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"Health Heroes" Award Ceremony

Upper Gardens, Government House,

Mount Fitzwilliam, Nassau, Bahamas

Sunday, September 8, 2002, 5:00 P.M.



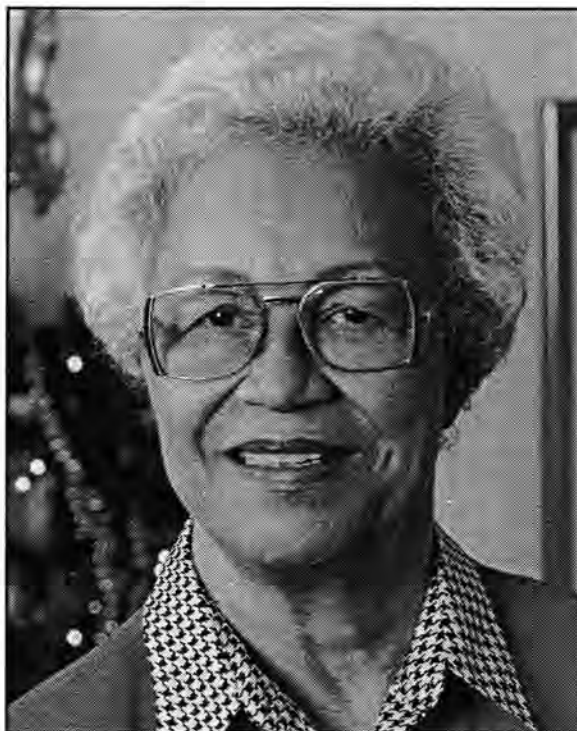


Her Excellency, Dame Ivy Dumont, DC MG

From a meeting in a hotel in Washington, D.C. in 1902 by a small group of representatives from the Western Hemisphere has grown the international organization known as the Pan American Health Organization/ World Health Organization (PAHO/ WHO).

Its main objective stated at its inception, has been to assist the Governments of The Americas, upon request, to strengthen health services in their states.

Since 1964, The Ministry of Health in The Bahamas has been supported by this very eminent international partner - PAHO/WHO - in the execution of its primary responsibility: the health of our nation. Through technical assistance personnel, specialist advice and ongoing training The Bahamas has benefited enormously and measurably over the years.



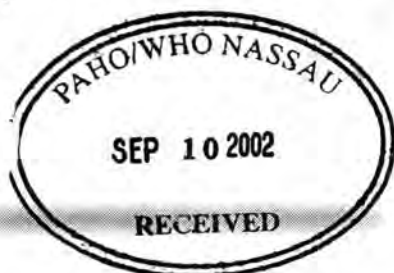
PAHO/WHO's commitment of the promotion of primary health care strategies which reach people in their communities, to extend health services to all and to increase efficiency in the use of scarce resources, blends seamlessly with our Governments' objectives. Thus, the relationship between The Bahamas and PAHO/WHO has always been warm and cordial, as attested to by PAHO's resident representatives.

Dr. Richard Van West-Charles, PAHO/WHO's current resident representative, and other members of staff along with the Ministry of Health are to be very highly commended for their initiative to publicly recognize and pay tribute to eighty Health Heroes whose commitment to the sustained and orderly development of the public health system of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, has been outstanding.

Our nation owes much to these Health Heroes. They have blazed the trails in the various Health and Allied disciplines. They have worked assiduously, often under difficult circumstances, with limited financial, physical and human resources throughout our archipelagic nation to improve the lives of their fellowmen.

On behalf of a grateful nation I extend heartfelt thanks and hearty congratulations to the Health Heroes 2002 for their dedicated service to our Bahamas.


GOVERNOR GENERAL





Perry Christie
Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of
The Bahamas -

If we accept Mohammed Ali's conclusion that "service to others is the rent we pay on earth for a room in "heaven" then recipients of the Pan American Health Organization's Centennial Heroes Award should have a fully furnished condominium on the other side.

All of the honourees are indeed heroes because you are all pioneers and pacesetters. You have all gone the extra mile, performed the extra deed - often under extraordinary conditions and almost always, without recognition or acclaim.



I congratulate the Pan American Health Organization for conceiving such a night of tribute; and I congratulate the recipients for working so long and so hard to bring real meaning to the ancient axiom "The Health of Nation Is The Wealth of A Nation." Congratulations and may God bless each of you.



Senator the Honourable
Dr. Marcus C. Bethel
MINISTER OF HEALTH

The Ministry of Health in conjunction with the Pan American Health Organization since the beginning of the new year, have organized a number of activities such as seminars, workshops, church services, health run/walks to commemorate the 100 th anniversary of this hemispheric institution. There is no doubt that these programmes have helped not only to publicize the work of the Organization, but also to highlight the contributions that individuals in the field of Health services have made throughout the region.

The smooth functioning of this yearlong celebration is due to the hard work and dedication of the several committees established to spearhead the events. On this auspicious and momentous occasion I would like to make special mention of the Health Heroes Committee which is responsible for this evening's gala. I know that the many nominations submitted made it difficult for the committee to make a selection. I commend you for the professional manner in which you have carried out your onerous task.

I take this occasion to congratulate the recipients of this prestigious Health Heroes Award and to encourage you to continue to give of the best of your service to the growth and development of Health Programmes for all Bahamians.

Finally, I wish to commend PAHO for the invaluable service it has rendered to The Bahamas over the years, and to express the pride I feel to have my Ministry co-host this memorable milestone. We look forward to many more years of the strengthening of interdependence and mutual understanding.
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!!



Dr. Marcus C. Bethel

Merceline Dahl-Regis, MD

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

As the Pan American Health Organization celebrates its Centennial Anniversary under the theme: "Celebrating 100 years of Health", I wish to congratulate you for your contribution to the delivery of quality health care services in The Bahamas.

It is fitting that during your celebrations you have decided to honour those Bahamians who have contributed so much to the advancement of health care in our country. These health pioneers have worked tirelessly in their various disciplines on many far and remote Family Islands.

Through Pan American Health Organization's technical support and the dedicated efforts of these persons being honoured, achievements have been made promoting an efficient, effective and progressive health care system that offers universal and equitable access to health care in The Bahamas.



Sir George O. Alleyne

DIRECTOR OF PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

It is a pleasure and an honour for me to write this congratulatory message to the distinguished Bahamians who are being recognized as health heroes. As we celebrate this centennial of the Pan American Health Organization it is fitting that our member countries mark this event as being something special. There can be few fitter ways of doing this than by recognizing the brightest and the best among us who have contributed to improving the health of the country and of the Region. I know some of the heroes personally and have a deep and abiding affection and respect for them. Others I know by reputation and I can only wish that I had known them as well. It would certainly have enriched my own life.

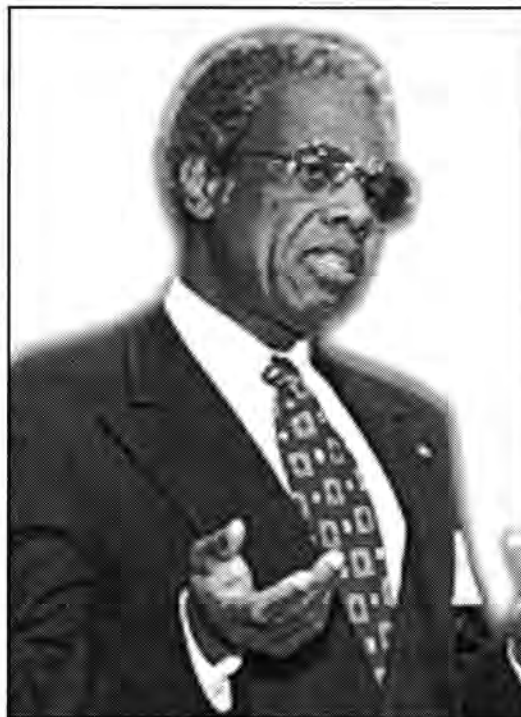
It may well be asked why these women and men are recognized as being outstanding. Why does any society have heroes?

