



ROTA NEWS



Rotary Club of Barbados, Barbados

Chartered March 07, 1962

District 7030



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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?

Oct 01, 2015

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

OCTOBER - Economic and Community Development Month

Today is Past President's Day! It is our Tradition to give the President a Day off to reflect and recharge. The Chair of the Meeting will be L.A Moe, President 2002-03, who will be assisted by SAA Dr. Grenville and Steve Brathwaite. In a move away from our tradition, Past Director Scott will present on "What Rotary Means To Me. Our Greeters are PDG David and EL Thompson.

MEET OUR LEADERS FOR THE MEETING TODAY

PP Lionel joined the RCoB on April 12, 1984. His Classification is Business services—Accounting. He was introduced by the late Hon Rotarian Sir Harcourt Lewis. He assumed the post of Treasurer on 1st July, 1989 and demitted office in 2000. He was recognized for this effort in our 50th Anniversary celebrations of March 2012. Before taking up the post of Treasurer he served as a member of the Fund Raising Committee.



He was elected President for 2002-03 and as his project he continued the work at the St Patrick RC School. This included the training of Montessori Teachers at the school. He also donated \$50,000.00 to the Challenor Adult Training Centre, a longstanding project of the Club.

He has served as District Treasurer for 2000, 2004, 2011 and has been selected to serve again for 2015-16. He served as Vice President for 2006-07.

To date he has mentored PP Michael, PS Joe, PD Commander Willie, Past Chair Nicholas and Chair Joel Brathwaite.

He continues to serve as project treasurer for events such as Carols by Candlelight and more recently was the Chair of Rotary Information, Classification & Membership Development.

Past President Lionel was awarded a PHF in 1997

Dr. Grenville W. Phillips, CBE, was granted this honour in the Queen's

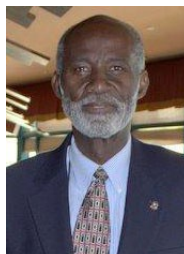
New Year Honours List for 2000. He was recognized for public service and services to accountancy. He joined the Club on May 01, 1976 and his Classification is Business Services—Consultancy. He served as President for the year 1986/1987, which was the 25th Anniversary of Rotary in Barbados. It is said that he reported to the Club that "due to a lack of funds there will be no designated Presidential Project;" however the Club recognized twenty-five (25) persons who made a difference to the Community



(recognizing Vocations). Also during this time the first pace-maker was donated to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital; a program which still continues through Heartbeat International. PP Grenville has served the Club as secretary 1977-1979 and the District as Assistant Governor 2010-2012. He was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship in 2006.

Past President Stephen G. Brathwaite joined the Club on May 23, 1991.

His Classification is Automobile - Parts & Accessories. In April 1999 he was asked to take over as President while attending the District Conference in Guadeloupe after PE David Harding, due to a major change in his business operation, could not continue as President.



PP Steve in his Presidential Year 1999-2000 reviewed all previous projects and provided support for the refurbishment of the Boy's Scouts HQ and the Challenor School.

For 1994-95 PP Steve would have served as Director of Community Service, 1995-96 Vocational Service, 1996-98 Chair PR. He served as Chair Rota News 2003-07. Currently he serves on the PR and Donations/Investigations Committees. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 2003.

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MEET OUR GREETERS



PDG David is our most celebrated member.

He joined Rotary in Grenada on April 11, 1978 and joined our Club on May 01, 1979. He served as President 1991-92 and District Governor 2004-05. He continues to serve at the District Level as the Chair of the Grants Committee and at the Zone level as the Rotary Foundation ARRFC for Zone 34. For 2011-12 our 50th Anniversary Year he was awarded

the Rotary International Service Above Self by RI President Kalyan Banerjee. He is also the recipient of the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. He was recognized as Rotarian of the Year 2013-14 and is now a member of the Six (6) Sapphire status in the levels of the Paul Harris Fellowship Award. His first PHF Award was in 1988. For 2015-16 he is the District Foundation Annual Giving Chair.

Erskine L. Thompson, joined Club on October 12, 2000. His Classification is Economic Development. He was proposed by PP Andrew Bynoe. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 2011.



ELT was President for the year 2010-11. At that time he continued the planning for the 50th Anniversary including the Sea For All Project with Director Carol. His managed the process of the Evalina Smith Project at the St. Philip District Hospital, where he was Project Leader in 2006-2008. He coordinated the refurbishment of two houses for indigent persons in St. John and St. Philip as part of our 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

He was PE and Chair of Fund Raising 2009-10, Director Club Service 2008-09 and Chair Environment 2001-02.

For 2013-14 he served on the Rotary Foundation and Safety & CPR Committees. For 2014-15 he served on the on the Challenged & Senior Citizens, Classification and Membership Committees and Chaired Guest Speaker and Classification.

Currently, he continues to Chair the Guest Speaker & Classification Committee and as member of the Challenged & Senior Citizens, Rotary Foundation and Classification and Membership Committees.

