



# International Proxy Parents

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## ***PRESIDENT'S REPORT***

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President Joy sharing her birthday  
with the Glenhope children

There may not be a better "job" anywhere than to be the President of a children's charity organization. Serving as the IPP President illustrates this perfectly. In this position, you can help to make dreams come true. You can help to make a difference in someone's life. You can make the difference between success and failure. Now I need to tell you, that you don't do this by yourself. You do it with the help and dedication of a board of directors whose entire focus is to make the lives of children better. You do it with volunteers who give of their time and treasures willingly to make other people's lives as good as theirs and you do it with the support of local business partners. That's why IPP would like to say thank you. Thank you to all who have supported IPP so that we can help those in need. Your support is truly appreciated and will never be taken for granted. To the Board of Directors and members of IPP, Thank you for your guidance and support. This second year of my tenure as President is coming to a close. It has been an interesting two years period, and it has given me a greater appreciation of the membership and the work done for the children of Jamaica. Both commit-

tees — CPC & Education — do a tremendous job, and I am sure the community realizes this. A big THANK YOU is well deserved. The other aspect that continues to amaze me is the financial support we receive through donations and

the fundraising activities we sponsor.

Our major fundraiser, namely the IPP Bazaar 2010 was successful because of many positive partnerships, teamwork, cooperation, plus a lot of hard work and dedication. This event was well received by the Jamaican public and was a success financially.

As we must raise a substantial amount to balance our base budget, let alone any other needs that come our way, we thank the Embassies, High Commissions and all our corporate sponsors for your ongoing support. A sincere thank you for your financial support this year. We encourage you to continue to provide your much-needed support in order for us to continue to pro-

vide our many services to children of Jamaica, now and in the future... and the need continues to grow.

My sincere "Thank you" to our Board of Directors, our Committee chairs, and our Members, for your devotion and dedication to our children. You give so generously and willingly of your time, energy and expertise in your role of being a caring volunteer. In conclusion, I look forward to working with the Board of 2011-2012 as Immediate Past President.

Sincerely,

**Joy McHugh,  
President**



Veronica Lovindeer welcoming members of the  
new Board at the 2010 AGM



Mrs. Mary Clarke, the Children's Advocate,  
addressing IPP members at a general meeting

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT



Vered Saldinger with the Glenhope Nursery  
Children at the monthly birthday party



Enjoying colorful face painting (above)  
Santa Claus at the Christmas Treat (below)



Big thanks to all IPP members for all their encouragement and support for my first year as Chairperson of CPC. I was overwhelmed by the amount of participation by the CPC committee members. Special thanks for helping me personally and contributing time, effort and capital to the new ventures we started.

Along with our regular events, our homes benefited from additional ventures catered to our youngsters.

This year the Christmas Treat was held at Hope Gardens and the Zoo. Many activities were provided for that special day: glitter tattoos, face painting by our funny clown, bounce-about, animal visits to the zoo, races and Santa's appearance with gifts for all. [Thanks to Carl Davis, and hoping you'll do it again next year!]. Members donated food and drinks, and Karen cooled us down with snow cones. Lots of thanks go out to us all who made the day a success, a day the children are still talking about. Big hugs to members and members' children who actively participated.

Just a short time after, we were all 'a-buzz' with FAME. Our annual Theatre Evening brought over 100 children to an evening of the arts. The young ones were feted at The Phillip Sherlock Theatre to watch the Jamaica Junior Theatre perform. CPC committee provided snacks and drinks, which always add to the children's delight. Thanks to all the members who attended and sold tickets. The theatre was sold out.

CPC's yearly activities included new ventures this year. Spearheaded by Vered Saldinger, the Monthly birthday party at Glenhope Nursery is now on our agenda. IPP members who have their birthday in the same month contribute to this party in cash or kind with a cake and drinks, and try to attend it. It is held on the last Saturday of each month and it has been decided to continue this over the summer. Please join us if you can.

Vered S also continues her weekly visits to Glen Hope Nursery. She works with the children every Tuesday, often bringing her own toys. She is now joined by new members, Tanya Buxani and Edina Castro, and some of their friends, who love the interaction with the youngsters.

On CPC's yearly visit to Glenhope Place of Safety, our talented musicians - Yoko, Vered S. and Rosina - treated the young ladies to a concert. Princess Tia, a young artiste, then sang to the girls and spoke to them, giving them hope and inspiration.

The teenage girls at Homestead Place of Safety were treated to a talk on make-up and grooming by Maureen Biggs Royale, a professional make-up artist, brought there by IPP President, Joy McHugh.

I have been giving cooking classes, which give the girls a taste of something different. Ms. Belnevis, the supervisor, is always grateful to IPP for bringing life and love to 'her' girls.

