



Dr. Gervan Fearon: President of Brock U



Dr. Gervan Fearon ("a proven Canadian collaborative academic leader") will be Brock University's next President and Vice-Chancellor.

He has spent numerous years in senior leadership roles at Canadian universities, and is currently President of Manitoba's Brandon University. He commences his new duties at Brock on Aug. 1(\*).



PACE sent this congratulatory message: *"On behalf of the Board of PACE Canada congratulations on your appointment as the next President and Vice-Chancellor of Brock University. We welcome you back to Ontario and will invite you to our events in the future as you continue supporting your sponsored POWER OF FAITH DELIVERANCE BASIC SCHOOL in Clarendon, Jamaica".*

(\*) As reported in BrockNews at [www.brocku.ca](http://www.brocku.ca)

Friendly Reminder: Have you submitted your Membership and Adopt-A-School renewals?

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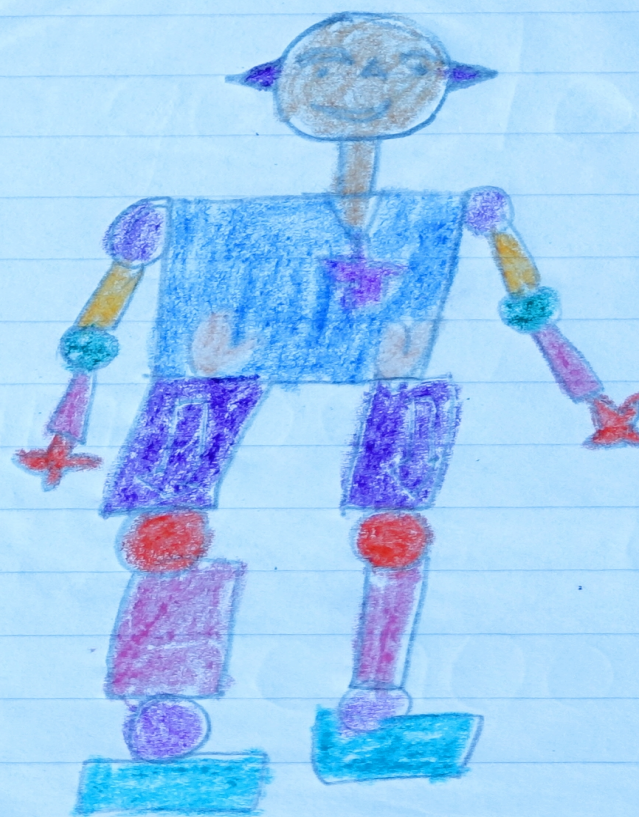
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After several fun filled months of planning and coordination with PACE Board Members, support staff, sponsors, and many volunteers, the Strawberry Social Committee brings to a close the event for this year. What a way to kick start our 2017/2018 financial year!!

The afternoon started with traditional songs by The Heritage Singers, and then our "Teacher" Itah Sadu came on stage and brought the class to order. After a rousing rendition of the Canadian and Jamaican National anthems, "Superintendent" Sandra Whiting welcomed our guests.

Her Excellency, Janice Miller, High Commissioner for Jamaica to Canada, brought greetings on behalf of the Jamaican government. The keynote speaker was Senator the Hon. Ruel Reid, Minister of Education, Youth and Information for Jamaica. He reminded us about the importance of the first 1,000 days in the life of a child.



What a wonderful year we have had so far. We started in January with an overhaul of our membership forms and marketing materials and produced an updated PACE video for the 30<sup>th</sup> year. We upped the ante on Social media platforms and ended the month with a Patrons event in honour of our 30<sup>th</sup> year and we want to thank all those who contributed to making that event a success.



We have been working hard on updating our membership records and have been reaching out by telephone to many of you but please don't wait on us to call. Do take the time to connect with us as it is quite a lot of work and we are all volunteers and we welcome your input.

We said goodbye to some important and stalwart PACE members and supporters; Keith McLeod, Norma Fernandez, Dr. Inez Elliston, Raphaelita Walker, and Fay Hyacinth Conville. They are missed but will never be forgotten by the PACE family. Raphaelita Walker attended the 2016 Christmas Toy drive coming straight from the hospital after a cancer treatment. True dedication indeed.

