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In the Pipeline

- **August 20-22:**
DLP 55th Annual Conference
 - **September 18th:** Errol Barrow Memorial Dinner
 - **November – Date TBA:**
Members' Fun Evening
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Minister of Health Donville Inniss to be Guest Speaker at Upcoming Errol Barrow Memorial Dinner



Now named The Errol Barrow Memorial Dinner, this annual dinner is both our principal fundraiser and an event that memorializes the Right Excellent Errol Walton Barrow, DLP founder and 1st Prime Minister of Barbados. Being held on Saturday, September 18th at the Delta Toronto East Hotel, this year's dinner will feature Barbados' Minister of Health, the Hon. Donville Inniss, M.P. as guest speaker.

Regarded by some as the best Health minister Barbados has had to date, Minister Inniss was appointed in 2009 and oversees a portfolio that accounts for 15% of Barbados's annual budget and includes the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Psychiatric Hospital, Drug Service, Polyclinics, District Hospitals and Outpatient Clinics.

Holder of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Administration and a Masters degree in Business Administration from the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Minister Inniss has held a number of corporate executive positions and worked in several capacities both in Barbados and abroad with the Barbados Investment and Development Corporation. Mr. Inniss' business career also includes being Deputy Commissioner-General for Barbados at Taejon, South Korea in 1993.

He has also been actively involved in community work as a Member/Treasurer of the Democratic Labour Party, Public Relations Officer and Vice-President of the Barbados Youth Council and Youth Representative on the Board of Directors of the Barbados Family Planning Association. He has hosted a number of radio programmes for youth on local stations and is a past President of the Rotary Club of Barbados West.

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Supporting a Brighter Future for All Barbadians

Message from DLP Barbados (Canada) President, Reynold Austin



I will be travelling to Barbados shortly to attend the 55th Annual Conference of the Party and while I am excited to participate in this conference I am most excited about having the opportunity to report on the progress DLP Barbados (Canada) has made since inception in 2007 and the contributions we have made to date to the Party and Barbados. You may read my report at www.dlpbarbadoscanada.com.

As you all know the Prime Minister has taken temporary leave of his office for health reasons. It is a difficult time for the Prime Minister and his family and we are all concerned about his well-being. But the good news is that it is reported his health is improving and he is in good spirits. I know that he is included in your prayers and ask that you continue to pray for his return to good health.

The title of the 55th Annual Conference is “Team DLP – Sustaining Progress” and we at DLP Barbados (Canada) are proud of the progress made by the DLP Government to date. Prime Minister Thompson and his cabinet have done a fantastic job in managing Barbados’ economy in difficult economic times and we extend our congratulations and very best wishes for sustained progress. We will continue to assist however we can.

On September 18th we will be hosting the Annual Errol Barrow memorial Dinner at which the Hon. Donville Inniss will be the guest speaker. For many of us who still have family and friends in Barbados, healthcare on the island continues to be of substantial interest and I am looking forward to hearing the Minister’s comments on the Government’s progress in this portfolio. However, while this event is an opportunity for us to enjoy a great evening in good company, be reminded that it is DLP Barbados (Canada)’s major annual fundraising event and it is important that we all play our part in making it successful. Please attend the dinner and invite your family, friends and acquaintances. We need your support!

I was unable to attend the Annual General meeting because of a business commitment in Barbados that I could not reschedule, and wish to take this opportunity to thank you for electing me as president for another term. I also wish to thank Consul General Leroy McClean for presiding over the election and 1st Vice President, Hugh Graham for conducting the AGM. We extend a hearty welcome to new board members Glyn Bancroft, Ovid Herbert and Victor Walcott and I look forward to working with the board in the New Year.

As the General Election in Barbados will be called within the next 2 ½ years, we should take time now to consider how DLP Barbados (Canada) may play a part in helping the Party retain the government. To this end I ask that you stay informed on the issues facing ordinary Barbadians in Barbados, and that you share your views and recommendations with us.

From the Membership Committee

Dear fellow members, we have been experiencing good summer weather which I trust the gardeners among you have been enjoying. Hopefully you are all taking advantage of this weather. This is a good time to spend with friends and family; and it presents a good opportunity for you to encourage them to consider membership in the Democratic Labour Party. Our growth depends on such action on your part and we urge you to continue with your efforts.

Your Membership Committee is currently making plans both to increase the size of our branch in Canada and to enhance your experience as a member. We plan to be in Montreal in October to conclude the establishment of that chapter. Also stay tuned for an exciting event to be held later in the fall. This will be a fun evening for members and will also provide an opportunity to invite potential new members. In the meantime continue to enjoy the summer safely and talk to your friends and family about DLP Barbados (Canada) membership.

Steve Kirton, Chair

A Profile of Success: Ovid Herbert - Entrepreneur

Born, raised and educated in Barbados Ovid Herbert is a graduate of the Samuel Jackman Prescod Polytechnic in Barbados. After relocating to Toronto he studied at Ryerson University and graduated in 1985 with an Honours degree in Architectural Technology.

