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FROM THE PRESIDENT



NORMA JARRETT
President

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My Fellow Ole Farmers and Friends of OFANA, welcome to this our 29th Edition of Grapevine.

May 24 – 26, 2018 our Northeast Region will be the Host of OFANA's 13th Annual General Meeting. Since OFANA's inception 2007, the Northeast Region has played host to several AGMs, and this year, the region promises to put everyone in a "New York / CT State of Mind" Lets come prepared to commiserate with fellow Ole Farmers, make new connections and celebrate the wonderful contribution we are making in the lives of so many deserving students, faculty and campus infrastructure and by extension Jamaica Land We Love. Our guest speaker this year is Hon Lenworth Fulton OD, former head of RADA & the current President of the JAS and a JSA graduate. This AGM will be a time to renew our commitment to this our fraternity and to one another, as we move forward in our Mission to create possibilities for CASE, and tertiary agriculture education.

This year we again participated in the UJAA/ OFANA Mega Raffle; this is one of our major joint projects and an excellent revenue source for the organization. Tickets were in circulation since December 2018, and if you purchased or sold tickets, please accept my sincere thanks. Thanks to our raffle coordinator and VPs who disseminated tickets and ensured their timely delivery for the final assembly stage. The drawing was held on Saturday March 23, 2019; please join me in congratulating Renford Williams, the winner of one of the consolation prizes. The roster of winners can be found on our website www.olefarmers.com. The preliminary number is that our profit from sales is about \$7,000.00; while our revenue (like most other

UJAA member organizations) declined this year, it is anticipated that our numbers will increase significantly next year. All proceeds will be used to underwrite our scholarships for deserving students at CASE. Again, sincere thanks to ALL for your great efforts.

Since its inception 2007, OFANA has achieved many significant and noteworthy accomplishments. I am honored and excited to report some of the remarkable milestones / news that impact our OFANA organization:

December 8, 2018, in true tradition, the Northeast Region VP Ms. Jennifer Petgave and the dedicated, planning team held another spectacular Annual Fundraising Dinner Dance. Over 320 Ole Farmers & Friends of OFANA were in attendance. UJAA President Ms. Lesleyann Samuel a distinguished educator & Friend of OFANA was our honoree. Ms. Akelia Maitland Northeast Diaspora Advisory Board Member was also in attendance. Please take time out to see the enclosed Gleaner press release regarding this memorable event.

January 25 – 27, 2019, members of the executive and other members traveled from North America to Jamaica, to celebrate the 109th Anniversary of the founding of our Alma Mater with the students and faculty at CASE. The alumni, enjoyed great camaraderie and demonstrated true “school spirit” and support of the Alma Mater. Sixteen (16) deserving students, who met the criteria established by the OFANA Scholarship Committee, were awarded OFANA Scholarships. To date we have awarded 57 scholarships with a cumulative value of US \$53,400.00. Hats off for this significant accomplishment.



I must report that in her vote of thanks, Petagaye Stewart spokesperson for the scholarship recipients, expressed deep appreciation and gratitude to our OFANA Organization. She commented on the anxiety and uncertainty the students face with their inability to pay their tuition. OFANA she stated, is a blessing, and prays that we will continue to award these so well needed financial assistance. With the scholarships, we are better able to focus on our studies she continued, “OFANA you are a Blessing in our lives.” During the entire weekend, the resounding message from the student population is that our OFANA organization is making a significant difference in their lives. Ole Farmers, we are doing God’s work and my sincere thanks for your commitment to our mission. In honor of one of our founding members, The Errol Webley Scholarship was awarded to Shamora Brown. Like Errol, Shamora is from Clarendon and demonstrates great community spirit and leadership qualities. The Webley family is deeply appreciative of this gesture in memory of our friend and their “Rock.”

February 24, 2019, our OFANA Canada VP, Mrs. Audrey Spence and her vested and enthusiastic planning team, showcased their inaugural fundraising Brunch in Toronto Canada. All in attendance felt the true unity and spirit of support and camaraderie. The event was a huge success on many levels: it was an opportunity to introduce and showcase OFANA to the Toronto community. The Consul General of Jamaica to Toronto – Hon. Lloyd Wilks was so impressed with the excellent work OFANA is doing, he has pledged to be an Ambassador of OFANA. He thanked the organization for its commitment to invest in the Jamaican Agriculture sector through our work with the college. Member of Provincial Parliament Hon. Mitzie Hunter in her message to the Region underscored how inspiring their effort to fundraise for the Plant Tissue Culture Lab is. She thanked the members for empowering and inspiring all in Toronto and for the foresight in funding this lab, “the students” she continued, “will benefit greatly through the competency -based training.”

