

**PACE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
& EXECUTIVES 2006 - 2007**

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FOUNDER'S & PACESETTERS AWARDS

FOUNDER'S AWARD - LYNN WILSON

Over the past 40 years, Lynn has been involved in a variety of teaching environments - North York Board of Education as a primary school teacher, a parent-cooperative nursery school and then to George Brown College to work in the kindergarten program in one of the lab schools. She also supervised the Learning Centre, at George Brown. Lynn is the technical advisor on a 5 year Partnerships Project in early childhood education in Jamaica through the Association of Canadian Community Colleges and in this capacity has worked very closely with PACE.

PACESETTERS AWARDS

DR. VINCENT G. & FAY H. CONVILLE

Both Fay and Vincent believe in volunteerism and have embraced the philosophy of PACE and its work in Early Childhood Education. Since becoming members, they have not only adopted two schools themselves, but have recruited several other friends and family members to sponsor schools in Jamaica.

RICK DAVIS

Rick has produced and directed television programs in a variety of genres for several broadcasters, most recently Jamaican Proud, which showcased accomplishments of Jamaican Canadians. Jamaican Proud profiled Dr. Mavis Burke and PACE and this media presentation has been very influential in the expansion of PACE's name recognition amongst the Jamaican community.

TRACY HAYHURST

Tracy is an educator and a strong supporter of PACE who played an integral part in the launch of the PACE E-Card program in the Toronto District School Board.

PACE ADOPT-A-SCHOOL TRIP

Seven members of PACE conducted a very successful Adopt-A-School field trip to Jamaica, April 3 - 7th, 2006. The purpose of the trip was to visit adopted Basic Schools and communicate with the Principals, Education Officers and Teachers to get first hand knowledge and observe the latest developments. PACE also hosted a breakfast meeting in Kingston, several Ministers and Educators were in attendance, during which we presented a cheque for \$16,320.00 (Canadian) to Mrs. Fay Corothers. The cheque represents the semi-annual disbursement to sponsored schools and C\$1,000.00 for the annual scholarship fund for an ECE student at Shortwood Teachers College. Mrs. Fay Corothers presented PACE with an award in recognition of "Consistent and significant contribution to Early Childhood Development in Jamaica since 1987". The award was made on behalf of the Dudley Grant Memorial Trust and the Early Childhood Community in Jamaica.

As part of a newly launched 'PACE Adopted School' program: three new schools in Spanish Town, St Catherine were adopted. Samuel Richards Basic, Seventh Day Baptist Basic and Marl Road Basic. This initiative, supplements PACE's current AAS program where individuals or groups adopt schools.



PACE Adopt-A-School field Trip team. Left to right Sandra Whiting, Diana Burke, Mary Anne Dyce, Mardi South, Raphaelita Walker, Gifford Walker, Lorna King.

As of April 2006, a total of 165 Basic schools have been adopted in Jamaica. PACE's Adopt-A-School program contributes over \$2 million Jamaica dollars annually to these adopted Basic Schools. PACE's long-term goal is to enable the adoption of all Basic Schools in Jamaica.



Children at Samuel Richards Basic, Spanish Town, newly adopted P.A.C.E. School, playing ring game.

**PACE MAKING A DIFFERENCE
ONE BASIC SCHOOL AT A TIME**

PACE can be justifiably proud of its achievement in promoting Early Childhood Education in Jamaica for close to twenty years. Its very creative Adopt- A-School Policy has been the mainstay for the success of this program. Currently, there are over one hundred and sixty five PACE sponsored schools in Jamaica. Sponsors are encouraged to keep in touch with their schools. It is a kind of bonding. You get to



The Convilles being presented with their 2005 Pacesetters Award by Lorna King, PACE President

know your school, its staff and most important the progress your school is making. PACE encourages sponsors to visit their schools whenever it is feasible. Sponsoring a Basic School is made easy by PACE. You can find your own school in your preferred area in Jamaica, and PACE will send your sponsorship funds via the Jamaica Ministry of Education for you. Sponsoring a school is a practical way of showing that you care. Sponsoring a basic school does not have to be a financial burden. You can find a partner to share the cost. Sponsorship can be a family project, and what a joy this is when members of a family get involved with their own special school! During our two months holidays in Jamaica, we visited eight basic schools. Most of the schools we visited have great needs. Space in some of these schools is at a premium. There is a dire need in most of these schools for hands-on materials, and a variety of reading materials and other aids. We were able to supply a set of building blocks for one school and a small collection of pre-school reading materials for another. PACE's work in Early Childhood Education is an invaluable undertaking in Jamaica. It is establishing a critical link in the very critical stages of the education system in Jamaica. If at all possible, visit your school; see the appreciative eyes of the children and their teachers. See your funds at work. You will get a real sense of satisfaction.

