



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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ABOUT US

The Association was founded in November 1962, shortly after Jamaica's Independence in August 1962. Our seal of Incorporation was granted in 1970. Since its inception, the Association has grown strong in attracting members.

It is recognized as the official organization representing Jamaicans in Montreal at Federal, Provincial and Municipal levels. We have accompanied delegations and presented briefs to all levels of government. Given our commitment to community development, the Jamaica Association developed our Mission Statement as follows:

"To assist in improving and enhancing the quality of life for the Jamaican Community"

In fulfilling this Mission, the Association manages its operations to ensure the development of the community through economical, educational, cultural and social activities.

Theme for 2023: PROSPERITY



Mark Henry, President
Jamaica Association of Montreal

Members and Friends of the Jamaica Association,

On behalf of myself and our Board of Directors, I would like to wish our members, staff, friends, collaborators, partners and supporters, a very happy, prosperous and safe 2023.

This year's overarching theme is **Prosperity**. As we begin our calendar year and second quarter of our fiscal year, the expectation is that we continue to grow in numbers, partnerships and in our passion to serve. On Sunday, January 20, we held our yearly Strategic Meeting which brought together Board Members and employee; however, this year a new group was added, the Auxiliary Board. This newly formed Board is made up of individuals who are

appointed by me to further assist in the growth of the organization. They consist of Conroy Barnes, Peter Barrett, Diane Boyd, Linkcon "Prezzy" Demetrius and Molly Young.

Finally, it is my hope that as we continue to work to build and grow our organization, as we adapt to the new normal of the pandemic. We also will strive to be more financially prosperous over previous years. I take the opportunity to wish everyone the best and to remind you of my open door policy. Looking forward to hearing from you.

"Respect has nothing to do with who is right and who is wrong. It has to do with allowing space for someone else's opinion" Jackie Viramont



The newly elected board – election night **December 10, 2022.**

(l to r): Clyde Williams, Ingrid Barrett, Alexander Townsend, Sharon Nelson, Mark Henry, Althea Robinson, Roger Hylton Uton Lynch, & Keisha Wilson

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FEATURE: ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

 <p>MARK HENRY President mhenry@jam-montreal.com * (514)238-2659</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Oversees organizational operations & functional activities Ensures the financial viability of the Association Outreach to organizations & government 	 <p>SHARON NELSON 1st Vice President sharon.nelson@jam-montreal.com * (438) 507-9258</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Chair, Women's Auxiliary Director, Programs and Services Media Relations "Cool Runnings" Restaurant Manager
 <p>ALEXANDER TOWNSEND 2nd Vice President</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Chair, Social Committee Director, Operations 	 <p>KEISHA WILSON Treasurer jamtreasurer@outlook.com (514) 737-8229</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures Board & membership receives regular financial statements Works in collaboration with the President on the the Association's budget and other financial matters Works with the Auditor "Negril" Bar Manager
 <p>INGRID BARRETT Secretary & Assistant to the Treasurer secretary@jam-montreal.com * (514)737-8229</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prepares meeting agenda , takes minutes & communicates with the board, members & friends Assists the Treasurer 	<p>Overview: The Board of Directors is comprised 9 persons: 5 Officers & 4 Directors. In this new election year, the roles have been slightly changed as shown in the new organization chart. Each person has assigned roles.</p> <p>Terms: Officers have two-year mandates while Directors have one-year mandates.</p> <p>Reporting: The Board of Directors are required to report activities at the membership meetings, as applicable.</p>	

DIRECTORS

 <p>ROGER HYLTON</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinates special & entertainment events Oversees Security Manages DJ relations 	 <p>UTON LYNCH</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Assists with Projects & Events Works with 2nd Vice President, Operations
 <p>CLYDE WILLIAMS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Manages technical equipment and IT Works with 2nd Vice President, Operations Assistant Bar Manager 	 <p>ALTHEA ROBINSON</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Director, Health & Safety Chair, Human Resources

Join us – check out our [Membership Page](#)

Thank you [Kane & Fetterly](#) for your continued support for all that you do for us and our membership. Such as making our membership cards and more. Our new agreement will be very beneficial too !

