



# ROTA NEWS

Oct 29, 2015

## Rotary Club of Barbados, Barbados

Chartered March 07, 1962  
District 7030



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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

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



### 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?

### 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

Weekly meetings on **Thursdays** at  
**Hilton Barbados**  
Needham's Point, Aquatic Gap, St. Michael  
at 12 p.m.

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**THE ROTARY CLUB OF BARBADOS  
WELCOMES ALL VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS  
OCTOBER - Economic and Community Development Month**

*Today is a Fellowship Meeting with a "What Rotary Means To Me" presentation by Past Secretary Joe Johnson. Mr. Euston Craigg will be presented with his Pride of Workmanship - Vocational Service Award. A presentation will be made to a deserving cause. The Club will be provided with an update on the progress Mr. Thomas O'Garro from Montserrat; a double amputee.*

*Our Greeters are Past Director, Dr. Adrian Sealy & Past President Ron Davis*

**MEET OUR GREETERS & PRESENTER**



**Past Director, Dr. Adrian Sealy** joined the Club on April 30, 1992. His Classification is Chiropractic. It may be said that until now, "**he has escaped being President.**" He has served as Director of Community Service 1996-97, Club Service 1997-98 and Vocational Service 1998-99; Deputy Director Community Service 2002-03, Chairman Children's Homes 1995-96, Environment 2000-01 and 2002-03 Challenged/Senior Citizens.

For 2014-15, Dr. Adrian served on the following Committees—Fellowship and Senior Citizens/

Challenged. Currently he continues to serve on the Senior Citizens/Challenged in addition to Drug Awareness.

**Past President Ron Davis** joined the Club on April 24, 2003. He was introduced by Treasurer Brian Cole. His Classification is Finance Corporations. Before taking up the mantle of leadership for the year 2013-14, he served on two occasions as Treasurer—a total of four years. In his year as Fund Raising Chair he championed the School House Project, which will require the commitment of the club for a number of years. This is a very special cause.



In 2007-08 he was given a special award for dedication and service to RCOB. In 2009 awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship. He is now a +1 Sapphire. In 2010 -11 awarded Rotarian of the Year in recognition of his leadership and fundraising for The Schoolhouse for Special Needs. In 2013 While President Elect took back over the position of Treasurer for the period January to June 2013.

For 2014-2016, PP Ron serves on the following Committees - Fund Raising, Children's Homes, Investigations and served on the Fellowship Committee for 2014-15.

**Past Secretary Joe Johnson** joined the Club on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2001, after being introduced to the Club by Past President Lionel Moe.. His classification is Transportation - Airport Operations.



Joe served initially on the Fund Raising Committee and undertook secretarial duties on that Committee for some time. During the 2005-06 Rotary year he served as Club Secretary and subsequently served as Director - International Service.

He has served on the Challenged/Senior Citizens Committee and was Committee Chairperson for a period. He also served as a Committee member of the Rotary Trust Fund for Community Projects. He has served and currently serves on the Donation/Investigation Committee, and when time allows from the busy airport schedule willingly assists and volunteers in any Rotary activity. In July 2014 he was one of the recipients of the Paul Harris Fellow Award.

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM FELLOWSHIP MEETING WITH PRESENTATIONS FROM GUEST SPEAKER PAST PRESIDENT ANDREW & ON POLIO BY PRESIDENT ELECT LISA CUMMINS**

Past President Andrew Bynoe (1994-95) spoke on World Religions. *Following is a Summary of his presentation.*

**STRIVING TOWARDS ONE HUMANITY, ONE RELIGION, ONE GOD.  
HOW WE DISAPPOINT GOD IN OURSELVES**

I recommend for reading to pique your interest, Madame Albright "The Mighty and the Almighty" and Robert Winston, "The Story of God". Neither of these writers reached the conclusion that I came to but they influenced my thought.



Allow me to set the stage with Madame Albright. "The challenge for policy makers is to harness the unifying potential of faith, while containing its capacity to divide. Too often as the Catholic theologian Bryan Hehir notes, "there is an assumption that you do not have to understand religion in order to understand the world. You need to understand politics, strategy, economics and law but you do not need to understand religion". *End of quote.*

This was the contemporary view and certainly it was the view influencing the presidency of George W Bush. This view led him to declare in 2002 from his fundamentalist Christian point of view, that Iraq, Iran and North Korea were the axis of evil. It can be deduced that the present wars in the world stem from a desire to colonize by religion. The persons who champion war have a belief in themselves either as martyrs for this cause or saviours of mankind.

In 2005 in an NBC interview President George W Bush said "I believe God wants me to be President". Look at the world today and I ask "could God have been that foolish?" Religious colonization will always fail. The Babylonians failed, the Jews failed, the Christians in the waging of the holy wars failed. The intertribal wars of the Muslim sects - Shiites against Sunnis continue to fail. The Islamist war against infidels will also fail. These conflicts dedicated to the supremacy of outdated religious dogma will do what they have been doing for the past 4000 years, wholesale carnage of human life.

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**MEETING DETAILS - Thursday October 22, 2015**

**SAA - PD Heather M. Tull**

- Attendance - 45%
- Raffle - \$154.00
- Winner - PP & Chair E.L. Thompson
- Fines - \$242.00

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM FELLOWSHIP MEETING WITH PRESENTATIONS FROM GUEST SPEAKER PAST PRESIDENT ANDREW & ON POLIO BY PRESIDENT ELECT LISA CUMMINS, CONT'D.**

In 1631, Galileo who invented the telescope was summoned to Rome to stand trial for heresy. One of the Jesuits said "Galileo's observations had begun to point to one unavoidable fact above all: that the earth, along with the other planets, revolved around the sun, contradicting what was implied in the scriptures."

