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## OUR NEIGHBORHOOD QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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# ZOOM RADIO FM IS NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS.

By Bernard S. Henry

## Congratulations Are In Order for Mr. Bernard "Skundush" Williams

**E**verywhere you go, you would hear someone speak passionately about fulfilling certain dreams and goals in life, but amazingly very few people have ever gotten around to realizing those dreams. Therefore, when you become witness to an actual dream come true, watching it unfolds before your very eyes, the effects of it all can be just magical.

**These were my thoughts in watching the dreams and goals of Mr. Bernard "Skundush" Williams come to reality.** A few years ago, this day dreamer and illustrious Point Man felt the urge of doing something special for his community. Some people when they heard of his ambitions disdained him as if to say, "Who dared you to have such big dreams!" Coming from the Point Area, people tended to believe that nothing special would become of the lives of people from that community.

When he first conceived the idea of opening up a radio station in his community, many people doubted him and others laughed. Some of them even called him bluff as if his intentions were nothing but a poker game. But even if they were, then he would have played his cards right for at the end of it all he came up with a winning plan.



Bernard Williams  
and his lovely  
daughter Shi

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# The Beautiful Something



By Bernard S. Henry

**M**any things of beauty are normally achieved through years of perseverance, relentless day dreaming, unwavering passion, and exquisite planning, if not already created by the Master's own hands. On the other end of the continuum, many things of beauty or potential greatness are allowed to be destroyed by people with no sense of sincerity, integrity, or true ambition. In my lifetime, I have seen many from the latter statement, lurking like that of the woodlouse, eating away at the foundation of people's heart felt dreams and passions.

As a child, I was often admonished by my parents for hanging around those whom they regard as bad company, merchants of negative influences. This was one of the greatest lessons taught to me by my parents, for it made me realize that negativity, envy, and jealousy lurk in high and low places.

One Sunday evening while surfing through the TV channels, I stumbled upon a sermon being delivered by a well known TV evangelist, Joel Osteen. What was the message? "Keep people with negative influences out of your inner circles." Have you ever been around people that no matter what you try to do in life they would give you a million and one reasons why you will not succeed in your ventures? Well, I have. These people whom we often called friends or colleagues are better served called instruments of the devil. To put things into perspective, our successes in life depend upon the kind of support factors that we choose to have around us.

God has blessed us all with certain skills, talents, and happiness but somehow we have opted to become so busy envying the works and achievements of others that we are left with very little time to discover our own true potentials and passions. People are strange creatures for they would even envy you for the simplest things in life such as your true happiness. When you are down on your luck, many people would shower you with sympathies, "Man, I am so sorry to hear what happen to you - I can relate to this for I went through the exact thing..." Blah! Blah! Blah! Strangely, when you lift yourself up once again these same people would turn around and despise you as you become happy once again. Is it that misery really loves company?

Everyone has potentials of doing many great things in life. You just need to understand your true life's callings. It doesn't matter whether you have an expensive education or not. There are many things out there that you can do with your given talents that would make you feel happy, fulfilled, and accomplished.

A few months ago, I was indulged in a conversation with a friend of mine who tried to convince me that in all his

travels, he has never come across anyone from Point or Villa who has been successful at anything. Very funny! Even though I believe that this statement was made in good humor, it made me come to realize that a lot of people are confused about what is deemed as success. First, success is subjective. Have you ever heard of the saying, "one man's refuse is another man's treasure?" This is a great analogy to describe success. People want different things in life. Doctors and lawyers in their professions are not necessarily more successful than lemonade or bagel vendors. These are just choices of professions. What is most important in any field is whether you have the passion for doing it and how well you perform in its capacity.

The problem with this great society of ours is that people are afraid of others excelling, leaving them behind in their unfulfilled lives, but there is no need for this. People are responsible for their own lives, so there is absolutely no reason for them to go out of the way to despise and envy the achievements of others. If I may sound upset, then maybe I am!

With that said, here are some words of wisdom. If you have ambitions of doing something special with your life, you need to stop procrastinating! No journey can ever start without the first step, so please go out and fulfill those dreams. *Sister Jenny*, this one is especially for you. I know you have great ambitions of going back to school to get your GED and maybe a higher education. Well sister, the time is now. Ms Nancy, what about your dreams of opening up a beauty salon to keep your people looking beautiful? Abracadabra -let it happen. Tyrone, I know you are a great cook who has been talking your head off about getting into the food business. What are you waiting for? Go out and feed the people.

There are enormous opportunities out there but you will never know your true capabilities until you try. While I am in this state of mind, let me say a hearty congratulation to Bernard "Skundush" Williams for realizing his dreams: Zoom Radio FM is now open for business in Antigua, and brother, we have got you covered.

We have all tried and failed sometimes at doing something that we love, but the experiences that we gain by trying and failing makes us stronger and wiser in handling a similar situation the next time around. Take a chance on life. Once you have found that [beautiful something] that raises your pores every time it crosses your mind, run with it, embrace it, secure it for maybe, just maybe, you may be sitting on a gold mine. For those of you out there who do nothing else but to rain on other people's parade and to become the ultimate *dream snatchers*, here is a message for you, Jesus loves you! □



**Bernard S. Henry**

Vice Chairman, Wadadli West USA Inc.

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- You will get an opportunity to know the culture and people of the Point, Villa, Fort Road, and Yorks communities.
- You will be able to obtain your own digital copies of our Neighborhood Quarterly Newsletter, including previous issues.
- You can follow the progress of our organization as we host our fundraising events in aid of our various charities and much more.
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Countdown to Our Summer Fish Fry: July 23, 2011  
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**Home**  
REACHING OUT TO YOU FROM AFAR

Welcome! Our site was developed to give our visitors and supporters a better insight into the undertakings of Wadadli West USA Inc organization which serves the Point, Villa, Yorks, and Fort Road communities of Antigua and Barbuda. Our efforts here at the organization are aimed towards uplifting these communities by providing them with the necessary assistance to succeed in life.

The art of giving back is remarkable. When you put life into perspective, how could you not feel the excitement of being part of something that is so special, which puts you in a position to positively impact other peoples' lives? This has been the mutual feelings of the members of our organization. As our motto implies, "We are here to help our neighbors, care for the poor and empower the youth." We are Wadadli West USA Inc!

**ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER**  
Our quarterly newsletter provides you with some of the most exhilarating contents in reading. This is our way of keeping our supporters up-to-date on the charities that we are working on, the goings-on of our communities, and much more. Get to know us. Read **Wadadli West USA Inc Quarterly Newsletter** and discover the culture, the pride, and the vision of our people.

**HELP US TO HELP OUR COMMUNITIES**  
We are always looking to improve ourselves. If you have ideas how we can make what we do better or to serve you better, we'd love to hear from you.

Send us a quick note using the provided form on this page. Thank you so much.