I once heard that brilliant Caribbean scholar and our first Nobel Prize winner Sir Arthur Lewis, bemoaning the fact that we in the Caribbean did not recognize our heroes enough and appropriately. He contended that laud and praise to its heroes was a manifestation of the maturity of a society. It indicated that their peers, and for those who had moved on, their disciples, had enough self-confidence and self-assurance to admit that there were some who were moving or had moved among them had labored mightily and indeed had excelled. They had done the society proud and all men and women could and should glory in their preferment and their recognition.

There is no doubt that this group of outstanding Bahamian women and men have done their country proud; they have contributed to that most noble of causes—the improvement of the health of their country. I am sure that they have not labored for recognition or for personal gain. They must have been imbued with the conviction shared by many of those who admire them that our health is indeed our wealth in more ways than one. Many of them no doubt would have been witness to the pain and suffering that comes with ill health and would have had the rare privilege of assuaging such pain. Others have worked at the policy level surely with the same conviction, but in this case applied to relieving the suffering and improving the health of the citizenry as a whole.

I as Director of the Pan American Health Organization salute you. As a Caribbean citizen I rejoice with you on this honor and this recognition. All of us who are witness to this celebration of achievement must be united in wishing that your labor and your living not be in vain. All of us who are here with you physically and those of us who are with you in spirit have to accept a responsibility to see that the undoubted gains that have been made in the health of all Bahamians be maintained and that the progress towards even better health be the watchword of today and tomorrow. There are certainly many current problems and undoubtedly The Bahamas will continue to face challenges in ensuring better health for all. But if you continue to show the same zeal and professionalism that have characterized your work up to now and if those who follow you have the same commitment to service, then the future is bright and health will indeed be better in The Bahamas.

My heartfelt congratulations!



Dr Richard Van West-Charles

Representative of the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization Bahamas (Turks & Caicos)

This year marks the centennial anniversary of the Pan American Health Organization. Over the years the contribution made by the partnership between the Pan American Health Organization and the Ministries of Health of the countries of the Americas to the process of development has been significant. This period of successful growth has been in no small measure due to the heroic sacrifice, commitment of thousands of men and women throughout the Americas.

Here in The Bahamas, a relatively young nation has indeed, by the work of its health professionals made a major positive impact on significant global health problems. Many of the successes have been achieved through our commitment to the principle of Panamericanism. As we celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the Pan American Health Organization, we need to pay tribute to all of our health workers who have made a contribution, but it is also fitting for us to remember some of the outstanding contributions which have been made by those who have indeed gone beyond the call and who have provided leadership in all areas of health.

These men and women who have gone beyond the call are our Heroes. Some have passed but most of them are with us and it is good that we have taken time out to recognize them and to say thanks for their contribution. As we move on in this new millennium, the future augurs well once we emulate the exemplary leadership provided by these heroic men and women. We must use their experiences and contributions as a springboard to create a better future for the younger generation of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

My dear colleagues, it is with a sense of pride and pleasure that I extend my sincere congratulations to you the Health Heroes of The Bahamas in this Our Centennial Year. May God continue to bless you and your families.

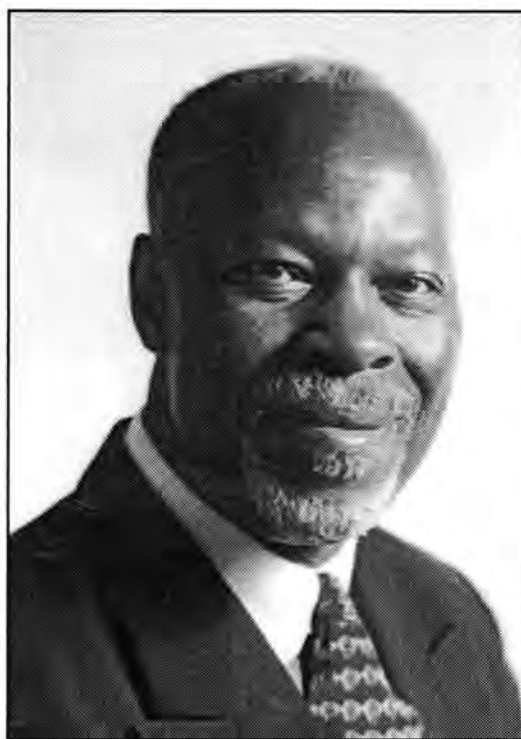


Richard Van West-Charles

The Chairman of The Health Heroes Committee

One of the many committees established to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of PAHO was the Health Heroes Committee. The purpose of the committee was to nominate living Bahamians who, among other criteria, demonstrated strong records of public health achievement.

Given the many qualified individuals in the country, the committee faced a very awesome responsibility during the selection process. Over 100 nominations were received, and after many meetings, the committee was able to streamline the list which included individuals, from all sectors of the Health service: Public and Environmental health, Medicine, Nursing, Allied Health, Research, Administration and Policy makers.



The committee takes this occasion to express appreciation to all of the recipients who helped to make this occasion possible by submitting, in a timely fashion, the information requested. We are encouraged by the large number of citizens who are dedicated to service in the field of Health.

It was a pleasure for me to serve, and on behalf of the committee I wish to extend congratulations not only to the proud recipients, but also to all who have helped to make this celebration a memorable one through their participation in the many activities designed to mark the occasion.

With best wishes for good health and prosperity,

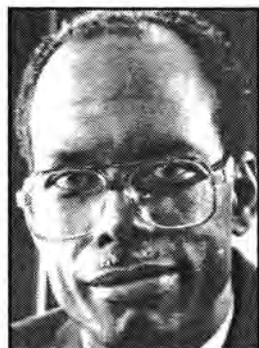
Dr. Davidson L. Hepburn
Chairman

The Bahamas -

PAHO/WHO RELATIONSHIP

MINISTERS OF HEALTH, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICERS AND PERMANENT SECRETARIES

MINISTER OF HEALTH



The Hon.
Loftus Roker
1973-1977



The Hon.
Perry Christie
1977-1982



The Hon.
Livingston Coakley
1982-1984



The Hon.
Dr. Norman Gay
1984-1990



The Hon.
Charles Carter
1991-1992



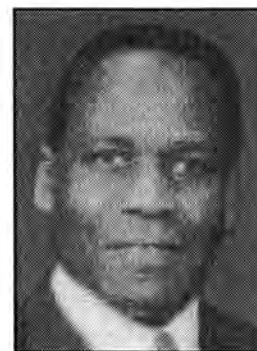
The Hon.
Dame Ivy Dumont
1992-1995



The Hon.
Theresa Moxey-Ingraham
1995-1997



The Hon.
Dr. Ronald Knowles
1997-2002



Sen. The Hon. Dr.
Marcus Bethel
2002

Chief Medical Officers

1971-1976	Dr. Gilbert Davis
1976-1978	Dr. Lawrence Charles
1978-1981	Dr. Harold Forde
1981-1997	Dr. Vernell Allen
1997-2002	Dr. Merceline Dahl-Regis

Permanent Secretaries

1971-1972	Mr. Harold Munnings
1972-1973	Mr. C. Erskine-Lindop
1973-1977	Mrs. Margaret McDonald
1977-1979	Mrs. Janette Bethel
1979-1986	Mr. Harold Munnings
1981-1985	Mr. Wendell Major
1985-1987	Mr. Luther Smith
1990-1992	Mrs. Ethlyn Issacs
1992-1995	Mr. Joshua Sears
1995-1997	Mrs. Lois Symonette
1997-2000	Mr. Joshua Sears
2000-2001	Mrs. Elma Garraway
2001-2002	Mrs. Willamae Salkey
2002	Mrs. Elma Garraway



