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From the president's desk

Our best wishes for 2013

Dear friends,

The CCH-FSCAA would like to seize the opportunity of this holiday season to extend warm wishes of love, peace and prosperity to all of you.

Just about two months ago, the association held its ninth annual General Assembly. Nearly a hundred of supporters, members and friends joined us in the gathering. We had the distinct pleasure to host our colleagues from Boston: Charlot Lucien and Evangeline Roussel. Once more, their presentation demonstrated their commitment to contribute in the association's improvement. They brought with them an amount of \$750.00 intended to sponsor two students for the second half of the academic year. Professor Eddy Mesidor, our keynote speaker, wowed members of the audience as he interacted with them during his talk on Education. On the other hand, although this was beyond our control, we apologize to our invited guests for the subpar quality of the service from Brasserie Creole. In the future, we will do what it takes to ensure that this does not happen again.

This year, we are looking forward to celebrate our tenth anniversary and several projects are already underway for the occasion. First of all, we would like to remind all of you of the 2013 Fund-Raising Gala. This will be a dynamic soiree preceded, the day before, by a homecoming soiree among old friends and classmates with the purpose to strengthen their commitment to this noble cause. It is also a way to remind to all that our priority is to help Haiti.

Chers amis,

La CCH-FSCAA profite de la saison des fêtes pour souhaiter à vous tous beaucoup d'amour, de paix et de prospérité.

Il y a environ deux mois, l'association a tenu sa neuvième assemblée générale annuelle. Près d'une centaine de supporters, amis et membres y ont participé. Nous avons eu le plaisir d'accueillir nos collègues de Boston, Charlot Lucien et Evangeline Roussel. Leur présentation a, une fois de plus, démontré leur engagement à contribuer à l'amélioration de l'association. Ils ont apporté une somme de \$750.00, comme bourses à deux élèves pour la deuxième partie de l'année académique. Le Professeur Eddy Mésidor, notre conférencier principal, conquit l'assistance par le brio avec lequel il développa sa causerie sur l'éducation. Bien que c'était hors de notre contrôle, nous présentons nos excuses aux invités pour le service peu adéquat reçu de Brasserie Crèole. Nous prendrons des dispositions pour que cela ne se répète pas.

Cette année, nous allons célébrer notre dixième anniversaire, et déjà plusieurs activités sont projetées. D'abord, nous voulons rappeler à tous le Gala de Mai 2013. Ce sera une soirée grandiose, précédée la veille par une Soirée de Retrouvailles entre anciens amis, ayant pour but de renforcer leur engagement dans cette noble cause. Une façon de rappeler à tous que notre priorité est d'aider Haïti. Nous espérons que tous feront de cet engagement une résolution pour la nouvelle année. Nous devons participer, faire montre d'initiative, que ce soit dans le domaine de l'Education, de la Santé, de la Construction et des Affaires. Le champ est assez vaste; nous n'avons qu'à prendre la décision adéquate.

Encore une fois, Meilleurs voeux pour la Noël et le Nouvel An.

P.S.: Appeler-nous, écrivez-nous avec vos suggestions et commentaires. Ils seront très bien reçus.

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OUR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

By Jean-Mary Desrosiers, PhD, DCSW - Translated by Jean-Claude Bailey

My Dear Friends and Members of CCH-FS-CAA,

Ever-faithful to its by-laws the CCH-FSCAA held its ninth General Assembly on Saturday October 13, 2012 at the "Brasserie Cr  ole" located in Queens, New York. By 6 PM, the room was already full. Several members and friends were present full of enthusiasm and energized by a philanthropic and altruistic spirit. The group was all excited to meet once again nurturing and tightening these ties that produce a sense of belonging.

Our tireless MC, Gerald Jean welcomed the audience which he led in a moment of silence respectful of the memory of association's friends who passed away during the year. Immediately after, began the conference.