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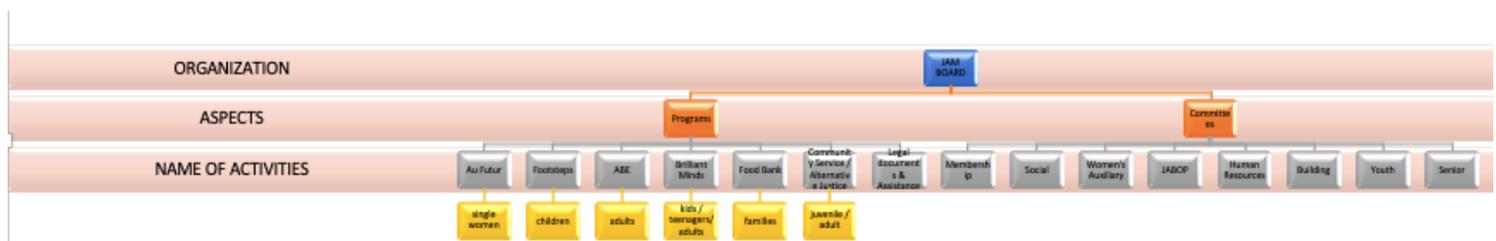
AUXILIARY BOARD & REPRESENTATIVES

 <p>CONROY BARNES Auxiliary Board, Games & Recreation</p>	 <p>PETER BARRETT Auxiliary Board, Advisor to the President</p>	 <p>DIANE BOYD Auxiliary Board, Hall Reservation</p>	 <p>LINKCON DEMETRIUS Auxiliary Board, Special Events</p>	 <p>MOLLY YOUNG Auxiliary Board, Banquets & Hall Rental</p>
 <p>SHARI WALDRICH Youth Representative</p>	<p>Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Creates events targetting youth with Youth Outreach Representative Takes the time to understand their needs <p>Jade Parkinson-Gayle is the co-Chair</p> 	 <p>SHELLEY MORGAN Older Adult Representative</p>	<p>Main Roles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Engages with older adults Takes the time to understand their needs Creates events targetting older adults <p>Christopher Thompson is the co-Chair</p> 	

PICTOGRAM OF THE JAMAICA ASSOCIATION'S ACTIVITIES !

The Jamaica Association is a large community organization comprised of many moving parts and different activities for different populations and age groups. In all these aspects, the Jamaica Association Board has a legal responsibility to oversee these activities and to ensure that they are managed well.

The Association has been historically divided in two parts namely: **Programs & Social Activities**. Take a look at all that our Board, Staff & Volunteers do !



- 1 **Ad Hoc Committee:** Members, as needed for events
- 2 **Building Fund Committee:** Mark Henry, Gloria Diggs, Claudette Scott, Melrose Christopher
- 3 **Entertainment & Planning Committee:** Linkcon Demetrius, Molly Young, Roger Hylton, Diane Boyd
- 4 **Finance Committee:** Keisha Wilson, Ingrid Barrett, Mark Henry, Sharon Nelson
- 5 **Human Resources:** Omar Ramus, (jamhumanresources1962@gmail.com), Althea Robinson
- 6 **Jamaica Association Business Owners & Professionals (JABOP):** Sharon Nelson
- 7 **Membership Committee:** Sharon Nelson, Sophia Heath (co- Chair), Rosemarie Lewis, Marlene Roper & Keisha Wilson
- 8 **Nominations & Elections Committee:** Molly Young
- 9 **Senior Committee:** Shelley Morgan, (jamsenior1962@gmail.com), Chris Thompson
- 10 **Social Committee:** Alexander Townsend, Uton Lynch, Clyde Williams, D.Js, Lisa Morris, Reta Campbell, Clyde Williams, Keisha Wilson, Conroy Barnes, Karima Raiss, Jody-Ann Allen
- 11 **Women's Auxiliary (WA):** Sharon Nelson & 20 women in the Association
- 12 **Youth Committee:** Shari Waldrich(jamyouthrep@gmail.com), Jade Parkinson-Gayle