Ms. Alene Chen, President of the Alliance of Jamaican Alumni Association – AJAA, (Toronto) in her message, congratulated OFANA for “embracing the role of bringing to the forefront agriculture education in Jamaica.” She welcomed OFANA Canada Region, and expressed that she was

privileged to have OFANA as their newest member. PRO for AJAA Ms. Angela Gooden celebrated with the attendees. Amongst the talented lineup of entertainers was Ms. Nadine Williams, a renowned author and entertainer. Following her spectacular performance, Ms. Williams made a surprising, generous gesture, in donating her fees back to the organization. "I am so impressed by your accomplishments, that I feel compelled to donate my fees back to you, to assist with your work" she announced; all in attendance were moved by her gesture. The Mistress of Ceremonies Ms. Paulette Senior a respected women's advocate in Toronto, kept the audience stimulated, engaged and informed the entire afternoon. In her vote of thanks Ole Farmer Wilma Nevers invited the attendees to the second annual brunch next year. Both VP Spence and I beamed with pride and thanked the planning team for their efforts in making the event so very successful.

March 2018, OFANA as a member of UJAA participated in the Jamaica Diaspora Education Task Force Conference; our Assistant Secretary Jurist Taylor represented OFANA at this Forum. This year April 7 – 10, 2019 the conference will be held at Broward College. Teachers from Jamaica will be in attendance to share good practices with their US counterpart. If you are an educator and want to participate in this summit please contact your Regional VP or your President for further information. Special emphasis will be placed on teaching STEM to students with disabilities.

Our Florida Region VP Ms. Doreen Danvers and her hard- working Planning Committee are currently in the planning phase for their September 2019, Elegance Ball; this promises to be bigger & better than last year's spectacular event. Please take time out to see the enclosed Caribbean Today press release regarding the last event. I recommend you mark your calendar and be in attendance this year.

Atlanta VP, Ms. Dona Bredwood and her hard – working, dedicated Atlanta Team, are currently in the planning phase for their spectacular July 20, 2019, Fundraising Event at the Atlanta Renaissance Hotel. Please mark your calendar to go out and support what promises to be an entertaining and spectacular event.

Members of the executive are currently working with the President on our OFANA 5 Year Strategic

Plan. One of the core pillars is the recruitment and retention of members; high priority is set to engage and retain our younger COA & CASE Alumni to ensure the great work OFANA is doing will be sustained. Please seek to invite young graduates in your circle to join us. We are also looking for volunteers to help us draft this strategic document - a great time for these younger graduates to help shape the future of OFANA. Please contact me if you would like to lend your talent. Ole Farmers & Friends, thank you for your contributions to this noble organization. We are young but we have made significant impact on agriculture education and our Jamaican agriculture and financial arenas. I urge your continued support for OFANA and the many projects we undertake. We are still in dire need of Funding for the OFANA Scholarships and other initiatives. Please do consider making a Gift to your Alumni Association.

Special thanks to our Editor, Peterson Warburton for another informative Grapevine edition.

God Bless You, America, Canada and Jamaica,
Land We Love!

With Respect & Gratitude.

Norma Jarrett Your OFANA President

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- College of Agriculture, Science and Education (1995 to present)
- College of Agriculture (1981 – 1995)
- Jamaica School of Agriculture (1942 – 1981)
- Government Farm School (1910 – 1942)

Please remember to bring your OFANA Membership up to date. Together as Ole Farmers, we are making a difference in the lives of our people.

Membership Dues are set at \$100.00 per person per year; that's less than \$2.00 per week to become a paid-up member.

Not yet a member? Download an application form now using the link below:

<http://www.olefarmers.com/forms/>

OFANA SCHOLARSHIPS

Students attending C.A.S.E. are hereby invited to apply for 2019-2020 OFANA Scholarships. Visit www.olefarmers.com to download an application form.

OFANA supporting the enlightenment of education in pursuit of agricultural excellence

C.A.S.E. ZONE

THE GIFT THAT WILL KEEP ON GIVING

In December 2015, OFANA agreed to fund a **Plant Tissue Culture Lab** on the main campus at CASE. I am pleased to inform you that on January 26, 2019, a US \$20,000.00 check was presented to President Deslandes during the Founder's Day celebration at CASE.

