

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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ABOUT US

The Association was founded in November 1962, shortly after Jamaica's Independence in August 1962. Our seal of Incorporation was granted in 1970. Since its inception, the Association has grown strong in attracting members.

It is recognized as the official organization representing Jamaicans in Montreal at Federal, Provincial and Municipal levels. have accompanied delegations and presented briefs to all levels of government. Given our commitment to community development, the Jamaica Association developed our Mission Statement as follows:

“To assist in improving and enhancing the quality of life for the Jamaican Community”

In fulfilling this Mission, the Association manages its operations to ensure the development of the community through economical, educational, cultural and social activities.

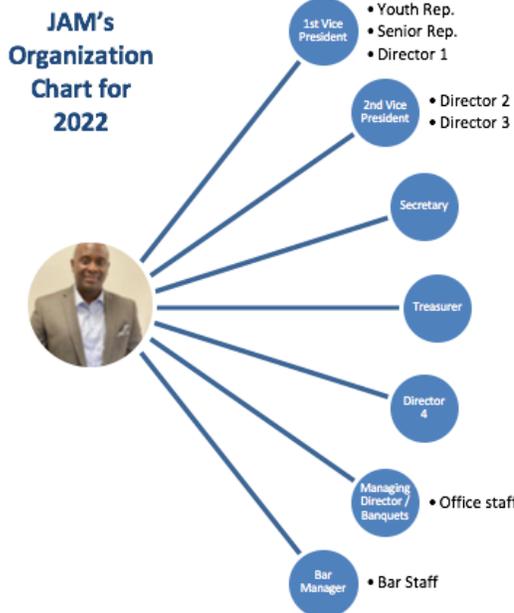


Mark Henry, President
Jamaica Association of Montreal

Members and Friends of the Jamaica Association,
On behalf of myself and our Board of Directors, I would like to wish our members, staff, friends, collaborators, partners and supporters, a very happy, prosperous and safe 2022.
This year's overarching theme is **Growth**. As we begin our calendar year and second quarter of our fiscal year, the expectation is that we continue to grow in numbers, partnerships and in our passion to serve. On Sunday, January 16, we held our yearly Strategic Meeting which brought together Board Members and employees. This was once again an informative and constructive experience for all.

“Respect has nothing to do with who is right and who is wrong. It has to do with allowing space for someone else’s opinion”.

Jackie Viramontez



The newly elected board – election night
December 11, 2021.

(l to r): Clyde Williams, Ingrid Barrett, Alexander Townsend, Sharon Nelson, Mark Henry, Melrose Christopher, Uton Lynch, Roger Hylton

Board & Reps

Staff

Welcome to 2022!

Wishing our Members, Staff, Friends, Partners, Collaborators, Clients, and Patrons the very best for this year and beyond.

We also look forward to the year ahead full of promise, good fun, positive vibes and great health.

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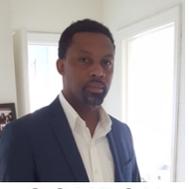
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FEATURE: ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

 <p>MARK HENRY President mhenry@jam-montreal.com * (514)238-2659</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Oversees organizational operations & functional activities Ensures the financial viability of the Association Outreach to organizations & government 	 <p>SHARON NELSON 1st Vice President sharon.nelson@jam-montreal.com * (438)507-9258</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Chair, Women's Auxiliary Director, Programs and Services Media Relations
 <p>ALEXANDER TOWNSEND 2nd Vice President</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Chair, Social Committee Director, Operations 	 <p>MELROSE CHRISTOPHER Treasurer jamtreasurer@outlook.com (514) 737-8229</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures Board & membership receives regular financial statements Works in collaboration with the President on the the Association's budget and other financial matters Works with the Auditor
 <p>INGRID BARRETT Interim Secretary & Assistant to the Treasurer secretary@jam-montreal.com * (514)737-8229</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prepares meeting agenda , takes minutes & communicates with the board, members & friends Assists the Treasurer 	<p>Overview: The Board of Directors is comprised 9 persons: 5 Officers & 4 Directors. In this new election year, the roles have been slightly changed as shown in the new organization chart. Each person has assigned roles.</p> <p>Terms: Officers have two-year mandates while Directors have one-year mandates.</p> <p>Reporting: The Board of Directors are required to report activities at the membership meetings, as applicable.</p>	

