

**DISTRICT 7030**  
**CLUB#6798**  
Chartered March 07, 1962

**May 30th, 2024**

# ROTANEWS

## R.I. OFFICERS

**President**  
Gordon R. McInally

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Stephanie Urchick

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

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## CLUB OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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**Immediate Past President**  
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**Sergeant-at-Arms**  
Heather Tull

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**Club Weekly Meetings**  
**Thursdays at 12.30 pm**  
**Hilton Barbados**

Needham's Point, Aquatic Gap,  
St. Michael

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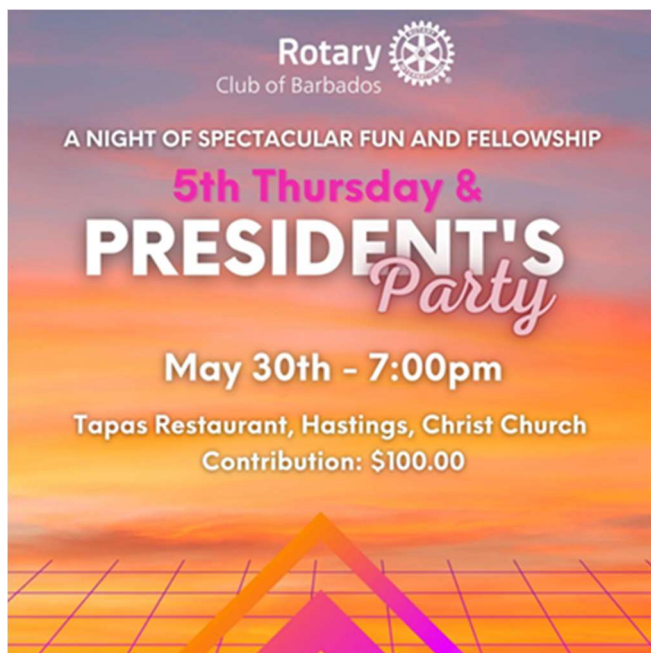
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The Rotary Club of Barbados welcomes visiting Rotarians and Guests.



**RotaKids**

Today May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 there will **NO LUNCHTIME MEETING**, however there will be the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday Event & President's Party at Tapas Restaurant.



**Meeting Details – May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

**Guests**

- Sherica Cumberbatch – PP Fiona Hinds
- Judy Hart – Rtn. Freddie Hart
- Maurisee Upster – Rtn. Donna King-Brathwaite
- Anya Harrison – Rtn. Savitri St. John
- Prof. Sir Henry Fraser – RCoB
- Alwin Adams – RCoB Guest Speaker

**Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors**

- AG Shannon Kasmierski – Eclub of Global Peacebuilders, Gainesville, VA
- Rtn. Kaz Kasmierski – Eclub of Global Peacebuilders, Gainesville, VA

**Honorary Rotarians**

None

**Housekeeping**

- Fines: BBD 131.25
- Raffle: BBD 90.50 won by PP Jeddar Robinson

Our next scheduled meeting will be a Business Meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, which commences at 12:30 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel.

**Summary of the RCOB Meeting Held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024**

President Ermine chaired the 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting held at Hilton Barbados  
Acting Sarge: PP Stanley MacDonald  
Head Table  
President Ermine Darroux  
Acting Sarge: PP Stanley MacDonald  
Guest Speaker: Retired Senator Alwin Adams  
Prof Sir Henry Fraser  
Rtn. Chrispen Hackett  
Rtn. Makonem Hurley

Guest Speaker – Retired Educator and Senator Mr. Alwin Adams introduced by Rtn. Savitri to address the Club on the topic, “Education Reform – Why do we need it?”

**Address by Retired Senator Mr. Alwin Adams**

Mr. Adams admitted the 10-minute constraint for the address could not properly allow full discourse on the topic “Education Reform”. The point emphasized was that “the fundamental structure of that same irrelevant education system which was imposed upon us by another expatriate overlord still bedevils us today”. Referencing the Drucker management thesis that “good organizational structure by itself does not produce good performance” however, “poor organizational structure makes good performance impossible”. Hence, “no amount of tinkering will bring about the needed change if the structure remains the

same". The structure must be changed to permit the transformation.

He bemoaned the establishment of a curriculum bereft of our history and culture. As a result few Barbadians know the history of the development of our country and fewer still the role that education played in that development. Therefore, any attempt to separate the discussion of education from key indices of the Barbadian society would inevitably lead us down a "pedagogical cul de sac". Planners should shift from the "equality of access and focus on the equality of outcome."

Comparing the Barbados experience with other countries he contends that "we are behind and in danger of falling further behind. Education should be an investment in people a matter that should be of concern to Rotarian businessmen". Education is most important for driving economic development.

In very strong words he posited that we have continued to glorify a system of education which allows grammar schools to select students with top marks at 11+ and the Secondary Schools are used as dumping grounds. Time did not allow detailed analysis of some of the statistics he wanted to share to support his contentions.

In a brief Q&A session both PP Andrew and PP Ron supported a case for a Rotary sponsored Symposium to discuss education reform. This was further endorsed by PP Algie who in the Vote of Thanks commended Mr. Adams for his address from which there was much to learn by Rotarians and guests. President Ermine noted that even though the presentation had taken us beyond the scheduled time the recommended shift from "equality of access to equality of outcome" was worthy of consideration.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

June 6<sup>th</sup>- Business Meeting  
June 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> – DG Visit  
June 30<sup>th</sup> – 62<sup>nd</sup> Installation of Officers

### RaCOB/Satellite Club/EarlyAct

June 30<sup>th</sup> – RaCOB Pastel and Brunch Handing Over Ceremony and Awards

### DISTRICT 7030 EVENTS

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - District conference, Trinidad



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Birthdays Rotarians

Rtn. Davina Layne – May 30<sup>th</sup>  
PP Brenda Pope – May 31<sup>st</sup>

#### Birthdays – Partners-in-Service

None

#### Wedding Anniversaries

None

#### Join Date Anniversary

PP Robin Forde – 30 yrs – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1994  
PP Carole Jn. Marie – 28 yrs – June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1996  
Rtn. Scott Oran – 35 yrs – June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1989  
Rtn. Roger Smith – 29 yrs – June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1995  
Rtn. Diana Douglin – 11 yrs – June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013  
PP Tracey Knight-Lloyd – 11 yrs - June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

### 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.

Bulletin Editor: PP Denise Antrobus

