

BAGH is On The Move...



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*Barbadians in the Greater Houston area are beginning to take notice and are stepping up to actively participate in the organization. You can too... because we are **On The Move...***



We welcome you to the Barbados Association of Greater Houston e-Zine and encourage you to explore the information herein. Hopefully, you will be able to identify with and benefit from the information contained in this e-Zine. Our aim is to keep you informed as to what is happening in the organization, as well as any other information which we think may be important to you.

Local Happenings

NABO Inc. Director visits BAGH - *By Sylvester Thompson*



This is a very casual meeting, stated Dr. Thompson

Wesley Lynch, Director South National Association of Barbadian Organizations Inc. (NABO, Inc.) and President of the Barbados Association of Jacksonville and Neighbors (BAJaN) visited April 29th and 30th.

Mr. Lynch enjoyed an entertaining and enlightening weekend. He attended the 50th birthday party celebration of Malcolm Smith in Spring Texas on Saturday, and then was the guest speaker at a Sunday evening dinner meeting with BAGH members at the Thompson home, where he stayed.

He discussed the newly revamped NABO Inc, being very clear to point out the differences between the NABO of old and the newly organized two-year old NABO, Inc. of today. He mentioned the transparency with which the finances of the organization have been handled to date and will continue to be handled in the future by the new group. He also discussed the improved dissemination of information from meetings of the directors; and the plans that NABO Inc. has for the future.



The meeting progresses as secretary Erlene Arthur takes copious notes

A discussion of www.naboinc.com, the organization's website provides links to the six Bajan associations which have rejoined NABO Inc. He also pointed out the discussion board and the other links and information offered on this site.

Mr. Lynch then discussed the upcoming Summer Conference being held in the US Virgin Islands the week leading into the July 4th weekend. He invited everyone to attend, citing not only the camaraderie, but also the presentations

on topics ranging from immigration to health care issues. He also stated that picnics and tours of the other islands have been planned.



Folks listening in and waiting for the food to share

Lynch was very excited by the interest generated thus far, citing that 75 Bajans have already signed up, including Ms Jessica Odle, Barbados' Consul in New York, and Washington based His Excellency Michael King, Barbados's Ambassador to the United States. .Deputy Prime Minister the honorable Mia Mottley is expected to present the keynote address.

Mr. Lynch wrapped up by imploring BAGH to rejoin NABO, Inc as we were one of the founding members of the original group.

Those of us who got the occasion to meet and interact with Wesley over the weekend, found a witty, warm and engaging Bajan who believes that for us to go forward we must unite.

My Lynch is married and resides in Jacksonville, Florida with his wife and three children.

Youth Group... on the move

Natalie Young reports Success



Part of the huge turnout for the youngsters

The first BAGH youth bowling fund raiser event was held at the Emerald Lanes Bowling alley at 9307 Boone road on April 22nd, 2006.

Ms Natalie Young, youth group director, reported that the event was a success and lots of fun was had by all.

"I'm amazed at the incredible turnout... this is great!" exclaimed Andrea Marshall, one of the organizers, when more and more folks kept arriving.



The Thompsons enjoying a photo opportunity

Several adults, as well as youngsters attended the event. The prizes awarded also helped to make the event special. The grand prize, a trip for two to San Antonio was won by Ms. Shari Browne.

Clarke Family Reunion

The Clarke's of Houston hosted a family reunion in honor of Reginald Clarke's late mother Maisie Clarke. During Memorial weekend. The Clarke's also extended an invitation to all to attend their family Saturday Night party at Rudy Clarke Jr's home in Mission Bend and a Sunday afternoon BBQ at Mark Clarke's home in Richmond, Texas.

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BYGH

Member Youth finish the school year in style

Maggie Noel, daughter of Ed McDaniel, graduated from the electrical engineering academy at Thurgood Marshall H.S. Magna cum Laude ranked 9 in her class of 540 seniors. Maggie also received the Equity, Quality, Excellence, award from the school staff and administrators and was crowned Homecoming Queen for 2006.



