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THE COALITION MONTHLY



A Monthly Newsletter for Jamaican Alumni Associations in Florida

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A Note on Last Year's Alumni Associations' Activities

As we look back on 2010, we can truly say that the Jamaican alumni associations in Florida have a lot to be proud of. Apart from their contribution of over US\$200,000 to various projects in Jamaica and Florida, the Jamaican alumni associations entertained residents of Florida by organizing over seventy events including banquets, dances, soccer tournaments, picnic, and cruises.

The year ended with the inaugural walkathon organized by the Coalition of Jamaican Alumni Associations (CJAAF), the newly formed umbrella association. From the turnout and feedback the walkathon seemed to have been a very successful event. The objective was for the different alumni associations to use the event to raise funds for their individual projects. **Kudos to Immaculate Conception High School Alumnae Association who will receive the "Battered Boot Award" for raising more than \$3,500 for their effort.** Thanks for your collective effort and helping to make possible CJAAF's contribution of \$500 to the City of Lauderdale Lakes. This amount is earmarked for an educational initiative in the City.

For 2011, the walkathon will be held on December 3, and we are hoping that attendance will quadruple and your pledges will increase tenfold. Also, we are hoping that from the amount collected we will be able to contribute towards a major education project in Jamaica.

As Jamaicans that have benefitted immensely from the educational system in Jamaica, we have an obligation to give back not only to our alma mater but to other educational institutions in Jamaica that are in need. As residents of Florida we should also be mindful of those in our communities that are in need. In fact, many of our alumni associations have 501(C)3 status and are required to undertake local community development initiatives. We remain steadfast and resolute in our commitment to assist Jamaican alumni associations in Florida as they seek to improve the lives of members of our community and assist schools and communities in Jamaica. Best wishes for 2011 and we look forward to seeing you at the alumni events.

Sandra L. Rupert (Co-Chairs)

CJAAF to Organize Planning Board

At the last meeting of Jamaican alumni associations at FAU Davie, we asked for nominations and volunteers to serve on the "Planning Board" of CJAAF. The following persons have indicated their willingness to serve:

Carol Angela White (St. Hugh's)
Natalie Chung-Caldero (Queen's)
Bethany Powell (Clarendon College)

Laddie Kong (STGC)
Addy Chin-Ogilvie (Alpha)
Janet Plummer-Brown (MHS)

Audley Hewitt (KCOBA)
Lance Gibbs (Cornwall College)
Jasmine Barnes (St. Catherine)

Cheryl Wynter will serve as advisor and liaison for the Jamaican Consulate and JIS. We need two more alumni associations to complete the board

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

JANUARY 2011

- ✦ January 11, 2011 – **Coalition of Jamaican Alumni Associations'** donation to the City of Lauderdale Lakes on behalf of Jamaican Alumni Associations in Florida

FEBRUARY 2011

- ✦ February 5, 2011 – **St. Catherine High School Alumni Associations'** annual dinner dance (**Flyer on page 7**)

MARCH 2011

- ✦ March 4-6, 2011 – **Dinthill Technical High School Alumni Association Florida Chapter's** Weekend
 - Friday – “Meet and Greet”
 - Saturday Annual Gala
 - Sunday – Picnic
- ✦ March 12, 2011 - **Westwood Old Girls' Association** 1st Annual Dinner Dance
- ✦ March 19, 2011 - **Cornwall College Alumni Association's** “March Madness” at the Warehouse
- ✦ March 25-27, 2011 - True Blue Weekend (Dennis Ziadie Cup – **Schools/Alumni Associations involved: STGC, Alpha, JC, St. Andrews.**)

APRIL 2011

- ✦ April 16, 2010 - **Jamaica Ex-Police Association of South Florida, Annual Ball**

MAY 2011

- ✦ May 7, 2011 – **St. Hugh's Alumnae Association of South Florida** Mardi in May event or Jazz event
- ✦ May 28-29, 2011 – **Titchfield Alumni Association's** Weekend
 - “Portie” Dance
 - Sunday – Picnic
- ✦ May 28-29, 2011 – **Camperdown High School Alumni Association Weekend of events**
 - 10th Annual Fundraising Dinner-Dance (**Flyer on page 8**)
 - Picnic (**Flyer on page 8**)
- ✦ May 28, 2011 – **St. Georges's Old Boys' Association of Florida** Dance
- ✦ May 31, 2011- **Jamaica Ex-Police Association of South Florida** Station Refurbishing Project and Scholarship Presentation; Jamaican Trip Dates: Thursday, May 26 - Saturday, June 4.

