

## **21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

### **..a look at 21 of BACCA's successes**

- 1 21 years and still going strong
- 2 Self-funded
- 3 Educated, skilled, talented and professional people in our membership
- 4 **Campaign** for the successful closure of the BNP headquarters in Upper Wickham Lane, Welling, Kent
- 5 **Education sponsorship** of Cassandra Ashton in St Vincent and Shanika Green in Jamaica, and donation for a video/recorder for a school in Jamaica
- 6 **Medical support** – donation for pouches for an auto-clave machine for Spalding Hospital, Jamaica, visit patients at Bexley Hospital (for the mentally ill) and visit people held in the cells at Bexleyheath Police Station
- 7 **Donations** to Cancer Relief, Sickle Cell Anaemia Foundation, Famine in Africa, Kentish Times Famine Appeal for Africa, Aids in Africa & World Hunger, Oxfam/LBC Rwanda Appeal
- 8 **Children activities** – annual Christmas party, Saturday school, trip to Thorpe Park, trip to a pantomime, talent show, BACCA's "Unlimited Talent" performances
- 9 **Outings and Travel** – theatre visits to Central London, Hackney and Lewisham, Weekend trip to Scotland, smorgasbord on the Sally Line, Weekend Trip to Paris, Day trips to France, Weekend trip to Cornwall, Trip to Bruges & Amsterdam, annual outing to Epson Derby, Trip to Dublin for the St Patrick's Day Parade
- 10 **Community Involvement** –
  - ◆ participate in Thamesmead Town Show (dressed in Cultural clothes for town parade), contestants in Tug-O-War against local fire brigade, cooking and selling Caribbean food
  - ◆ participate in the annual Thamesmead Multi-cultural Event at St Paul's Ecumenical Centre
  - ◆ Sidcup Mara fun (and win the assault course)
  - ◆ Erith Festival
  - ◆ Conducted workshops for BCRE's Community Care Conference
  - ◆ Supply Caribbean food and dance performance at the "Rainbow Day" event of the Thamesmead Christian Community Group

- 11 **Annual Dinner and Dance** – held at various venues including the Nettleford Hall (Norwood), Inn on the Lake (Swanley), Civic Centre (Bexleyheath), Marlowe Rooms (Sidcup). Our invited guest have included the High Commissioner of Trinidad and Tobago, John Austin MP, Doreen Cameron (former president of NAFTHE), Deputy High Commissioner of Jamaica
- 12 **Annual Barbecue** at the residence of Mr & Mrs Knight, founder members of BACCA
- 13 **Annual Christmas Funtomine** – sketches written, directed and performed by members of the drama group; venues used include William Temple Church Hall (Eynsham Drive), St George’s Church Hall (Catford)
- 14 **Drama group** perform in Greenwich Festival for the Afro-Caribbean elderly
- 15 **Healthy pursuits** - keep fit Classes conducted by Mrs J Brown (founder member), quadrille dancing, domino tournaments
- 16 **Fundraising Activities** raising £000s for our causes – dances (Halloween, Valentine, Turnaround, Fancy dress), annual sponsored walk
- 17 **Networking** - BCRE, Bexley Education Committee, GLARE, Bexley Police Liaison Committee, Thamesmead Advisory Forum, NAREC, BVSC, Coop Friends of Jamaica, Grenada Benevolent Society
- 18 **Support** of rallies against the racial killing of Roland Adams and Stephen Lawrence
- 19 **Research** - Conducted a detailed review (researched by Anne-Marie Ellis, Nov 1991) of the “2<sup>nd</sup> review of the Race Relation Act 1976” and send a copy of the resulting comments/suggestions to the Commission for Racial Equality
- 20 **Fashion show** at the Mayor of Greenwich Jamaican Independence Celebration and Annual Dinner and Dance at the Civic Centre (Bexleyheath) - clothes designed and made by Mrs Brown and Mrs Knight (founder members); knitwear designed and made by Mrs Stephens (founder member); garments modelled by BACCA members
- 21 3 generations of the same family attend meetings and take active roles in supporting the work of BACCA

The above list give details of some of BACCA’s past achievements. However, we are a forward looking association and therefore we would welcome all inputs aimed at taking the organisation further.

Celebrating BACCA’s successes...by Pauline Bennett 3/12/2005