



# Service with a Smile

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## President's Cocktail

The President's Fall Cocktail event was a great success! Held at the lovely Ariel Sands hotel in Devonshire, active and life members were invited to join the party. We had nine guests, and two guests, Nicole and Hope (Verde's friends), have submitted applications to join the League (to date).

One benefit of the evening was the support of life members, Dawn Dunstan, Neal Kempe, Val Cheape, Shelly Grace, Lise Outerbridge, Louise Gibbons, Roberta Henery, Jenny Bradley and Diane Steiger. Active



members had the chance to hear stories about past League projects and efforts in Bermuda. We hope to hear more of these stories in

upcoming features of 'memories of the League.'

And of course a big thank you goes out to the members who made an effort to be there that night, Verde, Cindy, Evonne, Robyn, Fiona and Karen.



### DID YOU KNOW..

Thanksgiving is celebrated  
around the world!

Thanksgiving is essentially a harvest related festival, celebrating communal harmony. Thought to have originated in America, a number of other countries celebrate harvest related festivals. They are observed with different names and in different seasons.

Harvest related festivals, all the over the world are characterized with lots of fun and merrymaking. Each region has its unique customs and traditions to celebrate the occasion.

*Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action.*

W.J. Cameron

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Under the leadership of member Francezia Campbell, BJSL members assisted with the 4th annual Bermuda International Film Festival for Kids. Francezia is on the BIFF KIDS committee as the student volunteer coordinator, so she used her resources and asked for assistance from BJSL.

The festival saw 44 films from 19 countries, including 11 films made in Bermuda by The BIFF Film Academy Summer Film Production Camp participants. The festival was held from October 19-21. The 'adult' BIFF will take place in March, so League members will be recruited to assist with that event, as well as our partnership fundraiser with BIFF, the Rocky Horror Picture Show in February 2008.

Many thanks goes to Evonne Thompson, Verde Pineda and guest Nicole Hunniford who spent time selling Biff Kids t-shirts, polo shirts and caps, as well as taking tickets at the door. Proceeds from the festival go to support the Kids Film Academy. Their eight weeks of summer Film Production Camps impact more than 100 children who learn about the intricacies of creating films. For more information about BIFF, please visit their website at [www.biff.bm](http://www.biff.bm).



Francezia and Evonne share their time to help BIFF Kids to be a roaring success!

# The 18th Annual Senior & Middle School Debate— A BJSLS Tradition of Excellence

The eighteenth Annual Bermuda Junior Service League Senior and Middle School Debate Tournaments, started 18 years ago when Victoria Cox, a member of the Bermuda Junior Service League launched this tournament and it is in her honor that it continues. The intent was to provide a forum, which all middle and secondary school students in Bermuda could come together and compete in a non-sporting event. The tournaments have grown over the years, not just in numbers of participants, judges and volunteer support but also in the quality of the debating skills.

Some of the prepared topics that have been discussed are:

2005 'This House would expand the use of nuclear energy.'

2006 'This House believes that voting in national elections should be compulsory.'

2006 The impromptu topic was 'This House believes that the music industry has a negative influence on the youth.'

2007 'This House believes that it is the responsibility of developed countries to protect the environment.'

Last year there were over 50 professionals judging the competition, including Dame Jennifer Smith who judges the finals for the senior school every year. We had 16 middle and senior schools competing.

## 2006 Results:

### Middle school winners:

#### Clearwater A

(runner up: Warwick Academy)

### Senior School winners:

#### Saltus A

(Runner up: BHS A)

*BJSLS members are still needed to bake/provide sandwiches for the debate. We also are still looking for volunteers to assist with food tables and as runners during the debate.*

**Please contact Susan Smith to sign up.**

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*Debate teams are all smiles as they work their hardest to hone their debating skills and win this important debate competition! If nothing else, please stop by the College to support these students in their debates.*



NOVEMBER	17	8am-6pm	<u>Debate at the Bermuda College*</u>
DECEMBER	4	5:30pm	<u>Shopping night at Marks &amp; Spencer*</u>
	10		<u>Family Centre Christmas event*</u>
	12	6:30	<u>Christmas Social at Neil Kempe's House*</u> (tentative)
	20	6-8pm	<u>Hospital Christmas Bag Stuffing at Rosemont*</u>
	21	9am	<u>Hospital Christmas Bag delivery*</u>
JANUARY	8		<u>Executive Meeting</u>
	24	2:30-3:30	<u>Blood Donation*</u>
FEBRUARY	1		<u>Membership Appreciation Night</u>
	5		<u>Executive Meeting</u>
	11		<u>General Meeting*</u>
	23		<u>Rocky Horror Picture Show*</u>