In April several Board and PACE members visited over 50 of our adopted schools in Jamaica and got a firsthand look at what the schools are doing. We met with the Jamaican Minister of Education, the Hon. Ruel Reid, and the Chair of the Early Childhood Commission, Trisha Williams-Singh, to hear their plans for the sector.

In May we had our annual AGM and welcomed new Board Members: Denise Allyson Cole, Nicola Hepburn, Maxine Bailey. Their bios are included in this newsletter.

In June we hosted the Strawberry Social and welcomed a new patron Paul Barnett and awarded 3 pacesetter awards to: Nadine Spencer, Patricia Gloudon, and Vivienne Nelson-Campbell. We welcomed new Life Members: Dr. Vincent Conville, Ken Bowen, Sharon Wynter-Bowen, and Delrine Jones, a former president of the organization. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers and Board Members who assisted in making our June Strawberry Social very special indeed. I am sure you will agree, if you were present, that it was a lovely and wonderful afternoon.

**Plan to up your donations (if you can). Encourage friends and family to get involved and most importantly please do share your ideas with us.**

I am as always honoured and privileged to serve. Walk Good.

Sandra Whiting,

President, PACE Canada

**Dr. Inez Elliston**

Sunrise: Aug 17, 1930    Sunset: February 7, 2017

Dr. Elliston was an initial Patron of P.A.C.E. (Canada) and attended the very first P.A.C.E. event, a Toy Drive in 1987. The Dr. Elliston Living Legacy Bursary Award provided for college Students enrolled in Early Childhood Education in Canada. Since 1999 she sponsored the Manchester Mile Gully Basic School (renamed to Sydney L. Blake Basic School).

**Raphaelita Walker**

Sunrise: Dec 12, 1926    Sunset: Feb 14, 2017

Affectionately called Aunt Raph, she was a founding member of Women for P.A.C.E. Canada. She had been a Board Member since 1994 and a Life Member, and was awarded the P.A.C.E. Canada Founder's Trophy in 2007. Aunt Raph remained active in PACE until her death. Since 1991 she sponsored the High Holborn Street Basic School and Charles Chin-loy Early Childhood Institute.

**Professor Keith McLeod**

Sunrise: Feb 15, 1935    Sunset: Dec 4, 2014

Professor McLeod was a P.A.C.E. member and school sponsor since 1987; recipient of

Pacesetter Award in 2003; named a Patron in 2010. After his passing, his close friend, Dr. Ralph Masi established a fund that supports 10 Basic Schools in Jamaica, in his memory.

**Fay Hyacinth Conville**

Sunrise: June 8, 1938    Sunset: Feb 25, 2016

Fay is survived by her loving spouse of 48 years, Dr. Vincent Conville. As a dedicated volunteer for decades, she served on the P.A.C.E. Adopt-A-School Committee.

Senator Ruel Reid, Minister of Education, Youth and Information dropped by the Queen Street Child Care Centre, which is operated by George Brown College. A tour of the



facility was hosted by PACE Board Member, Colette Kane, who manages the facility. He was accompanied by ECC Chair, Trisha Williams-Singh. They were shown the layout for the design of

a child care centre; a concept that provides open spaces for the students.



PACE Canada, in conjunction with the Early Childhood Commission in Jamaica, contracted with Alpha Boys' Media Training Radio Production to produce a series of Public Service Announcements (PSA).

We thank Joshua Chamberlain for his assistance in coordinating this project.

The announcements have been posted on our web site at:

**[pacecanada.org/videos/](http://pacecanada.org/videos/)**

There are 4 messages:

- \* Teach. Don't Beat
- \* A Good Breakfast
- \* Parents Read to Your Children
- \* Fathers, An Important Person in Child's Life



KatieBears was in Jamaica in February 2017 to see both of the schools we have adopted through PACE Canada.

We were very fortunate to take six of our volunteers with us this year. Some of them have never been out of Canada so it was such an exciting adventure. They could not believe every-

thing that they have helped KatieBears accomplish so far. They are all very motivated to do more now that they have seen both of the schools.