**Our Summer Fish Fry Jamboree is on July 23 at the Antigua & Barbuda House Please see our Flyer on this page.**

**Wadadli West USA Inc.**  
OUR NEIGHBORHOOD QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

**THE KING AND HIS PRINCESSES**  
The Next Generation Cometh

Here is our most recent issue:  
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**Wadadli West USA Inc.**  
POINT, VILLA, YORKS, & FORT ROAD COMMUNITIES

**OUR 2011 SUMMER FISH FRY JAMBOREE**

AT THE  
**ANTIGUA & BARBUDA HOUSE**  
12 W 122nd Street, Hartsell, NY  
DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2011  
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POINT, VILLA, FORT ROAD, & YORKS COMMUNITIES

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In an era where some people choose to disassociate themselves from their communities when they have gotten up in life, he chose to embrace his community and wanted to make a difference. Why would you not cheer for a man with such noble ambitions? Anyway, after the clouds of doubts and distain have been cleared, on April 16, 2011, Zoom Radio FM was opened for business right in the heart of the community.

To really appreciate the achievements of this man, you first have to understand who he is and where he came from. Bernard Williams was born in Boobie Alley in the Point. His mother Lucille was one of the popular fish mongers in the area. He was the only male child among eight siblings for his mother. Therefore, he was given the huge task of being the protector of seven beautiful young ladies, Vick, Melina, Pet, Cordella, Eideen, Gloria, and Darolyn which had all the ele-

Bernard "Skundush" Williams, this place was called home.

Like many of us from that era, Bernard attended the infamous Point School. It was at this school that I had the opportunity of making my acquaintances with this gentleman, even though they were under the strangest circumstances. I was fortunate enough to have gone to the school with 4 other boys whose first name was Bernard. We had Bernard Williams, Bernard Aska, Bernard Harrigan, and Bernard Skerritt. As the story unfolds, one day after school, the famous headmaster, Mr. Sampson, teasingly nicknamed Two-Bites, was driving slowing up North Street in his old BMC Motor Car, when suddenly a student shouted, Two-Bites! Mr. Sampson, meticulous as he was, slowly got out of his car and asked, "Who said that!" One blabbermouth kid, not knowing the no-sell-out rules among the school kids, responded, Bernard.

The next day at the start of school,

It was no surprise that during that era when the big white trucks roamed the streets, the area of Point appeared to have been one of the main targets.

Bernard is a true testament that hard work really pays off. He is a welder by trade and his welding skills have led him to opening up many doors. When he resided in Antigua, he worked at Lincoln Mark's Construction Company for a few years. During that time, he was also involved with carnival mass camps, such as Associated Artist and the Colored Company, where he had the opportunity of collaborating with famous designers and builders such as Arthur Bird, Pat Door, and Heather and Connie Doran, where his welding skills were relevant in building prize winning costumes.

Like most of us out here in the distant lands, he made that journey away from home looking for greener pastures and for open opportunities to expand his knowledge and his craft. These roads have lead him to the US Virgin Islands for a while and then onto the mainland of



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ments of being a daunting task.

He came through a time in life when Point was considered the roughest and toughest neighborhood in the entire country, so surviving the odds were nothing new to him. In those days, outsiders would be mortified for just passing through the area because of the many stories that they have heard. Watching the fear of these people coming through the area reminded me of those old Django Cowboy Movies. No one wanted to be caught in the middle of Point especially after sundown.

The carnival season in those days had some of the greatest follies and misunderstandings of the area. People would often jam to the sweet pan music of Hell's Gate Steel Orchestra going through Scattro. At the end of Last Lap as the band made that left turn down New Gate Street, people would begin turning back, long before the band reaches Barnes Funeral Home for no one wanted to be caught in the heart of Point at night. Regardless of the many perceptions of these people, for

just before prayers, I was handpicked out of the group of Bernard's to stand punishment for what appeared to have been a crime. At first, it was quite tempting to have just taken the licking for the Bernard fraternity and be a hero, but when I thought of that one pound of leather called Blackie going over my back, I said to myself, heck no! I then went home and got my Mother Dereen and my Auntie Peggy to come to school in my defense. The result was, I was forcefully exonerated from the punishment, and of course, no one was courageous enough to have revealed that the real offender was Bernard Williams.

It has been many years since those beautiful days at the Point School but Bernard still cherishes those memories. He loves his community and for that reason he wears the pride of being from the Point on his chest like medals of Honor. Point People have often gotten a bad rap for being brutally honest, for they are never shy of expressing their true feelings. They have shattered many fragile egos along the way, from high-ups to low-downs, so many people resented them.

the United States. It was along these roads where he reunited with his childhood friend from the Point, **Mr. St. Claire "Foolie" Jacobs**, who has been one of the main forces behind the setting up of this radio station.

Bernard is still mesmerized by his great achievements. In his quiet time, when he reflects on how far he has come, he would often pinch himself to make sure that he was still wide awoken. As he had told me once, tapping his chest proudly in the manner of King Kong, "I can't believe that me the son of a fish monger who has experienced hard times in my early years is now the owner of a radio station." Listening to these comments, you can't help but to feel that the success of Bernard Williams is also a success story of the people of the Point.

Excited as we are though, let us not get too far ahead of ourselves for there are still many hurdles to climb in putting the finishing touches on this masterpiece. However, now that this son of the soil has returned to invest in his community and his country, I only hope that he has been given the same red carpet treatment like foreign investors had received over the years, for anything less than this would be a total disgrace.



**WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IT  
FOR A WHILE, NOW WE'RE  
GOING TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

# **Point & Villa Reunion** **Summer 2013**



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# Our Quarterly Interview:

BERNARD "SKUNDUSH" WILLIAMS



## Let's Have a Chat!

By Janice F. Donaldson-Taylor

**Bernard "Skundush" Williams** is your typical Point Man, hardworking, dedicated, ambitious, and challenged-driven. Bernard is presently overseeing a project of some magnitude, the setting up of a state of the art radio station in Antigua. Recently, I caught up with Mr. Williams while on his return from Antigua and we had a chance to sit down for a chat. Here is an excerpt of our conversation. (Interview date: October, 2010)

**Janice Donaldson-Taylor (JDT):** Hi Bernard or should I say Skundush as you are so affectionately known or maybe good old Uncle Bernard.? (Laugh)

**Bernard "Skundush" Williams (BSW):** Skundush is fine by me - you know I am never too fussy about names (smiles).

**JDT:** Bernard, we know that you have been busy travelling to and fro between Antigua and New York trying to put together this huge project, so we know that you are very pressed for time. Thank you so much for using some of your precious time to have this chat with us.

**BSW:** Not a problem! Not a problem!

**JDT:** Now, tell us where have you been and what have you been doing all these years.

**BSW:** Well, after leaving Antigua in 1974, I resided in the U.S. Virgin Islands for a couple of years before moving to New York where I have been for the past 20 years or so. I am a welder by trade, so I have been involved in heavy construction, working on Bridges etc. I have arrived to this stage in my life where I am in the process of opening up a high class radio station in the Villa Area in Antigua.

**JDT:** So what inspired you to go into

the radio business?

**BSW:** I have always wanted to do something special, not the usual thing of selling this or that as others want to do. I wanted to do something special that will impact our community and to help us in keeping up the Point and Villa traditions, so a Radio Station was the first thing that came to mind.

**JDT:** Have you ever worked in this industry before?

**BSW:** No, I have never worked in this industry before, but my nephew Leroy Simon Jr. has, so he has been very influential in my decision in going into the radio business.

**JDT:** A radio station in Villa? Wow! Coming from the Villa Area, this gives me goose bumps just thinking about it. So why did you choose this location?