This check represents the final installment of the promised US \$120,000.00 to construct this game-changing laboratory. During our January visit, we witnessed the final phase of the construction of our OFANA Plant Tissue Culture Lab. We anticipate the grand opening will be later this year. Please stay tuned and I do hope you will come celebrate the opening of this significant gift to the college and our Jamaican farmers.

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WE MUST INVEST IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION



Ronald THWAITES - Member of Parliament and opposition spokesman on education and training implores!

TELL ME which agricultural commodity in Jamaica is not in the doldrums of under-productivity or un-profitability right now.

Even 'the queen', ganja, as Mr. Seaga has called it, cannot get off the ground due to bureaucratic and financial constraint. Agricultural imports this year will likely top US\$1 billion, multiples more than we ought to be earning from exports which diaspora and crossover markets abroad are anxious to buy from us. Even the ebullient Ed Bartlett has had to bewail the disgracefully low retention of the tourist spend, largely because the agriculture sector supplies little to the hotels. And every roadblock imaginable has been erected to stall the introduction of good Jamaican food into the school nutrition programme. Kudos to Sandals, which reported increased custom with local farmers, and to Jamaica Producers for their initiative to provide bananas to educational institutions. They are exceptions.

The activities of the Linkages Council appear to be bearing little fruit because they operate without any clearly defined national campaign, which has measurable objectives. Now that everyone, for the first time at last, has recognized that the application of labour, capital, technology and human wit to the land is the real answer to sustainable prosperity, it is time to set about achieving this goal. Recently, the College of Agriculture, Science and Education (CASE) marked the 109th anniversary of agricultural education in Jamaica. This is the heritage of Archbishop Enos Nuttall, Dr Thomas Lecky and the recently mourned Rev Dr Garnett Brown, among many others. As a premier national institution for tertiary training and research in its field, this college deserves far more interest and investment than it is getting. One purpose of this writing is to advocate a doubling of the allocation to agricultural education in the upcoming Budget if we are really serious about inclusive gross domestic product (GDP) growth.

The nation needs CASE to double its enrolment.

The CASE campus at Passley Gardens in Port Antonio, Portland, needs to be complemented by an agriculturally oriented high school nearby to enable young persons with an interest in any aspect of rural development, commodity production and agro-manufacturing to transition into the college.

The programmes offered at the certificate and degree levels should be oriented entirely to the craft and business of production from the land.

There should be regular extension programmes to certify existing farmers. There is plenty of fertile land in Portland, and CASE must operate an efficient and profitable business as an opportunity of work-study and apprenticeship for students, a powerful statement about effort, opportunity and profit to the nation, a means of cost-sharing with government, and an antidote to the pervasive freeness mentality. I surmise that the present leadership at CASE is up to the task but they need partners. By all appearances, we are spending big money with secret Israeli interests to upgrade national security.

It is arguable that crime reduction could better be served if we partnered with them in agricultural science. ‘OLE FARMERS’

‘Ole Farmers’, that hearty band of alumni, dispersed all over the world, attest to the quality and practicality of their education by their consistent and growing support for their college. Contributions by individuals and the business establishments, which benefit from staff trained at CASE, should be tax exempt. We talk incessantly about joined-up government. Agricultural education requires integrated intersection between the ministries of education, agriculture and tourism, among others.

The turgid silos of the State have made this fitful up to now. It is time to mash down the Babylon of these separate kingdoms. It will be wasteful to train effectively, only to frustrate graduates into the embassy lines because there is no effective land reform, no available credit for agri start-ups, and unfulfilled promises regarding nimble marketing.

In great measure, we are the architects of our own underdevelopment. At CASE, recently, I was served a meal, prepared by students with mostly local ingredients, which rivaled the quality of any hotel restaurant.

But we issue many work permits despite local talent. Then, too, I learned that motorcar loans exceed agricultural credit even at credit unions.

And I met a Jamaican-Canadian investment broker who, where local credit is shy, has overseas capital for agricultural investment in Jamaica but is choking in the Sargasso Sea of the local approval process. I am sure the Government means well in their efforts to transform agricultural education but they cannot do it alone. Someone who shared an expansive vision of CASE’s potential – ‘Portland University’, he called his dream – was the mild, thoughtful and incisive Lynvale Bloomfield for whom we now grieve. His gentleness was never weakness.

