

### THE PASSING OF MARGARET ROSE BARRETT



Margaret Barrett, Past president and current secretary of the University of the West Indies Alumni Association- Florida Chapter (UWIAA-FL) died October 13, 2017. She was also the former chief administrator of Jamaica National Building Society's office in Tamarac.

A past student of Ferncourt High School in Jamaica, Margaret also studied at the University of the West Indies where she earned both the Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees majoring in Sociology and Human Resource Management respectively.

Margaret was very active in the community and was a stalwart of UWIAA-FL. At the time of her death, she was also a member of the Consul General of the Southern USA 2017 Awards committee. An ardent supporter of the umbrella organization for Jamaican alumni associations in Florida, Margaret never missed any of the annual walkathon.

Margaret will be sadly missed. We will cherish the memories of the times with her and honor her tremendous legacy of service.

A scholarship fund to support talented but needy UWI students has been established in her name. If you wish to make a contribution to the scholarship, please make your check payable to UWIAA FL Chapter and write in the memo section, Margaret Barrett Scholarship Fund. Send your letter to: **UWI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (FLORIDA CHAPTER); P.O. Box 970313 Coconut Creek, FL 33097**

The information on the viewing and church service is in the flyer on the right. The repast will be held right after the church service at



**LAST DANCE**

MARGARET ROSE BARRETT, - Sept 9, 1945 to Oct 13 2017

Viewing will be from 5pm - 9pm, Friday Nov 03 2017 at  
Grace funeral Chapel, 5980 W Oakland Park Blvd,  
Lauderhill, FL 33313

Funeral Services will be held 10am, Saturday November 04  
2017 Atonement Episcopal Church,

**The Gardens**, 7111 West Commercial Boulevard. Margaret wished for her friends to come together and celebrate a life well lived. We look forward to seeing many UWI Pelicans and friends as we bid final farewell to Margaret.



Rootz Marcus Garvey lecture in September 2017; and in the picture on the right she poses with other UWI alumni members and the Mayor of Kingston, Councilor Delroy Williams at the recent meeting in Miramar, announcing the “Twinning of Kingston and Miramar”.

UWI Alumni Association, Florida

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING OF UWIALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
FLORIDA CHAPTER**

September 30, 2017  
7153 W Oakland Park Blvd (JEPA)

Present: Dr. Carmen Nicholas - President  
Dr. Rupert Rhodd – Treasurer  
Mr. Donat Grant---Vice President  
Lesley-Ann Guy, Public Relations  
Ms. Pat Montague  
Dr. Sandra Schroeder  
Ms. Diana Turnbull  
Mr. Ben Watson  
Ms. Grace Watson  
Ms. Claudia Robinson  
Dr. Madge Linton  
Pastor Michael Rose  
Ms. Paulette Franklin.  
Ms. Miriam White

Apologies:

Margaret Barrett  
Beverley Fray  
Leon Roberts

Introduction

- The meeting was called to order at 12:45 pm and the President welcomed members and thanked them for their attendance.
- Icebreaker: Icebreaking exercise was started by Leslie-Ann Guy
- Attendees introduced themselves.

Minutes of the meeting of June 11, 2016

The attendees reviewed the Minutes. Motion to accept the Minutes was made by Rupert Rhodd and seconded by Donat Grant.

*Matters Arising:* None.

Carmen thanked Rupert, Donat, Leslie-Ann and Margaret for all the work done during the year.

Annual Report by the President - Dr. Carmen Nicholas

- The number of fee-paying members increased to 20 and 2 persons were for Honorary Membership.
- The Ron & Miriam White Scholarship was

launched in July 2016. Only 2 applications have been received by the Scholarship Committee.