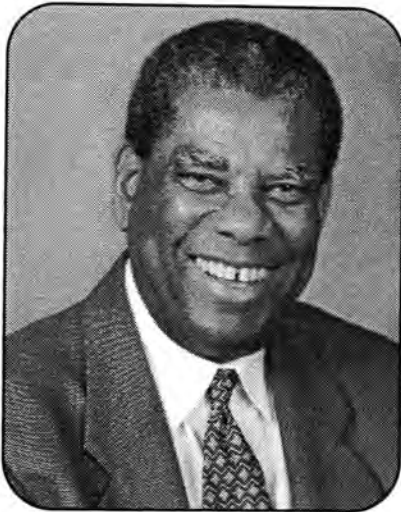
PROGRAMME

Musical Prelude	The Royal Bahamas Police Force Pop Band
Master of Ceremonies	Dr. Davidson Hepburn Centennial Board Member & Chairman - Health Heroes Awards Committee
National Anthem	Mrs. Kayla Lockhart-Edwards Centennial Board Member
Invocation	Bishop Samuel Green President, Bahamas Christian Council
Welcome Remarks	Dr. Merceline Dahl-Regis Chief Medical Officer Ministry of Health
Remarks	Dr. Richard Van West-Charles PAHO/WHO Representative Chairman - Centennial Board
Musical Selection	The Royal Bahamas Police Force Pop Band
Remarks & Introduction of The Prime Minister	Senator The Hon. Dr. Marcus C. Bethel Minister of Health
Keynote Address	THE RIGHT HONOURABLE PERRY G. CHRISTIE PRIME MINISTER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
Presentation of Awards	Her Excellency, Dame Dr. Ivy Dumont, DCMG Governor General of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas Dr. Marcus C. Bethel Dr. Richard Van West-Charles
Assistants	Dr. Pearl McMillan Centennial Board Member Miss Bernadette Ellis Health Heroes Committee Member
Response on behalf of the Honourees	Dr. Timothy McCartney Organizational Development Consultant Wayne Huizenga Graduate School of Business and Entrepreneurship
Closing Remarks	Mrs. Elma Garraway Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health
Musical Postlude	The Royal Bahamas Police Force Pop Band



PAHO Centennial Regional Health Heroes Awards Nominees

HONOUREES



DR. TIMOTHY MCCARTNEY
Psychology



DR. MERCELINE DAHL-REGIS
Public Health



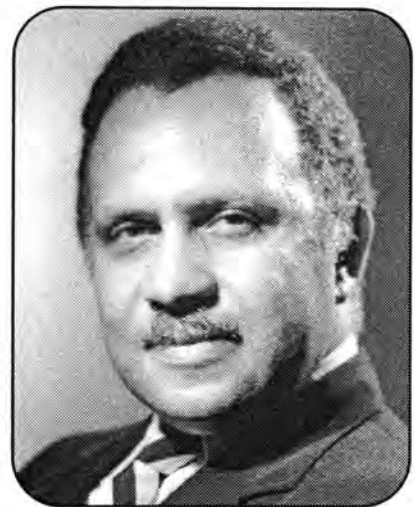
DR. PERRY GOMEZ
Medicine



DR. VERNELL ALLEN
Health Administration



MRS. MICHAELA M. VIRGILL-STORR
Health Administration



DR. DAVID F. ALLEN
Psychiatry



MRS. RUTH MILLAR
Health Administration



MS. HILDA BOWEN*
Nursing

*Deceased



Dr. Ronald L. Knowles

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e salute the gallant and effective leadership and commitment of Dr. Ronald Knowles, Minister of Health, 1997-2002, to public service.

Dr. Ronald Knowles received his early education at St. Augustine's College and Government High School. He later obtained an MBBS degree from the University of the West Indies. Following completion of his internship at The Princess Margaret Hospital and a residency in internal medicine at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, in 1974, Dr. Knowles received a fellowship in Nephrology from the University of Miami School of Medicine, Miami Florida, which he completed in 1976.

Dr. Knowles is a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine, and a Diplomate American Board of Internal Medicine in Nephrology. He holds Professional membership in the Medical Association of The Bahamas, the American Society of Nephrology, the International Society of Nephrology and the National Kidney Foundation.

At the end of his fellowship at the University of Miami, the young and enthusiastic Dr. Knowles, returned home and joined the staff of the Princess Margaret Hospital, where he distinguished himself as a Nephrology specialist, and rose through the ranks, to the position of Consultant, in the Department of Medicine and Internal Medicine.

On 20 March, 1997, he was appointed as a member of the Senate. He was also designated the portfolio of Minister of Health, including responsibility for the Environment. As Minister of Health, Dr. Knowles has rendered laudable public service in Health Policy, Planning and Administration. The hallmark of his administration include:

- the development and implementation of a National Health Services Strategic Plan;
- health sector reform, including decentralization of hospital services, regulation of allied health professions, regulation of health facilities and development of other policies to improve access to affordable, quality care for all residents of The Bahamas.
- progressive development and implementation of national priority health programmes, resulting in record gains in the health status of women and children and control and prevention of communicable diseases including HIV/AIDS.
- improvements in conditions of services and training opportunities for nurse, physicians, allied health and all other categories of staff;
- improvements in environmental health services, particularly, solid waste management and vector control;
- upgrading and expansion of health infrastructure providing modern, safe and appropriately equipped facilities;
- strengthened and expanded partnerships with the University of The West Indies, The College of The Bahamas and PAHO, increasing the number of appropriately trained health care providers.

Dr. Knowles contribution to the health sector in private practice.

Born on the 12th May, 1947, Dr. Knowles is the son of Mr and Mrs. Conrad Knowles. He and his wife Gwendolyn are the parents of one (1) daughter Kelly.



HOW NOMINEES WERE SELECTED

The Pan American Health Organization, the World's oldest international public health agency is observing its 100th Anniversary this year, 2002 in member countries. As a part of the celebrations, member countries were invited to select national and regional Public Health Heroes to be recognized at an awards giving ceremony.

The Selection Process required that a nominee for either national or regional Health Heroes meet at least one of the following criteria in order to be considered and ultimately selected:

- Living individuals with strong records of public health achievement
- Persons recognized by their peers as outstanding examples in public health
- Noted researchers in public health, someone whose research has had an impact on people's lives
- Philanthropists who have donated substantially to public health
- Individuals who have donated substantial time and/or effort to public health
- Policymakers who have gone the extra mile for public health.

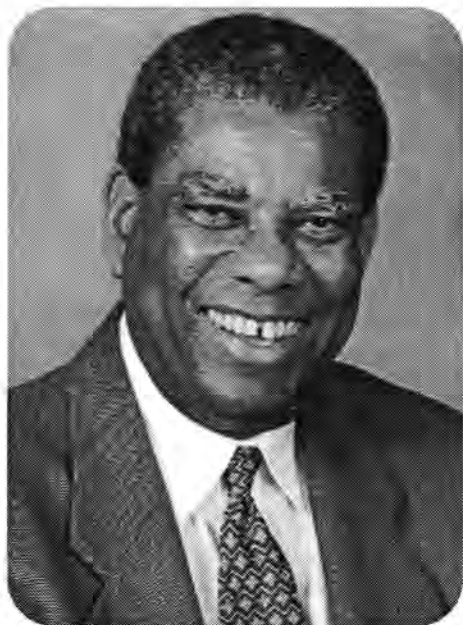
Categories for awards suggested by the Pan American Health Organization are as follow:

- Administration
- Allied Health
- Community Health
- Dentistry
- Environmental Health
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Public Health

The Health Heroes committee with the assistance of the Centennial Board Members selected a list of National Health Heroes and from this list eight (8) names were chosen to be submitted as regional nominees.

It must be mentioned that choosing these 80 health heroes out of a list of approximately 150 nominees was not an easy task. The committee wishes to commend all persons whose names were put forward and to say "let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." (Galatians 6:9)





Dr. Timothy McCartney

Dr. Timothy Osbourne McCartney, a Clinical Psychologist, and an Organizational Development Consultant, serves as Professor at the Wayne Huizenga Graduate School of Business and Entrepreneurship, Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

He was educated in The Bahamas, USA, Switzerland, Jamaica, England and France, receiving his doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the University of Strasbourg, summa-cum-laude.

In 1967 Dr. McCartney, the first Bahamian to obtain a doctorate in psychology, was employed by the Ministry of Health to establish the first department of psychology in the country at Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre, which was later named in his honour.

He holds memberships in the Academy of Management, the American Psychological Association, the American Psychological Society and in French, British, Bahamian and Caribbean Psychological Associations. He has served as president of The Bahamas Mental Health Association and of the Caribbean Federation for Mental Health.

Dr. McCartney has written scientific articles, books, chapters for textbooks, articles for magazines and produced educational films. He is a recipient of the Sir Victor Sassoon Golden Heart Award, and has received many other awards and citations for his contributions to Psychology and Mental Health.

