

JAMAICAN CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSES



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JCAN BOARD MEMBERS INVITED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO ATTEND BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT



The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage, on behalf of the Government of Canada, invited representatives of JCAN to a reception to celebrate Black History Month. On February 6, 2017 Sheryl Bernard and Millie Robb proudly represented the Association.

At the reception, the attendees were impressed with the message from the Hon. Ahmed Hussen, newly appointed Minister of Immigration Refugees and Citizenship, who arrived in Canada at age 16 as a refugee. The piece de resistance was the address from the "Rock Star" himself, the Prime Minister Hon. Justin Trudeau. He was inspiring as he spoke about the impact Black Canadians have made on our society.

February marks an annual month long celebration highlighting Black History. In honour of this celebration, Canada Post issued a stamp to commemorate the arrival of Mathieu da Costa, the first black man to set foot in what became Canada. This was unveiled at the reception.

Departing the event, the JCAN attendees wished that Black History Month would last all year.



TINEY BECKLES PRESENTS CARDIAC MONITOR TO MAY PEN HOSPITAL



In the Fall of 2016, Tiney Beckles, a founding board member of JCAN presented our association's donated cardiac monitor and stand to May Pen Hospital in Jamaica.

This monitor can meet most clinical requirements in monitoring cardiovascular gases and even has optimized functions for cardiac, hypertensive and neonatal patients. This cardiac monitor will support the staff to provide the best care to their patients.

JCAN PRESIDENT HONOURED WITH PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

On February 25 2017 JCAN's president, Sheryl Bernard, was honoured with the African Canadian Achievement Award for Excellence in Medicine. Ms. Bernard has worked in management and senior leadership roles across the healthcare sector for over 20 years. She is the founding president of JCAN and recently launched her own consulting firm *Bernard Consultancy* providing operational reviews, executive coaching, board advancement and policy and procedure development for organizations in the community. Ms. Bernard personifies JCAN's values to give back, and give health as recognized through this esteemed award.



SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

JCAN has applied for funding to continue our summer student program in 2017. If successful, recruitment details will be shared with the membership.

JCAN also submitted a joint application with TAIBU Community Health Centre for Ontario Trillium Funding to support a day program for seniors.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2017

Annual membership fees are \$50.00 for the membership year January – December 2017.

1. E-transfers can be sent to: info@jcan.me
2. Cheques can be sent to: Millie Robb at 73 Windrush Trail, Scarborough, ON, M1C 3Z9

For more information on payment options contact Millie Robb at 416-284-5368.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Charity Gala:
Saturday June 17, 2017
The theme for the gala is a Red Tie Affair in honour of Canada 150.

Please contact **Millie Robb** (mrobb8@sympatico.ca) or **Hyacinth Robinson-Powell** (hrobi1093@rogers.com) for event information.