

Jamaica Association of Northern California Newsletter



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It's Time to Vote!!

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Tennyson Williams

The Jamaica Association of Northern California is at a crossroad--a crossroad of change.

My experience as President has been very rewarding. I was able to meet new people, participate in interesting discussions, and represent the membership at the NAJASO conference. I cannot say enough about the support and contribution of my fellow officers Barry Williams, Pauline Follansbee, and Janet Hopkin. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the contribution of Trevor & Denise Creary, Warren and Donna Goodsons, Karl Tomlinson, Derrick Hamilton and Jo Smith. Trevor has done a stellar job as chair of the Scholarship Committee, and our Web Master; Denise chaired a very successful Independence Dance; the Goodsons made the 4th of July Picnic a success; Karl worked hard in the development of our IT plan; Derrick extended himself with the Easter Egg Hunt, and Jo's help with the newsletter has been invaluable. Because of the consistent support of these individuals

we are able to end the year with a stable financial base, and clearly defined programs.

The future for the Association depends upon the continued and consistent contribution of the Jamaican community. We need the Community to get involved and drive the success of the scholarship program, and the implementation of the Information Technology program.

It has been an honor for me to serve as President this past year and it is now time for us to look ahead to 2002 and continued success.

Jamaican IT Strategic Plan

By Karl Tomlinson

The Jamaican government has outlined a Five Year IT Strategic Plan. The JANC has defined a set of activities to support the objectives of the above plan. These objectives can only succeed with the active support and participation of our members, community and corporate citizens.

2001 OFFICERS

President

Tennyson Williams

Vice President

Barry Williams

Secretary

Janet Hopkin

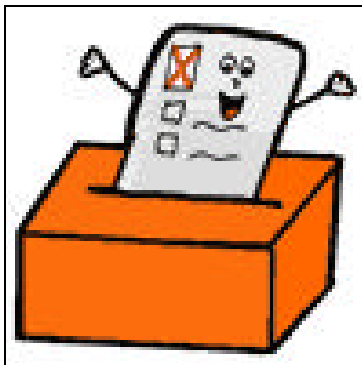
Treasurer

Pauline Follansbee



CAST YOUR VOTE!!

**On November 18, 2001
at the Island Paradise
Club in Alameda,
JANC will host its
election of officers for
2002.**



We need your participation to nominate and elect the candidates of your choice. All positions are open. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer.

If you are interested in running for an office, please submit your name to Denise McCallaCreary via e-mail at mccalldj@mindspring.com or calling 408 238-8083.

The Jamaican Association of Northern California was established in 1975 to provide opportunities for Jamaicans to interact and communicate between themselves and Jamaica. Help keep the Association alive by participating. Run for an office!

If you would like detail information on the responsibilities of each position, please visit our website at www.janc.org or call Denise.

Jamaican IT Strategic Plan (cont.)

The following is an outline of the JANC IT Plan.

JANC's Key Objectives:

1-2 Years

- ? Establish computer labs in 20 Jamaican primary & secondary schools during the next two years

- Identify schools to be wired by JANC
- Develop a computer lab model that can be replicated in Jamaica and throughout the Caribbean
- Establish a committee to serve as technical consultants to the schools

2-4 Years

- ? Establish ministerial contact with Silicon Valley companies
- ? Establish Jamaican University-Silicon Valley company alliances

In Progress/Ongoing

- ? Expand the JANC's scholarship funding
- ? Promotion of JANC's IT Resource Database

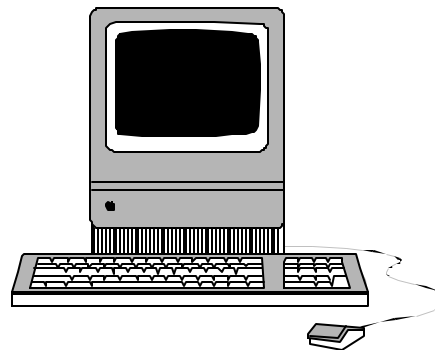
Scholarship Fund

- ? JANC set a modest goal of \$10,000 for scholarship awards in 2001
- ? JANC awarded the majority of these funds to students pursuing IT careers
- ? JANC is asking members to donate \$200-\$300 and to explore matching contributions from their employers

(Note: JANC is a 501(c)(3) Corporation and all donations are tax deductible)

IT Plan Benefits:

1. Students develop general computing and specific IT related proficiencies
2. Jamaica expands its base of entry level IT and technology human resources
3. Silicon Valley companies gain access to additional English speaking entry level IT & technology human resources.



