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MASTER OF CEREMONIES | Vaughn Albury (GHS Class of 1976)

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**OPENING PRAYER | Rev. Heuter B. Rolle, M.Div
Pastor, Salem Union Baptist Church (Class of 1977)**

THE SCHOOL'S PRAYER | PG. 58

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**WELCOME | Ruth Tinker
Phoenix Awards Committee Chairperson (Class of 1976)**

**MUSICAL SELECTION | Magic Ivy band led by Yonell Justilien,
GHS School Band Leader**

**MINISTER REMARKS | Hon. Glenys Hanna-Martin
Minister of Education**

**Presentation of Government High School Alumni Association
Posthumous Phoenix Awards
Hon. Glenys Hanna-Martin Minister of Education**

**MUSICAL SELECTION | Magic Ivy band led by Yonell Justilien,
GHS School Band Leader**

**Presentation of Government High School Alumni Association
Lifetime Achievement Awards
Susan Demeritte, Doreth Campbell and Pavia Rolle**

**MUSICAL SELECTION | Magic Ivy band led by Yonell Justilien,
GHS School Band Leader**

THANK YOU | Doreth Campbell (GHS Class of 1978)

**BENEDICTION | Pastor Edmund E. Dorsett, JP. MM
East St. Gospel Chapel (Class of 1968)**



MESSAGE FROM

The Minister



Hon.
Glenys Hanna Martin,
M.P.
**Minister of Education and
Technical and Vocational Training**

I am proud to congratulate the extraordinary recipients of the 2nd Annual Government High School Alumni Association Phoenix Awards!

Each nominee, including those receiving this award posthumously, has made significant contributions to the fabric of the Bahamian society in many areas including civic life, public service, community service, religion, sports, and the performing and visual arts.

What these nominees have in common other than their stellar contribution to our national life is that they all matriculated from the prestigious Government High School from 1950- 1959.

Civil rights activist, Marian Wright Edelman said it best when she said: "Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it." As we approach the Government High School's centennial anniversary, let us reflect on the importance of this institution to the unfolding Bahamian story and always remember the mandate of providing access to quality education for all Bahamians.

The former students of the Government High School and today's Phoenix Awards nominees have used their knowledge and skills and indeed given their lives to build a better Bahamas.

In addition to the Phoenix Awards, the Government High School Alumni Association will also reward Bahamians from a cross-section of Bahamian society with the Phoenix Lifetime Achievement Awards. The recipients of this distinguished award have contributed in seminal ways in business, government, health care, education, religion, civic organizations, and the performing and visual arts.

I say to the Government High School Alumni - continue to elevate and extol the standards and values which made Government High the iconic institution that it has become.

Once again, I extend heartfelt congratulations to the recipients of the 2nd Annual Government High School Alumni Association Phoenix Awards and their families!

MESSAGE FROM

The President



Paul Fernander

GHS Class of 1976



The Government High School has forged a reputation for educating most of the framers of the 21st century Bahamas. Tonight, on the UB Performing Arts Center stage (formerly the GHS Auditorium), we, the Government High School Alumni Association, will recognize and celebrate 24 outstanding individuals for their contribution to The Commonwealth of The Bahamas. We will present posthumous awards to families of former GHS students as well as lifetime achievement awards to former GHS students; and a very special award to a dedicated teacher who has and continues to touch the lives of former GHS students. These men and women have proven through hard work, dedication and commitment to nation building that they are indeed worthy to be Phoenix Award honorees. They have distinguished themselves in various aspects of Civic Life, Public Service, Community Service, Religion, Sports, and Performing and Visual Arts.

Tonight, we honor the first female Head Master of GHS, a former Governor General, leaders of HM Official Opposition, Sirs, Dames, a religious leader, poets, a playwright, song writer and singer, nationally acclaimed leaders in their profession, as well as outstanding entrepreneurs. All of our awardees have impacted the lives of thousands of Bahamians and have made The Bahamas better for it. While we all look at the stage, I cannot help but reflect on a younger Paul Fernander in 1973 listening to the keynote speaker Dr. Cleveland Eneas Sr. (inaugural Phoenix Award winner) speak on how an incident in his GHS classroom changed the trajectory of his life. During his early years at GHS, Dr. Eneas was not taking his studies seriously until one day his teacher, a strict Englishman from Great Britain, in the middle of his class shouted at him, "EneAS you silly Ass, your brain is like a strand of hair; nothing can go in, and nothing comes out". Of course, his classmates roared with laughter and he was the brunt of jokes for weeks. This one incident stopped his idle playfulness, and he later became one of the leading dentists in the country.

As President of the Government High School Alumni Association, it is my pleasure to be involved in this prestigious night of honor. We the executives stand on the shoulders of persons like Sir Gerald Cash, the first president of the Old Scholars Association of GHS. The Old Scholars Association of Government High School was established in 1942 and, as I read the note on the history of and purpose, it has without a doubt changed my trajectory. Yes, the Alumni would still like to assist TGHS in getting school equipment and office materials; yes, we would still like to see the former students form a cohesive unit; and yes, we would still like to see former students recognized and celebrated. This would all be great, but as our former headmistress Mrs. Anatol Rodgers was quoted in the 50th Anniversary of the GHS School Yearbook as saying, "It is a pity that the TGHS Old Scholars did not remain an active body, for they, perhaps, might have played a vital part in the retaining of The Government High School as a selective grammar school, to meet the needs of the students of the kind from whom have come so many of the outstanding persons in The Bahamas". Now 50 years later, despite the change GHS continues to educate nation builders with the Vice President of the University of The Bahamas Dr. Ian Strachan being a prime example.

Tonight, we will be addressed by the dynamic Minister of Education, the Hon. Mrs. Glenys Hanna Martin, and entertained by the exciting, fantastic, soulful singing of the GHS pop band Blue Ivy. To all our special guests and you who have honored us with your presence, please sit back and enjoy. To our awardees and their families, on behalf of the executives of the Government High School Alumni Association and the Phoenix Awards Committee, I say Congratulations to all for a true and fitting award.

Tonight's auspicious occasion could not happen without the hard work and dedication of the 2nd Annual GHS Alumni Phoenix Awards Committee. I also recognize the inaugural Phoenix Awards committee for laying the groundwork that assisted greatly with the successful organization of this year's event. At this time, I would like to thank you, our special guests, for your support and we look forward to your continued participation in our Alumni association's events.



MESSAGE FROM

The Chairperson



Ruth Tinker

Chairperson

I am particularly honoured and humbled to have served as Chairperson of this second Phoenix Awards sub-committee of The Government High School Alumni.

I extend sincere congratulations to the recipients of these awards for their contributions to the foundation of our country and the stability which we continue to enjoy today. While the task to identify and select this group of distinguished persons was not difficult, there is no doubt that their individual biographies are a testament to their achievements and commitment to being trailblazers.

Recognition is due to the hardworking committee members who selflessly went beyond their regular assignments to ensure that this event came to fruition. Thanks for your support!

As we approach the centennial of our beloved Government High School in 2025 we look forward to the celebrations and the opportunities to highlight the role of this institution in the community.

You are invited to join us!

MESSAGE FROM

The Principal



Pavia Rolle

TGHS Principal



Felicitations esteemed honorees! On behalf of your alma mater, The Government High School, I extend heartfelt congratulations to you on the bestowal of The Government High School Alumni Phoenix Awards and The Government High School Alumni Phoenix Awards Lifetime Achievement Award. Most assuredly, greatness exists within all graduates of this great institution; however, we celebrate the quintessential legacy of success that has been exemplified in you. Team GHS is proud of your accomplishments and your munificent contributions to society.

At The Government High School, the ultimate goal is to improve the educational experiences and achievement of students in order to continue to produce the caliber of citizens as the honorees. This goal can be met using a triad approach, which encompasses The Ministry of Education & Technical & Vocational Training staff, parents and stakeholders, working in alignment, in the best interest of the 21st century student. Sincere gratitude to the GHS Alumni Association and various alumni classes for believing in our vision and also for your tangible donations and support.

Furthermore, we are imploring all stakeholders, such as yourselves, to aid the staff and parents in the continual process of building and maintaining the conditions necessary for the success of all students. Help us with nation building too by supporting GHS Food Drive, The BJC Initiative and/or Computer Lab Project.

Again, congratulations to the honorees!



GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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(GHS Class of 1976)
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(GHS Class of 1976 Former Head Boy)
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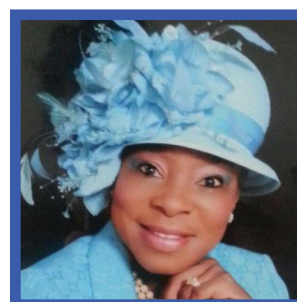
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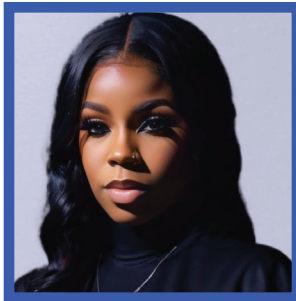
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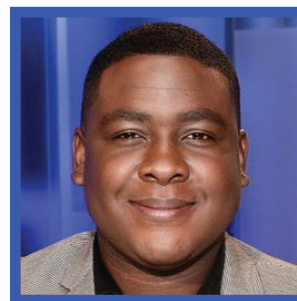
Doreth Campbell
(GHS Class of 1978)
Chaplain



Xavier Knowles
(GHS Class of 2014 Former Head Boy)
Public Relations Officer



Dachea Johnson
(GHS Class of 2008)
Digital Marketing Specialist



Devonte Hanna
(GHS Class of 2015 Former Deputy Head Boy)
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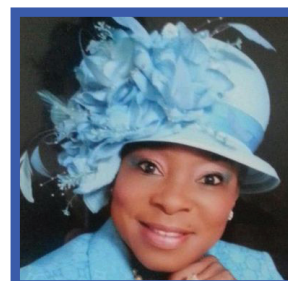
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Bernadette Rolle
(GHS Class of 1976)



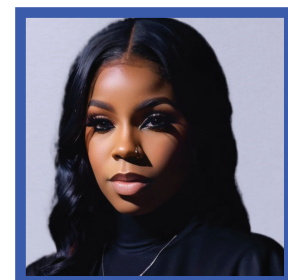
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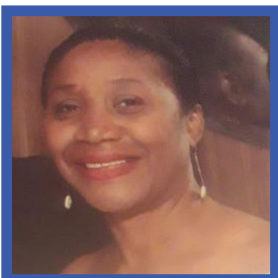
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(GHS Class of 1976)



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(GHS Class of 1974)



Dachea Johnson
(GHS Class of 2008)



Susan Demeritte
(GHS Class of 1977)



Vaughn Albury
(GHS Class of 1976)



Paul Fernander
(GHS Class of 1976)



Ruth Neily
(GHS Class of 1976)



Devonte Hanna
(GHS Class of 2015 Former Deputy Head Boy)



Nerissa Dorsett
(GHS Class of 1999)



Student VOLUNTEERS



Front row: Jaylin Pratt, Shammah Levarity, Leesha Martin, Lataria Mackey, Ja’Nae Lightbourne, Jerdecia Laing, Nakayla Taylor

Back row: Picol Pierre, Craig Cash, D’Nero Robinson, Johnathan Charles, Alex Kerr, Nathan Gardiner

History of THE GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL



Secondary education and public initiative joined hands at Nassau Court on April 27th, 1925 when the Colony, known as The Bahamas, formally opened its first fully government-sponsored secondary school, aptly naming it the Government High School. Prior to 1925, only privately organized institutions offered access to secondary education. Their school fee requirements essentially limited enrolment to students drawn from middle and upper socioeconomic classes. These secondary schools commonly applied racial and gender restrictions, moreover, excluding black or female pupils. In launching the Government High School, the Colony took an important step towards meeting a pressing need for secondary education for both black and white students of both genders within the society. As well, in placing the school at Nassau Court it exposed students to sociogeographical norms, settling a predominantly black student population within a stone's throw of racially segregated establishments in the community.

The Government High School began with only a handful of students and its population would remain low throughout the early years of the school. Access to the school required students to meet certain conditions including a satisfactory score on a competitive entry examination; a certificate of good character; and the payment of a school fee which in 1925 amounted to ten pounds, ten shillings. Also in the early years, all applications for admission had to be approved by the Colonial Secretary, who was the senior administrative official of the Colony. A small number of government scholarships were available each year, split equally to meet the needs of deserving students from New Providence and from the Family Islands. Although resources were limited, the school employed a well-trained staff and met its mandate to provide a quality education for students who passed through its doors. The school's curriculum focused on topics such as English, Math, and Geography, preparing students to pass the University of Cambridge's Senior Certificate examination and later to embark upon careers as civil servants or as teachers. In many cases, students attending this highly selective school would go on to attain ranking positions in business and the professions, in political and religious life, and in other areas of private and public endeavor.