Our attention to Best Care Lodge is still needed and appreciated. This year we were asked by Ms. Loony to assist her in implementing two new programs for the children: swimming classes and horse back riding. CPC approved these lessons and sponsored them. We commend those members who have contributed from their own pocket. The youngsters lives are greatly enhanced by these activities, and we hope to continue to aid their improvement.

The boys of Maxfield Park Unit 1 came to join us at the Bazaar and enjoyed our Children's Corner. Unit 1 houses 13 boys, who are always away at school so it is hard for us to visit them. Phyllis, Junko and Lisa visited there over the Easter holiday and Junko, who is an expert in teaching Origami, and can gear her lessons to any age and ability, taught them how to make hats. The boys delighted in the visit and in the treats brought by Phyllis.

We try to visit all the homes as a group once a year. this year we went to Mandeville to visit two homes there: St. John Bosco Home and School, and the Salvation Army's Hanbury Home.



Major Simeon and his wife welcomed us and showed us around the spacious premises. We learned that the children who are sent there don't want to leave. They receive love, care and attention, which all children deserve. We donated \$10,000 to their Fun Day, a fundraiser organized for Easter Monday. Indeed it was an enjoyable visit and we too did not want to leave...

The second home was St. John Bosco, where we were guided by Sister Miriam. She keeps the 180 boys in line with her dynamic spirit. They all attend school on the premises in one of the many classrooms geared to their ability. A well-equipped computer room with a teacher is offered to those

who earn the privilege. It is a system based on merit so rewards come along with hard work. Many students move on to the work field in pig raising, vegetable gardening, butchering, and catering. There is a place there for formal functions with a dining room. As Sister Miriam explained, the home insists on being able to sustain itself and build a work force. It truly implements ways this vision can be accomplished. We all left there feeling that more homes need to share this vision.

During the year CPC meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month.

I was happy to host many of the meetings at my home and invite all members to come.

Finally, I must say that I am happy to serve this organization, because it warms my heart to see a child smile. I am glad I had the opportunity to share, care, love and do my best while working with you all.

**Vered Maoz,**  
CPC Chairperson



Glenhope Place of Safety girls performing a dance during IPP's visit to the home.



Princess Tia (A Digicel Rising Star) singing with the Glenhope girls during IPP's visit to the home.

## ***HOSPITALITY REPORT***

### Monthly Events:

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month: General Meeting**

(except September and January – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – Community Projects Committee Meeting**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday – Education Committee Meeting**

**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Board of Directors Meeting**

### Special Events:

**13 November 2010 - International Bazaar,**  
Wyndham Hotel Poolside

**18 November 2010 - A Fundraising Concert at the School of Music**

**15 December 2010 – Christmas Treat at Hope Gardens**

**28 January 2011 – Theatre Evening – “Fame”**

**8 April 2011 – Members Outing – Appleton Estate**

Let me take this opportunity to thank Jeanette Hutchinson, our Hospitality Chairperson, for her services to IPP for the past year. I hope it was a gratifying experience for her and that she will continue to serve next year.

Special “Thanks” to all members who hosted meetings and events at their homes over this past year.

**Joy McHugh,**  
President



Recorder ensemble at the AGM 2010



Celebrating a birthday at a general meeting

## ***A FUNDRAISING CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT***

A group of musicians from all over the world, organized by Yoko Yamaguchi and Rosina Moder, came together on November 18<sup>th</sup> 2010 at The Edna Manley School of Music, to stage a special fundraising concert for the children in the homes and for music students in need. We started with a piece for violin, recorders and piano, played by His Excellency Hiroshi Yamaguchi, Ambassador of Japan, his

wife Yoko Yamaguchi, Rosina Moder, and Tomoko Tanaka, a concert pianist from Japan, who followed with a piano piece by Chopin. Next was an Israeli piece for flute and piano played by Vered Saldinger from Israel and Tomoko Tanaka. The finale and the climax of the evening was the uplifting Carnival of the Animals by Camille Saint Saens, played by the Edna Manley College Orchestra, under the

conduction of Peter Ashbourne, with the spirited narration of Brian Heap.

Refreshments after the concert were donated by the Embassy of Japan and by Chippies - Banana Chips.

It was an inspirational and memorable evening.

**Vered Saldinger**



The Pimento Players and EMC Chamber Orchestra at the IPP Chamber Music Concert

# ***THE INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR***

***Participating  
Countries:***

***Argentina,***

***Chile,***

***China,***

***Ecuador,***

***Jamaica,***

***Japan,***

***Nigeria,***

***Russia,***

***Trinidad &  
Tobago***



Jamaica Booth



Argentina Booth



Japan Booth



Nigeria Booth



Ecuador Booth



Trinidad & Tobago Booth



Dance of the Nigerian ladies



Chilean Ambassador, H.E. Alfredo Garcia,  
at the Chile Booth



## NOVEMBER 2010

The IPP International Bazaar takes place every November, at the Wyndham Hotel (formerly Hilton) poolside.