THINGS MY JAMAICAN MOTHER TAUGHT ME

Submitted by Barry Williams

1. My Mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.
"Just wait till we get home."
2. My Mother taught me to MEET A CHALLENGE.
"What di backside yu thinkin'? Answer me when me talk to you. .Hush up. Don't talk back to me! Don't even open yu mouth"
3. My Mother taught me CONSEQUENCES.
"If yu run cross de road an' cyar lick yu dung, a goin' kill yu wid lick."
4. My Mother taught me THE VALUE OF EDUCATION.
"If yu no go a school, yu a go tun tief or walk an' pick up bottle."
5. My Mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.
"If yu tun over yu eye lid an fly pitch pan it, it a go stay so fi evva."
6. My Mother taught me to THINK AHEAD.
"Is not one time monkey goin' wan' wife"
7. My Mother taught me ESP.
"Yu tink a don't know what yu up to nuh?"
8. My Mother taught me HUMOR.
"If yu don' eat food, breeze goin' blow yu 'way."
9. My Mother taught me how to BECOME AN ADULT.
"Come an' tek yu beatin' like man."
10. My Mother taught me about SEX.
"Yu tink say yu drop from sky?"
11. My Mother taught me about GENETICS.
"Yu jus' like yu faada."
12. My Mother taught me about my ROOTS.
"Yu tink mi come from "Back A Wall?"
13. My Mother taught me about WISDOM OF AGE.
"When yu get to be as ol' as me, yu wi understan'" and "yu think me baarn yes-sida"."
15. And my all time favorite... JUSTICE.
"One day wen yu have pickney, a hope dem treat yu same way."

Computer Lab Project

Caret Watson is seeking assistance from the membership in the form of donations of their and/or their companies unused (Pentium 486 or better) computers. These computers will be refurbished and shipped to Jamaica for use in the Computer Lab Project.

Please contact JANC (see contact info below) for delivery information.

Membership Categories

Active Membership at \$30/year

Associate membership at \$15/year

Junior membership at \$5/year per family

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO JANC

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INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

There was a great turnout for JANC's Independence Celebration on August 11th at the Santa Clara Hilton Hotel. Upon arrival guest were welcomed by members of the Association at the welcoming desk, and gregarious bartenders whose friendly smiles encouraged the first and "one more." There was also a free running tape showing various aspects of Jamaica. All this helped to set the tone for the night.

When dinner was served, you could tell everyone was enjoying the Jerk Chicken, rice and peas, and trimmings as the chatter was overcome by sounds of delight and appreciation. While we dined and after the rousing hymnal from Janet Hopkin, Pres. Williams announced the scholarship awards; Honorary General Consul, Dr. Newton Gordon, gave us an overview of the state of Jamaica with encouraging words. Special recognition was awarded to Art Johnson (who operates a Jamaican grocery store in Oakland), Air Jamaica and Jamaica Grande Hotel for their years of continued support.

Our Special Entertainment for the evening was Steve Higgins, from Florida, who sparked the party with his humor and broad repertoire of songs. He took us down a fast paced, tongue clipping and fun musical history road. Later, DJ Ace let go with a pleasant blend of contemporary and "old school" tunes. Folks were on the floor laughing, singing, dancing "up a storm" and remembering their days back home. While the older guest partied, the children ran around and back and forth enjoying their beautiful selves and the festivities.

Midway through the night, when everyone seemed to be family and enjoying each other's company it was time for Dr. Gordon to make his move to raise money for the scholarship. He challenged the guest to give \$3,000 that night and they exceeded the challenge. Perhaps it was the good food and "one more" drink, but everyone gave readily and happily. We also raised a large sum of money from the sales of raffle tickets.

The grand prize of a trip for two to Jamaica was awarded to Jackie Ellison of San Jose by President Williams and Denise McCallaCreary. All in all, we had a wonderful time with a spirit of giving that we hope to see more of from the membership and friends of JANC.

January 14
March 18

Executive Board Meeting
1 pm Executive Board Meeting
3 pm General Meeting
Location: 1436 Webster Street
Alameda, CA
(510) 856-3225



March 24
April 14

Carnival Fund Raiser
(Chairperson needed)
Easter Egg Hunt, Knowland Park Zoo
(Chair, Derrick Hamilton)



May 27 **San Francisco Carnival**
(Chair, Pauline Follansbee)
May 28 **Carijama—Oakland**
June 17 **Executive Board Meeting**
July 4 **Annual July 4th Picnic**
(Chair, Donna Goodson)
August 11 **Independence Dance**
(Chair, Denise McCallaCleary)
October 21 **Executive Board Meeting**
November 18 **General Meeting & Election of**
Officers
December 2 **Executive Board Turnover meeting**
December 8 **Christmas Dance**
(Need Chairperson & location)

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