DISTRICT 7030 CLUB#6798 Chartered March 07, 1962



Dec 28th, 2023

# **ROTANEWS**

#### R.I. OFFICERS

**President**Gordon R. McInally

**President Elect** Stephanie Urchick



#### **PATRON**

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

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**District Governor Elect** Debbie Roopchand

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Soraya Warner-Gustave

**Assistant Governor** Paul Ashby

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**District Conference Chair** Shafia London-Williams

## President

**Ermine Darroux-Francis** 

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**Public Relations** 

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**Community Service** 

David Antrobus

**International/Rotary Foundation** 

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Neal Griffith

**Immediate Past President** 

Tracey Knight-Lloyd

Sergeant-at-Arms

Heather Tull





Club Weekly Meetings Thursdays at 12.30 pm Hilton Barbados

Needham's Point, Aquatic Gap, St. Michael

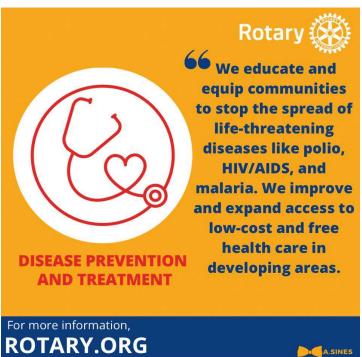
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**OUR COMMUNITY** 

# The Rotary Club of Barbados welcomes visiting Rotarians and Guests.





Today, December 28th, there IS NO MEETING.

Our next scheduled meeting will be a Fellowship Meeting on, January 4th, 2024, which commences at 12:30 p.m. at The Hilton Hotel.

### Meeting Details – December 21st, 2023

#### Guests

We were joined by many P.I.S. Family and friends

#### Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors

Pres. Scott Chandler – Rotaract Club of Barbados Rotaractor A. Holder – Rotaract Club of Barbados PP Danielle Donawa-Spencer – Rotaract Club of Barbados Rotaractor Shaunde Carter – Rotaract Club of Brbados

#### **Honorary Rotarians**

Hon. Rtn. Jeff Massay

#### Housekeeping

Fines collected - BBD 602.00 Raffle – BBD 208.00

# **Summary of the RCOB Meeting Held on December 21st, 2023**

- The 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the club year was called to order at 12.35 p.m. by President Ermine and was our Christmas lunch meeting.
- The Anthem was sung by all present, followed with a toast by Pres. Ermine to Her Excellency the President of Barbados.
- The Rotary Grace was said by all present.
- SAA Heather welcomed visiting Rotaractors and guests.
- Christmas lunch was then served to all present.
- SAA Heather fined all before leaving as she had a date with a wide body!
- Carols were sung.
- Pres. Ermin thanked all Rotarians for their service and wished them and their families A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- PP Norman replied wishing Pres. Ermine and her family A Merry Christmas and A Happy New year.
- A toast was given to Rotary International.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

#### **Childrens Gifts Presentation**

On Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup> the handover of children's gifts received from Carols by Candlelight was completed. Presentations were made to the following:

- 1. Child Care Board
- 2. Barbados Red Cross
- 3. Ivy Community Centre
- 4. Dash Valley Community Centre
- 5. Haggat Hall Community Centre
- 6. Clapham Community Centre
- 7. Grazettes Community Centre
- 8. St. Andrew Community Centre

#### 9. St. John Community Centre

Pictured below are some photos from Child Care Board, and Red Cross and Ivy where we handed out the gifts directly to the children and also gifted them with gift baskets kindly donated by Wibisco.







### Youth Elevation Scheme (Y.E.S.) Programme

The Rotary Club of Barbados continued its collaboration with the Barbados Police Service Juvenile Liaison Scheme and the Rotaract Club of Barbados on the Youth Elevation Scheme (Y.E.S.) programme.

For this cohort of Y.E.S., the 5<sup>th</sup> since the programme started in 2020, we partnered with the Fusion Toastmasters Club under the Rotary and Toastmasters International Alliance created in 2020. With a focus on Leadership, Communication and Public Speaking we empowered participants by building their self-awareness, leadership, communication, public speaking, active listening skills and motivational skills.

The 10-week programme has grown since its inception in 2020 an, 2023 caters for up to forty participants between the ages of 9 and 16. At the Graduation and Recognition Ceremony held on December 16, 2023, President Ermine Darroux-Francis in her opening remarks stated "we have seen a remarkable increase in the level of engagement and participation and are extremely proud of their achievement. It is our hope that the skills developed during these sessions will assist all of you not only in your personal life but also in the future when you transition to a work environment".

Remarks were also delivered by Senior Superintendent Barry Hunte of the Barbados Police Service and Toastmaster Donna Wilkinson-Clarke, PR Manager District 81 Fusion Toastmasters Club who both recognized and encouraged the participating children to make wise choices and build on what they had learnt in the programme.

Several awards and prizes were also presented to the Y.E.S. participants, including Most Improved Participant, Outstanding Male & Female and Excellent Attendance.



Senior Superintendent Barry Hunte congratulating Most Outstanding Female Crystal Best



President Ermine Darroux-Francis congratulating Most Outstanding Male Akeem Salmon



Senior Superintendent Barry Hunte addressing Y.E.S. Graduation & Recognition Ceremony

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Today December 28<sup>th</sup> – **NO MEETING** January 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 – Fellowship Meeting

#### RaCOB/Satellite Club/EarlyAct

None

#### **DISTRICT 7030 EVENTS**

District 7030 Conference - St. Vincent April 18 – 20, 2024

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Wedding Anniversaries**

PP Tony & Phyllis Reece – 49 yrs – Dec 28<sup>th</sup>, 1974
PP Oliver & Claire Jordan – 16 yrs – Dec 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007
Rtn. Malcolm & Hyacinth Vaughn – 12 yrs – Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011
Rtn. Carlos & Latoya Depeiza – 12 yrs – Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012
PP Robin & Deanne Ford – 43 yrs – Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1981

#### **Birthdays Rotarians**

Rtn. Simone Pasmore – December 29<sup>th</sup> Rtn. Steve Cozier – January 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Birthdays – Partners-in-Service

Leslie – Rtn. Savitri St. John – December 31<sup>st</sup> Beverley – PP Bobby Morris – January 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Join Date Anniversary

PP Richard Blanchette – 45 yrs – January 1<sup>st</sup> 1976 PP Vic Fernandes – 38 yrs – January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1986 Rtn. Nikita Gibson – 3 yrs – January 1<sup>st</sup> – 2021 Rtn. Mikey Mercer – 3 yrs – January 1<sup>st</sup> – 2021

#### **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**