- Global Annual Giving doubled between 2016 and 2017. There are over 15 donors and final contribution is expected to be over \$2500.
- The President was elected to represent all alumni associations on the UWI Board (@ year appointment). She will travel to the different territories for board meetings.
- We aim to foster fellowship and ties to our alma mater through activities such as:
  1. UWIAA-Fl Chapter participation in the Annual Coalition of Jamaica Alumni Associations - Net proceeds from 2016 exceeded \$1050.
  2. Socials – December 9, 2016-Xmas Lyme held at the home of Glaister and Mabel Ayr was a success.
  3. April 1, 2017-UWIAA-Fl Chapter sponsored Simply Myrna Concert with net proceeds of \$1593.00. Mention was made that Ben and Grace Watson brought 13 people from West Palm Beach.
    - d) June 25, 2017-- Tickets sold for the Galleon Foundation's Caribbean Village- net proceeds \$255.00.
  5. Association's Website was updated. Both Leon and Lesley-Ann will be site Administrators of the Website. It was decided to use the Alumni on-line website.
  6. Creating Awareness in The Florida Committee :
    - All Activities mentioned in # 4 above were widely advertised with some on Caribbean radio and newspapers.
    - The President and members of the board attended and represented UWIAA-Fl at several community events.
    - UWIAA-FL Chapter was a financial sponsor of the Rootz Foundation celebrating Marcus Garvey's Birthday.



- The President attended the Jamaica Diaspora Conference in Kingston, Jamaica. Carmen mentioned that there was no mention of education here.

Goals for 2017-2018;

- 1) Increase Involvement and engagement of alumni from other UWI territories in UWIAA-FL chapter efforts.
- 2) Adopt a local community project to support.
- 3) Plan/Execute series of events to celebrate UWI'S 70 th Birthday.

Questions:

After a brief discussion regarding the Scholarship Applications, Sandra moved a motion to extend the deadline. If more than 5 applications were received we would review but if less than 5 applications we would extend the deadline.

Motion to accept the annual report was moved by Ben Watson and seconded by Sandra Schroeder.

Treasurer's Report -August 2016 to August 2017- Dr. Rupert Rhodd

Total Revenue- \$7893.00  
 Total Expenses- \$4440.00  
 Current Bank Balance to 9/30/17=  
 \$4525.70

There was an outstanding amount of \$750.00 owed to Sandra. Donat moved a motion to pay off \$750.00 to Sandra. This was seconded by Grace.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was moved by Ben Watson and seconded by Donat Grant.

Ratification of The Board for 2017-2018

Margaret had suggested that the board which was selected for a two year term should be ratified. However, it was agreed by all present that the board does not have to be ratified.

Presentation and Ratification of Honorary Members (2)

The two members :

- a) Georgia D.N. Robinson, Esq. who had contributed \$1000 and a legal consultation to the Simply Myrna Event.
- b) Dr. Carol Biliston Clarke who had donated \$1250.00 in cash during the past year.

A motion to approve the two members was moved by Ben Watson and seconded by Sandra Schroeder.

Other Matters:

2016-2017 events-

(a) Mix, Mingle and Give- December 1, 2017. Patron Consul General Franz Hall

After a general discussion, it was decided to use this event to attract all campuses and not to limit to 20 to 25 people. The date was changed to January and the location to be decided on.

The Committee for this Fund Raising Event include- Carmen, Pat, Leslie-Ann, Rupert and Miriam.

b) Annual Coalition Of Jamaica Alumni Association Walkathon- Dec 2 Members were asked to get pledges.

- c) 2017 Events in Celebration of UWI's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
  - Church Service - January 2018
  - A Slice Of Jamaica--- An evening event including one of Jamaican's

Fun Event ?? Feb 2018

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- 70's Fete- June/July 2018 ( Diana Turnbull to assist)
- An Event to recognize Giants in our community-Sept/Oct 2018.
- Local Project to support communities- Carmen suggested we find an Early Childhood Center serving Caribbean children. Carmen will do further research and also discuss with Dr. Crow and Dr. Gordon.

d) Support for UWI communities devastated by Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Send to AFUWI on line.

e) Promoting Culture Of Giving-Ideas to boost individual giving  
For e.g. Yard Sale by Carmen resulting in \$250 towards annual giving 2017.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm on a motion moved by Rupert and seconded by Donat.

## OLYMPIAN TAKES CHARGE OF SPORT AT UWI ST AUGUSTINE

October 25, 2017  
St. Augustine



Jamaican Olympian Grace Jackson has been appointed Director of Sport at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus effective September 30, 2017.

A celebrated track and field athlete, Jackson won silver in the 200m at the 1988 Seoul Olympics Games and competed in the 1984, 1988 and 1992 Olympic Games. She also won gold in the 4x400m relay at the 1989 World Games.

She was Jamaica's Sportswoman of the Year in 1986 and 1988. In 1989 she was awarded the Order of Distinction (OD) by the Government of Jamaica along with several other prestigious awards.