**BSW:** In our area, surprisingly, we have nothing of great importance to show that was put together by someone from our community. We have taken an unfair rap over the years for a lot of negative things, but People from Point and Villa are very talented and ambitious. I believe we needed an outlet in the area so our voices could be heard and people could know who we are, so I thought that a radio station was the perfect fit.

**JDT:** Where in Villa do you intend to set up this radio station? Do you intend to build from bottom up or are you going to use an existing structure?

**BSW:** We will be setting up shop in that big concrete building on Blackburn South between Central Avenue and Drake Street, just south of Villa Park. It is the same building that once housed the Happy Ache Tavern Rum Shop, which was run by the Cole Family for years. It is the ideal place for us to do what we wanted to do including expanding the station as the business grows.

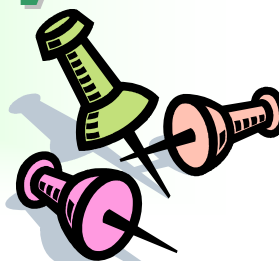
**JDT:** When I heard that your main programming strategy is to play light Jazz and R& B music, I said to myself, really?? – knowing that the Caribbean is a region of Calypso, Reggae, and Soca. Did you discover a marketing niche or for better sense, a demographic that you believe was underserved that inspired your programming strategy?

**BSW:** Most people will not get away from their roots music, but trying something new can be refreshing if it is done right. When you listen to our light Jazz and R & B music you will get a sense of relaxation. Instead of listening to calypso, Soca, and Reggae everyday, you will have the option of listening to

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# Our Community of Organizations Bulletin Board



## Roots of Bolans Development Group 2nd Annual Dinner Dance!

**Date:**  
Friday, September 23rd, 2011

**Time:**  
8:00pm-3:00am.

**Place: Eastwood Manor**  
3371 Eastchester Road,  
Bronx, NY 10469

**Featuring: the Vision Band**

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Antigua Girls' High School Alumni Association NY

## Annual Scholarship Luncheon

**Date:**  
Saturday, 5th November, 2011

**Place:**  
**GREENTREE COUNTRY CLUB**  
NEW ROCHELLE

**Time:**  
12PM – 4PM

**FOR TICKETS INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**Dress Code: Semi-formal.**





**Photo:** New home of **ZOOM RADIO FM** during its construction stages, located at Blackburn South between Central Avenue & Drake Street, just south of Aston Villa Lions' football Field in Villa Area, Antigua

*Photo taken by Shelly Hood*

*something a bit mellow. Calypso is our thing, we know that, but just imagine how at ease you will feel listening to light jazz music, like Kenny G for instance, after a rough day at work. Don't get me wrong, we will be also playing calypso, reggae and soca but this will be done mostly on the weekends.*

**JDT:** How did you arrive by the name Zoom Radio? Is there a significant meaning behind the name?

**BSW:** *As a station, we want to move ahead, not just fast, but at rocket speed, "Our plan is to Zoom into the future with the latest technology, quality and substance", thus the name "ZOOM RADIO FM".*

**JDT:** What are the barriers you are facing just to get into the radio business in Antigua?

**BSW:** The hardest thing is obtaining a license. It is a bit difficult because of the circumstances. The government gave out many licenses to people that are not utilizing them in a fair way. It works like this, once you have a license, all you need to do is to pay the yearly fees and it is yours. The market is flooded by these licenses that were given to people who may intend to use them as assets, if you know what I mean.

**JDT:** Who are the main players in this project? Are you in partnership with anyone?

**BSW:** I am the owner. I have a very close friend, Mr. St. Clare Jacobs, who has helped me tremendously. He has been with me from day one. There is another friend, Mr. Pat Door, whom I've

known since 1971 and whom has given me positive outlooks. He is also on board with us. These two people have been major players when it comes to decision making.

**JDT:** What were the responses like from the locals in Antigua when they heard that you were planning to open another radio station on the island?

**BSW:** Well, it has been mixed. A lot of people I spoke to in the early stages gave me some negative feedback, but the people in our constituency embrace the idea of having our own radio station and they are waiting patiently for it to come to life.

**JDT:** Knowing that Antigua already has many radio stations, what would make your radio station unique and or in better sense of the word superior to what you have seen in Antigua.

**BSW:** Superior is a strong word for a new radio station, but I think that the product that we will be giving the public would be different than what they are presently receiving. In Antigua, most of the radio stations feature a lot of political programs, day and night, but we want to be different. Once given the opportunity, we will show the people that ZOOM Radio FM is something that they have never experienced before.

**JDT:** How were you received by the government of Antigua? Have you gotten their blessings and support?

**BSW:** We went to the government twice and we have received positive feedbacks, but we are still awaiting a license to operate the radio station on an FM

frequency.

**JDT:** How many people do you believe that you will be able to employ when all is said and done?

**BSW:** For right now, maybe 6-10 people on a weekly basis.

**JDT:** What about your air personalities? Do you already have your crew in place?

**BSW:** We have 4-5 people we are thinking strongly about. Others will come along later for these are still the early stages.

**JDT:** What are the various medium that listeners can listen to Zoom Radio FM?

**BSW:** Presently we are streaming on the internet 24/7 so the public could get a taste of what we have to offer by logging on to [www.zoomradiofm.com](http://www.zoomradiofm.com) where they can listen to some exciting music. We are also planning on using a TV channel from CTV so that our listeners could get live broadcasting right in their living rooms.

**JDT:** So when do you believed that the station will be open for business?

**BSW:** Well, we are aiming for Christmas, but don't quote me on this, because we still have a bit of work to do, but definitely early in the New Year.

**JDT:** Skundush (smiles), thank you so much for dropping by and chatting with us. From all of us at Wadadli West USA Inc., we wish you and your team all the best on your new venture.

**BSW:** The pleasure is mine. Thanks for having me. □

# THE PRIDE OF BEING ANTIGUAN

IN MEMORY OF MY DEAR MOTHER MS. LOIS JARVIS

**W**henever you ask Antiguan where they are from, their faces would light up before they reply, Antigua. Being from Antigua is like wearing a badge of honor, because you are normally filled with pride, dignity and true gratification.

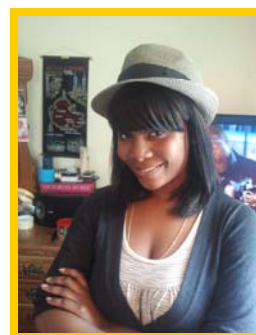
I was born in Antigua in 1985 and when I was only 3 years old I moved to America. Even though I have moved away from my homeland, I have always kept in touch with my culture and values because of my mom and dad who are also proud Antiguan. As I have gotten older and I have come across other Antiguan who were raised in Antigua, the one comment that I would get repeatedly was that “You are not really Antigua because you were raised in America.

To be honest, whenever I hear these comments about me not [really] being Antigua, I would often get offended. The last time I checked my birth paper it clearly stated that my place of birth was Antigua. This is undeniable! On the other hand, even though I was raised in the United States, I felt that my parents did a wonderful job with me, in instilling the Antiguan culture and traditions. Therefore, when my offenders made these comments I would often choose not to answer. Why should I have to justify my national origin to anyone? Even though I chose this course of action, it led me to wonder, does an Antigua raised in Antigua has more rights than me to be called a true Antigua?