In 1998, Dr. McCartney received the Excellence in Training Award from Nova Southeastern University, and in May, 1999, the Excellence in Teaching Award for his 15-year contribution to the development of graduate-level education in Jamaica. He resides primarily in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida with his wife Pauline, their children and grandchildren.

VELMA R. BURROWS

Velma Burrows is a committed and dedicated Physiotherapist who received her early education in Jamaica and subsequently a graduate Diploma in Physiotherapy from Birmingham, England and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from the University of Miami.

Mrs. Burrows has worked in almost all areas of her field including surgery, neurology and paediatrics. Her career path progressed from Physiotherapy Aide to Director of Physiotherapy, working as manager of the Physiotherapy Department for the past 15 years.

Her noted achievements include compiling the Physiotherapy Curriculum and implementation of a three-year training programme for therapists. During her tenure, she witnessed the staff level move from 90% non-professional staff to 88% professional staff.

Mrs. Burrows is a member of various civic groups including the Crippled Children's Committee, Holy Spirit Social Out-Reach Committee, management Committee for Cheshire Home, and The Bahamas Association for the Physically Disabled where she serves as a member of the Board of Directors.



J. CAROLINE DOBBIE



Ms. Dobbie has spent many years, over 41, working as a professional physiotherapist. She received a certificate of Physiotherapy from the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, Scotland; a graduate diploma in Physiotherapy from the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (UK), and a Master's Degree in Therapeutic Counselling.

Ms. Dobbie has worked at the Children's Health Centre, Vancouver General Hospital, British Columbia, Canada; the Geriatric Hospital, Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) and Doctor's Hospital (part-time) in New Providence. During this time, her particular area of interest has been the critically ill, especially in the intensive care setting and multitrauma cases.

In recent years, "a crowning achievement" was lecturing and assisting with coordinating the physiotherapy-training programme at the PMH. Mrs. Velma Burrows, Director of Physiotherapy, spearheaded this programme

and all candidates successfully passed their final examinations.

Such notable endeavours have resulted in the Bahamian healthcare community recognizing her with such awards as: The Medical Association of The Bahamas Award for "Outstanding Contributions to the Delivery of Health Care in the Field of Physiotherapy 2000; the PMH's "In Pursuit of Excellence" 2000 Award, and the "Recognition of Excellence" award from the Employee Relations Committee, PMH, 1992.

Ms. Dobbie is involved in numerous civic, community and professional organisations. She is a member of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, UK, and the Physiotherapy Association of The Bahamas. Additionally, she is a member of The Bahamas National Trust and Unity of Light, where she serves as choir member, platform assistant and alternative healer.

Ms. Dobbie presently carries out many administrative duties, however, she continues to enjoy tremendous job satisfaction, even after 41 years of service. She has striven to maintain the highest standard of professionalism, and insists upon similar standards being demonstrated by all physiotherapy staff members.



CLARICE SINCLAIR SANDS-GRANGER

Mrs. Clarice Sinclair Sands-Granger was born in Nassau, New Providence to the Reverend and Mrs. Talmage Sands.

Mrs. Granger received her early education at Mr. Bosfield Johnson's private school, Western Senior School and the Government High School, where she obtained the Junior and Senior Cambridge Certificates.

In 1951, she entered the Sheffield School of Radiography, a part of Sheffield University in England, where she became a member of the Society of Radiographers. She continued with post-graduate work at the Radiology Department, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, and at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary Radiation Centre in Scotland. In addition Postgraduate studies were completed at Glasgow; the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, London; West London and Guy's Hospitals in London.

Mrs. Granger returned home in 1955 to become the first Bahamian radiographer, and went to work in the X-ray Department of The Bahamas General Hospital, now the Princess Margaret Hospital where she spent 33 years.

Mrs. Granger is the recipient of numerous awards and medals and among them are the Golden Heart Award, Youth Advisory Medal, Silver Jubilee Medal, and Women in Science Technology award. She was bestowed the Officer of the British Empire (O.B.E.) by Queen Elizabeth II.

Mrs. Granger is a dedicated and outstanding community worker who serves on in the committees of the Girls' Industrial School, the Youth Advisory Board (education), the Dean Granger Memorial Centre, and the National Art Gallery, in addition to being the assistant organist at Christ Church Cathedral and St. Christopher's Church, Lyford Cay.



DR. COROLYN L. HANNA

Mrs. Carolyn Hanna was born in The Bahamas. She obtained a teacher's certificate in 1953 at The Bahamas Teacher's College. Between 1961 and 1968 she received an associateship in Early Childhood Education, an advanced diploma in Child Psychology and a Masters of Education at Universities in England. Her Doctor of Philosophy degree was earned from the University of Manitoba in 1980, in Educational Administration and Educational Psychology.

Dr. Hanna has been an educator for most of her life. She has served in the Ministry of Education from 1952 to 1984 as a teacher and administrator. She has taught at several tertiary institutions including College of The Bahamas, Benedictine University and Sojourner Douglas College. She has represented The Bahamas throughout the Caribbean and In the U.S.A. at seminars on Drug Abuse, Family Life Education, Strategic Planning and Special Services to the Disabled.

Dr. Hanna holds numerous awards for her outstanding contribution to church and civic organizations. The most recent in 2001 is the British Empire Medal for contributions to the development of the special services division in the Ministry of Education. She has published numerous articles in the journals on various topics of interest in health and education and has developed programmes for children with special needs.

Dr. Hanna is a pioneer in the area of Special Education and Social Welfare and although retired, continues to contribute to the growth of the Bahamian society.



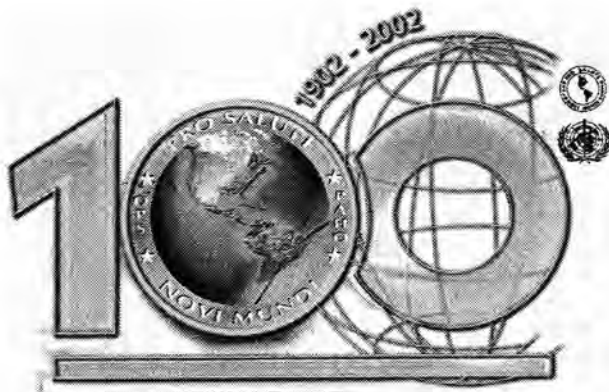


Rhoda Evangeline Rolle-Hanna

Mrs. Rhoda Evangeline Rolle-Hanna is a Physical Therapist who is the past president of The Bahamas Association of Physiotherapist as well as, the owner/manger of Rhoda A. Hanna Physicals Therapy Clinic. She attended Bethune Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Florida and University of Florida (Shands Teaching Hospital), Gainesville, Florida, where she obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Therapy.

In 1967, she began work as a physiotherapy aide at the Princess Margaret Hospital, which led to her position as Staff Physical Therapist at the hospital and, later, Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre. Mrs. Hanna rose to the post of Deputy and finally Chief Physical Therapist. Her work has led her to take care of the needs of several athletes, including those competing in Carifta. For her efforts, Mrs. Hanna has been recognized by health service providers as well as the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports. She is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association (and its private practice, women's health, and orthopaedic sections).

Mrs. Hanna would like to thank her pastor and the members of Mount Moriah Baptist Church for their spiritual guidance, also the Bahamian public, the medical profession and her physiotherapy colleagues for enabling her to serve in the role of health-care provider, and president of the association. She also thanks her family for being outstanding role models to her children.



Celebrating **100** Years of Health
 Celebrando **100** Años de Salud
 Celebrando **100** Anos de Saúde
 Célévrant **100** Ans de Santé

ADELMA LOEWINE PENN



Dietician Adelmia Penn is the Deputy Director of Food and Nutrition and the National Nutrition Coordinator in the Department of Public Health.

Ms. Penn received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Food and Nutrition Science, Magna Cum Laude in 1978, and her Master of Science degree in 1985, from University of Tennessee. Her post-graduate studies include a Certificate in Nutrition Programme Planning and Policy in Food and Nutrition, from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 1997. She also participated in numerous academic and professional courses, including the Food and Nutrition Policies and Programme International Course and Food and Nutrition Surveillance Workshop, at the Institute of Nutrition and Food Technology, University of Chile, 1992.

