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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Hello Fellow Members of JANC:

As the door closes on 2002, I must say it has been an interesting year. As an Association we continue to struggle to keep the purpose of the Association alive, we struggle to raise funds, and we struggle to get individuals involved. I often ask the question "is there a value to JANC"? Every time the answer is yes.

It was an honor representing JANC as its President for these past two years. We have had some successes, and for sure some failures. We tried new things, and to do old things differently, all in the hopes of keeping the Association fresh. The web site www.janc.org was revamped, and we implemented an on-line payment process for membership dues and events. The email list is now over 200 strong. The web site has enabled us to reduce our yearly mailings fees, and it is now easier to collect funds. We continue to grant scholarships. In 2002 we gave away \$5000 to students in Jamaica.

The most disappointing event was this years Independence Dance. It was disappointing because we did not meet our financial goals. The turnout was way below expectation, but the event was very fulfilling for those that did attend. Our entertainer Mr. Steve Higgins did a fantastic job, and the DJ Baby Ace took us down memory lane.

So, where do we go from here? Well we continue. We are soliciting candidates for office in 2003. If you are interested, or would like to nominate someone, please contact Denise McCallaCreary at 408-238-8083 or e-mail mccalldj@sbcglobal.net. The election will be held November 10, 2002 at 580 Grand Avenue, Oakland. The meeting will start at 3 PM sharp.

Walk Good!

Tennyson Williams

2002 OFFICERS

President

Tennyson Williams

Vice President

Graham Brand

Secretary

Rose McDonald

Treasurer

Pauline Follansbee

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New Picnic Site

Let it be known that the next July 4th Picnic will be held at Rowell Ranch in Hayward. Rowell Ranch is located off Hwy 580, and is the place where they host Rodeo events. This location, see the photos on the left, offers many benefits over the current park on D Street, such as ample parking, large barbecue area, covered serving area, electricity, no neighbors to complain about noise, plenty of picnic tables

JANC Membership Categories

**Active Membership
\$30/year**

**Associate membership
\$15/year**

**Junior membership
\$5/year per family**

***MAKE CHECKS
PAYABLE TO:
JANC***

WWW.JANC.ORG

Dear JANC Members and Friends

Your friendly webmaster here. Over the past year I've emphasized and re-emphasized, encouraged and bribed the membership to visit the website and use it as a resource. I'm happy to report that you have. Over 200 people have signed up for our mailing list via the website. Members have used the tools on the site to add or update their address. New users have submitted their membership application and paid their dues online.

The site has also been used as a vehicle to communicate our calendar and updated event information. New Jamaicans in the Bay Area have found the organization via the website and Scholarship applicants and awardees have been able to download requisite forms and guideline information.

The website has given JANC greater visibility in the Bay Area and in Jamaica. We're listed on afiwi.com and Jamaicans.com and currently get around 10,000 hits a month, 30% of which are out of Jamaica. The additional visibility of our site has allowed us to offer the site as an Advertising resource to our members who are entrepreneurs. Paid members can list their business information on our vendors page.

This year we were focused on revamping the site so that it was easier for members, friends and visitors to get the information they need easily and quickly.

We also built in various user forms to allow for easier communication with the membership and with the board and we enabled online payment. Next year, the website will continue to be a priority. It will always be the best way to get the latest and greatest information on JANC programs and events and we'll continue to add new and exciting online tools that we hope will be valuable.

So keep logging on...
Kimone Gooden
JANC Webmaster

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Dear JANC Members,

It is with great pleasure that I submit to you the following names of individuals who have volunteered to step up and run in the upcoming elections to lead the Association in the year 2003.

President - Denise J. McCallaCreary
Vice President - Pauline Moxy
Secretary - Lurdys Gordon & Rose McDonald
Treasurer - Kimone Gooden

Some of the people on this slate maybe new to you. Unfortunately, due to limited space in this newsletter, I am asking that you show up at the elections to hear their resume. You will note that there is only one position where there is more than one name. In other cases, the names are familiar as previous incumbents on your Executive Board. I would certainly like to see some "new blood." Will you step up to the plate and put your name in the hat? In order for the Jamaican Association to survive, we need your leadership and participation. Finally, we need you to come out and vote. We need a quorum. We need to know that the majority of our members are electing the officers and they are not appointed. This is your Association, give it your personal support. See you at the elections, Sunday, November 10th. If you wish to add your name to the slate, please call me at 408 238-8083 or e-mail mccalldj@sbcglobal.net.

Much respect, Denise J. McCallaCreary,
Chairman, Nominating Committee

2002 Scholarship Awardees

First	Last	School	Degree/ Major
Marlo	Bloomfield-Lynch	U.W.I.	Bachelor of Science -Social Work
Khian	Lamey	U.W.I.	Bachelor of Arts -Geography
Murphey	Osbourne	U.W.I.	Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBBS)
Bertram	Anderson	U.W.I.	Bachelor of Law (LL.B)
Shernette	Marshall	U.W.I.	Bachelor of Science -Economics
Angella	McNeil	U.W.I.	Bachelor of Education -Mathematics
Nicole	Ming	U.W.I.	Bachelor of Science -Computer Science
Kay-Ann	Bookall	U.W.I.	Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBBS)
Peta-Gaye	Reynolds	U.W.I.	Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBBS)
Prince Neto	Waite	U.W.I.	Bachelor of Science -International Relations

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