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Spring has sprung!

Hooray spring has sprung! I share the same sentiments for JNA. We are bursting at the seams with energy and excitement.

I trust that you are doing great and will be able to join us in one or more of the 2007 planned activities. Some of the planned activities include: scholarship award for college students in the Washington metropolitan area; support of the Arthur Wint School in Lucea, Hanover; Jamaica athletic support - Penn relays bus trip; family fun day and health fair; Jamaica Independence dinner celebration; various membership drives as well as a student mentorship program. Please stay informed by visiting our website at www.jnaofdc.org.

It is such a pleasure to see the community coming together, from the Jamaican Diaspora to the Caribbean Diaspora. I am a firm believer of togetherness because together we are able to accomplish more, more on behalf of our beloved home, our beloved people, and our beloved community.

A special note of appreciation to:

- Ambassador Curtis Ward: For being a long standing supporter, role model for the community and the Jamaican Nationals Association.

- Mr. Lewis Buchanan: Congratulations and welcome to your new role as the Vice President, your commitment to results is appreciated.

- Ms Jennifer Asher: Your continued loyalty and hard work has not gone unnoticed, thank you very much.

- Mr. Greaves: You are remembered in my prayers and I wish you well in this time of illness.

- Ms Elise Morse: Welcome back to being an active member of JNA.

New Members/Guests: We enjoy your contribution and welcome your participation in making us stronger.

Moreen Wallace, President

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President, Moreen Wallace
Vice President, Lewis Buchanan
Secretary, Claudette Henry
Treasurer, Jennifer Asher
Asst. Treasurer, Enid Russell
Public Relations Officer, Rosie Parke
Recording Secretary, Moye Stephenson
Parliamentarian, Stanley Tracey
Immediate Past-President, Jacqueline Payne

Lewis Buchanan is the new Vice President

At the January 28 General Meeting of the Jamaican Nationals Association (JNA), Mr. Lewis Buchanan was voted Vice President of the Association. Long-standing member of the JNA – Mr. Tony Carr was the other nominee for the VP position. Mr. Buchanan joins the vibrant Executive Board of the JNA and promises to use his wealth of information, resources, and energy to take the Association to the next level. The President, members of the Executive Board, and the entire Organization congratulates Mr. Buchanan on his appointment.

"Out of Many One People"



LIFETIME MEMBERS

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Janet Redhi

Doreen Thompson

Richard Wilson

JNA member benefits include:

- Mid-Atlantic Federal Credit Union (MAFCU). Experience great interest rates on loans and deposits. Check them out!
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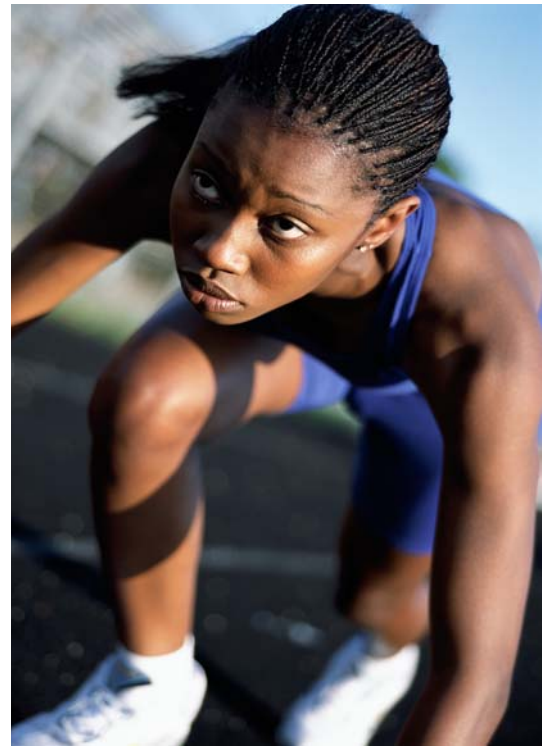
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Penn Relays Bus Trip

The Penn Relays is one of the largest and most exciting Track and Field events in the United States. Every year ardent fans and supporters crowd the stadium; stay glued to their television sets, or keep their ears tuned to the radio to experience the excitement as students compete in this very important meet! On Saturday, April 28, the JNA is hosting a bus ride to the Penn Relays, so be sure to get your ticket now to be in the "running!" Tickets are \$70 per person and include transportation, ticket to the event; continental breakfast, fun, games, and prizes. Please contact Beverley Thomas at 301-655-8724 or Jennifer Asher at 202-508-5517 for more information.



Conference on the Caribbean and Diaspora Forum

In June 2007, the Governments of the Member States of the Caribbean Community, in collaboration with the Government of the United States of America and other partners, will be hosting a **Conference on the Caribbean: A 2020 Vision** at which all 15 CARICOM Heads of State/Government will attend.

The Conference on the Caribbean will take place against the backdrop of the recent coming into being of the CARICOM Single Market in 2006 and the positive efforts towards the creation of the framework for the Single Economy by 2008.

