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Prime Minister Stuart to attend 5th Anniversary Dinner



On September 15th, 2012, the Honourable Freundel Jerome Stuart, 7th Prime Minister of Barbados and President of the Democratic Labour Party, is expected to be the guest speaker at the Errol Barrow Memorial Dinner on the occasion of our **5th anniversary**.

The Errol Barrow Memorial Dinner will be held at the Saints Peter and Paul Banquet Hall, located at 231 Milner Avenue, Scarborough.

Born on April 27, 1951, and raised in the rural parish of St. Philip, Prime Minister Stuart credits his late mother, Eulene Stuart, with instilling the core values that have guided and sustained him since childhood. His father passed away when he was 9 years old.

He was educated at the St. Marks Boys' and St. Martin's Junior schools in St. Philip, and the Christ Church Boys' Foundation School. On graduating from Boys' Foundation School, he taught Spanish and History at the Princess Margaret Secondary School before studying at the Cave Hill Campus of the University of the West Indies. He graduated from the UWI in 1975 with a B.A. honours degree in Political Science and History.

From 1980 to 1982 Mr. Stuart pursued the Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Public International Law also at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, before proceeding to the Hugh Wooding Law School where he obtained the Legal Education Certificate.

Mr. Stuart was called to the Barbados Bar in 1984 where he practised Criminal and, later, Civil Law. He was admitted to the Inner Bar in March 2008 and appointed a Queen's Counsel.

His interest in politics was piqued from the early 1960's and he joined the Democratic Labour Party officially in 1970. "This Party", he said, "has always subscribed to and promoted the ideals and principles that I hold dear."

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“The Time Has Come” – Message from the President



Five years is a short time in the life of a Branch of any political party, but a long time in the life of individuals. In August of 2007, five members of the Democratic Labour Party accompanied its leader to Canada in pursuit of a goal, and a new Branch of the Democratic Labour Party was born in Canada.

In August 2012, we will be celebrating our fifth anniversary. We have grown from 11 founding members to approximately 150 members. While five years is a relatively short time, it proved to be a long time for our late leader and Prime Minister, The Honourable David Thompson, who would have been proud of our achievements.

The time has come for all of us as members of this branch and the Democratic Labour Party to embrace the vision of our late leader and the legacy he has left us. Let us demonstrate what a resourceful and resilient group of comrades we are as we set our goal towards the next five years.

Sometime during the next nine months, you will again, be asked to make an extra effort, to go the extra mile, as a general election will be called. We must make sure that we continue on a path of progress. Let us unite as one. Let us sensitize our friends, families, and colleagues, of the achievements this Government has made during the past four years. You can also contribute personally when you return home during the campaign. Be sure you contact your constituency and make your contribution in whatever way you can, but more importantly be prepared to cast your vote.

On June 15th, 2012, a new Board of Directors was elected to lead DLP Barbados (Canada) for the next year. I want to thank you for the trust and confidence placed in me as your President. I promise to maintain the highest standard of accountability and transparency.

We have a very busy year ahead of us, but with your help, I am sure we will be victorious. I will be representing you at the DLP Annual Conference in Barbados on August 17th to 19th, 2012. If you plan to be in Barbados during that period, I invite you to join us and participate.

On behalf of the board and members of the DLP Barbados (Canada) let me take this opportunity to say congratulations to Sir Wesley Hall who was knighted in the Queen's Birthday honour's list for services to sports and the community. Congrats, Sir Wesley.

I look forward to seeing all of you on September 15th when our party leader and Prime Minister the Hon. Freundel Stuart expects to join us and be our guest speaker at The Errol Barrow Memorial Dinner.

I once again congratulate the Board of Directors and everyone who has participated in helping us reach our fifth anniversary.

Reynold Austin
President



Have You Renewed Your Membership?

By renewing your membership you are supporting our branch and the Party, and helping to create a brighter future for all Barbadians. Also, you can help grow our membership by introducing family and friends to the Party and inviting them to join. Visit our website at www.dlpbarbadoscanda.com.



From the Editor's Desk

“It's our philosophical set of the sail that determines the course of our lives. To change our current direction we have to change our philosophy, not our circumstances”.....Jim Rhon.

A Bajan Artist of Distinction – Owen Leo Johnson



Owen Johnson is a classic artist whose work combines the artistic styles of abstract, realism, surrealism, pointillism and portraiture. Also a graphic artist, he has designed logos for several corporations and associations.

Born in Black Rock, Barbados, he attended St. Leonard's Boys School and the Paragon High School. He immigrated to Canada in the early 60's, settling in Montreal where he graduated from the Academy of Art and established Studio Leo & Gallery. He is also a graduate of the University of Toronto's Information Technology Design Center.

A founding member of Barbados House Montreal Inc.,

and the Society for the Promotion of Quebec Black Artists, he was also the Society's president. While in Montreal Owen received awards for outstanding achievement and his contributions to the arts and the community from the Quebec Government's Ministry of Commerce, the Municipality of Laval and the Union United Church of Montreal.

