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HAPPY NEW YEAR



CIMBUX

Buxton Pride

CIMBUX HONORS FOUR AND IGNITES A REVIVAL FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Celebrating its Fourteenth Biennial Reunion themed *Revival for Excellence Through Education*, the Committee for the Improvement of Buxton, Inc. (CIMBUX) presented four awards. The recipients are Robin Philips, Forbs Deon Abrams, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Newton, and the Greene family.

First, Mr. Robin Philips received a Community Service Award for founding Buxton Youth Developers.



Photo by Marlon McKenzie

A full hall at CIMBUX 14th Biennial Reunion Dinner and Dance

The initiative started by providing lessons to 25 students. In addition to lessons, the organization now serves more than 300 students from Buxton and neighboring villages by offering programs in football, table tennis, cricket, and volleyball.

Husband and wife team Mr. George Stanley Newton and Mrs. Lorraine Watson Newton received a joint

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KEYNOTE RECALLS THE GLORY DAYS OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN GUYANA



Photo by Marlon McKenzie

Keynote Speaker
Dr. Desiree DeFlorimonte

Now, I've been asked to speak on the theme of *Revival for Excellence Through Education*. As you heard in the introduction, I've been a teacher for forty years even though I'm just forty-five, so this is a topic for which I'm truly passionate. Tonight with your forbearance, I will briefly share some thoughts on how we go about reviving excellence not only in Buxton but throughout our dear land of Guyana.

Before I proceed, I would like to recognize CIMBUX for the strength and courage (words synonymous with Buxtonians) you've displayed in striving for excellence and improving the educational standards in Buxton, Friendship, Vigilance and surrounding villages. You are a role model for Guyanese Organizations everywhere. Many of us here tonight can recall the glory days when we would boast of having the highest

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Photo by Marlon McKenzie

Master of Ceremonies Mr.
Martin Dougall

President's Report**CIMBUX CELEBRATES A SUCCESSFUL 2013;
PRES. AZORE THANKS BOARD AND SUPPORTERS****BY HORACE AZORE**

On behalf of the Executive and Board Members of CIMBUX, I extend greetings to all of our members and friends. It is our pleasure to salute and thank you for your support in all of our endeavors. All of our fundraisers were successful, kudos to the various operation teams consisting of board and regular members who planned and executed these

events. We successfully addressed some major issues facing the organization.

On November 9, 2013 our organization celebrated its 14th Biennial Reunion. This was a great success and kudos must be given to all of the members of our executive team; they did a great job handling their responsibilities very well.

Thanks to all who attended this event especially our honored guests Guyana's Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Bayney Karran and his wife Donna; Brother Eusi Kwayana; John Blake, radio broadcaster; Dr. David Hinds; Mr. Aubrey Stephenson and Dr. Maureen Stephenson; Dr. Desiree De-Florimonte, the event's keynote speaker; and a host of others. The night's event was

captained by Master of Ceremony Mr. Martin Dougall, who did an excellent job.

Congratulations to all of our award recipients. We honor you all for your selfless acts of community service.

In spite of some emotionally charged moments which are normal in organizations, we did accomplish a lot. We have acknowledged the successful Buxton students and the top school at the National Grade 6 Examination. We are in the final stages of preparation for 501(c)3 status, and we have a new Board and Executive members to execute CIMBUX's operations to keep the organization on the right path to achieving its yearly goals. OUR ORGANIZATION CIMBUX IS IN GREAT CONDITION.

We were given lots of new ideas, and we will visit every one of them. Special thanks to all the members of our operations team in the Buxton community in Guyana for their hard work and cooperation. The excellent services you have all provided personally and as a group are highly appreciated. To all of our members and friends in North America, thank you too for your tremendous support. It is now 2014 a New Year a time of new beginnings and fresh starts. I wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We have made tremendous achievements, and we look forward to greater accomplishments in the year ahead.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

THANK YOU.

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS**EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

Horace Azore, President
Keith Easton, Vice President
Dennis Wiggins, Treasurer
Jude Greene, Secretary
Joycelyn Truman, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Board Members

Tia Bathersfield, Economic Development Chair
George Hinds, Fundraising Chair
Donna Oti, Education and Culture Chair
Geoffrey Azore
Ruth Wills

**VP LAUDS CIMBUX SUCCESS,
THANKS KEY SUPPORTERS****BY KEITH EASTON**

To quote our newly-elected President, "CIMBUX is back." CIMBUX, like many other organizations, had many challenges. We struggled against many forces but prevailed. Every organization has problems and challenges, but it is how those problems are dealt with that determines the viability of the organization.

Relationships among organizations, members, and the

public are very important. CIMBUX is committed to, and continues its accountability. To our supporters, I will always strive to maintain privacy while upholding professional ethics and standards. The struggle continues for justice and upliftment.

On November 9, 2013, we held our 14th Biennial Reunion Dinner and Dance at the

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SALUTE TO A HERO — NELSON MANDELA

“A good leader can engage in a debate frankly and thoroughly, knowing that at the end he and the other side must be closer, and thus emerge stronger. You don't have that idea when you are arrogant, superficial, and



uninformed.”

