



Registered Charity Number 663 July - August Newsletter 2017
Second Part of the Bermuda Senior Islanders' Centre AGM Report May 2017
Report on the Bermuda Senior Islanders' Centre Tag Day

To all our dedicated volunteers who endured a blustery day to sell tags for the Centre, we say thank you. Your overall efforts netted \$1, 932.06. Boaz Island \$122.52, Causeway \$359.64, Dowling's Marine \$110.85, East Broadway \$104.20, Paget \$220.28, Raynors' \$221.41, St. John's Road \$173.52, Robinson's Marine \$39.10, Terceiras' \$262.30 & Warwick \$297.85. Expenses including buckets, charity tags and other incidentals totalled over \$400.00.

School Involvement

Our numbers are growing as reported by the Department of Statistics for 2010-2020 while the young (0-14) will decline by 14% in 2020. The youthful population under 15 years will drop from 10,474 in 2010 to 8,750 by 2020. Although their numbers are declining, they continue to help their elders. Choirs from East End School and St. George's Preparatory serenaded seniors at the Joy Club Island Wide and Northlands School performed for the Golden Hour. Berkeley Institute students served us Christmas dinner at Admiralty House and Cedar-bridge Academy came out of Spring Break to serve seniors at the Devonshire Adventist Hall.

The Crafty Bunch

The Board wishes to thank our crafty bunch of angels, Kathy Faries and Lynn Spurling who continue to stimulate seniors with their creative crafts. We thank them for supporting Mrs. Adrienne Jones with the craft group.

BSIC's Finances

Ray Jones of Faro Management Solutions is doing a sterling job producing our annual reports, pro bono. Shawn Smith, another young man, came on board last year to help us as Treasurer.

Senior Club Developments

Baby Boomers are heading the Joy Club, Marva Bridgewater President, Barbara Jean Burgess Vice President, Bernette Cann, Secretary, Helen Turni Treasurer, and Clare Curtis, Assistant Treasurer. Pembroke Seniors on the Roll is newest group led by Brenda Wilson. The group meets in the Pembroke Adventist Church Hall on Wednesdays.

BSIC Board thanks donors and supporters

On behalf of Canon Nisbett, OBE, and members of the Bermuda Senior Islanders' Centre, I wish to thank you for your cash and donations of goods and services this past fiscal year.

Fredrick R. Hassell, MBE, Director
Bermuda Senior Islanders' Centre

We need board members

Messieurs' Melvin Somner, Ivan Fubler and William Minors have stepped down from the board after many years of dedicated service to the Centre. We thanked them at the last AGM for their service to the organization and wished them well in their future endeavours. We need more board members to oversee the Centre, fund raise and liaison with the government and the public on our behalf. Directors will guide the Centre in its compliance with the Charities Act of 2014.

**Admiralty House Luncheon Club
Luncheons will resume at the
Bermuda Senior Islanders' Centre
Thursday, September 21, 2017**

Eugene and Lorna Carmichael: visit with seniors was a blessing

Eugene and Lorna brought a wind of newness of thought to island wide seniors when they visited Admiralty House and when Eugene spoke to seniors in April.

In a genuine and peaceful way, Eugene talked to a gathering of over 150 seniors about his theories on life, longevity and life after death. The island-wide social was held April in St. Paul's Christian Education Centre.

Eugene was a founding member and principal of End-to-End which gifted two mini buses to the Bermuda Senior Islanders' Centre over a period of two decades.

Following his retirement Eugene moved to Spain where he re-invented himself as an author, and opinion writer on our changing world through blogging. You can find his writings on <http://formenseyesonly.blogspot.com>; and <http://eugene-driverseat.blogspot.com>.

Death is Not the End* is his first publication, a deliberately short book of collected research that shows that we're living, one life stage at a time. The book points readers to a way of bliss and contentment as they explore the meaning of death, and see it as transition forward.

**Eugene lives in Spain and can be contacted by email,
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Death is not the End can be bought online for Kindle and/or paperback via www.amazon.com and Eugene's daughters Carol 704-7085 and Donna 777-8661 also have copies for sale.

**In memory of Jokeem Antonio Richardson, grandson to *Linda Ann Saltus
An African truck driver's prayer for the safety of his passengers**

Bad Tyres

Lord, the motor under me is running hot. Lord, there are twenty-eight people and lots of luggage in the truck. Underneath are my bad tyres. The brakes are unreliable. Unfortunately, I have no money, and parts are difficult to get. Lord, I did not overload the truck. Lord, 'Jesus is mine.' is written on the vehicle, for without him I would not drive a single mile. The people in the back are relying on me. They trust me because they see the words: 'Jesus is mine.' Lord, I trust you.

Dangerous Road

First, comes the straight road with little danger, I can keep my eyes on the women, children and chickens in the village. But soon the road begins to turn; it goes up and down, it jumps and dances, this death road to Kumasi. Tractors carrying mahogany trunks drive as there were no right or left. Lord, Kumasi is the temptation to take more people than we should. Let's overcome it!

Reckless Drivers

The road to Accra is another problem. Truck drivers try to beat the record, although the road is poor and has many holes and there are many curves before we come to the hills.

Respect for Landmarks

And finally to Akwasim. Passing large churches in every village, I am reminded of you, and in reverence, I take off my hat. Now downhill in second gear.

Passengers brought to Safety

One more temptation; the straight road to Accra. Lord, I sing hallelujah when the road is ended for you brought the truck and the people in safely through the hustle and bustle of Accra. Lord, all is mercy, because 'Jesus is mine'. Hallelujah. Amen

(From the Oxford Book of Prayer by the late George Appleton, MBE, Tenth Archbishop in Jerusalem (1969-1974) and a spiritual mentor to Fred Hassell who worked on a kibbutz in Upper Galilee 1973).

*We dedicate this prayer by a young Ghanaian driver in memory of Jokeem (23) who met with an untimely traffic death on our roads this year. Jokeem is the grandson of Linda Ann Saltus and great-grandson to Gloria White, members of the Centre.

Eugene Carmichael praises Joan Dismont and Fred Hassell on his blog May 6, 2017.
<http://formenseyesonly.blogspot.com>



Senior's wellness clinics

The Department of Health runs bi-weekly health screenings for seniors at three locations. The clinics provide: Adult immunizations, blood pressure screening and monitoring, blood and sugar screenings, functional assessments, home safety and functional assessments of activities for daily living, prevention guidance in the areas of ageing, safety, medications, falls and chronic illnesses and nutrition assessment and counseling.

Contact the Hamilton Health Centre, 67 Victoria Street, Hamilton
441- 278- 6440

ACCEPTENCE

God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things that should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.

Reinhold Niebuhr, 1892-1971

**Bermuda National Trust
Needs Volunteers
Guides are needed for
Verdmont, Globe Hotel &
Tucker House
Contact Kim Smith
Bermuda National Trust
236-6483, 236-0617**

**Special People's Club
The Special Peoples Club, St. Mary's
Church Hall meets again on Friday,
September 15, 2017.**

**NO ISLAND WIDE
Members are reminded that we do
not have an ISLAND WIDE PLANNED
FOR SEPTEMBER 2017.**

**Island Wide Social Meeting
Admiralty House
Tuesday, September 12, 2017
1:15 p.m.
Agenda
IWS Bank Account
IWS January 2018**

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