The year 1959 saw the first major geographical transition for the school. It migrated from its Nassau Court campus to a new campus on Thompson Boulevard and Poinciana Drive, which is today the home of the University of the Bahamas. By 1961, the school that had opened its doors with but 5 pupils had grown to cater to 329 students, a population trend which would continue throughout the 1960s. The Education Act of 1962, Majority Rule, Independence, and more lenient admission policies, including the elimination of the school fee in 1967, would continue to promote an increase in enrollment which reach 725 in June 1975.



History of **THE GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL**

With the introduction of a mandate to provide secondary education to all Bahamians GHS had to be restructure to accommodate the changing educational needs. This concept did not sit well with the former students of the Government High School however it was a government decision and it was one that was not to be changed. In September 1975, the Government High School students changed from a Select Grammar school and assumed the form of a Comprehensive high school to accommodate the changing structure of education in The Bahamas.

In September 1975 there would not be form ones, no General six, Lower six or Upper Six. The three A level streams would migrate into the Collage of The Bahamas. Also, in September 1975 two hundred new Students were allowed to enter the Government High School without taking the common entrance exam, the new students along with the returning new form 5, new form 4, new form 3 and new form 2 would make up the new school population. In September 1976 the institution would moved again geographically, this time to its current location on Baha Boulevard in Yellow Elder. An additional 600 students would be included to the school's population at the almost completed state of the art institution

Since 1976 the Government High School has transformed into a Track and Field powerhouse producing scores of outstanding Bahamian athletes. As a Performing Arts secondary school scores of students have received international music scholarships due to the exceptional musical department that has been implemented.

Presently the newly appointed principal is embarking on setting a new trajectory for the Government High School with a program that is placing emphasis on education. The design of this program is to ensure that the majority of students that enters the school without any certificates enroll in the newly implemented afterschool BJC Program to achieve a minimum level of certification while attending school.

From 1925, the Government High School had molded itself to fit the evolving academic and social needs of The Bahamas. By the 1970s, the institution's flagship role in expanding educational opportunity and opening the doorway to socioeconomic mobility for many of its students as well as the stellar caliber of its graduates had cemented its place in the history of education in The Bahamas. Now as the Government High School approaches the Centennial Celebration in April 2025 former and present students continue to stand on the rich legacy established and maintained by the distinguish students that continue to wear the Royal Blue and White.

BIOGRAPHY OF

Mrs. Anatol Rodgers



Mrs. Anatol Rodgers was born on 6th August 1917. Her father, Cleveland Hartington Reeves, was a well-known educator (CH Reeves High School was named in his honour). Her mother was Mary Lucille Robinson Reeves. She and Mamie Worrell were the first Domestic Science teachers in The Bahamas. Anatol Rodgers was home-schooled by her mother until she entered The Government High School.

Anatol Rodgers entered GHS on 6th January 1930 at the age of 12. She passed the Cambridge School Certificate in 1932, with exemption from London Matriculation, at age 14. (She and Miriam Cash were the youngest persons in The Bahamas up to that time to pass the Cambridge School Certificate) After leaving GHS, she worked as Junior Assistant Mistress at Western Junior School from 1933-1935, before furthering her education at Spellman University.

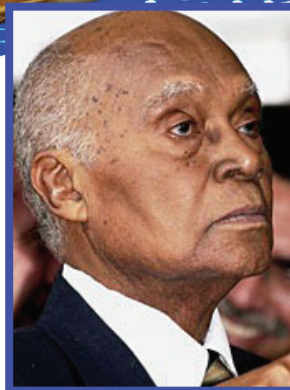
In 1939, Anatol graduated, as Class Valedictorian, with a BA Honors degree in English and Latin. That same year she attained a Certificate in Elementary Education. Two years later, in 1941, she attained a master's degree in Latin from Atlanta University. In 1946, she was awarded a Certificate in Education from Cambridge University.

Anatol Rodgers began her teaching career at Government High in 1941. She was an Assistant Mistress from September 1941 to February 1969, Acting Deputy Headmistress from February 1969 to August 1971, and Head Mistress from September 1971 to August 1975. She took early retirement in 1975. The Anatol Rodgers High School is named in her honour.

Mrs. Rodgers was involved in many civic organizations and community activities. Her memberships included:

- Member - Bahamas Juvenile Panel - over 10 years
- Member - Southern Public Library Committee -10 years
- Member of the original Board of Management - The Ranfurly Homes for Children and Chairman of its Fundraising Committee
- Member Board of Trustees - YWCA -10 years
- Vice President - the Queen Mary's London-Bahamas Needlework Guild
- Member - Bahamas Archives Committee
- Executive Member - Bahamas Girls Guides Association
- Member - Bahamas Council of Women (she drafted their constitution)
- Member - BASRA
- Past President - Inner Wheel Club of Nassau
- Member - Bahamas Historical Society
- Founding Member, Past President and Treasurer - Carver Garden Club
- Member, Board of Governors - St. Johns College (from 1958 to the time she died)
- St. Mary The Virgin Anglican Church - First President of ACW; Treasurer for 11 years; Priest's Warden up to the time of her death

Her children are Mary Emily Oriel Rodgers, Attorney-at-law (deceased); Patricia Elaine Joan Rodgers, Diplomat; Kenneth Jonathan Arnold Rodgers, Ophthalmologist. Anatol Rodgers died December 1985.



BIOGRAPHY OF

Sir Gerald Cash

Sir Gerald Cash, GCMG, GCVO, OBE, JP, former Governor General of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, was born in Nassau on 28th May 1917. He attended Eastern Senior High School and Government High School in Nassau, where he graduated from the latter with the Cambridge Senior School Certificate at age 15.

On 25th October 1940, Gerald Cash was called to The Bahamas Bar as Counsel and Attorney of the Supreme Court of The Bahamas and practiced as such until 1945. He then went to London to read law at the Society of the Middle Temple, passed the bar examinations with Class-Two Honours and was called to the English Bar as Barrister-at-law on 17th November 1948. He returned to Nassau in December 1948 and went into private practice.

In May 1949, Gerald Cash was elected to the House of Assembly as the Senior Representative of the Western District of New Providence and was elected as Junior Representative for the same district in 1956, thereby serving as a Member of Parliament for 14 years. From 1958 to 1962, he served as a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council and served as a member of The Bahamas Senate from 1969 to 1979. He served as Vice-President of the Senate from 1970 to 1972 and was appointed Senate President, a position he held until 1973.

In 1940, Gerald Cash was appointed a Justice of the Peace for The Bahamas. In 1964 he was appointed an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.) in the Queen's New Year Honours, and on five occasions from 1973

to 2nd September, 1976, he served as Deputy to the then Governor-General, Sir Milo Butler. On 2nd September 1976, he was appointed Acting Governor-General by the Queen. He was substantively appointed Governor-General by the Queen in September 1979. He retired on 25th June 1988.

Sir Gerald was awarded the Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977, and on 20th October 1977, he was made Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (K.C.V.O.). In 1980, in the Queens New Year Honors, he was made Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George (G.C.M.G.). He was awarded the Silver Medal of the Olympic Order in 1983 and two years later, on 18th October, 1985, he was knighted by the Queen and titled Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order (G.C.V.O.).

In 1962, Sir Gerald represented The Bahamas at the Independence Celebrations of Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago. As a tribute to the works and contributions of Sir Gerald, in March 1996, the Flamingo Gardens Primary School was formally renamed in his honour.

Sir Gerald Cash passed away on 6th January 2003.



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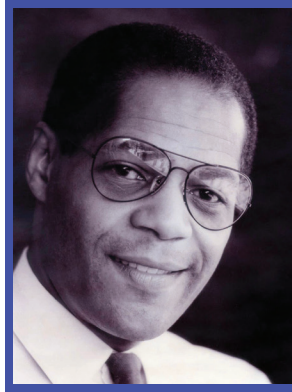


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BIOGRAPHY OF

Winston V. Saunders

(3rd October 1941- 25th November 2006)



Winston Saunders was born on 3rd October 1941, the second child of Harcourt and Miriam Granger Saunders. He attended Quarry Mission School under the late Thelma Gibson, Western Junior School under the late Timothy Gibson, and studied piano under the late Meta Davis-Cumberbatch. He won a place at the Government High School and attended under Dr. A Deans Peggs and Mr. Hugh Davies, where he served as Head Boy.

As a musician, Mr. Saunders was Organist at the Church of the Holy Spirit and at St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church. He attended the Bahamas Teacher's Training College in Oakes Field under the Rev. Dr. Charles Saunders. In 1964, he obtained a B.A. Degree in Classics from London University. He returned to Nassau and taught English at St. Anne's High School from 1964 until 1968. He married the former Gail North on April 15, 1968, and returned to London that autumn to pursue a Postgraduate Certificate in Education at London University.

Mr. Saunders returned to Nassau to take up the post of Vice Principal at R. M. Bailey, a position he held from 1969 until 1970. He joined the Chambers of Isaacs, Johnson and Co. in 1970 as an Articled Law Student to Ms. Jeanne Thompson, and was called to the Bahamas Bar on September 19, 1974. He became a partner in the law firm of McKinney, Bancroft and Hughes, and worked as a lecturer in Law at the University of the West Indies (Nassau Campus). Between 1993 and 2000, he served as Her Majesty's coroner.

In 1975, Mr. Saunders took the position of Chairman of the Dundas Civic Centre, and served as Chairman until 1998. During his tenure as Chairman of the Dundas, he oversaw the renovations of the theatre, established a

repertory season, and nurtured the rise of an entire generation of directors, actors and playwrights. A consummate actor and playwright himself, he is best known for originating such roles as "Pa Ben" in Trevor Rhone's Old Story Time and "Maphusa" in Ian Strachan's The Mysterious Mister Maphusa. He also played "Zachariah" in Athol Fugard's The Blood Knot, "Peter" in Edward Albee's The Zoo Story, "Midge" in Herb Gardner's I'm Not Rappaport and "Charlie" in Larry Shue's The Foreigner, all on the Dundas stage. As a director, he brought productions such as Shaffer's Equus and Baldwin's Amen Corner to Bahamian audiences. He co-directed E. Clement Bethel's Sammie Swain with Philip A. Burrows in 1983 and in 1985 for the Command Performance for H. M. Queen Elizabeth II, and in 1987, he co-directed the first Caribbean opera in English, Cleophas Adderley's Our Boys with Philip A. Burrows; in 1989 and 1990 he produced Dis We Tings I and II. It is as a playwright, however, that Mr. Saunders' greatest achievement was gained. He is the author of two seminal Bahamian dramas: Them and You Can Lead A Horse To Water, as well as a series of satirical commentaries on Bahamian life, the Nehemiah Quartet. You Can Lead A Horse To Water is widely recognized as the greatest Bahamian play, and has been produced in Nassau, Freeport, San Francisco, Edinburgh, Michigan, and Trinidad and Tobago. He is a recipient of a number of awards, including several DANSAs for playwriting, the Meta, the Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizen Award for contribution to Culture, the Silver Jubilee Award for Culture given by the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in 1998. Until his death on November 25, 2006, he served as the Chairman of the National Commission on Cultural Development and had chaired the Independence Committee since 2003. In 2004, he was made a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George (CMG).



BIOGRAPHY OF

Sir Kendal George Lamon Isaacs

Sir Kendal George Lamon Isaacs was born on July 23rd, 1925 in Johnson Alley, in the Eastern District of New Providence, Bahamas. He was the 13th and last child of Edward Adolphus and Julia Isaacs. When he was only 11 years old, his father died, and his older brother, the late Gerald Isaacs, took over the running of the large family. Kendal Isaacs graduated from Government High School in 1942 as Head Boy. He made the most of limited opportunities and went to work as a civil servant in the Customs Department, in the days when a civil servant was both civil and understood the privilege and joy of service.

At 19, in the middle of World War II, military service beckoned. Kendal Isaacs joined the Bahamas Battalion, North Caribbean region, as a cadet officer and was trained in Kingston, Jamaica. There, he reached the rank of lieutenant. He rejoined the Customs Department but in 1946 he pursued his dream, and entered Queen's College, Cambridge, graduating in 1949 with Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws degrees. He was called to the English Bar on June 21st, 1950, at the age of 24, and to the local Bar in Nassau on July 4th.