A former Chief Dietician at the Princess Margaret Hospital, Ms. Penn also served in the capacity of Manager, in PAHO/WHO's Project Nutrition Education for Teen Mothers.

Ms. Penn's extensive and varied work experience include: Serving as a lecturer in a Nutrition Surveillance Workshop, and the diploma courses for Community, Midwifery and Registered Nursing Students at the College of The Bahamas; developing the Dietetic Traineeship programme, and coordinating seminars and training sessions in therapeutic nutrition for physicians and food service personnel.

She is a member of the following professional organisations: The Dieticians of Canada; the Caribbean Association of Nutritionists and Dieticians; The Bahamas Diabetic Association, and The Bahama's Association of Nutritionists and Dieticians.

Mrs. Penn's current projects include: Implementation of the International Conference on Nutrition National Plan of Action Point; Food and Nutrition Policy; Diabetic Education Programme; Daycare and Preschool Initiative; Prison Health; Development of National Dietary Guidelines, and Evaluation of the National School Lunch Programme.

She co-chairs the Nutrition Committee; is a member of the National Breast Feeding Committee; the Maternal and Child Health Technical Advisory Committee; the Chronic Disease Management Committee, and the Executive Board of The Bahamas Diabetic Association.

Mrs. Penn was the Department of Public Health's Manager of Year recipient in 2001, and in 2002 she received the Bahamian Woman in Science and Technology award.

PEDRO ROBERTS II

Mr. Enoch Pedro Roberts II, Managing Director of Commonwealth Drug and Medical Supplies Company Limited, and a former Chief Pharmacist in the Ministry of Health, was born in Nassau October 20, 1936, the seventh of eight children of E.P. Roberts Sr. and Gladys Raine Roberts.

Mr. Roberts attended the Western Junior and Senior Schools, the Oakes Field Teachers Training College and Demonstration School, and the Continuing Education Evening Schools at the Western Junior and Eastern Senior Schools. He successfully completed General Certificate of Education examinations through Woolsley Hall, an extension studies division of Oxford University. He entered Temple University School of Pharmacy in Philadelphia in 1957, and graduated with a BSc degree in Pharmacy in 1961.

Returning to The Bahamas in 1962, Mr. Roberts was appointed Senior Pharmacist at the Princess Margaret Hospital, and later promoted to Chief Pharmacist.

Mr. Roberts served as president of The Bahamas Pharmaceutical Association, held executive office in the Caribbean Association of Pharmacists, and occupied the Americas regional executive position of the Commonwealth Pharmaceutical Association for many years. He has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Fort Montagu, and was a founding member, and later president of Toastmasters Club 1600. He retired from the Public Service in 1987.

A devout Methodist, Mr. Roberts is married to Jacquelyne Anne McCollough the couple has two children and two grandchildren.



NORMA A. ALLEN

Mrs. Norma A. Allen was born in New Providence and earned her High School Diploma from Eastern Senior School. Her laboratory training as a Medical Technologist began in 1950 at The Bahamas General Hospital, which was later, renamed the Princess Margaret Hospital.



In the early 1950's, during the Korean War, Mrs. Allen was privileged to work along with a team from the John Elliot Blood Bank of Miami, Florida under the direction of Dr. John Elliot and Colonel Joseph Potts. She assisted with the establishment of a Blood Bank in The Bahamas in 1962. This achievement encouraged her to pursue professional training as a Medical Technologist at the University of the West Indies Hospital in Jamaica where she received a Diploma in Medical Technology.

Mrs. Allen, being keen on professional development, has had extensive training in Blood Banking at Mount Sinai in New York, Jackson Memorial Blood Bank and Abbott Laboratories, both in Florida as well as Scientific Products in Puerto Rico. Between 1979 and 1985, Blood Banking was faced with the challenge of HIV/AIDS and Mrs. Allen became involved with CAREC and the Centre for Disease Control to establish testing standards for the AIDS epidemic.

Throughout her civil service career, Mrs. Allen has received numerous awards and citations from the government and civic organizations for her work in the community, with her church and within her profession, and most noted among them is the Queen's Honour, the MBE.

Mrs. Allen has been married to Melvin E. Allen for nearly forty-nine years and they are proud parents and grand parents who enjoy life.





Dr. Perry Gomez

DR. MICHAEL PERRY GOMEZ, M.B., BS

Dr. Michael Perry Gomez is a consultant Physician in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases at the Princess Margaret Hospital, Nassau, The Bahamas.

He attended the Government High School, and following graduation in 1965, began his medical training at the University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica. Upon completion of his MBBS degree and internship at Wayne State University and Detroit General Hospital, Detroit, Michigan, he was awarded a Fellow in Infectious Diseases.

Dr. Gomez holds membership in the American Society for Microbiology, Infectious Diseases Society of America, the Medical Association of The Bahamas and the American College of Physicians. He has authored numerous publications including Tuberculosis in The Bahamas, Epidemiology AIDS in The Bahamas, and Seroprevalence of HIV Infection in Selected Populations in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas. He is renowned for extensive research on HIV/AIDS and is the founder of the AIDS Clinical Services at the Princess Margaret Hospital.

Dr. Gomez has been actively involved in numerous organizations including a consultancy post with PAHO/WHO Geneva on Guidelines for Antiretroviral Therapy treatment for Latin America, the Caribbean and resource poor countries; served as President of The Bahamas Medical Association, Deputy Medical Director of the Princess Margaret Hospital, Deputy Chairman of the National Standing Committee for Prevention and Control of AIDS and as a member of The Bahamas Medical Council Licensing Authority.

He is the recipient of many prestigious awards and among them are Fellow of the American College of Physicians; the Distinguished Physicians Award, Medical Association of The Bahamas; the Rev. R.E. Cooper Meritorious Award for Outstanding Community Service; the Paul Harris Fellow Award by Rotary International, and the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Merit Award in Medicine.

Dr. Gomez is married to Carmen Gomez and the couple has two (2) children.

MEDICINE

Honourees:





DR. DAVID FRANKLIN ALLEN

Dr. David Allen is well-known in the fight against illicit drugs.

Born in Nassau, Bahamas, Dr. Allen, a Diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, graduated with a Bachelor of Medicine and bachelor of Surgery degrees from the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, in 1969.

He completed his general medical internship at the Princess Margaret Hospital, in 1970, then undertook a three-year psychiatric residency at Harvard Psychiatry Service, Boston City Hospital. Following

this, he earned a Master's degree in public health from Harvard School of Public Health.

Dr. Allen started Knowles House, a mental health center to treat persons from the community in an out-patient setting. He also headed the Drug Task Force of The Bahamas and the National Drug Council. He founded The Haven Drug rehabilitation Centre in Nassau and in 1992 established The Haven in Washington, D.C. for inner-city drug abusers.

In 1985, Dr. Allen received the Distinguished Citizen's Award for his work in fighting drug addiction. He also received an honorary doctorate for his work on Cocaine Addiction from Gordon College, Massachusetts; the Young Presidents Organisation Award; the Bennet Commonwealth Award of the Royal Society of Arts, London, and The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce award for civics.

Dr. Allen has authored many books including: *The Cocaine Crisis*, *Crack: The broken promise*, *The Christian Physician: Vocation or Career*; *Insearch of The Heart and Shattering The Gods Within*.

Dr. Allen is married to Dr. Victoria Allen and the couple has two children.



DR. GEORGE H. SHERMAN



George H. Sherman, MD, a specialist in obstetrics and gynaecology, graduated from St. John's College, Bahamas, obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree at Lincoln University, Oxford, Pennsylvania, and his Doctor of Medicine Degree from Howard University, Washington, D.C.

He was the senior physician, Department of Health Education and Welfare in Washington, D.C. At Princess Margaret Hospital, Bahamas, he served as consultant and chief of obstetrics and gynaecology, and later served as the first chairman for Public Hospitals Authority.

Dr. Sherman was honoured by the Medical Association of The Bahamas, received the Silver Jubilee Award and the John Miller Dickey Award from Lincoln University.