DIRECTORS

 <p>ROGER HYLTON</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinates special & entertainment events Manages Security 	 <p>UTON LYNCH</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Assists with Projects & Events Works with 2nd Vice President, Operations
 <p>CLYDE WILLIAMS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Manages technical equipment and IT Works with 2nd Vice President, Operations 	 <p>CONROY BARNES</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Manages game events Sportings events, teams & competitions <p style="text-align: center;">Appointed to the Board on December 16, 2021</p>

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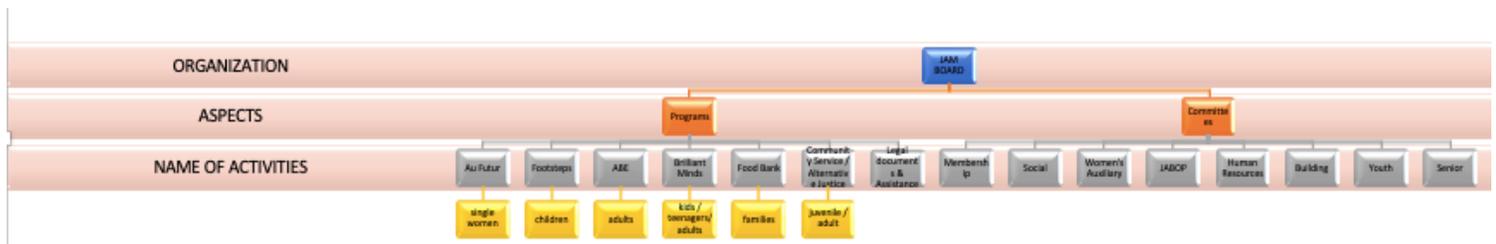
REPRESENTATIVES

 <p>JADE PARKINSON-GAYLE Youth Representative</p>	<p>Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Creates events targetting youth with Youth Outreach Representative Takes the time to understand their needs <p>We are proud to have Jade on board for she is one of the 2022 CBC Black Changemakers!</p>	 <p>SHELLEY MORGAN Older Adult Representative</p>	<p>Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Engages with older adults Takes the time to understand their needs Creates events targetting older adults
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PICTOGRAM OF THE JAMAICA ASSOCIATION'S ACTIVITIES !

The Jamaica Association is a large community organization comprised of many moving parts and different activities for different populations and age groups. In all these aspects, the Jamaica Association Board has a legal responsibility to oversee these activities and to ensure that they are managed well.

The Association has been historically divided in two parts namely: **Programs & Social Activities**. Take a look at all that our Board, Staff & Volunteers do !



SOME OF OUR STAFF



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Teachers, Technical Support, Archivist, Coordinators, Volunteers – thank you for all you do !

A) Committees & Chairs

- Jamaica Association Business Owners & Professionals (JABOP)**, Molly Young
- Membership Committee**, Sharon Nelson
- Social Committee**, Alexander Townsend
- Women's Auxiliary (WA)**, Sharon Nelson
- Building Committee**, Mark Henry
- Youth Committee**, Jade Parkinson-Gayle, jamyouthrep@gmail.com
- Senior Committee**, Shelley Morgan, jamsenior1962@gmail.com
- Human Resources**, Omar Ramus, jamhumanresources1962@gmail.com

B) Share your ideas for programs, events or improvements

C) Volunteer for an event

Call or email the JAM office to speak with the Chairs of these Committees.
(Ph): 514-737-8229 (E): info@jam-montreal.com

MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

- Preferred pricing on certain events
- An updated membership card*
- Voting rights at the Annual General meetings
- Contributing to the growth of our Association
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RESPONSIBILITIES

- Sign the registry at all member's meetings
- Update your contact information
- Pay your membership dues for the 2022 year** (Oct. 1 – Sept. 30)
- Respect the rules of membership

DUES & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Family **\$50** (2 children (under 17 yrs old) & 2 adults),
Adult **\$30** (18 - 59 yrs) * Students **\$10** (12 -17 yrs) & Seniors **\$10** (60+ yrs)
There are several benefits of getting your card. Contact us today to find out more. Thanks to the management at Kane and Fetterly for your support !