Our first stop was Upper Top Lincoln ECI in Grange Hill. We were so very pleased to see they have started to update the washrooms. There is now two separate areas for the toilets. Previously both toilets were in the same space with no divider between them. They have also installed the new 650 gallon water storage tank. We were greeted by all the children with big smiles and hugs for all of us. Our volunteers handed out new KatieBears to each of the children and of course some sweets to each as well. We also brought school supplies, first aid supplies, new story books and loads of love and encouragement.

Our second stop was at Dalmally Basic School in Dias. This was the first school that KatieBears adopted and we are so excited with all the upgrades over the 5 years we have been helping out. This past year we added another 650 gallon water storage tank and a new stove for the kitchen. They have purchased a television to assist with learning techniques too. It was unfortunate to hear that the fridge was broken when we were there, but we had a very generous donation that will allow KatieBears to purchase that immediately. They have now installed a fence around the school and only need to purchase a gate to finish it off. Of course our volunteers handed out KatieBears and loads of other items for all the children. Dalmally Basic was celebrating Jamaica Day and all the children had songs and dance to perform for us. Many parents were in attendance that day as well, it was very nice to meet many of the families.

We will continue supporting these two schools for many years and can't wait to see the difference it will make in these children's lives.

KatieBears goal is to have 10 supported schools all fixed up so the children will have a great place to grow and learn.

To learn more about this project visit: [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for "KatieBears are bringing smiles".



PACE Founder Dr. Mavis Burke honoured by Jamaica PM award

On June 18, 2017, our founder Dr. Mavis Burke was awarded the Prime Minister's Medal of Appreciation for Service to Education, in recognition of her outstanding service.

A Government Notice has been published in the Media, and also in the Jamaica Gazette

Extraordinary.

The medal was presented at a Ceremony on June 21 on the lawns of Jamaica House.

We congratulate her on this wonderful achievement, just in time as PACE celebrates its 30th year.



We are so very pleased to announce that our VP and Chair of the Adopt-A-School program, Diana Burke, has been accepted at Harvard University to attend a prestigious leadership program. On behalf of the Board, our members and friends, we wish her the best of success.

*"I am very excited to let you know that I have been accepted into the Harvard Uni-*

*versity's Applied Leadership Initiative (ALI) for the 2018 year.*

*The Program starts in mid-December 2017 and is a one year programme. Of course, Robert will be accompanying me on this 'adventure' and he will be able to attend courses at MIT and the other colleges, and provide support as he always does.*

*Next steps are to find accommodation near the ALI classes at 14 Story Street, Cambridge, MA starting in December and to prepare a planned list of courses I hope to attend in addition to the ALI requirements.*

*This is a great opportunity to determine my next life focus and I'm very excited".*

It has become a tradition that every two years the Board and members of the organization who are able to spend one week in Jamaica visit some 50-70 of the Basic Schools we support. It gives us a snapshot of schools in the various parishes and allows us to put a face to the names and to meet "our children".

These visits are coordinated with the help of the Early Childhood Commission and their Development Officers who took us to the various schools. Up hills, down into valleys, along many winding roads, from the country to the inner city, their staff that take us to meet the principals and teachers do a stellar job.

It is always a pleasure to meet the children who share their songs and show us their work. Jamaica is as always moving forward to make sure every child succeeds and these visits remind us of the importance of our contributions.



Our AGM was held on May 30, 2017 at the Consulate General for Jamaica.

A new team of Executive Committee and Board was elected with many existing members staying on. The complete list is

shown on page 2 of the newsletter. We would like to introduce you to the new members who joined us this year.



**Denise Allyson Cole, Director:** Denise has been involved in public policy for more than three decades and along the way was promoted to increasingly challenging roles. In the words of a former colleague, "she is a tow truck for stuck intentions". She is currently the Assistant Deputy Minister responsible for health workforce planning and regulatory affairs in the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.



**Maxine Bailey, Membership:** Maxine Bailey is the Executive Assistant to the Executive Director of the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre and the Volunteer Coordinator for the organization from April 2009 to present. The Miles Nadal JCC as an institution that is over 85 years old and is dedicated to serving the community, cultural, educational and recreational needs of downtown Toronto.



**Dr. Nicola Hepburn, Director:** Research Partnerships Officer at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) in Oshawa, Ontario where she is responsible for cultivating and securing external research partnerships with industry, academic, community and not-for-profit organizations.



