



SUMMER 2021 EDITION



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. We are a member of the United Council for Human Rights and 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.

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Mark Henry, President

Members and Friends of the Jamaica Association,

On behalf the Jamaica Association and our Board of Directors, I would like to take this time to wish you all, good health and prosperity.

It is with excitement that I write this greeting. As world economies are gradually re-opening with trepidation, in some instances, we have to remain mindful of the fact that the pandemic is unfortunately still upon us.

We must continue to work to keep our communities and families safe, all the while building for the post pandemic era.

This includes ensuring that our loved ones and those in our circles obtain qualified information about the pandemic, vaccines, the scientific research behind them and their efficacy. We will get past this; however, in the interim, I urge everyone to continue to follow protocols and guidelines. Please take the time also to reach out to those we know have been personally impacted by COVID and offer them love, support and encouragement.

Our Association is gradually re-opening also, the number of people attending events have highlighted even more the need and importance of social networks. We have taken steps to ensure that all government guidelines are strictly enforced. We have also taken the measure of hiring **Roger Moore**, certified security agent, who will be present at all of our public functions until we are in the clear.

I wish you all a wonderful summer with your family. May the Lord keep and bless, always!

"We have only just begun, but the race is not over, there is a lot of work to do"
Frankie Paul, Jamaican Musical Reggae Artist, (October 19, 1965-May 18, 2017)

JOIN OUR TEAM !

Elections in December 2021 - Pay your dues by September 30, 2021.
Call Mark Henry at 514-238-2659 for more info.



COVID – 19 is still upon us. We have to remain vigilant and mindful of this fact, particularly of the new variants. Continued **love & respect** to all health care workers & frontline workers!

You are also carrying us through this pandemic!

FEATURE: DIANE BOYD, DIRECTOR BANQUET & BAR SERVICES



Ms. Diane Boyd
Director, Banquet & Bar Services

We are very pleased to welcome and to introduce you to **Diane Boyd**, our Director of Banquet and Bar Services.

Ms. Boyd is a consummate professional who is dedicated to making all she touches excellent. Yes, she does have the Midas touch !!

Reporting to the President, Ms. Boyd is responsible for the management of all aspects of our bar (named **Negril**) and our banquet hall (named **Montego Bay Hall**). Please reach out to her for the rental of the Hall. She also works in collaboration with the Chair of the Social Committee to organize events.

Know that we are continuing to follow government COVID-19 protocols and as such, there is a limit of 50 persons who can attend events at any time.

As part of her role, she is also mandated to augment our offering of activities through events she will orchestrate. One such event is entitled **Dutch Pot Brunch** which will be held every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month starting **Sunday, August 15th from 11 am to 3 pm** where you can buy everything Jamaican for breakfast / brunch such as Cornmeal, peanut, or banana porridge, Fritters, Ackee & Saltfish, Fried Dumpling, just to name a few dishes! **Roderick Rodney** will be our chef.

With this in mind, she is responsible for assessing and implementing continuous improvement processes for both the bar and banquet activities. Diane can be reached by email at jambarbanquet@gmail.com or by phone at 514-737-8229

RESPONSIBILITIES



BAR MANAGEMENT – NEGRIL BAR

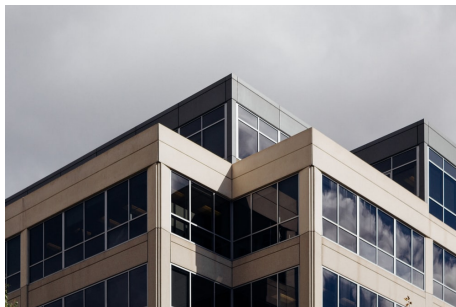


HALL RENTAL & BANQUET MANAGEMENT – MONTEGO BAY HALL



DUTCH POT SUNDAYS – BRUNCH EVERY 1ST AND 3RD SUNDAY AT THE ASSOCIATION – 11 AM to 3 PM

FEATURE: BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE



For many years, there has been talk of the purchase of the building. The current board of the Association is putting those thoughts into action and have started a Building Fund with that very purpose in mind. Your support and contributions will enable us to meet the 5-year goal of purchasing a building for the Jamaica Association of Montreal inc.