Dr. Jean-Mary Desrosiers is our ambassador so to speak, our liaison between the association and the leadership of the Brothers of Sacred Heart in Haiti. He had traveled there recently in order to submit the scholarship amount covering the 2012-2013 academic year. In a reasonable amount of details, he informed the audience of

the prevailing operating conditions found in some of the schools and further highlighted the necessity to stay the course with our scholarship efforts as well. Dr. Herold Duroseau, our president, followed suit with his address urging the public at large to contribute the best possible towards the success of our mission to promote Education in Haiti. Then our Vice-President, Mr. Harry Bloncourt made his appearance presenting a plaque to one of our fervent supporters, Mr. Ronald Ducasse thanking him for having religiously embraced the mission of the association for an extended amount of time.

In several instances during the gathering, our colleagues from the Boston chapter, Evangeline Roussel and Charlot Lucien stressed the importance of inspiring the scholarship beneficiaries toward continuing tomorrow the good work initiated today by the association. Then came the moment to introduce our keynote speaker. Our Assistant-Secretary Marc-Henry Michaud took charge of this task which he sprinkled with some good humor before passing the microphone to the brilliant professor and engineer Eddy M  s  idor. Mr. M  s  idor authored several books of which the most recent is entitled:"IL

ETAIT UNE FOIS HAITI" (ONCE UPON A TIME: HAITI)." He spoke for about 45 minutes on the important topic: HAITI: THE NEED FOR AN EDUCATION VIS-A-VIS THE DEMANDS OF THE 21st CENTURY. The presentation turned out to be quite a stunner. The brilliant expos  e was full of educational information and foods for thought. This generated questions from the audience who had been very attentive all along. Finally, a Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Professor M  s  idor to thank him for honoring us with his presence.

To end the gathering, the MC Gerald Jean made the announcement of the executive committee's intention to celebrate in grand fashion the tenth anniversary of the association, upcoming in 2013. Last, the dynamic Mr. Anthony Cherubin proceeded to the drawings of the 50/50 raffle from which Mrs. Margareth Francois emerged as the happy winner.

This was overall what happened that day in our ninth General Assembly 2012. We are looking forward to seeing you soon.

Thanks a million for your support.

NOTRE ASSEMBL  E G  N  RALE

Par Jean-Mary Desrosiers

Mes Chers Amis et Membres de la CCH-FS-CAA,

Toujours fid  le 脿 sa Charte Constitutionnelle, la CCH-FSCAA a tenu sa neuvi  me Assembl  e G  n  rale le Samedi 13 Octobre 2012 脿 "Brasserie Cr  ole", situ  e 脿 Queens, New-York. Vers les six heures du soir, la salle 芎tait d  j   comble; une centaine de membres et amis 芎taient pr  sents, anim  s par un esprit philanthropique, le d  sinteressement et l'enthousiasme. Ils 芎taient contents de se rejoindre une nouvelle fois pour encourager et raffermir les liens d'appartenance 脿 l'Association.

Notre infatigable Maître de C  r  emonies, G  rald Jean, souhaitait la bienvenue 脿 l'audience et demandait qu'un moment de silence soit respect   en m  moire des amis de l'association que la mort nous a enlev  s au cours de l'ann  e derni  re. Puis, on est rentr   dans l'embl  e dans le programme du jour.

Dr Jean-Mary Desrosiers, notre ambassadeur assurant le lien entre l'association et le Conseil Administratif des Fr  res du Sac  re-Coeur et qui a 芎t   r  cemment en Ha  ti pour remettre les bourses d'  tudes de l'ann  e acad  mique 2012-2013, a pr  sent   un rapport plus ou moins d  tail   sur les conditions de fonctionnement de certaines 艦oles et la n  cessit   de continuer le

programme d'octroi de Bourses d'  tudes. Ensuite, le Dr H  rold Duroseau, notre pr  sident, adressa l'assistance et demanda au grand public de continuer de conjuguer ses efforts pour la pleine r  ussite de notre mission de promouvoir l'  ducation en Ha  ti. Mr Harry Bloncourt, notre Vice-Pr  sident, pr  senta une plaque de remerciements 脿 notre ami et fervent supporter, Mr Ronald Ducasse pour avoir religieusement embrass   la mission de l'association.