Nelson Mandela

BY HORACE AZORE

Quite recently the world lost a hero in NELSON MANDELA, respectfully known as MADIBA. As the facts have shown, he endured wrongful imprisonment under the hateful rule of apartheid because he dared to challenge that repressive political system for equality for all. After spending 27 years of the prime of his life in prison, he did not break but calmly sought to edify himself on the ways of his oppressors and emerged from what seemed hopeless to become leader of a free South Africa.

Madiba has taught us some life lessons of patience, the power of edification and staying true to honest ideals not only for selfish gains but for all in the struggle for which he dedicated his life.

“During my lifetime, I have dedicated myself to this struggle of the African people. I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons will live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for. But, my lord, if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die.”

The world has indeed lost a great human being but has gained an even brighter light in his legacy.

Thank you MADIBA... NOW REST...

CIMBUX TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013

In 2013, CIMBUX held three fundraising events. Through the stewardship of the fundraising chairman George Hinds, the guidance of the president, and the other dedicated and committed members of CIMBUX, I am pleased to report that these fundraisers were successful.

FUNDRAISERS

The annual Errol (Bonehead) Bathersfield's Memorial Dance was held on May 25, 2013. The Fundraiser earned total revenues of \$7,445 and incurred total expenses of \$3,668. On July 6, CIMBUX held its second fundraiser for the year, the annual Souse Party, at the Greene's residence. The Souse Party earned total revenues of \$3,586 and incurred total expenses of \$1,832. CIMBUX 14th Biennial reunion was held on November 9. The reunion earned total revenue of \$11,295.00 and incurred total expenses of \$5,793.10 These Fundraisers allowed CIMBUX to successfully meet its obligations to the village of Buxton, and to add new programs of assistance to the village and villagers.

CIMBUX also held its annual Family Fun-day that incurred expenses but not revenues. The fun-day was a free event intended to show our gratitude to all those who supported the activities of CIMBUX.

FINANCIAL POSITION

For the months ending December 31, 2013, CIMBUX financial position is as follows:

Beginning cash	\$3,349.99
CD (90 days renewal maturity)	\$1,211.07
Restricted Asset (scholarship)	\$3,000.00
Revenue	<u>\$22,326.00</u>
Total cash and cash equivalent	\$29,887.06
Total Expenses	<u>\$13,808.93</u>
Ending cash and cash equivalent	<u>\$16,078.13</u>

This is a cash basis report; CIMBUX has no fixed assets and, or liabilities to report.

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Dennis N. Wiggins

Treasurer

FROM CULTURE TO COMMUNITY ACTIVISM, REUNION WEEKEND FEATURED SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

BY KEITH EASTON

The activities in Maryland started with the CIMBUX Fourteenth Biennial Reunion on Saturday, November 9. As we all know, this was a great success. A notable event to honor Buxtonians for their contributions to Buxton, reunite persons from around the country, while at the same time enhancing the relationship in and with the community.

On Sunday, November 10, the activities continued as Evergreen Productions and Friends – coordinated by Patrick Bathersfield presented a program titled “A Commemorative Cultural Panorama of Thirty Years Plus” at the Metropolitan Activity Center in Hyattsville, Maryland. This event featured Poetry in motion, Cultural Expressions, Dramatic adaptations and Folk songs.

Special acknowledgement to Dr. Rubena Smith for her performance of “Coming Home”; guest appearance by Stella Clarke, Chorographer and Icon who graced the occasion with a wonderful dance; Jillian Moore Jamaica dramatist as Ketura presenting her rock story; Maurice Etienne with oldies rendition; and Mboya Woode with Tribute to Joe Phill (Oscar Henry) and Nancy adaptation at wakes.

Our weekend activities culminated with a collaboration of Friends of Eusi, CIMBUX, and Cuffy 250 group in Washington D.C. The panel discussion titled “State of Africans in Guyana: Learning from the Past to Chart a New Direction” featured panelists were Eusi Kwayana, Dr. David Hinds, and George Abrams from the Cuffy 250 Group and Baba Mosi from the UNIA. The focus of the panel discussion was on the need for African villages in Guyana to become more self-sufficient.

Following the panel discussion, Dr. Hinds presented and discussed Bro. Eusi Kwayana’s upcoming book, *How the Post Emancipation Village Movement of the 1840s in Guyana Made World History.* Bro. Eusi then presented and discussed books and poems by local authors. He first discussed Patrick Bathersfield’s most recent publication, *Hug The Light.* Next, he discussed Kwesi Oginga’s books including his most recent book *Send me my Eve.*

Bro. Kwayana introduced the Mathematics Puzzle book by Lyndon Barton emphasizing its importance for children. Finally, he presented a book by Keith Easton *A Village Co-operative Business Experience* on the Buxton Garment Factory – Buxton/Friendship largest single enterprise to date. Bro. Kwayana also presented to the audience art work by Kwesi Oginga and Lyndon Barton and encouraged the purchase of books and art by all present.

Missing were the presentation of artists, Geoffrey Azore, Stanley Newton and Ken Abrams.



