

12:39 pm- Lunch was served

Announcements

Following the consumption of lunch, SAA Peter proceeded with the day's announcements, with specific focus on Past President (PP) Grenville who was celebrating his Birthday. SAA Peter led Rotarians in singing happy birthday to PP Grenville and thereafter PP Grenville shared a few words of gratitude.

Guest Speaker Introduction

Rotarian Ayesha Nicholls introduced the guest speaker Mr. Ryan Forde and provided a short a biography of Mr. Forde and his accomplishments to date.

Guest Speaker- Ryan Forde, CEO of the Barbados Hotel and Tourism Association

Mr. Forde's presentation was entitled 'Diversification of the Economy- Where Tourism takes the Lead and How'. Mr. Forde expressed the continued importance of Tourism to the Barbados economy and how diversification of the Tourism product adds more and more value. He referenced a number of key items such as reinvestment and the number of projects in the pipeline that are directly aligned with Tourism, providing data and statistics to support his statements. He added that different areas of Tourism continue to be explored in order to boost the economy with particular emphasis on the following:

- MICE (Meetings Incentives Conferences Exhibitions) segment
- Sports Tourism

Mr. Forde again supported his statements with statistics on the revenue generated by these areas in addition to providing a deep dive into the MICE and Sports Tourism sectors with an outlook on the future revenue and economic potential. He also made reference to 'Source Market' diversification and other associated strategies to continue to drive tourism and overall economic growth. He simultaneously drew links between tourism and other sectors, highlighting interconnectivity and synergies.

Question & Answer segment

During the Q & A segment the following ensued:

1. PDG David enquired about the progress as it relates to negotiations on travel to the African Continent
2. PP Grenville suggested the inclusion of the media/press at meetings where there are guest speakers
3. PP Stanley echoed the sentiments of PP Grenville and enquired about the connection/discussions/negotiations with Latin America
4. PP Erskine asked about mechanisms and strategies to address any future possible pandemics like Covid-19
5. Rotarian Meryl enquired about the contribution of Tourism to foreign currency reserves. She also queried the labour force used in the completion of 'Tourism-forward' projects.
6. PDG Tony spoke on possible Sports Tourism revenue streams/avenues.

Mr. Forde was able to respond to all questions and statements while providing further insight with the aid of supporting statistics and data where possible.

Vote of Thanks

The Vote of Thanks was presented by Rotarian Anton Nicholls.

In the interest of time, President Arlene asked for the club announcements to be placed in the RCOB group chat. The raffle winner was announced and PDG David presented the prize to guest speaker Ryan Forde.

President Arlene provided the 'Thought for the week' taken from the words of Paul Harris.

A toast was made to Rotary the World Over.

The meeting was brought to a close at **1:48 pm**.

Model United Nations

Week 5 of Model United Nations was joined by a special guest at the morning meeting to share the experience of a country in conflict.

We had the Ambassador of Palestine to Barbados joining us to share about the Middle East Conflict



Youth Elevation Scheme (YES)

On Saturday the second session of the 2nd cohort of YES was facilitated by President Arlene, the theme being 'Mind set'.



Project Amai

The theme for this week was 'Are you ready for the world of work?'

The focus was on:

1. Preparing your mind
2. Preparing your application documents, preparing for the work world. Rtn Davina facilitated this session.

Thanks go out to Rtns Davina and Heather for their donation of clothing to the Amai Closet and to Dr. Tiffany Antrobus for her donation of toys for the nursery.



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1st – MUN

March 1st. YES

March 6th – On line Business Meeting

March 7th – Charter Day

March 8th – MUN

March 8th – YES

March 13th – Fellowship Meeting

RaCOB/Satellite Club/EarlyAct

March 1st – The Copper Soiree

DISTRICT 7030 EVENTS

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

MONTHLY VIRTUAL BUSINESS MEETINGS

DATES:
JANUARY 9TH 2025
FEBRUARY 6TH 2025
MARCH 6TH 2025

TIME
AT 12:30PM

ZOOM LOGIN INFO

MEETING ID: 890 9064 9358
PASSCODE: 673723



ANNOUNCEMENTS


Birthdays Rotarians
Rtn. Kevin Gill – February 28th
Rtn. Meryl Stoute – March 1st

Birthdays – Partners-in-Service
None

Wedding Anniversaries
None


Join Date Anniversary

Sec. Jamella Forde - 6 yrs February 28th, 2019
Dir. Randy Marshall – 6 yrs – February 28th, 2019
Rtn. Onika Stewart- 6 yrs – February 28th, 2019
Dir. David Antrobus – 29 yrs – March 1st, 1996
PP CQ Williams – 40 yrs – March 1st, 1985



"If Rotary is to realize its proper destiny, it must be evolutionary at all times, revolutionary on occasions."

Paul Harris, Founder of Rotary



STRATEGIC PLAN


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.



UNITE FOR GOOD

In a world often divided, Rotary stands as a beacon of unity and hope. Our projects bring together people of all races, religions, genders, ideologies, and economic backgrounds, uniting us in a shared purpose: to do good in the world. ... Let's build a Rotary that **unites for good** and ensures a brighter future for all.



Mario Cesar Martins de Camargo
President Elect 2025-26
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