



# ROTA



# NEWS

June 30, 2016

## Rotary Club of Barbados



District 7030 - Club # 6798

**Chartered March 07, 1962**



**Be a gift to the world**

**R.I Theme 2015-16**

### **R.I. OFFICERS**

#### **President**

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran

#### **President Elect**

John F. Germ

**Rotary Foundation  
Assistant Regional Rotary  
Foundation Coordinator-  
Zone 34**

PDG David Edwards

### **DISTRICT OFFICERS**

#### **District Governor**

Milton Inniss

#### **District Governor Elect**

Roger Bose

#### **District Governor Nominee**

Waddy Sowma

#### **Assistant Governor**

PP Peter Downes

#### **District Grants & Distr. Foundation Annual Giving**

PDG David Edwards, Chair

#### **Council of Legislation & Distr. Programs Committee Chair**

PDG Tony Watkins

#### **District Treasurer**

PP Lionel Moe

#### **Assist. District Confer. Chair**

PP Elvin Sealy

### **Club Officers & Directors**

#### **President**

Jedder Robinson

#### **President Elect**

Lisa Cummins

#### **Vice President**

Carl "Tony" Williams

#### **Secretary**

Robert "Bobby" Morris

#### **Treasurer**

Brian Cole

#### **Club Service Director**

Paul Ashby

#### **Vocational Service Director**

Winston Warren

#### **Community Service Director**

Annie Bertrand

#### **International Service Director**

Dr. Tracy Archer

#### **Youth Service Director**

Neal Griffith

#### **Immediate Past President**

William "Alex" Mc Donald

#### **Sergeant-At-Arms**

Heather Tull



### **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?

Weekly meetings on **Thursdays** at  
**Hilton Barbados**

Needham's Point, Aquatic Gap,  
St. Michael  
at 12 p.m.

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

[www.clubrunner.ca/barbados](http://www.clubrunner.ca/barbados)

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARBADOS  
WELCOMES ALL VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS**

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

**JUNE - ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH**

**Last Thursday, a Fellowship meeting was the 47th and final Weekly Meeting for the year.**

**There was a packed agenda with four (4) presentations. These were:**

- **On Dyslexia by Mr. Daveed Gittens, who also presented at the recently held District Conference. Dyslexia & Autism have been highlighted in the District over the past two years**
- **District Governor Milton offered thanks for our contribution to his year and in particular to the District Conference**
- **Past President Norman S. Barrow spoke on "What Rotary Means to me"**
- **President Jedder presented Community Challenge Awards.**

**Following is a Summary of the Presentations**

**Chair of Dyslexia & Autism Projects Tracey Knight-Lloyd introduced Daveed Gittens who was allocated the Community Challenge Project for June**



**An Amazing Gift**

**About Daveed Gittens**

- I am dyslexic
- Past student of the Caribbean Dyslexia Centre
- I came second in the island in the Common Entrance Examination
- Founder and President of the charity **Dyslexia: No Limits**
- Member of the Barbados Debating Team
- Three-time awardee in NIFCA Literary Arts

**WHAT DYSLEXIA IS**

- Dyslexia is a learning disability
- It usually manifests as problems with reading
- A dyslexic person's brain processes information differently, hence learning must be different
- Dyslexic persons use the right side of the brain much more than the left side

**COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS**

- Dyslexic persons are not intelligent
- Dyslexia is rare
- Dyslexia is outgrown
- Dyslexic persons are just lazy
- Dyslexic persons see backwards

**THE DYSLEXIC BRAIN—THE LEFT SIDE**

- Rationalizes
- Organizes information
- Matches a letter with its sound
- Handles information that comes into your brain in strings
- Separates a word into its individual sounds
- Understands grammar and syntax.

