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»NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends of the Jamaican Community,

The year is almost half over! It feels like just yesterday the Board spent hours one rainy night in January working and debating (and sometimes fighting) over the JANC plan for 2004. It has been a busy year, working on the goals we set forth that fateful night six months ago. We have been ecstatically overwhelmed by the interest and support JANC has received. It seems like every other day there is a new website submission from a Jamaican in the area who was not previously affiliated with the organization but heard about us from an event or co-sponsorship or meeting or radio interview or email forward. And every event we've had this year has attracted 250+ people. So our outreach efforts, have not been in vain; We are well on the way to being an "Informal Census Bureau for Jamaicans in Northern California" ([To view the complete plan visit www.janc.org/goals](http://www.janc.org/goals)).

So far we have kept our focus on Jamaican Community Building. We don't necessarily have occasion to run into each other as we go about our daily business; so we created a monthly mechanism for the community to get together. In February our first Jamaican Meet n Greet; in March our Calling all Jamaicans party; in April the Classic Jamaican Brunch; in May, An Evening of Comedy—Jamaican Style: Christopher Cum Buck Us with Oliver Samuels in his first ever Bay Area appearance; and in June our cosponsored film, "One Love" starring Ky-mani Marley, with the San Francisco Black Film festival. We also created a comprehensive weekly events list of other non JANC Caribbean events.... (Continued on page 2.)

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»JANC in San Francisco Memorial Day Carnival

It was quite a treat to see a small sea of Jamaican flags in the middle of San Francisco on Memorial Day. JANC was part of San Francisco's annual Memorial day Carnival. We took over a section of the Mas Makers band and "Jamaicanized it."

SF Carnival started in the late 70s and showcases the carnival traditions of cultures around the world. The event is well publicized, with broadcasts on KRON TV, KSTS, KTNC-TV Channel 42 and internationally on Univision. The yellow JANC banner was high in the air, so the organization received lots of visibility. Special Thanks are in order to our masqueraders who bravely donned costumes: Amany, Antoinette, Chris, Indigo, Karlene, Kimone, Lurdys, Loretta, Marie, Sara, Tanisha; our volunteers who carried the JANC banner in the hot sun: George, Maria, and Oneil; and finally Colleen Tiffenson, Mas Makers' band leader. Look for a bigger JANC Carnival effort next year, a couple of our masqueraders are interested in leading the effort to form a JANC Carnival band!



»JAMAICAN COMMUNITY MEMBER PROFILE: *Glenston Thompson*

Berkeley Schools hire new deputy

Experienced educator Glenston Thompson assumes post July 1

published—Thursday, June 3, 2004 | Oakland Tribune

BERKELEY -- A seasoned public education leader who has worked in school districts in New York City, San Francisco and, most recently, Coalinga has been appointed as deputy superintendent of the Berkeley school district.

The Berkeley Board of Education has hired Glenston Thompson to replace outgoing deputy Eric Smith, who left the district earlier this year for personal reasons.

Thompson assumes his new post July 1.

Thompson has worked in public education for more than 13 years and has experience in financial, general and operations management administration, strategic planning, budget development, accounting, financial modeling and systems implementation.

He started as a senior supervisor for budget and policy analysis for the New York City Board of Education before relocating to the Bay Area.

He spent four years in the San Francisco Unified School District assisting in the management of that district's \$560 million budget as director of business services, according to a district news release. Thompson also held the position of chief executive director of administrative support services.

Thompson left public education for a short period and worked for a technology firm. He returned to the field as the assistant superintendent of business services in Coalinga.

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Glenston Thompson hails from Kingston. He graduated from UWI (Mona Campus) with a BSc Hon. in Management in 1981. He migrated to America in 1986 where he resided in Hartsdale, New York before relocating to California in 1994.

»NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT Continued....

in Northern California. Our Secretary, Tahalia, has done a fabulous job of compiling this list. If you don't currently receive these emails, join the JANC mailing list by emailing webmaster@janc.org.