Photo by Marlon McKenzie
Bro. Eusi Kwayana center with Mrs. Vilma and Mr. Weusi Tafawa at the Reunion



Evergreen Production from left to right — Arnold Patrick Bathersfield, Baba Mosi, Horace “Flash” Lashley, Desmond Linton, Dr. Rubena Smith, Deloris Favors, Chikuyu Johns, and Juanita Peterson.

CIMBUX PAYS TRIBUTE TO A FOUNDING MEMBER: OSCAR “JOE PHIL” HENRY

With a heavy heart, the Board of Directors of CIMBUX says farewell to one of its founding members.

Oscar Henry, also known as Joe Phil, was born in Buxton, a village in Guyana. In 1971 as a result of the deteriorating state of the villages Buxton and Friendship, Donald Thomas put forth the idea to start an organization which was named CIMBUX. Joe was one of the first few members present at the first meeting and embraced the organization from that time throughout his life in the United States. He served as Treasurer when the group started and also as Fundraising Chairman of CIMBUX 2009-2010.

In Guyana, Joe was an athlete who enjoyed sports. In the United States he chose the occupation as a Taxi Driver. This self employment afforded him the opportunity and freedom to volunteer his time and skills to many persons and groups. He was a humorist, dramatist, and was gifted in many ways as was seen in the plays he performed in and jokes he gave. He was also very witty in responding to remarks made to or at him.

Joe was a member of the Evergreen Productions that has been performing in the Washington Metropolitan area for more than thirty years. He has performed in many plays, while playing the drums, the bell, reading poetry, and other functions in the group in various cities in the United States.

His passion and devotion to CIMBUX was exemplary. Over the years he used his skills in acting, poetry, drumming and humor to perform in plays and other occasions.

About every two years CIMBUX honors Buxtonians or persons of Buxtonian lineage for their outstanding contributions to the community. In 1999 Oscar “Joe Phil” Henry received the CIMBUX Community Service Award. Following this in October 2003 he was the Master of Ceremony for our historical, Tenth Reunion Dinner and Dance, where we honored Sir John Carter, Mr. Randall Butisingh, Kwesi Nkofi and Mrs. Paulette Charles, who travelled from Guyana to be our Key Note speaker.

In 2004 CIMBUX presented to the public of the Washington Metro area its signature Cultural Extravaganza with a play called *Logg Gaff*. Keith Easton then president first called Joe with his idea and he immediately volunteered to act. Follow-



Oscar “Joe Phil” Henry preparing for his One-Man Show — an evening of poetry, song, and dance

ing this, Kwesi Oginga, known playwright and actor was contacted and he also agreed to direct the play. With main script and story by Eusi Kwayana, along with contributions from Dr. David Hinds, Patrick Bathersfield, Dr. Clayton Bacchus and Keith Easton, the play was written out and directed by Kwesi Oginga. Joe played the part of Teacher George Younge from Buxton and engaged Kwesi in a two man act in some of the scenes.

CIMBUX holds several functions during the year, the Souse Party at the Greens Residence, as well as the Annual Memorial Dance; Joe served as a bartender most of the time, while he was the first to arrive and assist at the Family Fun Day yearly in August.

In closing, we cannot leave out his many appearances and performances with Kwesi Oginga through his theater and church. May his soul rest in peace.

**EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA****Message from the Ambassador of Guyana to the United States**

I am delighted to extend greetings to the Executive, members and supporters of the Committee for the Improvement of Buxton, CIMBUX, on the occasion of its 14th Reunion Ceremony.

All Guyanese in the Washington metropolitan area should be proud of CIMBUX. One of the earliest Guyanese organizations to be started in this area, and now, at 30 years old, one of the oldest in the United States, CIMBUX has adapted and endured over time.

Like most other organizations, your beginnings and your aims were modest. Today, thanks to your commitment and resilience, you have played a meaningful role in educating deserving students, renovating the infrastructure of your village, donating books and sports equipment as well as building cultural, social and economic awareness in Guyana, the United States and in Buxton itself.

On this occasion I am pleased to extend congratulations on your achievements and wish your Organization continued growth and progress.

In closing, may this 14th Reunion celebration be a memorable one for your members and supporters.

Yours faithfully,

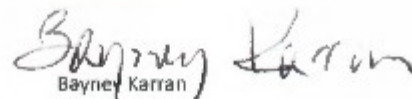

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Photo by Marlon McKenzie

Mr. George Abrams, past president of CIMBUX, enjoys the 14th Biennial Reunion, Dinner and



Photo by Marlon McKenzie

The Honorable Ambassador of Guyana to the United States hails CIMBUX's accomplishments.