MEMBERS & COMMITTEES

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OUR 6 PROGRAMS

- Au Futur Program (Young Mothers)**
*Cost: **FREE. (Federally Funded by Health Canada)**
Contact: **Au Futur Program**, Program Coordinator Cell: **438-499-8229**
- Footsteps Program**
Contact **jamfootstepsprogram@gmail.com**
- Adult Basic Education (ABE) Programs**
Contact **Kim Payton**, Coordinator of Programs and Services **jamprogramservices@jam-montreal.com** to register for classes, Cost \$15
- Brilliant Minds Tutoring & Vocational Training** for elementary, high school and adult learners. This service provides help with schoolwork and career planning. Online sessions.
Contact **Kim Payton**
- Food Bank** in collaboration with Moisson Montréal. The Food Bank is open **Thursdays (10 am to 5 pm) & Fridays (2 pm to 5 pm)**. Cost: **\$5.00** per person, standard fee.
- Tax Preparation**
The Tax Clinic is held in collaboration with Canada Revenue Agency and Revenu Québec. Our qualified tax volunteers are students in the graduate CPA Program at the John Molson School of Business. The Tax Clinic will be open as of mid-March 2023 and will run until the end of May 2023. More information to follow.
Contact: **jamgovernmentsservices@gmail.com**

Call **514-737-8229** for more info
or visit: **jam-montreal.com**

STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

 Diane Boyd , Executive Assistant to the President / Managing Director / Compliance	 Kim Payton , Coordinator, Programs and Services
Au Futur Program: HIRING	Footsteps Program: HIRING
Food Bank: Hazel Williams, Kenneth Warren, Shilove Lauwers, Volunteers: Agnes Faustin, Christopher Thomas	Bar staff: Reta Campbell, Lisa Morris, Karima Rais

**THANK YOU to our member
CHARLES de KOVACHICH:**

Your generous
donation of \$500 will go
into our food Bank



DONATE

Building Fund

OR

Food Bank



Check us out !
**Jamaica Association
of Montreal**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Overproof Fridays** every Friday night
- Versatile Saturdays** most Saturdays, when there is no special event or hall rental – check our FB site
- Food Bank** Thurs. (10 am – 5 pm) & Fri. (2 pm to 5 pm), \$5.00
- Wellness Thursdays with Audley Coley** Thursdays at the Association or call Audley Coley at 514-451-9077
- Mental Health in the Black Community** Wed. Jan. 25, 7 pm
THANK YOU ! Shirlette Wint, psychologist & Dr. Amine Benmaouche, resident in psychiatry.
- Cultural Ignition Talent Show** Sat., Feb. 11, 7 pm
- Super Bowl LVII (Eagles vs. Chiefs)** Sun. Feb. 12, 4 pm
- Member's Meetings** Sat., Mar. 4, 7 pm
(zoom code 4555758958)
- Games Night** Fri., Mar. 17, 9 pm
- St. Patrick's Day Parade participation** Sun., Mar 19, 11 am
Join us for this year's 98th St. Patrick's Day Parade.
- ABE Program Spring session** April – June 2023
Contact **Kim Payton**

WE ARE HIRING COORDINATORS: AU FUTUR AND FOOTSTEPS:

Send resume to jamhumanresources1962@gmail.com
<https://jam-montreal.com/job-offers>

NEW INITIATIVE ON OVERPROOF FRIDAYS: SIMPLE CHIC BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

The Members of the Social Committee have an offering for you ! If you want to celebrate your birthday at the Association on a Friday, you certainly can. All you need to do is **bring your sweet table but no cooked food** as Ian "Warrior" Nelson is already in the kitchen. This is a win-win for you and us, where patrons get the opportunity to come in without a hall booking and for us where we nonetheless get to host your celebration ! 😊



OUR 6 SERVICES

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

- Documents** – Passports, Permanent Resident Card, Commissioner of Oaths (forms can be mailed to you)
- Space rental** for your small gatherings. Special events (birthdays, private parties, baby showers, shows, etc... - includes tables & chairs (table & chair coverings extra)).
- Community Service Program** – for persons needing to complete mandated community hours.
- Licensed Restaurant** – Cool Runnings – Open Tuesdays to Saturday as of 12 pm every day. See our [menu and find out more](#)
- Fully Licensed Bar** – Open Fridays and Saturdays as of 8 pm. On Saturdays, the Noel Alexander Banquet Hall is also available for rental for special events.

OVERPROOF FRIDAYS AND LOUNGE SATURDAYS HOURS	
Fridays	9 pm to 3 am: Last call 2:15 am, Bar closes at 2:45 am
Saturdays	9 pm to 3 am: Last call 2:15 am, Bar closes at 2:45 am

- A fun & secure place to come together** to enjoy each other's company and friendships.

Sharon Nelson, Editor, next issue April 2023

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