Now as we approach the latter half of the year there is still much to do. We are now gearing up to execute on the second half of our plan, Social impact in Jamaica. We are ready to send a very large shipment to Jamaica; this shipment is the result of the combined efforts of all our committees as well as partnerships with other non-profit organizations. You can find more details about this on page six. We will need your support to make this happen.

This is the second of three newsletters that will be published this year. In this issue you'll find the first installment of our Jamaican Community Member Profile. In the last issue the 2004 Plan used a lot of real estate so were unable to include it. The idea behind the profile is to showcase a different member of the community each issue.

Finally I'd like to remind everyone to renew their dues. Your dues are critical to the success of the organization and helps to offset the costs of the programs and events we plan each year.

We are looking forward to the rest of the year and trust that the last six months will be as rewarding as the first. Thanks for your continued support.

Walk Good



-Kimone Gooden

» NEWS FROM HOME: *Plans for Jamaicans Overseas*

GOVT. PURSUING DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY TO INCLUDE ALL JAMAICANS OVERSEAS

published—Friday June 11, 2004 | JIS

The Government is pursuing a development strategy that will fully extend its policies and services to Jamaicans living overseas.

Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Senator Delano Franklyn, told JIS News that this strategy was being pursued in response to the long-time economic and social contributions that foreign nationals have made to the country.

He said that Jamaicans overseas have done much for their country and it was time for the country to look out for their interests.

The State Minister pointed out that the Government wanted to send a signal to them that they are a part and parcel to the development of Jamaica.

The Government will take a step towards improving relations with foreign nationals by mounting a two-day Jamaican Diaspora Conference, scheduled for June 16 and 17 at the Jamaica Conference Centre under the theme: 'The Jamaican Diaspora: Unleashing The Potential'.

Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Grace, Kennedy and Company, Douglas Orane, who is also the Chairman of the Planning Committee for the Diaspora Conference, emphasized that Jamaicans living overseas were an invaluable group and a vital source in the economic growth of their native homeland.

According to Mr. Orane, foreign nationals contributed much to the country's financial account. He said recent statistics from the Bank of Jamaica revealed that in excess of US\$1.3 billion was received in remittances from overseas. He also noted that remittances translated to more than 15 per cent of Jamaica's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which was at \$7.5 billion.

He noted that the Diaspora Conference would create the platform for increased business contacts between Jamaicans at home and abroad and comprehensively involve more overseas Jamaicans in the political, social and cultural life of Jamaica.

The conference, therefore, is to incorporate the proposal of increasing and deepening the dialogue with the Jamaican community, Mr. Orane explained.

Edited Article; For the full story, go to: <http://66.132.176.56/newsletter/newsletter/June2004/june11/pursuing.htm>

Diaspora Conference expected to boost relationships between J'cans at home and abroad

published—Friday June 9, 2004 | Jamaica Observer

The upcoming Diaspora Conference that will be held at the Jamaica Conference Centre from June 16 to 17 is being touted as an opportunity to forge a new relationship between Jamaicans at home and abroad.

According to High Commissioner Marshall, Jamaica would be capitalising on the model used by other countries that have relied on some kind of formal networking relationships with their nationals abroad to help them in their economic growth efforts.

Some of the main areas to be covered during the two-day event include: education and health, the economy, tourism, as well as, law and order. There are also scheduled presentations from the Customs Department, Immigration and the Registrar General's Department.

Edited Article; For the full story, go to: http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/html/20040609T220000-0500_60993_OBS_DIASPORA_CONFERENCE_EXPECTED_TO_BOOST_RELATIONSHIPS_BETWEEN_J_CANS_AT_HOME_AND_ABROAD.asp

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Jamaicans encouraged to exploit Investment opportunities back home.

published — Friday June 11, 2004 | JIS
<http://66.132.176.56/newsletter/newsletter/June2004/june11/jamaicansencouraged.htm>

