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Message from the President



It is my pleasure once again to report to you on the success of the Democratic Labour Party Branch here in Canada. None of the successes we have enjoyed during the past year would have been possible without your contributions, and indeed, that of the Membership as a whole. I am very grateful and thankful for your loyalty to the Democratic Labour Party and your contributions in whatever form you gave to the branch.

Let us give thanks to God, the Great Architect, for sparing our lives in order that we may experience yet another festive season as this Christmas draws near.

I want to say a special thank you to our Comrades in our Montreal Chapter under the leadership of Jean Parris and her team. We look forward to great things from our Montreal Comrades in the New Year.

At our Annual General Meeting held in June this year, there was a higher than usual level of enthusiasm, engagement, and a noticeable increase in the number of members who attended. This was all good news and I want to thank the Board and you, the Members for the confidence demonstrated in re-electing me as your President for yet another year. I also welcome the new Board Members, Joan Rowe and Merton (Joe) Knight. They have already shown their valuable contribution to the Branch and to the party. Also, we welcome our new Executive Team Members, Glyn Bancroft, 1st Vice President and Heather Barker-Roberts, 2nd Vice President. They both bring to the executive valuable experience gained while serving on the board.

It was my duty and pleasure to represent the branch at the Annual Conference of the Democratic Labour Party in Barbados in August of this year. The theme of the conference was "Continuing to Make People our Priority".

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Supporting a Brighter Future for All Barbadians



The Role of Parents in a Child's Education

By: Glyn Bancroft

Education in a broad sense is an act or experience that has a formative effect on the mind, character or physical ability of an individual. Parents are their child's first teacher and play a tremendous role in their children's education.

Be a good role model and be involved in your child's education. Do your part to make sure your child becomes a well-balanced person. Parents need to cater to the Social, Physical, Intellectual, Emotional, and spiritual aspects of their children.

Parents play a major role socializing their children and building healthy emotions which affect academic progress. Help your children to form positive relationships as they interact with others. This is central to success in school and life, and requires the ability to recognize the thoughts, feelings and perspective of others. By helping children develop skills in cooperation, communicating respectfully and constructively resolving problems, positive family, peer and work relationships are fostered.

Catering to the physical aspect of your children involves making sure that they have healthy meals, proper rest and exercise.

Learning the 3Rs (reading, wRiting and aRithmetic) is very important and is not only the responsibility of the schools but that of parents. Parents can help in this area by reviewing work done in school each day and making sure that homework is completed.

Learning takes place in and out of the classroom and parents as informed consumers should help their children manage their time effectively. Visits to the library and reading to your children are very important. It is also important to recognize the existence of a Supreme Being.

Your children can behave appropriately through developing self-control and handling challenging situations with confidence and consistency.

Parenting style is very important since it not only affects the way children end up, but it also affects their relationship with you the parent. In preparing your children for independence, teach and encourage strong positive values and character attributes.

As parents you are the best character building 'programme' for your children. Through observing you and through your guidance, they will develop positive behaviour that can be applied to all aspects of life and that will assist them in becoming responsible citizens. You should be their role model and it is your responsibility to inspire them to become the best he or she can be as responsible, respectful, peaceful, confident and caring citizens.

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.".....Proverbs 22:6

Become a Canadian Citizen

There are many permanent residents ("landed immigrants") in Canada, including Barbadians, eligible to become Canadian citizens that have not taken advantage of this privilege. If you are a permanent resident, have lived in Canada for three years out of the past four years and meet all other eligibility requirements, we urge you to apply for citizenship without further delay. Persons age 55 and older or under age 18 do not have to take the citizenship test.

For information on eligibility and how to apply, visit the Citizenship and Immigration Canada at www.cic.gc.ca.

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Photo Galleries of 2011 Events

Annual Errol Barrow Memorial Dinner



PM Stuart chatting with guest, H/C Greaves, Mrs. Greaves and President Reynold Austin



Consul General McClean welcoming guests



Prime Minister Stuart delivering Keynote Address



Pres. Reynold Austin (R) greeting General Secretary George Pilgrim



Secretary Marsene Maloney presenting gift to PM Stuart



Larke Miller (L) receiving Volunteer Award



Secretary Marsene Maloney receiving President's Award



Sir Frederick Smith (R) making presentation to prize winner



1st Annual "Summer Sizzle" Family Day Picnic



Message from the President cont'd

At the conference, I presented four resolutions on your behalf but there was one that captured the headlines of the Barbados Advocate Newspaper. It was the resolution regarding the "Overseas Voting". This resolution received many questions and comments during the conference and was eventually sent to the General Council for further discussion and consideration.

It was a pleasure to welcome from Barbados to Toronto, our General Secretary, George Pilgrim. Comrade Pilgrim held conference with the Members of our Board and shared with us the activities of the Democratic Labour Party of Barbados for the year 2012. He responded to many questions from our board and was very engaging. We were happy for his visit and we look forward to welcoming him back again.

Our Family Fun Day picnic held on Canada Day was the highlight of the summer. A special thank you goes to the Membership Committee and our Secretary, Marsene Maloney for putting it all together. We enjoyed a succulent meal, thanks to our party Chef of the Day, Comrade Anthony "Sarge" Sargeant. We danced all day to the sweet music provided by Glyn Bancroft and Alex Waithe. And, what an exciting cricket match that was! It was a day of fun, good food and high spirits. We would like to thank all of those who attended and contributed. This will be an annual event.

Without a doubt, the highlight of the year was the visit from our Prime Minister and President of our great party, the Honourable, Freundel Stuart, as our Guest Speaker at our annual Erol Barrow Memorial Dinner. Those of you who attended will agree that it was an evening to remember.

Your branch continues to support the Democratic Labour Party Barbados. As in previous years, with your contributions, we were able to support the conference by providing them with 700 conference bags. For that, I thank you!

Our membership continues to grow. Thanks to our Membership Committee whose next activity is scheduled for February 11th, 2012. The committee will be in touch with you with further details.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to wish you and your family a happy and safe Christmas and the very best for 2012.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Reynold Austin

President

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