In 2006 my mother passed away and her body was taken home to Antigua to be buried. My trip home became bittersweet because I had just lost my mother and best friend, but at the same time, I was getting a chance to be reacquainted with [MY] country which I had not seen in 21 years. This was the same country of which my mother often laughed and told me stories about, especially of her childhood years.

After my mother was laid to rest, I stayed in Antigua for the next 2 weeks. I have always wanted to return to Antigua to enjoy this beautiful country that I have heard so

A young Antigua raised in the United States shares her experiences of growing up in a multicultural environment, as she explores her Antigua values, pride, heritage, and up-bringsings.



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much about, but I wish my visit was under different circumstances. The sorrow that I felt from the loss of my mother was indescribable. In my time of bereavement, I was able to find solace in hanging around Aunt Elma and Aunt Christine, my mother's aunts who appeared to be pros at handling these situations. They diverted my attention of what I was going through by telling me good old folks stories which made me laugh.

My mother often spoke of Aunt Elma with such reverence as if she was sitting in the next room, even though she was thousands of miles away in Antigua. She was responsible for raising my mom, and of course, taught her much of her survival skills and values. Aunt Elma was well respected by everyone who knew her. She was also a strict disciplinarian which gave me a hint why my mother often spoke of her in such quiet tones. Besides that, she was the matriarch of the family who kept everyone in check. Most of my time though was spent around Aunt Christine's home. When I watched both aunts performed around the kitchen, it was not difficult to figure out where my mother got her training.

My mom was a great cook. Evidence of this was mostly exhibited on Sundays. On Sunday mornings, my

mom would cook these elaborate breakfasts, which made it appear as if she was making breakfast for the whole of the North Bronx. On the menu were saltfish, choba, and spinach; boiled eggs; fried sweet plantains; lettuce, tomatoes, and cucumbers; Souse; Antiguan bread, from 219th street on White Plains Road; and then this is served with some nice Antiguan bush tea. At around four-o'clock when we were just recovering from breakfast, here comes dinner. For me and my brother Clifton, Sundays for us were the best days of the week. One day I asked my mom why she cooked so much food and her reply was, "This is an Antiguan tradition that you prepare enough food in case relative and friends drop by so that you could offer them of plate." At our house, relatives and friends were always dropping by for food.

When I thought of my time in Antigua, I looked at it as a retreat. The huge back yards, birds singing in the trees, the lizards in the garden, and numerous fruit trees (guavas, mangos, yellow plums, dumbos, and ginnips) were all enticing and a little new to me. The plants that Aunt Christine uses for



**Photo:** Me and my mom (Ms. Lois Jarvis) having a good time on a dinner outing. *Georgia 2004*

making fresh bush teas (mint, fever grass, basum, and castor-oil plant bush) grew naturally around the yard and were nurtured by Mother Nature with its sun and rain. This is organic for you! This is the Antiguan way of living that my mother had often told me about. Just hanging around this environment made me feel relaxed and at home even though I was thousands of miles away from the concrete jungles of the Bronx.

In the evenings, the younger family members would take strolls around the neighborhood laughing and having fun, greeting everyone we met with a "good evening or a good night," which was a strict Antiguan tradition. In Antigua, we referred to these types of greetings as "having good manners." I even had a chance to learn some of the locally played games such as Maurol, Hop Scorch, Dodge Ball, and Rounders. One of the craziest and funniest things that I have learned, while in Antigua, was throwing rocks up in trees to gather fruits. The

craziest part of this adventure was when a rock stayed longer than expected up in the tree hitting various branches on its way down. Everyone would be scampering away from the tree, not knowing where the rock would fall, for no one wanted to *get chap*, as the locals would call it.

Some of the nicest memory though was when I walked through the neighborhood and heard people referred to my dad as an icon. I remember one guy telling me that everything that Michael Jordan did in basketball in America he had already seen my dad do those things on the basketball courts in Antigua. As I listened to these people paint a picture of him as a legend, I could not help but to smile and think, "Yeah, that's my dad." I know that my dad won a national award for his contribution to basketball in Antigua but there was no better feeling than listening to people pay tribute to him as a legend.

My mom was also well respected in Antigua. She was not an athlete like my dad, but many people loved her. It often brought pride to my heart when I heard people referred



**Photo:** Hanging with 2 of the proudest Antiguan. On the left is my mom (Lois Jarvis). On the right is my father (Bernard Henry). *Georgia 2004*

to my mom as one of the kindest, loving and amazing people that they had ever met. I know I have some pretty big shoes to fill, but if I could fill even half of my mom's shoes, then I know that I would have accomplished a lot in life.

Antigua is a beautiful country and my visit there will always hold a special place in my heart, but the crowning moments arrived by watching the sun set one evening as I took a walk on the Fort James Beach. The images were so startling that I said to myself, "I know there must be a God because only He could create anything so beautiful." At that moment, I felt closer to God, my mother, and the country of Antigua.

As I enjoyed the wonderful sunset, I made a vow there and then that I would never allow anyone to question my rights as a true Antiguan. These rights and honors are given to only 90 thousand plus wonderful people, and yes, I just happen to be one of them.





# SPECIAL MOMENTS

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## SPRINGTIME



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# WE ARE HAVING A REMARKABLE YEAR THUS FAR:

**THANKS FOR COMING ALONG  
WITH US ON THIS AMAZING  
JOURNEY: LET US RECAP.**

**W**hat an appropriate way of starting out our 2011 fundraising season of events, showing our appreciation and gratitude to our supporters and friends! How else could we have started this season but to give thanks to the people whom have supported us all along the way on our various ventures? Therefore, when the time came around for us to show our appreciation, we did just that but with a little pizzazz in the Wadadli West fashion. This, therefore, sets the tone for us for the rest of our upcoming fundraising events.

On Saturday, January 1, 2011, our organization hosted its first Annual Supporters Appreciation Party, and what a night it was, filled with food, fun, and music. If somehow you were unable to make it to this event then you would have missed out on some real good clean fun. Let me put it this way, there is no party like a Wadadli West party! I must say though, our team outdid themselves with the food preparation.

to the plate when needed and made a difference. Mr. Eustace Watson (President of COFA), Ms. Candice Tonge, and Mr. Chesley "T-Man" Donaldson were all honored with our organization's Gold Star Appreciation Award for their generous contributions & support over the past year.

The highlight of the night though belongs to Ms. Hazel Reeves who was honored with an Honorary Membership



## OUR ACTION TEAM

**Top Row:** Shelly, Janice, Bernard  
**Middle Row:** Henzelle, Joyce, Earl  
**Bottom Row:** Cedric, Nicole, Elderfield

## THE HONOR ROLE



Receiving awards (L to R): Eustace Watson, Chesley Donaldson's brother on his behalf, Candice Tonge, & Hazel Reeves

If I must confess, there was one flaw with this event, if I may call it that, there was just too much food. But what the heck, this is an Antiguan way of doing things. As we would say in the Antiguan community, it is much better to prepare too much food than to prepare too little or else people would talk about you like a dog.