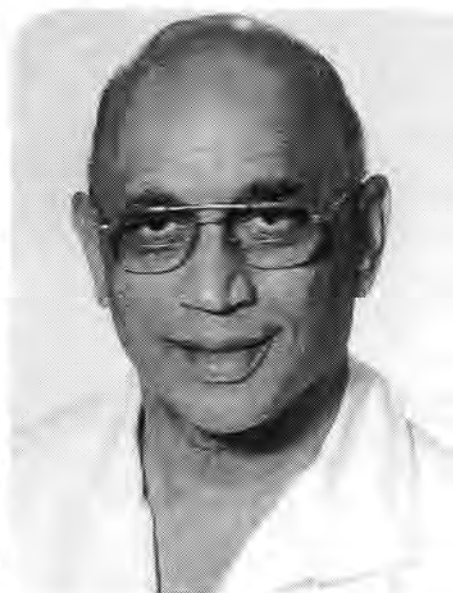
He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology; and the American College of Surgeons; Diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners; and a member of the Pan American Health Organization. Dr. Sherman is a member of the Kiwanis Club of

Nassau, Chairman of St. John's College Board of Governors, and Medical Advisor to The Bahamas Cancer Society. Each of his publications "Twin Pregnancies" and "Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome" won first prize from the Journal of National Medical Association.

Post-fellowship studies include the Programme for chiefs of clinical services, Harvard University; Gynaecologic Oncology at John Hopkins University, Laser Endoscopic Surgery at Mercer University, Atlanta, Georgia and Leadership Training for Evolving Health Care Systems, Harvard University. Dr. Sherman is an Anglican and a member of Holy Trinity Church. He is married to the former Sandra Carter and they have two children, Kevin and Kim.

Dr. Sherman describes himself as "a very serious workaholic" with no hobbies.

DR. JOHN A. LUNN



Dr. John Anthony Lunn, Physician, Consultant, Specialist and former Director of hypertension clinical research at the Princess Margaret Hospital, was born in Nassau September 06, 1935.

Dr. Lunn, after obtaining the Cambridge Overseas School Certificate (grade one) at Queen's College, and A-level passes in the London General Certificate of Education examinations he was given a Bahamas Government scholarship to study medicine at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He was awarded the MBBS Degree in June, 1961. Between 1963 and 1965, he received a Bahamas government research fellowship as well as research grants from the British Medical Association and the University of Edinburgh. Dr. Lunn became a Member of the Royal College of Physicians with a subspecialty in haematology and medical oncology in 1965, and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in 1978.

Dr. Lunn worked as assistant professor of medicine at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine from 1970 to 1972, and was head of the Department of Medical Services at the Princess Margaret Hospital from 1978 to 1991. He was Director of the oncology programme at the hospital, Director of The Bahamas Foundation for High Blood Pressure, President of the Commonwealth Medical Research Institute, Chairman of the National Drug Formulary Committee, and Director of medical oncology at The Bahamas Comprehensive Cancer Centre.

Dr. Lunn has authored many publications, including "Comparison Between Three Radioisotope Methods for Measuring Iron Absorption (British Medical Journal, August 1967)," Long Term Effects of Furosemide and Hydrochlorothiazide in Patients with Essential Hypertension" (Angiology Volume 28 NO2, February 1977) and "Comparative effects of Dilitiazem and Hydrochlorothiazide in Blacks with Systemic Hypertension" (Amj Cardiol 1985). He has served as President of the Medical Association of The Bahamas between 1973 and 1974, a member of the Medical Council between 1974 and 1979, and president of the New Providence Human Rights Association from 1989 to 1992.

Dr. Lunn is married to Dr. Sonia Lunn and the couple has three children.





DR. ADA THOMPSON-HEPBURN

Kidney specialist, Dr. Ada Thompson-Hepburn is the founder and first president of the Kidney Foundation of the Bahamas.

Born in Georgetown, Guyana, Dr. Thompson graduated from the University of the West Indies, Mona, St. Andrews, Jamaica with a MBBS degree with honours and the Surgery Award.

Dr. Thompson-Hepburn, came to The Bahamas in 1965 to work at the Princess Margaret Hospital where she was stationed in the Accident and Emergency Department and then on to the Male Medical Ward. It was during that time she observed the high death rate among young men from kidney failure due to hypertension and diabetes.

Determined to do something about it, Dr. Thompson travelled to London, England to study kidney diseases and hypertension, and to learn about dialysis treatment while in London she was attached to St. Steven's and later was a research assistant in the Renal Unit of St. Thomas' Hospital.

Upon her return to The Bahamas she resumed work at Princess Margaret Hospital on the medical wards as Registrar in Medicine. She also lectured at The Bahamas School of Nursing and became involved in public education on a variety of health matters.

In 1969 she began both haemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis at the Princess Margaret Hospital, which became the first hospital in the English-speaking Caribbean to offer such services.

When Dr. Thompson-Hepburn entered private practice in 1971, her association with dialysis continued. She founded the Kidney Foundation of The Bahamas - another first for the Caribbean. The Foundation was established to educate the general public about the dangers of uncontrolled hypertension, diabetes, renal disease and renal failure, and to raise funds to assist patients needing dialysis.

Dr. Thompson-Hepburn was made an Honorary Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences of The Bahamas for her contributions to the practice of medicine in The Bahamas.

Dr. Thompson-Hepburn is married to Dr. Davidson Hepburn, a former Ambassador of The Bahamas to the United Nations. They have a son, Scott. She collects Bahamian Art, Caribbean poetry and prose, and is soon to publish her first book.

Honourees:
MEDICINE





DR. I. EARLE FARRINGTON

A former President of the Bahama Islands Medical Association and Hospitals Doctors Union, Dr. Farrington has made a major contribution toward ensuring the availability of quality health care in the Bahamas.

Born in New Providence, Dr. Farrington attended Eastern Primary and Senior High Schools and the Government High School, where he obtained a Senior Cambridge Certificate, grade 1, London matriculation, and was also awarded DUX and Princeps. In 1947 he was granted the first Government scholarship and later attended the University of Glasgow, where he obtained a bachelor of Medicine and bachelor of surgery degrees and a certificate of merit in clinical surgery and psychology.

Between 1963 and 1965, Dr. Farrington served as Medical Officer - Surgery, at the Princess Margaret Hospital (P.M.H.) and was later appointed the first Bahamian medical consultant. From 1968 to 1987 he served as a senior consultant and head of department of surgery at P.M.H. From 1987 to 1989 he served as a consultant to the Health Planning Team in the Ministry of Health.

Dr. Farrington has received many awards over the years. In 1989 he was made member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (M.B.E). In 1992 he was inducted as an Honourary Fellow to the Commonwealth of the Bahamas Academy of Medical Sciences, and in 1998 he received a gold medal in medicine during the Bahamas Silver Jubilee Award presentations.

Dr. Farrington is an active member of St. Michael's Methodist Church. He has served as chairman of the Health Professions Council, and is a Member of the Police Service Commission. Dr. Farrington is married to the former Melanie Archer, and has two sons.
Dr. Norman Gay

DR. NORMAN GAY

Dr. Norman R. Gay, a physician, former Member of Parliament, Minister of Health and Minister of Youth and Sports, was born, at United Estates, San Salvador.

Dr. Gay attended Eastern Senior School and passed the Senior Cambridge Certificate examination at age 13, setting a local record. His professional training was achieved at Canadian Union Medical School and Union Medical School at Loma Linda University. He holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Miami.

His professional experiences include, serving as a Medical Officer in the Out-Patients Department and Medical Officer-in-charge of Ambulatory Care, Princess Margaret Hospital. He has also conducted research in metabolics and is well known for his innovations in healthy lifestyles and diet.

Dr. Gay has been a competitor in almost all British and American Sports, and has contributed to its promotion, development and administration. He is past president of the Bahamas Volleyball Federation, The Bahamas Body-building Federation and the Caribbean Body-building Federation, and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization for three consecutive terms. He has recently launched the Bahamas Anti-aging Institute.

He holds professional memberships with the Life Extension Foundation, International Academy of Preventative Medicine, American Academy of Sports Medicine, and Beta Gamma Sigma.



DR. KEENAN LARRY CARROLL



Radiologist, Dr. Keenan Larry Carroll has many firsts to his name. He is the first Bahamian certified specialist in diagnostic radiology, the first to introduce catheter angiography, general ultrasound scanning and telemedicine in The Bahamas.