**THE DYSLEXIC BRAIN—THE RIGHT SIDE**

- Creativity
- Imagination
- Picture-based thinking

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**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2016, CONT'D  
ADVANTAGES AND CHALLENGES RELATED TO DYSLEXIA**

- Interconnected Reasoning
- Narrative Reasoning
- Material Reasoning
- Dynamic Reasoning

**CHALLENGES**

- Difficulty reading and understanding what is read
- Difficulty understanding traditional teaching methodology
- Easily distracted
- Poor time management
- Poor working memory
- Low self-esteem

**RECOGNIZING DYSLEXIA**

- The inability to recognize letters and words
- Difficulty expressing oneself on paper
- Difficulty copying sentences and sequences
- Difficulty remembering strings of information
- Problems sounding out words
- Visual disturbances when reading
- Poor handwriting

**MANAGING DYSLEXIA**

- Get specialised training from a dyslexic learning centre
- Use repetition to put things into long-term memory
- Notify your school of your condition.
- For exams, ask for extra time
- Focus on your strengths
- Have a positive attitude

**FAMOUS DYSLEXIC PERSONS**

Albert Einstein-Thomas Edison-Leonardo da Vinci-Sir Richard Branson-Pablo Picasso-Muhammad Ali-Jamie Oliver-Walt Disney

**COMMUNITY CHALLENGE**

**With the 2015-16 Rotary Community Challenge \$1,000.00 was donated to each project. President Jedder presented the \$1,000.00**

**for June to the Charity—  
Dyslexia –  
No Limits.**



**MEETING DETAILS - Thursday, June 23, 2016  
SAA - Past Director HM Tull**

- Attendance - 55%
- Raffle - \$104.00
- Raffle Winner - Past President Andrew Bynoe
- Fines - \$425.00 \* **50% contributed by SAA**



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2016, CONT'D

**District Governor Milton** thanked the Club for the tremendous support given during his year as DG. He especially highlighted Past Director Scott for championing the sponsorship drive for the Conference and Past President Jerry for his initiative in facilitating the much appreciated Home Hospitality at Harrison's Cave.

He also announced his pleasure in the District announcing that Membership had increased and retention levels were also high.

In closing he thanked PDG David for his continued guidance



## WHAT ROTARY MEANS TO ME - PP NORMAN S. BARROW



**What Rotary means to me now differs quite a bit from when I first became a Rotarian on Nov 01, 1982.**

My friend and fellow musician Robert Foster was a Rotarian at that time and one day while we were talking the subject of Rotary came up. After that discussion I told him that I would like to join the Club although I really did not know why. I must confess that I really did not know what Rotary was all about but Robert was a member, the Club appeared to do good work in the Community and I felt that it was something I wanted to get involved in.

He brought me to lunch a few times I was put up for membership and was inducted. I did not have any visit from the club leaders to explain what Rotary was about and what was expected from my wife and myself and more importantly the importance of attendance. As a result in the first years my attendance was way below what was required and before I knew it I was served with a letter from the then President advising me that if I did not correct this I would be asked to leave the club.

Well I guess that was my wakeup call and after that I became a 100% Rotarian for many years. I went on to become totally committed and got involved in all aspects of the Clubs operations serving in all avenues of service on the board culminating in becoming President. I participated in everything that went on in the Club socially and enjoyed the fellowship, I even played Santa Claus for some years at the Challenor School's Christmas Party. I made a lot of friends here and overseas as when I travelled I always made up to allow me to maintain my attendance. I had become totally committed to the four way test and I continue to live my life by those principals.

**So for me Rotary has been the vehicle for me to give back to society and more importantly it made me** understand that we should always be thankful for everything no matter how challenging it may be as there are always people who are worse off than you and we must do everything to help those in need. I intend to continue to do this by using my professional skills to the benefit of the Club's fundraising efforts and by extension the Community at large.

## Community Challenge Leaders Recognised

**Aim:** To recognise and assist with the wellbeing of needy individuals or organisations in the community during the Rotary Year 2015 -2016.

**Method:** Twelve selected Rotarians will each identify a needy person or organisation and devise a method or strategy to assist that individual or organisation in alleviating their situation.