He reminds us of his meeting in Montreal with John Germ who is the RI President Elect for 2016-2017

"What Rotary Means To Me" by Past Director Scott Oran

Past Director Scott Oran joined the Rotary Club of Barbados on July 10, 1989. His Classification is - Aluminium Industry - Manufacturing.

Scott served as Director Club Service for 2006-07, Chairman - Club Liaison 2004-06 and Vocational Service Subcommittee 2012-13.

He also served on a number of committees including Public Relations 2004-2006, Fellowship 2007-2010, Fund Raising 2006-07 and 2009-10, -RYLA/MUNA 2011-12, Vocational Service 2013-14 and for 2014-15 served on the Fund Raising, Environment and Vocational Services Committees.



For 2015-16 he continues on the Vocational Services Committee.

For his contribution to the community, Scott was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 2001 and +1 Sapphire in 2014.

**MEETING DETAILS - Thursday September 24, 2015
SAA - PD Heather M. Tull**

- Attendance - 45%
- Raffle - \$107.75
- Winner - Guest, Mr. Adrian Sealy
- Fines - \$193.75

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 WHERE GUEST SPEAKER SOCIAL COMMENTATOR, MR. RALPH A. JEMMOTT SPOKE ON TRANSFORMING EDUCATION—THE PROBLEMATIC

President Jedder asked the Meeting to join him in a Moment Of Silence to the Memory of Mrs Brenda Foster the spouse of Founding Member and Hon Rotarian Paul Foster and Mrs. Carmen Ollivierre the Mother-in-Law of Past Treasurer Ivan Browne.

Past President Ron gave an update of the School House Fundraising Concert featuring the Illegal Eagles Tribute Band on October 17,

President Jedder, on behalf of Chair Joel Brathwaite and YS Director Neal, thanked the Members for the support offered for the Beach Clean Up and the Painting at the Geriatric Hospital

Following is a Summary of the Presentation on TRANSFORMING EDUCATION—THE PROBLEMATIC.

Mr. Jemmott, who was introduced by Guest Speaker Chair, Past President Erskine, posited that "he was happy to be invited to share with the Club his thoughts on Education and other matters." The present state of Barbados must be a concern to all, right thinking Barbadians particularly to Rotarians who have shown a key interest in public affairs and public outreach. Barbados as it approaches its 50th year of independence is at the crossroads facing difficulties in the economic, social and political spheres of its existence.



The Economic Challenge

The economic difficulties are now well known. High external and internal debt; high deficit with a debt to GDP ratio of over 100%. With the possible exception of tourism, the engines of economic growth are not fearing well. S&P just affirmed its B/B rating with a negative outlook, noting that 'Barbados' economic fundamentals remain weak. Many of the population are being driven to the margins

The Social Challenge

We tend to ignore the social decay in our society until it impacts us personally, until our homes are broken into or we are the victims of some act of social deviance. But we cant ignore the rising gun violence, the burgeoning drug culture, praedial grand larceny and the ever present scene of young people mostly males, but of late increasingly females are being charged with criminal offences of one kind or another. As Gladstone Holder used to say: "these things are not for our comfort."

The Political Challenge

Then there is the political challenge of "who is best placed to govern the country." One should however seek to put "Barbados First."

As it relates to education, the question of Transformation and what is called "the problematic" of transforming education. We often glibly use terms like transformation without understanding the complexity of the process by which something can be "transformed."

Education or formal schooling is very important. It has been the means by which we have developed our human resource. This has been the key to our economic fortune. It has been a key agent of social mobility.

There is no direct link between the social-economic system and schooling at least "not as a single causal factor." Social deviance is caused by a number of factors other than the assumed failure the school and economic challenges arise from a host of external factors including global market conditions over which we have little control.

But assuming that we could prove a more direct link, "how exactly would we transform formal schooling?" To what would we seek to transform it? One of the defects in the liberal ideology is that it is too often negates the notion of personal responsibility. But people fail themselves. Parents fail their children, governments fail society's children witness the defects in the CCB and the ZR culture.

Fundamentally Education is about Outcomes.

Having set up those structures at great expense, we want to ensure that they produce the learning outcomes the society deems necessary for its continuous development. These outcomes involves cognitive results, knowledge and skills and effective outcomes. The values, attitudes and sensibilities that the Nation sees as vital to its existence and prosperity.

Currently, I would want to indicate about four areas where there are qualitative deficiencies in the Barbados System.

1. Too many children leave the primary school with low numeracy and literacy competence.
2. The second follows from the first as many of these children struggle with a secondary curriculum that is ill suited to their abilities and interests. Thus to many students leave secondary school without a secondary certificate and more importantly without a skill.
3. For the secondary student who has fallen in to the last mentioned category there are a paucity of places at the Polytechnic and Skills Training to satisfy the demand. To my way of thinking this area constitutes the greatest shortfall within the system as too many of these boys and girls go on the block unemployed and often unemployable. The answer is a post-secondary trade school..
4. We need to make a scientific study of Barbados' manpower needs and cater our entire tertiary level facilities, including the university more directly to the country's manpower requirements.

