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REUNION 2012

For those of us who missed **OFANA Reunion 2012 in Houston, TX**, as promised, it was big. The event kicked off Friday, May 25, with a meet 'n' greet at the palatial home of Ole Farmers Leroy & Marie SIMMS in Cypress, TX.

Saturday, May 26 started with the **tour of a 4,000 acre 'small farm' in Blessing, TX.**



(Farmer Steve HEARD (center) explains how he does it, his way)



(Ole Farmers at pond side, ever conscious of the camera)

The operation, which employs a staff of eight (8) produces rice, miscellaneous row crops, catfish and cattle (we didn't get near the cattle) took us back to Farm Practice, short grass and then some.

That was followed by our Annual General Meeting held at the Crowne Plaza Houston West - Energy Corridor where a very



(The President's address)

spirited gathering ratified the Association's amended By-Laws.

Later that evening Ole Farmers attended a Dinner-Dance at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church Hall, where the Keynote Speaker was our own **Dr. Paulette R. CLAIR** who encouraged us to make smarter and healthier nutrition choices to foster longer productive lives.

The traditional Church Service and Farewell Brunch was held on Sunday, May 27 at the Prairie View A&M Campus. The sermon delivered by Ole Farmer the



(Attentive congregation)

Rev. Noel GORDON in the All Faiths Chapel was particularly moving as he appealed for us all to focus on the things that really matter.

Thank you TEXAS, well done!

OLE FARMERS CAN DO ANYTHING

Ole Farmer **Everett STREETE a.k.a. EVER-G (Class of '78)** Virginia, USA based award winning reggae singer and songwriter, uses his music to share a message of peace and unity.

http://www.dailypress.com/entertainment/Ole_Frmusic/dp-fea-reggae-man-0415-20120414,0,5537094.story

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Live Each Day to the Fullest

Ole Farmer **Kingsley PALMER (Class of '81)** entered the Scotia Bank Entrepreneurial Challenge with his farming enterprise. With your support, Kingsley has advanced to the 'Final 5'. Using the link below you can watch him present his case:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tpn9Tkj9pVA>

When Ole Farmers on earth have done their best, Angels in Heaven can do no better. Well done Kingsley.

Hearty congratulations to Ole Farmer **Glendon "Wrecker" HARRIS (Class of '81)** on his well deserved elevation to the office of Chairman of the St. James Parish Council and Mayor of Montego Bay after many years of strong representation for the Maroon Town Division.

OFANA SCHOLARSHIPS

It's Scholarship Season again. C.A.S.E. Students are hereby invited to apply for financial aid for the 2012 – 2013 academic years. Application Forms and

detailed information are available at www.olefarmers.com.

OUR WEB-SITE

Any Ole Farmer may submit articles or items of breaking news either directly or via email to info@olefarmers.com.

Members in good standing may log in to the secure "members" only portal for access to financial information and photographs of recent events.

Anyone can make a donation via our PayPal "Donate button" on the Website.

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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

Not yet a member? Visit us at www.olefarmers.com to download an application form. You can be a

paid-up member for less than \$2.00 per week.

GET WELL SOON

(BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY)

Dudley 'Johnny Cock' JOHNSON, former head of Livestock Sciences Dept. at the Jamaica School of Agriculture has been admitted to the Sloane-Kettering Hospital, New York, NY bravely battling Cancer.

Ole Farmer **Wayne 'Brucky' WELLINGTON (Class of '77)** has been in and out of hospital in Jamaica and the USA battling cancer since 2010. Call him if you can (876-974-3977).

Please keep these ailing Ole Farmers in your thoughts and prayers.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Ole Farmer **Joseph "Prince" Collins (Class of '72)** of UG's fame, made the transition to be with his maker July 6, 2012 in Bronx, New York. Burial Service and interment took place at Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla, NY July 14, 2012.

Ole Farmer **Wellesley 'Willie' KERR (Class of '56)** passed away

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June 28, 2012. A service of thanks giving for his life and work will be held at St. Luke's Anglican Church, 89 Slipe Rd, Kingston 5, JA on July 17, 2012, commencing at 10:00 am.

Ole Farmer **Calvin 'Zero' BAILEY (Class of '76)** passed away June 14, 2012 in California after a stouthearted battle with cancer.

Ole Farmer **Morene GRIFFITHS (Class of '80)** passed away May 25, 2012. Her home-going service was held at the Mandeville New Testament Church of God, Mandeville, Manchester on June 23, 2012.

Ole Farmer **Allan BURNETT (Class of '76 - pioneer Agricultural Science Teacher)** passed away May 06, 2012. A thanksgiving service for his life and work was held at the Braeton Methodist Church, Portmore, St. Catherine, May 19, 2012.

Ole Farmer **Kelvin 'Mossy' WRIGHT (Class of '78)** made his transition on April 1, 2012. A service of thanksgiving for his life and work was held at the Full Truth Deliverance Centre, followed by interment at the Sunrise

Cemetery, in Frankfield, Clarendon on April 14, 2012.

Ole Farmer **Melvin KINDNESS (Class of '62)** made his transition April 01, 2012. A service of thanksgiving for his life and work was held at the William Knibb Memorial Baptist Church, Falmouth, and Trelawny on April 16, 2012.

Ole Farmer **Basil BURRELL, J.P. (Graduate of Government Farm School)** faded on March 18, 2012. A service of thanksgiving for his life and work was held April 2, 2012 at Christ Church, Christiana, and Manchester.

Ole Farmer **Leslie ORR (Class of '63)** who passed away March 10, 2012 at the University Hospital. A service of thanksgiving for his life and work was held at the Webster United Church in St. Andrew on March 21, 2012.

Ole Farmers you will be sorely missed.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mWm1NbF1lkw&feature=related>

SAVE THE DATE

OFANA Florida presents '**Something Fishy 2012**' – a traditional Jamaican Friday evening family affair on **Friday,**

August 31, 2012 at the Holy Sacrament Episcopal Church Pavilion, 2801 N. University Drive, Pembroke Pines, FL.

Northeast Region's Holiday Dinner - Dance 2012 will be held **Saturday, December 08, 2012** at the **Marriott Stamford Hotel & Spa, Stamford, CT**

Reunion 2013: May 24 – 26, 2013 in GA. Start saving your contribution now.

JAMAICA 50

If you will not be home for Jamaica's 50th Anniversary of Independence, you can still find events near you to celebrate:

https://www.google.com/#hl=en&gs_nf=1&gs_mss=jamaica%2050th%20U&ok=6Y2xr6r6uonnoTG4KcMs5g&pq=jamaica%2050th%20anniversary&cp=16&gs_id=h&xhr=t&q=jamaica%2050th%20USA&pf=p&scient=psy-ab&oq=jamaica+50th+USA&gs_l=&pbx=1&bav=on.2,or.r_gc.r_pw.r_qf.,cf.osb&fp=a2e370afc0354df8&biw=1280&bih=923

INSPIRATION

"To struggle is to exist; to survive is to conquer"

Oswald Harding

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