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Fall-Winter 2011

Congratulations!

- to P.A.C.E. (Canada) Board Member **Dr. Fred Kennedy and his wife Georgie**, both Adopt-A-School Sponsors, on the birth of their first grandchild **Murray James** born July 15, weighing 7 lbs 8ozs, to their daughter Sarah Kennedy and her husband Jamie Near.
- to P.A.C.E. (Canada) Life Member and Adopt-A-School Sponsor **Miss Lillie Johnson O.Ont.** on receiving a Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Toronto's Lawrence Bloomberg School of Nursing.
- to Adopt-A-School Sponsor **Dr. Sylvanus Thompson** on being presented the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors and the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada National Sanitation Foundation Food Safety Award. Sylvanus is Toronto's Public Health Program's Quality Assurance Manager.
- to P.A.C.E. (Canada) Board Member and Adopt-A-School Sponsor **Dr. Rosemary Moodie** on being appointed President of YWCA Toronto.
- to **Pacesetter Award** Recipients - Pacesetter Awards are presented annually to three persons or organizations that have made significant contributions to the objectives of P.A.C.E. (Canada) through special assistance to the organization. Recipients for 2010-2011 are **Ned Blair, Carolyn Goulbourne Warren** and **Sharon Wynter-Bowen**.
- to the 2011 **Helen Isobel Sissons Children's Story Award** Recipient - **Olive Senior** for her story *Anna Carries Water*.
- to Adopt-A-School Sponsor **Dr. G. Raymond Chang** on being honoured with the Order of Jamaica (OJ).

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 20, 2011, 12:30pm
Annual P.A.C.E. (Canada) Adopt-A-School Brunch

Guest Speaker: Chief (Ret.) Armand P. La Barge O. O. M. Retired Chief, York Regional Police Service & Adopt-A-School Sponsor with his wife, Denise

Entertainment: The Heritage Singers
A Jamaican Lunch will be served
The Jamaican Canadian Association Centre,
995 Arrow Road, Toronto (Hwy 400 & Finch)

Tickets: \$60 adult, \$30 child (under 12)

Thursday, December 1, 2011, 6:00pm
Annual P.A.C.E. (Canada) Christmas Toy and Book Drive

The Consulate General of Jamaica
303 Eglinton Ave East, Toronto
Bring a donation for 3 to 6 year old children
(Cheques, new Toys, new Books)
Complimentary Refreshments

Calendar for Adopt-A-School Sponsorship Funds and School Supplies
Transmission and Delivery to Schools

Transmission:

Fall: Sent to Jamaica
September 26th, 2011

Spring: Sent to Jamaica
March 30th, 2012

Delivery:

Fall: Completed by end December 2011

Spring: Completed by end June 2012

P.A.C.E [Canada]
Board of Directors &
Executives 2011 – 2012

ELECTED THURSDAY, MAY 19,
2011

President & Adopt-A-School Chair:
Dr. Mary Anne Chambers

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Fahad Martin Pinto

President's Message



Heartfelt thanks to our Adopt-A-School Sponsors

Earlier this year, Chris and I visited a number of schools, including four that I would have the joy of informing that they had just been adopted.

At Perry Street Faith Basic School, which is located on a narrow lane adjacent to Montego Bay High School, the Principal told us that it had been more than 30 years since she had become the Principal of that school. She looked towards the high school with obvious pride as she told us that there were students there who had attended her Basic School. And she beamed as she said that when she visits the hospital

several members of the staff there, call out to her to remind her that they went to her Basic School. Her smile became even broader and her chest rose revealing even greater pride when she told us that there is a doctor at that hospital who went to her Basic School. She said that over the years she had often wondered why no one had ever come forward to help her school. She had waited more than 30 years for the good news that we delivered that day.

