

# Jamaica Association of Northern California Newsletter



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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT. . .

Dear JANC Members & Friends,

Thank you all for your vote of confidence to take the reigns of the Association once again. As many of you might recall, I left office for retirement and while I would have preferred to remain in retirement, my passion to make the Jamaica Association active and visible in the Bay area community motivated me to run again to be your President. Since my election, I have received many phone calls and emails of support. I thank you all for them.

Now, the New Year has begun and it is time for us to "put our shoulders to the wheel." The ship set sail in November when we held our open forum meeting to solicit ideas for the direction of the Association in 2003. For those of you not on email distribution, I apologize that you were left out. Unfortunately, we could not afford a mailing so we depended on word of mouth and e-mail. We had a good turn out and received some great ideas. We now need you to get on board and set sail with us. I as your President can be the navigator but I now need all of you to help me get to the right destination. We have identified our needs. We have stated what we intend to accomplish in 2003. Please let us know how you plan to help.

Let me suggest that your first order of business is to pay dues. All dues expired December 31, 2002. Please don't wait for us to call you. Save us the time and expense and pay your dues by mail or on-line. I hear constantly the question: why join? What can the Association do for me?

Perhaps we can't do anything for you. However, I think one of our honorary members, summed it up quite well recently. We were chatting and she stated that while she may not be well enough to visit Jamaica again, she would always love Jamaica. Jamaica was her beginning. She enhanced herself in America. Join the Association for the love of country and to give back, not necessarily to get. Support our events. Our plan this year is to have a variety of events. Hopefully, you will find an event that appeals to you. If an event is not your speed, tell your friends, spread the word. Encourage others to come.

In closing, wishing you the best year ever and making a commitment to you to make this an exciting and fun year for the Association.

**Walk Good!**

**Denise J. McCallaCreary**

## 2003 OFFICERS

### **President**

Denise J. McCallaCreary

### **Vice President**

Pauline Moxy-Henson

### **Secretary**

Lurdys Gordon

### **Treasurer**

Kimone Gooden

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# Meet the 2003 JANC Officers!

## Their New Year's Resolution: 2003 the best year ever for JANC!



**Denise J. McCallaCreary** is currently retired from the United States Navy as a Commander after 27 years of honorable service. She now stays home with her three children Karlene 11, Christopher 9 and Matthew 2. She is also an Independent Consultant for Partylite Gifts Incorporated. A native of Kingston and former student of Merl Grove High School, Denise migrated to the United States in October 1969 and lived in Chicago for approximately 10 years.

In October 1973, she enlisted in the Navy Reserves and was later commissioned an Ensign in November 1979. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management and Spanish, a Masters of Science in Management and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies. She has been a member of the Association since the mid 1980's and has returned to Association leadership as President this year, having held the position previously from 1999-2000. She is married to Trevor Creary, formerly of Kingston, a Calabar High school alumni. Denise can be reached via e-mail at [mccalldj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mccalldj@sbcglobal.net) or 408 238-8083.



**Pauline Moxy-Henson** was born and raised in Spanish Town, Jamaica. She left Jamaica to attend the University of Washington, where she received a degree in Accounting/Mathematics. She transferred to the San Francisco Bay Area in March of 1985 where she worked for National Associates. She then became a member of the Jamaica Association of Northern California and has been since.

In addition to her position as JANC Board Vice-President, Pauline is currently involved in a number of civic activities: most notably as a member of the board of directors for the Hayward branch of the Boys and Girls Club of America and as a member of the Hayward South Rotary Club. She is married to the Hon. Olden Henson, Council Member for the City of Hayward and has one daughter Deniece. She also has two Siberian huskies, Dr. Einstein and Xacha. You can e-mail Pauline directly at [phenson98@yahoo.com](mailto:phenson98@yahoo.com).



