



International Proxy Parents

President's Report



IPP Vice president Deborah Oyedele (top) and new member Vered Maoz, at a visit to Glenhope Nursery.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate achievements of goals and lay the groundwork for our continued progress. Our members deserve sincere appreciation and I commend them for all their hard work and commitment in making this year a success. I would also like to thank the Board for their encouragement throughout my year as President. Real leadership strength comes through cooperative efforts. IPP is fortunate to have such a knowledgeable management team. I know IPP can rely on their continued commitment and support in the future.

Over the years, IPP has ranked high among charity organizations in providing assistance to the less privileged and disadvantaged children of Jamaica.

Our special emphasis has been on education and community projects. In these areas, IPP has made great strides during this past year. Some of our accomplishments can be seen from the committee reports following.

I challenge our members and friends to join us in our quest to improve the educational, social and health conditions of our children on our beautiful island. I would like to take this opportunity to invite those of you who are not yet members to join us.

IPP is mindful of the fact that there is no freedom until one has economic freedom – and the key to economic freedom is education. Education is what enables a democracy to flourish and what enables a democratic nation to survive. I heartily encourage each and every student to continue to pursue their educational goals, and I sincerely wish each of them every success in the future.

We are deeply grateful to all

the individuals and businesses, embassies, high commissions and consulates that have supported us this year. To them we say a resounding "Thank You". This team effort is an essential element in our success as an organization, and we greatly appreciate it. We look forward to your continued support and contribution to our commitments in the coming year. Although we have accomplished a great deal and have much to be proud of, there is much more work to be done. We know we face tough challenges in our changing world; nevertheless, we will approach each challenge as an opportunity for growth. I trust you will be lead to be part of our team. Team work makes the dream work!

Meaningful change requires us to be visionary and courageous in order to adopt an educational philosophy for the future – 21st century and beyond, that will impact on all areas of society and lead to real lasting development and empowerment for all.

Joy McHugh,

President 2009 - 2010

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President Joy McHugh and Vice President Debra Oyedele receiving a donation from Mr. Abraham Montes of the Mexican Embassy



IPP members Odette Hanna and Ann Mbongue meeting Lady Allen at the Christmas Luncheon in December 2009

Community Projects

Greetings to all IPP members and friends! CPC has worked hard this year, and I would like to thank each and every one of the members of CPC. We tirelessly meet once a month and discuss our plan of action for the children in the various homes. In the beginning of the year we have shorter meetings and then carpool to visit one of the six homes that we have taken under our wings. The supervisors show us around and acquaint us with staff, children and shortcomings of the home.

Some of the members take it upon themselves to visit a home as often as once a week. For this we have to tip our hats off to Vered Saldinger, who has gotten to know the children at Glenhope Nursery very well. She tries to organize some structured play time for the youngsters. Recently she has been accompanied by Vered Maoz, a new valuable member.

The roof project is an on going one. Pauline Lindo has been collecting funds galvanized by Violet's husband, Mr. Adeb Mahfood, along with JNN's contribution received thanks to the help of Lady Allen, to the tune of over \$500,000. Mrs. Smith, the supervisor, informs us that Digicel will join with us to build this long needed roof.

Vered M. has been giving cooking classes at Homestead Place of Safety. The girls and staff were thrilled to prepare and taste new dishes from the ingredients Vered provided. At our annual visit to Homestead the girls [as well as members and staff] were treated to a recorder quartet concert; Yoko, Vered S., Rosina Moder and Symone Thomas played for us. It was a very special visit. Three of the girls sang for us and we decided to invite them to our general meeting in March. One girl recited a meaningful piece she wrote on the issues these girls face in



Dancing with Peju during the Christmas Treat

CPC decided to share our visit to Point Hill Basic School with all of IPP. A bus transported 20 members to visit the school where we all had our hearts lifted by the young ones there. We saw the children washing their hands using the water tank donated by IPP. The school principal, Ms. Henry, told us that playground equipment would be a valuable investment for the children, a possible future project for CPC.

