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Jamaican entrepreneur, Patrick Cha Fong gives word of wisdom to the Trench Town Comprehensive High School Alumni Association

On Saturday, October 15th, 2011, Patrick Cha-Fong, President of the Kingston Miami Trading Company gave a resounding speech of hope and entrepreneurship to a packed house of alumni's and friends, as special guest speaker at the Trench Town Comprehensive High School Alumni Assn., annual fundraising ball. Mr. Cha-Fong spoke about his experience in Jamaica and how he was able to rise above a disadvantaged childhood to achieve success both in Jamaica and in the USA.

He emphasized the salience of being focused, resilient and always thinking ahead of the competitors in your professions, pointing out the competitiveness of food and finance industries. He explained that forward thinking as a currency trader, food technologist and businessman are attributes that helped his company to overcome industry hiccups and the recession. This type of thinking is a testament for both him and his wife Christine as to what can be achieved by hard work.

During his speech he also emphasized his love for Jamaica and the importance of being altruistic to your homeland and community. "It is good for business and also uplift your spirits", he said. He concluded his speech by encouraging attendees to buy Jamaican products, especially the products of companies

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NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2011 EVENTS

(Details inside the newsletter)

NOVEMBER 12, 2011: **CONVENT OF MERCY ACADEMY (ALPHA) ALUMNI ASSOCIATION "FALL-EEE TEA & FASHION"**

NOVEMBER 12, 2011: **ST. HUGH'S ALUMNAE OF FLORIDA "SWAN DANCE"**

NOVEMBER 28, 2011: **DINTHILL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, FLORIDA CHAPTER, FALL RAFFLE**

DECEMBER 3, 2011: **MONTEGO BAY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE PRE-HOLIDAY BLAST**

DECEMBER 10, 2011: **COALITION OF JAMAICAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS OF FLORIDA ANNUAL WALKATHON**

DECEMBER 10, 2011: **ST. CATHERINE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI, INC RAFFLE**

Jamaican Alumni Associations Honor Cheryl Wynter at its Quarterly Meeting on October 15, 2011

At their quarterly meeting on October 15, 2011 Jamaican Alumni Associations registered in the State of Florida honored Ms. Cheryl Wynter for years of service and support to their associations. Ms. Wynter, formerly of the Jamaica Information Service was based in Miami until recently when the office was closed.



Over the years Ms. Wynter, who has contributed to Jamaican alumni associations in Florida both financially and through reporting on their events, was praised for her unstinting effort and dedication to the development of education in Jamaica through the Jamaican alumni associations in Florida. She was also praised for her effort to build and integrate communities in Florida. A former student of Queen's High School in Jamaica, Ms. Wynter not only supported Queen's Alumni Association in Florida but all the other associations and attended most of their events. Ms. Wynter is currently a member of the planning committee of the umbrella organization for alumni associations in Florida,

the Coalition of Jamaican Alumni Associations of Florida and a frequent contributor to its newsletter.



Alpha Academy Alumni Association, Dinthill Alumni Association of Florida, Queen's High School Alumni Association of Florida, Church Teachers' College, Montego Bay High School Alumni Association, St. Hugh's Alumnae Association, and Immaculate Alumnae Association of Florida made individual presentations to Ms. Wynter. The Coalition of Jamaican Alumni Association of Florida made a presentation to Ms. Wynter on behalf of all the Jamaican Alumni Associations in Florida.



The many gifts that she received are truly indicative of how much Ms. Wynter means to Jamaican Alumni Associations in Florida.

Ms. Wynter plans to remain in South Florida and has already pledged to continue working with Jamaican alumni associations and the umbrella organization. She will be wearing the colors of Queen's Alumni Association at the annual walkathon of alumni associations on December 10, 2011. With president Natalie Chung-Caldero, Ms. Wynter has promised to help Queen's Alumni Association win the trophy for the team with most walkers at the walkathon, a feat that the association accomplished at last year's walkathon.



Jamaican Alumni Associations in Florida Meet to Plan the 2nd Annual “All Alumni Association” Walkathon on December 10, 2011

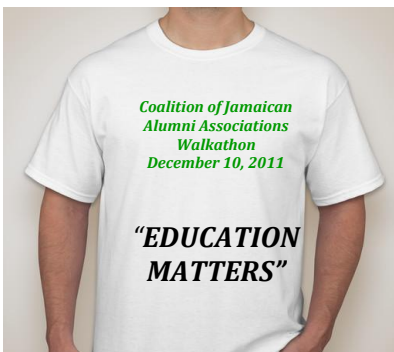
The quarterly meeting of Jamaican alumni associations in Florida was held on October 15, 2011 at Florida Atlantic University. The meeting was convened by the Coalition of Jamaican Alumni Associations and chaired by Rupert Rhodd and Sandra Schrouder, co-chairs of the “Coalition”. More than thirty representatives from various alumni associations attended the meeting which also gave the Consul General of Jamaica to the Southeast USA, the



Honorable Sandra Grant Griffiths, an opportunity to update the associations on plans for Jamaica’s 50th Independence Celebration in Florida, and to reiterate her commitment to the development of education in Jamaica. For the second year in a row, the Consul General will serve as the patron and Grand Marshall for the walkathon.