The Gleaner Jamaica WI
Established 1834

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can use to change the world”.

Nelson Mandela

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that might be waiting just for you:

<http://scholarship-positions.com/>

SAVE THE DATE

#OFANA_2019

This year's **Ole Farmers Association of North
America Annual Reunion / General Meeting** will
be convened May 24 - 26, 2019 in **Stamford, CT**
with Headquarters at the Stamford Sheraton Hotel.

**Contribution: US\$140.00 / CA\$186.87 per
person**

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Memo: **Reunion 2019**

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The Sheraton Stamford Hotel offers your **special
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- **Available - Wednesday, May 22, 2019 –
Wednesday, May 29, 2019**
- **Last day to book – Saturday, May 11,
2019**

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station.

For further information, you may also contact the
following:

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Dona BREDWOOD	- 404 406 7837
Renford WILLIAMS	- 561 632 0274
Terrence JOHNSON	- 702 419 5409
Jurist WILLIS-TAYLOR	- 305 331 4935
Wendell CODNER	- 609 410 1417

GEORGIA SUMMER AFFAIR



OFANA Georgia will host their inaugural Summer
Affair on July 20, 2019 at the Renaissance
Concourse Atlanta Airport.

Further details and tickets available soon.



EVENT REVIEWS

OFANA Florida Region Scored Another Successful Fundraiser

The Florida Region of the Ole Farmers Association, North America (OFANA) had its 4th Annual Fall Ball and Fundraiser on September 22, 2018 at Club 19 Pembroke Lakes Country Club in Pembroke Pines, FL. The event was very successful as evidenced by its near-capacity attendance and the significant revenue that was raised to support OFANA's altruistic causes. OFANA is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes to foster the advancement of Agricultural Education among students pursuing degrees in Agricultural-related Sciences at the College of Agriculture, Science and Education (CASE), in Jamaica.



The organization has been supporting the CASE community in the form of scholarships to deserving students as well as the funding of a Plant Tissue

Culture Lab on the main campus. To date, OFANA has awarded scholarships totaling \$41,500 and has given \$100,000 towards the Plant Tissue Culture Lab.

Dr. Derrick Deslandes, Guest Speaker and President of CASE thanked OFANA for its collaborative partnership with the college and underscored the importance of the financial contribution that OFANA is giving to the college. "Your generosity has tremendously helped needy students to complete their degrees as well as helping me to focus on other urgent needs on the campus", he commented. "Additionally, the Plant Tissue Culture Lab that you are funding will provide an invaluable asset to the college in terms of preparing our students for the 21st century", he concluded.

The region Vice President, **Doreen Danvers**, thanked her team for the many hours and unyielding effort that they have put in to making the event a success. "I am proud to announce that Florida Region has played an integral part in fundraising for scholarships and in the gifting of the Lab" she said. She ended with a quote from Albert Einstein: 'Only a life lived for others is a life worth living' and urged all in attendance to give to the OFANA initiatives.

Norma Jarrett, OFANA President in her remarks thanked the Florida team for their steadfast resolve in advancing the cause of OFANA. She reminded the audience of the importance of scientific research in agriculture, animal science and food technology and the significant role that CASE plays in agricultural education. "Ensuring a highly skilled and educated workforce in agriculture is of importance for Jamaica's food security", she added.

The evening of celebration was culturally enhanced by a poetic rendition by "**Sheba Happy Bug**" and a moving musical interlude by Saxophonist, **Greg Sidbury**. Master of Ceremonies and Public Relations Officer, **Wendell Codner** reminded the audience of the importance of their contribution to OFANA.

"We are still a long way off in the complete funding of the Plant Tissue Culture Lab", he implored them.

The Vote of Thanks was given by **Joseph Green** whose comments included the

Photographer, **Ms. Andrea Godfrey** for her professionalism as well as the **Sound of DJ Xtreme** for providing the music and keeping the crowd dancing throughout the event.

*Published in the Caribbean Today;
Contributor – Norma JARRETT*

CLASS OF '78 STAND UP

Mid-December 2018 made it 'forty years out-a-grass' for the Class of '78. Members of that Class are encouraged to mark that milestone by **pledging \$40.00 towards Scholarships for students attending C.A.S.E.**

If you are a member of the Class of '78 and have not yet made your \$40.00 contribution, it's never too late.