CIMBUX HONORS AWARD RECIPIENTS

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Community Service Award. As an artist and sculptor, Mr. Newton received Presidential Awards for three consecutive years as the most Dynamic Small Business, the Caci Crown gold medal, and many other awards. He has showcased his talents in several international craft shows. Mrs. Lorraine Watson Newton, a registered nurse and business woman, participated in several medical missions in Guyana and the Caribbean. For example, she volunteered in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake. Mrs. Newton is currently the CEO of Suburban Medical Equipment & Taste of the Caribbean Restaurant & Lounge. She financially and physically assisted in rebuild-

ing the Health Center in Buxton and providing humanitarian services during the 2005 floods. A teacher, dramatist, playwright and poet, Forbs Deon Abrams received the CIMBUX Public Service Award. With more than 25 years teaching experience, Mr. Abrams has taught at Annandale Secondary School, Bladen Hall Secondary School and Bishops High. Soon after graduating from North Georgetown Secondary school in 1985, he volunteered at the Lessons Place in Buxton. As a playwright, Mr. Abrams has performed at the National Cultural Center and the Theater Guild. In 2002, one of his plays, *Gold Teeth*, won awards for Best Production and Best Director at the

Biannual Inter-School Drama Festival. This victory earned the students of Annandale Secondary School the right to represent Guyana in the Fifth Caribbean School Drama Festival, which was held in Antigua. Mr. Deon Abrams currently hosts the television talk show *Walter Rodney Groundings*, aired Tuesdays. One of the most well-known Buxtonian families in the Washington Metropolitan area -- The Greene family -- received the CIMBUX Public Service Award. For more than 50 years, the Greene family has helped maintain Buxton's culture in Buxton and the United States. In the 60s and 70s, the family migrated to the United States, where they continued a tradition of service. The Greene family has been an integral

part of CIMBUX' success. The Annual Souse Party, a staple of fundraising for the organization, has been held at the Greene's residence for more than thirty years. To fully appreciate the Greene's contribution to civic duty, a spotlight must be put on the family's involvement in Buxton's affairs during the 50s and 60s. Boss and Elaine Greene, the patriarch and matriarch, absorbed themselves and their children in Buxton's affairs. The 4H Club, Girl Guides, Women's Poultry Co-operative, the Women's Auxiliary, the South Buxton District Council, the Marinatha Male Voice Choir, the Anglican Church, Ghana day, and the Christmas Choral Group all benefitted from the unselfish involvement of the family. The keynote speaker, Dr. Desiree DeFlorimonte, eloquently captured the theme of the reunion "Revival for Excellence Through Education." With more than 40 years experience as a teacher, Dr. DeFlorimonte is currently the Professional Development Lead Teacher, School Testing Coordinator, and Reading Specialist at William Paca Elementary School in Landover, Maryland. The event attracted many distinguished guests including the Ambassador of Guyana, Bayney Karan; Patron Father of the the Buxton Community, Eusi Kwayana; Professor and Political Activists Dr. David Hinds, and host of WHUR's Caribbean Experience, John Blake.

CIMBUX ELECTS NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Photo by Marlon McKenzie

During its November 19 General Meeting, the Committee for the Improvement of Buxton elected its board of directors. Photographed from left to right: Tia Bathersfield, Geoffrey Azore, Donna Oti, George Hinds, Joycelyn Truman, Keith Easton, Horace Azore, Dennis Wiggins, and Jude Greene. Not photographed is Ruth Wills.

DR. DEFLORIMONTE

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literacy rate in the Caribbean. We always had a love affair with learning and an attitude of excellence prevailed throughout the land. We're from a village, a country that has educated the best and the brightest and we can be found throughout the Diaspora in a plethora of professions. Things have certainly changed and I cringe each time I read of the low standards of education, poverty, inadequately trained teachers, the disconnect between parents, teachers and administrators, lack of discipline and values, dilapi-

dated and unsafe school buildings, minimal financial resources and the list goes on and on. What on earth happened to our education system? How can we return to the glory days and ensure that every young Buxtonian, every Guyanese whatever their race, religion or social background is able to receive a world-class education of excellence and achieve their full potential?

Recently I read about this mother who knocked on her son's door to wake him up. "Okay son, it's time to wake up, it's time for school." The son in a grumpy mood says, "I don't want to go to

school." The mother insists, "You must son, now come on and get out of bed." The son replies, "I don't want to go, the children make fun of me and curse at me and the teachers don't like me, the building is falling down, I don't want to go to school." The mother said gently, "Son, you know you have to go to school."

"Give me one good reason why I have to go to school" the son asked.

The mother replied, "Because you are the Headmaster!"

How do we begin with this Herculean task of creating a world class education system

in Guyana? There are a myriad of areas that need to be reformed in order to revive that attitude of excellence. In the essence of time, I will focus on three of the fundamental reforms I feel will turn our schools around and aid in the revival of excellence through education.

First, we need to raise academic standards. The present structure of the system does students a tremendous disservice by not delivering a quality education. Students need more rigor in their studies instead of a watered down curriculum. International surveys have shown that the gap between Guyanese least able students and our most able students is much higher than in other Caribbean countries and far too many students are leaving primary and secondary schools without even the rudiments of Literacy and Math. This tragedy has been unfolding right before our eyes and I'm bewildered at the complacency of many stakeholders in the face of this national crisis.