To add more relevance to the festivity, there was an awards ceremony. What an honor it was for us to pay homage to an exclusive group of supporters who have often stepped up

Award for her stellar commitment and services to our organization. Words can hardly describe what Ms. Reeves means to Wadadli West USA Inc. Simply put, she is our greatest motivator and cheer leader, no pompoms please. She exemplifies what service should be all about, honesty, dedication, and sincerity. What ever she does, it is done with a touch of class and a willing heart. How can anyone better that? So in the words of our very own Ms. Hazel Reeves, "Yeh Baby, that's what I'm talking about!"



## OUR ANNUAL WINTER BREAK TEA PARTY SOCIAL

On Sunday, February 13, our organization hosted its Annual Winter Break Tea Party Social at the St Luke's Episcopal Church in Harlem. What an ideal time it was to take a break from the blistering winter weather, which seemed like it would have never ended, to have such an event. The menu was just marvelous and accommodating when taken into account the type of weather we have been receiving. It was no wonder that the Antiguan bush teas, NuNu Barsam, Fever Grass, and Mint Tea, were the choice drinks of many. To top things off, the perfectly prepared pumpkin soup by Wadadli West's own Ms. Janice Donaldson-Taylor stole the hearts of many. People were left asking for takeaways. The highlights of the entertainment, as usual, we could have relied on Ms Monica Matthews to charm the gathering with readings from her book "Journey Cakes"



At this time, we would like to thank the St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Harlem for allowing us to use their facilities in hosting this event. We would also like to give thanks to Reverend Dr. Alexander Gunthorpes of Emmanuel Episcopal Church of Sheepshead Bay in Brooklyn for coming all the way to Harlem to bless our event. A special thank you also goes out to Aunt Esther for her generous help at this event. Aunt Esther, the world needs more people like you who are genuinely helpful and caring. God Bless you. A hearty thank you also goes out to Ms. Monica Matthew for graciously accepting our invitation to take part at our event. Monica, you are the best! To all the other people whom have contributed in some way, we sincerely thank you with all of our hearts.

## OUR SPRINGTIME DINNER

Following our Winter Break Tea Party Social, on Saturday, May 21, our organization hosted its **Annual Springtime Dinner** at the John Huss Moravian Church in Brooklyn. What a memorable day it was for most of us for varied reasons. The show of support for this event was just magnificent. At first our committee was a bit skeptical as this was the first time we would have hosted an event of this magnitude outside the borough of Manhattan. What a great choice it was in the end. The John Huss Moravian Church auditorium was just ideal for the event. It was posh and spacious beyond belief, which created the perfect setting for a wonderful time.

From the feedback which we had received from our supporters, they had a wale of a time. As usual, the dinner was well catered by our very talented and versatile Ms. Janice Donaldson-Taylor and her crew. To add to what was already a fabulous eve-



ning, there was great entertainment. Antigua and Barbuda's very own, the talented **Ms. Carolyn D Punter** and the legendary **Mr. Barry Harvey** were on hand to do their thing.

Ms. Carolyn Punter, who is well known around the Antigua and Barbudan circle for her melodious voice, sang beautifully. The legendary Barry Harvey, songwriter/singer was at his delightful best. Most of our supporters knew who Barry Harvey was from the bare mentioning of his name. Yes, it is the same Barry Harvey who is well-known by his Christmas classics "**Window Shopping**" and "**Merry Christmas to You.**" At this time we would like to extend a hearty thank you to the John Huss Moravian Church for allowing us to use their facilities to host this event. A hearty thank you also goes out to Ms. Carolyn D. Punter and Mr. Barry Harvey for graciously accepting our invitation. To our supporters, you are just amazing. Thank you.

## BUS TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY

Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, was our first bus trip to Atlantic City. As usual our event was well supported. If you have never been to one of our bus rides, you are totally missing out. On our bus rides, we take great pride in our excellent hospitality. On the trip out to Atlantic City, our guests are normally served a scrumptious Antiguan-styled breakfast, followed by an onboard movie theatre. On arrival at our destination, our



guests were left to choose their own form of entertainment.

Some opted to visit the casinos; many enjoyed the romanticism of the boardwalk, while others would go shopping at the nearby shopping outlets. After an enjoyable day at Atlantic City, everyone would board the bus back to NY. A light dinner or snacks is normally served followed by movie time. **Our next Bus\_trip to Atlantic City is on**

**October 15, we hope to have you on board!**

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- ✕ Our Churches   ✕ Our Culture

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**Striving to make a Difference**

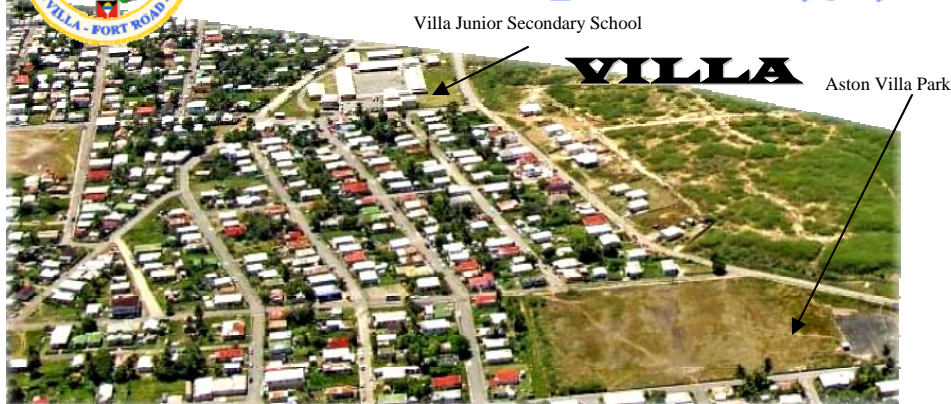
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## BARRY HARVEY HAS A NEW CHRISTMAS CD ALBUM TO BE RELEASED IN OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR

For pre-orders and performances bookings, please contact Barry at (718) 292-1140.

For those of you who may not be familiar with this legendary Antiguan Artist, let me fill you in with some vital information.

In 1963 he was a member of the first Antiguan group, the Targets, ever to do a recording. Since then, Barry has never looked back.

From 1984 to 1991, he was part of the infamous Roland Prince with whom he performed at various festivals.

Release Date: October 2011

He has one of the most popular Christmas tunes, "Window Shopping," which graces the airwaves in Antigua at Christmas for many years.

He produced a Gospel CD entitled, "Great My God", which was well received by the community.

### HERE IS THE SCOPE

His new CD will have 10 tracks, including the remake of "Window Shopping" and "Merry Christmas To You," both in reggae style.

**Give Barry your hearty support**

It has received two thumbs up by people in Antigua and the US who have heard the pre-released tracts.

He is back!

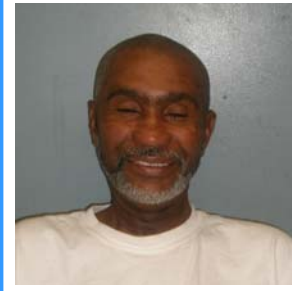
He is back!