This is a lively event, featuring booths presented by various diplomatic missions in Kingston, who display and sell arts, crafts, food and other items, unique to their countries of origin. This is a wonderful opportunity for Christmas gifts ideas, and to get familiar with different cultures and what they have to offer.

The countries who participated in the Bazaar this year were: Argentina, Chile, China, Ecuador,

Jamaica, Japan, Nigeria, Russia, and Trinidad & Tobago. The Israeli Community donated money to support the Bazaar. Other booths included: Raffle, Tombola, White Elephant, and the IPP booth.

Other exciting activities entertained the Bazaar visitors, among them a fashion show by Robyno, Capoeira and Tai Chi demonstrations, African dancing, Japanese haircuts, and fun with crafts and music at the Children's corner.



Bazaar booths at the Wyndham poolside

This is one of the most important IPP fund-raising events every year.

Vered Saldinger  
for Shirley Hanna,  
Bazaar Chairperson

### Other Booths:

*Raffle,  
Tombola,  
White  
Elephant,  
Wyndham  
Booth*

### Activities:

*Fashion  
Show,  
Capoeira,  
Tai-Chi,  
Japanese  
Haircuts,  
Children's  
Corner*



IPP Raffle Booth



Japanese haircuts



IPP President posing for the  
Robyno Fashion Show



Music at the children's Corner

## ***EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT***

The Education Committee is mandated to help children who are doing well at school but whose parents/guardians are unable to provide the required financial support for. The funding that we provide may be used to cover various fees, including examination fees, transportation, and sometimes even lunch. We are therefore pleased and happy to say that we were able to meet the needs of 63 students from the 18 schools listed below for



Students enjoying themselves at the Students' Social

the year 2010/2011. Total expenditure was \$1,088,856.

None of this would have been possible without the help and hard work of the members who continue to serve as liaison officers for the schools. They

are: *Sheerin Eyre, Marigold Harding, Joy McHugh, Eunice Morrison, Karen E. Smith, Belinda Sylvester, Sonia Tomlinson, Sheila West, and Peju Wilson*. A special 'thank you' is due to Belinda, who did a lot of the 'heavy work', especially for the Students' Social, which we were able to host this year. The Students' Social allowed us to meet and interact with the majority of the students we sponsor: forty nine (49) of sixty three (63) representing fifteen (15) of eighteen (18) schools. Several teachers and Guidance Counselors accompanied the children.

The Nigerian High Commissioner, His Excellency Peter Oyedele, generously hosted the event at the Nigerian High Commission. The event was a memorable and enjoyable one for the children, as His Excellency spoke to them

about Africa in general and Nigeria in particular. Sherifa Munroe, a past IPP-sponsored student, told the students how important IPP has been in her life, while Simone Thomas, a visually impaired singer, shared with them her story about persevering in the face of adversity. Music was provided by Simone, Rosina Moder and Norman McCallum. Refreshments were contributed generously by members of the Education Committee and other IPP members. The children entertained us in song as well as in poetry.

We hope that 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.

On behalf of all members of the Committee, I would like to express our thanks to all IPP members for their 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



Sonia Tomlinson, IPP Past President and Education Committee member, with the students at the Students' Social

<i><b>School</b></i>	<i><b>Students</b></i>
Alpha Academy (Convent of Mercy)	5
Ardenne High School	5
Calabar High School	1
Dunoon Technical High School	4
Holmwood High School	4
Holy Childhood High School	4
Jamaica College	4
Kingston College	1
Knox College	4
Merle Grove High School	4
Mico Practising Primary and Junior High School	2
Papine High School	2
Rusea's High School	4
St. Hilda's Diocesan High School	4
St. Hugh's High School	4
Tivoli Gardens High School	4
Wolmer's Boys School	3
Wolmer's Girls School	4



## ***PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT***

We had a busy year at the Public Relations Committee. Publicity activities included:

1) Video Coverage and photography of IPP members and interviews with President Joy McHugh at the General Meeting on November 3, 2010 at the Wyndham Hotel.

2) Press event at the Wyndham poolside and booth holders briefing on November 10, 2010.

3) Power 106 and Music 99 dedicated 39 advertisement spots for the promotion of the



A donation by Japan Women Association, presented by Yoko Yamaguchi and Junko Mitsuya

Bazaar, and an advertisement was placed in The Gleaner.

