



# Newsletter

Jan-Feb 2006



## Jamaican Nationals Association

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### JNA 2006-2008 Executives

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*Out of Many one People*

## From JNA's Board

*Past-President Payne & the 2003-2005 Executives*

Dear Friends & Members of JNA,

In reflecting on my twenty-nine months of service as JNA's president and on behalf of the 2003-2005 Executive Team, I would like to thank JNA's members and the Jamaican community for helping us "gain and sustain momentum" as we made strides in making JNA a stellar association.

I would like to highlight a few of our accomplishments over this period; they include: two outstanding and successful independence celebrations, with our guests of honor, Prime Minister PJ Patterson and KD Knight, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trades. We also successfully completed updating our By-laws to reflect our recognition as members, all those who claim a Jamaican heritage; and with great pride we created on location in Jamaica an educational video on HIV/AIDS to help reduce the stigma surrounding individuals at risk or infected with the disease.

As we transition into another blessed year, let us not lose sight of those less fortunate. Let us not forget the purpose of JNA, but continue to selflessly contribute to both our local and global community.

My sincere appreciation to all whose contributions kept JNA viable during the last year, and particularly, our WONDERFUL and RELIABLE Executive Team. Once again congratulations to President-elect Moreen Wallace, and Vice-President-elect Doreen Thompson and the incoming 2006-2008 Executive Team.

Much Success,

*Jacquie Payne*

Jacquie Mothersille Payne, *Immediate Past-President*

### *President-Elect Wallace & 2006-2008 Executive Executives*

The new executive committee and I would like to extend our gratitude to those who nominated and voted in our respectful positions. We have a great group of members, who share a common objective to make JNA a well-financed, well-organized, effective and relevant operation with an adequate operating budget, relevant programs and a strong membership base. We are dedicated and excited about making a difference in the lives of our members and in the broader community, both locally and in Jamaica. The new members will be sworn into office at our January General Membership meeting. So please come out and meet us all.

**What to expect at the January Meeting:** An opportunity to add your input to the Executive Committee's **Proposed** 2006 Goals for JNA, the 2006 Calendar of Events and to volunteer for Projects and Programs, Committee membership and Chairs, and **to add your ideas for making JNA the best it can be.**

We look forward to a wonderful journey with JNA.

Warmest Regards,

*Moreen Wallace*

Moreen Wallace, *President*

## Business News

### Business Highlight

There is a profusion of Caribbean-influenced restaurants in downtown DC. One with draw-dropping décor is, Oya Restaurant & Lounge, with food by executive chef-partner Kingsley John. Oya offers a world cuisine drawing from the background of its native West Indies chef. Dishes at Oya include lentil soup with plantain-oxtail gnocchi; braised short ribs with vanilla pear purée and tostones; and grilled green curry lobster with red rice.

### Other News

---For food businesses in the District, there is now a \$35 charge for food safety manager's card---there are new food regulations, which down the road will come with fines for violations. We will keep you informed.

---Sad to see the closing of two Jamaican- owned restaurants in downtown DC - Ginger Cove at 8th & E NW and Ortanique at 11th & G NW .

# About JNA

## JNA Standing Committees

### Committee Chairs & Members Needed

1. **EDUCATION---**Identify or serve as mentors to Jamaican students or students of Jamaican heritage --Host annual student reception --Support academic performance through Scholarship Fund and develop the criteria for award.
2. **FINANCE & FUNDRAISING---** Raise funds for JNA--assist with the coordination of budgets for annual events.
3. **COMMUNITY SERVICES ---** Work closely with community organizations in US and Jamaica-- --Provide educational and business seminars and workshops to assist community and Jamaican businesses.
4. **CULTURAL & SOCIAL---**Develop and promote cultural activities---Keep abreast of social, cultural and economic issues in US & Jamaica--Plan social activities.
5. **PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING---** Develop effective communication and information distribution--Establish and maintain relationships with various media outlets. Plan membership outreach programs