The Honorable Sandra Grant Griffiths has been an ardent supporter of the Coalition and its effort to unify and streamline the activities of Jamaican alumni associations in Florida and with the help of her office, funds from the second annual walkathon will be used to assist schools in Jamaica. The Consul General also used the opportunity to make a presentation of \$1,000 to the Coalition, one of three organizations that benefitted from the annual independence church service held in Fort Lauderdale in August 2011.

With regard to the walkathon, the venue has been determined and secured (Central Broward Regional Park at the northeast corner of Sunrise Boulevard and 441), and based on discussions and a survey sent to alumni association executives, there will be a celebration including music and food after the walkathon. The results of the survey indicate an equal split between associations willing to contribute food items for the event and those in favor of having the food catered. The planning committee will be contacting associations to solicit contributions of food and drink and will also make plans to have food catered (hopefully donated) by Jamaican restaurants.



The design for the shirts for the walkathon was finalized and is displayed in this newsletter (front on the left, and back on the right). Some associations have also decided to put their logo on the back of some of the shirts for an additional cost.



The walkathon is the major joint fund-raising activity of the Coalition and each association has the opportunity to use this event to raise funds for their projects. The

Coalition also uses funds donated by each association to help defray the cost of organizing this event and to fund education projects in Florida and Jamaica. Last year, the Coalition donated \$500 to the City of Lauderdale Lakes for an education project (even though we collected less than \$500 from the walkathon). This year we are hoping to assist four schools in Jamaica. The president of Meadowbrook High School Alumni Association in Florida Paul McPherson and the Coalition co-chairs have already started to look into erecting and donating water tanks to rural schools. Your participation in this project will not only help your alma mater but will also serve the wider community in Jamaica.

All Jamaican Alumni Associations in Florida are eligible for membership in the Coalition of Jamaican Alumni Associations, and please note there is no annual fee. **WE COME TOGETHER FOR PROJECTS AND WE SHARE THE COST!!!**



**JAMAICAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS OF FLORIDA
2ND ANNUAL WALKATHON**



**CENTRAL BROWARD REGIONAL PARK
CR – SHELTER 02-M
3700 NW 11TH PLACE
LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA 33311**



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2011
8:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON**



**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT SCHOOLS IN JAMAICA
&
COMMUNITIES IN FLORIDA**



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION



- **PARK ENTRANCE FEE**
 - **\$1.50 PER PERSON**



- **JUICE AND WATER WILL BE PROVIDED**



- **SHIRT FOR EACH PARTICIPANT**



- **TROPHY TO THE TEAM(S) WITH THE MOST PARTICIPANTS**



- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – CALL RUPERT OR SANDRA**



- **\$40 REGISTRATION FEE PER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO DEFRAY COST OF PARK RENTAL, SHIRTS, AND DONATION TO SCHOOLS IN JAMAICA AND FOR PROJECT IN FLORIDA**



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*Convent of Mercy Academy "Alpha" Association
Presents*

*"Fall-EEE-Tea" 'N' Fashion
With Pluto*

on

Saturday, November 12, 2011 - 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

at

Graham University Center

Florida International University

11200 SW 8th Street, Miami, FL 33199

Silent Auction ❖ Gate Prize

Attire:

Tea Party Couture

Donation:

\$30.00

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ST. HUGH'S ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF S FLORIDA

Swan Dance 2011



Saturday, November 12, 2011

4050 NW 100th Avenue

Hollywood, FL 33024

DJ Mark Swaby \$25 Entry Food & Drinks on sale

St. Hugh's Alumnae Association of South Florida

Presents

SWAN DANCE 2011

Saturday, November 12, 2011

St. Mary Armenian Church Hall

4050 NW 100th Avenue

Cooper City 33024

DJ Mark Swaby

Food & Drinks for Sale

**DINTHILL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
FLORIDA CHAPTER**



FALL RAFFLE

FIRST PRIZE

32" FLAT SCREEN TELEVISION

SECOND PRIZE

NOTEBOOK COMPUTER



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Montego Bay High School Alumnae Association South Florida Chapter



Please Save The Date

Pre-Holiday Blast!!

Saturday December 3rd, 2011

8:00pm- 2:30am

St. Mary Armenian Banquet Hall

4040 NW 11th Ave Hollywood, FL 33024

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**ST. CATHERINE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI, INC.
S. E. USA CHAPTER**



**FUNDRAISING RAFFLE
\$5:00**

- 1ST. PRIZE: NOOK COLOR E READER**
- 2ND. PRIZE : DIGITAL CAMERA**
- 3 RD PRIZE: GIFT BASKET**



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