Despite isolated outstanding performances, Guyanese students again performed poorly on this year's Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (SCEC). Only 29 percent of students were successful in Math and 31 percent were successful in English. One of Buxton's own scholars, Dr. David Hinds, has stated: "If seven out of ten students cannot pass math, six out of ten cannot pass Reading and four out of ten cannot pass with

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STEPHENSONS FUND ANOTHER SCHOLARSHIP FOR BUXTONIANS

Mr. Aubrey and Dr. Maureen Stephenson donated US\$3,000 to fund a scholarship for a Buxtonian pursuing postsecondary education in medicine. Dr. Stephenson presented the donation at the 14th Biennial Reunion. The Stephensons funded the 2003 Prince DOT Stephenson Culinary Award, which was awarded to Jonel Olinda John, a student at the Carnegie Institute of Home Economics. The Stephensons have also funded a Scholarship in Accountancy, which has not yet been awarded. CIMBUX is currently establishing a relationship with the Registrar at the University of Guyana to facilitate selecting recipients for the Stephenson scholarships in Accountancy and Medicine. In 2001 Mr. Stephenson received CIMBUX's Public Service Award.



Photo by Marlon McKenzie

Dr. Maureen and Mr. Aubrey Stephenson

DR. DEFLORIMONTE

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top grades, then we have a National Disaster on our hands." An educated population is the answer to promoting jobs, social and economic development as well as personal well-being. I maintain that raising standards, incorporating more rigorous and relevant instruction and never tolerating mediocrity will emit excellence from our students.

The second reform is produc-

ing a high quality of teachers and administrators. Research shows that teacher quality is the single most important factor in influencing student achievement. Good teachers are the heart and soul of any good school, but teaching excellence can only be attained through well trained teachers. Unfortunately, the crisis of teacher education in Guyana is staggering. The same pool of under-prepared students is being recruited to be trained as teachers. Mediocrity is accepted and these teachers, with limited resources and miniscule sala-

VP'S CORNER *(Continued from page 2)*

Bowie Village Hall in Bowie Maryland. This event was a total success. Catered by Taste of the Caribbean Restaurant and music by Bobby's Music Machine, the event was fabulous.

I would like to personally thank the following persons for their attendance. Ambassador Bayney Karran and his wife, Bro. Eusi Kwayana who travelled from California, Mr. Aubrey Stephenson & Dr. Maureen Stephenson who made a donation of US\$3,000, to set up a scholarship for medicine, Mr. John Blake of WHUR, our Keynote Speaker Dr. Desiree De Florimonte and Master of Ceremonies Mr. Martin Dougall.

In addition, I would like to thank the Dougall Family, the Bacchus Family, Laverne and Lynette Thomas and friends from New York, the Londons from New Jersey, the Tafawas from Boston, the Bartons from Delaware, Kaiteur Group members from Connecticut, members of the DCMCO club, and others too many to mention.

Special acknowledgement to Claudette Portsmouth, Joycelyn Dougall and James Thom for their continued support and assistance.

Finally, thanks to my personal friends and business associates from Buxton, Guyana, Barbados, Grenada and Trinidad & Tobago for their continued support. With any function we would always find areas that would need improvement. As a result from feedback, attendees suggestions were noted and discussed to guide the organization when planning future

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ries, are left to instruct our youngsters. Due to this quandary, many teachers are frustrated and have left Guyana for greener pastures in the Caribbean, the US, Canada and other parts of the world.

If you can remember at least one teacher who inspired you in some way to dig a little deeper, reach a little higher and further than you might otherwise have done, raise your hand. On the count of three, I want you to shout out the name of that teacher... 1, 2, 3 "Ovrille Johnson."

Many of us have had our lives turned around by these well-

trained, dedicated and inspirational teachers whose high expectations and good teaching made us strive for excellence and attain success.

Finally, the third area of reform is parent, family and community partnerships. "It takes a village to raise a child" is the popular African proverb with a distinctly clear message: the whole community (from the grass roots up) has a vital role to play in assuring high quality education and the growth and development of its young people. We know that this collaboration of

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BUXTONIANS AND FRIENDS SUPPORT CIMBUX



The Azore ladies grace the CIMBUX Red Carpet in Style.
From left to right: Ramona , Hazel and Jenelle



Geoffrey Azore accepts CIMBUX Community Service Award on behalf of Robin Philips.



Keith Easton accepts CIMBUX Award on behalf of Deon Abrams and displays check from the Stephensons.



Left to Right: Buxton jewels Joycelyn Truman, Tia Bathersfield, and Marcia Truman



Special Award recipient Lynette Thomas surrounded by her brother-in-law Edward on her left and cousin Dexter and his girlfriend on her right.

CIMBUX SUPPORTERS SHOW OFF THEIR RUN-WAY LOOKS ON THE RED CARPET



Dr. David "Twilly" Hinds poses on the Red Carpet with members and friends of the D.C. Metro Cricket Club.



Ms. Kemish Shirley



Ms. Carol Newton



Claire Adams strikes an alluring pose on the CIMBUX Red Carpet.



Mr. and Mrs. Keith Watson



CIMBUX Treasurer Dennis Wiggins recognized the successful 2013 National Grade 6



D.J. Bobby Adams and Bobby's Music Machine set the mood for an enjoyable evening.



Fundraising Chair George Hinds gives the vote of thanks to Event Sponsors.

