



ROTA NEWS



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

R.I. Theme 2021-22

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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

PATRON

HE The Most Honourable Dame
Sandra Mason, FB, GCMG, DA. QC.
President of Barbados

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March 30, 2022

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Randy Marshall

Weekly meetings on **Thursdays** at

Hilton Barbados

(Meetings via Zoom from July 15, 2021 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: SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



SUMMARY OF THE BUSINESS MEETING HELD ON
MARCH 24, 2022

- Pres. Robin called the 37th meeting of the Rotary year to order and reminded us that this is Water & Sanitation Month
- Rtn. Joe gave the prayer
- Acting Sergeant-at-arms PP Michael then introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians
- VP (PP) Algie gave the Rotary Minute
- PP Elvin introduced the Guest Speaker – Troy Belgrave
- Guest Speaker – Troy Belgrave “Coding & Robotics for National Development”



Mr. Troy Belgrave—Guest Speaker

Today, Wednesday, March 30th, 2022 will be the second **Club Forum** for the year.

The meeting which commences at 5:30 p.m. will held be held Via Zoom (**Members Only**).

The attendance will be taken by PE Tracey Knight-Lloyd & Rtn. Karen Cole.

Next week April 7th 2022, there will be no attendance duty due to District Conference.



RCOB members, Face to Face meetings are back at the Hilton Hotel on select dates for the remainder of the Rotary year.

Mark your calendars and come out to enjoy some In-person fellowship.

- April 14th
- April 21st
- May 12th
- June 23rd

****Remember you will need to reserve your attendance in advance in order to attend the in-person meetings.**

Meeting Details — March 24, 2022

Guests:

- Shane Thompson — Guest of Rtn. Nikita
- Reuben Brathwaite — Guest of Rtn. Winston
- Troy Belgrave — Guest Speaker

Rotarians & Rotaractors

- None

Honorary Rotarians

- None

Housekeeping:

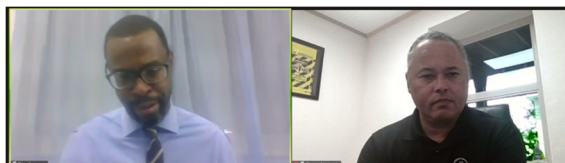
- Attendance - 68%

- Mr. Belgrave is a leader in the Program Coding & Robotics in Barbadian Schools which is an initiative which came out of the Education Reform Unit
- Purpose, rationale and significance was reviewed
- Program runs from Nursery to Tertiary education institutions
- Promotes “out of the box” thinking” i.e. Formulation of solutions to everyday problems and issues
- Pivotal in National workforce development
- The development – syllabus, teacher certification, procurement and distribution of robotic kits
- Robotics leads to critical analysis, teamwork, independence, brainstorming and being solution minded
- This is a building block for the evolution of the education system currently in Barbados
- Students lack digital literacy and application – while our youth are able to utilize all the various platforms on their electronic devices, they are unable to truly understand the mechanics behind the platforms and electronic devices. The coding and robotics program allows the children to develop
- Q&A
- Pres Robin noted how impressed he is that the Ministry of Education has already developed and commenced this program in our school system
- PP Michael asked for clarification on the training of teachers and asked how teachers are chosen
- Mr. Belgrave advised that teachers are given an opportunity:
1. Scratch (coding) 2. Robotics (kits) – Erdiston teachers facilitate the training in coding.

Teachers are encouraged to come and join the training and there are online courses that the teachers can take at their leisure. There are about 200 teachers trained in scratch and over 250 in the robotics. Open to all teachers.

SUMMARY OF THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING HELD ON MARCH 24, 2022 (CONTINUED)

- Rtn. Roger asked about extra-curricular Robotics courses outside of the regular curriculum. Mr. Belgrave indicated that the Principals are encouraged to have extracurricular clubs for Robotics. There is also supposed to be an outreach programme to extend out into the communities



Mr. Belgrave (left) as he engages Rtn. Roger in discussion

- Rtn. Heather noted that there are many books and online programs (National Geographic) and robotic toys to help stimulate interest
- PP Ron gave the Vote of Thanks
- Reminders:**
 - Saturday – Schoolhouse for Special Needs Project: Rotarians welcomed to come and assist
 - District Conference registration \$700 (individual) \$900 (PIS couple rate)
 - Volunteers are needed to transport visiting Rotarians from the airport to the hotel
 - Next week – Club Forum 5:30pm on Zoom
 - District Secretary Paul implored all Rotarians to join the Club Forum
- Acting Sergeant-at-arms PP Michael disciplined the club
- The meeting closed at 1:28 pm

**VACCINES WORK.
THE FIGHT TO END
POLIO IS PROOF.**

WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK
24-30 APRIL 2022

endpolio.org | #endpolio



MARCH IS

WATER & SANITATION MONTH

"WHEN THE WELL'S DRY, WE KNOW THE WORTH OF WATER."
- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



ROTARY MINUTE

FROM RUSSIA WITH ROTARY



GIVEN that Rotary International has its origins in the USA, Russia could be considered an unlikely country to adopt the philosophy and goals of this world-wide community service organization.