Maggie's athletic career continues to flourish. She won her H.S. division championship for a 3rd consecutive year and went on to regional. She was recognized by the Mayor and City Council in November for outstanding achievement in the community and received a proclamation "Official Maggie Noel Day". Maggie was 1 of twelve finalists in a national search by the Royal Bank of Scotland recognizing outstanding achievement. She was awarded a scholarship in Washington D.C. by legendary golfer Jack Nicklaus.



Maggie qualified and was selected to play with the professional men's senior tour at **Pebble Beach** for the 2nd consecutive year where she made front page headlines in California.

Most recently June 18th Maggie returned from a golf tournament in Orlando among the top 35 minority golfers in the nation where she won first place in the girls division with a 2 day score of 72 + 72. She beat Cheyenne Woods (Tiger Woods niece who shot 75 + 73). Maggie has signed as an athlete to play for the University Of North Texas in Denton and intends to major in Electrical Engineering.

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REHNQUIST DEAD AT 80
 CHIEF JUSTICE WILLIAM H. REHNQUIST — 1924 — 2005

HEAD OF THE CLASS
 FIRST TEE OPEN
 SHE'S GOLFING HIGH WAY TO COLLEGE

New Orleans evacuation nearly over
 WATERLOGGED CITY LEFT TO THE DEAD AND THE DYING

Monterey man helps arrange kin's rescue

Eddie McDaniel IV finished his first year of Junior H.S. on the honor roll. Eddie held his position of “First Chair” playing the alto saxophone and has been invited to play with the select band next year.



Eddie is trying to hone his athletic skills as well so as not to be outdone by his sister Maggie. Eddie entered the local competition for the “Golf Channel” Putt, Chip, and Drive National competition where he took 3rd place and advanced to the regional championships held in Shreveport Louisiana.



Eddie also tried his hand at basketball for a church league and was instrumental in helping his team reach the final championship where they finished runner-up

Brooklyn kick-off for Caribbean-American Heritage month

Entertainment



A mosaic of people and cultures

Brooklyn kick-off for Caribbean-American Heritage month
Brooklyn, NY, June 5, 2006 - The first ever National Caribbean-American Heritage Month may not have gotten a Presidential seal of approval but it kicked off with a Brooklyn celebration on Friday, June 2.

Officials gathered in the borough, home to thousands of Caribbean nationals, for the celebratory commencement to the month-long

celebration. It was marked by the rhythms and flavor of the Caribbean. But Trinidad & Tobago Consul General Harold Robertson also reminded that beyond the culture, "The whole of the Caribbean - whether English speaking, French speaking, Spanish speaking Dutch speaking, Papiamento speaking -

have played a tremendous part in the development of every aspect of this country."

The Institute of Caribbean Studies, which lobbied for the measure, along with dozens of grassroots organization, has planned several activities to mark the inaugural month.

They include an annual Caribbean American Legislative Forum on Capitol Hill on June 20th, a one day Conference of Caribbean American College Students in New York City, a Caribbean American Family Day on June 17th, a breakfast meeting of the Caribbean American Business Council on June 21st and a celebration of cricket On The National Mall on June 25th.

For more information on CAHM log on to:

<http://www.caribbeanamericanmonth.org/>. Community leaders say there are over five million Caribbean nationals in the U.S., scattered mainly in New York, Florida, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Washington, Detroit, Georgia, California and Chicago among other states.

The Senate bill officially declaring June as CAHM was passed on February 15 on the heels of the June 2005 House bill, introduced by Congresswoman Barbara Lee. But to date, the Bush White House has failed to formalize the resolution as reported by HBN last week. **(HBN)**

Malcolm Smith's 50th Birthday Celebration

Malcolm Smith flew in from his British Petroleum long term assignment in Europe to attend a surprise 50th birthday party celebration organized for him by his wife Rosalind.

The event was well-attended, with family members and friends flying in from New York and Chicago and other areas. Malcolm adored the attention and blended in well with his guests, chatting up a storm and being his usual witty self.