## Community Happenings

### Events of Interest

Jan. 22- Last day for **Sam Gillian exhibit** (African-American, nationally recognized local artist), Corcoran Gallery, donation, 202-639-1700

Jan - Museum of African Art- **African Art Now Exhibit, Highlight of Pigozzi Collection**, Free, 202-634-4600

Jan 27 - **Toasters Ska Tour**, Recher Theatre, Towson MD, 410-337-7178

Feb 8 - **Caribbean-American Heritage Month Breakfast Meeting with Rep. Barbara Lee** Hosted By CCAA and IDB, IDB, Washington DC - Contact: Charmane Tappin-John: ctj@c-caa.org

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## JNA News

### "Stuff A Truck - Feed the Hungry"

On Friday, December 16, 2005, JNA members, Lewis Buchanan, Enid Russell and Carlton Drummond, represented JNA and appeared on a live broadcast with Fox 5 News at 12 o'clock. The members collected and contributed bags of food and toys along with a check donation for Fox 5's Third Annual "Stuff A Truck" food and funds drive to benefit the Capital Area Food Bank. This is a great cause and JNA got significant press coverage and recognition for our contribution.

### Closer Working Relationship with the Jamaican Embassy

In December the new Executives were introduced to the Ambassador where they dialogued about the goals of the new JNA administration, plans for the Jamaican Community, the Jamaica Independence celebrations in the Washington area and strategic plans to strengthen and maintain a good working relationship between the Embassy and JNA.

### Christmas Party a Success!

This was a great party, plenty of new faces, good food and "nuff" gifts for the kids. Thanks to Paradise Cove for hosting the party. The Staff was very helpful and the food was good. Congratulations to the 3 winners of the raffle, and thanks to everyone who participated in the raffle. Some of the proceeds from the Christmas party were donated to the "Feed the Hungry" event mentioned above.

### Membership Dues & Goal

The goal is to double current membership. Our gratitude to our members. You are our strength. Remember your 2006 dues are due by January 31, 2006.

### Launch of Newsletter

This is the first issue of our Newsletter; it will cover information about and of interest to the Jamaican community, so keep us informed. We encourage you to CONTACT us at 202-452-7646 or jamaicanationals@yahoo.com

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## Looking Ahead

### FEBRUARY

Black  
History  
Month  
Program

### JUNE

JNA Family Picnic  
DC Carnival  
Book Festival  
Caribbean  
Heritage Month

Jamaican  
Diaspora  
Conference

### JULY

NAJASO  
Conference

### AUGUST

Week of Jamaican  
Independence  
Celebrations

### SEPTEMBER

Student Reception

### DECEMBER

Christmas Party

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# Jamaica NEWS

## Jamaica labeled “murder capital of the world” - what can we do to help to stem this tide?

Every year global crime statistics present a planetary picture of crime and safety. In the past, some Caribbean cities have appeared on the list of the most violent in the world - but countries like South Africa and Columbia have topped the list. But according to the Caribbean Media Corporation, Jamaica has now been classed the murder capital of the world, after 2005 saw more than 1600 people killed; a tally of at least five people murdered a day.

Jamaica's Prime Minister PJ Patterson said, in this final New Year message to the nation before stepping down, that crime was the country's most pressing problem and called on Jamaicans to play a greater role in the fight against it. As BBC Caribbean Magazine has reported in 2005, Jamaica's Operation Kingfish - a task-force set up to deal with violent crime - remains one of the Government's initiatives at tackling the problem.

*As part of the diaspora, we have got to begin to ask the question what can we do to change this situation!*

### Jamaica Radio Station Online



### Listen Live from Jamaica

Website Address: <http://go-jamaica.com/power/>



### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Everyone can be great because everyone can serve."  
*(Martin Luther King, Jr)*

### NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

Springvale Terrace Annex  
Building  
8505 Springvale Rd  
Silver Spring MD 20910  
(Corner of Wayne Ave &  
Springvale Rd.) or  
(301-587-0190) For  
directions

**TIME: 4pm - 6pm**

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