STUDENTS IN BUXTON CONGRATULATE DEON ABRAMS ON CIMBUX PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD



EUSI KWAYANA PAYS TRIBUTE TO MRS. HERMINE SPENCER

Everyone who lives on this earth plays a part in human affairs. Sometimes it is such a role that it is made public. Sometimes the person may come and go without his or her name ever being printed in a newspaper or heard on the radio or TV. So we are likely to say, "Who was She?" "Who was he?"

This lack of respect of the ordinary work that women do raising children with or without a father, or the work that men do in support, or the work both of them do in the community is a serious ongoing problem in many places. This is one reason for attending funerals when we can. I have known Sister Hermine since our days at Primary School in Friendship, East Coast Demerara under Mr. SA Theirens. You knew the whole family, parents and offspring.

Some time after school, we had the case of Spencer marrying Spencer. Hermine married Big Spencer. They started a business on Buxton Middle Walk. It was a leading parlor or cake shop. It did not have to beg for customers.

They gave us one offspring, the one and only Brentnol later known as Speedy.

The business stood out in one special respect: It won from Wieting and Richter, owner of the Ice Factory in Georgetown, the ice agency to distribute ice in Buxton and Friendship. At one time this right belonged to the Haniffs, who also had the Bata Shoe store agency.

The last tribute I wish to pay is this: The Spencers allowed their property Flat Shop to be used for open lessons all days of the week without rent. There was an agreement for LESSONS PLACE to pay the rates to the Village Council. After a time since there were no fees collected, Ms. Hermie used to pay the rates herself though her visiting friend, the late Ms. Violet Miller of Barnwell Street. However, when the time came for major repairs after the El Nino drought, LESSONS PLACE, with the help of villagers in this state and in New York and Toronto was able to undertake the repairs while leaving the property safely in the hands of the Spencers. I would like to take this chance to pay tribute to the late Felix Grenada known as BRICK. He was Mr. Grenada, friend to all and one of my closest friends.

As I pay fitting tribute to Ms Hermie and her late husband and their son for their sacrifice in placing LESSONS PLACE

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ALL ARE ANOINTED! MEDIUM –

BY PATRICK BATHERSFIELD

Without culture there is no life – and without culture our minds will decay. Oscar Henry/Joe Phill – Brother Joe/Polouk was a pivotal part of Evergreen Productions, which provided a platform for him to hone his skills, as he demonstrated in stage presentations starting in 1982 – Dem Seh, Mattie Tel Mattie, Nose for Jokes, Hopscotch William, Spoken Word/Poetry, Queh Queh, and his forte, humor which he produced in a video “The Best of Joe” November 1, 2009. He performed in the metropolitan area, New York, New Jersey, Florida, and Canada. Brother Joe as we fondly referred to him was a cultural activist with purpose and “light” nonpareil – contributing to the transforming of consciousness. Our ingenious and indigenous son’s contributions will continue to reverberate within the group’s fabric as we move forward advocating liberation of minds and restorative justice universally. He would have said - a) Timba fall ah ribba and cumah, cumah fish dive. Tom cat mus na mek kitten tie ribbon around he neck. Na put cat fuh watch butta.

On October 3rd 1991 I penned this to him – “unexpressed thoughts are more dangerous than words, but humor penetrates and comforts the mind. Continue to create – your inspiration sustains many”. Some of you may have been aware that Joe’s personal battles negatively impacted his social interactions, but this in no way diminished his accomplishments. Our brother is within the realm of the ancestors – seeded.

Induced!

Death! A rolling ball – Spiritual guide -

The earth vibrates – Rhythm in motion -

The ball stops.

Light vanishes – Man freezes -

Spirits choked – in “one” – Systems obliterated -

Death! A rolling ball –

Induced!

Yes! “Death, the body’s sleep of final silence and decay.”

Ecstasy/Rapture –

Do not despair: greet each other in the “upful tradition” by touching each other in the

here and now, as the spirit continues to endure – rhythm in life and life is rhythm – Permeate Light.

Peace

Asante Sana (Thank you very much).

Deceased 8/1/2013

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CIMBUX 2013 AWARD RECIPIENTS



From Left to Right: Andy Greene received the Public Service Award on behalf of the Greene family; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Newton receive Community Service Award; Yvette Herod presents Community Service Award to Robin Phillips and Public Service Award to Deon Abrams.



From Left to Right: Recipients of CIMBUX Special Awards include Caribbean Experience Radio Show Host John Blake, Mrs. Bacchus on behalf of the Bacchus Family, Mrs. Joycelyn Dougall on behalf of the Dougall Family, and Ms. Lynette Thomas on behalf of Lavorne and Lynette Thomas.

RECIPIENT OF THE ERROL (BONEHEAD) BATHERSFIELD SCHOLARSHIP SEDELLA FERRELL THANKS CIMBUX

BY SEDELLA FERRELL

Charity begins at home. Many say this, but few live it. I do believe that charity begins at home, and I am elated to say that CIMBUX is an admirable example of this.

The organization has helped not only me but a number of young Buxtonians. I was privileged to have obtained a scholarship from the organization on the completion of my primary education to assist in the purchasing of books and other school materials.