Jamaican Diaspora to Unite
published – Wednesday June 16, 2004 | Jamaica Gleaner

<http://www.jamaica-gleaner.com/gleaner/20040616/lead/lead4.html>

Hundreds From Abroad Attend First Diaspora conference
published — Friday June 18, 2004 | JIS

http://www.jis.gov.jm/foreign_affairs/html/20040616T100000-0500_2887_JIS_HUNDREDS_FROM_ABROAD_ATTENDED_FIRST_DIASPORA_CONFERENCE.asp

Overseas J'cans seek stronger ties - New foundation to build firmer relations.

published — Saturday June 19, 2004 | Jamaica Gleaner
<http://www.jamaica-gleaner.com/gleaner/20040619/lead/lead1.html>

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»COMMITTEE UPDATE: *Continuing our commitment to Jamaica*

The Committees need your help! Our committees have been busy and we are ready to send a very large shipment (two twenty foot containers) to Jamaica. We have clearance through the Prime Minister's Office so our donations will get through customs and into the hands of the leaders of each organization.

Health Committee

We have partnered with Hemisphere South Healthcare Solutions to donate hospital equipment: Mammogram machines, X-ray machines as well as bed sheets, sterilizers etc. to the Cornwall Regional Hospital in Montego Bay. Cornwall Regional serves the parishes of western Jamaica. The receiver on the other end is the CEO, Everton Anderson.

Education Committee

We have been and will continue to collect books (please bring a book to the Picnic!) for a donation to the Children First organization in St. Catherine. Children First uses creative approaches to support, train and redirect the lives of children who have serious life challenges. Children First presently serves approximately 620 children aged 3 - 18 years; it is the largest of its kind in Jamaica. The project caters to the needs of children through the provision of education, basic skills and life training and support mechanisms. The receiver on the other end is the Director, Claudette Pious.

IT Committee

The IT Committee will donate computers to the Leicester Junior School in Clarendon. The school has turned their Teachers cottage into a computer lab which will be used for the students as well as for After-school literacy programs for adults in the community. Their aim is to have 60 computers in the cluster, JANC will help them achieve this goal by donating 25 computers. The receiver on the other end is the Principal, Joseph Williams.

The total cost to send these donations to Jamaica is \$5,000. We are soliciting corporate and private donations to cover the shipping costs. We've already received a pledge of \$750! Please send checks to JANC: P.O. Box 30156, Oakland, CA. 94604. On the memo note: "Shipment to Jamaica." You can also make a donation online at www.janc.org/contribute.

We appreciate your support
-JANC Committee Chairs and Members

»Next JANC Event: July 4th Picnic

Annual JANC Picnic **JAMAICAN SUMMER FUN!**

Sunday, July 4th, 2004

Rowell Ranch, 9711 Dublin Canyon Road, Hayward

Join the Jamaica Association of Northern California in celebration of Jamaican culture, American Independence and summer fun!

*Sports Day
Dance contest
DJ music
(Reggae, Rockers, Dancehall)
Raffles & Prizes
Membership Drive*

- Noon TO 6pm
- FREE ADMISSION
- FREE BBQ & JAMAICAN DISHES
- JAMAICAN BEERS, SODAS AND JUICES AVAILABLE
- ONSITE PARKING

Directions

—From **San Francisco/Oakland** take 880 South, 580 East, exit at Eden Canyon/ Palomares Rd. Right at stop sign, at 4 way stop, left onto Dublin Canyon Road, continue for 2.5 miles to Rowell Ranch.
—From **San Jose** take 680 north to 580 west, from 580 west exit onto Foothill Road (south). Make the first right onto Dublin Canyon Road, continue 2.5 miles to the grounds.
—From **Sacramento** take 5 south to 205 west, to 580 west, exit onto Foothill Road (south). Make the first right onto Dublin Canyon Road, continue 2.5 miles to the grounds.

— Bring your favorite dish to share — Bring a Book to donate to our Book Drive

» RESOURCES CORNER: *News you can use*

New Jamaican Passport

All Jamaicans are required to renew their existing passports. The Government has issued a new smaller passport that is the only legal passport that can be used by Jamaican citizens for international travel. The phase out schedule is based on the expiration date of your current older passport; For more details visit the resources section on our website, www.janc.org or contact Dr. Newton Gordon, JA Honorary Consul at 510-562-4391.