However, recently, members and guests of the Rotary Club of Ballarat West were privileged to hear Dr. Vladimir Donskoy, co-founder of Rotary in Russia, speak about the establishment and growth of the organization in his country. The Rotary Club of Ballarat West is located in Victoria, Australia.

Dr Donskoy is a Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science Theory at the Crimean Federal University. He has published several papers including but not limited to Building Optimization Models from Data and Binary Decision Tree Synthesis.

In 1990 the first Rotary Club was established in Moscow. The 1990s was a period of great upheaval in Russia as the people grappled with the collapse of the Soviet Union and the transition from communism to capitalism.

A number of Russians who joined Rotary then did so in the hope they would be able to visit or live in the USA.

The Muscovites were also resistant to the concept of numerous clubs but the citizens of Dr. Donskoy's home city of Irkutsk embraced the Rotary model of multiple clubs working individually and together, undertaking major projects in the community service area.

Irkutsk is located in Eastern Siberia about halfway between Moscow and Vladivostok, 66 km to the west of Lake Baikal and about 5,200 km to the east of Moscow where temperatures in winter can get to minus 50C degrees. Siberia is often referred to as the 'End of Beyond.'

Dr. Donskoy also initiated a Rotary Exchange program for business students of the University of Irkutsk and sends students to English speaking countries America, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and England, while accepting many exchange students from all parts of the world.

He also acknowledged the support given to two of his students by Ballarat West Rotary and how both were changed by their very positive experiences.

As of today, there are 127 Rotary Clubs in Russia and approximately 1,500 members involved in community service like providing books for orphanages, playgrounds and equipment for disabled children, and support for hospices along with a plethora of other projects.

They are facilitated through the local clubs along with participation from Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation programs. In part thanks to the foresight and determination of Dr. Donskoy, and others, who believed in the Rotary philosophy of apolitical, humanitarian service and advancing goodwill and peace around the world.

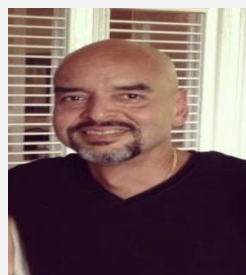
Extract from Ballarat Times News Group, an Australian digital publication



Today's Member Fun Facts are compliments of the Fellowship Committee. Our hope is that you will enjoy learning more about your fellow club colleagues weekly.

Fun Facts about Rtn. Jeff Evelyn

1. **I cannot live without:** My animals
2. **My superpower is:** Vicki
3. **I am best at:** Calming situations
4. **I love a:** Good joke
5. **My alternate career would be:** A gigolo
6. **Most people don't know that:** I am very shy
7. **Best vacation ever:** Would be a polo tour that ended with a cruise through Europe
8. **Favorite Addiction:** Exercise
9. **Bucket list item #:** Retire with enough money to be able to travel with my super power
10. **Best Rotary moment:** Singing carols with the senior citizens at their homes in Christmas 2020



**** Fellow Rotarians, We Need your Fun Facts, so please submit these to Rtn. Heather Tull****

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 07 — No Meeting (District Conference)**
- **April 14 — Fellowship Meeting with a Guest Speaker**
- **April 21 — Fellowship Meeting**
- **April 28 — No Meeting (Bank Holiday)**

DISTRICT 7030 EVENTS:

- **Rotary District 7030: Conference 2022 Barbados— 7th –9th April**
- **RI Engaging Members and Delivering Value Webinar Series - 04 - Increasing Our Ability To Adapt—28 April @ 1:00 p.m.**

More Information on upcoming events will be published as soon as the details are available.

Announcements

Wedding Anniversary

- Beverly Morris — PP Bobby Morris — 53 Years — April 05
- Leslie St. John — Dir. Savitri St. John — 25 Years — April 05

Birthday — Rotarians

- None this week

Birthday — Partners-in-Service

- Gillian Applewhaite — PP. Paul Ashby — 2 April
- Deidre Ishmael — PP. Jerry Ishmael — 4 April

Join Date Anniversary

- Rtn. Sanjay Amin; PP. John Cabral; Rtn. H. Waldo Clarke; Rtn. Mark Has-sell; PP. Shawn Franklin; Rtn. Nigel Pierre; Rtn. Dr. Adrian Sealy — **1st April**
- Dir. Savitri St. John & Rtn. Russell Wilson — **2nd April**

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.

Project Elevate: A Day On The Job

CAREER

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

February 5th, 2022	March 5th, 2022
February 12th, 2022	March 12th, 2022
February 19th, 2022	March 19th, 2022
February 26th, 2022	March 26th, 2022
April 2nd, 2022	
April 9th, 2022	

TIME: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM WEEKLY

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DISCOVER NEW HORIZONS

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
Houston, Texas, USA | 4-8 June 2022
#Rotary22

Rotary

HOUSTON 2022

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.

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