The generosity of the Organization did not cease there for me. I found myself two years ago embarking on a new journey, attending law school. In order for me to do so, I needed assistance. I asked for assistance in every way that I could and once more this Organization was willing and able to assist me.

This assistance was above and beyond what I expected. CIMBUX was willing to help me pay my tuition. But above all what the Organization did

was to help me achieve my childhood dreams.

There is a saying: "It is not where you are from but where you are heading." I am from a Village with a famous history and an infamous past. I am proud to say that when I needed help to achieve my dream, a group of Buxtonians came together to assist me. This assistance has paved the way for me to assist other young Buxtonians.

I pray that the Organization continues with its generosity

and keeps paving the way for other young Buxtonians. On behalf of myself and all other persons who were assisted by CIMBUX, I would like to say thank you.



Sedella Ferrell

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

BY HORACE AZORE

Our society in Buxton is developing and moving in a very positive direction. It is the responsibility of all Buxtonians to rededicate efforts in whatever way possible to contribute to this BUXTON RESURGENCE. There is brilliance in Buxton especially among the youth. As citizens of our beloved village, we must not allow these gems to lose luster.

Congratulations to all of the National Grade 6 Assessment Exam (NG6AE) students, their respective schools and teachers on successful 2012 results. The CIMBUX 2012 CHAMPION SCHOOL with the largest number of top qualified students is Buxton Primary. The CIMBUX 2013 CHAMPION SCHOOL

plaque is up for grabs, so students and teachers the challenge is on.

CIMBUX's 2012 school supplies program, once again, was a great success. This is one of our organization's signature programs. Every student in Buxton received a basic school package of pens, pencils, composition books, rulers, erasers, crayons, and colored pencils. Supplies were delivered to all primary schools. The approximate cost for this project was US\$3,000. Special kudos to Colin (Knocker) Wills, Waveney Yaw, Brenda Huntley, Yvette Herod, Patricia Philips and Vesta Trim. This team of Buxtonians epitomizes the core brilliance of the Buxton spirit. They received the supplies, un-

packed, organized, checked, and repackaged them for distribution. They also organized the distribution ceremony.

The CIMBUX NG6AE Scholarship Awards Program is another of our annual signature programs by which we honor the high achievers at this very important national exam. Monetary awards were handed out to the qualified winners with a special award to the highest achiever. Our children are our future, and CIMBUX will continue to support them, our schools and our teachers. CIMBUX supported another of our high achievers, Ms. Sedella Ferrell, who recently completed studies at the UWI's Hugh Wooding Law School in Trinidad and Tobago.

The results of 2013 NG6AE were well below expectations and this confirms that we have much work to do. It will take a large scale community sustained effort in order to overcome this individualistic behavior about the grooming of our children and adopt a One Community One Family ideology so that all of our children are treated equally and honestly for each of them to have a decent shot at a higher level of success. This situation is ours and as a Buxton family we must embrace it, dissect it and change it. We are all responsible. For us to expect higher levels of success from our children, we must be prepared to put in a honest day's work, everyday.

Children of Buxton, this is a great time to explore the outer limits of your imaginations and reach for the stars. Your village supports you.

MRS. SPENCER

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at the disposal of teachers for after school and weekend education, I also wish to mention briefly the support for education and scholarships given regularly over the years by CIMBUX, BE-SAC, and CO-TAB and even before that by individuals like Billy Blues in London, Wilfred Lee and other individuals.



Photo by Marlon McKenzie

From Left to Right: Bro. Eusi Kwayana, Mrs. Lynette Greenwood, Mr. & Mrs. Lennox Austin

My sympathy to Brentnol, her dear son, to other relatives wherever they may be, on the passing of Ma Hermine not only as a dear, long-standing friend, but as one who was a true philanthropist in the sense that she lent the little building she had for many years, without money and without price, to the cause of village education and UPLIFT.

DR. DEFLOMONTÉ

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schools, families and communities rarely just happens – it has to be intentionally designed. That’s why I’m so proud of CIMBUX for taking the initiative and leading the charge to partner with schools in the villages.

In conclusion, reviving excellence in education will take tremendous dedication and commitment from all stakeholders involved. We will not escape the trend of mediocrity overnight, but escape it we must if we are to have any hope of again becoming a village, a nation of greatly literate citizens. Raising the standards and having high expectations of our students will increase literacy and improve academic performance. Instead of accepting poor work we must demand excellence. Teachers and administrators must be highly trained to inspire and facilitate our students’ learning and there must be a joint venture between supportive parents, dedicated teachers, cooperative communities and a responsive Government. My grandmother use to say, “One-one duttie build dam” and that is precisely what we all need to do...work together, and take every step towards overcoming the challenges therefore investing in our future - our children.

I’m asking that each of you support CIMBUX – these pioneers and role models as they serve as the catalyst for the revival of excellence through education.

