

DISTRICT 7030
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March 27th, 2025

ROTANEWS

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HE The Most Honorable Dame
Sandra Mason, FB, GCMG, DA, SC.
President of Barbados

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Club Weekly Meetings
Thursdays at 12.30 pm
Hilton Barbados

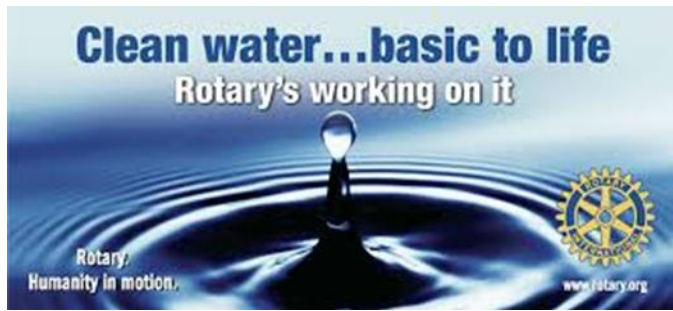
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The Rotary Club of Barbados welcomes visiting Rotarians and Guests.



Today March 27th 2025, there will be no evening meeting due to our club forum being held on March 29th, 2025.

Meeting Details – March 20th, 2025

Guests

- Krystia McDonald – Rtn. Neal Griffith
- Leslie St. John – Rtn.Savitri St. John
- Rebecca Fernandes – PP Vic Fernandes
- Ayanna Walkes – Pres. Arlene Ross
- Ross Monette – Rtn. Kimberley Monette
- Ricardo Roberts – Star.Com
- Shamar Blunt – Barbados Today
- Reco Moore – The Nation
- Ashad Joseph – The Nation
- Juwann Lowe – CBC

Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors

- Rtn. Kimberley Monette – Rco Kentville, Nova Scotia
- Rtn./ Milena Paz - ROC Ciudad Ojeda, Venezuela

Honorary Rotarians

None

Our next weekly meeting will be on April 3rd 2025, this will be a Fellowship Meeting, which will be held online.



On March 22nd, 2025, World Water Day was celebrated with the theme "Glacier Preservation," highlighting the importance of these frozen water resources and the need for their protection.

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

This was the 32nd Meeting of the Rotary Year. It was a Fellowship Meeting with The Pinning of a multiple PHF awardee and Guest Speaker Ambassador Vic Frenandes, a PP of the Club.

President Arlene called the meeting to order. The National Anthem was led by PP Erskine. This was followed by a Toast to Dame Sandra, the President of Barbados and our Patron and the Rotary Grace. Acting SAA Rotarian Heather was asked to announce the Visiting Rotarians and Guests, which included the Media. Following their Welcome., Lunch was taken. Following lunch, there was the Pinning of the PHF Awardee and the presentation by the Guest Speaker.

Paul Harris Fellow Awardee: Rotarian Neal Griffith President Arlene – Introduction.



Beyond the pin: the true spirit of Paul Harris recognition

By Nerrissa J. Persaud, Rotary Club of Montego Bay, Jamaica

Writing in the Rotary 360 blog said:

This recognition, while significant, is not about the individual – it is about the impact. It is a reflection of what we choose to support, the lives we help change, and the future we help build. Too often, we shift our focus to the recognition itself – but it's important to remember that it is just that – recognition of supporting something bigger.

Rotarian Neal was recognized for his contribution to the Rotary Foundation with his PHF +8 Pin, which would include 5 Sapphires and 3 Rubies



Guest Speaker, Ambassador HE Victor Fernandes



President Arlene introduced Ambassador Vic, highlighting some of the contributions he had made in the Caribbean Media and Corporate entities before taking up his Diplomatic Posting in October 2024. These included his work with CBC, Starcom Network Inc. and Capital Media HD. His elevation to the CBU Caribbean Media Hall of Fame. His work with SOE and other Corporate entities including BNOCL and the BNT, the GAIA' BTIC and NPC. He also served with Bayview Hospital and the Barbados Golf Club.

PP Vic has been a member of this Club since 1986 and was President for the year 2000-01

Currently he serves as the Ambassador to The United States of America and the Permanent Representative to the OAS

Summary of the presentation by Ambassador Fernandes

Ambassador Fernandes gave a wide-ranging presentation on the areas so far covered on his assignment. These included the US Immigration Policy, Commercial Diplomacy, outreach to Barbadians, the OAS Elections and other Special highlights.

The Embassy

The Team of about ten consists of for diplomatic staff and 6 support staff. The Embassy is responsible for all the related Barbados agencies, including the BTA. There is a Country Team Approach.

New USA Immigration Policy

- There are changes to the US Immigration policy with the new Administration. However we were asked to separate Fact from Fiction
- There are not 151 Barbadians in detention centres to be deported. There are less than 10
- Claims will be reviewed and investigated to determine the facts

Commercial Diplomacy

- A priority is to seek out commercial opportunities with a view to building appropriate partnerships. These would include engagements with trade associations and even congress
- Barbados is seeking to attract entities willing to be engaged in investment opportunities

Out-reach to Barbadians

- There are a number of Barbadians in the USA. There are also a number of Organizations
- Generally, the membership does not include the younger residents
- A data base will be setup as a means of identifying those skills available
- Provide networking opportunities

Highlights

Election of the Secretary General of the OAS

- For the first time in the history of the OAS a CARICOM National was elected to the Top position
- Surinamese Foreign Minister Albert Ramdin was elected to the position
- CARICOM was unanimous in their support
- Barbados held the position of Chair of the Permanent Council at that time

Visit to the White House – Oval Office with President Biden – with the accompanying security checks and briefings

Attending the funeral of Former President Jimmy Carter

10th Summit of the Americas Celebrating its 30th anniversary

Presentation to the Schoolhouse for Special Needs

At an Independence event in 2024 funds were raised through a Silent Auction. The Schoolhouse was identified as the recipient. To date US\$5,700 is available for presentation. Another two cheques are to be presented.