Graduates of preceding Classes please feel free to pitch in!

Remember;

- Without Government Farm School there might not have been a Jamaica School of Agriculture
- Without the Jamaica School of Agriculture there might not have been a College of Agriculture
- Without the College of Agriculture there might not be a College of Agriculture Science and Education today

This is an opportunity to cement your legacy in the pursuit of excellence in Agriculture, by our people.

Class of '79 stand by!

BACK A YAAD

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- <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/>
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- lspotmedia.com

GOING GREEN



Two friends on a surfing trip in Indonesia encounter an environmental debacle and end up taking matters into their own hands. Now they head up a movement dedicated to cleaning up oceans and coastlines across the globe

Read more:

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How can you make a difference?

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Members at large would like to know the whereabouts of the following Ole Farmers:

- **Cleveland CLARKE (Class of '79)**
- **Aston REID (Class of '77)**
- **Anita WILLIAMS (Class of '79)**
- **Harris YOUNG (Class of '77)**

Anyone in possession of any form of contact

information for the aforementioned is encouraged to submit said information to info@olefarmers.com

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Ole Farmer **Franklyn MUNDLE (Class of '67)**, resident of Frankfield, Clarendon recently faded.

A service of thanksgiving his life and work of was held at the Frankfield Baptist Church, Frankfield, Clarendon on January 30.

Ole Farmers **Nadine PRYCE (Class of '95)** after Graduating from the College of Agriculture, Science and Education, made education her forte ans was actively serving as as lecturer at the Knox Community College, at the time of her fading

Distinguished Ole Farmer **Dr. Hon. Rev. Garnet Albert BROWN, OJ.,CD., JP., (Class of '57)**, faded on Saturday, January 19, 2019 after a brief illness.

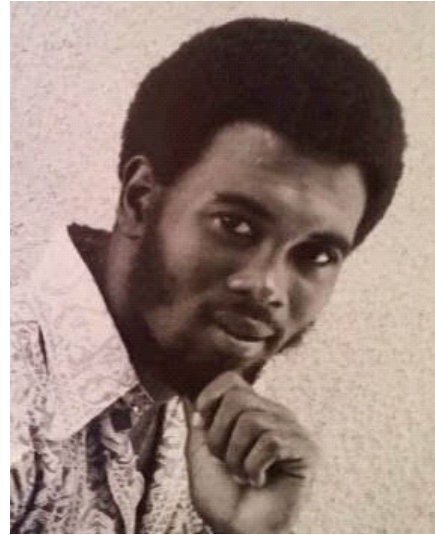


Ole Farmer BROWN gave long and dedicated service in various capacities to:

- Management Institute for National Development (MIND)
- Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA)
- National Irrigation Commission (NIC)
- Natural Resources Conservation Authority (NRCA)
- Jamaica Agricultural Commodities Regulatory Authority (JACRA)

He was also an ordained Minister in the Methodist Church and upon official retirement from the Public Service; received the CASE Alumni Association Honour Award '**Distinguished Ole Farmer of Excellence for 2014**'

Ole Farmer **Errol WEBLEY, BSc (Class of '77)**, a Co-Founder of OFANA; faded on January 17, 2019 in Long Island, NY.



After graduating from the Jamaica School of Agriculture, he further studied Agronomy at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus. He worked with the Sugar Industry Research Institute (SIRI). After migrating to the USA in 1984 he became a Pesticide Control Specialist with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Ole Farmer WEBLEY was held at the Assembly of God, Hempstead, NY on Saturday, February 02.

<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/UzqBSTeZ6ut>

Ole Farmer **John Edward George 'Putty' LEVY (Class of '69)** faded on Wednesday, November 23, 2018 at the Heart Institute, Kingston, where he was a patient.

After graduating from the Jamaica School of Agriculture, Ole Farmer LEVY furthered his studies at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine

Campus and graduated in 1973. He went on to give several decades of committed service to the Jamaican Agricultural Sector before undertaking private enterprise(s).



You all will be sorely missed:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mWm1NbF1Ik&feature=related>

YOUR PRAYER CAN CHANGE THINGS!