After two years of private legal practice, he rejoined the civil service in 1952, as Stipendiary and Circuit Magistrate. He was appointed Solicitor General in 1955, at the relatively young age of 34, in recognition of the stature which the young Barrister enjoyed among his peers. In 1963, he became the first Bahamian to hold the office of Attorney-General in the Bahamas. From that position, he played a crucial role in drafting the first Bahamian Constitution and attended the 1963 Constitutional Conference in London as an adviser to the Governor, Sir Robert Stapleton. He became a judge of the Supreme Court in 1964 but resigned in 1965, at the age of 40, to resume private practice. Kendal Isaacs set about the task of establishing a legal firm, which in a relatively short space of time achieved outstanding success, and whose reputation for honesty and integrity was immeasurable.

Isaacs was appointed Independent Senator in 1965 and served as Vice-President of the Senate from 1968 to 1971. He was President of the Bahamas Bar Association from 1966 to 1969 and again in 1979 and was made a Queen's Counsel in 1968.

He was President of the Bahamas Mental Health Association from 1967 to 1970; a Director of the Bank of Montreal (Bahamas Caribbean) Ltd.; a Director of Bahamas Supermarkets Ltd.; a President of the Church of the Most Holy Trinity Credit Union and of the Co-operative Credit Union League of the Bahamas Ltd.; President of the Bahamas Branch of

the British Legion and President of his tennis club.

In 1972 he entered the political arena. He was an illustrious private citizen at the peak of his profession, pressed into service for the public good. He was elected Member of Parliament for the Fort Montague Constituency as a member of the new Free National Movement and was made Leader of the party and Leader of the Opposition later that year. He resigned as leader in 1976 because of ill health but resumed the leadership in 1981 and led the party in the general elections of 1982 and 1987. He represented the Delaporte Constituency from 1982 until 1992, when he retired. He resigned as Leader of the Opposition in 1987, again because of poor health. He left the political arena with his reputation for fair-mindedness and integrity fully intact.

Sir Kendal was also the consummate sportsman. He excelled at every possible sport including the great love of his sporting life, tennis. He was a Cambridge Blue at tennis, President of his local club, and national player, and his skill was more than matched by the quality of his sportsmanship and leadership. His doubles partner has described him as an inspiring team man, sparing in criticism but always ready to praise. These characteristics were refreshingly reflected in his style of political leadership. As a leader, he practiced open government — that much boasted but rarely used *modus operandi* of political leaders. His unique sporting ability and his national role have been commemorated in the naming of The Kendal Isaacs Gymnasium. To his peers, jurisprudence was his passion. To his countrymen, his country was his great love. To his friends, honesty, integrity, and fairness were his great loves.

The conferment on Sir Kendal Isaacs of the Order of Commander of the British Empire in 1970, followed in 1993 by the award of Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George was greeted by his countrymen and the English-speaking Caribbean as honours that were justly deserved. It is said that when his Country needed him most, he was always there, willing to serve, to lead or to support. His humility, his sincerity and kindness, and his discerning mind had become legendary, and his philosophy has been summed up in his own words: "I know I must speak out if I truly want to help my Country progress to the point where all of the necessary freedoms and rights are preserved and protected." In the words of his peers, he was a scholar and a gentleman. His gentle nature and his humor were sometimes mistaken for softness, but his quiet exterior belied a strong determination and a lifelong commitment to excellence.



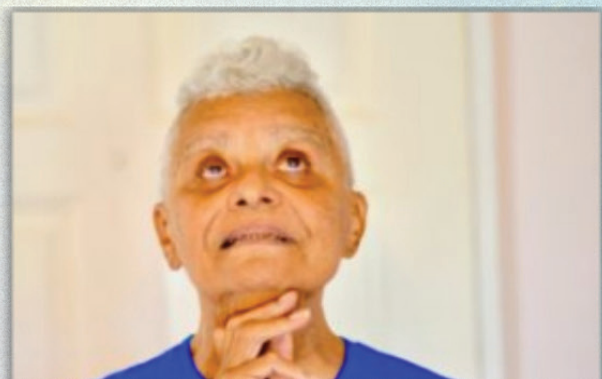
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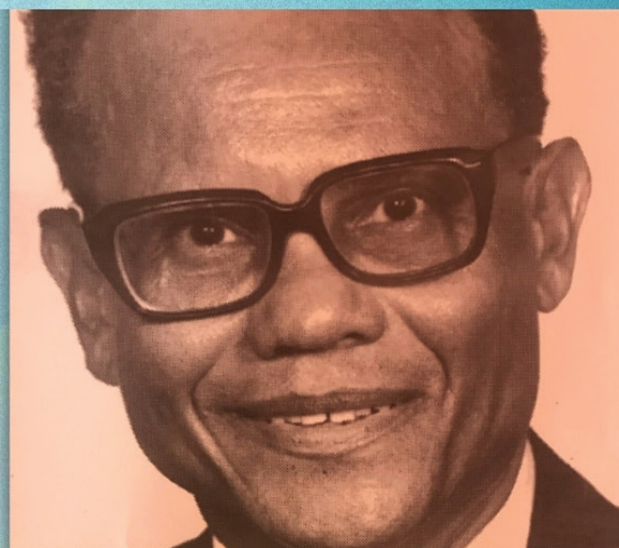
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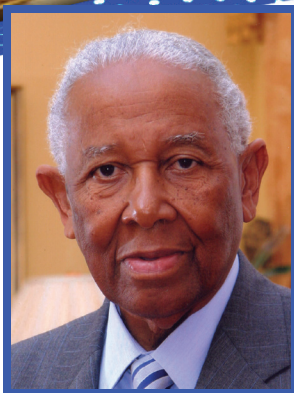


Sir Kendal G. L. Isaacs



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BIOGRAPHY OF

*Hon. Paul Lawrence
Adderley*

(1928-2012)

The Hon. Paul Lawrence Adderley was born in Nassau on August 15, 1928, the second child of the Hon. Alfred Francis Adderley and his wife, Ethel Millicent Louise Adderley (nee Lunn). His only sibling, Dr. Francis Adderley, preceded him in birth and also pre-deceased him. Mr. Adderley was a lifelong member of St. Mary the Virgin Anglican church, having been baptized in the parish on September 2, 1928, and confirmed on October 8, 1941.

Paul Adderley began his education at Mrs. Maude Wright's Kindergarten School. Thereafter, he was privately tutored by Mr. H. O. Nash, the Headmaster of the Western Senior School. He completed his secondary education at the Government High School in 1945. After working at the Public Treasury, Mr. Adderley matriculated at St. Catharine's College, University of Cambridge, his father's alma mater, in 1947. He was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1950 and a Bachelor of Law degree in 1951. The degree of Master of Arts was subsequently conferred upon him by Cambridge as well. He completed his formal legal training at the Inns of Court at the Middle Temple. He was called to both the English Bar and the Bahamas Bar in 1953, not long after his father's death.

Upon returning home in 1953, Mr. Adderley succeeded to his late father's law practice, practicing with Sir Orville Turnquest until Sir Orville left to enter into partnership with the Hon. Eugene Dupuch.

Mr. Adderley's legal career would be as long as it would be varied. As was the norm for Bahamian attorneys in the 50s and 60s, Mr. Adderley practised in all areas of the law that were available to him. However, his reputation as a barrister of extraordinary ability soon flourished. Much of this fame was earned at the criminal bar, but Mr. Adderley also proved equally successful on the civil side.

On the political side, Mr. Adderley's first electoral contest was as a candidate for the Western District in the 1956 General Elections. He was unsuccessful but, in the ensuing General Election in 1962, as a candidate for the opposition Progressive Liberal Party (PLP), he was elected to the House of Assembly as the senior member for the Western District, polling even more votes than Sir Milo Butler.

Not long afterwards, Mr. Adderley was elected Deputy Leader of the PLP. During this same period, he served as one of the PLP delegates to the 1963 Constitutional talks in London, which led to the introduction of internal self-government for The Bahamas.

Following differences with the party leadership, Mr. Adderley, together with Sir Orville Turnquest, Spurgeon Bethel and others, formed a rival political party, the National Democratic Party (NDP), with Mr. Adderley as its Leader. The NDP was unsuccessful in its electoral bid in the historic 1967 General Election. During this period, Mr. Adderley founded the influential newspaper, the Bahamas Observer, of which he was editor and publisher. He later sold this newspaper to the Nassau Guardian.

In 1972, with the prospect of Independence, Mr. Adderley accepted an invitation by Sir Lynden Pindling to re-join the PLP, to take an appointment in the Senate, and to join the cabinet as a Minister of State. Mr. Adderley played a major role in the preparations for the transition to Independence, including attending the Constitutional Conference in London in 1972.

BIOGRAPHY OF

Hon. Paul Lawrence

Adderley

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After Independence in 1973, Mr. Adderley was appointed Attorney-General, a ministerial post that he held continuously until 1989, a period unmatched anywhere in the English-speaking Caribbean in the 20th century. In addition, Mr. Adderley, over the course of his twenty years of service as a cabinet minister, held the portfolios of Foreign Affairs, National Security, Education, and Finance.

The PLP lost the 1992 General Election, but Mr. Adderley retained his seat. He returned to private practice, again primarily as a civil litigation lawyer, and expanded his expertise in the areas of Constitutional law, administrative law, and corporate liquidations.

Mr. Adderley retired from active politics in 1997, having served for more than 30 years in total. He continued to be fully involved in the affairs of the PLP as an important advisor to the new Leader, the Rt. Honorable Perry Christie, and his colleagues; as a member of the National General Council; and as a key figure in the Party's electoral campaigns of 2002 and 2007. He also served from 2003 to 2007 as Co-Chairman of the first Constitutional Review Commission.

Mr. Adderley served on several occasions between 2002 and 2007 as Deputy to the Governor-General and as Acting Governor-General in the period preceding the appointment of His Excellency the Hon. Arthur D. Hanna.

In addition to his career as a politician and statesman, Mr. Adderley was involved in various civic and professional organizations. He served as a member of the board of governors of two schools, St. John's College and the Government High School, as well as a member of the Telecommunications Board, the predecessor to Batelco and BTC.

An avid sportsman, Mr. Adderley also participated in a wide range of sports including cricket, soccer, basketball, tennis, table tennis, squash and golf. He held office in both The Bahamas Olympic Association and The Bahamas Amateur Athletic Association (BAAA), an organization founded by his father.

Mr. Adderley took special delight from his lifelong hobby, photography. His particular passion was photographing the annual Junkanoo parades and he hosted three exhibitions of his "Faces of Junkanoo" photographs. He also enjoyed gardening and historical research.

Paul Adderley was a devoted family man. He married Lilith Rosena Adderley (nee Thompson) in 1960. She, in addition to being a homemaker, worked with Mr. Adderley in his chambers for the duration of his legal career. Together, they produced three daughters: Catherine, a dentist practicing in Grand Bahama; Rosanne, a history professor at Tulane University; and Paula, a practicing attorney in Nassau.

After a life of exemplary service, Paul Lawrence Adderley passed away peacefully at the Princess Margaret Hospital on 19th September 2012 after a long illness. He was 84.



BIOGRAPHY OF

Franklyn A. Butler

Franklyn Augustus Butler was born on the 24th of May 1938. His Godparents were Dame Bertha Isaacs, Mr. Glass & Mr. Alfred Lightbourne. Franklyn was the seventh of ten children born to the late Sir Milo and Lady Caroline Butler of Ernest St. (The Pond), Nassau, Bahamas. Franklyn's siblings, all now deceased, included: Edna, Emmaline, Raleigh. Joseph, Juanita, Milo Jr., Asa, Basil and Matthew. As young persons, they were all obliged to contribute to the family business, MILO B. BUTLER & SONS, LTD. Edna left the company after long service to pursue her calling as a full-time ordained Minister. Asa left in the late 1970s to study Theology and enter the ordained ministry. Juanita, who had established herself as a distinguished educator, rejoined the Company in the mid-1970s. She was a tower of strength and support and made an invaluable contribution.

Franklyn was joined in matrimony to Clementine Theresa (nee) Carey. Their children are Genia Ann Nicole Pinder, Monique Ellengene (de Dominic Cyprian John Butler, ??? Damian Thomas Aquinas, Franklyn Augustus Butler, Jr., and Dennis Martin dePorres Butler.

Franklyn Butler Sr. received his early education at: Eastern Preparatory, Eastern Junior, Eastern Senior and The Government High School. Among his many teachers were Mrs. Louise Bailey-Symonette, Mr. Kenneth Huyler, Mr. Cecil Bethel, Mrs. Anatol Rodgers, Miss Marjorie Davis, and Mr. Arthur Barnett. He remembers such classmates as Percy Christie (Smokey), Luther Clarke, Elswood Burrows, Creola Deveaux-Taylor, Elwood Donaldson, John Coakley, Iris-Dillett Knowles, Delores Ferguson, Janet & Henry Bostwick. He augmented his education by attending courses at the University of the West Indies, Jamaica, Extra Mural Studies of the University of Miami, and special business courses offered by Trade Associations.