We need another telescope in this age. The world was flat and God lived in the sky. After declaring scientific evidence as heresy, it was accepted that the world was round, and God still lived in the sky. Today the world is round and cyber and God still lives in the sky. **Give me a break.** The point is why are we tying our minds and our spiritual development to the same frame that was developed for another era thousands of years ago?

We need to come to grips with the purpose of religion. Because of our innate desire for worship we need a unifying religion striving towards one humanity, one religion, one God. Like Star Trek we have to go where no man has gone before.

- Bury the Torah - Judaism
- Bury the Quran - Islam
- Bury the Tipitka - Buddhism
- Bury the Vedas - Hinduism
- Bury the Bible - Christianity

And rising out of these like the Phoenix from the flames, would come that one common creed by which mankind would respect and live happily ever here after.

Rotarians because of a oneness that sees only the heart of man and not his religion we have a part to play in unifying the world towards the goal of peace. One humanity, one religion, One God is possible.

**President Elect Lisa** spoke about World Polio Day (October 23) and our club donating US \$500 to the initiative Worlds Greatest Meal as part of the eradicate polio campaign.



Join Us Donating \$10 Or More For Your Virtual Meal.

For as little as US60 cents, a child can be vaccinated against polio for life. Your donation now works even harder. From 2013 to 2018, every US dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication will become three dollars, thanks to a 2

-to-1 match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. **IMPORTANT:** after making your donation, please report it in the "After Event" page so we can keep track of your contribution, thanks.

**END POLIO NOW!**

As of **October 23rd 2015:**

- There have been more than **1,682 events** registered in **70 countries.**
- More than **91,000 participants** worldwide
- USD **\$1,402,770.31** has been raised, a total of USD **\$4,208,310.93** with matching funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- This translates to **enough funds to buy more than 7,013,000 polio vaccinations!!**

Rotary Club Of Dominica

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October 9, 2015

PDG David Edwards

Rotary Clubs of Barbados

**Barbados**

Dear Sir,

**Re: Tropical Storm Erica Relief Assistance**

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Dominica, I hereby extend sincere gratitude to the Rotary Clubs of Barbados for the generous cash donation made towards the Tropical Storm Erica Relief Effort.

These funds will go a long way in relieving the plight of several Dominicans who were affected either through loss of property or livelihoods.

Presently, we are into the recovery and rehabilitation phase and our efforts are focused on identifying and developing projects for funding. Therefore we will update you later on how the relief funds have been spent.

The Rotary Club of Dominica again thank you immensely for your support and looks forward to our mutual collaboration in future endeavours.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

.....  
Annie Edwards (Mrs.)  
President

*"Service Above Self"*

**EVERY ROTARIAN- EVERY YEAR**

The Annual Fund makes it possible for Rotary clubs to transform lives worldwide. Your generous support funds local and international projects that advance The Rotary Foundation's mission. All contributions to the international fund are spent on quality international Rotary projects.

[Help support these projects and read more.](#)

## UP-COMING EVENTS

### Mar 07 - Club Charter Date - 1962

**OCTOBER** - Economic and Community Development Month

Rotary Community Challenge #4 for October will be championed by Past Deputy Director O'Reilly Lewis. The Project will repair broken items at the Nursery & Play Park at the Hawthorn Methodist Church.

**NOVEMBER** - Rotary Foundation Month

**RYLA - November 5-7 - GRENADA**

**Nov 12 - NOMINATION DAY**

### GREETERS

Nov 05- PP Tony Reece & PP Per Dibber  
Nov 12 - PD Dr. Ron Ramsay & Chair Diana Douglin  
Nov 19- PP Brenda Pope & PDG David Edwards  
Nov 26 - Chair Donna Pierre & PP Vic Fernandes

### OUR GUESTS

#### VISITORS

Charmaine Slater - Rtn. Fiona Hinds

#### ROTARIAN

Marcel Murrell - Rotary Club of Barbados - South



### DISTRICT PROJECT - AUTISM

World Autism Awareness Day, April 2, 2016 in the World



### DISTRICT PROJECT - DYSLEXIA

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.

### 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 Orville & Grace Durant 50 yrs Nov 06, 1965*

### Birthday - Rotarians

Past Secretary Joe Johnson	Oct 29
Past Assistant Secretary Roy Smith	Oct 29
Deputy Director, Comm Service Commander Willie	Nov 02
Past President Jerry Ishmael	Nov 04

### Birthday - Partners in Service

*None this week*

### Join Date Anniversary

Past President Norman S. Barrow	33 yrs	Nov 01, 1982
Past President Andrew A. Bynoe	30 yrs	Nov 01, 1985

### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

*Welcome to ROTARY AROUND THE WORLD Corner.*

The aim is to keep you abreast of our upcoming District Conference and Rotary International Convention.



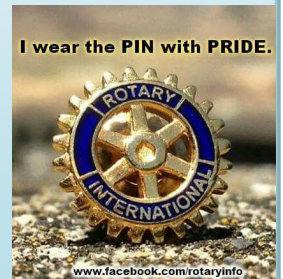
District Conference: **20<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016**, Bridgetown, Barbados.

Rotary International Convention: **28<sup>th</sup> May -1<sup>st</sup> June 2016**, Seoul Korea.



Look out for additional information monthly!!!!

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### 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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