A graduate of Government High School in Nassau, Dr. Carroll attended the University of the West Indies, the University of Michigan, Cleveland Clinic, and the United States Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

He did an internship at San Fernando General Hospital, San Fernando, Trinidad; and his residency in diagnostic radiology and neuroradiology at the Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan. Dr. Carroll was consultant in radiology at the Princess Margaret Hospital from 1980 to 1992 and then became chairman of the Department of Imaging at Doctor's Hospital.

Dr. Carroll won the Medical Association of The Bahamas' 1997 Physician Award of Merit, and in 1996 and 1997 captured the Continuing Medical Education Award of Excellence from Doctor's Hospital.

Dr. Carroll is president of the Caribbean Society of Radiologists, and a member of the American College of Radiology, the Radiological Society of North America, the American Roentgen Ray Society, the Society of Breast Imaging, the Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound, the European Congress and Association of Radiology, and Diplomate of the American Board of Radiology.

Dr. Carroll has conducted health education lectures with the Cancer Society of The Bahamas on Breast Cancer Awareness. He is a leader of Church Christian Men's Fellowship and faculty member of The Holy Trinity Church marriage preparation course.

DR. PATRICIA DOROTHY ANNE FORTE

For more than 30 years Dr. Patricia Dorothy Anne Forte was employed with the Ministry of Health and Department of Paediatrics.

She obtained a medical degree and received a Diploma in Child Health from the University of the West Indies in 1984 and a PhD in Nutrition Counselling from LaSalle University in 2001.

During her tenure in the public service, Dr. Forte was the Ministry of Health co-ordinator in Public Health. Presently, she is in practice as a family physician.

Dr. Forte's publications include "Parasitic Infestation in the Bahamian Paediatric Population" and "The Validity of Nutritional Counselling as it relates to the Paediatrics Bahamian population."

A member of the Pilot Club of Nassau, Dr. Forte has five children, and in 1988 was named Pilot of the year.





DR. JULIA MARTHA WERSHING

Dr. Julia Martha Wershing was born August 4th, 1933. She received her general education and went on to obtain bachelor of arts, doctor of medicine and doctor of science degrees. Dr. Wershing completed her residency in paediatrics and a one-year fellowship in paediatric cardiology. She was involved in clinical paediatrics in Denver, Colorado, and in clinical practice at the Hardecker Clinic, where she made tremendous contributions for 30 years to the health of children in The Bahamas.

Dr. "Julie" as she is affectionately known in The Bahamas, also worked as an Instructor of Paediatrics at the University of Colorado Medical School. She joined Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C. as an instructor in Paediatrics, and was later appointed assistant professor, associate professor and full professor in clinical research, in immunizations and treatment of parasitic and infectious diseases. She also worked at the Sassoon Heart Clinic from 1964 to 1992.

Dr. Wershing was honored for her untiring work in paediatrics. She became a member of the Order of the British Empire and received the Paediatrician of the Year Award from Georgetown University in 1973, the Timothy Award 1982, International Rotary "Paul Harris Fellow" in 1992, and The Bahamas Medical Association Award in 2000.

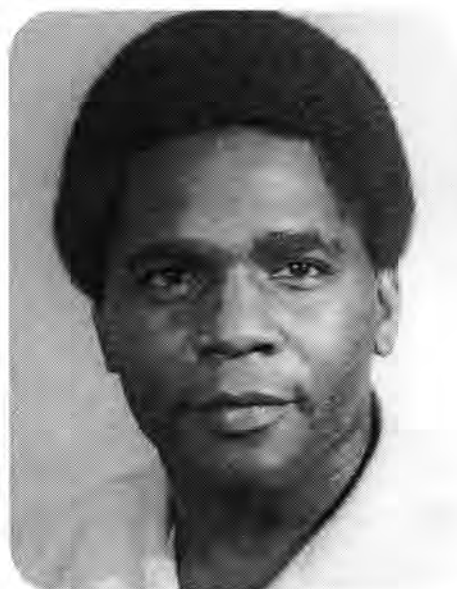
She has published fifteen articles in medical journals including The British Heart Journal. "Dr. Julie" is described by the Bahamian people as a paediatrician with a warm and generous heart.

DR. PATRICK DAVID ROBERTS

Dr. Patrick David Roberts, a Paediatrician, has a very extensive academic background having studied in Universities in Canada, Nigeria, Denmark, Scotland, Ireland and the United Kingdom to name a few. His professional experience is as impressive in that he holds Diplomas, Degrees and Certificates from these institutions in Medicine, Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases,, Child health, Surgery, Family Planning and Educational Psychology.

Dr. Roberts served as Consultant Head of Department of Paediatrics from 1984 to present and is currently Director of the Paediatric Asthma Clinic and Chairman of the National Asthma Committee. In addition, he is the founding President of The Bahamas Association of Sickle Cell and served as physician for The Bahamas Olympic team to Seoul 1988, Atlanta 1996 and Sydney 2000. Dr. Roberts has made outstanding contributions to The Bahamas in civic and community service. He has presented many academic papers and lectured on a number of topics such as Sickle Cell Disease, Population Control, Mental Retardation, Asthma, Sports and Religion in The Bahamas.

Dr. Roberts is married to Jodell Ruth and the couple has two lovely daughters.



DR. GLEN SAMUEL BENEBY

A former Head Boy at the Government High School, Dr. Beneby graduated from the University of the West Indies in 1978 with his MB, BS. He interned at the Princess Margaret Hospital, did his residency training and research in anaesthesia at the University of Sheffield, England, and in 1984 passed the Fellowship of the Royal College of Anaesthetists examination in London.

In 1984 Dr. Beneby served as director of Intensive Care Unit at the Princess Margaret Hospital; in 1985 he established a post graduate programme in anaesthesia at the Princess Margaret Hospital, associated with the University of the West Indies; and in 1987 he established a Respiratory Maintenance Division in the Department of Anaesthesia.

Dr. Beneby is one of the founding members of the Academy of Medical Sciences and also a founding director of Physicians Alliance. In 1997, Dr. Beneby received the Physician Award of Merit for exemplary contribution and service in advancing the practice of anaesthesiology to the people of The Bahamas. That year he became the first Bahamian Medical Representative at the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, where he was inducted as an honorary member. In 1999 Dr. Beneby was appointed Medical Advisor at the Public Hospitals Authority.

In 2001 Dr. Beneby became the first chairman of the Prison Health Services Executive Management Committee. He was also appointed vice president of The Bahamas Blood Foundation.

This year he developed, planned and conducted the first management workshops in finance and human resources for tertiary care physicians within the Public Hospitals Authority.



Honourees:
MEDICINE





DR. HENRY PODLEWSKI

Dr. Henry Podlewski, a Psychiatrist by profession obtained a MB ChB degree from Edinburgh University and is a member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

Dr. Podlewski has held positions at Roundway Hospital, Wiltshire England, St. Bernard's Hospital, Middlesex, London, England and was first Chief Psychiatrist at the Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre.

The Professional Societies in which he holds membership include The British Medical Association, and The American Psychiatric Association.

Dr. Podlewski also served as founding member of The Bahamas Mental Health Association and The Bahamas Council on Alcoholism. He co-authored with James Jekel, et al an article on "Epidemic Free-base Cocaine Abuse" that was published in the Lancet in March, 1986. He also co-authored with T. Henshereck et al, an article on "Characteristics of Free-base Cocaine Psychosis" that was published in the Yale Journal

of Biology and Medicine in 1988.

Dr. Podlewski, was awarded the OBE in 1968, the Distinguished Citizen's Award (Bahamas Chamber of Commerce), 1975, The Golden Heart Award, 1981 and the Silver Jubilee Award, 1998.

Dr. Podlewski will long be remembered for the major role he played in the development of psychiatric services in The Bahamas.

DR. CECIL W. M. BETHEL

Dr. Cecil W.M. Bethel, a Caribbean and British-trained physician was educated at the University of the West Indies, the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, Scotland; and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Glasgow, Scotland.

Dr. Bethel did his internship at the Public Hospital in Georgetown, Guyana, between 1958 and 1959, and served as medical officer at the Princess Margaret Hospital in Nassau from 1959 to 1962.