After completing his education at Government High School, Franklyn A. Butler was employed at the Public Treasury. He worked there for less than two years. but he gained a sharpened appreciation for organization and bookkeeping. The call came to address greater challenges in the family enterprise, resulting in Mr. Butler's resignation from the Treasury. Full-time in the family business led to much assessment and reassessment. Mr. Butler was faced with training and educating himself, his siblings and employees. This situation was further

exacerbated by the lack of financial resources and formally trained human resource personnel.

The company started by its founder, Sir Milo B. Butler, began as a sole-trader operation in 1920. This vehicle was the main source of the family's sustenance over the years and in 1963 the company was incorporated as Milo B. Butler & Sons Co. Ltd., a registered Bahamian company. The mantle was passed unceremoniously, but seamlessly, and Franklyn became General Manager assuming more of the responsibility for day-to-day operations.

In 1967, with the help of the bank, construction commenced on Milo B. Butler & Sons Wholesale, Peach Street. Within eighteen months, construction began on the new Butler's Bargain Mart, Baillou Hill Road. Three members of the third generation, Allan, son of Basil, Damian and Franklyn II, sons of Franklyn, are presently engaged in the business.

Religion:

Mr. Franklyn Butler received his First Holy Communion and was confirmed at St. Matthew's Parish Church. In later years, he attended St. Agnes Church, Baillou Hill Road. He served for several years as a Member of the Anglican Diocese Finance Committee. As a member of St. Agnes Parish Church, he served as a Vestryman, People's Warden, and Synod's man. He was Leader of St. Luke's Group, Member of the Pastoral Care and Counseling Group, Member of the Anglican Church Men (A.C.M.). He was honored at the Council of The Anglican Church Men's 6th Annual Awards Banquet, A Tribute to Men, in 2007.

Civic Activities

Franklyn Butler was a Founding Member of Young Presidents Organization (YPO) He was one of the founding members of Junior Achievement (J.A.), Bahamas, thereby contributing to the growth and development of the nation's youth. He served as Director of the Bahamas Electricity Corporation; served as a Deputy Chairman of the Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation; and as a Member on the Board of Directors of Commonwealth Bank. Butler was director of several companies, and held interest in financial, real estate and commercial businesses throughout the Bahamas.

Franklyn A. Butler died suddenly in Nassau, New Providence, on 24th October 2008, of a massive heart attack. He was 70.

BIOGRAPHY OF
Warren Logan Rolle



Warren Logan Rolle was the third child born to Alpheus and Ethelyn Louise Rolle in the settlement of George Town, Exuma, Bahamas. He received his primary education under his father, a veteran educator who was a headmaster in the Government's education system.

His father was transferred to many islands, including Andros, where Warren was able to obtain entrance into the original Government High School in Nassau from the Kemp's Bay Primary School. In 1957 he graduated from Government High School and entered the workforce in Nassau, obtaining opportunities to work at Bahamas Telecommunications Department (forerunner of BTC), the E.D. Sassoon Banking Company, Cavalier Construction Company and Bahamas Blenders.

In 1966, in pursuit of his dream to become an accountant, Mr. Rolle joined the private accounting firm of Graham Cooper & Co. and in September of 1968 took advantage of a government bonded scholarship to pursue studies in Yorkshire, England, leading to an ACCA qualification (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants). He returned for work in 1972 and held such appointments as Finance Officer, Ministry of Health, and Bank Secretary & Chief Accountant at the Central Bank of The Bahamas.

In 1978, Mr. Rolle was asked to head a team to set up the Bahamas Development Bank and became its first Managing Director, a position he held for 10 years. In 1989, he was transferred to the Ministry of Finance as Permanent Secretary and eventually took over the Ministry as Financial Secretary until 1992. During this period, Mr. Rolle served on a number of international

bodies including Directorship of the Caribbean Development Bank for some 16 years, Alternate Governor Caribbean Development Bank, Alternate Governor Interamerican Development Bank (IDB) and Alternate Governor World Bank. Mr. Rolle also held several local directorships, including the National Insurance Board, Bank of The Bahamas, Laurentide Bank & Trust, Imperial Life Financial, and Bahamas First General Insurance.

Before retiring from Government, Mr. Rolle served as Chief Executive Officer of the Hotel Cooperation of the Bahamas. He exited government service in 1996.

His civic activities included the following: Membership of Toastmasters International, past President of the Rotary Club of Southeast Nassau, founding President of the All Exuma Association, a member of The National Family Island Regatta Committee and Treasurer of his home church of Christ the King Anglican Church in New Providence, and of Lodge St. Anne.

The Bahamas Development Bank named their boardroom in Mr. Rolle's honour for his historic contribution as its First Managing Director. A scholarship program was also named in his honor. In 2022, he received a National Honour, The Order of Merit (Companion).

Mr. Rolle was married to Audrey Rolle and was the proud father of three children and eight grandchildren. He passed peacefully at the Princess Margaret Hospital on 28th May 2023. He was 82.



BIOGRAPHY OF

*Vernell Irma Albury
Armbrister*

Vernell Albury Armbrister, the 8th child of the late Captain and Mrs. Edward B. Albury, was born on May 28, 1924.

During her lifetime, she was involved in various activities of interest. Of particular note is her service during World War II. She, Sybil Lightbourne Ford and Pearl Grant were the first of 24 Bahamian born women who volunteered to serve in the war. She was stationed with the British Women's Land Army Auxiliary Territorial Service, Jamaica Branch. All 24 volunteers returned home safely and found service in various government ministries.

For some 47 years, Vernell Armbrister served in the capacity of teacher/principal in a number of Ministry of Education schools. She retired in 1984 but was re-employed later that year and worked in the supervisory division of the Ministry of Education until her final retirement in August 1992.

Mrs. Armbrister was a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Public Library and a Vested member of the church of Saint Mary the Virgin. Gifted with a sense of humor, she was active in emceeing a number of community and church programs. An avid reader, she was a consistent collector of humorous verses of literature. She always emphasized the beauty and amusing aspects of a situation. She had a passion for beauty in all its forms: Nature, music, art, lies etc. and was known to have penned a number of light verses in tribute to family members and friends.

Vernell Armbrister died on 7th December 2001. She was 77



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BIOGRAPHY OF

George William Mackey



George William Mackey was born to the union of Malachi and Olive Mackey in Fox Hill on January 19th, 1938. He was their fourth child and third son. He received his early education at the Sandilands All-Age School and later was accepted into the Government High School.

In January 1954, George began his apprenticeship as a linotype operator at the Nassau Guardian and in October of that year joined the staff of The Tribune where he remained for 15 years.

While President of the Anglican Young People's Association, George was elected Assistant Secretary General of the Progressive Liberal Party at its convention in 1967 and re-elected to the post in 1968. He was elected Chairman of the Progressive Liberal Party in 1969 and served in that capacity until his election to the House of Assembly for the St. Michael's Constituency in September 1972. He was re-elected for St. Michael's in 1977 and 1982. In 1987, he moved to the Fox Hill Constituency, where he was elected to the House that year and again in 1992. He retired from the House in 1997, having served there for 25 years. During his political career, George served as Chairman of the Housing Commission, the Bahamas Electricity Corporation and the National Insurance Board, where he remained for 10 years.

Other positions held by Mr. Mackey included membership on the Constituency Boundaries Commission and the Committee for the Prerogative of Mercy. He served as Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly from 1982 to 1987 and Minister of Housing and National Insurance from 1987 to 1992.

In civic matters, he was the founder of the Fox Hill Community Development Association that spearheaded the transformation of the Fox Hill Village Centre. In sports, he served as President of the Bahamas Baseball Association and the Bahamas Pool Federation. In labour matters, he served as Secretary General of the Bahamas Trade Union Congress and President of the Bahamas Printers Union.

While serving as President of the Bahamas Baseball Association, Mr. Mackey performed what was undoubtedly his greatest act of commitment and unselfishness. Upon assuming the leadership of that debt-ridden sporting body in 1973, he devised a plan to enclose the baseball diamond at the Queen Elizabeth Sports Centre, now known as the Andre Rodgers Baseball Stadium. In the process, a fully equipped concession stand, with a multi-purpose lounge above it, and a proper gate admission corridor were created. Mr. Mackey and Mr. James Hayek jointly arranged financing for the project with a local bank. Mr. Hayek's construction company had undertaken to do the project. However, when the work was completed, the

bank reneged on its initial commitment.

It was then that Mr. Mackey mortgaged his house to Barclays Bank in order that Mr. Hayek could be paid his \$40,000 contracted price. He then worked tirelessly with the association's officers and players to ensure that the bank's money was repaid. In the end, some \$79,000 was paid to the bank in amortizing the mortgage. It had taken eight years of his twelve-year tenure as president for him to recover his house documents. With an efficient revenue stream in place thereby, the Bahamas Baseball Association soon became debt-free. The Government shortly thereafter similarly enclosed the remainder of that section of the Sports Centre, creating what is now the Thomas A. Robinson Track and Field Stadium.

In 1998, Mr. Mackey was honored by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and made an Officer of the Most Distinguished Order of the British Empire in recognition of his public service.

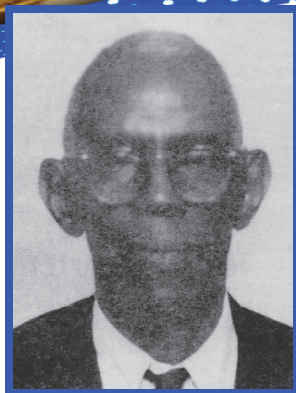
Mr. Mackey is well known to Bahamians as the author of the popular and insightful weekly column "Viewpoint," published in The Tribune. His first book "Millennium Perspectives," a compilation of Viewpoints and other interesting topics, was published in late 2001. It is intended to provide not only a clear-sighted understanding and appreciation of his 'beloved' Bahamas but also to contribute a unique and very personal history for the enlightenment of future generations.

In November 2002, Prime Minister the Honorable Perry Gladstone Christie appointed Mr. Mackey as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Antiquities, Monuments and Museums Corporation. In November 2003, the Prime Minister also appointed Mr. Mackey as Co-chairman of the Nassau Economic Development Commission, along with businessman Mr. Norman Solomon. He was also appointed to the Board of Directors of Cable Bahamas in August 2004.

A devout Anglican, Mr. Mackey was the Catechist at St. Anne's Church, Fox Hill. He served at the altar there for more than 62 years. At the 103rd Synod of the Diocese of the Bahamas and The Turks and Caicos Islands, Mr. Mackey was elected as one of two lay delegates to represent the local diocese at the Provincial Synod.

Mr. Mackey was married to the former Mary Elizabeth Thompson, and they had two daughters, Mrs. Phaedra Mackey-Knowles, a Chartered Accountant and Chartered Financial Analyst, and Dr. Michelle Mackey, a Dentist.

George Mackey died in January 2006, after a two-year battle with cancer. He was 67.



BIOGRAPHY OF

Clement Alexander

Bowleg

M.B.E., J.P.

Clement Alexander Bowleg was born on November 25th, 1906, to the union of Rev. Arthur Bowleg, a Baptist minister, and Adelaide Bowleg (nee Miller) of Nicholl's Town, Andros. Although this union produced eight children, Clement and his caring older sister Miriam Peet, who predeceased him, were the only offspring to attain adulthood.

C. A. as he was affectionately called by his peers, and "Teacher" by his students, received his early education at the Nicholls Town All Age and Fresh Creek All Age schools. This humble beginning was the starting point for a brilliant career in education, which spanned seven decades, commencing in 1925 and ending in 1985.

Clement Bowleg began as a student-teacher-in-charge at Calabash Bay, Andros, from 1925 to August 1926. From September 1926 to April 1929, he was a student at The Government High School. It should be noted that he was a member of the second group of students to attend The Government High School to be trained in the rudiments of teaching. From April 1929 to January 1930, he was a student teacher at the Eastern and Western Senior schools. In January 1930, he began his sojourn as an itinerant head teacher in the Family Island, as follows:

January 1930 - July 1931:	True Blue, Crooked Island
September 1931 - August 1933:	Colonel Hill, Crooked Island
August 1933 - September 1936:	Arthur's Town, Cat Island
September 1936 - December 1937:	Ragged Island
December 1937- November 1942:	Eight Mile Rock, Grand Bahama
November 1942 - December 1952:	Calabash Bay, Andros
January 1953 -December 1954:	Acting Temp. Asst. Head Teacher, Western Senior School
January 1955 - December 1966:	Headmaster, Western Junior School

In 1939, he received a government in-service award to study Agriculture at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama and used this to his advantage. He encouraged gardening as a hobby to his students, from Fresh Creek to Calabash Bay to Staniard Creek.