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Notions of educational transformation often hang on two things. One is curriculum, the body of subjects we teach and the methods of teaching them and Two the structure of the educational system. Both are controversial and problematic. People are usually torn between two pedagogical objectives.

On the one hand we have the more utilitarian aim of Education, commonly called, "Education for the "World of Work" schooling designed primarily to satisfy market manpower demands for economic growth. On the other hand, there is what used to be termed "The Liberal Hope of Education" designed to improve humanity and the human condition.

Schools, in this mind-set should educate people in how 'to be' particularly in the moral sense of Being.

The suspicion pervades that too many children are leaving school deficient in both cognitive and ethically judgmental and behavioral soft skills. When, for example there is much criminal activity among young people, a situation of moral panic sets in particularly among the older folk and then we hear about emphasizing moral and spiritual values. "Put religion back in schools" they say, Tell them about Jesus, the Golden Rule, the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes.

The claims of both economic utility and humanity are legitimate so there is the need to strike a balance. Personally I believe that to age 15, the emphasis should be more on educating the person with an emphasis on the liberal curriculum. The claims of the market and of manpower needs have absolutely nothing to do with the primary schooling.

Any discourse on transforming education in Barbados inevitably turs on the thorny issue of the Common Entrance Exam. The issue is not with the exam itself but the mechanism of transfer from primary to secondary based on the results of the exam in a school system that has been and still is extremely hierarchical.

One of the problems with abolishing the Eleven Plus is finding an alternative that would find widespread acceptance. Surveys have shown that if 50% of parents want to abolish the Eleven Plus the other and 50% reject it.

Neither political party that has formed the Government has seen it fit to change the process because it is a tricky political decision.

The child who does poorly in the 11 plus will not do better simply because he now goes to Harrison College. You will still have to provide a curriculum suited to his talent and interests.

After questions were tabled by PP Ron and PD Waldo, the Vote of Thanks was given by PP Andrew

ROTARY AROUND THE WORLD CORNER - IS Director, Dr. Tracy

Rotary's centennial celebration for its 1.2 million members worldwide will take place in Seoul, Korea in 2016. This global festival called 2016 Rotary International Seoul Convention, will allow us to discover Rotary's history and explore Korea.

As we count down to our visit, here are 5 fun/interesting facts about Seoul:-



- The number '4' is considered extremely unlucky, to the point that most buildings do not have a 4th floor
- Taekwondo is the national sport of South Korea and this is incorporated into the national curriculum
- Many people live in high-rise, high-tech apartments, some of them have robots to do housework
- Tipping is not required in Korea!!!!

- Most stores are opened until 10:30 or 11:00 pm, loads of time for shopping!!!!



DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE 2016 DISTRICT CONFERENCE RIGHT HERE IN BIM, 20TH - 23RD OF APRIL 2016.

COME AND MEET FELLOW ROTARIANS OF DISTRICT 7030!

UP-COMING EVENTS

Mar 07 - Club Charter Date - 1962

OCTOBER - Economic and Community Development Month

Oct 15 - POWA - Dinner Meeting

Oct 17 - School House Fundraising Event- Concord Experience - Illegal Eagles Tribute Band



Ticket Prices are as follows:
General Admission \$100.00, Seating \$150.00
VIP \$225.00 All inclusive

Oct 22 - Discussion on the Economy

RYLA - November 5-7 - GRENADA

Nov 12 - NOMINATION DAY

GREETERS

Oct 08 - PS Neville "Roy" Smith & PD H. Waldo Clarke

Oct 15 - P T Anthony Shaw & Treasurer Brian Cole

Oct 22 - PP Elvin R. Sealy & PE Lisa R. Cummins

OUR GUESTS

VISITORS

Ralph Jemmott - Guest Speaker

Anthony Admiral Nelson - PP Vic Fernandes

Adrian & Harriette Skeete - Dir. Neal Griffith

Adrian Sealy - Pres. Jedder Robinson

Curtis Neil - Chair Joel Brathwaite

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.



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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 Bill & Diane Highton 33 yrs Oct 02, 1982

Birthday - Rotarians

Chair & Past Secretary Clifford

Oct 05

Past President Richard

Oct 08

Chair Joel Brathwaite

Oct 08

Birthday - Partners in Service

None this Week

Join Date Anniversary

Rotarian Andrew Niven

1 year

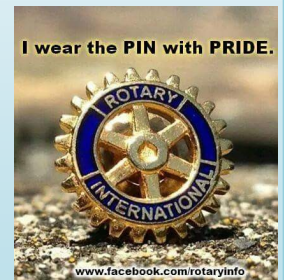
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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

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: **20th -23rd April 2016**,
Bridgetown, Barbados.



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

Look out for additional information monthly!!!!

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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