



ROTA NEWS



Rotary Opens Opportunities

R.I. Theme 2020-21

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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?

Rotary Club of Barbados



District 7030 - Club # 6798

Chartered March 07, 1962

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30TH JULY 2020

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Weekly meetings on **Thursdays** at

Hilton Barbados

(Virtual Meetings from March 26, 2020 to present)

Needham's Point, Aquatic Gap,

St. Michael

at 12:30 p.m.

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

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARBADOS WELCOMES ALL VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

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

RI THEME: ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES



Today is a Fellowship Meeting, with a presentation by PP Stanley MacDonald and a Classification Talk by Rtn. Nigel Pierre.

Our Moderator will be PDG David.

Housekeeping- Attendance for our club's previous online zoom meeting on 23rd July, 2020 was 67%.

| # | AGENDA | LEAD | TIME |
|-----|--|------------|------------|
| 1.0 | Rotary Anthem & National Anthem | Moderator | 12:30 p.m. |
| 2.0 | Call to Order & Ground Rules | Pres Fiona | 2 mins |
| 3.0 | Opening Prayer | PP Lionel | 2 mins |
| 4.0 | Welcome Guests | SAA Randy | 3 mins |
| 5.0 | PRESENTATION | | 12:40 p.m. |
| 5.1 | Introduction - Speakers | Pres Fiona | 3 mins |
| 5.2 | Presentation - Life in Rotary | P Stanley | 7 mins |
| 5.3 | Presentation - Classification Talk | Rtn Nigel | 7 mins |
| 5.4 | Q&A - Please "Raise Your Hand" in Zoom | Moderator | 10 mins |
| 5.5 | Announcements & Updates | Pres Fiona | 5 mins |
| 6.0 | FELLOWSHIP | | 1:20pm |
| 6.1 | SAA to discipline the Club | SAA Randy | 5 mins |
| 6.2 | Open Fellowship - Please "Raise Your Hand" in Zoom | Moderator | 5 mins |
| 6.3 | Next Fellowship Meeting July 30, 20 at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom | | |
| 7.0 | ADJOURNMENT | - | 1:30 p.m. |

Summary of Our Club Meeting of 23RD July 2020



Rtn. Adrian Sealy delivered the opening prayer.

President Fiona delivered the weekly announcements.



President Fiona recognized & congratulated PAG Lisa on being appointed to Barbados cabinet as Minister Tourism & International Transport.



President Fiona also spoke to 20 additional tablets donated by First Caribbean and the additional support provided by Rotarians.

SAA Randy introduced the guests:

- Dr. Diane Brathwaite MBBS, MRCP, MSc. (Guest speaker)

Clinical Director: The Barbados Diabetes Foundation

Member: Barbados Childhood Obesity Prevention (BCOP) Coalition

Youth Health Advocate Trainer

- Honorary Rotarian Marina Leacock

PP. Tony Williams introduced the Guest Speaker.



The Guest Speaker Dr. Diane Brathwaite delivered her presentation on Childhood Obesity Prevention (COP).

President Fiona facilitated questions & answers on Dr. Brathwaite's presentation.

SAA Randy disciplined the club and issued fines:



☺ Persons with relatives who took the 11+ exam.

☺ Bankers & Related financiers who are charging high fees.

☺ Barbadians whose names make up the most of the WI team who lost to England.

Meeting adjournment & open fellowship.



Nigeria Is Now Polio Free

By Ryan Hyland

The World Health Organization (WHO) announced on 25 September that Nigeria is now polio-free and has been officially removed from the list of countries where polio is endemic. It's been 14 months since any cases of polio caused by the wild virus have been detected there.

Nigeria was the last country in Africa where polio was endemic. The continent celebrated its own first full year without the disease on 11 August. Once three years have passed without a case in WHO's entire African region, officials will certify polio eradicated there.

"Rotary congratulates Nigeria on its tremendous accomplishment in stopping polio," says RI President K.R. Ravindran. "On behalf of the entire Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), we thank volunteers, health workers, and parents in communities across Nigeria for their tireless commitment to ensuring every last child is protected against this devastating disease. In the months ahead, their dedication will remain as important as ever, as we work to keep Nigeria polio-free and to eliminate polio from its final strongholds in Pakistan and Afghanistan."