Having a building will help us to improve our services, programs and social activities. It would also help us build for our current membership, future generations and older adults.

You can make a contribution by e-transfer at this email address:

jammontrealbuildingfund@gmail.com

Contact **Mark Henry, President**, should you have any questions
514-238-2659

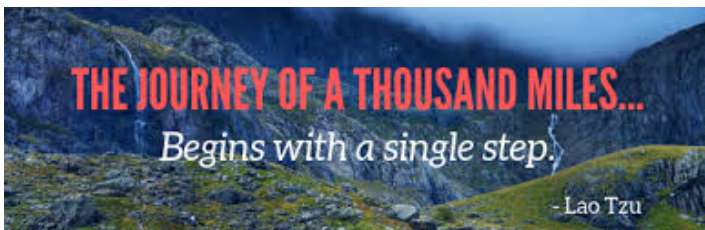
REVAMPING THE BRILLIANT MINDS PROGRAM

We will be adding the trades as a component to the Brilliant Minds Program. We will continue to offer tutoring but as of Fall 2021, we will invite trade schools to make virtual presentations. We also will have a youth component that will be launched in Winter 2022. Contact **Kim Payton**, 514-737-8229 for more information.



OUTREACH IN THE AU FUTUR PROGRAM

Since March, Susan Hamilton and Sharon Nelson have been engaging the young women in the Au Futur program in town hall sessions and, now, in one-to-one sessions. We are proud to report that to date, the women are engaged and finding pathways to create their future goals and aims. We send encouragement to the women to meet their goals.



NOTICE

We send our love & **condolences** to **Mr. George Porter** and his family at the passing his wife, **Rita Porter (née Sealey)** of 46 years. May Mrs. Porter rest in peace.

COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

1. **Jamaica Association Business Owners & Professionals (JABOP)**, Molly Young
2. **Membership Committee**, Sharon Nelson
3. **Social Committee**, K. Wilson & A. Townsend
4. **Women's Auxiliary (WA)**, Sharon Nelson
5. **Building Committee**, Mark Henry
6. **Youth Committee**, Omar Ramus
7. **Senior Committee**, Audley Coley
8. **Elections Committee**,

Carlene Clarke & Ingrid Barrett

Call or email the JAM office: **514-737-8229** *
info@jam-montreal.com

NEW HORIZONS SENIOR PROGRAM FALL 2021

The New Horizons Senior program is fully underway for the summer session. We are happy to report that participants are enjoying the sessions and are engaged. We have **cardio sessions** with **Audley Coley**, **Caribbean food & nutrition sessions** with Trinidadian dietician **Kalifa Rodriguez**, the **Joy of Cooking** with selected chefs that include **Sean Samuels of SNS Catering**, King Shadrock, among others, **training on ipads**, **virtual tours** of different places and many other activities.

If you are interested to sign up for our Fall session starting in September to December, contact **Kim Payton**. The schedule will be released in late August.

We are also working on close collaboration with the Cummings Centre and also promoting their New Horizons Program that will be in Winter 2022. Keep an eye out for their activities as well.

More about the **Cummings Centre**:
<https://cummingcentre.org/>

Take their survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B5CIT78>

COMMEMORATING EMANCIPATION DAY FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 1834

Join the Caribbean Coalition Network of Montreal on Sunday August 1, 2021 at 3 pm as we focus on

Emancipation in the Caribbean.

Info and registration:

Eventbrite: <https://emancipationday1834.eventbrite.ca>

MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

1. Preferred pricing on certain events
2. An updated membership card
3. Voting rights at the Annual General meetings
4. Contributing to the growth of our Association

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Sign the registry at all member's meetings
2. Update your contact information
3. **Pay your membership dues for the 2021 year** (Oct. 1, 2020 – Sept. 30, 2021)
4. Respect the rules of membership

DUES & PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

1. Family **\$40** (2 children (under 17 yrs. old & 2 adults),
2. Adult **\$25** (18 - 59 yrs.)
3. Students **\$10** (12 - 17 yrs.)
4. Seniors **\$10** (60+ yrs.)