He began his business career as an estimator and project coordinator for interior construction and millwork projects. On making the transition to sales he was recognized for his excellent sales skills in a very competitive business to business sales environment and established a proven track record in acquiring and managing large, multimillion dollar contracts with major clients

Mr. Herbert was appointed Vice President, Estimating and Sales at one of Canada's foremost custom millwork houses where he was in charge of all costing of products, materials and estimates for projects in Canada, the United States, Bermuda and the Caribbean. In addition, he was responsible for all project coordination.

In 2004 he founded the interior construction firm T.O. Interiors Inc. and has successfully operated the company in his capacity as president. T.O. Interiors operates out of a high tech factory of about 24,000 square feet in Mississauga and employs about 20 skilled, semi-skilled and technically trained people, producing high quality architectural millwork.



Inset: Ovid Herbert, President, T.O. Interiors, with pictures of a high-end interior project completed for RBC Private Banking and a beautiful kitchen. Visit T.O. Interiors online at www.tointeriorsinc.com.

The quality work produced by T.O. Interiors meets the highest international quality standards and very capable project management assures that projects are completed on time and to the complete satisfaction of customers.

With annual sales of \$5 million the company is expanding on an international basis into the United States with projects in the hospitality sector as well as other commercial projects. Its client list in the U.S. includes major global corporations such as OMNI Berkshire Hotel, Citi Group, Solomon Page LLC, the Heineken HQ NYC, MasterCard and Ralph Lauren.

T.O. Interiors is in the process of setting up a subsidiary in Barbados through which it will pursue business opportunities in the Eastern Caribbean. It recently completed a project for N.T Butterfield Bank in Barbados.

Although very busy with the company, Ovid is committed to spending as much quality time as he can with his three children and is very much involved in their activities. He recently joined the board of DLP Barbados (Canada) and is committed to making a contribution to the community whenever possible.

Ovid believes that *"one's success is limited only by one's failure to grasp the opportunities that present themselves, some of which are often disguised as obstacles that cannot be overcome."* In business he is guided by the philosophy that: *"The highest quality work, on-time delivery and fair pricing are the best formula for growth and customer retention. Let your customer's satisfaction sell your product."*

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DLP Barbados (Canada) 2010 – 2011 Board Elected

With over 50 members in attendance and the election presided over by Consul-General Dr. Leroy McClean, the following were elected to the board of directors at the 2010 Annual General Meeting held on June 24th at Stage West Hotel in Mississauga. Returned to office unopposed were: *Reynold Austin – President, Hugh Graham – 1st Vice President, Marsene Maloney – Secretary and Franklin Greaves – Treasurer. Steve Kirton was acclaimed as 2nd Vice President, replacing Grant Morris who did not stand for re-election to the Board.*

Also returned to the Board are *Heather Barker-Roberts, Harry Eastmond, Charles Gittens, Margaret C. Haynes, Michael Stanford, Keith Trotman and Alex Waithe.* Elected to the Board for the first time are: *Glyn Bancroft, Ovid Herbert and Victor Walcott.* George Griffith of Montreal was not re-elected.

Committee chairs are: Membership – Steve Kirton, Communications – Hugh Graham; and Errol Barrow Memorial Dinner – Grant Morris.

If you are interested in becoming a member or volunteering call us at 416-287-8291 or send us an e-mail at dlpbarbados@sympatico.ca to obtain an application form or volunteer. A membership application form may also be obtained online at www.dlpbarbadoscanada.com. Become a member and help us support a brighter future for all Barbadians.

From the Editor's Desk

"The most important political office is that of the private citizen."Louis D. Brandeis

2010 Calendar of Bajan Community Events

- **September 4th:** Barbados Overseas Community Canada Inc. (BOCC) - Annual 'Bajan Night'. Contact Jessica Carrington at 905-472-1188.
- **September 18th:** DLP Barbados (Canada) – Annual Errol Barrow Memorial Dinner. For tickets contact Marsene Maloney at 416-287-8291, Heather Barker-Roberts 1-888-605-2405, Grant Morris (905) 420-3990, Helena Thorne (905) 712-3484 or e-mail dlpbarbados@sympatico.ca.
- **October 16th:** Shared Vision (Montreal) - Annual Performing Arts, Community Recognition Awards and Charity Evening. Contact George Griffith at 514-898-8811 or e-mail sharedvision@ca.inter.net.
- **November 6th:** Barbados Ex-Police (Toronto) - Annual Dinner/Dance. Contact Eurieta Cummins at 905-890-9342 or Malcolm at 905-428-9316.
- **November 21st:** Barbados Independence Thanksgiving Service at the Church of St. James Cathedral, 65 Church St. (King and Church) Toronto, beginning at 4:00 PM.
- **November 27th:** Barbados House Canada Inc. - Annual Dinner. Contact Basil Blackman at basmur@sympatico.ca.



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