A Diaspora Forum will be convened on June 19-20 at the Headquarters of the Organization of American States as part of the Conference on the Caribbean. The forum is intended as a meeting of the Caribbean Diaspora in the USA to examine mutually rewarding mechanisms for harnessing their knowledge, skills and resources in accelerating the development of the Caribbean Community. The movement of human resources, forming networks for trade, tourism and investment promotion and attracting higher and more efficient forms of remittances will be among the issues addressed at the forum. A Call for Papers for the Diapora Forum is currently on. Papers for the ***Diaspora Forum*** should reflect its theme and outline and should present solution centered research and implementation schemes designed to advance the Diaspora's role in the Caribbean region.

To submit papers for the ***Diaspora Forum***, send a 150-250 word abstract to Dr. Thomson Fontaine, President of the Caribbean Association of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund at fontaine@imf.org; and David Bulbulia, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Barbados at dbulbulia@foreign.gov.bb by April 30, 2007.

For more information on the conference, visit www.conferenceonthecaribbean.org.

LOOKING AHEAD

APRIL

Penn Relays Bus Trip
General Meeting (April 29)

JUNE

JWOW Tea Party
JNA Family Picnic
DC Carnival

AUGUST

8/4/07
Jamaican Independence
Gala & Annual Fundraiser

SEPTEMBER

Student Reception

**Next General
Meeting**

**Sunday,
April 29, 2007**

4-6pm

**Springvale Terrace
Annex**

**8505 Springvale Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910**

THE LOVE BIRD CORNER
Air Jamaica celebrates 25 years of service



The world's best airline to the Caribbean – Air Jamaica, celebrated 25 years of non-stop service between Baltimore and Jamaica on Friday, February 16. Air Jamaica is the only airline to provide non-stop flights from Baltimore/Washington International Airport to Jamaica with convenient connections to the Caribbean including Barbados, Bonaire, Curacao, Grand Cayman, Grenada, St. Lucia and Nassau. The non-stop service underlines the importance of this gateway to Jamaica and the rest of the Caribbean. The airline is also committed to supporting tourism for Eastern Caribbean destinations utilizing its hub in Montego Bay. Air Jamaica offers passengers the option of "island hopping" with a free stopover in Jamaica. Regardless of the destination, passengers in all classes of service on Air Jamaica enjoy its famed Lovebird Hospitality that is proudly Jamaican and includes hot meals, free movies, and of course, free champagne.

For more information on Air Jamaica and current specials, visit www.airjamaica.com or call Air Jamaica reservations at 1-888-FLY AIRJ (359-2475) from Jamaica; 1-800-523-5585 from the USA, Canada and the Caribbean; or 44(0)-208-570-7999 from the UK and Europe.

Congratulations St. Lucia

On February 22, St. Lucia celebrated 28 years of Independence. Among the celebrations to mark the occasion was a church service which was attended by Moye Stephenson and Rosie Parke on behalf of JNA. The President's message was delivered in front of the congregation and Moye and Rosie celebrated with the Lucians and other dignitaries at a brunch which was held at the church.

On Saturday, April 14, St. Lucia will be having their Independence Ball at La Fontaine Bleu in Lanham, MD.

For more information, please visit www.stluciadc.org.

Support the Arthur Wint Basic School

NOTICE

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Each month, a different community organization or school will be highlighted on the Jamaican Nationals Association's website. The purpose is to highlight the organizational needs and concerns of community institutions in each of the 14 parishes in Jamaica. This month, we feature the Arthur Wint Basic School in Hanover, Jamaica.

The Salvation Army Arthur Wint Basic School, located in Lucea, Hanover, is a primary school that has a student body of 160 students ranging in ages from 3yr - 5yrs. The school was named after Arthur Wint, born in Plowden, Manchester, Jamaica on May 25, 1920. Wint was the first Jamaican to win an Olympic gold medal in the 1948, London, Olympics winning the 400 meter race. After his Olympic glory, Wint went on to serve as a Flight Lieutenant in the Royal Air Force and later became a surgeon, serving as the sole doctor in the parish of Hanover for a number of years. One of his many contributions to Jamaica was the raising of funds for the school that now bears his name.

The school is in the process of being registered and has to meet several criteria to be licensed. The Jamaican Nationals Association of Washington DC is conducting an educational drive to provide assistance to the school. The following is a list of the schools current and anticipated needs. If you would like more information about the

The JNA Membership Challenge is on!

Membership is the lifeline of this organization. Help JNA become greater in number and strength and enter the Membership Challenge!

Contest Rules:

Each month the member who recruits the most new members (a minimum of 2) will be awarded a prize at the General Meeting. Potential members must have completed a membership application with appropriate funds paid. Please remember to initial all submitted membership applications and/or ask your recruits to write your name on the application forms. All membership applications can be handed in to Sharmaine Bucknor at general meetings or mailed to:

"Membership"

Jamaican Nationals Association

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