Tour 脿 tour, nos coll  gues du chapitre de Boston, Evang  line Roussel et Charlot Lucien, mettaient l'accent sur l'importance d'engager sur l'honneur les b  n  ficiaires des bourses de continuer dans le futur le bon travail entrepris par l'association. Et le moment 芎tait venu pour pr  senter notre "Invit   d'Honneur". Notre assistant secr  taire, Mr Marc-Henry Michaud, s'acquitta de cette tâche avec humour et passa le micro au brillant Professeur, l'Ing  nieur Eddy M  s  idor. Il est l'auteur de plusieurs ouvrages, dont le plus r  cent s'intitule "IL ETAIT UNE FOIS HAITI". Il nous a entretenus durant pr  s de 45 minutes sur l'important sujet, 脿 savoir: HAITI: LE BESOIN POUR UNE EDUCATION ADAPTEE AUX EXIGENCES DU 21  me SIECLE. La pr  sentation 芎tait brillante et remplie d'informations instructives. L'audience 芎tait tr  s attentive et beaucoup de questions furent pos  es 脿 la fin. Un Certificat d'Appreciation fut d  cern   par

l'association au Professeur M  s  idor, en guise de remerciements.

Pour conclure les activit  s, le MC G  rald Jean a annonc   les intentions du Comit   Ex  cutif pour f  ter grandiosement les dix ann  es d'existence de l'association en 2013; et, ensuite, le dynamique Mr Anthony Ch  r  ubin, a proc  d   脿 la rafle 50/50. Mme Margareth Fran  ois en sortit l'heureuse gagnante.

Voil   en gros mes chers amis, ce qui s'  tait pass   脿 notre neuvi  me Assembl  e G  n  rale 2012. Nous comptons vous revoir sous peu.

Un grand merci pour votre support.



Marc-Henry Michaud, Herold Duroseau, Eddy Mesidor and Gerald Jean

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Jean-Claude Bailey

Report on the 50x50 raffle

By Mario Deller

As most of you know by now, the mission in which the CCH-FSCAA is engaged is being conducted on many fronts. Besides the scholarship funds and other kinds of assistance the association regularly provides, it now faces the urgent need to help in the reconstruction of the many schools in the Brothers of the Sacred Heart network that were destroyed during the January 2010 earthquake.

In order to meet this latest challenge, last year the association announced a major drive to raise US \$1,000,000 (one million) by Fall 2013. Since then, we had been exploring ideas, that would allow us to collect funds. This was why we planned a 50x50 raffle to take place on the day of our annual General Assembly, held on Saturday, October 13, 2012 in Queens, New York. The way the 50x50 works is that half of the money collected goes to the winner and the other half stays with the association and goes toward financing the reconstruction.

Although we would have liked a greater participation, we were, nevertheless, pleased with the response of our members, supporters and friends. Close to 200 people took part in the raffle, and at \$10 a ticket, the pot grew to a sum of \$1,810. The drawing revealed Mrs. Margareth Francois, a long-time supporter, to be the lucky winner; she went home that night \$905 richer, half of the total. The other half went to augment the reconstruction fund.

The association wants to thank everyone who made the raffle a success. We will be coming to you with other fundraising initiatives and we will be expecting your generous support, as usual. Stay tuned!

Our best wishes for 2013

We are hopeful that everyone will make of this commitment a resolution for the new year. We have to participate. We have to display initiative as much in the areas of Education, Health, Construction and Business. The field is quite wide. We just need to make the right decisions.

Once again, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

P.S. Please call or write to us in order to share your comments and suggestions. They will be well received.

Herold Duroseau M.D.
President



Evangeline Roussel and Charlot Lucien



Herold Duroseau, Regine S. Bernadel, Mario Deller, Margareth Francois and Gerald Jean

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Harry Bloncourt, Herold Duroseau, Ronald Ducasse and Gerald Jean at the 2012 General Assembly



Jean-Mary Desrosiers during his speech

Season's Greetings

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