**Lurdys Gordon** was born and raised in Rochester, NY, the child of Jamaican immigrants. She left Rochester to attend undergraduate school at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania where she majored in Organizational Behavior and received a Bachelor's degree in Economics. While at Wharton, Lurdys became active in the Caribbean-American Students Association. She completed her graduate studies in Personnel Psychology at New York University. In 1989, Lurdys moved to the San Francisco Bay Area to work in the Human Resources field.

To satisfy a desire to honor her Jamaican heritage and connect to the larger Bay Area Jamaican/Caribbean community, Lurdys joined the JANC in 2001 and has been an active member since. She believes that community organizations such as the JANC play a significant role in instilling and maintaining a sense of cultural identity and pride within the local Jamaican/Caribbean community. It is her desire to support efforts to revitalize the organization through instituting new programs, revamping current programs where appropriate and establishing a more visible presence both in the local Bay Area community and in Jamaica. In doing so, the JANC will be in a solid position not only to have a positive impact on these communities but also to be able to pass the Jamaican legacy onto the next generation of Jamaican-Americans. Lurdys resides in Hayward, CA with her six-year-old son and her mother. Lurdys now serves as Secretary on the JANC Board. Lurdys can be reached via email at [lurdys@aol.com](mailto:lurdys@aol.com).



**Kimone Gooden** joined the Jamaica Association of Northern California last year and immediately became active in Association leadership, taking on the role of Webmaster and Membership Chair. She was born in Jamaica and immigrated to the U.S. to attend Stanford University. She graduated from Stanford University two years ago with a Bachelors in Psychology and Feminist Studies and currently works at Cisco Systems. Kimone decided to join the Board because she would like to see the JANC have further reach in Jamaica and will work with the other Board members to achieve this. She believes that the Association has an obligation to affect in any way possible the social and economic conditions in Jamaica.

This year she is our esteemed Treasurer and lends her experience as Treasurer, Financial Advisor, and Funding Chair of more than five groups and two non-profit organizations to her new role. You can contact Kimone by email at [kimone@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:kimone@stanfordalumni.org).

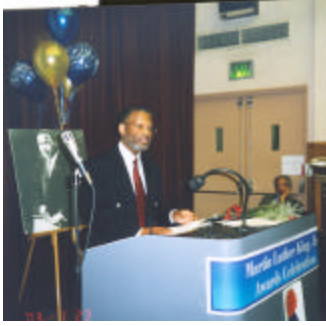
**Come to the next JANC General Meeting on February 23, 2003!  
580 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610.**

### Directions:

**From I-580 E:** Take the exit toward GRAND AVE. Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto MACARTHUR BLVD. Turn RIGHT onto GRAND AVE.

**From I-580 W:** Take the GRAND AVE exit. Turn RIGHT onto GRAND AVE.

## Honors for Extraordinary Efforts



Dr. Newton Gordon who has mentored scores of current and future dentist was named the faculty winner of the 2003 Martin Luther King Jr. Award, Thursday, January 23 in ceremonies held at UCSF.

**Newton C. Gordon, DDS**, clinical professor in the School of Dentistry and Chief of Dentistry and the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Service at San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center were among three individuals selected for this prestigious award. He was praised by his colleagues and students for supporting and encouraging poor and minority students to enter health care professions. "Dr Gordon 's mentoring roles has fulfilled many dreams of the often underrepresented minority students, wrote his nominators, including faculty colleagues, students and staff. "Their dreams were not only to

become quality dentists, physicians or researchers, but to become productive citizens in our community."

Dr. Gordon who joined UCSF faculty in 1973, is an accomplished scientist who studies pain mechanism and management and a clinician who "has supported broad access to care for all the populations served by SFGHMC."

He is credited for helping change the Board of Dental Examiners test to eliminate race and sex bias, and at the UCSF School of Dentistry, he created the council of Minority Faculty. *(This article reprinted in part from the USCF website)*



### New 2003 JANC Member Discount Program

Membership has its privileges. We are proud to announce our 2003 member discount program. In an effort to establish some benefits for joining the Association, some local area businesses are offering paid up JANC members discounts. You must show a valid 2003 JANC membership identification card in order to get the benefits. The following business will offer the respective discount upon presentation of a valid JANC membership card. Please visit our website [www.janc.org](http://www.janc.org) for more details.