### January to June:

1. Refurbishment of a bathroom at the Geriatric Hospital
2. Providing Dental Treatment to Children's Homes
3. Teaching computer awareness to Senior Citizens
4. Providing a replacement home for a widow of four
5. Supporting improvement in class work for the 11+
6. Coordinating presentations on Dyslexia

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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2016



Computer Awareness Classes

Dyslexia Awareness

## COMMUNITY CHALLENGE #11 -MAY - PAST CHAIR ROBIN FORD Most Improved Student in BSSEE Project 2016.

The Presentation Function will take place on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 at 9 a.m. at the Christ Church Girls School.**

The students in the programme along with their teachers from the Milton Lynch Boys School will join us at the Girls School. Through Corporate Sponsorship the Students were recognised for improvement



in Class 4. The following prizes were given: 2 Samsung Tablets (First Places)-2 Book Vouchers (\$120.00 each) {Second Places} 20 meal vouchers (\$10.00 each) (all students), 90 class 4 workbooks (girls) 75 class 4 workbooks (boys) {For Students being promoted into Class 4 }

## DG MILTON RECOGNISED MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION AT THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE IPP ALEX—SAA & PP MICHAEL TRANSLATION COORDINATOR



## AROUND THE WORLD OF ROTARY—PAST SECRETARY KAREN SMITH TAKES UP THAT POSITION AGAIN IN GERMANY

### LINKS—Germany – June 18

The UN city of Bonn charts its first English-speaking Rotary Club!

The Rotary Club of Bonn International held its Charter Event on Saturday 18th June at the Bonn University Clubhouse. The charter was presented by DG D1810 Joerg Dienthal. The Club is the seventy-eighth in D1810 and the sixth English-speaking club in



Germany. The Club boasts 26 members representing 12 different nationalities. The Charter President is Monika Hoerig from the sponsoring club of RC Bonn-Rheinbach. The event was attended by IPDG Klaus von Schnakenburg and representatives from other Clubs in the city of Bonn.

*With this final post for 2015-16, I wish to thank my extended Team for their support!*

*Fiona it is now over to you and President Lisa.....*

## UP-COMING EVENTS

Mar 07 - Club Charter Date - 1962

### JUNE - ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

30 June — Deadline to submit nominations for [The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award](#)

30 June — Deadline for zones to submit nominations for the [Rotary Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award](#)

30 June — Deadline for zones to submit nominations for the [Rotary Alumni Association of the Year](#)

### JULY

July 01 - Start of new Rotary officers' year of service

July 01 - Installation of President Lisa Cummins-Sweetfield Manor  
Brittons Hill St. Michael at 7.00 p.m.

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE - APRIL 26-29  
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO - HYATT



Our District Project  
Autism Awareness

### Dyslexia - Our District Project

a general term for disorders that involve difficulty in learning to read or interpret words, letters, and other symbols, but that do not affect general intelligence.

## OUR GUESTS

### VISITORS

Daveed Gittens - Guest Speaker - Dyslexia - From Personal Experience  
Michael Vaughn - Vocational Services Dir. Winston Warren  
Peter Arender - Club Service Dir. & PEE Paul Ashby  
Ted Isaac - PP & VPE Brenda Pope

### ROTARIANS

DG Milton Inniss - RCoB - West  
PAG & District Conference Chair Sonya Alleyne - RCoB - South  
Rtn. Nicholas Hartman - RCoB - West

## 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.

## Announcements

### Wedding Anniversary

Past President Ron & Suzanne Davis	38 yrs	July 01, 1978
Past Chair Peter & Katie Hermant	54 yrs	July 07, 1962

### Birthday - Rotarians

Secretary Robert "Bobby" Morris	July 07
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### Birthday - Partners in Service

Jeanette Cabral - Past President John	July 03
Elizabeth Cole - Treasurer Brian	July 07

### Join Date Anniversary

Past Chair Robin Ford	22 yrs	June 30, 1994
Past President Per Dibber	3 yrs	July 01, 2013
Past Vice President David 'Pop' Walker	30 yrs	July 01, 1986
Past Director Geoffrey "Freddie" Hart	18 yrs	July 06, 1998



## Help us Celebrate World Polio Day Day – October 24, 2016



- No child anywhere should suffer from this completely preventable disease.
- Help us celebrate World Polio Day 2016 and make history today.
- Register your event here and download the resources below to help you make your event a success.
- Help us reach a polio-free world and donate today. Every donation that we commit to polio eradication will be tripled by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
- Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have extended their partnership during the critical endgame phase of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.
- From 2013 to 2018, every US dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication will instantly become three dollars, thanks to a 2-to-1 match by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
- Join Rotary in the final push to end polio and help make history today.

## 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:

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| 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.                              |

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