JUNE 2011

- ✦ June 25, 2011 – **Mount Alvernia High School Alumnae Association** Fundraising Dinner/Dance
- ✦ June 26, 2011 – **Cornwall College Alumni Association's** Family Fun Day at Miramar Regional Park

AUGUST 2011

- ✦ August 6, 2011 – **St. Georges's Old Boys' Association of Florida** Independence Dance

October 2011

- ✦ October 7-9, 2011 - **Titchfield Alumni Association** Chapter's Columbus Day Weekend Jamboree
- ✦ October 15, 2011 - **Trench Town High School Alumni Association** Annual Banquet
- ✦ October 29, 2011 - **St. Georges's Old Boys' Association of Florida** Dance

NOVEMBER 2011

- ✦ November 5, 2011 - **Cornwall College Alumni Association's** 17th Dinner Dance

✚ November 5, 2011 - **Ferncourt Alumni Association's** Dinner Dance

DECEMBER 2011

✚ December 3, 2011 - **Coalition of Jamaican Alumni Associations** (All Alumni Associations) Walkathon

Congratulations to **Green Island High School Alumni Association of North America** on securing its 501 C 3 status.

*Kudos to Larry Brown
of
Larry Brown & Associates, CPA
(954-934-4132)
for a job well done!*

Changes in our Alumni Associations' Executive Boards

Two Changes on **Mount Alvernia High School Alumnae Association's** Executive Board



Andrea Smellie-McIntosh – President
Marsha Downer – Vice President
Celia Hynds – Secretary (**New**)
Marsha Myrie Treasurer (**New**)



Changing of the Guard **Excelsior Alumni Association of Florida**



Althea Robinson - President
Owen Howe - Vice president
Judith Pitter - Secretary
Doreen Campbell - Treasurer
Maureen Fidler - Director, Public Relations
Debra Byfield - Director, Business Manager



Ferncourt High School Alumni Association of South Florida Elects New Board



Devon McLean - President
Dr. Raymond Ramsey - VP
Shawn Brown Wilby - Treasurer
Dr. Sam Scott - Assistant Treasurer
Joan Gruber - Secretary
Peter Scott - Immediate Past President



Vere Technical High School Launches Community Outreach Programs



The Vere Technical High School in Clarendon, as part of its 50th anniversary celebrations this year, has launched two community initiatives to benefit the elderly and semi-literate persons. Making the announcement at a health fair for senior citizens held recently on the school grounds, Acting Vice Principal of the institution, Sadie Lewis, said that the literacy program will empower persons, so that they can contribute more fully to their own development and the wider community.

"We believe in fostering good school/community partnership that will build the society in which we operate," she said. She explained that the program targets persons age 20 to 45 years, who are reading and writing at the grade three literacy level and will be conducted on the school compound from Mondays to Thursdays, between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., with one hour dedicated to each subject area. "Tutorials will take place with the use of technology and creative strategies, so that we can motivate learning," she stated.

In the meantime, the program for the elderly will be run by sixth form students, who will visit the homes of the senior citizens, to spend quality time with them and see to some basic needs.

"While also increasing the confidence and independence of our participants, there is the potential for social connections. These small things make a big difference in the seniors' quality of life and it will reduce the feelings of isolation and loneliness amongst the elderly, and encourage our senior students to serve others," explained school principal, Dr. Henrietta Stewart.

Minister of Health and Member of Parliament for South East Clarendon, Hon. Rudyard Spencer, who was the main speaker at the health fair, lauded the initiatives, especially the focus on the elderly.

"Your focus on the elderly is a reminder that education means more than achieving academic success. Of equal importance are the values of compassion, love, kindness, sharing and giving. It is these values that will determine a country's ability to lift up itself from despair, hopelessness and poverty. Despite the many challenges that we face as a nation, it is this indomitable spirit, the deep sense of responsibility that we still feel for each other, that have kept us going," he said.