**Keep This Date in Mind: October 2011**



# Resurfacing on a Different Stage!

## What's Your Story?



By Henzelle  
Richards



**"Resurfacing on a Different Stage"** is a research series that looks at the lives of people from our communities who had made their marks in Antigua and who are now pursuing different fields and interests at home and abroad. This quarterly issue briefly looks at the life of one of Point's very own **Winston Barrymore "Marcus" Watkins**

**H**ow many of you remembered Winston Barrymore Watkins? I know most of you hearing this name for the first time must be saying inquiringly, "Who the heck is he?" Well, like 60% or more of the young men from the Point Area, from the 1950's onwards, Barrymore had a nickname too. He was simply called Marcus. I am sure that the name Marcus must have now rang a bell in the minds of those of you who were living in the Point Area back then. Tracing his family lineage Marcus is the son of Evelyn Martin, who had two sisters, Jackie Francis and Curlita Martin-Pigott. Evelyn, Jackie, and Curlita were the daughters of the well known Kettie Byam (Genevieve Francis) of Boobie Alley in the Point. Marcus also had a brother named Chucky and a sister named Yvette. I knew Marcus from my early years running around the Point neighborhood and from us both attending to the same schools. We both attended the Moravian Kindergarten School and afterwards the Point Government School.

**F**or many years, Marcus has been missing in action from the Point neighborhood and from the streets of Antigua. After spending countless years abroad, he began returning home to Antigua every summer as a special pilgrimage. But his returns were never designed to be casual ones for there was nothing casual about him. Marcus was one of the most flamboyant personalities that you would have ever met. Not only was he so, but he was also very courageous when



you considered the choices for his wardrobe. He was the only person that I knew at that time who could have worn a canary color suit, with the same matching color shoes, hat, and handkerchief, and made it look great. His trademark was his exquisite coordination of his clothing which made him stand out in a crowd even from a distance. Besides that, he was the ultimate style trendsetter. If my memory serves me right, he was the first person that I have seen wearing the stylist Pro Keds

ABOVE IS A PHOTO OF BARRYMORE "MARCUS" WATKINS - TAKEN IN ANTIGUA IN 1965



Sneakers back then long before it became popular on the scene. One of his most memorable signature dress codes was the presence of a large handkerchief dangling from one of his back pockets.

It has been many years since those days and Marcus has moved on, changing his style and carving his personality. During my research for this article, I was fortunate enough to have caught up with him via

a telephone conversation in which he willingly accepted the invitation to share with us the stories of his life's achievements, one filled with honor, dignity, and pride reserve for *a few good men*.

## MY STORY: WINSTON BARRYMORE "MARCUS" WATKINS

**I**n my early years in Antigua, I attended the Moravian School, the Point School, and then the Antigua Pilgrim Holiness High School, known then as Mission School. I departed Antigua in August of 1964 for St Croix in the US Virgin Islands. In St. Croix, my family lived in Richmond Plot in Christiansted before relocating to Catherine's Rest in the same city. There, I attended another Faith Base School, the St Joseph Catholic School, to add to the Moravian School and Pilgrim Holiness High School in Antigua which I had already attended. This school was located between the two cities in St. Croix, Christiansted and Fredricksted, and was strategically located on a street named Centerline Road, which gave students from both cities equal access to the school.

**I**n October of 1969, I departed for the U S Army where I received my Basic and advance training at Fort Jackson in South Carolina. At this station, I received my Military MOS (Military Occupation Specialist 94D Military 201 file clerk). My responsibilities in this capacity were to maintain and post all documents to the soldiers' files as they move forward in their military careers.

### DUTY STATIONS

My duty stations were at **Fort George G. Meade** in Maryland, **Fort Dix** in New Jersey, **Fort Polk** in Louisiana, and **William O Darby Concern** in Nurnberg, West Germany.

### COMPANIES ASSIGNMENTS

The companies that I was assigned to were the **6th Army Calvary**, the **12<sup>th</sup> Military Police Group (CID)**, the **5<sup>th</sup> Active/Reserve/ National Guard (AG)** in Fort Polk, Louisiana & Fort Bliss, Texas, and the **3<sup>rd</sup> Armor Division** in Nurnberg, Germany.

### MEDALS OF HONOR AND ACCOMMODATIONS

I received the **Army Service Ribbon Award**, **Expert Badge with Rifle Award**, **Expert with Grenade Award**, and **Honor for Maxing Final PT Test**. I have also received the **Army Accommodation Ribbon (Arcom)** for good conduct and the **Overseas Service Ribbon**.

🇺🇸 **My End of Term (ETS) was on August 20, 1985 in which I was honorably discharge from the US Army.**



Barrymore Winston "Marcus" Watkins  
Us Army Tour: 1969 - 1985

After leaving the Army, I worked for many private companies before I returned to working for a federal agency. At present, I am working with Social Security Administration (SSA), but I am not permitted to mention my duties based on the agency's policies. What I can say is that I have been working here for the past Twenty Six years. I hope this information helped you out and thank you for this coverage.

Thank you Marcus! Antigua and Barbuda is proud of you for representing us abroad with such pride, dignity and honor. Good fortunes to you in your future endeavors. You surely deserve it.

**If you or anyone that you know wish to have your story published, please drop us a line. Send your email requests to Henzelle Richards at [antiguagarat@hotmail.com](mailto:antiguagarat@hotmail.com). We are anxiously waiting to hear your stories!**

# THE SPOILS OF PROGRESS:

By Bernard S. Henry

A reflection of the decisions that we make

Everyday many decisions are made to bring about progress in certain areas of concern, but how do we measure the benefits of a progressive scheme? We are aware that there is much to achieve from many types of these endeavors, but at the same time, how do we analyze what is being given up in return? As we would say in Antigua, *"there is no such thing as something for nothing."* Therefore, we can all agree that the quest for progress, as exciting as it may seem, may sometime has its good sides as well as its unfavorable ones. So here is my story. The rest is for you to decide.

In the middle of the Nineteen-Sixties, the western coastline of Antigua, including the Historic Rat Island, went through a massive demolition state, the type of which has never been seen in the island's

including the beautiful Wash-N-Basin Beach, was totally destroyed.

In the second wave of the project, the St. John's Harbor and the surrounding areas went through a dredging period to achieve a certain dept of water. The images would remain fresh in my mind as if it happened just yesterday. Huge black pipelines were extended over an area of land and

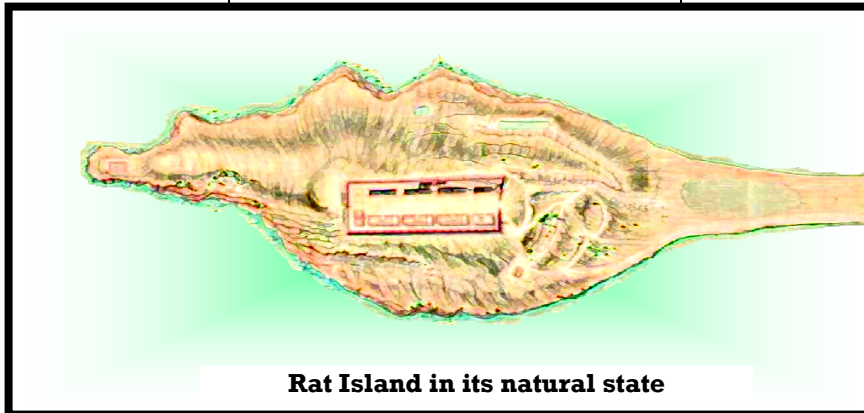
later in life many of us have come to realize the serious consequences of what took place then. Nevertheless, after many years of this undertaking, in 1968, Antigua opened its first major sea port, known today as the Antigua Deep Water Harbor.