HOUSEKEEPING

SAA

Acting SAA Rotarian Heather deferred all Fines known and unknown to the next meeting.

Announcements

Wedding Anniversary PP Grenville and Grace – 63 years – March 24

Other Birthdays and Anniversaries – as listed in the Rota News

Reminders

Project Amai continues tomorrow, Friday at Wesleyan Holiness Church on Tudor Bridge
 March 27 – No Meeting
 March 29 – Club Forum
 April 03 – Zoom Business Meeting
 YES on Saturday, April 5th at the Police Boys and Girls Club on Bay Street.
 May 01 – Bo View Repairs – Itinerary of events for the Team from California will be presented
 May 03 – CCB Beach Day – Volunteers required

The Meeting was adjourned by President Arlene with a Toast to Rotary International

Project Amai

On Friday the facilitator was PIS Dr. Deanne Forde who gave a presentation on stress management. This was followed by lotion making with Police Detective Michelle.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 28th – Project Amai
- March 29th – Club forum
- April 3rd – On line Fellowship Meeting
- April 5th - YES
- April 10th – Business Meeting
- April 12th - YES
- April 17th – Fellowship Meeting
- April 24th – Fellowship meeting (Dinner)

RaCOB/Satellite Club/EarlyAct

None

DISTRICT 7030 EVENTS

- March 29th – Girls Empowerment Time Capsule
- April 12th - Girls Empowerment Time Capsule
- April 23rd – 26th, 2025 - District Conference, Trinidad

GIRLS' EMPOWERMENT
 Rotary District 7030

Girls' Empowerment Time Capsule
 PDG Lara Quentrall-Thomas
 Past District Governor D7030

Be a part of this momentous occasion celebrating the power of Women in Rotary D7030 !

Saturday, March 29, 2025
 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (GTM - 4)

Meeting ID: 834 9715 8628
Meeting PW: mRJ77Hnz

For registration scan the code or visit: <https://go.rotarydistrict7030.org/GE2025>

Rotary District 7030 **MOVES**
 PREVENTING CHILDHOOD OBESITY

TIP 12
WALK FOR GRATITUDE:

Walk with a focus on

- How lucky you are to be able to walk,
- The gift of feeling safe (most of the time) to walk outdoors
- The nice shower waiting for you when you are back home
- The luxury of transportation for day to day business

ASTUCE N° 12
MARCHER POUR LA GRATITUDE:

Marchez en vous concentrant sur

- La chance que vous avez de pouvoir marcher,
- Le cadeau de se sentir en sécurité (la plupart du temps) pour marcher à l'extérieur
- La bonne douche qui vous attend à votre retour à la maison
- Le luxe d'un moyen de transport pour les activités quotidiennes

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Rotary's People of Action
CHAMPIONS OF GIRLS' EMPOWERMENT

Rotary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays Rotarians

Rtn. Michael Jordan – March 27th
PP Roger Smith – March 30th
Rtn. Anton Nicholls – April 8th

Birthdays – Partners-in-Service

Gillian Applewhaite – AG Paul Ashby April 2nd

Wedding Anniversaries

PP Bobby & Beverley Morris 56 yrs – April 5th, 1969
Rtn. Savitri & Leslie St. John – 28 yrs – April 5th, 1997

Join Date Anniversary

Rtn. Sanjay Amin – 15 yrs – April 1st, 2010
PP John Cabral – 44 yrs – April 1st, 1981
Rtn. Waldo Clarke – 15 yrs – April 1st, 2010
Rtn. Danielle Donawa-Spencer 7 yrs – April 1st, 2018
PP Shawn Franklin – 15 yrs – April 1st, 2010
Rtn. Nigel Pierre – 5 yrs – April 1st, 2020
Rtn. Adrian Sealy – 33 yrs – April 1st, 1992
Rtn. Savitri St. John – 5 yrs April 1st, 2020
Rtn. Russell Wilson – 5 yrs – April 2nd, 2020

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.



A vibrant promotional graphic for the Rotary International Convention 2025. At the top, it says 'ROTARY'S SERVICE PROJECT CENTER' and 'Visit spc.rotary.org today'. Below, a QR code is accompanied by the text 'Register and pay by 15 December 2024 before prices increase' and 'convention.rotary.org'. The graphic is filled with circular images of various landscapes and cities, labeled 'MAJESTIC MOUNTAINS', 'VIBRANT CITY', and 'MAGIC ALL AROUND'. In the center, three people are shown walking and smiling. At the bottom, it reads 'ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 21-25 JUNE 2025 • CALGARY, CANADA' with the Rotary and Calgary 2025 logos.



Bulletin Editor: PP Denise Antrobus