Reggae on the Radio

Did you know that there is Reggae on the radio every night of the week in Northern California. Listen on the radio or online. Enjoy!

Monday 12—3 p.m.

KKUP—91.5 FM | www.kkup.org

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Tuesday 10—12 p.m.

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Tony Moses & Dennis Bishop (Alternate)

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Tony Moses

Thursday 9—11 p.m.

KPOO—89.5 FM | kpoo.com

Dennis Bishop

Friday 6—9 p.m.

KKUP—91.5 FM | www.kkup.org

Robert Rankin

Saturday 4—7 p.m.

KPOO—89.5 FM | kpoo.com

Polo Mo'Xquuz

Saturday 11 p.m.— 2 a.m.

KUSF—90.3 FM | kusf.org

Brixton the Hitman

Sunday 3—7 p.m.

KFJC—89.7 FM | kfjc.org

Spliff Skankin

World Championships of Performing Arts

"Sports has its Olympics, and now the performing arts has its WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS!"

The World Championships of Performing Arts seeks to register performers from the Caribbean-American communities for the 2004 competition. Last year, Ana and Samantha Strachan from Jamaica won as Grand Champion Performers of the World. In 2002, Dennis Brown from Jamaica became the Grand Champion Male Model of the World.

Date & Place: August 7-14, 2004, Burbank, California

Contact: Lorna Schloss, Executive Scout—(310) 535-3040 or L_schloss@hotmail.com

Help Create a Caribbean-American Heritage Month By Cosponsoring H. Res. 570

I invite you to be a co-sponsor of H. Res. 570, a resolution to establish a Caribbean-American Heritage Month. Few realize that people of Caribbean descent reside in every state of the union. From 1820 to 2002, more than 68,000,000 people emigrated from the Caribbean region to the United States; Caribbean-Americans have influenced every aspect of American culture, society and government. This is not a partisan issue; their history is interwoven with ours. Alexander Hamilton, Hazel Scott, Sidney Poitier, Jean Michel Basquiat, Eric Holder, Colin Powell, Edwidge Danticat, Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, Sidney Ponson, Maryse Condé, Harry Belafonte, Sidney Poitier, Celia Cruz, Mervyn Dymally and Shirley Chisolm are just a few of the many Caribbean-Americans who have contributed to American government, politics, business, arts, education, science, and culture. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this measure to honor the Caribbean-American community, and create a month designated to annually acknowledge their service to our society. Please contact Jamila Thompson of my staff to become a co-sponsor of H. Res. 570.

Sincerely

Barbara Lee,

Member of Congress

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JANC MISSION STATEMENT

The Jamaica Association of Northern California (JANC) is a non-profit charitable organization that was established in 1975. The Association seeks to:

- Promote the national culture of Jamaica in Northern California.
- Bring Jamaicans residing in the area together.
- Apply the collective energy, strength and resources of the community towards social and economic advancement in Jamaica.

We serve as a cohesive force of people of common heritage working towards a more prosperous outcome for Jamaicans here in Northern California and back home in Jamaica.

The Association is non-political and non-sectarian.

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»REMEMBERING....

We regret to announce the passing of...

Rosemarie Palmer, sister of community member Annetta Simpson. She died in Kingston, Jamaica on May 11, 2004 of heart failure at age 41; while attending the funeral of her grandmother. She is survived by 3 daughters, Tyra—9, Mikkaela—3, Krystal—9 months and husband Michael. Funeral services were held in Evanston, Illinois.

Joyce Icoleta Tomlinson-Gardner, passed away peacefully on Wednesday March 3, 2004 at home in Oakland at the age of 86. She was born in St. Elizabeth, Jamaica on July 29, 1918 and was preceded in death by her husband, Matthew Gardner Sr. Services were held at the Bannon Mortuary in Oakland.

Our condolences to their family and friends.



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