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Letter from the President

Dear Members,

We are already half way through the year 2000. I have bad news and good news. The good news is, our plans for the 4th of July picnic and Independence Celebration is well on its way. We still need volunteers. So, please don't hesitate to pick up the phone and call me to help. Ms. Barbara Gloudon, renowned talk show host will be our guest speaker at our Independence celebration with Clique International providing music for our dancing pleasure. I truly hope that I will see at least 200 of you at this event. Last year, 125 to include members and guests had a fabulous time with Rachel Manley.

The bad news is, we did not have the Easter Egg Hunt. This was probably a first in the history of the Association and I am here to tell you the event was missed. We received many calls from the Oakland community indicating that the children were looking forward to it and they were disappointed that we did not do it this year. Unfortunately, many of our activities are heading in that direction. We are just not getting volunteers to plan our events. And again, the few can't do it all.

Congratulations to Dr. Newton Gordon who was appointed our Honorary Consul General. Some of you might still not know we lost Dr. Horace Penso, our former Consul to cancer last summer. We wish Dr. Gordon well and the

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Annual 4th of July Potluck Picnic

San Felipe Park
Hayward, CA

Time: 12 Noon until sundown

Bring a dish to share with 3 other
people

Raffle tickets & Independence Day
Dance tickets will be on sale

Independence Celebration 2000

Tickets are now on sale for Independence celebration 2000. Reserve your tickets today by calling the JANC information line at 510 464-1300 or stop in at Island Paradise Club, 1436 Webster Street, Alameda or Arts Jamaican Market, Broadway, Oakland.

The annual Independence Celebration will feature the Honorary Barbara Gloudon, OJ., OD, journalist, communications consultant and playwright. Mrs. Gloudon is one of Jamaican's senior journalist having worked as a print journalist for many years and now an established personality in radio. She co-hosts HOTLINK, Jamaica's leading public affairs talk show. She is a former Deputy of Tourism, Chairs the Little Theatre organization and is a member of various voluntary organizations including being Deputy Chairman of the Institute of Jamaica Council.

Said, Denise Creary, President of the Jamaica Association, "I heard her speak in Chicago at a fundraiser. Over 900 West Indians were in attendance. She was witty, down to earth and everyone thoroughly enjoyed her. It was like listening to another Louise Bennette."

Dancing will be to the musical sounds of Clique International. and the Greek Community Center will cater a delicious meal. Dress is to impress.

Ticket prices are only \$50 for members and \$60 non-members. For more information on your Association, go to www.janc.org.

Consulate Letter



From: Dr. Newton Gordon
Date: Thu, 16 Mar 2000 09:32:44 EST
Subject: Re: Consulate of Jamaica
To: The Executive Board - JANC

Please be informed that I was appointed Honorary Consul for San Francisco by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Jamaica, Seymour Mullings. This appointment was certified by the U. S. State Department on January 31, 00, with issuance of a Consular Identification Card. The State Department recognizes one of my offices
Locations as the address of the consulate:

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Association looks forward to working with him to promote Jamaica in the Bay area and neighboring communities.

Congratulations to all our 2000 High School and College graduates. We would love to feature the accomplishments of these graduates. Don't hesitate to send us your story. Finally, I have received my approval to retire from the United States Navy 1 November 2000. My ceremony will be held at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey in 27th of October at 3 pm. I hope you will make time to attend. Would love to have you there.

I look forward to seeing you all at the 4th of July picnic if Matthew does not arrive first. If not, have a great summer and see you at the Independence celebration.

Warm regards,

Denise



COMING UP!!

July 1 -3
Jamaica Family Festival
Montego Bay

July 28th
Jamaica Spice Food Festival
Ocho Rios

July 30 – August 5
Reggae Sun fest
Montego Bay



Executive Board takes time out from beautiful hot sunny day to handle JANC business.

Left to right: Vice President Tennyson Williams, Secretary Winsome Dunn, President Denise McCallaCreary and Treasurer Peter McKenzie.



National Association of Jamaican and Supportive Organizations presents:

NAJASO's Annual National Conference August 19th to 26th 2000 in Los Angeles.

Check the site for more information
www.najasso.com

Membership has its Privilege

JANC members in business for themselves in the Bay Area or provider of services such as plumbing, home repairs, car repairs etc. may now advertise on JANC's web page.

Go to the vendors' section at www.janc.com to see the information we need to post your business. Then, e-mail the web master with your similar information. We will post your business/service. We want to encourage our Bay Area Caribbean community to patronize Caribbean business owners.