Mandeville (JIS), December 21, 2010



Toronto-Based Wolmerians Donate Over C\$50,000 to their Schools



Wolmer's Boys' and Girls' high schools in Kingston have benefited from the generosity of their Alumni Association in Toronto, Canada, to the tune of C\$50,000. "2010 has been a giving year for Wolmer's," said president of the Wolmer's Alumni Association, Mrs. Angella White-Smith in picture on the left with Jamaica's Consul General to Toronto, Seth George Ramocan at the Association's annual fundraising event recently in Toronto, Canada. "Funds totaling \$50,000 was provided to the schools to assist with the renovation of the library at the boys' school and to fund repairs at

the girls' school." Mrs. White-Smith was giving an update at the Association's annual fundraising event, recently, at the Pearson Convention Centre in Toronto. Each year, the group organizes "The Great Luncheon Concert". This year's star performer was internationally renowned Jamaican jazz pianist, Monty Alexander.

Mrs. White-Smith revealed that, in 2010, the Association also funded bursaries and scholarships to students studying at the University of Waterloo, Canada, and the University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona, Jamaica. In 2011, the Association will again disburse scholarships and focus on repairs and renovations to buildings at both schools (Wolmer's Girls and Wolmer's Boys), and will also contribute to a new program expected to be launched in February, called "Lean on me". "The Association will work closely with the school to identify students who require assistance with uniforms, lunch, bus fares, purchasing books and other things," Mrs. White-Smith explained. "We are entering into economic downturns, but with focus, commitment and dedication we can provide these students with the tools to achieve and exceed their educational standards," she stated. She also implored Wolmerians to make 2011 their "best giving year."

Jamaica's Consul General to Toronto, Seth George Ramocan, thanked the alumni association for their commitment and contribution, not only to Wolmer's, but also to Jamaica's education sector. He also noted that Wolmer's has produced several outstanding Jamaicans, including the late Governor General, Sir Florizel Glasspole and former Prime Minister, the Most Hon. Edward Seaga.

The Wolmer's Toronto Champion Awards were presented to - Wolmerian Effiom Whyte, an Air Jamaica pilot and honorary Wolmerian Sia Mizrahi - for outstanding support, dedication and commitment to the Association. Monty Alexander treated the audience to some cool jazz, interspersed with Bob Marley's music, Jamaican folk songs and rhythm and blues.

TORONTO (JIS), December 28, 2010



St. Catherine High School Alumni Assn., Inc.
SE USA Chapter
Presents

Annual Fundraising Dinner Dance

Saturday, February 5, 2011

7 pm till 1 am

Inverrary Country Club

3840 Inverrary Blvd.

Lauderhill, Florida



*Contribution: \$75.00 (includes Dinner and Open Bar)
Cocktails @ 7pm, Dinner served promptly @ 8:30 pm*

*Laugh with Jamaican comedienne & Actress
Joan "Bumpy Head Gal" Hutchinson*

For Tickets call: 786-252-6120; 954-687-5418
305-308-8795; 954-802-4810
954-614-9734; 954-297-0422

PayPal: stcatherinehighalumni.com

Dress: Formal

**Music by
DJ Mark
Swaby**

**All
Proceeds
in aid of
SCHS**

**CAMPERDOWN HIGH SCHOOL
PAST STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION, FL CHAPTER**

10th Annual Fundraising Dinner/Dance Reunion

Place: Renaissance Hotel

1617 SE 17th Street Causeway
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

Date: Saturday, May 28, 2011

Time: 8 p.m. – 3 a.m.

Cost: US\$70/Person ♦ Formal Attire

Music by: DJ Radcliffe

For tickets and information

Contact: (954)802-6590 ♦ (954)914-4533

Mail Payment to:

CHSPSA, FL Chapter, Inc.

P.O. Box 245775

Pembroke Pines, FL 33024

(Ticket Purchase Deadline – April 30, 2011)

Additional Events

White Night Fete

Where: Renaissance Hotel
1617 SE 17th Street Causeway

Time: 8 p.m. – 3 a.m.

Date: Friday, May 27, 2011

Cost: US\$20.00

Music by: DJ Radcliffe

Picnic

Where: Snyder Park Pavilion 5
3299 SW 4th Avenue

Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Time: 12 noon – 7 p.m.

Date: Sunday, May 29, 2011

Cost: US\$15.00 – Refreshments included

“All pictures taken will be posted on the website”

**Hotel Accommodation – Renaissance Hotel - For Reservations: 1-800-468-3571
Reservations are being taken immediately – Deadline: May 16, 2011 - US\$99/night**

For Reservations please visit the <http://cwp.marriott.com/flbr/camperdownhighschool/>

Visit our Website at <http://www.camperdownfl.org> ♦ Email us at: executives@camperdownfl.org

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