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

When you pray, remember:

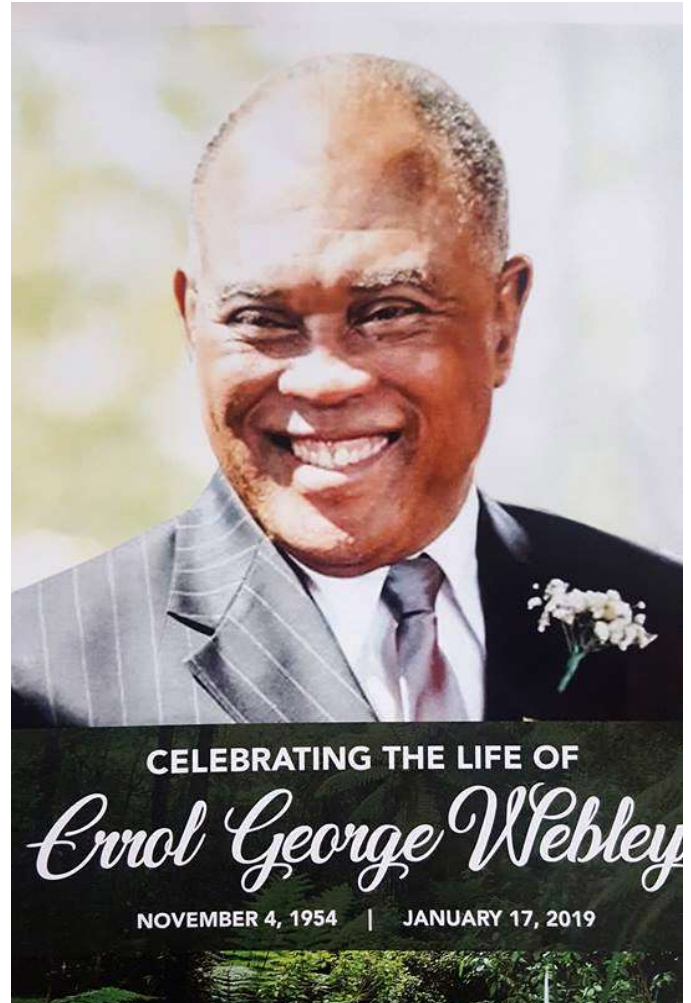
Ole Farmer **Marie-Therese BEAUPIERRE-SIMMS (Class of '82)** who is critically ill in hospital in Houston, TX. Ole Farmer Marie-Therese is the spouse of Ole Farmer Leroy 'Pixie' SIMMS (Class '81). **Marie-Therese** having been diagnosed with suffering an aneurysm, remains in hospital in stable condition.

After graduating from the Jamaica School of Agriculture, Ole Farmer BEAUPIERRE-SIMMS furthered her studies at:

- Prairie View A&M University
- Texas Southern University

She is currently a Professor of Biology at the Houston Community College.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE



January 17, 2019, we received the very sad news of the passing of our Dear Ole Farmer, Friend and one of the Founding Fathers of OFANA Errol Webley.

A consummate and charming Ole Farmer, Errol and his friends Norma Jarrett and Wendell Codner, gave seed money to launch the inaugural meeting of our Ole Farmers Association North America Inc. on June 30, 2007. Ole Farmers from all walks of life were stunned by the news of his untimely death.

Errol was the Head Boy of Vere Technical High School during his final year; he was a talented scholar athlete and was afforded the opportunity to tour Guyana with notable cricketers such as Michael Holden & Peter Marston.

Errol's post-secondary journey took him to the Jamaica School of Agriculture in 1974; here he pursued an Associate Degree in Agriculture. At JSA Errol was quite a revered student, whose athletic prowess garnered him numerous friends &

accolades. Upon his graduation in 1977, Errol returned to Vere Tech where he taught Agriculture Sciences and served as the coach of their cricket team. Soon thereafter Errol attended the University of the West Indies in Trinidad where he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Agronomy. He worked with the Sugar Industry Research Institute prior to migrating to the USA in 1984.

Errol worked for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, as a Pest Control Specialist from 1986 until his untimely passing January 17, 2019.

A True Ole Farmer, in 2016 after committing to facilitating a forum for Ole Farmer to celebrate one another a launch date of June 30, 2007 was set. Errol along with his 2 dear friends – Norma Jarrett and Wendell Codner, gave seed money to host the inaugural Annual Meeting of Ole Farmers. An invitation was extended to other Ole Farmers in their circle, and response by Pioneer Members was overwhelming; everyone came together in true friendship, respect & comradery for a celebration with fellow Ole Farmers & family. This served as the launching pad for our OFANA Fraternity that has provided a platform for us to celebrate one another and to do altruistic work to enhance the lives of so many students as well as the infrastructure at CASE.

