

JCAA NEWSLETTER

TASTE OF JAMAICA 2007 REVIEW

The JCAA staged another successful Taste of Jamaica on Saturday April 7, 2007. The weather outside was a little cool to start but the action inside was tropical and pleasing. The decor team, headed by Andrea Ray-Wong, created the perfect tropical setting, which in addition to getting lots of kudos, complemented the new floor plan for the hall. Activities on stage were geared towards interaction and fun. MC, Big Drew, kept the action flowing and ensures that it was all informative and humorous.

Highlights of the event were the cooking demo by Lorna Murray of Joycees Caribbean Foods, the Career Section with featured representatives from the Youth Employment Centre and the Canadian Forces and the live auction of which 50% of the proceeds went to Children's Cottage, the charity of our choice for 2007. The event culminated with a comedy hour with our guest being Owen "Blakka" Ellis. Blakka had the audience in stitches as he pulled from his extensive repertoire of Jamaican jokes.

Overall the event went well, the sponsors were happy, the logistics fell in place and we came out feeling we had done a great job. There are areas of improvement that have been highlighted for next year and the team is already getting ready to put on another great show. Thanks to the volunteers who did an excellent job in ensuring it all went well. Hats off to our VP, Donovan Simon and the planning team for executing was well as was done. Great job!!!! ****

FINDING A HOME FOR THE JCAA

The search for a home for the association continues. In recent meetings we have updated the membership on the current initiative in the Shepard Park area. Tony and the Building Committee have been working at getting a clear framework developed for negotiations regarding a possible home for the JCAA. Keep your fingers crossed that things will fall in place and provide an outcome that meets our needs. ****

JCAA SCHOLARSHIPS 2007

The JCAA remains committed to the goal of giving back to the community while assisting members and supporters of our association in their academic endeavors. The application for JCAA scholarships is open. Application forms are now on the JCAA website, www.icaalberta.com. Persons wanting additional information may contact the Secretary. Please read the application rules and ensure that the application is correctly completed. Good luck to all the applicants. ****

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Upcoming Events

ReggaeFest - August 13 -18
Jamaica Day - August 25

Next General Meetings – June 30, 2007 July 28, 2007

At Winston Heights Community
Centre at 7:00 p.m. 520-27th
Avenue NE

Volunteers are needed for
different events this year.
Please sign-up on our website
or contact the Secretary to
indicate your interest. Your
support is always appreciated.

“No man is an island. No man stands alone”

HIGH COMMISSIONER VISITS CALGARY

The Jamaican High Commissioner to Canada, Her Excellency Evadney Coye paid a visit to Calgary on June 5, 2007. Below she poses for a photo moment with JCAA President, Spencer Gooden (left) and Honorary Consul Arthur Clarke.



EXECUTIVE – GOALS FOR 2007

In an effort to create a great sense of direction, the Executive developed a set of goals for 2007. The goals are summarized below and the current executive is also listed. Feel free to contact the executive with your suggestions.

- To complete the updating of the By-laws
- Develop and make proposal for acquisition of property
- Successfully host/participate in five main events for 2007
- Support at least one registered charity for the year
- Update all member/volunteer records
- Increase the JCAA's active membership by 5% by the end of the year
- Collect renewal membership fees from at least 75% of all members
- To create a vibrant youth program
- Review and re-launch the association's website
- Produce newsletters for the year

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