On August 20th, 1930, he married Rowena Isadora King, the beautiful mango skinned daughter of Fredmore and Isadora King and she became his lifelong partner, friend and confidante. The union produced thirteen children, five of whom predeceased him. They instilled in their children the necessity to always live together as a family and, to be honest, in all of their endeavors.

As an educator, Mr. Bowleg was a stern disciplinarian, and to many of his students, he was the literal rod of correction. They will tell you that they became better men and women because of his adroit application of that rod.

Some of his former students include James, Hugh and Fritz Campbell (all deceased). one of whom, Hugh, became an educator and bore his imitable style of teaching. Others include: Leander and Randolph Minnis, Charles Clark, the late Chief Inspector B.J. Nottage, Sr., Bishop Nathaniel Beneby, former Commissioner of Police Gerald Bartlett and the Academy Award Winning Actor, Sir Sidney Poitier. The latter paid his "Teacher" a surprise visit in January 1994, the year prior to Mr. Bowleg's death.

Clement Bowleg was a past Noble Father of Aurora Lodge #810 of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and, for his unselfish and dedicated service to his country, he was the recipient of many awards, honours and accolades. To quote the late Archdeacon William Thompson, his former Rector, "A simple conversation with him was an education in itself."

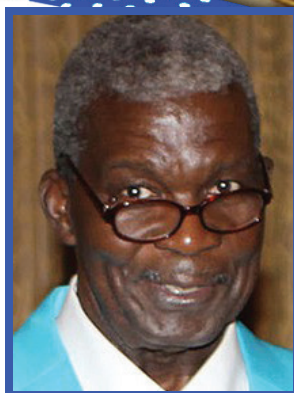
Education was Clement Bowleg's passion, and he believed in encouraging his teachers to improve themselves academically. He held classes for adults, mainly his teachers (monitors), in the evening. He referred to them as "Continuation Classes". His colleague and friend Mr. Carlton Elisha Francis credited Mr. Bowleg with introducing an evening institute for adults. These were conducted in all the Family Islands where he was privileged to be stationed.

The life of Clement Bowleg was one of service to God, country, and family. And all who remember him have fond memories of a strict yet caring teacher.

BIOGRAPHY OF

Arlington Griffith

Butler KCMG, JP
1938-2017



Arlington Griffith Butler was born in Nassau in 1938 to Lovinia Butler, formerly of Rum Cay. He was a very curious and outspoken child and he was sent directly to Sands School at the age of 3 to keep him out of mischief. He then went to Western Junior and Senior High before entering the Government High School. He furthered his studies at The Bahamas Teacher's college and the Loughborough College of Sports Training in England. As a young man, Arlington Butler was a mathematics and athletics teacher at his alma mater for several years before becoming an articled law student. He was called to the Bahamas Bar in 1974.

During his tenure as a teacher at the Government High School, he married Sheila Paulette Butler (Nee Smith) of West End Grand Bahama. He became a member of the Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) but lost his bid for a seat in the 1967 General Election. He became Party Chairman in 1968 and went on to win the Culmersville seat in the 1968 General Elections. In 1969 he was elected Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly. Following re-election for the Culmersville Constituency in 1972, he became the first Speaker of the House of Assembly in an independent Bahamas. In 1977, Mr. Arlington Butler left the PLP and ran unsuccessfully as an Independent candidate for the West End Constituency. Later he joined the Free National Movement and was unsuccessful for seats in Parliament in the 1982 and 1987 General Elections. In 1992 he successfully won the Salem Constituency and was appointed Minister of Public Safety and Immigration, Minister of Public Safety and Transport (1993) and Minister of Public Works (1995).

Mr. Arlington Butler is well remembered for his contribution to sports. He has been athlete and a cricketer. He is the longest serving President (1973-2008) of the Bahamas Amateur Athletic Association (BAAA) and has a forty-year tenure

as President of the Bahamas Olympic Committee and member of the International Olympic Committee. He brought a sports administrative background to this position. Under his leadership, The Bahamas added the sports of tennis, swimming, and boxing to its repertoire of sailing, wrestling, cycling and athletics. Under his leadership The Bahamas made its presence felt at all of the Olympiads from 1976, winning gold medals in both individual and team athletics.

He is a respected presence regionally and internationally. He was a member of the Pan American Sports Organization and the International Olympic Association which awarded him the IOC Pin of Excellence, the first Bahamian (and the first in the English speaking Caribbean) to receive this award. He co-authored the constitution for the Association of National Olympic Committees, the largest sporting body in the world, and was presented with the prestigious Order of Merit for his service to that organization and to the Olympics worldwide. His involvement in sports would take him to countries and places all over the world and each time he represented his little island nation with pride.

In 1996 Sir Arlington retired from front line politics and was appointed Ambassador from The Bahamas to The United States. He also served as Ambassador to Mexico and Columbia and Permanent Representative to the Organization of the American States. In this year he was knighted by HM Queen Elizabeth II in the Order of St. Michael and St George KCMG.

He had four (4) children - Arvin Griffith Butler, Arlington Gibao Butler, Kara Shelagh Paulette Butler-Wight and Kristal Unoma Maria Butler-Lafleur, and six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



BIOGRAPHY OF

*Mrs. Emma Evelyn
Carey-Cooper*

BEM

Emma Evelyn Cooper was born in 1923, in Tarpum Bay, Eleuthera, as the second child of James Wakefield and Emma Delphine Carey. She began her educational journey in her aunt Prudence Carey's pre-school and afterwards went to Tarpum Bay Public School. Under the guidance of her Head Teacher, Mr. Timothy Gibson, in 1937 she secured a four-year scholarship to the Government High School, a prestigious opportunity granted to only five Family Island students every four years.

An unwavering commitment was required to maintain this scholarship. In 1940, the young Emma achieved success in the Cambridge Jr. Examination, passing all nine subjects. The following year, she passed with exemptions in the Cambridge Sr. Certificates Examination. She continued her studies through correspondence courses and summer classes offered by the Board of Education and subsequently the Department of Education.

In 1942 when she established a private pre-school in Tarpum Bay and the next year, she officially joined the Board of Education, serving at Quarry Mission School in Nassau under the leadership of the late Mrs. Thelma Gibson. While in Nassau she worked with Domestic Science Teachers at the Western Senior School.

She returned to Eleuthera in 1944, and served as an Assistant Teacher at the Rock Sound All Age School, and briefly, as acting Head Teacher. In 1948, she became the Head Teacher at James Cistern. Subsequent appointments took her to Tarpum Bay, Savannah Sound, and Palmetto Point, where she served beginning in April 1954 as an Assistant Teacher under Mr. Charles W. Sawyer. In January 1963, she was asked to serve as Acting Head Teacher at Governor's Harbour All Age School for a brief period. Following her short tenure there she returned to Palmetto Point to continue serving as an Assistant Teacher.

From 1967 to 1969, Mrs. Emma Cooper assumed the role of Acting Head Teacher. Notably, her last appointment as Head Teacher spanned September 1975 to January 1979, and then she continued to contribute as an Assistant Teacher until June 1993.

It is noteworthy that this illustrious scholar and high achiever dedicated her life to teaching on the Family Islands. In 1982, she was recognized by the Primary

Principal's Association of The Bahamas.

In a high point of her life and career, the Ministry of Education honored her in April 1988 by renaming the Palmetto Point Primary School the Emma E. Cooper Primary School. In her own words "during my many years of service, I taught all ages- beginners, juniors, seniors and monitors. I was doctor, dentist and mother to many of my pupils and I thank God for the privilege I was given to serve others." Some of these students became notables such as: Members of Parliament Hon. Rev. Philip M. Bethel & Rev. Dr. James Moultrie; Senator Mizpah Duncan-Tertullien; Rosetta Gibson; Chauncey & Walter Bethel; educators Jacqueline Thompson-Pinder, Shirley Thompson-Farrington, & Delores Bethel; ENT specialist Dr. Walter Gibson; Pastor Henry White; businesspersons Maitland Cate, Albert Sands & Earla Thompson Bethel; hotelier Nettica Symonette; attorney Rosie Sawyer; and registered nurse Roslyn Stuart-Butler.

Mrs. Cooper was a community builder. She served as president of the Mother's Club of Palmetto Point, Eleuthera. When the decision was taken to build a Central Secondary School in Palmetto Point, she was very much involved in the fund-raising activities. Likewise, when it was time to build the church hall at Wesley Methodist Church, Palmetto Point, she did all that she could to ensure that it became a reality.

Mrs. Emma Carey Cooper was awarded a British Empire Medal in the 1984 New Year Honours of HM Queen Elizabeth II in recognition of meritorious civil service.

In her personal life, she was married to Addison Cooper from 1953 until his untimely death in 1966. This union brought three children into the world: Addison, Evelyn Daphne, and Sherrilynn. Joycelyn, a niece, joined the family in 1973, becoming a third daughter and Arlene became another daughter.

The last years of her life were spent in New Providence. Mrs. Emma Carey Cooper passed away on 31st August 2013. Her remarkable journey is a testament to her unwavering dedication to education and her lasting impact on her community and country.

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With love from your children: Cecile Dames, Philippa & Anthony Sumlin, Ericka & Michael Materre, George Bernard & Peter Klebenow, grandchildren, siblings and their families



BIOGRAPHY OF

*Rt. Hon. Dame
Janet G. Bostwick*

DBE CB



Dame Janet Gwennett Bostwick DBE was born in 1939 to Nick and Lois Musgrove. She was educated at the Southern Senior School, and won a scholarship to enter the Government High School in 1952. She was fully involved in the extra curricula activities of the school - the choir, Red Cross and The Bahamas Girl Guides Association. She particularly loved “guiding” and remained a girl guide throughout her school years, returning as company leader after graduation, and then as lieutenant some years later. In 1956, Janet was appointed a prefect and was made Head Girl in 1957. In Form V, she pursued commercial studies and upon her graduation was employed as a stenographer in the Legal Department where she served as private secretary to the Attorney General and administrator of the department. Between 1967 and 1971, she served as an Administrative Officer of the Legal Department and attended law school, earning her membership in The Bahamas Bar Association in 1971. Through 1974, she served as Crown Counsel, simultaneously serving as Crown Prosecutor with special duties in the Supreme Court.

During her tenure in the public service, Dame Janet was very active in the Civil Service Association, which later became the Public Service Union. She held executive posts in the union and was elected the first female Secretary General of the Union in 1967. After her resignation from the Public Service, Dame Janet became an active member of The Bahamas Bar Association. Janet left the government service in 1975 for private law practice, joining her husband, J. Henry Bostwick in the establishment of the family law firm, Bostwick and Bostwick.

In 1980 she was elected the first female president of the Bar Association and Chairman of the Bar Council and played a pivotal role in the promulgation of The Bahamas’ Bar Act and the Code of Ethics, and later in the establishment of the Eugene Dupuch Law School. Dame Janet entered politics in 1976 with an appointment to the Senate in 1977. In 1982, she ran as a candidate of the Free National Movement (FNM) winning her race and becoming the first woman to serve in the House of Assembly. For the next twenty years, she served as MP for Yamacraw sponsoring such legislation as the Matrimonial Causes Act (1978); the Affiliation Proceedings Act (1981); the Bar Act (1981); the Female Employees (Grant of Maternity Leave) Act (1988); and the Sexual Offenses and Domestic Violence Act

(1991). She was appointed as Minister of Housing and Labour from 1992 to 1994 and served from 1994 to 1995 as Minister of Justice and Immigration. Between 1995 and 2001, she served as Attorney General (the first female Attorney General in the region) and simultaneously as Minister of Foreign Affairs (1995) and Minister for Women’s Affairs (1995-2001). She has held a number of other Ministerial posts – Minister of National Insurance, Housing & Social Services; Minister of Justice and Immigration. For decades she has played a leading pivotal role in increasing women’s awareness of their rights and in the struggle to promulgate laws positively impacting the empowerment of women and improving the lives of the entire family. Her ministerial portfolio included responsibility for women’s affairs throughout her tenure as Cabinet Minister. She was the first woman to act as Prime Minister in The Bahamas. She has also served as Deputy Governor General.

