



Barbados Association of Washington, D.C. Area, Inc. President's Report

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- TOB 2017 - Aug 26TH

November

- Independence Gala at the OAS –
Nov 11th

December

- Pre- New Year's Eve Party –
BAWDC Scholarship Fundraiser -
Dec. 30th

Past Events Highlights

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- Town Hall Meeting - Mar 18
- Fathers' Day Picnic - Jun 18th
- T-20 Cricket Challenge
- "Bajan Day", NYC - Jul 8th

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Dear Members and Friends of BAWDC,

I am happy to share with you BAWDC's first quarterly update from March to July. We are working tirelessly on enhancing the Association and we are on the verge on creating a dynamic organization, while building a closer Barbadian community.

The Association have undertaken several initiatives in branding who we are as an organization, working to promote cultural awareness within our communities and developing partnerships with our associates and friends within the diaspora.

Your involvement and support of our recent events and activities have been awesome! We invite you to take the next step in support of these worthy causes and become a member. Come join us, as we continue this journey of educating, improving the lives of Barbadians in the DMV area and abroad, developing partnerships and working collaboratively with our neighbors and friends!

General meetings for the Association are held the fourth Saturday of every month at Holy Comforter Church in Washington, DC, and we look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on September 23rd. We sincerely thank you for participating with us and being a supporter of the **Barbados Association of Washington, D.C., Area, Inc.**

David Thompson – President

Events Highlights



BAWDC Member – Ms. Pauline Maynard received notable mention in NYC newspaper for attending "Bajan Day" in Canarsie, Brooklyn.

March Highlights

- BAWDC Town Hall Meeting – March 18, 2017

June Highlights

- BAWDC Annual Fathers' Day Picnic – June 18, 2017

July Highlights

- BAWDC T-20 Cricket Challenge 2017
- Bus Trip to NYC –Bajan Festival Day – July 8, 2017

Be sure to join us next year for this fun filled event and meet up with friends old and new!

A Look Ahead

As we move into the second half of the year, we need your help to continue to grow and focus on our mission to help our fellow man as we work on building our nation and communities by bringing to the forefront, concerns that affect Barbadians here and abroad. With your ongoing help and support, our team will continue to work hard in promoting our culture and creating mechanisms to bring our communities closer.



Our Goals

- Create a BAWDC Scholarship Fund
- Focus on Homelessness in Barbados
- Focus on gender equality and women's abuse issues
- Expand and broaden networking opportunities within our communities
- Increase membership

BAWDC Concerns and Challenges Ahead



In the USA:

H.R. 4939 – “United States-Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act of 2016”

As of December 15, 2016, this bill was passed in Congress. This bill declares that it is U.S. policy to increase engagement with the governments of the Caribbean region, including the private sector, and with civil society in both the United States and the Caribbean. Please contact your local representatives, Congressman and Senators to ensure more resources go towards the region.

For more information on the “United States-Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act of 2016” and the benefits to the Caribbean, [Click here!](#)

In Barbados:

Let us create discussions with, and engage our leaders in Barbados to focus more on:

- Increasing program(s) budgets for youth development
- Healthcare reform
- Education reform
- A serious focus on security and transparency

In the Caribbean:

There should be a campaign to highlight the **CARICOM Single Market and Economy**, also known as the **Caribbean Single Market and Economy (CSME)** to Barbadian and Caribbean people as the only vehicle for Caribbean growth and sustainability. We need to have dialogues with our Caribbean leaders to accelerate the movement of **(CSME)** which helps:

- to improve standards of living, freedom of movement and increase labor force
- accelerate, coordinate and sustain economic development
- expansion of trade
- enhance levels of international competitiveness
- increase production and productivity
- achievement of a greater measure of economic leverage
- creating a Caribbean justice system and a regional police force

Key Dates of Upcoming Events

- **August 26th** - The Taste of Barbados 2017 - Embassy of Barbados, DC
- **November 11th** - Grand Independence Gala at the OAS
- **December 30th** - BAWDC Pre- New Year's Eve Party & Scholarship Fundraiser – Silver Spring Civic Center, MD