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OUR 6 PROGRAMS

1. Au Futur Program (Young Mothers)

For women between **15 and 35** years old with one or more children. Click [here](#) for more information on this confidential service. Service offered online due to COVID-19 pandemic. *Cost: **FREE. (Federally Funded by Health Canada)** Contact: **Au Futur Program**, Program Coordinator Cell: **438-499-8229**

2. Footsteps Program

A [program](#) run on Saturdays from 1 pm to 3 pm for toddlers and children aged 0 to 9 yrs old. Due to the pandemic, the program which is **online**, includes reading activities, arts and crafts. There are qualified volunteers and an educator online to assist. Contact **Shiane Johnson**, jamfootstepsprogram@gmail.com

3. Adult Basic Education (ABE) Programs

We offer individual, as well as small classes with qualified & experienced teachers in a variety of subjects. Classes take place in the evenings with one-to-one tutoring also available. Per term registration fee gives access to all courses: **\$10.00**. Click [here](#) to view course descriptions and schedule. **All ABE courses are offered online.** Contact **Kim Payton**, Coordinator of Programs and Services during office hours at jamprogramservices@jam-montreal.com to register for classes

4. Brilliant Minds Tutoring & Vocational Training

for elementary, high school and adult learners. This service provides help with schoolwork and career planning. Online sessions. Contact **Kim Payton**

5. Food Bank

in collaboration with Moisson Montréal. The Food Bank is open **Thursdays (10 am to 5 pm) & Fridays (2 pm to 5 pm)**.

January to December, holiday notices posted as necessary. Registration: Mandatory. Cost: \$5.00 per person, standard fee. Call or email the Association for more information. Registration and collection at the Association. **Note:** *New arrivals to Canada and new users of the food bank are asked to call one day in advance*

6. Tax Preparation

The Tax Clinic is held in collaboration with Canada Revenue Agency and Revenu Québec. Our qualified tax volunteers are students in the graduate CPA Program at the John Molson School of Business. The Tax Clinic will be open as of mid-March and will run until the end of May 2022. More information to follow. Contact: jamgovernmentservices@gmail.com



We have a
Youtube channel!
Link to be released
soon 😊!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Food Bank** Thurs. (10 am – 5 pm) & Fri. (2 pm to 5 pm), \$5.00
- ABE Program Spring session** April – June 2022
Contact **Kim Payton**
- Member's Meetings** Sat. Feb. 19, & Mar. 19, 7 pm
- Banking with JN in Canada** Tues., Feb. 22, 7 pm
<https://bankinginjamaicapt2.eventbrite.ca>
- Reggae Symposium** Sat., Feb. 26, 6 pm
In collaboration with the Jamaican High Commission in Canada and George Grant, Honorary Consul for Jamaica at Montreal
Streaming on Streamyard – link to follow
- Celebrating our National Heroes & Heroines** Sun., Feb 27, 4 pm
In collaboration With the Caribbean Coalition Network of Montreal
<https://celebratingbhm.eventbrite.ca>

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO SINCE DECEMBER 2021...

The Members of the Operations Team have been very engaged in updating our Association. Over the past month and a half, they have been busy with these projects:

- 1 – Renovations in the storage rooms;
- 2 – Rearranging the Noel Alexander Banquet Hall;
- 3 – Upgrades of Negril Bar;
- 4 – Renovations in the The Jerk Pit kitchen;
- 5 – Renovations in the security room
- 6 – Upgrading the security system;
- 7 – Updating our sound system.

We are look forward to your feedback when we re-open.

OUR 6 SERVICES

Office Hours: Mon – Fri.: 10 am to 6 pm * (514) 737-8229
COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS & PROTOCOLS BEING OBSERVED.
VISIT OUR WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA SITES FOR UPDATES.

- Documents** – Passports, Permanent Resident Card, Commissioner of Oaths (forms can be mailed to you)
- Space rental** for your small gatherings. Special events (birthdays, private parties, baby showers, shows, etc... - includes tables & chairs (table & chair coverings extra)).
- Community Service Program** – for persons needing to complete mandated community hours.
- Licensed Restaurant** – The Jerk Pit – Open Friday & Saturday evenings as of 10 pm to 3 am.
Guess who is coming back to be our Resident Chef in April? Stay tuned...
- Fully Licensed Bar** – Open Fridays and Saturdays as of 8 pm. On Saturdays, the Noel Alexander Banquet Hall is also available for rental for special events.
- A fun & secure place to come together** to enjoy each other's company and friendships.

OVERPROOF FRIDAYS AND LOUNGE SATURDAYS HOURS	
Fridays	8 pm to 3 am: Last call 2:15 am, Bar closes at 2:45 am
Saturdays	8 pm to 3 am: Last call 2:15 am, Bar closes at 2:45 am

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