Dr. Vincent & Fay Conville

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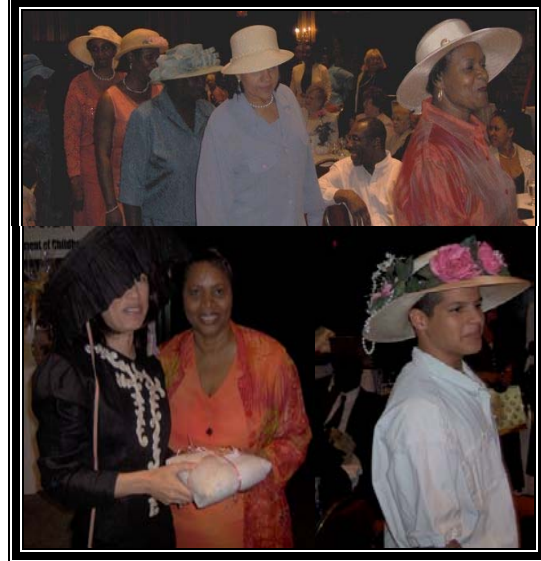
RECENTLY ADOPTED SCHOOLS

7 th Day Baptist Basic, St. Catherine	PACE
Buckfield Basic, St. Ann	Mr. & Mrs. David Crowley
Cavaliers Basic, Kingston	Michael & Dawn Gregory
Corwall Gardens Basic, St. James	Mr. Francis McDonald & Mr. Vincent Conville
Donrobin Basic, Kingston	Dr. Sharon Whiting-Burrows
Esher Basic, Hanover	Julie McDowell & Max & Kiel Ambursly
Falmouth Gardens Basic, Trelawny	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Davis
Higgins Land Basic, St. Ann	Ms. Judy Richards
Hopewell Basic, Hanover	Dr. Ato Sekyi-Out
Irish Pen Basic, St. Catherine	Mrs. Owen Barnes
Jamaica House Basic, Kingston	Ms. Patricia Gloudon
Liberty Valley Basic, St. Ann	Mr. Harvey Braun
Mango Hall Basic, Westmoreland	Ms. Pat Ellis
Marl Road Basic, St. Catherine	PACE
Mount Angus Basic, St. Mary	Mr. Bertie Walker
Newlands Basic School, St. Catherine	Ms. Lynn Wilson (George Brown College)
Parkmountain Early Childhood, St. Elizabeth	Mr. Prescott Harrison
Rejoin Basic School, Hanover	Mr. Kenneth Bowen, Ms. Claudette Hall & Mr. Maxwell Nelson
Rhoden Hall Basic, St. Ann	Ms. Judy Richards
Rising Star Basic, Carrion Hall, St Mary	Mrs. T. Neal
Samuel Richards Basic, St. Catherine	PACE
Sandhurst Basic, Kingston 6	Ms. June Crocker
Sandy Park, Kingston	Dr. DeForest Jarvis
Seville Hights Basic, St. Ann	Mr. & Mrs. Mac Gollert
Sligoville Basic, St. Catherine	Mr. Sylbert Montague
St. Elizabeth Basic, Kingston	Dr. Anna Jarvis
St. Paul Basic, Kingston	Mr. & Mrs. Don Levy
Swaby's Hope Basic, Manchester	Ms. Loy Manning
Top Hill Basic, St. Elizabeth	Ms. June Crocker