When the surprise entertainment came out, he blushed uncontrollably as a young belly dancer tried her best to charm him. But that did not



Malcolm on the left visiting with Judy Foster.

last too long before Malcolm was on his feet and dancing with the lovely lady.

Rosalind wants to send out a great big Thank You to all of you members who showed up to help make this a special time for her husband.

Mother's Day Bash

It was the 2006 Mother's Day Bash... and boy did we have fun! The event was held at the home of Dr and Mrs. Thompson and the turnout was huge.



Sylvester "JR" Thompson reading the rules for the Horseshoe competition.

The women and their keen competitive nature, (as expressed in the Horseshoe and other gaming events) were impressed by this year's activities.



Shown, "The Winning Team" of the horseshoe competition. From Left Laurel Browne, Marlene Merritt, Linda St.Hill, Mary Clarke, Cherrie Thompson and Yvette Browne-Payne.

"I am amazed at the preparation the men put into this event this year, this is great!" stated Yvette Browne-Payne at the end of the day.



Rosalind Smith tries to identify Mary Clarke while wearing blindfolds and padded kitchen gloves.

One outstanding thing about the day was the excellent service. The women were allowed to sit and relax, while the men proceeded to serve them with drinks and hors d'oeuvres. It was service with a smile as the young ones passed the drinks, patties, and other delicious treats around.



The women were treated like royalty, with the men serving drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Shown here Segun Banigo serving Paradise Punch to Yvonne Redman.

“Wow! The men really outdid anything that the women have ever done in the past” agreed Mary Clarke. Similar statements were echoed by Cheryl Thompson and Andrea Marshall, all agreeing that

the women have to come tough this year when putting together the Father’s Day event.

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EDUCATION

Financial Peace University Classes

By Cheryl Thompson

When folks attended the last BAGH meeting which was held at my home, in the after discussion, I asked the women of BAGH if they would be interested in attending a money management class. I explained that my family had attended a Financial Peace university course at my church a few years ago which had **changed our lives** and I had purchased the primary materials for teaching the class and would love to offer it free to those who were interested.

To my surprise, all the women listening cried a resounding “yes” and FPU, Bajan style was born. Classes officially started on Friday, May 02, 2006, and will be held every Friday until the 13 week course ends

During week five, which dealt with dumping debt, the attendees were asked to bring a guest and a couple of men also attended. After each class, the ladies generally socialize for about an hour, drinking, eating and engaging in robust discussion about life, love, and of course, money.

About FPU

Financial Peace University is a life-changing 13 week program on personal finances. It is designed to empower people to manage their money better, eliminate debt and build wealth. All material is Biblically based and taught via entertaining video by best-selling author and radio host Dave Ramsey.

It's hard to be spiritually free when you are in economic bondage. Getting rid of debt and living on a plan is the key to financial stability and building wealth. Financial Peace University is a biblically based, accountability class that teaches how to manage your resources in a Godly manner. Dave Ramsey, best selling author and popular radio talk show host, does all the teaching on 13 video lessons. Following the video, the class facilitator leads small group discussion. This is where true accountability and behavior change occurs. The group takes the baby steps needed to walk them to financial peace.



BAGH women participating in the Financial Peace class

Teaching: FPU teaches financial stewardship – how to manage 100% of what God has given. One lesson is taught each week and the 13 topics are:

- **Super Savers** – the importance of saving money. *Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise... Which, having no captain, overseer or ruler... Provides her supplies in the summer; and gathers her food in the harvest...* Proverbs 6:6-9

