



# Barbados' 45th Anniversary Independence Banquet & Dance

**Saturday, November 19th, 2011**  
 at the  
**Canad Inns Destination Centre (Polo Park)**  
**1405 Matthews Ave,**  
**Winnipeg, Manitoba**

Cocktails 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Roslyn 697-8042  
 Claude 275-0966  
 Keith 488-3540  
 for ticket information

*Everyone is Welcome!*

## Independence Banquet and Dance

Initially, The Annual Independence Banquet & Dance was seen as the premier function of the Association's social calendar and was the leading fund-raiser. Gradually, however, it ceased to be lucrative, even though it often attracted some important personalities from Bridgetown and Ottawa. Keynote speeches at this function have been delivered by His Excellency Mr. Evelyn Greaves, His Excellency Mr. Glyne S. Murray, Hon Mr. Louis Tull, Barbados' Minister of External Affairs, His Excellency Mr Lester B. Whitehead and Hon Lawson Weeks, Speaker of Barbados' House of Assembly.



### 2011 BAW Events Calendar

- January 9th - Monthly Meeting
- February 6th - Monthly Meeting
- March 6th - Monthly Meeting
- April 3rd - Monthly Meeting
- May 1st - Monthly Meeting
- May 20th - 23rd - NCBAC's Conference  
Winnipeg (Canad Inns Polo Park)
- June 5th - Monthly Meeting
- June 25th - Bajan Night (Glenwood  
Community Centre)
- July - No Monthly meeting
- July 24th Barbados Picnic (Hyland Park)
- August - No monthly meeting
- August 21st Bajan Night Appreciation  
Barbecue (Hyland Park)
- September 11th – Monthly meeting
- September 17th – Workshop
- October 2nd - Monthly Meeting
- November 6th - Monthly Meeting
- Nov. 19th - Independence Dinner & Dance
- December 4th - Monthly Meeting



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## A Successful Conference

The National Council of Barbadian Associations in Canada (NCBAC) staged a very successful conference in Winnipeg during the week-end of 20-23 May 2011. The Barbados Association of Winnipeg (BAW) received several compliments from the out-of-town registrants for the excellent manner in which it hosted the event. All the items in the programme went extremely well. Dr the Hon David Estwick, Barbados Minister of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries, Industry and Small Business, delivered a very good keynote speech at the Banquet; the workshops and presentations were informative and interesting; the Bus Tour to Gimli was exciting; and the Cultural Show was most enjoyable. The conference was mainly concerned with bridging the generation gap and encouraging the youth to participate in the activities of Barbadian organizations all across Canada. Several youth attended and arranged an interesting Workshop on the Saturday morning. It is hoped that they will urge their contemporaries to become more involved in the activities of the NCBAC.

## In Appreciation

Local Planning Committee for NCBAC Conference 2011

Greg Gaskin, Conference Coordinator

Chris Bellamy Keith Sandiford

Claude Neblett Lorraine Sandiford

Pamela Neblett Joan Skeene

Roslyn Pilgrim

The Planning Committee extend our sincere thanks to the members of the Barbados Association of Winnipeg for their participation and volunteering efforts in NCBAC Conference 2011. Thanks to all the dedicated members who supplied food for the Friday Night Reception, the volunteers who helped with Sunday's Luncheon and the members who entertained our guests during and after the conference. The Committee would also like to thank all the sponsors and supporters who made the Gala Banquet and Dance booklet a success.

Congratulations Barbados Association of Winnipeg for proving once again that we are one of the friendliest and most accommodating association in Canada. We should be very proud of ourselves.

## Winnipeg Youth at the Conference

The BAW sponsored six local youth to attend the NCBAC conference: Shaneequa Bellamy, Tessia Jordan, Brittany Lalonde, Andrew Sylvain, Camille Vaughan and Natasha Zloty. They played key roles in the Youth Workshop and Camille Vaughan and Tyler Layne-Linton, served as co-emcee at the Banquet. We are hoping that they will all join the BAW as very active and full-fledged members.