As we have stated before, for most presumed good things to come to pass, major sacrifices must be made. Therefore, for the birth of

the Antigua Deep Water Harbor, we had to say goodbye to the Wash-N-Basin Beach and to its associated neighbors.

The Wash-N-Basin Beach was one of the best kept secrets on the island for many years. As the name implies, the beach

had a circular shape which resembles that of a utility basin from which it derives its name. This little beach was approximately 10 yards in length, but it had a powerful mystique. It was located on the leeward side of Rat Island just across the sea from the coastline of Grace-Green community which



Rat Island in its natural state

then submerged onto the ocean bed. These pipelines were connected to a huge sand dredge, docked out in the waters, which sucked up a substantial amount of sand and disposed of its content on the land.

The serious repercussion of this dredging was that not only was it sucking up huge amount of sand,

**It still haunts me today just to think that posterity will be deprived the joy of seeing something that was so naturally beautiful and significant.**

history. During that timeframe, this coastline was bombarded night and day by timed explosives and the maneuvering of heavy duty equipments. At times, this demolition process took on the elements of a war zone as if the whole area was under attack. When the initial stages of this project were completed, the southern section of Rat Island,

but it also took with it any sea creature that came within its path. I was witness to this operation for, as a young boy growing up around the Point Area, I would often go to the dumping area, known today as Dredge Bay, and collected fish that was dumped onto the surface. It felt good at the time to perform such a feat without having to go to sea, but

created a panoramic view of the coastline. Only a few people, who grew up in the Point Area in the sixties or before that, knew of its charm.

The experience of being on its shore was just breathtaking. People to this day are still baffled about its charms and its mysteries. When you were in its presence, the

world seemed to come to a standstill as a sense of serenity fills the air. Bathers and nature would become one, allowing bathers to bathe comfortably in their birthday suits, putting behind them the sense of sexuality which matters only to the outside world. The gentle breezes that flowed through the nearby trees were incredibly soothing and at the same time very encouraging. At times the whispering breezes appeared to play melodious tones as if to create an air of peace and calm. Many people in our community have often concluded that this must have been the place on earth where God soaked his tired feet after dealing with the daily problems of the world for the atmosphere was just heavenly.

Its healing power could never be understated. Many came within its realm in search of renewed vigor on life in its therapeutic waters. Others came to be cured from many of the social diseases of the day such as gonorrhea, syphilis, tuberculosis, the common cold, or even Coco Bay, and many have vowed to this day to have walked away feeling cured.

I became acquainted with this beach while attending to my grandmother Tiny's livestock that grazed on Rat Island in those days. It was very difficult getting to this beach because of its rugged terrain. Vines of the Nickars tree surrounded the area as if it was designed this way to keep out intruders. Surprisingly, many people have visited Rat Island on numerous occasions to collect Nickar Beans for their Warri Boards but very few of them knew of the existence of this beach. One of the greatest mysteries of the Wash-N-Basin Beach is that no known photos of it exist as if it was forbidden as certain things

were in the Garden of Eden. The only images of this place to this day are in the minds of those who were fortunate enough to have bathed in its waters.

How beautiful was this landscape! I can remember the days when I would climb to the top of Rat Island, near the old soldiers' barrack and looked out to sea, in the western distance, straight into the horizon. It allowed me to appreciate the marvelous and wondrous works of the Almighty. The forestry of the island was simply captivating. Species of birds, lizards, and other wild animals once made this area home. Even the community livestock, goats, sheep,

the replenishment of its food chain. It is no mystery that henceforth fishermen from the area had to go further out to sea just to get their daily catch. Therefore, I am inclined to ask, did this area become cursed from the hideous act which was committed? I am sure that the avid conservationist or ecologist would have nightmares just trying to fathom what happened to this area.

Antigua is not an industrialize country neither does it produce the commodities of the market place. What it has to offer the world is its natural landscapes, rich heritage, and gorgeous hospitality. These facts are well documented in

its history - in our schools and in our libraries. It is quite obvious why so many visitors come to its shores yearly, creating tourism as its main industry. Even the natives of the island are aware of its marvel and beauty as emphasized in one of its patriotic songs, "Where land and

sea makes beauty." Yet, we have destroyed what was one of the most beautiful and breathtaking landmarks on the entire island.

It still haunts me today just to think that posterity will be deprived the joy of seeing something that was so naturally beautiful and significant. King Short Shirt in song has made mention of the beautiful Wash-N-Basin Beach and other well learned Antiguan still speaks of its glory. As we have said from the start, progress is good for any entity, so we can take great pride in our first class seaport in the Antigua Deep Water Harbor, but after we have placed such great emphasis on our tourist industry, to turn around and destroy something that was so historic and relevant, the process of it all still remains mind boggling to me.



Rat Island in its demolition state

and pigs once grazed on these grounds. As you looked across the northern section of the island, you could observe the mangroves that line the shores of the bay. On a beautiful sunny day from the top of the Island you could admire the beauty of the coral reefs that graced the waters.

The whole area was significantly interconnected. The water on the eastern section of the island, from Papa Manny Bay down through the causeway, provided a shelter for boats during the hurricane season. The waters on the northern section of Rat Island, which encompasses the mangroves and coral reefs, provided a breeding ground for fishes and other sea creatures. When this area was dredged out, it took with it the most important elements of the people,



## WELCOME ABOARD TO ONE OF OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

### Ms. Dorsette Mapp

Ms. Dorsette Mapp hails from Bryson Street in the Villa Area - the same neighborhood as our treasurer, Ms. Janice Donaldson-Taylor. She is an alumnus of the Princess Margaret Secondary in Antigua. Ms. Mapp brings to our organization her passion for helping others and a hard-working mentality. She will certainly be an asset to our organization. Therefore, we take this opportunity in welcoming her to our team with open arms.



## I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT...

### SPORTS



Antigua and Barbuda has its first professional soccer team which goes by the name of **Antigua Barracuda FC**. This Antigua based team plays in the new USL Professional Division in the United States, which is a third division professional soccer league. The team plays its home games at Stanford Cricket Ground, locally known as "Sticky Wicket Stadium," which is located north of the VC Bird International Airport. The team's colors are sky blue, white and black. I thought you should also know that Kato DeCastro, nephew of our secretary, Ms. Joyce DeCastro, plays on this team.

### Entertainment & Music

Hells Gate Steel Orchestra is once again champion of steel bands in Antigua and Barbuda for the fifteenth time, which is the most by any band in Antigua.



Congratulations to Captain Veron Henry and his crew for bringing back home the steel band championship where it belongs, in Point and Villa. The winning tune for the band was King Swallow's "Satan Coming Down" arranged by young arranger Khan Cordice. From all of us at Wadadli West USA Inc, well done!

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Special Note: You <b>DO NOT</b> need to have direct ties to the Point and Villa Area Communities to be part of this organization. Wadadli West USA Inc is open to all prospective members who wish to be friends of our organization and hence our communities. We do welcome your participation and your support. Thanks so much for your interest.			
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**I THOUGHT YOU  
SHOULD KNOW THAT...**

## **OBITUARY**

### **MRS. MARY ANN FARRELL**



One of our community's centurions, Mrs. Mary Ann Farrell, whom we featured in the first issue of our newsletter, passed away in August of this year.

