



Service with a Smile

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DID YOU KNOW..

AF Smith assisted with our Stuff the Bus campaign this year by matching—or beating—prices we previously paid for our supplies. Their assistance was invaluable in making sure our materials arrive on time and on budget! Thank you A.F. Smith!

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Volunteers are not paid -- not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!



Stuff the Bus 2007

On Monday, August 13, 2007, a group of members and their friends met at the BJSJ space at Rosemont and worked tirelessly to stuff more than 550 pencil cases—all of which were then delivered to the government schools and presented to the P1 students the first week of school. Each pencil case contains the basic school supplies that are needed by P1 students. Giving them the supplies ensures that all students start their

school year on the same level playing field, no matter their personal situation. Each pencil case contains the following:

- Pencil case * Elmer's glue
- Glue stick * Three pencils
- Safety scissors * Pencil sharpener
- Eraser * Crayons



This important project is now in its fourth year, and is a huge hit with the local teachers! They appreciate our efforts on behalf of the incoming students. Way to go BJSJ on such a fabulous, noteworthy effort!

And we learned that congratulations are in order! Julia Kempe shared her happy news during our Stuff the Bus night—she is expecting at the beginning of the new year! Many congratulations to the Kempe household!



It is also with great sadness that we learn of the passing of Life Member Ruth Henderson. The League will be sending a donation on her behalf to the Bermuda Cathedral Organ Fund.

Meet Verde Pineda— First Vice President 2007/08

Verde Pineda came to Bermuda from Calgary, Alberta, Canada to join Olympia Capital in June 2005. Apart from her role as Supervisor – Accounting Services, she is also involved in the company’s Training Committee and Social Committee. Along with her CA designation, Verde is working towards her CFA designation.

This year, she’s the League’s First Vice-President and Hospital Christmas Bags Project Chairperson. She’s also involved in the community as a Grade 5 Catechist and Youth Mass Coordinator for St. Joseph’s Church, and plays for the Cardinals Field Hockey team and Smack My Beach Up Volleyball team. She’s an avid traveler, who was recently on 3-week trip to Africa. When she is on the island, she can be found boating around Somerset, dining with friends, or walking her dog.

She joined the League after only being on the island for two weeks (June 2005) to meet like-minded individuals who wants to give back



Verde enjoys living life to the fullest—and getting hugs & kisses during her travels!



to the community. Eventually, she made notable friendships within her provisional group and the general membership. She recalled that her provisional group were teasing her that they all have to leave before she gets on the road as she had just gotten her car driver’s license and after only being on the island for 2 weeks. Verde’s motto in life is “Be the Best that You Can Be.” She wants to inspire the youth, give opportunities and hope to those that lacks them, and encourage action among her peers. “I think BJSJ was a good fit with my goals as it is an organization that helps other organizations. Therefore, the League’s focus can be changed by changing the activities, fundraising beneficiaries, and community service events. The League does not just support one cause but it tries to spread its resources to help all kinds of causes from Blood Drives, Habitat for Humanity, to Scholarship.”

A Message from the President



Welcome back to the League year. The summer has been quite active this year with the strategic planning session, the scholarship interviews and distribution of the award, and also with stuff the bus. I’m looking forward to getting back into the groove with delivering stuff the bus, and with starting to get organized for the Debate, and also for our Rocky Horror picture show.

I have also enjoyed reading these newsletters while away dealing with

elderly parents. I think Robyn has been doing an extraordinary job with getting information and setting it up and delivering it on a timely basis. Thank you Robyn for this and keep up the good work.

I look forward to see you all on the next General, September 17th, and also start asking your friends to keep the date of September 27th for the President’s cocktail party.

Yours truly,
Susan

Save these Dates!

** Life members invited!*

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| SEPTEMBER | 17 | 7:30pm | <u>September General meeting; home of Susan Smith</u> |
| | 27 | 6:30pm | <u>President’s Cocktail at Café Continental*</u> — <u>PLEASE INVITE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS!</u> |
| OCTOBER | 3 | 6pm | <u>Breast Cancer Awareness Walk; Barrs Bay Park*</u> |
| | 9 | 7pm | <u>October Executive meeting; home of Verde Pineda</u> |
| | 15 | | <u>Social/Holiday card stuffing; home of Karen Olsen</u> |
| NOVEMBER | 6 | 7pm | <u>Executive meeting</u> |
| | 12 | | <u>General Meeting; home of Karen Olsen</u> |
| | 17 | 8am-6pm | <u>Debate*</u> |