



Birthday Greetings



Congratulations to our Lifetime Member, **Raphaelita Walker**, who will be celebrating her 90th birthday in December. She has been an active member since 2006 and has supported **Charles Chin-Loy ECI, Ellerslie Garden Street Basic School, and Highholborn Street Basic School**. She is a P.A.C.E. stalwart who is still recruiting members, selling tickets for functions.



Congratulations to our Patron, **Kamala-Jean Gopie**, who recently celebrated her 75th birthday. She has been an active member since 2010 and has supported **Happy Hours Basic School**, in Highgate, St. Mary, and **Sandhurst ECI** in St. Andrew.



Aboutir Basic School



We just heard this *amazing* news from one of our members and sponsor, **Sharon Clayton**. She has adopted the Aboutir Basic School.

"Our genealogy records indicate that my GGGG grandparents, William Webb and Jane Syms, (both born as slaves) were married in Aboutir in 1838. They were the parents of Rev. William Menzie Webb, founder of Trelawny's Westwood High School for Girls and Stewart Town's Baptist minister for 50 years".



Keeping PACE

Fall / Winter 2016



....plus lots more

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- * Strawberry Social News



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Boys and Girls Club Playground



Ron Rock, Executive Director, East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club, gave us this status update: "The Viability Review Form has been submitted to TDSB. Their Business Process Analyst will conduct an onsite consultation with the Club and East View P.S to set some time lines. We already have the support of the Principal ... and anticipate that the project will be completed by Spring 2017".



Helen Sissons Award



The Awards Committee recommended to the P.A.C.E. Board that the Award should not be presented this year. The committee confirmed that:

"None of the submissions met the criteria fully and were not close to being considered by a publisher. In the past years we have had excellent submissions, some of which have been published commercially, and are enjoying great acclaim in the field of children's literature. It is important to maintain the level of excellence that our organization has established".



Toy Drive Market Stall



Come fill your basket(s) with Books and School supplies at the P.A.C.E. "Market Stall" Toy and Book Drive. Under the auspices of The Consulate of Jamaica at the Jamaican Consulate, 303

Eglinton Avenue East., Toronto

Friday, December 2nd, 2016. Start Time: 6:00 p.m.

Egg Nog & Sorell; Christmas Cake & other Refreshments; Carol Sing-Along; Prizes & Surprises. Sponsors can purchase a \$100.00 box of supplies for their school. Toys and books for P.A.C.E. projects in Toronto available for purchase.

The P.A.C.E. Board eagerly anticipate a Field Trip to Jamaica to visit our sponsored schools, and we invite all members and friends to join us for this exciting event. It will be **one of the highlights of the 30th anniversary** celebrations.

A detailed itinerary is being developed, so stay tuned for further details. So far we know that the visit will take place **April 23 to 28**. Various groups will be assigned to visit a group of schools across the island. So, the more participants we have, the more schools that can be visited. Each participant will be responsible for their own expenses.

Each year students at our adopted schools (ages 3 to 7) send us Art Images. Some of these have been framed and are available for purchase.

100% of the proceeds benefits P.A.C.E. Canada programs.



Please contact the office to purchase your piece:
647-352-7223

Dear Members and Friends,
2017 we will be 30 years old. We have lots of plans to honour and celebrate this milestone and to chart a renewed commitment to our work with schools and our community.



We will be **visiting Jamaica in April 23-28, 2017** and we invite anyone able to come on the trip with us to think about doing so. Details will soon be forthcoming.

In 2017 we plan to: Increase our membership by 30%; Add 30 new schools (or more) to our roster; Add 300 new donors and supporters; Offer 30 new teacher scholarships

And of course we need to raise funds to make these plans a reality. Serious funds. We ask you to dig deep and if you can add an additional \$30.00 to your contribution as a one time contribution or monthly. All will be gratefully received.

It cannot be ever said enough.... Thank you to our P.A.C.E. Adopt-A-School sponsors who continue to make sure that they send in their pledges and honour their commitments to their adopted schools. Thanks to our members who know we need their funds not only to do the work of the organization but because they know it is important to be involved! **We are asking you all, you who have supported us through the years to invite others to join us to make all these goals a reality.** Thanks to our Board members who take the time to do the work. I look forward to seeing you at the annual Toy Drive in December and the Strawberry Social in June 2017.

So again, **thank you all** and know that **we** do make a difference in the lives of children—the most important work of all.



"Carding" Poem by Lorna King



Lorna King, whose poetry elicits a variety of emotions, launches PRIDE's new "Poetry Soapbox". She is also a former President of P.A.C.E. (Canada).



The complete poem can be viewed online at pridenews.ca/2016/09/01/poetry-forum-carding/



Philanthropist of the Year Award



Congratulations to P.A.C.E. member, **Nadine Spencer**, recipient of the Philanthropist of the Year Award from the Brilliant Minded Women organization. Other awards this year include Harry Jerome Business Award; Junior League Award of Excellence; 100 Accomplished Canadian Businesswomen.