- **Cash Flow Planning** – step by step how to put together a zero based monthly budget. *For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost...* Luke 14:28-30
- **Relating with Money** – the importance of working together in relationships and how we handle money. *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.* Matthew 6:21
- **Buying Only Big, Big Bargains** – How to negotiate and get the very best deals. *A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is His delight.* Proverbs 11:1
- **Dumping Debt** – how to get out of debt and stay out of debt. *The rich rule over the poor and the borrower is servant to the lender.* Proverbs 22:7
- **Understanding Investments** – difference between stocks, bonds, mutual funds, cds, annuities. *The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, but those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty.* Proverbs 21:5
- **Understanding Insurance** – learn the types of coverage we need for all insurance needs. *A prudent man sees evil and hides himself, the naïve proceed and pay the penalty.* Proverbs 27:12
- **Retirement and College Planning** – understanding retirement funds, the Roth IRA, and how to best fund our child's college education. *A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children...* Proverbs 13:22
- **Buyer Beware** – being marketed to and the keys to developing the power over purchases. *The blessings of the Lord makes one rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.* Proverbs 10:22.
- **Real Estate and Mortgages** – best way to buy and sell a house and to finance a home. *Prepare your outside work, make it fit for yourself in the field; and afterward build your house.* Proverbs 24:27
- **Careers and Extra Jobs** – importance of doing with our life that which we love. *God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other; passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings.* I Peter 4:10
- **Collection Practices and Credit Bureaus** – how to check and clean up our credit report and deal with collection agencies. *Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do so.* Proverbs 3:27
- **The Great Misunderstanding** – importance of being good managers over the blessings we have been given and to share them. *The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof ...* Psalms 24:1

I will consider doing another class in the future. If anyone is interested, please let me know.

Congratulations 2006 graduates



Andrea Marshall

Graduated with an Associates Degree in Human Services from Houston Community College.



Antoinette Cooper

Graduated from University of Texas at Dallas in May, 2006. She completed a double major in 4 years and graduated with a BA in Psychology and Child Learning and Development.



Takiyah Clarke

Daughter of Mr. Mark Clarke, Takiyah graduated with a High School Diploma from Kerr High School. Ms Clarke plans to attend the Texas Women's University starting this fall.



Brandon Browne

Son of Dr. Louis and Ms Laurel Browne, Brandon graduated with an MD from Baylor College of Medicine. Dr Brandon Browne just recently relocated to Temple Texas where he will be doing his residency.



Alex Gittens

Son of Mr. Erskine and Mura Gittens, Alex graduated from the University of Houston with two degrees, one in Cumulative Mathematics and the other in Civil Engineering. Alex graduated Suma Cum Laude ... at the top of his class and has been offered several scholarships to assist with advanced studies.



More Congratulations!

Dr. Brandon and Mrs. Amy Browne just gave birth to a baby boy. The baby weighed in at 8lbs, 15 ozs and came into this world on June 24th, 2006.



Happy Birthday!!

Doris Aimey turned 82 years old on June 24th. Looks like Brandon's son will be sharing his birthday with her.

Youth Events



The Youth group last met on Saturday, June 17th at 6pm. The meeting was

held at the Memorial City Hospital in Southwest Houston. Several events have been planned including a Spaghetti supper which will be hosted by Erlene Arthur at her home in Missouri City, and a Swim Party which will be hosted by Mr. Zenwick Ward at his homeowner's center in Eldridge Lake estates. Information on these upcoming events will arrive in your email boxes soon.

Fathers Day Bash!!!



The father's day event was held on June 18th at the home of Yvonne Redmond.

The event was very well-attended, and there was enough food to serve the extremely full house.



community

Get ready for the hurricane season and get involved in our community.

Harris County Citizen Corps is an organization providing the **citizens** of **Harris County**, Texas a way of finding volunteer organizations.

Since Tropical Storm Allison and the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the people of Harris County have acted with courage, compassion, and unity. To capture this spirit of service throughout the country, President George W. Bush has called on all Americans to dedicate at least two years of their lives—the equivalent of 4,000 hours—in service to others. He launched the Citizen Corps initiative to inspire and enable Americans to find ways to serve their communities and country.

In response to the President's initiative, the Harris County Citizen Corps Council coordinates with volunteer groups such as the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the United Way, and Citizen Corps programs to identify volunteer opportunities. The Citizen Corps programs include the Community Emergency Response Team, the Neighborhood Watch Program, Volunteers in Police Service, Fire Corps and the Medical Reserve Corps. Let's get involved!



CERT member Cheryl Thompson shown here with County Judge Robert Eckles and members of the Cy-Fair Community Emergency Response Team.

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