## Another Doctorate for Professor Sandiford

Professor Emeritus Keith Sandiford, who has for many years been a driving force behind the BAW and the NCBAC, has been chosen by the University of the West Indies among those upon whom it plans to confer honorary doctorates during its October convocation this year. He will be awarded a DLitt on the Cave Hill Campus in Bridgetown.

## Passing Parade

It is with great sadness that we report the recent deaths of Gloria Bowen in Texas, she was among the earlier members of the BAW, and Mrs Shirley Worrell.

**BARBADOS ASSOCIATION OF WINNIPEG INC.**

**Presents**  
**Bajan Night**

**Saturday, June 25th, 2011**  
**Glenwood Community Centre**  
**27 Overton St. in St. Vital**

**Featuring Caraballo**

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**Door open at 5:00 p.m.**  
**Dinner from 5:30pm until 8:00p.m.**  
**Admission \$10.00**

**A Warm Welcome Awaits You**

**For tickets please call** Roslyn: **697-8042**  
Keith: **488-3540**  
Greg: **338-6464**

## Bajan Night

Bajan Night, our signature fundraising event, has been held each year since 1979. Bajan Night is held on the 4th Saturday in June, at which guests enjoy a fabulous Bajan dinner, live entertainment, a sampling of the Barbadian cuisine, dancing and of course, good Bajan company and humour.

Everyone is invited to join us at this annual gathering of Bajans, Canadians, West Indians and all who love Barbados.

## Youthful Heroes

**TYLER LAYNE-LINTON:**

**BIO:** My name is Tyler Layne-Linton and I am 21 years old. As well, I am the youth representative of NCBAC, and the vice president of the Barbados Canada Association of Edmonton. Currently, I am studying to complete my Bachelor of Science in Nursing program and I am second year of the four year program. My goal is to work as a nurse for a few years to gain experience in hospital setting then I plan to go back to school to become a nurse practitioner.

**REFLECTION:** From attending the conference I learned, the actual effectiveness of accomplishing goals when you seek council from those with experience. Although one suggestion I would have is to have an ice-breaker activity that would promote interactions of youth with older adults, such as a game.

**TESSIA JORDAN:**

**BIO:** I am currently finishing my third year in the baccalaureate nursing program at the U of M, with plans to become a nurse practitioner or nurse therapist. Also, I plan on traveling and working in different places all over the world. This summer besides traveling to Barbados, I plan on becoming a part of a personal fitness program, and within the next couple of years compete in a Ms. Fitness program.

**REFLECTION:** gained insight into tourism and attractions in Barbados as well as programs that offer incentives, as well as I got to meet a lot of new people and that was good. A suggestion would be to make the workshops more "informative", I feel I could have benefitted from a different topic for the youth workshop, and next time get all the youth sponsored, involved in the workshops.

**BRITTANY LALONDE:**

**BIO:** I have currently just completed my first year of university at the U of M. I plan on continuing in September and applying for the Faculty of Dental Hygiene by next April 2012.

**REFLECTION:** As this was my first conference I don't have much to compare it to, however I met a lot of great people and learnt a lot of new things that I did not know before. Coming to the conference has made new ideas come to mind of how to involve the youth and the older adults to eventually have one great union that involves everyone all over Canada and all Barbadian decent. Hopefully after this conference we will be able to move forward and start making stronger efforts to expand our associations. This conference ensured the youth and the older adults really benefitted from each other which is great and I hope these efforts continue, see you next year in Montreal.

**DREW SYLVAIN:**

**BIO:** I just graduated from Business Administration from Red River College with a major in Financial Services. I am currently looking to start my career in banking.

**REFLECTION:** The conference definitely showed me that there's a lot of pretty cool Bajans across Canada. One suggestion would be is to have the youth even more involved with planning everything for the conference.