Afroglobal Awards



Hon. Mitzie Hunter receives the 2016 Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Award, presented by Afroglobal Television's Excellence Awards



Cynthia Reyes: An Honest House



The 2016 Diamond Book Award goes to...**Cynthia Reyes** for her memoir, *An Honest House*.

She received further good news in October: *"I am now a most grateful member of the Order of Distinction, Commander Rank, part of Jamaica's National Honours and Awards...in recognition for my work in journalism"*.

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Giving Tuesday



CanadaHelps saw a 32 percent lift in donations on GivingTuesday 2015 when compared to the year prior—and this year, the movement just keeps on expanding! It's happening on **Tuesday, November 29th, GivingTuesday** is a great opportunity for charities to fundraise, gain new supporters, and celebrate giving in all forms. You can support P.A.C.E. Canada at the following link: www.canadahelps.org/giv3/71959



ECIs Make Strides In ECC Standards



The Early Childhood Commission's (ECC) target to have 100 more Early Childhood Institutions (ECIs) certified by August 2017 are bearing results.

"Already the responses from the more than 2,000 ECI operators and practitioners at the two Regional Certification Fairs held in St. Andrew and Portland have been very positive", Trisha Williams-Singh, the ECC's Board Chair, pointed out.

Standard Two which addresses Developmental and Educational Programmes at ECIs has been reflected in the National Age-Four School Readiness Assessment which was rolled out in May 2016. Just under 40,000 children participated in the national assessment of their literacy and numeracy skills, to determine students' state of readiness to access primary level education; to support learning and instruction. Honourable Ruel Reid, announced recently, that 92 per cent of children ECE are at the required learning stage.



Tips For Parents



There are many programs in Toronto that are geared towards supporting parents of young children. Many organizations that offer parent and child programs can be found on the **211 Toronto website**.



Toronto

When you don't know where to turn

Listed below are specific instructions on how to search for an organization that may offer a parent and child program that is of interest to you.

- * Step #1: Go to **211toronto.ca**
- * Step #2: Click on the **Child / Family Services** icon
- * Step #3: Scroll down to the bottom of the web page and click on **Recreation for children/families**
- * Step #4: Search for an organization that offers parent and child programs geared towards young children. One example of a search can be: **Ontario Early Years Centres**.



Norma Claire Fernandez (Nee Burke)



Daughter of Charles Norman Burke and Ama Gladys Simpson Burke, sister of Mavis Elaine Burke, Sydney Yvonne Burke and the late Charles Norman Burke Jr.

Attended St Hugh's High School in Jamaica and received a special prize for the French language examination at senior level. Norma was a member of the choir of the Lyndhurst Methodist Church and remained attached to her Methodist connection.

Norma served as president of the P.A.C.E. (Canada) organization and made a special contribution to improving relationships between the members. Her adopted school was the Lyndhurst Methodist Basic School, in Jamaica.

Jamaican High Commissioner, Janice Miller, passed along condolences. "May the strength and legacy of Mrs. Fernandez' inspired contribution to P.A.C.E., including her service as President, provide treasured memories and comfort".

Earl Jarrett, Acting Chairman of the Dudley Grant Memorial Fund, in sharing their condolences recalled that for more than two decades she supported the Basic School Movement in Jamaica. "We are grateful that her life was dedicated to caring for others; and we are pleased that the partnership of P.A.C.E. and DGMT is indicative of this commitment".



On November 1, 2016 Diana Burke a Board Director of P.A.C.E. Canada delivered over J\$4.5 million in cheques for schools on behalf of the organization to Mrs. Trisha Williams-Singh, Chair of the Early Childhood Commission (ECC). These funds were donated to 106 Early Childhood schools across all parishes in Jamaica. This represents the second donation by P.A.C.E. in 2016 for a total of JA\$9.7 million sent to 239 schools across Jamaica.

In 2017 P.A.C.E. Canada will be celebrating our 30th anniversary supporting early childhood schools and teachers in Jamaica through donations, teacher bursaries and training, and computer education programs for the students.

P.A.C.E. is proud to be a partner with the Ministry of Education in promoting early childhood education.

This year's Adopt-A-School event has been cancelled.

P.A.C.E. thanks the following sponsors for their donations to the following new schools:

1. Franklin Town Church of God - Joseph Halstead
2. Praise Tabernacle Christian Academy - Florine Brown
3. Gospel Refuge Basic School - Issley Josephson Medecin
4. Maisie Green ECDC - Janet Collins Group
5. Spring Garden Basic - Candice Walker
6. Spicy Hill Basic - Dahlia Rose and Elaine Lawrence

Calendar for School Supplies:

Transmission: Sent to Jamaica March 2016 and November 2016

Delivery: Complete by June 2016 and December 2016

The Early Years are a vital part of a child's development and at the School of Early Childhood, George Brown College we emphasize the importance of positive relationships and engagement. To do this, we follow Ontario's Pedagogy, How Does Learning Happen? Over the next few months we will share information that supports this pedagogy and hopefully enlighten you.