Payment can be done by cheque or e-transfer to info@jam-montreal.com ** Fees will increase slightly as of October 1, 2021.

Thanks to the management at **Kane & Fetterly** for your support!



OUR 7 PROGRAMS

- 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: **Sue Hamilton**, Program Coordinator Cell: **438-499-8229**
- 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 person: **TBA shortly**
- 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
- Brilliant Minds Tutoring** for kids, high school students & adults. Tutors offer help with schoolwork and professionals offer career planning. Online sessions. This program is being revamped and will be launched in Fall 2021. Starting in fall 2021, we will have a special focus on **the trades** (plumbing, mechanic, food etc...) Contact **Kim Payton**
- Food Bank** in collaboration with Moisson Montréal. This community Food Bank is open **Thursdays (10 am to 5 pm) & Fridays (2 pm to 5 pm). ALL ARE WELCOME.** Open yearly: *January to December*, holiday notices posted as necessary. Registration: Mandatory. Cost: **\$5.00** per person. 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.*
 Contact: **Kim Payton**.
- Tax Preparation**
 We have launched our Jamaica Association Tax Clinic. The service is in collaboration with the Federal Government (CRA), the Provincial government (Revenu Quebec) and is free. Tax documents being accepted only in January 2022 until May 15, 2022. **Carlene Clarke, Project Lead**
- Steel Pan Classes - CANCELLED – classes no longer offered.**

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS

- Food Bank** Thurs. (10 – 5 pm) & Fri. (2 to 5 pm), \$5.00
- OverProof Friday night** Fridays., 9 pm – 2 am
- Saturday Lounge** Saturdays., 9 pm – 2 am
- July Membership Drive - Carib Patties**
Sat., July. 17, 2 pm – 4 pm, 9550 Jean Milot, Lasalle
- Women's Auxiliary –**
Annual Tea & Talk – Mont Royal Park
- The Lion meets the Lamb musical** performance featuring King Shadrock, Sampaloo & Mark Henry, Saturday, July 24, 9 pm - 2 am, (**n-person -50 person limit**)
- Commemorating Emancipation** Aug. 1, 3 – 6 pm
<https://emancipationday1834.eventbrite.ca>
In collaboration with members of the **Caribbean Coalition Network of Montreal**
(Countries represented : **Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Vincent & the Grenadines**)
- Independence Celebration Jamaican Canadian Coast to Coast** - Sat., Aug 6 – 8, 2021 - Online event
- Dutch Pot Brunches** – every 1st and 3rd Sunday
Jamaica Breakfasts 11 am to 3 pm starting Sun. Aug. 15 at 11 am with **Roderick Rodney**
- Aug. Membership Drive** Location TBD
- COVID-19 Vaccine Townhalls** Info. to follow soon
- Member's Meetings** Sat., Sept. 11, 7 pm

OUR 6 SERVICES

Office Hours: Mon – Fri.: 10 am to 6 pm * (514) 737-8229

WE ARE IN THE COVID-19 GREEN ZONE, RESTRICTIONS ARE STILL IN EFFECT & NO ONE CAN ENTER THE ASSOCIATION DURING THE WEEK.

- Documents** – Passports, Permanent Resident Card, Commissioner of Oaths (forms can be mailed to you)
- Space rental** for your small gatherings up to 50 persons. Special events (birthdays, private parties, baby showers, shows, etc... - includes tables & chairs (table & chair coverings extra)). Contact: **Diane Boyd, jambarbanquet@gmail.com**
- Community Service Program** – for persons needing to complete mandated community hours.
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
- Licensed Restaurant** – The Jerk Pit – Open Friday and Saturday evenings as of 9 pm to 2 am..
- Fully Licensed Bar** – Open Fridays as of 9 pm. Saturdays on certain occasions, for rentals for small gatherings (up to 50 persons).
- A fun & secure place to come together** to enjoy each other's company and friendships. **On FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS** (9 pm to 2 am)