The morning of January 17, 2019, The Lord summoned our Dear Ole Farmer home; per his Dear Wife Cherry, it was “a sudden, but peaceful transition.” Errol will forever hold a special place in our hearts. It was indeed quite heartening to witness over thirty (30) Ole Farmers who gathered to celebrate his life and legacy at the Service of Thanksgiving, in Hempstead New York. The Ole Farmers offered great support to his wife Cherry, his six (6) children and grandchildren.

As a final gift to one of our founding fathers his friends hosted the repast. An honorarium wreath from the organization he helped to establish was placed at the graveside.

OFANA established a scholarship in memory of our dear brother, and on January 26, 2019 the Errol Webley Scholarship was awarded to Ms. Shaomra Brown the former CASE Student Body President and fellow Clarendonian, whose leadership skills, academic achievement and background are aligned to that of Ole Farmer Webley.

Let us all continue to celebrate the life of our beloved Ole Farmer and pray that he will Rest In Peace.

Our thoughts and Prayers are with his family; may they find peace during this very difficult period.

SECURING THE FUTURE!

According to [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC), it has been shown in recent studies that nearly half of Americans suffer from a chronic health condition such as:

- Heart Attack
- Stroke
- Cancer
- End Stage Renal Failure
- Major Organ Transplant
- ALS
- Blindness From Diabetic Retinopathy
- Paralysis of two or more limbs

Suffering from anyone of these chronic illnesses can create devastation to one's financial savings.

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- Income to pay mortgage
- Income to replace loss employment wages due to illness
- Income for in-home care
- Income so you do not need to dip into retirement funds

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The cost of Traditional Term VS Living Benefits (LB) Reality check:

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Transamerica Trendsetter Super 10 Year
Term = \$34.78 monthly
Transamerica Living Benefits LB 10 Year
Term = \$45.28 monthly
The difference...for an additional \$10.50 more a
month a "Living Benefits" policy can not only
provide you with death benefit of cheap life
insurance quote & coverage but also pay cash
benefits should you encounter a chronic, critical or
terminal illness.

Watch Dave's story:

<https://youtu.be/8ev-moEMR9w>

Contributed by:

Doreen C. Danvers

Lean Six Sigma Green Belt
VP - Florida

ACROSS THE DIASPORA

The last subject of Queen Victoria

Mrs. Violet MOSSE-BROWN of Jamaica, born
March 10, 1900, the last living subject of Queen
Victoria; died on September 15, 2017.



She had become the world's oldest person on April
15, 2017 at 117 years and 38 days, (a milestone
marked by the receipt of a plaque from Queen
Elizabeth II) taking the title from Italian Emma

MORANO born in 1899 (a life that spanned three
centuries).

Known as 'Aunt V' to her friends, she lived in the
same house in Duanvale, Trelawny all of her life.

She was a mother of six and a great-grandmother
several times over and attributed her longevity to
eating lots of 'cow foot', mutton, fish, sweet potato,
breadfruit and assorted fruits while avoiding pork,
chicken and rum; and adhering to the teachings of
the Bible in particular Ephesians 6:1-3

*"Honor your father and mother, so that it may be
well with you, and that you may live long on the
earth"*

Honoring parents is the only command in Scripture
that promises long life as a reward.

When the news of her passing broke, Jamaican
Prime Minister the Hon. Andrew Holness tweeted
to offer his condolences.

With her passing, 117 yr old Nabi TAJIMA, of
Japan, became the world's oldest person.

*From an article by Lara KEAY
Published in the UK Daily Mail
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NOW THAT'S FUNNY

My Lost Keys

They weren't in my pockets. Suddenly I realized I
must have left them in the car.

Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My
husband has scolded me many times for leaving my
keys in the car's ignition. He's afraid that the car
could be stolen. As I looked around the parking lot,
I realized he was right.

INSPIRATION

The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen. Then I made the most difficult call of all to my husband: "I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen."

There was a moment of silence. I thought the call had been disconnected, but then I heard his voice. "Are you kidding me?" he barked, "I dropped you off!!!!!"

Now it was my turn to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me."

He retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this cop that I didn't steal your darn car!"

Welcome, Seniors to the golden years...



“The inability of those in power to still the voices of their own consciences is the great force leading to change.”

Kenneth Kaunda