At Martha Brae Basic School, the Principal was convinced that God had sent us. That very morning, she said, she had told the teachers at her Basic School, that she knew that God would send help and that it would come soon. He had to, and she had to believe He would. We noticed two doors, one marked Girls and the other marked Boys, but she asked us not to open the doors because the washrooms had been broken for awhile and she had not been able to afford to have them fixed. For 4 months, there had been no water at the school. She had wished that she could have bought a tank for collecting and storing water, but there was no money to do that. Each day, she said, she would pray that the Public Health Inspector would not come by, because she knew that if he did, he would close the school down. And what then, would the children do? Well, she said, one morning when she arrived at the school, the Public Health Inspector was there. The dreaded day had come. But so also, to her surprise, had the water. And now God had answered her prayers again.

There are now more than 300 Basic Schools and Early Childhood Institutions sponsored through P.A.C.E. (Canada)'s Adopt-A-School program, but there is still a long way to go. The need is huge.

I have shared with you, what the Principals of Perry Street Faith Basic School and Martha Brae Basic School shared with me, because I need you to know that the children in Jamaica's Basic Schools and Early Childhood Institutions have infinite potential. I need you to know that the schools play an extremely important role in helping to provide children with the foundation they need to achieve that potential. And I need you to know that Adopt-A-School sponsors help to breathe life into the schools they support and in doing so, help to give the children in their adopted schools hope for a brighter future.

~Dr. Mary Anne Chambers





Profile of an Adopted School Mt. Herman Hampshire Basic School

Hampshire District, Riversdale Post Office, St. Catherine
Sponsors: Janet Collins Group

Principal: Otis Roberts

Number of Teachers: 2

Certification:

Complete 0 Underway 1

Number of Staff / Volunteers: 3

Number of Students:

Boys 9 Girls 12 Total 21

Inspection Completed: Yes

Use of Sponsorship Funds:

In the past: To pay utility bills; To purchase fire extinguisher and utensils; To pay for registration certificate

This year's cheque: To purchase outdoor equipment (slide, swing, see-saw), paints and pay utility bills

Highlights of the School Year:

Workshops – January 28 and May 27; Fun Day - February 24; Jeans Day – March 4; Child's Day – May 18; Sports Day – May 19; Port Royal – June 30

School Needs: Some walls are cracked, work needed; Computer; Freezer, Blender, Micro Wave; Monkey Bar, Slide, Swing; Levels 1 and 2 Training and Early Childhood Diploma for 2 teachers

Profile of a New Sponsor: Rashaan Allwood

Rashaan Allwood is 16 years old, born in Ontario, Canada, and attends Cawthra Park Secondary School. He has been studying music (piano) at Mississauga School of Music for the past 8 years. In 2003, he played the leading role of Young Simba in the Walt Disney Broadway musical, The Lion King, at the Princess of Wales theatre in Toronto, and sang the Canadian National Anthem at the opening of the Ontario Legislature and the Award Ceremony for the Order of Ontario. Rashaan is a four time recipient of Silver medals from the Royal Conservatory of Music for receiving the highest mark in piano in Ontario and Quebec, a finalist in the Grade 7 provincial piano competition (2007), winner of the Grade 8 (2008) and Grade 9 (2009) provincial piano competitions, honourable mention in Grade 10 provincial piano competition (2010) and finalist in the Diploma level (2011). He received several Best of Class certificates, first place and scholarships from Kiwanis Musical of Greater Toronto, Brampton Caledon Music Festival and Peel Music Festival. To date, Rashaan has raised over \$6,000 for disaster aid for Japan, China, Jamaica, Haiti and Pakistan. His ambition is to be a Lawyer and a Concert Pianist.



Rashaan has adopted **New Town Early Childhood Institution** in the parish of St. Elizabeth.

Strawberry Social 2011

Our annual Strawberry Social was held on Sunday, June 5, 2011 at The Grand Luxe. We were particularly pleased to have had the Honourable Marlene Mahaloo Forte, Jamaica's Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, as our special guest.