Our visit to Best Care Lodge enabled us to hand over t-shirts and snacks for the home's Sports Day, donated by our membership. Ms. Loony told us of her many plans for improving the facility, one of which is establishing Friends of Best Care. Eileen Orr has volunteered to be the representative from IPP, and will report to us of the needs and concerns of Best Care.

We were pleased to see the boys from Unit One of Maxfield Park join us on Bazaar day.

We kept them busy making international posters and they were treated to lunch by the Chinese Embassy and to drinks and goodies by the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission. CPC supplies these adorable young fellows with their books every year. The happiness of the children is evident and when I met Ms. Mullings, one of the house mothers, I understood why.

Our SOS Hostel Boys had fun with Pauline, Vered S., Terrence and myself as we played games with fun and surprises over the Christmas holidays. It is my dream to support these older fellows in becoming useful individuals. They are always eager to assist, as we saw at the theatre evening with the setting up of food and drinks. Earlier this year, Eileen got paint and brushes and a few of the SOS young men painted Maxfield Park's Unit One under the guidance of their supervisor, Richard Beckford. They want to help so let us help them help others.

Our annual Christmas Treat at the beach was enjoyed by all. Santa was his jolly self in giving out gifts. Thanks to Garth Henriques! Peju had the teenagers moving in the conga line, Andrew kept all safe at sea, many ladies donated and served food and one of our newest members, Junko, played all day with the babies. A great time was had by all.

We brought 132 children from 7 homes to the theatre this year, a record number!

We all thoroughly enjoyed watching the production of the Pantomime, Pirate Jack. Thanks to all the members who helped with food, drinks and ice, both before the show and during the intermission.

All in all we had a successful year. We've done a lot but there is always more to do. We are blessed to be able to donate our time and energy to such worthwhile causes.

Thanks to the CPC members and to all IPP members for their caring and concern for the younger generation.

Lisa Gordon, Community Projects Committee Chairperson



Presents from Santa at the Christmas Treat



Opening Santa's presents with Lisa



Waiting for the show to begin. At the pantomime (above), and enjoying play and snacks during intermission (below)



Education Committee

First of all, a big thank you to the members who continue to serve as liaison officers for the schools: Sheerin Eyre, Jackie Clarke, Marigold Harding, Joy McHugh, Karen Smith, Belinda Sylvester, Sonia Tomlinson, Sheila West, and Peju Wilson.

The requests for help this year were even greater than previously, so unfortunately we were unable to support all the demands. We supported 73 students from 25 schools. This represents a significant increase on the previous year and is reflected in the expenditure of \$1,016,045.

Schools and number of students from each school:

Name of School	No. of Students
Alpha Academy (Convent of Mercy)	4
Ardenne High School	5
Calabar High School	1
Camperdown High School	1
Dunoon Technical High School	4
Dunrobin Primary School	1
Half-Way-Tree Primary	1
Happy Grovc High School	4
Holmwood High School	3
Holy Childhood High School	4
Jamaica College	3
Kingston College	1
Knox College	4
Merle Grove High School	4
Mico Practising Primary and Junior High School	3
Papine High School	2
Queens School	4
Rusea's High School	3
St. Andrew Technical	1
St. George's College	2
St. Hilda's Diocesan High School	4
St. Hugh's High School	3
Tivoli Gardens High School	4
Wolmer's Boys School	3
Wolmer's Girls School	4

Unfortunately, we were again unable to host our "Tea Party" this year, largely due to the fact that we were unable to find a suitable location. This has forced us into re-thinking the event and we are open to suggestions from all IPP members as to how we can make the occasion memorable and enjoyable for the children and also of benefit to the image of IPP in the society.

Most importantly, we would like to have the students understand that in as much as they have benefited from the generosity of others, they should also be thinking of giving back to their schools and communities.

I know I speak for all members of the Committee in expressing our thanks to all IPP members for your continued support and trust, in allowing us to get such a large slice of the 'pie' as we seek to help children achieve their potential through education.

Dr. Norma McFarlane-Anderson, Education Committee Chairperson



Recorder ensemble playing for the girls at Homestead Place of Safety.