4) Media interviews on Power 106, Music 99, Nationwide News Network and RJR, promoting the Bazaar.

5) 500 Bazaar Flyers were given to the host hotel and to members for distribution in their communities.

6) RJR and JIS TV covered the December General meeting at Kings House.

7) The Betty Wright concert organizers donated \$5,000 to IPP.

8) RJR and Power 106 advertised the Theatre Evening.

9) Two charity groups in Florida—It Takes A village and TATI— are interested in collaborating with IPP for donations.

10) A planning Committee was formed, comprising myself, Jeanette Hutchinson, and Annette Goffe, in the aim of getting corporations and media houses to make a pledge to support IPP, and to give it

publicity.

In May - Child Month—Joy McHugh had a three hour Palav interview on RJR 94FM. The public called to congratulate us on our good work.

I would like to thank the PR committee—Joy McHugh, Veronica Lovindeer, Elaine Ayre, Jeanette Hutchinson, Annette Goffe, and public relations consultants Jackie Knight-Campbell and Amitab Sharma, for their time and dedication. I look forward to working with you in the future, and can assure you that we will continue to promote the work of IPP.

**Shirley Hanna,**  
Public Relations  
Committee Chairperson



Shirley Hanna and Jackie Knight-Campbell Speaking at the Wyndham Hotel.



Rosina Moder and EMC recorder students, with Lady Allen and Joy McHugh at Kings House

## ***TREASURER'S REPORT***



Bank Balance July 1st 2010

**513,870.00**

Date	Details	Cash Amount \$J	Total
<b>Income (Receipts)</b>			
	Bazaar 2010 (Net)	644,476.00	
	Pan Caribbean (Withdrawal)	500,000.00	
	Membership Dues	96,200.00	
	Fame Musical (Net)	129,118.00	
	Donations	40,250.00	
			<b>1,410,044.00</b>
			<b>1,923,914.00</b>
<b>Expenditure (Payments)</b>			
	Auxiliary Fees	948,606.00	
	C.P.C. - Assistance to Homes & Schools	290,556.00	
	St. Andrew Settlement	100,000.00	
	Administrative	65,303.00	
	Education - Student Social	33,572.00	
			<b>1,438,037.00</b>
	Bank Balance April 26th 2011		<b>485,877.00</b>

Sheila West, Treasurer



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At the Theatre Evening

## ***A TRIP TO APPLETON ESTATE***



Members enjoying the Estate

Early on April 8, we gathered in the parking lot of Constant Spring Golf Club. President Joy and Pauline Lindo counted us in the bus and watched for the arrival of those who were late but did not want to be left behind.

What happiness on all our faces! Well my dears, we pulled out in the "Appleton Estate" tour bus, getting to know our driver. In no time we got to the headquarters of J Wray and Nephew on Spanish Town Rd. for our supply pick up. Our tour guide and friend Mrs. Judith Douglas was ready with sandwiches, drinks and snacks, to make this tour a memorable one. As soon as we were ready, we pulled off, enjoying a good compilation of music, what is termed in Jamaica as "Oldies but Goodies". We were eating breakfast and drinking rum with our favorite cocktail. The journey took no time at all, and you can guess why; when the company is good and all logistics are in order, you feel no pain. We arrived at the foothills of Cockpit Country in St. Elizabeth.

Wow! The grounds at Appleton Estate were immaculate, and this was showcased as the proud Peacocks welcomed us all by spreading out their wings, tails and feathers.

Experience".

The Rum Course is about to start, and we move briskly into the classroom. With seven different kinds of rum in front of us in glasses, the lecture was very informative and thorough.

So we expect no failures, and you know we all passed our Diploma in "Rumology", to become Rum Ambassadors! Thanks to Mrs. Douglas.

Then our trip continued with the tour of the large factory. We were taught and educated about the distillation of rum, from growing sugarcane to the end product - Rum. It was very interesting and impressive to hear that the company is constantly making efforts to be self sufficient and environmentally friendly, by producing wind energy and water from their property to run their factory.

We were invited to a rich Jamaican Breakfast, accompanied by a very good Blue Mountain Coffee. The Rum Bar in the dining room was open, with very generous servings and mixtures. They made sure we had a great "Rum

We had a little break and lunch was served. Ah, very sumptuous, delicious Jamaican fare, and we mingled with staff and other guests.

Before leaving, we bought some rum products and sampled some more, until we were ushered into the bus. We arrived back in Kingston at the appointed time.

Thanks to President Joy for the planning and thanks to you, ladies, for being such great sports!

Peju Wilson

"Appleton Rum Ambassador " I



The Appleton house peacock welcoming us



The Rum Course, guided by Mrs. Judith Douglas