For more reading on this topic see:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/news-media/news-features/nigeria-declared-polio-free-removed-endemic-list>

This Is How Nigeria Beat Polio

By Jeffrey Kluger

The victory in Nigeria did not come easy—and it almost didn't happen at all. For more than a generation, it has been Rotary that has led the drive to eradicate polio, administering vaccinations to 2.5 billion children in 122 countries at a cost of \$1.4 billion. With the help of UNICEF, the World Health Organization (WHO), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and other groups, the effort paid off comparatively fast.

While the current victory in Nigeria was a huge milestone, things remained dicey right to the end—again due to politics—when Boko Haram fighters killed nine polio workers and abducted three others earlier this year. But the vaccine program was already too far along for the attacks to reverse things, and as the July 24 anniversary arrived, victory was at last declared—albeit tentatively.

Nigeria is now officially off the list of endemic countries, but the poliovirus can lurk in sewage and elsewhere, and since there can be up to 200 asymptomatic cases of the disease for every paralytic one, there is no telling how many human virus reservoirs are still at large.

For more reading on this topic see:

<https://time.com/3971057/nigeria-polio-eradication/>

CHILDHOOD OBESITY PREVENTION 2020 AND BEYOND

Dr Diane Brathwaite

MBBS, MRCP, MSc Diabetes, MSc Endocrinology

Clinical Director : The Barbados Diabetes Foundation

Barbados Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition

Youth Health Advocate Trainer



If you missed it, here is a brief summary of the presentation by Dr. Diane Brathwaite.

- 8 of 10 deaths in Barbados caused by non-communicable disease (e.g. diabetes)
- Direct & indirect economic cost over BDS\$209 million annually
- Obesity is a major factor in risk of developing diabetes
- 31% of children in Barbados considered obese (nearly 1 in 3)
- Public health measures should focus on OP in children
- Harder to achieve long term weight loss in adults
- Diet is a major contributor to childhood obesity
- Now more than ever children have easy access to fast foods, sweet snacks, carbonated drinks
- In students aged 13-15 years:
 - a) 73.3% drink 1 or more carbonated soft drink per day.
 - b) 18.5% ate fast food 3-4 times weekly..
 - c) 15% ate no vegetables in a month.
- Leads to less consumption of fruits & vegetables.
- Difficult for children to avoid obesity.
- High local support for policies to create healthy food environment at schools
- Commitment to incorporate nutrition & wellness is key component of BCOP Coalition

Questions were raised by Rotarians regarding the Presentation such as:

- 1) Further Taxing or the Banning of Sugary Soft Drinks
- 2) The unavailability of unsweetened drinks in the local market.
- 3) Targeted marketing campaign protections against children.
- 4) Are national policy measures required to protect against childhood obesity?



RCOB Members, we have some great news coming soon!

Stay tuned for more Information as we move forward for 2020.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our next Club meeting is to be held on Thursday, 6th August, 2020.

Announcements

Wedding Anniversary

- None this week

Birthday - Rotarians

- None this week

Birthday - Partners-in-Service

- Heather Robinson— PP. Jedder Robinson — Aug 04

Join Date Anniversary

- None this week

**A Tribute to Former Prime Minister of Barbados
Professor the Rt. Hon. Owen Seymour Arthur**

Professor the Rt. Hon. Owen Arthur served as Prime Minister of Barbados from 6th September 1994 to 15th January 2008. He also served as Leader of the Opposition from 1st August 1993 to 6th September 1994 and from 23rd October 2010 to 21st February 2013.

In memory of former Prime Minister Arthur we at the Rotary Club of Barbados would like to highlight that he was also a Paul Harris Fellow Awardee.



PP. Tony Reece presents Rt. Hon. Owen Arthur with the Paul Harris Fellow Award on 1st July, 2006.

This award resulted mainly out of his contribution to Carols By Candlelight, first held on December 3rd, 1995. Rt. Hon. Owen Arthur provided the Rotary Club of Barbados with his blessing to use Ilaro Court as the venue to host the event, initially as long as he remained Prime Minister, a trend which continues to this day.

The Rt. Hon. Owen Arthur will always be remembered for his creativity, and vision; his belief in the ability of this island nation to be successful; and his passion for the regional integration movement.

The entire Rotary Club of Barbados body wishes to extend its sincerest condolences to his wife, children and extended family.

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

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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