Island Market Grocery Store, 1440 E. Santa Clara Street, San Jose, 95116 408 287-0557- 5% discount off purchases of \$25 and above

Lewis of Laventille Sound Equipment and Party Services, Mountain View, 650 703-6588 - Up to 25% off  
Jamaica Station Restaurant, 4929 Shattuck Avenue, Oakland, 94609 510 579-1539 - \$3.00 off second entree  
Ma's Caribbean Food Catering, 1711 Telegraph Road, Oakland, 94612 - negotiable

HA Production Sound Equipment and Event promotion - 25% off

Primerica Financial Services, 580 Grand Avenue, Oakland, 94610 - Complimentary financial needs analysis  
Island Paradise Club, 1436 Webster Street, Oakland, 94611, 510 865-3225 - \$2.00 off at door

Partylite candles and candle accessories, 408 238-8083, 10% discount off all purchases totaling \$50 and above  
Jamaica Place—Jerk Chicken Express, Emerybay Public Market Place, 5959 Shellmount Street, #26, Emeryville, 94608—\$1.00 off each entrée.

Caribbean Vibes restaurant, 898 Alamo Drive, Vacaville, 95688—10% off total bill

Mama' Jamaica's, 2401 Orangeburg Ave, Century Plaza, Modesto, 95355—10% off July 2003 only.



### Thank You.....*The following letter was received from a 2002 scholarship recipient..*

Dear Sir, It is with great pleasure that I express my gratitude for the scholarship granted to me. Please allow me to say that it was God-sent and well timed. It has relieved me of much psychological stress and gives me more freedom to pursue my studies. The faith that you and the committee have placed in me will certainly materialized into excellent outcomes in my course of studies. Thanks much for your kind consideration. Yours truly, Angella McNeil (Ms)



**Take-It- Easy** Fridays inside Island Paradise featuring classic reggae, R & B, Dancehall...Doors open 8pm. \$7 B4 9p.m.



**Our condolences** to Kimone Gooden's fiancée Shawn whose father passed away in January.. Also to Ruby Freeman whose brother passed away. They reside in Atlanta.

## JANC Membership Categories

**Active  
Membership  
\$30/year**

**Associate  
Membership  
\$15/year**

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

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# 2003 Calendar of Events

**Sunday, February 23, 3 p.m. - General Meeting**  
(Oakland)

**Friday, February 14- Valentines Party**  
(Jamaica Station Restaurant)

**March - Jamaican Movie Night**  
(Date & Location TBA)

**Sunday, April 20 (tentative) - Easter Brunch**

**May - Date TBA, Oldies but Goodies Party**  
(American & Jamaican music)

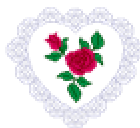
**June 8, 3 p.m. - General Meeting**  
(in San Jose)

**Friday, July 4 - Fourth of July Picnic**  
Rowell Ranch, Hayward

**Saturday, August 16 - Independence Dance**

**November 16, 3 p.m. - General Meeting/Election**  
(Oakland)

**Saturday, December 6 - Christmas Party**



**Celebrate Valentines Day  
with JANC at Jamaica  
Station Restaurant**

**Dinner served from 6pm  
to 10p.m. Call for a reservation.  
Dancing from 10p.m. to 2a.m.  
Donation at door \$10. Proceeds to  
benefit JANC. Music by Lewis of  
Laventille.**

## Dominoes Anyone?

Plans are currently underway to hold a domino tournament later this spring as a fundraiser. More details will be forthcoming as we finalize them. In the meantime, if you have an interest in participating or assisting in organizing the tournaments, please contact Lurdys Gordon at (510) 909-2440 or email her at

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