Left to Right: Dr. Mary Anne Chambers, The Hon. Marlene Malahoo Forte, Consul General George Ramocan, E.V.P. and Treasurer Christine Williams



The Hon. Marlene Malahoo Forte and Dr. Fred Kennedy, P.A.C.E. (Canada) Director



Outstanding Hats at the Strawberry Social 2011



Dr Rita Cox presents the Helen Sissons Award to Olive Senior



Multi-talented Pianist, Composer and Vocalist Anastasia Johnson



Standing: The Hon. Justice Michael Tulloch, The Hon. Marlene Malahoo Forte, Dr. Mary Anne Chambers
Seated: Dr. Mavis Burke, Professor Keith McLeod



Adopt-A-School Brunch

Chief (Ret.) Armand P. La Barge O. O. M.
Retired Chief, York Regional Police Service and
Adopt-A-School Sponsor
to Speak at Adopt-A-School Brunch
November 20, 2011, 12:30pm
Jamaican Canadian Association
995 Arrow Road, Toronto

Chief Armand La Barge began his career with York Regional Police in 1973. In 2002, he was appointed as Chief of Police, a position he held until his retirement in December 2010. Chief La Barge is the Past President of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and the Board of Directors for the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police and he is a member of the First Nations Chiefs of Police Association. Chief La Barge is a champion of diversity and inclusion and an ardent defender of social justice and human rights. He has been recognized with countless awards for his fight against hate crime, discrimination and for work with young people.

Chief La Barge holds a Bachelor of Arts Honours degree and a Multiculturalism Studies Certificate from York University, an Honorary Bachelor of Applied Studies from Seneca College and a Masters Degree from Trent University in the field of Canadian and Native Studies. He is currently completing his Ph.D. at Charles Sturt University in Australia in the field of Aboriginal Studies. Armand is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, the Queen's University Executive Programme, the Schulich School of Business Masters Certificate in Municipal Management and programmes of study at Ontario Police College, Canadian Police College, Durham College, Seneca College and Le Centre Linguistique at Jonquiere, Quebec.

Chief La Barge served as Chair of the Uxbridge Public Library Board and he was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Uxbridge. He also served as Secretary and Director of Community Services for the Rotary Club of Vaughan, where he was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship. He was the Chair of Special Olympics Ontario and he is a member of the Special Olympics Hall of Fame. He is an Advisor with the Canadian International Peace Project, Humanity First and Children of Hope, and he is a member of the Universal Peace Federation. Chief La Barge has represented Canada at conferences in the United States and South Korea as a member of the UPF. He is a member of the Board of the Canadian Community Living Foundation, the Herbert H. Carnegie Future Aces Foundation and he is a member of the Board of St. John Ambulance Ontario Council and the Past Chair of the York Region Branch of St. John Ambulance.

He is the Founder and Past-Chair of the Adopt a Mission Jamaica Committee and each year, he travels to Jamaica where he and other officers assist the poor and orphans in the Missions. Chief La Barge has received numerous awards for his local and international aid work. He is also active in countless community initiatives that raise funds for such causes as the fight against poverty, illiteracy, HIV, Aids, Sickle Cell Anemia, Juvenile Diabetes and cancer. Chief La Barge and his wife, Det. Sgt. (Ret) Denise La Barge are sponsors of Brooks Level Basic School in St. Andrew, Jamaica, through P.A.C.E. (Canada)'s Adopt-A-School program.

Chief La Barge is the recipient of the Wilf Wilkinson Rotary Peace Award and the YMCA Peace Medallion. He was awarded the Police Exemplary Services Medal by His Excellency Governor General Ray Hnatyshyn, the Queens Golden Jubilee Medal by the Honourable David Tsubouchi in 2002, and the Exemplary Service First Bar by Her Excellency Governor General Adrienne Clarkson in 2004. Chief La Barge was invested as an Officer of the Order of Merit by Her Excellency Governor General Michaëlle Jean on May 19, 2006, in Ottawa.