Let's begin this month with the definition of pedagogy according to How Does Learning Happen? Ontario's Pedagogy (pg. 3). The term pedagogy refers to the process of understanding and supporting learning. Pedagogical approaches that support quality programs are those that:

1. Build positive and responsive relationships;
2. Focus on children's social, emotional, physical, creative, and cognitive development in a holistic way;
3. Provide environments in which children learn through exploration, play, and inquiry; encourage self-reflection, discussion, and ongoing collaboration and learning among educators;
4. Engage with families, and value their strengths, contributions, and unique perspectives; and use pedagogical documentation to study, interpret, make visible, and help inform children's learning and development.

These pedagogical approaches support children as they learn along a developmental continuum, and allow for smoother transitions from one program to another – for example, from child care and family support programs to kindergarten, elementary school, and beyond.

Did you know...George Brown College has a long history with P.A.C.E. Canada?

In 2003, the School of Early Childhood was awarded a 5 year project in Jamaica from the Association of Canadian Community Colleges, funded by the Canadian International Development Agency.

In 2008, the college was awarded a 3-year project to continue cooperation with the Early Childhood Commission and Shortwood Teachers' College.

Our connection with P.A.C.E. included orientation sessions for our faculty and students travelling to Jamaica and our attendance at fundraising events. P.A.C.E. also hosted our Jamaican colleagues who travelled on study tours to Toronto. The College also prepared presentations of our work for meetings held by P.A.C.E.

Our association has been an opportunity to engage and learn from each other. The college has adopted **Newlands Basic School** located in Portmore, St. Catherine and students and faculty visit annually.



Jahmona ECDC was visited November 3rd by our AAS Chair Diana Burke to update them about P.A.C.E. and learn

how the donations they receive are being used. The Principal, Mr. Steeles, explained that **funds are still needed to complete items such as floors, bathrooms and fence security.** These are all part of the requirements for certification by the Jamaica Ministry of Education.



Tech de Bus II has been upgraded and is now back on the road, thanks to the efforts of Mrs.

Kandi-Lee Crooks-Smith the Principal of Allman

Town Primary School. Director Diana Burke visited the school on November 3, 2016 and observed 10 students from the Arnold Road Methodist Basic School taking their second lesson in computers. Their Principal, Mrs. Lacorbiniere, accompanied the students who are one of a group of 5 schools in Allman Town benefiting from the program. Each student and teacher gets a 'passport' badge when on the Bus which tracks their access and training. Plans are to open the program to other schools in the next term.





Strawberry Social Update




30 YEARS 1987-2017
Project for the Advancement of Childhood Education

You are invited to the
P.A.C.E.
STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

Save the Date
Sunday, 4th June, 2017

Enjoy an afternoon social with entertainment, scrumptious lunch, and the parade of fabulous hats, all while supporting a great cause.

\$75 BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY

Venue: Delta Toronto East Hotel
2035 Kennedy Rd, Scarborough, On M1T 3G2
For more info: www.pacecanada.org
E. admin@pacecanada.org
Ph: 647-352-7223

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/pace-canada-strawberry-social-tickets-28667033870>



P.A.C.E. Greeting Cards



Looking for a unique way to send "Big Up" greetings to your friends and family? And want to show how proudly you support P.A.C.E.?



We have a set of 8 cards for \$10.99 (blank inside) with all Art Images done by students from P.A.C.E. Adopted schools.

100% of the proceeds benefits P.A.C.E. Canada programs.

Please contact the office to make your purchase:

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New Marketing Strategy



Wondering why we have a new colour scheme for this newsletter? Is it just me, or do we have a new logo?

P.A.C.E. Canada has partnered with BrandEQ to promote our 30th Anniversary in 2017, as we prepare to launch a number of initiatives to celebrate this milestone. BrandEQ's wide marketing network and expertise, combined with the firm's marked history of working with and supporting philanthropic causes, will make for a perfect fit for us.

Some of the initial deliverables of this partnership include a redesign of our logo; a new logo for the 30th anniversary; and a new colour scheme that will be included on our promotional material and social media platforms.



We have already updated our Social Media accounts with this new branding, and launched our new **Instagram account, @PACECanada.**



Over the years we have collected a variety of "**Objets d'art**" from the students at the school we sponsor. You might have seen these on display at the Strawberry Social events in the past. These items are being photographed and will be used as part of our promotional merchandise during 2017. You will also see them on our social media postings, and some are included throughout this newsletter.

Some of you have told us that, for example, it is difficult to find membership and donation information on our web site. These are the types of things we intend to fix with a **new design of the web site.**