Dame Janet is known throughout the region and the international community as a champion for human rights, particularly for women, children and the family. She is an advocate for gender equality and has been recognized locally and internationally for her work in these fields. She was the US embassy’s nominee for the 2012 Woman of Courage Award, and the recipient of the 2021 CARICOM Triennial Award for women. Dame Janet served as president of the Free National Movement Women’s Association, president of the International Caribbean Women for Democracy and on the Executive Committee of the Girl’s Brigade. In 2012, she was honored as Nassau’s nominee of the International Woman of Courage Award. The Janet Bostwick Medal for Women in the Foreign Service is named after her.

She has received the highest national and international Honours. In July 2018 she was made a Companion of the Order of The Bahamas (CB) and in December of the same year, Dame Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire by HM, Queen Elizabeth II. In November of 2023, the University of the West Indies conferred on Dame Janet, “a pioneer, activist, politician and diplomat” the degree of Doctor of Laws {Ild}, Honoris Causa. A woman of faith, she is a devout Anglican. She is married to Rt. Hon. J. Henry Bostwick CB. KC. They are the parents of four children, Margo, Kelley, Lisa and John, and the grandparents of five and great grandparents of two.



BIOGRAPHY OF

Jeanne Thompson

Jeanne Thompson is the second daughter of Ellison Thompson and Sybil Thompson née Isaacs. She attended the famed Government High School and graduated from the Wolmer's Girls School in Kingston, Jamaica, the second oldest school in the Caribbean and one of the most prestigious schools in Jamaica.

She joined the Inns Of Court in London England in 1959 and was admitted to the degree of the Utter Bar in England by the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple in November 1964. She was then called to the Outter Bar of The Bahamas in January 1965. Jeanne Thompson then became the second woman called to The Bahamas Bar but was referred to euphemistically by Dr. Cleveland Eneas as "the first over-the-hill girl to be called to the Bar".

Ms. Thompson began her legal career in the law firm of Messrs. Dupuch & Turnquest under the tutelage of the Hon. Eugene Dupuch Q.C. and Sir Orville Turnquest K.C. There she served as junior to both counsels in many cases, including the Winsinger murder case. She joined the Chambers of Sir Kendal Isaacs Q.C. in 1965 and appeared with him in many cases including the Queens Cove nuisance case against Eastern Airlines and the Rodney Moncur and Philip Miller sedition trial against Prime Minister Pindling. In the chambers of Sir Kendal Isaacs Q.C., she rose to partner in the firm of Isaacs, Johnson & Thompson. She left to head her own practice in 1981, which thrived until she joined the Supreme Court Bench in 2002.

While in retrospect this seems like a smooth ride, Thompson's achievements in the field of law are interwoven with her profound love of and lasting impact on the arts. By her own admission, she began writing plays at the age of eight. Erica Moiah James said of her "it seemed as if she always recognized the power of her voice". During a long career, she has honed it in the fields of law, journalism, theatre and, even for a moment, politics. After practicing law for several years, Thompson took a break and for five years in the seventies worked primarily as a journalist and playwright working as a journalist for the Nassau Guardian and as PR manager for the Bahamas Tourist Office in London.

On her return to the law she rejoined Sir Kendal Isaacs before forming her own Chambers in January 1981. She enjoyed a general practice specializing in Family Law. She ascended to the Bench of the Supreme Court in 2002, demitting office in 2006. She now assists the Legal Aid Clinic of the Eugene Dupuch Law School as a consultant.

Miss Thompson is a thespian as well, as she has appeared in many productions on the Dundas Stage for the Performing Arts and authored plays. Her most memorable roles were in Amen Corner, A Raisin In The Sun, and Moon On A Rainbow Shawl. She has also appeared in Miss Reardon Drinks a Little and You Can Lead a Horse to Water.

Ms. Thompson co-authored the radio soap opera The Ferguson's of Farm Road. This was so popular that its initial three-month run was extended to five years. All of its main characters worked in the tourism industry. After The Fergusons of Farm Road ceased production, Thompson went on to write another radio soap opera Sam Finley's Sandcast", also for the Ministry of Tourism. While these shows provided an arena for Bahamian actors to showcase their talents, Thompson remained deeply committed to the stage. She is the author of several plays, including Vicious Circle, Father's Day, Bread, Oil and Standard, Santa Claus is Coming to Town, The Prodigal's Brother, and Among the Dancing Dead.

Ms. Jeanne Thompson retired as a Justice of The Bahamas Supreme Court in March 2007 and for a time continued to lecture at the Eugene Dupuch Law School and consult at Halsbury Chambers. In 2019 she published a compilation entitled Bahamian Tapestry that included three of her plays - Vicious Circle, Father's Day and Columbus Landing.

A brilliant essay by Erica Moiah James on the remarkable career of Jeanne I. Thompson was originally posted on Facebook on May 10, 2021.

She is the mother of one daughter, Chantal.

BIOGRAPHY OF
Rupert Roberts Jr.



Rupert Winer Roberts, Jr. was born in Marsh Harbour Abaco to parents Miriam and Rupert Roberts, Sr. Rupert started his education in Marsh Harbour but eventually relocated to Nassau in 1948 to attend Government High School. He graduated high school in 1953, and attributes much of his success thereafter to the knowledge and firm foundation instilled by teachers and principals such as Dr. Deans Pegs, Marjorie Davis, Anatol Rodgers, Arthur Barnett, Cecil Bethel and others who taught during his school years. He began his professional career at City Market during which time he became self-trained in accounting, electrical work and refrigeration. After successfully learning and working at City Market for twelve years, he decided it was time to open his very own grocery store. At this time, the concept of Supermarkets was becoming popular in The United States. This prompted Mr. Roberts to enroll in a national seminar for Supermarkets in Dayton, Ohio, and in 1965, the first Super Value was opened on East Street. Immediately thereafter, another two stores were opened; they were located on East Street (near McCollough Corner) and on Milton Street.

In the upcoming years, Mr. Roberts adopted the Supermarket layout for his chain of grocery stores and Super Value became known as the "Bahamian Supermarkets". Today, his chain of supermarkets consists of thirteen locations throughout the island of New Providence. Mr. Roberts remains active in the daily operations of Super Value as its Chairman.

Being the highly ambitious person that he was, even though he was dominating the grocery sector, he longed for more challenges. Mr.

Roberts became interested in the banking industry and eventually became a founding member and major shareholder of the first Bahamian-owned commercial bank, Commonwealth Bank. He would go on to be Commonwealth Bank's first chairman and assisted in establishing it as a financial powerhouse. Under Mr. Roberts' tenure, the bank expanded to 12 branches around the islands of the Bahamas: 8 branches in Nassau, 1 branch in Abaco, 1 branch in Spanish Wells, Eleuthera, and 2 in Grand Bahama. Mr. Roberts is also involved in other business ventures, such as real estate development and sales.

With such an impressive and successful business reputation, it was no surprise when Mr. Roberts received the title of OBE (the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) and later, in 2022, the title OB (Order of the Bahamas).

Nonetheless, Mr. Roberts is not all business. He started making his contributions as a Rotarian, and, as a result of his strong commitment, he received the Paul Harris Award -- the greatest award a Rotarian can receive. His philanthropic and humanitarian spirit also extended to the community through his contributions to other charitable organizations such as The Salvation Army, The Bahamas Aids Foundation, The Bahamas Cancer Foundation, The Bahamas Red Cross and many more.

His hobbies include fishing and swimming (during his younger days, he spent more time on the water than on land). He is married to Margaret Roberts (nee Jewers) and is the father of three (3) children – Richard, Judy and Candace.



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BIOGRAPHY OF

*Mrs. Anita Doreen
Nillon-Bernard Nee
Wilchcombe*

OD, CMG JP
CABINET SECRETARY (Retired)

Mrs. Anita Bernard was influenced by principles instilled in her by her late parents, Eric Zephaniah and Ivritha Wilchcombe. These include Whatever is worth doing is worth doing well! Use your initiative! To whom much is given much is required! Always leave a place better than you meet it! Do not be a follower, set the example! These were the driving force behind Anita's 50 plus years of distinguished Public and Community Service.

Anita Bernard nee Wilchcombe was born in George Town, Exuma, the eldest of 12 children, and as her father was a Wireless Telegraphist, she received her early education there and on the other island where he was assigned to work. From West End, Grand Bahama in 1955, she obtained a scholarship to attend the Government High School, as one of four elite Out Island Scholars. Her leadership potential was recognized at GHS where she became Prefect, Girl Guide Leader, Nassau House Captain, and in 1958, Head Girl. She obtained the Cambridge Overseas Senior Certificate (1958), and was among the 2nd batch of some Six (6) pioneers selected to pursue Sixth Form advanced studies for two years. She graduated December 1960, with the Higher School Certificate, the equivalent of today's GCE A Levels.

Immediately upon completing High School, the young Anita Wilchcombe commenced her career in Government as an Untrained Teacher and was among the first batch of 30 students of the newly re-activated Teachers' Training College in Nassau from which she graduated in 1963 with distinction as a University of the West Indies (UWI) Accredited Teacher. She followed this with a B.A Degree in English and Spanish (UWI, Mona Jamaica). Upon completing UWI (1971) she returned home to continue her teaching career. She was Vice-Principal of a Grade A School (the H.O. Nash Jr. High School); Curriculum Coordinator for the Bahamas Junior and Senior High School Certificates; and Principal, the San Salvador Central Secondary School – 1977 to 1980.

At the Royal Institute of Public Administration, London, she completed the Training of Trainers Program (1981). She was appointed as Chief Training Officer at the Government's Public Service Training Centre and subsequently completed several international policy development, management and administration seminars as well as the local Advanced Diploma in Public Administration & Management,

facilitated by the University of Pittsburgh. She was subsequently reclassified as a First Assistant Secretary, and this was the

beginning of her ascent in the Public Service as an Administrator. She became a Permanent Secretary in 1993, and as such, served in the Ministries of Tourism; Education; Youth, Sports & Culture; Public Service & Immigration; and Public Works & Utilities until her retirement in 2007 after 46 years of unbroken service. However, she was recalled to serve on the National Crime Committee; as Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Works & Utilities; as Cabinet Secretary; as a member of the National Accreditation Equivalency Council of the Bahamas (NAECOB); as a member of the Government Public Policy Institute (GPPI) of the University of The Bahamas and as Consultant to the Office of Governor General.

Mrs. Anita Bernard's most notable achievements as a public officer are: improving education and social life in San Salvador; the establishment of a vibrant Staff Social Committee in one of the Ministries where she served that assisted staff in the pursuit of further/higher education; the revamped Public Service Employee Appraisal System and the implementation of the National Public Service Week & Recognition of Retirees (2000)

In the community, Mrs. Bernard is noteworthy for her contributions to The Bahamas Girl Guides & Boy Scouts Associations, the Kiwanis and Epiphany Church. She has been recognized by: the San Salvador Central Secondary School; the Margaret McDonald Policy, Management and Administration Centre; by HM Queen Elizabeth II with the Companion of the Most Excellent Order of St. Michael & St. George (C.M.G); by the Bahamas Girl Guides Association for over 50 years of dedicated service; and by this nation with the Companion to the Order of Distinction, and the Award of Excellence as a Retired Permanent and Cabinet Secretary.

Mrs. Anita Bernard enjoys reading, music, dancing, baking, needlework, travel, and word games. She has four beautiful adult children: Cecile Hilton-Dames, Philippa Hilton-Sumlin, Ericka Hilton-Materre and George S. Bernard IV; and eight (8) grandchildren. These and her sons-in-law, all of whom she loves unconditionally and to whom she is indebted for their unswerving love and generous support throughout her career, are the wind beneath Anita's wings.



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BIOGRAPHY OF

*Dame
Anita M. Allen*

Anita Mildred Allen (nee Bethell) was born to Gerald and Gertrude Bethell on 21 December 1947 in Chippingham, in the Western District of the Island of New Providence.

On 27 June 1957, when she was nine years old, Anita lost her mother to breast cancer.

Anita received her primary and secondary education in New Providence, and in 1960, she entered the Government High School as a member of the first class of students in the new edifice. There she excelled and was appointed head-girl, went on to sixth form and graduated in 1967.

After two years at the University of the West Indies studying medicine, she shifted her focus to law, and in 1970, she attended the College of Law in London on a government scholarship. In July 1973, she was called to the English Bar and was among the first lawyers in an independent Bahamas to be called to The Bahamas Bar. Anita joined the Office of the Attorney General, serving in the posts of Assistant Crown Counsel, Crown Counsel, Legal Draftsman and finally Principal Legal Draftsman, the first Bahamian to hold the post.