Making a Difference

Thanks to the generosity of P.A.C.E. (Canada)'s supporters, more than 6,700 little girls and boys are being positively impacted by support already sent to our adopted schools this year:

Adopt-A-School Sponsorship Funds
sent to Jamaica in April 2011 - \$47,605

Funds for Boxes of School Supplies
sent to Jamaica in April 2011 - \$5,800

and we are well on our way towards another substantial disbursement this Fall:

Adopt-A-School Sponsorship Funds
already in-hand to be sent to Jamaica at the end of September 2011 - \$26,002

Funds for Boxes of School Supplies
already in-hand to be sent to Jamaica at the end of September 2011 - \$900

Here are some examples of how Adopt-A-School dollars are being spent (Source: *Information for Sponsors* forms completed by Principals of Adopted Basic Schools and Early Childhood Institutions):

- Water tanks, wiring for electricity, electricity bills, gas for cooking,
- Furniture repairs and replacement, repairs to roofs, painting classrooms, construction of additional classrooms, fans, building and repairing bathrooms (toilet bowls and wash basins) and kitchens, meshing of kitchen windows, installing windows and doors, tiling floors,
- Constructing and improving playgrounds, swings, slides, sports equipment, fencing,
- Toys, teaching aids and resource materials, purchasing books for the library, musical instruments, funding special events such as graduation and field trips,
- First aid training for teachers, fire extinguishers and smoke detector, first aid kits, purchase of computers, printers and copiers,
- Kitchen cupboards, utensils, cookware, refrigerators, freezers and stoves,
- Food for the canteen, lunch program, provision of hot meals for the children.



CELEBRATING VISIONARIES

Jamaica College Old Boys Association of Canada

P.A.C.E. (Canada) is delighted to recognize the **Jamaica College Old Boys Association of Canada** for their vision and their generosity.

The **Jamaica College Old Boys Association of Canada (JCOBAC)** has earned the distinction of being the first Alumni Association to sponsor a Basic School through P.A.C.E. (Canada)'s Adopt-A-School program. JCOBAC have adopted **Shady Grove Basic School**, which is located at 217 Old Hope Road in St. Andrew. Jamaica College (JC) is located at 189 Old Hope Road.

Jamaica College developed as a boarding institution until 1967. It drew most of its students from among the "well-to-do". Today, as a day school, it boasts students from a wide cross-section of the community. Over the years it has nurtured a rich tradition in athletic and academic fields. Its Old Boys continue to play important roles in the religious, political, business and professional services of our country. Its history continues to be written by its present students who respond to its motto, "Fervet Opus in Campis". ... an excerpt from the Jamaica College Year Book 1988-1989

JCOBAC's members and their spouses have a history of providing outstanding support to their Alma Mater. Now the Year Books can also show JCOBAC's vision in recognizing that children who receive a good start in their development have a much better chance for success as they grow. Thanks to that vision and tangible support, the little boys at Shady Grove Basic School will have even more reason to aspire to be JC boys and ultimately successful, contributing members of society as JC Alumni.

Thank you for your exceptional vision, Gentlemen!

Left to Right: Early Childhood Commission Senior Management Team – Mrs. Michelle Campbell, Mr. Richard Williams, Mrs. Donna Neita, Mrs. Winsome Johns-Gayle with packages for sponsors of April 2011 Adopt-A-School funds



2011 Pacesetter Award Recipients Sharon Wynter-Bowen, Ned Blair and Carolyn Goulbourne-Warren with Mary Anne Chambers



With Appreciation to Outgoing Executive Totlyn Douglas and Dr. Vandra Masemann

AGM 2011



Celebrating Life Member Miss Lillie Johnson O.Ont



Life Members – Dorothy Cooke and Raphaelita Walker



Guest Speaker Dr. Avis Glaze

A Tribute to Margarietta St. Juste (Sept 6, 1936 - June 29, 2011) Honorary Life Member, P.A.C.E. (Canada)

*“We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.
It’s not just in some of us, it’s in everyone.
And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.
As we are liberated from our fears, our presence automatically liberates others.”*
~Marianne Williamson



Margarietta encouraged us to shine our proverbial lights as strong women, women who could and should make a difference in the lives of others. She led us all by her example. Fearless and determined, always there to shore others up, never leaving us to struggle on our own. A champion who stood by us in support of what needed to be done. A leader who challenged us while helping us to overcome the challenges that we encountered along the way. Always a good friend. Always there when we called, and always so much fun to be with.