Child's Month

May was Child's Month, and we decided that IPP could not let this opportunity pass without making it a special time for our children. Many members signed up to contribute in some way.

- A special visit to Maxfield Park's Unit One was made by Vanessa, Phyllis and Lisa. After games, drawings, stories and cake, Mbala, a musician and artist, brought an array of Instruments to conduct the boys in a musical interlude. All had a grand time.
- Vered Maoz went to Homestead Place of safety, and, assisted by Peju and Sheila, gave yet another one of her successful cooking classes. This time it was baking. It was a joyful event!
- Junko and Lisa went for a Saturday afternoon of Origami with the SOS boys—a great success and enjoyed by all!
- A Sunday outing to Hope Gardens with the Glenhope Nursery children had to be postponed due to the rains.

Lisa Gordon

IPP International Bazaar 2009

The International Bazaar is one of our important fund raisers, and an exciting and fascinating event, which provides the public with opportunities for special Christmas gifts from around the world.

The Bazaar of 2009 took place on Saturday, 14th November at the Hilton Poolside. As usual, it was a wonderful event, which many look forward to every year. It is always great to recognize our patrons from year to year. Eleven countries participated, and IPP appreciates the interest shown by these countries. Other booths included the IPP booth, Raffle, White Elephant, Tombola, and a well stocked "Children Corner" with art and crafts activities, which hosted, among others, the specially invited guests from Maxfield Park Unit One. The film Why Do Jamaicans Run So fast was shown. Music was again provided by Ozonie. We thank Doraine Samuels for accepting the "job" of MC for the day. The Jamaica Red Cross was present, doing first aid coverage and blood pressure testing. Once again we must say a big "Thank you" to the Hilton Kingston Hotel for allowing us to use the poolside venue at no cost. We look forward to Bazaar 2010 and all the camaraderie that comes along with this event.

Joy McHugh , Chair, Bazaar 2009

Future plans

In the Japanese booth of the 2010 Bazaar, we are going to sell new tableware such as cups, bowls, lacquer trays, etc. We also have a white elephant corner. Used items will be Japanese kimono, utensils, books, DVDs. Japanese kimonos are so popular, that most of them are being reserved by the time we open!

We donate the whole amount of our bazaar receipts to the less privileged children's institutions. If you have any items to donate to our White Elephant or to Used Items, it will be very much appreciated.

Yoko Yamaguchi

日本ブースでは 新品のカップ、ボウル、漆盆などの食器に加えて、新品同様の不要品そして着物、本、DVDなどの中古品も数多く出品します。特に人気のある着物は10時の開店を待たずに予約済みになります。
このバザーの売り上げの全ては、ジャマイカの恵まれない子供達のための援助に寄付されます。ご家庭にある不要品などご寄付いただける場合は、IPPのメンバーまでご一報くだされば幸いです。

Participating Countries

Argentina, Chile, China, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, Russia, South Africa, The European Union, Trinidad & Tobago





Pre-Valentine's Games Morning

The Pre-Valentine's Games Morning was held on February 12. This year we decided to donate all proceeds to a children's home in Haiti. Members and guests paid J\$1000 each, and enjoyed a fun and relaxed morning of various games such as Bridge, Scrabble, Kalooki, and Bingo. 74 people attended, and a sum of J\$96,000 was collected.

Members of the board collaborated with the Haitian High Commission in order to locate a particular children's home in Haiti and make sure the money goes directly to it.

Vered Saldinger





Financial Report

Bank Balance 1st July 2009: J\$850,894

Income

Roofing (Glenhope Nursery)	J\$562,000
Theatre Evening	J\$75,800
Membership	J\$94,000
Kings House Luncheon	J\$94,000
Games Morning	J\$95,000

J\$1,573,672

Expenditure

Auxiliary & Exam Fees	J\$1,033,009
CPC—Assistance to homes	J\$532,142
Administration	J\$135,898
Miscellaneous (Bank charges etc)	J\$ 1,762
Audit fees (30th June 2008)	J\$20,000
Returned Cheque	J\$5,250

