

JCI Barbados Celebrates the Big 60!



Junior Chamber International (“JCI”) Barbados (formerly Barbados Jaycees) celebrated its 60th Anniversary on June 26, 2017. Junior Chamber International was established in Barbados in 1957 by Mr. Paul Foster, Mr. Marcus Jordan and Mr. Ishi Kesseram. The inauguration was done by J.E.P Steward of Bermuda on June 26th, 1957 and Mr. Paul Foster was elected as the first President of JCI Barbados.

In celebration of JCI Barbados’ 60th Anniversary, JCI Barbados will be highlighting its development over the years and paving the way for more impactful years to come.

60th Anniversary Celebrations

JCI Barbados celebrated its 60th Anniversary with a week of exciting activities which commenced on June 25th, 2017 with a Church service at the Christ Church Parish Church and anniversary lunch. To end the week of celebrations, JCI Barbados held an Anniversary Games Night on Friday June 30th, 2017 at the Barbados Entertainment Complex, Warrens Industrial Park and Scavenger Hunt on Saturday July 1st, 2017 at the Bay Street Esplanade. JCI Barbados’ members will also participate in “Summer Burn Fitness” on July 2nd, 2017 at Pirate’s Cove Beach. The annual Public Speaking Competition will be held on July 4th, 2017 at the Co-operator’s General Insurance Training Room in Collymore Rock at 6:15 p.m. Doors close at 6:00 p.m. sharp.

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History of JCI Barbados and its Projects

JCI is a membership-based non-profit organization of young active citizens between the ages 18 to 40 in more than 100 countries who are dedicated to creating positive change in their communities. Guided by the vision and initiative to transform their lives and their communities, JCI members are active citizens who are keen on addressing the great challenges of our time. The JCI Active Citizen Framework provides a methodology for implementing sustainable, needs-based projects that create measurable results in communities. The process starts with assessing community needs in health and wellness, education and economic empowerment, and sustainability. By engaging partners and evaluating results, JCI members ensure their projects deliver effective positive change.

Some of JCI Barbados' first ground-breaking projects include the Clean-up Campaign (from Oistins to the Airport), the establishment of the first Life Guard Station at Rockley Beach, Barbados first Carnival (Jaycees Carnival), Jaycees Radio Bingo, contribution towards building the National Stadium and early childhood development with the establishment of the Government Hill Nursery & Eden Lodge Nursery.

Other major projects included:

- 1) **Lessons for Living:** free Mathematics and English Lessons for Common Entrance Students in the Grazettes area. The current JCI Barbados Mathfanatix initiative bears semblance to this project;
- 2) **Operation Mobilization:** collection of foodstuff and clothing for less fortunate persons in the community. Collection bins were placed at various locations around the island and delivery of items were done through the assistance of Aunty Olga;
- 3) **Book Alert:** collection of school text books for donation to school libraries mainly for Primary Schools;
- 4) **Motivational Seminars:** motivational speaker Mr. Steven Covey was brought to Barbados for a series of motivational seminars; and
- 5) **Hands Across the Caribbean:** recognition and awarding of non-nationals from across the Caribbean who have migrated to Barbados and made a significant contribution to the development of Barbados, for example, culture where Calypsonian Joseph Hughes - Invader No. 3 was a recipient.

Our Development over the Years

Over the years, JCI Barbados has developed into a dynamic and impactful organization with annual projects created to address societal needs in the areas of education, youth, entrepreneurship, special needs and environmentally friendly initiatives. Projects are implemented through the JCI Active Citizenship Framework and contribute to the sustainability of the organization as a whole.

By participating in various projects, JCI members grow personally and professionally, gain practical experience which may not be available in their current professional roles, and develop entrepreneurial and leadership skills needed to generate positive changes in their communities, their countries and the world. JCI Barbados' Projects for 2017 include Mathfantix, Project M.E. (Mission Empowerment), Green Roots, Level Up and Endless PossAbilities (formerly Special Day for Special Children).

JCI Barbados Campaigns

Peace is Possible

The Peace is Possible campaign mobilizes young people worldwide to create awareness, advocate, take action and commit to an everlasting world peace. The campaign aims to build a coalition of like-minded stakeholders from all sectors of society that are committed to the purpose. JCI Barbados has been actively promoting the Peace is Possible Campaign with the aim to create harmony and peace in communities across Barbados.

Road Safety Campaign

In recognition of the alarming increase in road fatalities in Barbados for the first quarter of the year, JCI Barbados has partnered with two (2) corporate partners to execute a Road Safety Campaign "Get in Safe". The aim of this project is to promote and encourage the safe use of public roads in Barbados by sensitizing motorists to the risks involved in dangerous driving habits and calling for a more precautionary and responsible approach. The campaign will target different demographics across the Barbadian community and capitalizes on making a positive impact during the Crop Over season.

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In execution of the road safety campaign, two (2) major approaches will be utilized: 1) iPledge – motorists will make a pledge to practice safe driving habits by obtaining a sticker or button and 2) Safe and Sober involves the placement of “safe zones” at various events during the Crop Over season for patrons to sober up before leaving the events. Safe and Sober also promotes personal safety, especially for women during the Crop Over season. To address this, there will be a self-defense class offered by Kore Fitness, one of JCI Barbados’ partners.

JCI Barbados celebrates the hard work of its founders and members over the past 60 years and wishes to thank its members, partners and sponsors for making this milestone possible. JCI Barbados will continue to strive to empower young people to create positive change in their communities over the next decade and beyond.

For more information about JCI Barbados and its projects or if you wish to become a member, please email info@jcibarbados.com or visit <http://www.jcibarbados.com>.

Visit www.jci.cc to learn how young people are working to create positive change.



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JCI Barbados 2017 President Malika Chow showing her support for the Peace is Possible Campaign.



JCI Barbados' Green Roots Project Committee joined the St. John Parish Independence Committee in their 2015 Environmental Clean Up Initiative for Community Based Tourism - Mission Sargassum: The Eco-Tourism Rescue.

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Project M.E. (Mission Empowerment) held its first workshop at the ICBL Headquarters on June 6th, 2015.