**Gail Hunter, Education Co-Chair:** In 1991 Gail joined the George Brown team as a Professor/Coordinator of ECE. played a pivotal role in establishing the George Brown and P.A.C.E. relationship. This relationship blossomed into the current Jamaica – George Brown affiliation. 17 years later she continues to be involved in the project through fundraising, supporting students and doing presentations.

A detailed bios are on our website at: [pacecanada.org/about-us/](http://pacecanada.org/about-us/)



We are pleased to report that construction has commenced for the creation of a Psycho-educational Assessment and Special Needs Intervention Centre and Early Childhood Centre, on

the grounds of the Sam Sharpe Teacher's College, in Montego Bay. PACE has provided C\$108,557 to be used to provide the required equipment and furnishings for the Centre.



### 30th Anniversary Patrons

Dr. Mavis E. Burke O. Ont., O.D.

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Ron King

### 30th Anniversary Ambassadors

Paul Barnett

Robert Henderson

Sharon Barnett

Denham Jolly

Judith Booth

Angella Jones

Dr. Rita Cox O.C.

Kazembe Law

Edward Hanna

Helen Spence



Save the date for a special event  
PACE "Adopt-A-School Parish Pop Up"

Saturday, November 4, 2017

Jamaican Canadian Centre

995 Arrow Road, Toronto

More details to be published in September

Will you adopt one of 30 new schools

in celebration of our 30th year?

No need to wait till November

Visit: [pacecanada.org/program/adopt-a-school](http://pacecanada.org/program/adopt-a-school)

**Patron**

This is an appointment by the P.A.C.E. Board of Directors, and is awarded to any person whose association with the organization will enhance the status of P.A.C.E. (Canada).

We are pleased that **Paul Barnett** has accepted this role. The focus of Paul's community service is in education of youth and the development of skills within the leadership of tomorrow.

Paul has lived in Oakville for over four decades, with his wife, Sonia. He has three grown children and three grand children.

Paul served as the first Chairperson of The Alliance of Jamaican Alumni Associations (AJAA), established in 1988, and served in various positions for 28 years.

Paul is an active participant in school, church and community life. Paul has made landmark contributions to the Ardenne High School in Jamaica and the Toronto-based Ardenne Alumni Association.

**Founder's Award**

This is presented to any person who has made significant contributions to the objectives of the organization through personal efforts in the community over a minimum 5-year period.

**Michelle Campbell** is the Director, Sector Support Services, Early Childhood Commission. She has

helped our AAS program for over 10 years ensuring that our funds are properly distributed to the schools; coordinating school supplies delivery with Sangsters; and scheduling our Field Trips with the Development Officers in Jamaica. Michelle has donated the funds from her award to help 2 Basic Schools achieve certification.

*Special 30th Anniversary Award*

Dr. Ralph Masi  
PACE Canada Patron

**Lifetime**

A special group of individuals has been recognized by P.A.C.E. (Canada) as Life Members who continue to be important to the organization. These persons have been the mainstay of the P.A.C.E. (Canada) organization, and they have had a lifetime of giving as volunteers, not only to P.A.C.E., but to other community agencies as well.

This year we are pleased to add:

- \* **Delrine Jones** for long term contribution as a member, supporter, and Past President. Her innovative ideas helped to launch the current program with George Brown College where each year their ECE students spend a 6-week work term at Basic Schools in Jamaica.
- \* **Ken Bowen** and **Sharon Wynter-Bowen** in recognition of their 25 years of service in a variety of capacities including AAS Chair, Treasurer, and Director.
- \* **Dr. Vincent Conville** for his contribution in starting and maintaining the **3 Orff Music and Movement Workshops** at Sam Sharpe Teachers College.

**Pacesetters**

P.A.C.E. (Canada) has had the benefit of contributions in cash and in-kind from many individuals and companies. These contributed goods and services have not been assessed for monetary value. Instead, we developed the Pacesetter Awards as a way of acknowledging these special contributions.

Each name indicates a different kind of involvement and P.A.C.E. (Canada) is pleased to add to the list of these special people and companies honoured as Pacesetters over the years:

- **Nadine Spencer, President & CEO, BrandEQ Agency**
- **Vivienne Nelson-Campbell, Owner, Viv's Catering**
- **Patricia Gloudon, Retired Banker**