J\$1,728,061

Bank Balance 30th April 2010 J\$696,505

N.C.B Capital Market (Asset portfolio)	J\$1,579,583.16
Pan-Caribbean (Repurchase Agreement)	J\$1,476,514.83
US Account	US\$650.00
Savings Account	J\$114,317.00
Lodgement and Cash May 2010	J\$35,000
Cake for May meeting	J\$4,000.00

Sheila West, Treasurer

IPP Sustainability and Growth - Finances 2010

We are trying to open an Endowment Fund for the organization chaired by Sonia Tomlinson, our Past President. We'll know we have succeeded when - We have sound financial management that not only continues to maximize resources, but focuses on revenue generation.

Joy McHugh

Hospitality Report

IPP 2009-2010 Events

Monthly:

- 1st Wednesday of the month: General Meeting
(except September and January – 2nd Wednesday)
- 2nd Wednesday – Community Projects Committee Meeting
- 3rd Wednesday – Education Committee Meeting
- 4th Wednesday – Board of Directors Meeting

Special Events:

- 14th November 2009 – International Bazaar, Hilton Poolside
- 16th December 2009 – Beach Treat, Ft. Clarence
- 12th February 2010 – Pre-Valentine's Games Morning
- 10th March 2010 – Press Launch, Constant Spring Golf Club
- 12th March 2010 – Theatre Evening – “Pirate Jack”
- 14th April 2010 – CPC Outing, Point Hill Basic School
- 2nd June 2010 – Annual General Meeting
- 13th November 2010 – Bazaar, Hilton Poolside
- 15th December 2010 – Children's Beach Treat, Ft. Clarence

Let me take this opportunity to thank June Hughes, our Hospitality Chairperson, for her services for IPP for the past three years.

I hope it was a gratifying experience for her and that she will serve in another area next year. Special “Thanks” to all those members who hosted meetings and events at their homes over this past year.

We look forward to another enjoyable and productive year 2010-2011.

Joy McHugh, President



IPP members at the Christmas Luncheon at King's House, December 2009



IPP President Joy McHugh at the Press Launch, Constant Spring Golf Club, March 10, 2010



IPP members at the Press Launch

Public Relations Report

This committee has dedicated itself to promoting IPP as a household name in Jamaica and possibly the rest of the world. IPP has been serving Jamaica's children for the past 28 years, and we want it known that we're here to stay and continue our focus on the wellbeing of our children. To this end we hosted a Press Launch at Constant Spring Golf Club attended by 5 media representatives and over 30 IPP members. On this occasion our president took us through the calendar of events for the year. We plan to increase awareness to the general public. We also want to encourage past recipients of IPP to "give back".

We take this opportunity to thank former PR chairperson, Beverly Coleman for all her hard work allocating the media coverage for the Bazaar last November.

I want to also thank Joy McHugh, Veronica Lovindeer, Elaine Ayre, and Donna McIntosh-Gayle, the members of this PR Committee, for their time and dedication. I look forward to working with them in the future, and I can assure you that we will continue to promote the work of IPP.

**Shirley Hanna - Chairperson,
Public Relations Committee**

A Cooking Class at

After a sleepless night full of doubts, I came to Homestead Place of Safety for girls in Stony Hill, to give a Middle Eastern cooking class – quite different from Jamaican cooking...

The apprehension was evident on the cooks' faces. Were they worried I was coming to replace them? I felt apprehensive too, but I love cooking and love people and am happy to give where I can.

Ten girls were picked to take my class. They were a bit suspicious at first, but seemed eager to learn new things. Joking comments could be heard, such as "Lord Jesus!" in response to the unfamiliar food. They were adorable!

Over all they were nice, attentive and very pleasant. I noticed that they occasionally came close to me, wanting a stroke on the head, expecting me to ask them about their life.

We started with lentil soup I showed them pictures and instructed them in preparing the soup. Then we moved on to oven baked chicken, supplemented by "mejadara" – an oriental version of Rice and Peas – something less alien...

When we finished I brought out my little surprise – chocolate chips cake. Even the cooks asked for the recipe!

