



BARBADOS ASSOCIATION OF WINNIPEG INC.



Barbados' 46th Anniversary Independence Banquet & Dance

Saturday, November 17th, 2012

at the

Canad Inns Destination Centre (Polo Park)
1405 St. Matthews Ave, Winnipeg

Guest Speaker

Dance the evening away to the sounds of
DJ Dose

Cocktails 6:00pm-7:00pm
Admission Adults- \$40 - Youths - \$25

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. In 1981, for example, the keynote speaker was the Hon Mr Lindsay Bolden, a member of the Barbados Labour Party cabinet. In 1984, it was the Hon Mr Louis Tull, Barbados' Minister of External Affairs, who gave the keynote speech; and in 1982, His Excellency Mr Lester B. Whitehead Barbados' High Commissioner to Canada, delivered the feature address.



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2012 BAW Events Calendar

- January 8th - Monthly Meeting
- February 5th - Monthly Meeting
- March 4th **Annual General Meeting** (Election of executive members)
- April 1st - Monthly Meeting
- May 6th - Monthly Meeting
- May 18th 21st - **NCBAC's Conference** (Montreal)
- June 3rd - Monthly Meeting
- June 30th - **Bajan Night** (Glenwood Community Centre)
- July - No Monthly meeting
- July 29th - **Barbados Picnic** (Hyland Park)
- August - No monthly meeting
- August 19th - **Bajan Night Appreciation Barbecue** (Hyland Park)
- September 9th Monthly meeting
- October 14th - Monthly Meeting
- November 4th - Monthly Meeting
- November 17th - **Independence Dinner & Dance**
- December 2nd - Monthly Meeting



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Year End Report

This past year we experienced very successful accomplishments that are essential to be recognized in reflecting this past year and moving forward into the year of 2012. This final 2012 Barbados Association of Winnipeg Year End Report concludes the association's activities and accomplishments completed during this past year.

The National Council of Barbadian Associations in Canada (NCBAC) staged its annual conference in Winnipeg during the week-end of May 20-23 2011. The conference theme "Our Legacy: The Next Generation" focused on bridging the generation gap by encouraging the youth throughout Canada to participate in the activities of Barbadian organizations. The BAW sponsored six local youth to attend the conference and to participate in the arranged activities, along with participating in an interesting workshop that was held the Saturday morning with the specific focus of "Bridging the Gap," presentation. The itinerary of the programme was extremely successful and should motivate us for our future endeavours. Dr the Hon. David Estwick, Barbados Minister of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries, Industry and Small Business, delivered an excellent keynote speech at the Banquet. The workshops and presentations were informative and interesting; the bus tour to Gimli was exciting and filled with entertainment which included a new learning experience for many. The most entertaining part of the weekend was the Cultural Show, extra credit is due to Marilyn Moseley who organized and hosted the event. 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.

The BAW continues to donate funds to CCOM annual awards night which will assist funds for a scholarship to a university student actively involved in the Caribbean community.

Bajan Night, our biggest event of the year was extremely successful once again. The Association was delighted to present our wonderful supporters with the music of the Caraballo, West Indians born musicians from Winnipeg. They provided the event with entertainment, the atmosphere was excellent and the food was delicious. Unfortunately we ran into the issue again of not having enough coconut bread.

Also in this past year the annual Bajan picnic was held at Hyland Park and attracted members of the BAW and our supporters. It was a beautiful day for enjoying the activities which included a great work out for those who participated in the random activities.

The Association continues to participate in the annual Folklorama and in 2011 several members volunteered for this event. The Caribbean pavilion continues to be very attractive and the attendance was once again one of the best.

Last year the Barbados Association celebrated its 34th anniversary and the 45th anniversary of Barbados Independence with a Banquet and Dance. The event attracted some 120 guests. The guest speaker Dr Ertrice Eddy presentation included a topic based on, taking care of the brain and the benefits of post injury therapy.

Finally I wish to acknowledge once again all the hard work and dedication, of the many individuals who volunteered their time, to contribute to the success of the BAW in 2011. We look forward to a brighter year ahead and extend our thanks to you, for your continued support of the Barbados Association of Winnipeg.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Gaskin

Recent BAW News

Elections

At its Annual General Meeting on Sunday, 4 March 2012, BAW held its General Election, with the following results:

President:	Mr Gregory Gaskin
Vice President:	Mr Neville Skeete
Treasurer:	Mr Claude Neblett
Secretary:	Mrs Lorraine Sandiford
Asst Secretary:	Mrs Pamela Neblett
Social Committee:	Mrs Roslyn Pilgrim
Youth Rep:	Ms Tessia Jordan

Revival of Our Youth Wing

We are delighted to see that our Youth Wing is being resuscitated. Chaneequa Bellamy, Michael Brome, Tessia Jordan, Brittany Lalonde and Jordan Lalonde have joined the BAW and are encouraging others to follow suit. Already they are committed to participating in our Bajan Night programme on 30 June as well as the Caribbean Folklorama Pavilion in July/August. Two youth Ms Genna Griffith and Mr Ahkieme Arthur-Jordan of Barbadian extraction have also been chosen to serve as the Caribbean Pavilion's 2012 Youth Ambassadors. Hopefully the BAW will also be represented at the Youth Conference scheduled for Barbados in August this year.

Retirements

Within the past few months, the BAW has lost the services (but not the affection) of some of its former supporters. Nolan and Ericka Babb have moved to Ontario; Lionel and Sheila Welch have returned to Barbados; and Vickie Graham has followed in their footsteps. We wish them all the very best.

Condolences

Sadly, the BAW has recently lost some of its members and community. Mr. Carlos Calendar, Mrs Daisy Griffith, Mr Glen Kinch, Mrs Brenda Morris and Ms. Vernese Puckerin have passed on. We offer sincere condolences to their relatives and friends.

NCBAC Conference 2012

This year the NCBAC will be celebrating its' 28th annual conference "Understanding Insurance, Pensions & Retirement." Hosted by Barbados House Montreal from May 18th - 21st 2012.

Conference events include a welcome reception, workshops, a banquet, bus tour of Montreal and more!

Full registration is \$225.00 which covers the Saturday morning's breakfast, all workshops, Saturday's lunch, Saturday's Banquet, and bus tour + lunch and the Cultural Show on Sunday. Please register with your local Association.



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Presents
Bajan Night
Saturday, June 30th, 2012
Glenwood Community Centre
27 Overton St. in St. Vital

Music supplied by
Caraballo

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
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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 guest enjoy a fabulous Bajan dinner, live entertainment, a sampling of the Barbadian cuisine, dancing and of course, good Bajan company.

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