In 1986, Anita left the public legal service for commercial private practice, and after three years, she formed a partnership with her husband. Anita's passion to serve led to her rejoining the Public Service. She was sworn in as a Justice of the Supreme Court on 15 August 1996 amid a calamitous media campaign against her appointment. She confidently and courageously entered upon her duties and is acknowledged by all, including her former detractors, to have given exemplary and distinguished service to that Court.

Justice Allen served in every division of the Supreme Court and was made Senior Justice in 2005. During her tenure in the Supreme Court, it seemed as if every major decision involved her at some level, but her longest assignment was in the criminal division, where she superbly mastered the art of jury instruction and was given rare commendations by the Privy Council in the case of *Bowe v The Queen*, in which Lord Bingham of Cornhill, wrote: "The judge's summing up to the jury was, in the respectful opinion of the Board, a model of its kind, very clear, very accurate, very comprehensive and very fair".

Similarly, in the case of *Simmons and Greene v Regina*, Lord Brown of Eaton -under- Heywood commended her sixteen- page written ruling, which was described by the Court of Appeal as 'careful, and cogently reasoned' and to which their Lordships too would pay tribute for its clarity and concision.

The apogee of her career in the Supreme Court, however, was sitting in the Election Court in 2007 and 2010, along with Jon Isaacs, JA. Justice Allen describes it as a unique and enjoyable collaboration, seldom available to Supreme Court judges.

Justice Allen took on the Presidency of the Court of Appeal on 26 November 2010 as only the second woman to achieve that distinction. She kept her pledge to make the Court one of excellence and efficiency. She fostered greater collegiality and civility between Bench and Bar and between members

BIOGRAPHY OF

Dame
Anita M. Allen

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of the Bar; she created a more cohesive and productive court environment; and enhanced the Court's website to make the court more transparent and accountable. She expanded the Court's social outreach to primary and secondary school students, police and defense force cadets, incarcerated adolescents, and girls in the PACE programme.

In June of 2016, Justice Allen presented the 8th Eugene Dupuch Distinguished Lecture entitled "Law in a Changing Society: Reconstructing Marriage." Her lecture was timely, but controversial, as it closely followed the defeat of the second referendum which had sought approval for protection from discrimination based on gender. She was publicly criticized and accused of promoting same-sex marriage. Nevertheless, in August 2023, Justice Allen reiterated the significant obstacles to gender equality, and lamented there was still no substantive constitutional protection from discrimination on the ground of sex or gender, and no equality in the acquisition of citizenship in the Constitution.

In the Queen's New Year's Honors List of 2016, Justice Allen was made Dame Commander of the British Empire (DBE) for her outstanding contributions to the judiciary.

On her retirement from the Court of Appeal in December 2017, her professional colleagues paid tribute to her. The Hon. Carl W. Bethell KC, said: " ... More importantly, her industriousness reinvigorated the work of the Court, which attained an almost unparalleled level of efficiency with respect to the disposition of appeals and other applications since her appointment...."

Jon Isaacs J.A. said: "I was afforded the opportunity to witness firsthand her meticulous attention to detail and her remarkable capacity for sustained hard work.... As president, she led from the front...."

In June 2018, Dame Anita accepted an appointment as Law Reform and Revision Commissioner where she recommended the reform of the Nationality and Immigration laws and the enactment of Asylum laws, and authored Bills for that purpose. She has collaborated in authoring Bills to criminalize marital rape, decriminalizing Cannabis for medical, scientific, and religious use, and Bills for the establishment of a system of Land Registration. The new Mental Health Act, the Parliamentary Services Act, and the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act (continuous voter's register) were authored by her.

Though extremely proud of her professional achievements, Dame Anita's greatest joy and crowning achievement is her family. She has had the love and companionship of her husband, the Right Honorable Algernon Allen K.C., for over 49 years. Her children have all thrived; Algernon Jr. is a Stipendiary and Circuit Magistrate; Antoine is a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine practicing in the public service; Aliya is a partner at Graham Thompson and Co.; Amil is a Board-certified Pediatrician and Fellow in Neonatology, practicing in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Cincinnati Children's Hospital; and Phylcia is an events planner in Dallas, Texas. She is also grandmother to an amazing grandson and three adorable granddaughters!



BIOGRAPHY OF

Patrick A. Rahming

Patrick Anthony Rahming was born on 3rd July 1944 to Nora Louise and Osborne “Ank” Rahming. At the tender age of a few weeks, he was taken to live with his grandmother Ethel Rolle, a strong Mount Thompson woman who raised him in Scott Street, in Bain Town.

Meanwhile his mother, who was to later marry businessman Neville Dorsett, and live with him happily ever after, gave him four brothers and four sisters, while his father provided another nine brothers and two sisters, before he died in 1963 at the age of 43.

Ank Rahming was a devout Catholic and represented St. Bernard’s Cricket Team as Captain. Fr. Marcian Peters, said to be responsible for the starting of the team, was the priest at St. Joseph’s, and therefore, when it was time, Pat entered school at St. Joseph’s Primary. But his Grammy soon moved him to Woodcock School, less than a block from her watchful eye and under the guidance of Mrs. Mable Walker, where he almost completed primary school.

After stints at Western Junior, Western Senior and two schools in Miami, he entered Government High School in 1956 and McGill University in Montreal Canada, in 1964, where he enjoyed an eventful college career, involved in everything from folk singing to operettas, from track and field to football, from university politics to debating.

In 1970, he graduated with a B.Sc. (Arch) and B.

Arch and returned home to continue his development as an architect, a musician, actor, playwright, poet and philosopher. He could also still enjoy his athletic life, and for several years, played basketball and football, and, eventually, tennis. In 1972, he was admitted to the membership of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Over the past 50 years, his efforts have resulted in the construction of numerous significant buildings, the publishing of two books of poetry, one book of philosophy, two books on the tourism business, four albums and several singles of original music, and three of his original plays have been staged at the Dundas Center for the Performing Arts. For his efforts, he has been awarded Governor General’s Awards for Design Excellence for the NIB Buildings in Nassau and Freeport, and the conversion of the Balmoral Hotel to the Le Meridien Royal Bahamian Hotel (now Sandals) in Nassau, a Distinguished Citizen Award for the Creative and Performing Arts, two Timothy Awards for Best Original Song and a Danza Award for the Best Actor of the Year, along with numerous Festival awards. The Bahamas Musician and Entertainers Union has recognized his contribution to the development of Bahamian Music with a special presentation.

Pat Rahming is married to the former Marilyn Blyden, his second wife. They share six wonderful adult children.



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BIOGRAPHY OF

Mrs. Orry Sands

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Mrs. Orry J Sands, nee Hanna, was born in Nassau to Althea Bullard Hanna and Reynol Rupert Hanna. Young Orry was taught to read by her father and entered Southern Preparatory School at age three (five was the usual age of admission). She was not only accepted but skipped Class 1 and was placed in Class 2 at the request of Lilith Thompson Adderley.

She entered Government High in 1953 and there met Veronica Turnquest who became her lifelong friend. Her fifth Form class included other GHS iconic public servants and national figures, including Janet Musgrove Bostwick, Joan Wilchombe Sawyer, Winston Saunders, Judy Cleare Monroe, Rodella Livingston Tynes and Wilfred Horton.

After leaving GHS, Orry Hanna took a secretarial course in New York and thereafter commenced employment at Bahamas Airways, where she remained for nine years. In 1962, she married Bede Gilbert Sands. In October 1970, she joined J. S. Johnson & Co. Ltd. as secretary to the managing director, Mr. Charles Femie. Mr. Femie encouraged her to move into underwriting and to become professionally qualified in this field. Mrs. Sands pursued her studies locally while being a wife and a mother to her three children. In 1979, she qualified as an Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute of London (ACII). Two years later, she became the first and only Bahamian woman Fellow of the Chartered Insurance Institute of London (FCII). Mrs. Sands remained at J.S. Johnson for fourteen and a half (14 1/2) years.

It was still unusual in the 1980s for Bahamians to establish their own business, or to forego a safe career within an established firm, yet that is what Mrs. Orry Sands did. She left J. S. Johnson to strike out on her own, following in the footsteps of her grandmother, Una Heastie, who had a successful upholstery business in the 1920s, and her mother, Mrs. Althea Hanna Knowles, who established her own upholstery business in Nassau in the 1960s.

Orry J. Sands and Co. Ltd. opened on 1 October 1985, providing all the coverage that larger insurance firms did, but with “personalized services”. Two years later, her firm acquired the services of another female insurance agent. That agent, Mrs. Vanria Gibson, brought the motor insurance division of the now-defunct Home Insurance into Orry J Sands & Co. Ltd.

Mrs. Sands then persuaded her elder son, Derek, to join her and, fifteen years after his mother, Derek became only the fourth Bahamian to hold the Fellow of the Chartered Insurance Institute of London (FCII) designation. Together, Orry and Derek hold the distinction of being the first and only Bahamian-qualified mother/son insurance team. As her second son, Darren, also “works” there, Orry J. Sands and Co. Ltd. is now a family firm. Her daughter, Dr. Caryn Sands was the first forensic pathologist with the Public Hospital Authority.

During her early years, Mrs. Orry Sands was a faithful member of St. Barnabas Anglican Church and a committee member of the Cancer Caring Facility. She is now a faithful member of St. Anne’s Anglican Church in Fox Hill. Mrs. Orry Sands inherited her family’s creative genes as she is a multi-faceted, multi-talented modiste, creating works of art in smocking for the younger children of her family and those of select family friends. She makes clothing for her daughter, granddaughters and herself, usually with distinctive buttons. She knits sweaters, caps, booties, and blankets and has been known to make the odd wedding dress, including that for her daughter Caryn, which was featured in Town and Country magazine. She is an enthusiastic entertainer, and as a gourmet cook, her lobster, roast chicken and paella are experiences to be savored. She is a prolific reader with an enviable personal library.

Mrs. Orry Sands is happiest spending quality time with her children, Derek, Darren and Caryn and her grandchildren, Daniel, Hanna, Samantha and Morgan.

BIOGRAPHY OF

Rt. Hon. John Henry Bostwick

C.B., KC



John Henry Bostwick Bostwick, was born on May 3, 1939 in Nassau, Bahamas, to Edmond Charles and Maud Aleen (Johnson) Bostwick. He attended the Government High School and even then was self-motivated and ambitious. He had to work to pay for his education at the school, serving as a waiter after school, where he excelled in sports and was appointed Captain of the Montague House in 1955 and led his team in many victories in cricket and soft ball

In 1956 he was appointed as Head Boy of the school. He later met a couple who assisted and sponsored his attendance at Calabar High School in Jamaica where he studied for his Advanced Level General Certificate of Education exams. While there, his outstanding sports ability manifested itself where he represented the school in cricket and in tennis. He returned to teach Spanish at the Government High School for two (2) years before, he obtained the Alexis Nihon law scholarship, which enabled him to attend the University of Exeter from which he obtained an LLb. Degree. At Exeter University, he was vice captain of the university's cricket team and played tennis on the university's team. He was made a Member of Gray's Inn, and was called to the English and Bahamian Bars in October of 1965.

After his call to the Bar, Mr. Bostwick served as Crown Counsel in the Office of the Attorney General and then as Acting Stipendiary and Circuit Magistrate before he became a partner of the late Mr. L. B. Johnson in the law firm of Johnson and Bostwick. In January 1968, he started his own law firm which became Bostwick and Bostwick when his wife, Janet, joined the firm in January 1975.

Mr. Bostwick is a distinguished criminal lawyer for decades. He was elected as President of The Bahamas bar Association for two consecutive terms. He was nationally recognized for his service in 1994 when he was made a Queen's Counsel.

Mr. Bostwick, like most black professionals of his era, was very politically involved. In 1968 he unsuccessfully ran as the Progressive Liberal Party's candidate in Abaco and in 1970 became a founding member of the Free National Movement. He left that Party and from 1976, and was the leader of the Bahamian Democratic Party and became leader of the Official Opposition. Mr. Bostwick served as a member of the House of Assembly from 1977 to 1982. He was the longest serving member of the Senate of The Bahamas, having served in the Upper Chamber from 1972 to 1977 then again from 1982 to 1987 and as President of the Senate from 1992 to 2002.

Mr. Bostwick is an avid sportsman. Nationally he played baseball, softball and cricket, but was best known for his participation as one of the youngest members of the St. Agnes Cricket Club, where he played from the age of thirteen, and the Commonwealth Wanderers Club. In both clubs he distinguished himself as a keen batsman. He played golf for more than fifty years and represented The Bahamas on a number of occasions in that sport at the international level

In recognition of his service to the country in the field of law and politics, in 2021 Mr. Bostwick was made Companion of the Order of The Bahamas. He is a devoted Anglican, and has served on the Anglican Central Council. He was a member of the vestry of Christ the King church for decades, and served as Priest Warden for some thirty (30) years.