Thank you very much! May God bless you, God bless Buxton



A Street in Annandale South by J. Azore

THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

- September Aberdeen*
- George Abrams*
- William Adams*
- Marylyn (Claire) Adams*
- Lennox Austin*
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During a Eucharistic Celebration on the occasion of the retirement of Rev. Canon Kortright Davis and Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas at the Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Washington, DC, Keith Easton presents a plaque on behalf of CIMBUX to Rev. Canon Kortright Davis.

VP LAUDS CIMBUX SUCCESS...

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events.

As a reminder, I continue my call from our previous Reunion in 2010 at the La Fontein Bleu for the setting up a “**Confederation of Buxtonian Organizations**” in Buxton and overseas, which would coordinate the activities of all organizations and create a meaningful working relationship. Thanks again to all, and we look forward to your continued support.



“All cassava get same skin, but all nah taste same way.”

MCKENZIE PORTRAITS

The President and the Board of Directors of CIMBUX would like to thank Mr. Marlon McKenzie for his photography at our 14th Reunion Dinner and Dance. Support-



2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Errol Bathersfield Memorial Dance

Saturday, May 24, 2014

Taste of the Caribbean Restaurant and Lounge
505 Hampton Park Blvd.
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Annual Souse Party..... Saturday, July 12, 2014

Family Fun Day Sunday, August 17, 2014
Green Meadows Park
6100 Sligo Parkway
Hyattsville, MD 20782

Cultural Extravaganza..... October/November 2014

Joe is Dead

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The sun is fading now
And the moon is
Covered by a cloud

Anxious but not afraid
We are steering
Into the nothingness
Of a memory
That thaws with time

Joe is dead, long live Joe
I saw him in my album
Only this morning

He showed up in my memory
And smiled at my absentmindedness
Don't you know
Joe

He will not die
Kindness never dies
It multiplies
To come again
In places where we sit
Consumed by forgotten circumstances
We will see Him
Smiling the grave away
Playing with memories
That are dancing in our heads
Shaking our hands
Fragile with a life
We too cannot hold

Joe is dead
Long live Joe
Joe is alive in that place
Where living men
Dare not forget

CIMBUX CELEBRATES THE LONGEVITY OF

Ernest Abrams

Mildred Barnes

Evelyn Bathersfield

Jenny Chung

Joyce Monroe-Foster

Edmund Forde

Olive Herod

Mrs. Mary Huntley

Eusi Kwayana

Gaston Fox

Elaine Greene

Iris Ogle-Hardison

Elaine (Hatton) McNeal

Elvira Sydney

Muriel (Ruby) Telford

Nurse Dorcas Thomas

Elsie Short

Evadney Talbott

Dolly Holloway-Cromwell

Lillian Booker

GET WELL GREETINGS

United States

Mrs. Elaine Greene, Gloria Truman-Williams, Evelyn Bathersfield, Olive Herod, Mildred Barnes.

Canada

Emily Simon(Mc Garrell)

CONDOLENCES

United States

Shirley Shortt, Hermie Spencer, Eunice(Norma)Simon, Meagan Moore, Monica Harvey, Oscar Henry (Joe Phil), Sylvina Williams (nee Mingo), Olga Elaine Small

Guyana

Elma Reuby Ganeshdin, Andrew Charmichael (Dow), Dr. Maude Bullen-McKenzie,

Canada

Clarissa Elaine Newton

Randolph Simon

England

Norma (Sam) Conell

STEPHENSON ACCOUNTING SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Opportunity for Accountancy Student Attending the University of Guyana

Do you know someone who has been accepted to or is currently a first-year student majoring in Accountancy at the University of Guyana? If so, the Stephenson Scholarship is available. Applicants must satisfy the following criteria.

1. Must be majoring in Accountancy
2. Must show evidence of acceptance or current enrollment in the University of Guyana
3. Must show evidence of being a Buxtonian or of Buxtonian lineage
4. Must write a 250-word essay on the following topic: Maintaining an adequate accounting system is the key to the success of small business.

Submit completed application form along with a 250-word essay to the address below:

CIMBUX Stephenson Accounting Scholarship

Education and Culture Committee
Post Office Box 262
Hyattsville, MD 20782

Application Deadline is July 15, 2014

Each applicant must submit name in full, mailing address, telephone or mobile phone contact information, e-mail address, personal statement describing career aspirations, and narrative explaining Buxtonian lineage.

Buxton Contact: Collin Wills 675 7103 or 653 1342
Yvette Herod 234 0004 or 610 4339

CIMBUX Contact USA: Donna Oti (202) 276-9643
DOti@ceiconsult.com

Immediate family members of the executive of CIMBUX are not eligible to participate.

The Stephenson Scholarship

CIMBUX Administered Scholarship in Accountancy 2014

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must provide evidence of enrollment/ registration at the University of Guyana before scholarship funds can be awarded. Funds will be paid directly to institution.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

REMEMBER

The Deadline is July 15 at 5:00pm. Applications sent after 5:00pm will not be considered.

Name

First name

Middle Name

Last name

Contact Information

Address

Telephone/Mobile

E-mail Address

Describe your professional aspirations.

Explain you Buxtonian lineage.

Personal Essay

Applicant must write a 250-word essay on maintaining an adequate accounting system is the key to the success of small business. (Use additional paper as necessary.)



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