Upon moving to Toronto, Owen became a member of the Scarborough Arts Council and the Barbados Arts Council. He continued to be recognized for his outstanding work, receiving the Best of Show Award from the City of Toronto, the Scarborough Arts Council and Warner Lambert.

This talented and versatile artist has exhibited in the U.S.A., Caribbean, and Canada, and is particularly proud to have exhibited in the Historic House of the famous Group of Seven in Thornhill and in the Collection of Art by the Anglican Church of Canada Artists. In addition he has made several appearances on TV and CBC Radio.

A member of DLP Barbados (Canada), Owen is delighted to have had the opportunity to complete a painting depicting the joint skylines of Toronto and Bridgetown, which was presented to the late Prime Minister David Thompson when he attended the Errol Barrow Memorial Dinner in 2009. He has also had one of his original works of art presented to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mandela, and the Barbados public Library.

Owen is an annual participant in the St. Clements Visual Art Show and an annual donor to the art auctions of Sunnybrook Hospital. He also volunteers in the community by making presentations to youth at elementary and secondary schools.

Works of art are available by commission, sale, or lease, and include oil paintings, prints, hand-painted place mats, family photo compositions and custom framing. Consultations are free of charge. Samples of the artist's work can be seen below.

For an appointment call: Owen Leo Johnson, Designer/Artist at Tel.: (416) 944 – 0824/Magic Jack (518) 772 - 4036, or Fax: (416) 925-7723, or e-mail: oljstudoleo@gmail.com. Owen may be reached by mail at: 4841 Yonge Street, Toronto, M2NN 6N1 P.O Box 43113Website: www.yessy.com/oljstudoleo.



Back In Time



Mother Africa



Visitation

Prime Minister Stuart to Attend 5th Anniversary Dinner (cont'd)

A stalwart of the Democratic Labour Party, he has functioned in various capacities and executive positions in the Party, including that of President. He is often portrayed by those who know him well as very erudite and politically astute, as well as one who brings a philosophical approach to most issues.

In 1994 he entered elective politics in the St. Philip South Constituency which he represented in Parliament until 1999. He returned to Parliament after the 2008 general elections, which saw the Democratic Labour Party recapturing the reins of government with a 20-10 result. Prior to that, he served in the Upper House (Senate) from 2003 to 2007.

From 2008 to 2010 Mr. Stuart was Attorney General and Minister of Home Affairs, and Deputy Prime Minister. He acted as Prime Minister from May 2010 when his predecessor, David Thompson, became ill. After Mr. Thompson's untimely death on October 23, 2010, Mr. Stuart assumed the position of Prime Minister. He is also Minister of the Civil Service, National Security and Urban Development.

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Read the Insert "Significant Achievements of the Democratic Labour Party of Barbados Since 2008" and be informed on how the Party is creating a brighter future for Barbados.

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Upcoming DLP Barbados (Canada) 5th Anniversary Events

- ❖ **July 1st: Annual "Family Picnic"** at Christie Lake Conservation Area, 1000 HWY 5 West, Dundas, Ontario.
- ❖ **September 15th: Errol Barrow Memorial Dinner** at Saints Peter and Paul Banquet Hall, 231 Milner Ave., Scarborough.
 - ♦ Start Time: 6:00 pm ♦ Dress: Elegantly Casual ♦ Tickets: \$70.00 each ♦ For Tickets Contact: Joan Rowe (416) 756-1070, Marsene Maloney (416) 287-8291, Heather Barker-Roberts 1(888) 605-2405 or (416) 708-2616; or dlpbarbados@sympatico.ca.
- ❖ **October 21st: Memorial Service for the Late Hon. David Howard Thompson** at the Church of the Nativity, 10 Sewells Road, Scarborough; beginning at 4:00pm.

Other Barbadian Community Events

- ❖ **August 2nd – 10th: Barbados Network Consultation Conference** at Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre, Two-Mile Hill, St. Michael, Barbados. To register visit The Barbados Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website: www.foreign.gov.bb.
 - ❖ **August 17th – 19th: Democratic Labour Party Annual Conference** at "Kennington", George Street, Belleville, St. Michael, Barbados.
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2012 – 2013 Board of Directors

Elected at the Annual General Meeting held on Friday June 15th, 2012 at the Delta Airport West Hotel, 5444 Dixie Road, Mississauga: Reynold Austin, President ♦ Glyn Bancroft, 1st Vice President ♦ Heather Barker-Roberts, 2nd Vice President ♦ Marsene Maloney, Secretary ♦ Franklin Greaves, Treasurer ♦ Steve Dowrich ♦ Charles Gittens ♦ Margaret C. Haynes ♦ Ovid Herbert ♦ Gordon Knight ♦ Joan Rowe ♦ Michael Stanford ♦ Keith Trotman ♦ Alex Waithe



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