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The home number will be listed under Consulate and Other Foreign Government Representatives in the yellow pages of San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, San Jose and Santa Clara.

I am confident there will be a mutual working relationship between the Consulate and JANC.

Signed,
Dr. Newton Gordon



NEW IMMIGRANTS INITIATIVE

The Jamaican Association of Northern California, and other Bay Area Caribbean associations are working Associated Real Property Brokers and Fannie Mae to promote a new immigrants initiative.

This initiative, being supported by Fannie Mae, is designed to make home ownership possible for new immigrants. The purpose of the "New Immigrants Initiative" is to break down barriers faced by new immigrants seeking home ownership, and will address more flexibilities related to lower down payments for working employment-authorized, pending permanent residents (including refugees, asylees, visa lottery winners, and family sponsored immigrants).

While immigrants newly arrived in this country are the focus of this Initiative, United States citizens, and permanent residents are also eligible to participate. Key features of the New Immigrants Initiative include: Fannie Mae will not require immigrants to have a permanent resident card; Down payment as low as 3%; Permits, under certain conditions,

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related co-borrowers with no credit history; Greater flexibility for borrowers with cash on hand; Most recent hourly wage rate can be used to determine qualifying income; Recognizes boarder income from relatives; and Utilizes part-time or multiple job income.

We will provide more details in the next newsletter, and on our web site at www.janc.org, as it becomes available.

If you are interested please contact Anita Jones (ARPB) at 510-839-0101 or Tennyson Williams at 510-547-4444.

Secretary's Notepad

Congratulations to the Fripp kids (Nate and Elaine's kids) Nathan Fripp - Graduating Class of 2000 - Brigham Young University, BA, Sports Administration

Nateanah Fripp and her team, "East Bay Explosions" winning the Pacific Association Basketball Championship - now on to Indiana for the National Championship - You go girl

Winsome

Roun' Town...

July 29th and 30th
Afriibbean Fest
Mountain View, CA

August 26th and 27th
Afriibbean Fest
San Jose, CA



the flour dumplings that are so tight they squeak when you bite in.

NEWS FROM YARD

By Joan Savoury



- New US Visa Appt. System

Applicants seeking visa to visit the United States will no longer join long queues to get interview appointments, but will use call in service.

Appointments have been scheduled up to September and no new dates will be given until the system comes into place.

Under the new arrangements, applicants will pay US\$45 application fee at a branch of Scotia Bank and get an appointment date.

- **Jamaican Beef For Big Mac**

McDonald's, the US-based fast food chain, has agreed to use only Jamaican beef in its Jamaican restaurants.

The McDonald's deal will be welcomed by Jamaican cattle farmers and processors who, a year and a half ago, were demonstrating before the company's restaurants protesting its failure to use local beef.

- **International Reggae Day**

On July 1, 2000 website www.derggaemall.com will anchor "International Reggae Day 2000" online. Jamaica media will host the celebration on air, while linking with participating media around the world, as well as, touring artists.

Yu Hear Seh?

Now there's more of Joan... She has a one hour long show called "Caribbean Lifestyles" airing on Soulbeat TV, Channel 27 at 1 pm on Saturdays!!

Don't forget to continue checking her out on Soulbeat's "World News Beat" 6 pm to 7 pm, bringing you "News From the Yard" everyday.

LABRISH!!

By Joan Savoury

(Telephone rings)

Petal: Hello...

Puncie: Girl! How you doin'?

Petal: Chile, me aright, yu nuh.

Puncie: Me a call, fe see if yu wan go out tonite?

Petal: Me nuh mine, but wey we a go?

Puncie: Bwoy, me wan go a Islan Paradise Club, yu nuh.

Petal: Noooo..Sah! Remember de las time we go, me meet de red skin man who claim him have him own restaurant? Turn out dat Im did only a kotch at him fren house, much less restaurant! Only because me tell him seh me feel like me eating some yard food. Me nuh wan see all him again!! Him too lie!!

Puncie: Chile, if it's only yard food yu want, den yu never know bout de take out food dat yu can get dung dere now? Girl, a woman name Elaine, a cook some good yard food there now. She have jerk Chicken, Escoveich Fish, Curry Chicken, wid rice & peas, plaintain, & salad. Chile, de food taste good yu see!! Jus put on yu tight frock an mek we go. You might meet a doctor dis time!!

Petal: Ahrrite den. See yu in about a hour!



Driving through Mount Rosso on the way to "Ochi" and buying all manner of "negha" food like roast corn, roast yam and roast salt fish. Ever notice how outdoor food always has that extra flavor.

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