



AGE NOTES

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Notes from the Editor

The first quarter of the year is officially over. It's Tax Time for those living in the USA. The last minute people had better quickly pull out the shoeboxes with the receipts, W2s and other relevant material and get to their Tax preparer. April 15th is the due date for all Tax returns. **Memba sey Uncle Sam no joke wid di tax ting!**

In this issue you will hear about the Family Fun Day, the progress of the One-Bathroom-at-a-time project, the visit to XLCR, the plans that are underway to celebrate XLCR's 75th anniversary and lots more.

Remember the goal of the Alumni board is to communicate and keep you all informed. Please help us by passing on the newsletter to someone we might have missed so we can reach

the wider XLCR alumni community.

April 9, 2005 Family Fun Day

Yu caant mis' dis yu nuh!

The planning committee is hard at work trying to ensure that everything is in place and ready for the **Family Fun Day** on **Saturday, April 9, 2005** at **CB Smith Park**. The park is located at 900 N Flamingo Road in Pembroke Pines. The fun starts at **10:30am**.

We have sent invitations, posted flyers, called those we have phone numbers for and made radio announcements to ensure that we reach everyone near and far.

We have activities for the entire family. There will be music all day provided by **Disco Sensation**. Food and drinks in abundance. The kids will have a coordinator and will enjoy the Bounce

House, Clown, cotton candy and snow cone among other activities. For the adults, there will be 6-side soccer, races such as 3-legged, egg & spoon, volley ball, dominoes and Cards. There will be prizes and surprises.

The donation of **\$5 per adult and \$2 per kid** will go towards the **One-Bathroom-At-A-Time** project.

We have extended invitations to other Alumni groups so we can have some good competition. Come dressed to participate in the activities.

Your participation is paramount to the success of this event. Tell everyone about it. We are eager for the day to arrive because it is billed to provide the best fun ever. It's a date. Be there!

Jus' com' nuh man!

One-Bathroom-at-a-time project

Two members of the Alumni Board visited XLCR on March 10th and presented the principal, Mrs. Wilson with a check from the Florida Alumni Community of US\$2,500.00. The check represents our initial donation towards the project. We inspected the bathrooms with the school plant manager – Mr. Christopher Collins and the vice principal, Mrs. Allison Peart. Together we have prioritized the refurbishing based on location and state. The decision is to start with the 9th grade male and female bathrooms located next to the Auditorium. The 10th grade will be next, followed by the 8th and 7th grade bathrooms. The Sick Bay will be the last area addressed.

Mr. Collins will be providing a project plan outlining the timeline and cost for the completion of each bathroom. We have also requested a monthly

progress report which will keep us abreast of the completed tasks and expenditure. We will continue to use this medium to report on the progress as we are fully committed to this project and will fund it to completion.

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XLCR Easter Service

I had the pleasure to be at XLCR on the last day of school prior to the beginning of their Easter break and feel compelled to share the experience. What a lovely, heartwarming, spiritual experience! The talent displayed by the students makes the efforts we make as an Alumni organization so worthwhile.

I was especially awed by the organization of the program which was created to commemorate “the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ”. The teachers and the students shared the stage, acting and reading parts of the

Biblical stories related to Easter. The students read scriptures and sang songs in English, French, Spanish and even sign language with such fluency. One item on the program combined song, a backdrop of dancers and students using sign language. What an amazing voice the soloist Norda McKenzie has!!! I could feel her voice resonating through my entire body. Such passion! Such feeling! So humbling! And then there were the Panton brothers – Chevough and Tanel. These brothers sang solo parts in Spanish – their voices, their perfect Spanish accents rung through my soul. Oh how I wish there were more people there to hear them. We surely have not heard the last of these kids.

The students in the audience were wonderful, kind, and appreciative demonstrated by their mannerly behavior. I am so happy to have been there and enjoy the moment. Talent continues to abound at XLCR despite the odds. We must continue our struggle to re-build the infrastructure for many

more to enjoy in the years to come.

XLCR Alumni of New York presents its Summer Bash

Mark your calendars! You cannot afford to miss this one. The first one was great and this one will be even better!

The second Summer Bash in New York is slated for **Saturday, July 23, 2005 from 10pm to 4am**. The summer bash will be held at **Chef Orchid at the JFK airport, building #14**. **Ecology Force Sound Machine** will be providing the music. Tickets will go on sale shortly. Stay tuned for more information as the event draws closer.

Class of 1980 Fundraiser Reunion 2005

The Class of 1980 is having their 25th anniversary **Fundraiser Reunion 2005** on **October 13-16, 2005** in **Kingston, Jamaica**.

There is a jam-packed program for the 3 days and their slogan is **Giving Back Matters**. This event is expected to raise **US\$35K or J\$2 million**, all of which will be donated to XLCR to help defray the cost of education for needy students. For more details, please email jhinds@stblaw.com, hmj201@aol.com, sd_barker@yahoo.com, or garthsherwood@yahoo.com.

XLCR 75th Anniversary Celebrations

Plans are underway for the year-long celebration of XLCR 75th Anniversary. A steering committee chaired by Evan Thompson has started to meet regularly to determine the events.

Multiple sub-committees will be formed to address specific activities. The year-long celebrations will kick off on January 19th with the Founder's Day service. There will be parades, floats, possible renaming of a section of Mountain View Avenue to Wesley Powell Blvd., banquets and lots more. As dates are finalized, we will communicate them to you. Don't start planning anything for 2006 yet...leave time to participate in the multiple celebrations that will be going on for the 75th Anniversary in Jamaica. Please email Evan at egthompson@hotmail.com with ideas or to offer assistance.

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