Strawberry Tea

On Sunday, June 4th, PACE held its annual Strawberry Tea Fundraiser. The English High Tea celebrated "Phenomenal Women". The event was held at the Old Mill Restaurant and Inn. One of a kind, "Wassi Art" Teapots; signed by renowned personalities, Prime Minister of Jamaica; The Right Honorable Portia Simpson-Miller, Past Prime Minister Edward Saga and The Late Honorable Louise Bennett-Coverly were auctioned. The event was opened by Phil Campbell with beautiful renditions of the National Anthems and a blessing by Judy Allen. Entertainment included the DJ – George Fynn, Delightful Divas, Pan by Sojourner San Vincente and a Fashion show by Designer Antoinette Messam of *IStyle* Fashions. The highlight of the afternoon was the parade of hats as all the ladies vied for the "Best Hat" prize along with one brave male, 15 year old, Mark Wiltshire. The Best Hat was awarded to Jo-Anne Chang with Mark receiving a consolation prize for his enthusiasm. We hope all the ladies are

getting ready for next year's event which promises to be even better. The tea will be held at a new venue so any recommendations on a location would be greatly appreciated.



The Hat Parade & "Best Hat" Winner, Jo-Anne Chang with PACE Patron, Pamela Appelt and Mark Wiltshire.

NATIONAL CHILD DAY E -CARD WINNER

This year PACE launched a new Canadian initiative, called the 'National Child Day E-Card Contest', in elementary schools across Toronto. Over 800 schools and District boards in the Toronto District School Board, Peel District School Board and Toronto Catholic School Board received the contest information package for this pilot launch. This initiative required a class to select and discuss one of the rights included in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and then create a message outlining why Canada is the best country in supporting this 'right'. Several schools participated in the contest and the winner was selected from Beaumonde Heights Middle School, class 5A. Diana Burke PACE, Past President, presented the award and a letter of congratulations from the Governor General, Michael Jean to the winner. Based on the success of this year's

pilot, PACE intends to expand the program nationally.



Class 5A at Beaumonde Heights Middle School proudly displays their award.

ALTHEA RHOOMS MEMORIAL YOUTH CITIZENSHIP AWARD

In 2005, PACE lost a Board Member, supporter and friend who touched all who knew her, by her dedication and commitment to the education of children in their early years. On June 27th 2006, "The Althea Rhooms Memorial Youth Citizenship Award" was presented by PACE to student, Faduma Jama, at Maple Leaf Public school. The Award was presented by Zerita Morris, Althea's mother, and Dorothy Cooke, long time PACE supporter. The award recognizes a student who is committed to improving the community through volunteerism just as Althea did. Mrs. Morris offered words of encouragement to the students:

"Keep up the good fight."

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**PACE HONOURS PATRON
THE LATE HON. LOUISE
BENNETT-COVERLEY**

A National Hero – A Legend for Our Times



Diana Burke, PACE Past President and
"Miss Lou" at the Strawberry Tea
With the Wassi Teapot she autographed.



Consul General Anne-Marie Bonner and
"Miss Lou" at the Strawberry Tea.

PACE has been privileged to have a special relationship with the Late Hon. Louise Bennett-Coverley O.M., O.J., M.B.E., D. Litt., throughout her years in Canada. "Ms. Lou," as she is affectionately known, became Patron of PACE in its formative years, when the health concerns of her beloved husband, Eric, brought them to Toronto to reside.

For the next two decades, her active association with the PACE mission to help early childhood education in Jamaica gave credibility to PACE programs and support for our fundraising efforts on behalf of Jamaica's young children. Her appearances at PACE events guaranteed success and strengthened the Jamaican connection. She took a special interest in her school in Gordon Town, Jamaica, which she adopted through the PACE A-A-S program.

"Ms. Lou's" presence in our midst meant a great deal to many people. Her contributions to arts and culture, drama and folklore, language and story-telling are legendary. They have received national and international recognition. She was so firmly established in the Jamaican national psyche that our entire generation felt comforted just knowing that she was here with us. Her unparalleled gift of expression, her love of people, and her positive outlook on life brought joy to our hearts and gave us hope for the land we love.

Thank you "Ms. Lou" in the "evening time" of your life – a woman of creativity and character, a role model symbolizing our national motto – "Out of Many One People" – a national hero, a legend for our times.

Walk good "Ms. Lou"