Margarietta’s relationship with Women for P.A.C.E., the name under which our organization was founded by Jamaica-Canadian Educator Dr. Mavis Burke O.D., O.Ont., in 1987, began not long after the organization was established. She was Jamaica’s Trade Commissioner when in 1988, we mobilized together to assist the children of our beloved Jamaica, battered by Hurricane Gilbert. Our relationship grew even stronger while as Jamaica’s Consul General for Jamaica, Margarietta threw her support behind Women for P.A.C.E. She helped us to grow our network. She had a way of encouraging people to get involved. She helped to lower barriers that got in the way, for example, when we had school supplies to get to the children and discovered that our goodwill and good intentions were not good enough. Later upon her return to Jamaica at the end of her term as Consul General, Margarietta was P.A.C.E. (Canada)’s unofficial representative in Jamaica. She helped us organize events, the arrival and unveiling of two mobile computer labs that we donated for the benefit of the children. Margarietta was always only an ask away, and if she was ever too busy or too tired, we would never know. In fact, Margarietta made us laugh when there seemed to be little to laugh about.

We miss her huge heart and her indomitable spirit.

Project Inspire

Inspire a Child with Your Story

Adopt-A-School Sponsors, you are invited to be an inspiration to the children in your adopted schools.

It's easy to participate in Project Inspire. Simply email your photograph along with your name and a one-page message to the children of your adopted school(s), to email@pacecanada.org. Your message should tell the children whatever you would like them to know about you, and why you think it's important for them to do well in school. Don't forget to tell them that they can be whatever they want to be.

We will present your photo and your message together in a folder, which we know the teachers and students at your school(s), will be excited to receive and to display.

New Adopt-A-School Sponsorships

Happy Hours Basic School, St. Mary
Kamala-Jean Gopie

Gwen Neil Basic School, St. Catherine
Kerith & Anne-Marie McLeod in
Memory of Ruby Mae Codner McLeod

Team Work Basic School, St. James
Dr. Shelley Bair

Brompton Basic School, St. Elizabeth
Leroy DaCosta

Carisbrook Basic School, St. Elizabeth
Renford & Hyacinth Bailey

Jack 'N' Jill Basic School, Portland
Elizabeth Bartlett

Stewart Town Basic School, Trelawny
Sharon Clayton

Top Road Basic School, St. Mary
Gordon Kent in Honour of Ivy & Joe
Gordon

**Chantilly Garden Early Childhood
Institution**, Westmoreland
Joyce Burke

Nazareth Basic School, Manchester
Amorell Bobbet Saunders N'Daw

Tucker Basic School, St. James
Dr. Patrick & Mrs. Maude Barnes

Full Gospel Basic School, St. James
Lorette Burry

Harvest Time Basic School, St.
Catherine
Lee-Ann Lyon-Bartley in Honour of
Grace Lyon & The Heritage Singers
(Canada)

Miracle Early Childhood Institution,
St. Catherine
Ned & Myrna Blair in Honour of
Olive Laurette Blair

Industry Cove Basic School, Hanover
Angela Robertson

Lluidas Vale Basic School, St.
Catherine
Enez & Sydney Spence

Salem Basic School, St. Ann
Joy Vaz Jones & Neil Jones

Greenvale Anglican Basic School,
Manchester
Helen Emmanuel

Shady Grove Basic School, St.
Andrew
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