It was an enchanting day, a heartwarming one. I felt connected to the girls and wanting to come back again. I left feeling moved, full of light and joy, tears of satisfaction in my eyes. My maternal feelings burst out and made me want to adopt all of them...

My plan is to continue on a monthly basis .

A good word, a touch, a hug, can change our whole world!

Vered Maoz

And now in Hebrew...

לאחר לילה של נדודי שינה הגעתי למוסד לנערות "הומסטד", כדי להעביר שיעור בבישול מזרחי - קצת שונה מהאוכל הג'מייקני.

הבנות שנבחרו הגיעו גם הן עם חששות אבל נראה שיש להן הרבה מרץ ללמוד דברים חדשים. מידי פעם נזרקו שם כמה בדיחות כמו "ישו ישמור עלינו" מפני האוכל החדש.... חמודות אמיתיות...

בסה"כ הן היו נחמדות, קשובות ונעימות מאוד. נראה היה שהן רוצות שאלטף את ראשן ואשאל אותן שאלות על חייהן.

התחלנו בבישול מרק עדשים. ולאחר מכן הכנו עוף עם פירורי לחם בתנור, בתוספת תבשיל אורז עם עדשים - "מג'דרה". מאוד מזכיר את האורז עם השעועיית הג'מייקנית.

לסיום הכנתי הפתעה קטנה: עוגת שוקולד צ'יפס עם אגוזים. אפילו הטבחיות ביקשו את המתכון!

זה היה יום מקסים, מקרב לבבות, חיבור נפלא עם הבנות ורצון להמשיך. יצאתי משם נרגשת מאוד, מלאה אור ושמחה, דמעות של הצלחה וסיפוק. הרגש האימהי שבי פרץ והחדיר בי רצון לאמץ בנות ועוד בנות... מילה טובה, ליטוף, חיבוק וחיוך משנים את כל העולם שלנו.

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A Visit to Point Hill Basic School

We started early on April 14 for our visit to Point Hill.

First we visited the Basic School and were greeted by Ms Henry, the Principal. The children looked well groomed in their green uniforms. We were taken on a tour in the back yard and shown around the classroom. We met some of the children and talked to them, and were very pleased to see how bright and happy they were.

Ms. Henry then invited us into the classroom and updated us on what has been done in order to improve the lives of the children. She mentioned that she was looking for more funding in order to build a playground for the children. She also told us that all the teachers attended monthly workshops in order to improve their teaching skills.

The children sang songs and recited poetry for us. We were quite impressed by the ability of even the youngest of them to sing and recite poetry with such ease. Their performance was outstanding. IPP president, Joy McHugh, then presented the children with school supplies and snacks.

We were then shown the computer room and were pleased to hear that a brand new television was recently donated to the school, and will be used for educational purposes.

We then visited the Diagnostic Centre. Ms. Jackson, the Director, explained that they start testing the children once they are in primary school, in order to diagnose students who have problems keeping up with grade level. These students are sent to the centre for an hour every day for special instruction. We toured the facility, saw learning in action, and witnessed the various tools used to work with the children.

Mission accomplished and time for some beautiful sight-seeing. We visited a beautiful orchid farm owned by Mr. Winters, who took us on a tour of the farm and answered all our questions. It was a perfect day to walk around and enjoy the beautiful scenery.

Time for lunch – what a day!! We were invited to Mrs. Jane Taylor to have our lunch. We relaxed and shared with one another. We were offered some delicious guava ice cream, pastries and coffee. What a way to end our day! It was well worth the effort.

Back in Kingston, we were exhausted but exhilarated. Our Point Hill visit was a great success.

Pat Riquier, new member



Students of Point Hill Basic School using the water tank donated by IPP



IPP member Belinda Sylvester with a student at Point Hill Diagnostic Center

The Knots

Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart and my life.

Remove the have nots, the can nots and the do nots that I have in my mind. Erase the will nots, may nots, might nots that may find a home in my heart. Release me from the could nots, would nots, and should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all, from my mind, my heart, and my life