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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Mark Henry, President
 Jamaica Association of Montreal

Members and Friends of the Jamaica Association, It is the 60th year anniversary of Jamaica's Independence which coincides with the 60th year anniversary of the Jamaica Association of Montreal. It is an historic year of celebrations for the Jamaican community, and we thank you for all those who participate in and attend our events. Without your support, recommendations, volunteer time, financial and other resources, we would not have been able to successfully put on these events.

We continue with our Jamaica Day celebration on Saturday, August 20, 2022, when we will celebrate Jamaica's culture and contribution to the world, through our music, food, and artistic performances. Continue to enjoy your summer ! God bless

Mark Henry, President

MEMBERSHIP

1 Privileges

- Preferred pricing on certain events
- Membership card
- Voting rights at the AGM
- Contributing to the growth of the Association

2 Responsibilities

- Sign the registry at all member's meetings
- Update your contact information
- pay your dues for the 2022 year (Oct. 1, 2021 – September 2022)
- Respect the rules of membership

3 Dues & payment schedule

- Family (2 adults & 2 children below 17 years) \$50
- Adult (18 – 59 years) \$30
- Students (12 – 17 years) \$10
- Older Adults (60+ yrs) \$10

4 Benefits (show your card)

- ½ hour free consult with a designated notary
- 15% discount on flowers
- Discount on funeral costs at Kane & Fetterly. Ensure to inform the staff at Kane & Fetterly of your membership to the Association and show your membership card

Thank you to the management at Kane & Fetterly for your continued support

Contact: Sharon Nelson

What an action packed Independence Weekend we had at the Association on August 6 and 7, 2022. In total, we had 6 events over the two days celebrating **Jamaica's 60th year of independence** and the **60th anniversary of the Jamaica Association of Montreal**.

Day 1 – Saturday, August 6, 2022

Part 1 - Day in the Park in Little Burgundy !

A million thanks to Michael Farkas and his team at Youth in Motion and the Black History Month Round Table for organizing this event. It was a nice vibe. Thanks to [Eddison Moore](#) and his soccer colleagues who helped to organize the exhibition tournament. It was so much fun to see the kids play and have fun ! And the parent cheering them on. What fun !!



Eddison Moore & Friends



Exhibition Game

Part 2 - Independence BBQ at the Jamaica Association !

BIG UP and thanks to Everyone who came out to be a part of this event. We had new people, those we had not seen in a long while and others who are always there !! Wow !! We are truly grateful for all your support. A special thanks to borough mayor [Gracia Kasoki Katahwa](#) who was present and even played some tunes with our DJ [Roger Hylton](#). Thanks to George Grant our Honourary Consul for Jamaica at Montreal, MSCO, Cornucopia, Barbados House, Grenada Nationals Association, Dominica Island Cultural Association, and Everyone !



Gracia Kasoki Katahwa,
 Borough Mayor & Mark Henry,
 President



Members having a good time !

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Part 3 - Rasta fest !

Thanks to [Masani Montague](#) and her team for your collaboration on this event. Artists featured included Horace Martin, Rass Lee, Singer Robin, Miss Diva & Kess.

Our volunteers, staff and members are absolutely super ! Thank you for jumping in and helping in every way possible to make these events as fun as they were ! We, the members of the Board, truly appreciate you. Big up Pick, Reta, Lisa, Mariha, Rosemarie, Kenneth, Marlene, Sophia, Marlene's sister, Angela, Andrew, Wally, Hazel and I hope I did not miss anyone - let me know if I did

Day 2 – Sunday, August 7, 2022

Part 1 - In the morning, we had a **Church Service** at Montreal West Church of God of Prophecy under the patronage of the Honourary Consul of Jamaica at Montreal . Thank you to Pastor Anderson and members of his congregation for a very warm welcome.



Pastor Anderson, Senior Pastor

Part 2 - In the afternoon, we had a **private event that featured an Independence Day Cake** cutting event. Thank to you to all who were present and made the event very special which included our Honourary Consul, former President Glen Gunning, Members of the Caribbean Coalition, Elected officials and their representatives, members of the Montreal West Church of God of Prophecy congregation, Otis Grant, [Howard Arthur Johnson](#), & members and staff of the Jamaica Association. Thank you also to our caterer who prepared a delicious meal.



Cake made by Diane Boyd, Managing Director



The lighting of the candles



Independence Reception

Part 3 - Lastly in the evening, we had a very powerful **Gospel Show** featuring [Ce Ce Walker](#), [Cleopatra Marshall-Walker](#), [Zina Edwards](#) and [Mark Henry](#), with fabulous back-up singers from the Resurrection Center in Lachine. All backed the by the members of the Blessed Band.

Thanks to Everyone for making this weekend so very special as we celebrated Jamaica's 60th - the Diamond Jubilee.



Members of the Caribbean Coalition



The Gospel Show



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