

**DISTRICT 7030**  
**CLUB#6798**  
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**Nov 30th, 2023**

# ROTANEWS

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



Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms, from supporting studies to helping immunize people to improving drinking water and sanitation infrastructure. The world relies on Rotary to tackle these global challenges, and to set an example for others to follow.

Today, November 30<sup>th</sup> there will be no lunchtime meeting as we celebrate Independence Day.

Our next scheduled meeting will be a Business Meeting on, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, which commences at 12:30 p.m. at The Hilton Hotel.

**Meeting Details – November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

**Guests**

Speaker – Prof Pedro Welch: Building a Nation  
Dr Rochelle Haynes – Rtn Makonem Hurley

**Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors**

None

**Honorary Rotarians**

None

**Housekeeping**

Attendance – 39 pct

Raffle won by Rtn. Dawn Greaves

**Summary of the RCOB Meeting Held on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

President Ermine called the meeting to order.



President Ermine welcomed the newest member Rochelle to the club and after reading out what was expected of her and her classification - consultant, welcomed Rochelle to speak about herself. Rochelle recently returned to Barbados.

She really wanted to get involved in Barbados society and to give back. She really enjoyed volunteering and wanted to get involved. She stated it has been a pleasure to attend the meetings and Rotary has been one of those that helped her settle back into Barbados. She liked being involved locally and to give back and has been attending the YES programme. The Club welcomed her.

Sargeant Heather disciplined the club.



Rtn. Joe introduced Prof. Pedro Welch who gave a very well received talk on Barbados and nation building. Prof. Welch spoke on what is required to build a nation. Barbados became independent in 1966. As we reflect on nation building, we need to appreciate that nation building might not mean the same for everyone.

He gave examples of United Kingdom, Canada and Switzerland.

Barbados and some other islands do not have the same issues of ethnicities as those countries. To examine the issue of nation building the question is do all the inhabitants view themselves as having one national identity.

The Barbadian population is made up of mostly African (black) population, minority white and sprinkling of East Indian or Pakistani residents, which is growing. Any attempt to build a national concept, must have a wide understanding of the various groups and the historical facts that helped to shape the contemporary social, economic and political positions of each group.

There is a lack of understanding within and about the white population that led to them being a part of the Barbadian history and culture. Not all are descendants of planter stock and building a nation requires an understanding that they were part of the service stock: driven by economics, labor or trickery, mostly Scots and Irish.

There must be an understanding of what led to the emergence of these population groups. There were differences between these groups, none of the Irish arrived as slaves. African children took the status of their mother, a slave. This did not happen to the Euro-Barbadian population.

Prof. Welch gave examples of the impact; for instance; haggis from the Scots to the Barbadian society.

If we do not understand where persons came from, we run the risk of developing an us versus them mentality. This will create problems for creating a nation. Example was given of Indo-Barbadians in Kensington New Road. Though they sound Bajan, do they see themselves as part of Barbados.

Prof. Welch then focused on the African component and stated we need to look at the trauma of slavery and does the past have a significant impact to move us from understanding what it is to be part of a nation. Some persons are still impacted – post-slavery traumatic syndrome. Some people do not understand that some people are still impacted. For example, good hair, red person, noses as a mark of inferiority and so on. The Euro-Barbadian and Indo-Barbadian need to understand this impact.

Prof. Welch also spoke about The Barbados Tenancies Freehold Purchase Act to fix a disparity in Barbados that existed since 1838. The various ethnic groups if we are to build a nation, need to understand the trauma that happened to all of us. To use this to blend a common identity. Africans stuppe. Europeans do not. Euro-Barbadians due to the close proximity to Africans. A

word like “wunna” is an African word, it is not broken English. Prof. Welch gave more examples of how English was affected.

The Indo-Asian population came from Guyana, Trinidad, and maybe St. Vincent. Maybe Pakistani origins. They too influenced Barbadian society.

PP Andrew asked about the need to teach black history especially given that the country is seeking to reform education. Prof. Welch spoke about the need to teach some aspects of African history. Prof. Welch also highlighted the myth that Europeans forced Christianity on us, in fact it went to Africa before Europe and most persons chose it to fill in what they lost when taken from Africa.

PP Robin gave the vote of thanks.

The meeting was closed by Pres. Ermine.

### Onward to Singapore

For those of you that missed the webinar ‘Onward to Singapore’ and are still looking for fares to Singapore please contact Roger Kirton who can let you know the special fares to Singapore from JFK, Heathrow and Paris. A minimum of 10 persons is required to obtain the special fares, do not hesitate to contact him as soon as possible to secure your special fare you can contact him on

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

December 7<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting  
December 10<sup>th</sup> – Carols by Candlelight  
December 17<sup>th</sup> – Seniors Christmas Party  
December 21<sup>st</sup> – Christmas Lunch

## RaCOB/Satellite Club/EarlyAct

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Wills Early Act Wine & Cheese event

## DISTRICT 7030 EVENTS

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Wedding Anniversaries

None

### Birthdays Rotarians

PP Jedder Robinson – December 1<sup>st</sup>  
Rtn. Carlos Depeiza – December 5<sup>th</sup>

### Birthdays – Partners-in-Service

None

### Join Date Anniversary

VP Elvin Sealy – 38 yrs – December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1985  
PDG Tony Watkins – 38 yrs – December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1985  
Rtn. Carol Belgrave – 15 yrs – December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Rtn. Winston Warren – 11 yrs – December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012

## 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.

**Carols by Candlelight**  
Rotary Club of Barbados  
Sunday, Dec 10th  
Ilaro Court, Two Mile Hill, St. Michael  
Showtime 5PM | Price: \$50.00  
1 adult & 2 children under 12

ADRIAN CLARKE KRISIRIE QUON  
PAULA HINDS KWEKU JELANI RHESA GARNES  
STEFANIE TAKE-TAYLOR BUMBA CASHEDA DOTTIN MISTAH DALE  
ROCHELLE GRIFFIN LISA GRIFFIN  
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