

FLANKER DIGEST

Another Award for Flanker

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By Keirn Thomas

The Flanker Community has copped another prestigious award. This time it is the Michael Manley Foundation Special Award - for 32 years of outstanding multi-faceted Self-Reliant Community Development.

Flanker was one of seven communities shortlisted for the Michael Manley award for Community Self-Reliance and Sustainability. While we did not win the premier award offered by the Foundation, the dynamic and unique developmental model presented by the community was given a special award and recognized as an important best practice for communities with similar pursuits.

At the award ceremony Prime Minister the Honourable Bruce Golding was very impressed with the selection of communities for the award, and had high praises for all the members present.



Mrs. Sandra Monroe Clarke accepted the award on behalf of the community and was elated by the recognition and the good press that the community was getting.

Scholarships for Outstanding Students

By Mikhail McLeod

Shomari Lynch is the 2008 recipient of the Sandals Montego Bay Scholarship. This is a part of Sandals Resorts International's efforts to reward

academic excellence by helping parents with the cost of financing their children's education.



Shomari was a high performer in the recent G-SAT examinations and will be attending Cornwall College. Shomari is also a very active member of the Flanker Community Youth Club and Community Marching Band. When asked about his recent academic success he modestly stated, "it is just hard work that paid off"

The Flanker Peace and Justice Centre has awarded 3 outstanding G-SAT performers with community scholarships:



Ashley Thompson is a member of the Flanker Community Marching Band and will be attending the William Knibb Memorial High School. Ashley is one of the top performers from the Flanker Primary and Junior High School.



Michael Foster is an active member of the Flanker Community Youth Club and the youngest among its leadership tier. Michael is one of the top performers from the Barracks Road Primary School and will be attending Cornwall College High School.



Gillian Chambers is a member of the Flanker Peace and Justice Centre Home Work Club. Gillian is another of the top performers from the Flanker Primary and Junior High School. She will be attending the Herbert Morrison Technical High School.

Back-to-School Treat at Pele Drive

By Brittany McIntosh

Residents of the Flanker Community were very happy with the back to school treat held on August 30, 2008 at Pele Drive. The event commenced with the playing of the Flanker Community Marching Band where the crowd was entertained through music, sounds and movements. This was followed by a scrimmage football competition where young men from the various sections of the community displayed their skills for the appreciative spectators.

The approximately 1000 children were feted as they partook in the food and refreshments provided for their enjoyment. After the feasting, the youngsters were presented with their back-to-school package which included books, pencils, sharpeners,

erasers, khaki and uniform materials.

The pre-Peppa Saturday event saw the kids enjoying clean music and the performances by the talented children of the community. The performances were done by children ages 9-15 years and they were all wonderful performances whether expressed through song, DJ, or dance. Children danced their way home while the adults remained for the start of Peppa Saturday.

Kudos to the organisers and sponsors of this timely and well appreciated event; the Northwest Development Committee and Wayot Clothing.

Roma victorious in One-Day Football Competition

By Dalton Foster

The One-Day Football Competition for the Andrew Gibbs Memorial Trophy was won by Roma F.C. from the Providence Heights area of the community.

Fourteen teams participated in the competition which got under way at 9am on Sunday the 3rd of August. Pele Drive and Traxx kicked off the tournament and set the tone for what was a day filled with excitement, entertainment, showmanship and friendly rivalry.

The competition was well supported as not only did it boast a large community turn-out but passers-by were also on hand to share in the excitement. The day was incident free and by all accounts well appreciated by those who were on hand to witness and part-take in the fanfare.

Roma not only copped the top prize trophy, but also celebrated the leading goal scorer in Damian Chambers. The One-Day Competition was organised by the Flanker Peace and Justice and managed by a committee representative of the participating teams.

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After a long and exciting summer the *Flanker Digest* team took to the streets of the community to get the views of the youth on how they spent their time, and on their readiness for the imminent back-to-school period.



Tyshan Hill (12), Spot Valley H.S.
"I spent the summer playing football and video games. I find this whole back-to-school thing boring."



Javane Crumbie (9), Flanker Primary and Junior High
"I spent the summer with my aunt in Kingston. It was fun. Back-to-school is very busy."



Sashagayle Granston (15), Green Pond High School
"I went to the beach and plenty football matches. I had an overall good time this summer. I find the back-to-school stressing."



Ronaldo Dacosta (12), Anchovy High School
"I went to Vocation Bible School, played football and went to the beach. You would have to ask my mother about the back-to-school thing."



Alex McFarlane (14), Cornwall College

"I played plenty football, but the best part of the summer was when I went abroad. I am not looking forward to back-to-school."

A Tribute to Tonya Pratt

My child has grown and is ready to leave the nest;
 Her wings are strong and can hold her weight;
 She emanates confidence in taking on the world;
 Her excitement bubbles under her usual calm demeanor.

I look at her and feel pride at a job well done;
 I am also sure that she can take on the world;
 I am saddened at her leaving home;
 But I know that it was inevitable.

The world is her stage and her audience sits in anticipation;
 She will have them in awe as she always does;
 She will soar to the highest heights;
 She will succeed with God's help.

Go with God my child;
 Remember your upbringing and family;
 Let no one hamper your progress;
 This is your time so use it well.

I am always in the background cheering for you;
 To give you a hand, a shoulder or a thought;
 If you need me, call me, I'll be there in no time;
 I love you always.

By Marilyn McIntosh Nash

(We would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to Tonya Pratt, immediate past chairperson of the Youth Crime Watch of Flanker, for her invaluable contribution to the group. Tonya is now studying in the USA and we wish her all the best.)

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