



AGE NOTES

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Notes from the Editor

Summer vacation is almost over for the kids that live in Florida as school resumes on August 8th. Parents are scurrying to get those new clothes and shoes, buy the books from the list, and carry them to the Doctor for their "check-up". I hope you all were able to take advantage of the no tax week.

Nuff money hafi spen' fi sen di pickney dem backa School!

On a more somber note, our hearts go out to the victims of the recent bombings in London. We all are affected as these issues continue to shape and define how we live. We all need to be vigilant and live our lives in Faith.

This issue will provide an update on the planning for the XMAS Bash and make you taste some of the fun we had at the NY summer bash.

Hold on to your seats!

Planning ...The Florida XMAS BASH

Members of the Florida Alumni Board have hit the streets in an effort to find companies that will sponsor the 2005 XMAS BASH on December 17, 2005. This is a huge undertaking but we are committed and determined to maximize our returns from the event in order to give a substantial donation to XLCR. **Bway wi a bus nuff sweat!**

We missed our target date of July 15th to print flyers and tickets as we must get the sponsors first. **Mek mi jus come clean – we need all oonu help fi do dis!**

We have the sponsor request letters and the sponsor contracts ready...just waiting for a signature. Each prospective sponsor will be given a contract and will be required to select a sponsorship package. The contracts will be signed and the associated cost for the sponsorship level collected. The exposure derived from sponsoring the event encompasses –

A – Ads in the media;

B – Name on the front of the flyer;

C- Name on event ticket

D – Banner posted at event.

The advertising rates for the sponsorship levels are as follows:

Platinum (A, B, C, D) - \$3000.00

Gold (A, B, D) - \$2000.00

Silver (A, B) - \$1500.00

Bus. Card (B) - \$150.00

We need to close the deals on the advertising contracts ASAP so we can go to the printers with the flyers and tickets. We are flexible with the advertising rates and are willing to negotiate with sponsors for any deals they might propose. **We nah refuse nobody!**

Please get in touch with any member of the board to obtain the sponsorship paperwork. We would like to print flyers and start ticket distribution by September 30th. We want to be ahead of the game because a lot of organizations have fundraisers in December.

Last month I promised that in this issue we would let you in on the secret of which disco would be wailing out the tunes. Well wait no more...the musical sounds will be provided by

Disco Sensation with DJ **Everton** in charge. A guest DJ from out of town will also be there... **Pssst... mi change mi mind... a nah tell oonu a which DJ yet.**

People are you ready for the XMAS BASH? **But wait... mi nuh hear oonu... mek some noise... mi sey if oonu ready fi di Bashment... Alright dat soun' lickle betta.**

The Alumni board is waiting to hear from you all. Call us. Advertise it. Get sponsorship. Every cent counts. Help us make this a successful event.

Remember the place to be on **Saturday, December 17, 2005** is the **Inverrary Hotel** located at **3501 Inverrary Blvd, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33319.**

Disco Sensation with **Everton** at the controls will be providing the music. The adrenalin is building up... I can hear the music... I am getting in the mood already. **Hear wha happen now... mi gone practice mi move dem fi the dance floor.**

Please call 954-309-4405/954-914-0811 to get letters and the sponsorship contracts.

One-Bathroom-at-a-time project

The work on the bathrooms is slated to begin as soon as the students go off for summer holidays. We expect to

get a progress report from the Plant Manager, Mr. Collins by the first week in August. The goal is to have the male and female bathrooms located next to the Auditorium ready when school re-opens in September. We are continuing to follow the progress and will provide a more detailed update in the next newsletter.

NY Alumni Summer Bash

Wha yuh sey... did I hear you say you were not at the Bash on July 23rd that was hosted by the NY (USA) alumni chapter? No mi nah hear right... caus' yuh miss a wicked party!

A few of us from the Florida Alumni chapter had the pleasure of attending the summer fundraising bash that was hosted by the NY chapter on Saturday, July 23rd. **A whole heapa people were dere!**

The party goers did not start flooding the gates until about 11:30 pm. The styles – hair and clothes were expressive. We got to chat and greet fellow school mates that we had not seen in years. Some were not easily recognizable perhaps because of hair-loss for some and weight gain for others. Some chose to spend the entire night catching up on each

others lives while others could not get enough of the dance floor. The music was great and kept us all going. The dancing went on into the early morning and was still going when I left there at 5 am. I hope from a fundraising perspective that it was a success for the NY chapter because we all had fun.

The location was great. The food was plentiful and nice. The music was sensational. The mingling with friends and family was simply nostalgic.

We look forward to the 2006 summer bash as well as the Dinner/Dance in October 2005.

Nuff respect on a really nice party!

NY & FL Alumni teams meet

The coordination of schedules between the board members of the 3 active XLCR Alumni Associations – Jamaica, New York and Florida is a daunting task. However on July 22nd representatives from the NY and FL boards met and initiated conversations about sharing goals with each other. The main topic was the 75th anniversary celebrations and the role we would play. Duane Coombs, the Public Relations Officer for the NY (USA) Chapter will be

the liaison for the FL and NY chapters to incorporate the organizations in the final planning of the celebrations. The idea of acquiring a school bus which is a goal of the Jamaica chapter was lauded as a good idea. The NY and FL chapters will have further discussions as it relates to funding for the bus project. We will be working to schedule a meeting very soon with the Jamaica chapter. It should be noted that even though all 3 chapters have not convened at one meeting we are in communication with each other.

We all want to work together knowing that the goal is to improve our school -XLCR.

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