



ARDENNE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (NY CHAPTER) YEAR IN REVIEW - 2010

A Message from our President.....

Hello Fellow Ardenne Alumni:

Season's greetings and best wishes to you and your family for a prosperous and healthy 2011.

As we approach the end of another year, it is my privilege and pleasure to thank you all for your support during 2010. The accomplishments of our Chapter would not have been possible without everyone's contribution: you participated in the Mega-Drawing, attended the Awards Luncheon and Summer Party and Picnic, and contributed to the Science Building and other fundraising projects – to make them all successful!!

As we look ahead to 2011, we recognize there is still much to be done, but we also know that we can continue to depend on our Ardenne "family" members to support our efforts.

One of our goals is to reach as many Ardennites as possible. So we ask that you send us names of your friends with whom you are in contact; we will be glad to add them to our database. We also anticipate and plan to work towards greater interaction with all the Chapters of the Ardenne Alumni Association.

Sincerely,

Howard Bradnock

Howard Bradnock, M.D.
President

UJAA Mega Drawing

With the hard work of our members, this year we sold 2,042 tickets and offered 12 Consolation Prizes and a prize for most tickets sold. We are again participating in the 2011 event and are confident we can exceed our 2010 results with your help! Drawing date: March 26, 2011. Cost of tickets: \$5 each Contact: Howard Leigh – Email h.leigh@att.net or Telephone - (718) 851-1843.

2010 AWARDS LUNCHEON

May 16, 2010 at the Doubletree Hotel in Tarrytown, New York. The event, attended by approximately 180 alumni, family and friends, was characterized as a great time of fun, food and fellowship.

Honorees:

Ardenne alumna, **Pauline Heslop M.D.**, who is Medical Director of Covenant House NY and maintains a private practice, was awarded the **Achievement Award** for her accomplishments in the medical field and for her humanitarianism and commitment to youth.

Hon. Rev. Glen O. Archer, O.D. a former teacher at Ardenne, noted for coaching Jody Ann Maxwell (1998 Scripp's International Spelling Bee champion) and other national Spelling Bee winners received the **Community Service Award** for his dedication to educating the youth of Jamaica.

Please email comments to: Carmen Chambers, Corresponding Secretary - kchcmom@aol.com

Well-deserved Honor!!

NY Chapter President, Howard Bradnock, M.D. received the Community Award for Medicine from the Caribbean Lifestyle Magazine in January, 2010. We are extremely proud of him for contributing his medical talents to the local community, Jamaica and internationally.

Scholarships

Dr. Claudette Anderson, M.D. and her family have established a scholarship in memory of her father, Mr. Arnold Anderson, who taught at Ardenne for many years.

The Chapter has also appointed a Scholarship Committee headed by alumnus Dave Holson, M.D. to develop a scholarship program to assist Ardenne students and alumni.

Summer Event

Our annual summer Party and Picnic were held on July 17 & 18. The party on Saturday evening was preceded by a Reception hosted by Ardenne Netball alumni for their former Coach, Mrs. Margaret Beckford. She was delighted at the recognition and especially to hear she had made a difference in so many lives!

Visit with the Principal

We were pleased to visit with Principal Esther Tyson in October while she was in the U.S. to welcome the birth of her first grandchild, *Thandi Jada Levons*. A group of us had dinner at the Jamaican restaurant, The Door, and later enjoyed a Dance Performance by Vissi Dance Theater at York College. Vissi's founder and Artistic Director is Ardenne alumnus Courtney Ffrench.

We sent Mrs. Tyson home to Jamaica with an additional contribution towards the NCB Winston Roberts Science Building, and are continuing our fundraising efforts to assist with completing the project. We recently asked alumni to make donations in honor of their favorite teacher. To date, we have received \$1,087 in donations from:

The Netball Group – in honor of Mrs. Beckford

Ezra Engling – in honor of Mr. Winston Roberts

Howard Leigh – in honor of Mrs. Hazel Simpson-Campbell

Annamarie Aiken – in honor of Mr. Seivright

Eugene Cole/Fay Evelyn/Carmen Chambers – in honor of Mrs. Mary Olson-Bailey

It is not too late to send your gift to the address below.

In Memoriam/Condolences

The NY Chapter was represented at the 10th Memorial Service (July 4) for alumnus Rev. Dr. Melvyn Hester at the Bronx-Westchester Community Church which he founded with his wife, Dr. Laura Pires-Hester. We made a donation to the church's Building Fund in his memory.

We also offer our deepest sympathies to all our Ardenne family members who suffered bereavement during the year. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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