For those of you, who may not know this honorable lady, let me enlighten you. Back in the day, Ms. Farrell was the proud proprietor of the famous Mary Ann's Shop on Wapping Lane near St. John's Street in the Point, which was famous for the most delightful buns and cheeses this side of the hemisphere.

To get the full coverage of the Mary Ann Farrell Story, please visit our website today:

[www.WadadliWestUSAInc.com](http://www.WadadliWestUSAInc.com) and download a copy of the first issue of our newsletter.

Ms. Farrell may be the last of her generation from the Point. She will be deeply missed by all.

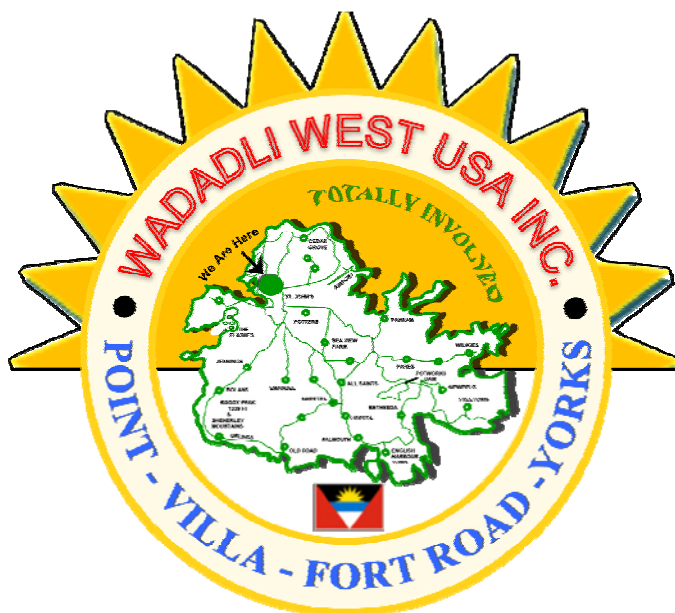
**By the mercies of God,  
may her soul rest in perfect peace.**

## **WELCOME TO ONE OF OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**



### **Mr. Arthur Mapp**

Mr. Arthur Mapp is from upper Back Street in Antigua. He is an alumnus of the Princess Margaret Secondary in Antigua. Back in the homeland, he was very active in sports and culture. He was an ardent soccer player and he was passionate about steel band playing. Arthur brings to this organization his zealous and upbeat personality. What an excellent addition! Please join us in welcoming him with a firm handshake.



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## OUR FEEDBACK CORNER

Brother your group did it again by climbing up the ladder. There were some great highlights in the articles. The Interview on Brownie's Bakery made me wanted to go and check it out. My brother loves Ginger Beer and he can't wait to taste the Antiguan Ginger Beer." You must continue to educate the young ones. There is no replacement for knowledge and wisdom.

- Jason Boykin  
Brooklyn, NY

## Comments on the article "Rescuing Our Culture"

I have to applaud you and give you your well deserved props.

You could not have said it in any other term. You have covered all of the bases and have given your readers something to really think about. There are times when one reads a book or an article in a newspaper and becomes bored, but there is absolutely no boredom in reading your article.

I once asked the question (can you better your previous article?) and I must say that you have hit the ball for six runs.

I must encourage you to get this article published in an Antiguan newspaper so that all may see and understand the crisis at hand, and maybe, just maybe, we will be able to make a change.

Good luck in your future endeavors.

*Murdick Reynolds*  
Houston Texas

## Comments on our Newsletter

"This is a great issue filled with information and great history of Antigua. I love it! Keep up the good work."

*Jean Eudelle*  
Brooklyn, NY

"It gets better with every issue. Thanks for sharing..."

*Roz Olatunji*  
Antigua & Barbuda Progressive Society

"Good work!!! Keep it up!!!!!"

*Icilma London*  
Brooklyn, NY



## OUR HEARTY APPRECIATION

To our friends and supporters, thank you so much for the positive feedback which you have given us. For every issue of our newsletter, we are striving to reach new and higher grounds, bringing to you information that matters most to you about our organization, our communities, our people, and our country. Your feedback let us know that we are being heard and that means a lot to us. Thank you once again for your continual support. From all of us at Wadadli West USA Inc, we thank you!

- Bernard S. Henry -  
Vice Chairman

Feedback Corner: Please email your comments to us at [WADADLIWESTUSAINC1@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:WADADLIWESTUSAINC1@HOTMAIL.COM) or you may go to our website [WWW.WADADLIWESTUSAINC.COM](http://WWW.WADADLIWESTUSAINC.COM) and leave us your comment in our Comment/Question box. When you correspond with us, please provide us with your first and last name, and if you wish, you may also add your aliases. Thank you.



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## TOTALLY ANTIGUAN POTATO DUMPLINGS | By Janice Donaldson-Taylor

**T**his Quarterly Back Page issue features how to cook, one of Antigua's national dishes, **POTATO DUMPLINGS & Mackerel with mashed green papaya**. To guide us through these steps, we called upon Wadadli West's main Cook/Treasurer, Ms. Janice Donaldson-Taylor, using a touch of Antiguan dialects and terminologies.

**Ingredients:** Petata Dumplin (Potato Dumpling): Sweet potatoes, dried coconut, flour, sugar, nutmeg, salt, black pepper. **Pupa (Papaya):** Green papaya, salt, black pepper. **Mackral (Mackerel):** Onion, green pepper, scallion, thyme, tomato, tomato paste, cooking oil.

### STEP BY STEP PREPARATIONS

1. **Petata Dumplin Preparation:** You ha fu peel, wash, and grate da potatoes
2. Bruk de coconut, dig out the meat, then wash and grate
3. Throw everything in a big bowl - dash in a likkle bit a sarl (salt), black pepper, and nuttenegg (nutmeg).
4. Throw some flour in the bowl, mix um up, then knead the mixture till the dough becomes firm.
5. Tear off pieces of dough, roll each piece into a small ball then put pan de side till you ready.
6. Put a pot of water fu boil, when the water start to bubble up, take the balls of dough and flatten them with you fingers so them look like little cart wheels, put them into de boiling water, stir with a tun stick cause you na want them fu stick up. Na cover the pot, when them cook, strain off de water. That's it!
7. **Green Pupa (Papaya) Preparation:** You ha fu peel and Wash de green pupa. Cut it into small slices. Put a pot ah water fu boil, then throw in the pupa with a likkle bit a sarl. When it gets soft, strain off de water and mash it up. Sprinkle ah likkle black pepper if you want, cause me know some ah you no lub black pepper.

8. **Mackerel Preparation:** You ha fu wash de mackerel, then boil um in a pot ah water. Change de water ah few time, cause you na want it fu taste too salty. When it cook, remove it from the water, Put it in some cold water to wash it and strip into desired pieces.
9. Cut up some herbs: onion, green pepper, scallion, thyme and tomato.
10. In a pan with some heated sweet oil (cooking oil), add the herbs and allow to simmer, and then add some tomata paste. Put in de mackal and simmer stirring a bit to make sure the sauce is distributed evenly over the mackral.



Ah wanda ah who fah food this ya!

**Eating time:** Place three to four of the dumplings on a plate, on the side put some of the mashed pupa and some of the mackral.

**You ready fu nyam now. Bon appetite!**