Grace Jackson was formerly at The UWI Mona where she held the position of Sports Development Director from 2010. Before this, she served as Student Services and Development Manager, Sports from 1998 to 2009 also at the Mona campus. She graduated with a BA in Accounting from Alabama, Agricultural and Mechanical University in 1982 and then completed a MA in Computer Science at Queens College in 1987. In 2007, she graduated from the United States Sports Academy, Mobile Alabama with a Master of Sports Science and Sports Management. Jackson has been a regular commentator and analyst on television and radio since 1992 and has acted as lead Caribbean analyst on athletics at the Olympic level for ESPN Caribbean.

Commenting on her new appointment the Director of Sport said "I am no stranger to The UWI and when I consider advancements at the institution like the establishment of the Faculty of Sport I am pleased with the high priority we are placing on the discipline. It is a good time to take up a leadership position in Sport at The UWI St. Augustine and I look forward to making a significant contribution." Jackson will oversee

her first edition of the UWI SPEC International Half-Marathon which takes place on October 29.

I attended the Jamaica 55<sup>th</sup> Diaspora Conference, "Partnering for Growth" 23-26 July in Kingston, Jamaica. The conference focused on Jamaica's economic growth agenda and the strategic engagement of Diasporans in the process. Over 1,200 registrants participated in plenary and breakout sessions that featured outstanding speakers from the Caribbean and elsewhere. For example, Dr. Julius Garvey (Son of Marcus Josiah Garvey), a Cardio-Thoracic Surgeon and Executive Director of Operations, Farm Up Jamaica, USA Speaking at the Agriculture Plenary Session; Jamaica's former Prime Minister, The Most Honorable P.J. Patterson, and Professor Sir Hilary Beckles Vice-Chancellor attended and were session speakers at the conference.

It was an honor for me to attend as the Florida Chapter's president and to witness first-hand on July 26, the launching of the launching of UWI's Faculty of Sport with Dr. Akshai Mansingh, named to be the dean. We know how important sporting events are to the social fabric and culture of the Caribbean and this was indeed a great addition to the University of the West Indies.

I visited the campus with had beautiful Royal Poincinas in full bloom all over. Other interesting sites that I visited included the park in honor of UWI graduates who are or were Heads of Governments, the Usain Bolt Track, the old and new Halls of Residence, the bookstore, the museum, Chapel Gardens, and the Aqueducts. Visiting the Campus certainly bring back fond memories and I am suggesting that the next time you are in Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago or Barbados, pay a visit to the UWI campus. You will be glad you did!



## THE UWI CONFERRED 12 HONORARY DEGREES AT 2017 GRADUATION CEREMONIES

## SUNY / UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES PARTNERSHIP

The University of the West Indies conferred 12 honorary degrees at its 2017 graduation ceremonies.

The UWI awards honorary degrees to individuals of eminence in the arts, sciences and other fields of intellectual endeavour, as well as to persons who have made outstanding regional or international contributions. The 2017 graduation ceremonies saw new Chancellor, [Robert Bermudez](#) presiding over the ceremonies and conferring degrees to the following honorary graduands.

### Cave Hill Campus

- Ms Kaye Foster – LLD
- Dame Selma Udine Jackman – DSc
- Professor Ihron Rensburg – LLD

### Mona Campus

- Professor Emeritus John Edward Greene, AA – LLD
- Mr Wesley J. Hall, ICD.D – LLD
- Mr Antony Hart, CD. JP – LLD
- Ms Olive Senior – DLitt

### Open Campus

- Ms Edwidge Danticat – DLitt

### St Augustine Campus

- Ms Hazel Brown – LLD
- Mr Winsford Devine – DLitt
- Mr Andrew Marcano – DLitt
- Professor Emeritus Clem Seecharan – DLitt

For more about the Honorary Graduands, please click on this [link](#).



The UB Center for Integrated Global Biomedical Sciences (CIGBS) will be working with the SUNY Global Health Institute (GHI) to build research opportunities in Jamaica and the Caribbean region. An infectious diseases research center is a high priority for the SUNY—University of the West Indies (UWI) collaboration.

Enabling Jamaica to become a regional hub, the research will focus on microbiologic, immunologic and pharmacologic aspects related to detection, epidemiology, diagnostics, treatment and prevention of infectious diseases. It will partner with programs such as the Global Virus Network, WHO and Global Fund and network with the diabetes, digestive and liver disease and nanomedicine programs.