He and his wife of sixty-two years, Dame Janet Bostwick, are now non-active partners in the law firm of Bostwick and Bostwick, which is run by their children. He is a proud parents of four children, Margo a realtor, and Kelley, Lisa and John who are the partners in the family law firm. He has 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.



BIOGRAPHY OF

Iris Dillet Knowles

Iris Rosemaria was born on December 25, 1938, to Olga and Edward Dillet in Chippingham, Nassau, Bahamas.

Setella was her only sibling. She was the first baby to be christened at Holy Spirit Anglican Church. She graduated from Government High School with a Cambridge Senior Certificate in 1955, New York Business School with a Secretarial Diploma in 1965, and University of Miami, Bahamas Campus with an Executive MBA degree in 1981.

She gained extensive professional experience at the Import Control, Stanley Toogood's Photography, E.D. Sassoon Banking Co. Ltd., Trust Corporation of the Bahamas Ltd., RoyWest Banking Co. Ltd., and Burmah Oil Bahamas Ltd. She was the first employee of the newly formed RoyWest as secretary to the Managing Director, and the first female manager at Burmah Oil Bahamas Ltd. where she and the General Manager pioneered the training programmes to Bahamianize the Operations and the Maritime Departments. In 1982, she and two partners started the first incubator for small businesses under the name of Executive Facilitating Services. Later, she reopened Dillet's Guest House, her parent's home in Chippingham, earning the Cacique Award for Hotelier of the Year 2000. She was a Director of the Bahamas Hotel Association and Nassau Paradise Island Promotion Board and chaired the Small Hotels Committee for both organizations, receiving awards in 2000 and 2002.

Her community service included using her musical skills at both Holy Spirit Church and Holy Cross Church, and she

helped develop skills for women as a Founding Member of the MRS Club and Professional Secretaries Association. Actively involved in the Women's Desk, she was a delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Session in New York and chaired the National Women's Week Committee annually. She was also honoured for her commitment to the development of women. As President of Zonta Club of Nassau, in collaboration with the Committee for Social Services (volunteer arm of the Ministry of Housing & Social Services), which she chaired, she successfully lobbied the Government to sign the UN's International Convention on the Rights of the Child. She was also a Charter Director of the AIDS Foundation of The Bahamas when it was formed by Zonta. Having been a Girl Guide and Ranger herself, she started the Brownie Pack at Holy Cross Parish and took over their Girl Guide Company when the Leader was promoted to Asst. Commissioner for the East. She was made a Council Member and Honorary Secretary.

Mrs. Knowles was married to Felix Knowles and is the proud mother of three children, Dillon, Danielle, and Dale 'Happy' Knowles. She enjoys her five grandchildren.

BIOGRAPHY OF
The Rev'd
Beryl Higgs



Beryl Higgs nee Vanderpool was born on Hospital Lane, Nassau, the sixth child of John Felix and Minera Ameen Vanderpool's brood of nine. She excelled at Quarry Mission School, Western Junior & Western Senior Schools, and the prestigious Government High School. As a member of Montagu House, she not only excelled academically but also showcased her prowess in track and field, softball, and basketball. Her love for sports led to international competition in racquetball, squash, and tennis in Canada and golfing in Africa and Venezuela. She reveled in the joy of athletic achievement and garnered numerous awards.

Her involvement in various clubs, including The Bahamas Girl Guides Association, shaped her leadership journey. She eventually became the President of The Bahamas Girl Guides Association, and left an indelible mark on its legacy. Chartering memberships in organizations like The Bahamas Professional Woman's Association and Zonta Club, Nassau, she reflected her commitment to empowering women.

While a secretary at Navios Corporation she served as the Trust Manager at Bahamas International Trust Company (BITCO). Her thirst for knowledge led her to study at The University of Miami's offshore campus where she earned an MBA. She became the first Bahamian registered stockbroker on the New York Stock Exchange during her time at Loeb Rhoades & Co., a historic achievement.

In the early 1980s, as the offshore financial services industry flourished in The Bahamas, she became the Chief Operating Officer at National Bank of Canada (International) Limited. During this period, she not only supported senior management but nurtured the growth of junior staff member, becoming a mentor and leader in their training and development. Her leadership was not limited to in-office activities, as she exposed younger staff members to industry training and developmental events, including The Bankers Club and other industry activities. Beryl Higgs used her personal resources to

facilitate staff exposure. Because of her impact, she developed bonds with staff members, some of whom maintain harmonious bonds with her to this day.

When tragedy struck with the loss of her daughter, Linda, she redirected her path toward theology and ministry. She pursued a Master's degree in Theology from Howard University's School of Divinity in 1989. Upon completion, she returned home to contribute to St. Matthew's Anglican Church as Manager of Administration. Her responsibilities included restructuring Sunday Schools, Usher Boards, Altar Guilds, and involvement in church groups like Faith Alive, The Cursillo Movement, and Discovery. Seeking ordination as a priest, she faced challenges due to the Anglican Diocese's policies. Nevertheless, persistence prevailed, and she was ordained as a deacon on March 5th, 2000, and thereafter, as a priest on January 6th, 2001. Rev. Higgs also served as Chaplain for St. Anne's and St. Johns Anglican Schools and continued to impact various Anglican Churches throughout The Bahamas.

Rev. Higgs pursued further studies at the Virginia Theological Seminary Graduate School where she focused on Church Management, Family Life, and Evangelism, which equipped her to bring positive changes. She also served as Assistant Curate at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Christ the King Church, and St. Ambrose Anglican Church. Beryl is now retired with a General License.

As she reflects on the chapters of her life, each page tells a story of resilience, accomplishment, and an unwavering commitment to God, her country and her family.

She was married to Frederic Higgs (deceased) and they enjoyed parenting their three children, Rory Higgs, Linda Lee Higgs Swan (deceased) and Sandra Higgs Hall. Her journey through life has been colored by a rich tapestry of experiences, achievements, and a deep commitment to service.

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BIOGRAPHY OF

Dr. David F. Allen

MD, MPH

David F. Allen, was born in Nassau, The Bahamas and attended The Government High School from 1957-1962. David trained in Medicine at Saint Andrew's University, Scotland, and followed this with the study of Psychiatry and Public Health at Harvard University. He is US Board certified in Psychiatry and the Addictions. In 1973 he was awarded the Joseph P. Kennedy fellowship at the Harvard School of Public Health. He has taught at Harvard Medical School, Yale Divinity School, Yale Medical School and Georgetown Medical School. His psychiatric practice combines spiritual and psychological principles for personal development, mental health and addiction treatment.

Dr. Allen's community work began in the 1980's, when he headed the National Taskforce on Drugs leading to the development of drug treatment programs in The Bahamas and the United States. He led a team of local and international researchers in publishing the first international paper on free-base (Crack) cocaine in the Lancet medical journal (1986). This paper brought international awareness to the global pandemic of crack cocaine. In 1987 he was awarded the RB Bennett Commonwealth prize by the Royal Society of Arts in London for his international contribution in the field of cocaine addiction research and treatment. A popular speaker and author, in 2008 Dr. Allen was made a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association for his innovative scientific research.

In 2009, Dr. Allen started an experimental research project dealing with the massive fragmentation of family and community, stemming from the drug and violent crime epidemic in The Bahamas in the 1980s. The Family: People Helping People Project (www.familyhelpingpeople.com) brought group therapy into the inner city and the male and female prisons and was supported by a research grant from the Templeton World Charity Foundation. The Family Project has shown a decrease in depression, anger, violence, revenge,

abusive relationships and an increase in self-esteem, forgiveness and gratitude in members who attended

the free program for six months or more. The seminal article on Dr. Allen's community work entitled Adapting Group Therapy to Address Real World Problems: Insights from Groups Offered in the Bahamas (International Journal of Group Psychotherapy 2017) led to his being chosen to give the keynote address, known as the Hochberg Lecture, at the 2018 International Group Therapy Conference in Houston Texas, lectures at Hong Kong University, and a series of lectures in 2019 at Baylor University Medical School in Texas. The Family's work rehabilitating adolescents referred by the Nassau courts was published in the book Examining Social Identities and Diversity Issues in Group Therapy (Routledge 2020).

Dr. Allen's current research shows the association between early childhood abuse and murder in late teens and early 20s. In fact, a Trauma Study carried out on The Family participants just prior to the COVID-19 pandemic has also been published by IntechOpen in a book titled Child Abuse and Neglect. He has published numerous scientific papers in academic peer-reviewed international journals dealing with psychopharmacology, psychotherapy, spirituality and addiction. Dr. Allen is the Chairman of The Ministry of National Security's Advisory Council on Crime. He was also a member of the Prerogative of Mercy Committee and has served on The Public Defenders Board of The Bahamas. Dr. Allen hosts a weekly TV program "People Helping People", which airs on JCN channel 214 on Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 pm.

Dr. Allen has authored numerous books dealing with issues of psychotherapy, addiction and Christian spirituality including: Ethical Issues in Mental Retardation, Mental Health Evaluation, The Cocaine Crisis Crack: The Broken Promise In Search of the Heart Shattering the Gods.

BIOGRAPHY OF
Leroy Thompson



Described by many of his beloved students as “one of the world’s best teachers and coaches”, Mr. Leroy Thompson was born on April 30, 1956 on the picturesque island of Eleuthera, Bahamas. He studied at Windermere High in Eleuthera, then moved to New Providence to complete high school at Queen’s College. After high school, Mr. Thompson matriculated to the College of the Bahamas. He is a Trained Teacher and Trained Coach. Mr. Thompson boasts of being afforded the opportunity to teach and coach for over 40 years, with 31 of those years at the great Government High School.

As a teacher, he did not take the job of molding young minds lightly. One of his greatest achievements was assisting in improving his students’ grades. During one of his years as a homeroom teacher, Mr. Thompson was given the lowest stream, 10S3. His goal was to empower the students to exceed the expectations set for them. Mr. Thompson challenged the students to do well in school by encouraging them to study in the library in the mornings and attend evening classes. He treated them with gifts and monthly class birthday parties. Today, many of these students are now teachers, nurses, policemen, chefs, defense force officers, hotel workers or have success in other professions.

During another school year, Mr. Thompson had thirty students in his homeroom, 10H2. All of the

students’ GPAs were below 2.0. With the help of extra classes, 50% of the students made a 2.0 GPA in the 1st term. Mr. Thompson hosted a special assembly for them with the help of the Principal, parents and alumni and there was an overflow of gifts. At the end of the year, that class had 90% with a 2.0 GPA and higher with 6 persons getting a 3.0 and above.

As a dedicated coach, Mr. Thompson led the track and field team, basketball team and baseball team for many years. He spearheaded many trips for the athletes. The Magic Teams travelled to Grand Bahama, Eleuthera and Exuma many times. The teams also travelled internationally to Puerto Rico, Florida and Philadelphia for competitions.

Today, his colleagues and former students have fond memories of their time spent with him at Government High School. One of his former students said the seeds he planted have bloomed and are still blooming while his students enjoy the fruits of his labor. His colleagues appreciated his knowledge, advice and the wisdom he often shared with them. Mr. Thompson has left an indelible mark on the lives of his students, colleagues and all who traversed the halls of Government High School.



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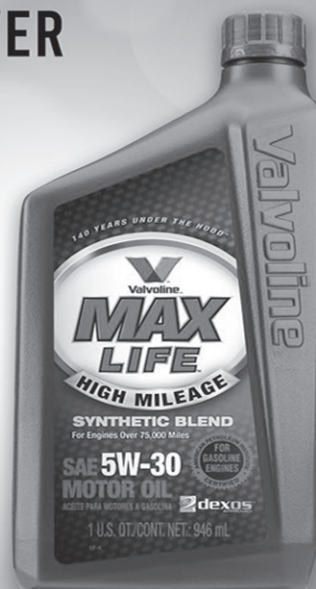
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To fight and not to heed the wounds;
To toil and not to seek for rest;
To labour and not to ask for any reward
Save that of knowing that we do thy will.

SCHOOL SONG

I vow to thee, my country
All earthly things above
Entire and whole and perfect
The service of my love
The love that asks no questions
The love that stands the test
That lays upon the altar
The dearest and the best
The love that never falters
The love that pays the price
The love that makes undaunted
The final sacrifice.

And there's another country
I've heard of long ago
Most dear to them that love her
Most great to them that know
We may not count her armies
We may not see her King
Her fortress is a faithful heart
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And soul by soul and silently
Her shining bounds increase
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and the Olympic Games in Mexico City in 1968.
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Silver Medal of the Olympic Order in 1982 and he continued to support
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