He served as Supernumerary Registrar at the University College Hospital in London from 1962 to 1964; Senior Registrar in Medicine, Princess Margaret Hospital from 1964 to 1965; and Consultant Physician, Princess Margaret Hospital from 1965 to 1968.

Dr. Bethel was the first Medical Chief of Staff at the Princess Margaret Hospital from 1968 to 1972, and also served during that period as senior consultant physician and head of the Department of Medicine. He resigned as Medical Chief of Staff in 1972 but maintained the post of senior consultant physician and head of the Department of Medicine until 1988 when he retired from The Bahamas Government Service after 30 years of service. He has been in private practice since 1988.

Dr. Bethel is a charter president of the Medical Association of The Bahamas, a trustee of the Sir Victor Sassoon (Bahamas) Heart foundation, a past director of education of The Bahamas Heart Association, and medical advisor to The Bahamas Diabetic Association. He served as a member of the Board of the Public Hospitals Authority from 1999 to 2001.

Dr. Bethel was made a member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) by Her Majesty The Queen in 1989. He received The Bahamas Silver Jubilee Anniversary Gold Coin Award and the University of the West Indies "Distinguished Graduate" Award in 1998; and Medical Alumni Award in 2001.

He is married to the former Earla Thompson and they have two children.



DR. QUINTIN MAURICE STRAKER RICHMOND

Dr. Quintin Maurice Straker Richmond, a Guyanese by birth, has lived and worked in The Bahamas for many years. He received his education at Queen's College in Guyana and at the University of the West Indies. He is a Specialist in Dermatology and Internal Medicine. He has given years of free service to patients recommended by their doctors at the Princess Margaret and Sandilands Hospitals and the 'Reform' Schools.

Dr. Richmond's professional experience covers a wide range of services in the areas of dermatology and internal medicine in The Bahamas and Florida. As a postgraduate student, he successfully completed his M.R.C.P. in internal medicine at London and Glasgow. Further, he was appointed as Clinical Lecturer and Visiting Assistant Professor of Dermatology at the University of Miami.

In 1999, Dr. Richmond presented a paper to the Caribbean Dermatology Conference in Nassau: "A Case of Pruritis, a case of Biliary Cirrhosis - showing that liver transplant patients may live longer than the 7-10 years predicted."

Dr. Richmond has contributed greatly to the Bahamian society and for this, the Medical Association of The Bahamas has honoured him.



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DR. KENNETH W. KNOWLES M.D.

Dr. Kenneth W. Knowles is an Ophthalmologist with a interesting sidebar - he is also an active P.A.D.I. Scuba Diving Instructor with eight specialties and a Bahamas Boats Master's (A) license.

He received his doctorate degree from Dalhousie University Medical School, Halifax, Canada, in 1967, and performed his Ophthalmology Residency in 1970 at Wayne State University/Kresge Eye Institute, Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A. That same year, he worked at the Princess Margaret Hospital Eye Wing, as well as on his own private practice in New Providence.

Dr. Knowles received a Medical Association of The Bahamas "Award for Outstanding Contribution in Ophthalmology" in 1999. He is also a member of the Medical Society of The Bahamas, the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Society of Contemporary Ophthalmology.



DR. BRIAN GEOFFREY HUMBLESTONE

Dr. Brian Humblestone, a former Chief Psychiatrist in the Ministry of Health, was born in Kingsbury, England, August 31st, 1936.

He received his medical education at Kings College, London University, and St. George's Hospital Medical School, obtaining his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery Degrees in 1962. Having completed a residency in psychiatry in England, he came to Nassau in 1965, where he was appointed a Medical Officer in Paediatrics at the Princes Margaret Hospital. He continued to work in the Bahamas, except for one year, 1968, when he completed a post-graduate diploma in Psychological Medicine at the Institute of Psychiatry and National Hospital for Nervous Diseases in London. In 1971, he trained in Electroencephalograph (EEG) in Cambridge, England.

Dr. Humblestone assisted Dr. Henry Podlewski, former Chief Psychiatrist in the Ministry of Health, in setting up the first Alcoholic Unit in the Caribbean region at the Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre

in 1967. Dr. Humblestone became a Consultant Psychiatrist for the Ministry of Health in 1973, and succeeded Dr. Podlewski as Chief Psychiatrist in 1985. He was also instrumental in establishing the world's first in-patient unit to treat free-base cocaine patients.

Dr. Humblestone is a founding member of the Bahamas Mental Health Association, serving two terms as President and was President of the Bahamas Council on Alcoholism.

In 1985 and 1987, he served as organizing chairman of the first two World Symposia on Crack Cocaine, and has published several papers on substance abuse.

Since leaving the ministry in 1989, Dr. Humblestone has been in private practice on Collins Avenue, where he concentrates in principles and mechanisms in health maintenance, and researches diabetes, hypoglycaemia and mood disorders. He is to be congratulated for designing a multi-nutrient supplement "Synthergen" for The Bahamas.



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A Tribute To

HILDA BOWEN



The late Hilda V. Bowen was an outstanding nurse who played a pivotal role in structuring the nursing service in The Bahamas. She was born in Nassau, New Providence, the second child of Mr. & Mrs. Irwin Bowen of Cunningham Lane, Nassau. Miss Bowen had the distinct honour of being the first Bahamian trained as a nurse in the United Kingdom between 1946 and 1953. She held qualifications of State Registered Nurse and State Certified Midwife, with specialization in Ophthalmology. She also held a certificate in Advanced Nursing Administration from the Royal College of Nursing London.

Miss Bowen was appointed as the first Bahamian Matron in 1962, and three years later, she was appointed Chief Nursing Officer, the top nursing post in the Ministry of Health. She assumed responsibility for

the coordination of all nursing services in The Bahamas. As Chief Nursing Officer, she assisted in the development of the nursing council, the statutory body governing nursing practices in The Bahamas.

Miss Bowen was very active in church work at St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral where she worshiped. Further, she was active in the Women's Suffragette Movement and was also one of the pioneers of the Community Development Committee along with the late Clarence Bain.

Her greatest achievement was having nursing recognized as a profession; for this, she was awarded the M.B.E. Miss Bowen received numerous other awards and citations and among them were the renaming of the Grosvenor Close Library of the College of The Bahamas in her honour, the Independence Silver Jubilee Award (1998) and The Bahamas Order of Merit for Public Service (1999).

NURSING





MYRTLE ELAINE HANNA

Mrs. Myrtle Elaine Hanna is a retired nurse whose career spanned more than 50 years. She started her career in 1940 as a home nurse and midwife. In 1945, she worked at Duchess Windsor Clinic with the prenatal baby clinic and made district visits to homes. In 1957, she worked for 10 years with Dr. C. Gordon as a receptionist and nurse, then went on to work at the Hardecker Children's Clinic. Her years of selfless work was recognized by the community she served in 1987, with the Golden Heart Award, and in 2000 with an honour from the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Theta Epsilon Zeta Chapter.

Mrs. Hanna is an ardent member of St. Agnes Church and was an active leader of St. Monica's Chapter. She is also a widowed mother of three children - Paul, Marie and Andrew.

ROSETTA MAJOR

Rosetta Major was born at Turtle Cove, Long Island. She was desirous of getting a good education and studied hard. Her first teacher, she boasts, was Mr. Timothy Gibson, the author of The Bahamas National Anthem.

In Nassau, she had an opportunity to study nursing under the tutelage of Nursing Sisters from Great Britain. She was a dedicated nurse and was commended by The Bahamas Government for her contribution to the profession in the Family Islands under very harsh conditions. She worked as a Community Nurse on Cat Island and Exuma and did private nursing in Grand Bahama. She has many fond memories of her life as a midwife.

She is the proud mother of five children including: Brenda Major Barry, the first Miss Bahamas and Mr. Wendell Major, Secretary to the Cabinet. She boasts 12 grand children and five great-grand children. She is involved in church and civic activities, and loves to write poetry. She was an avid reader until she lost her sight.

She has travelled extensively and now resides at Harbour Island.





KATHLEEN JOHNSON

Mrs. Kathleen Johnson has made a valuable contribution to the profession of nursing since graduating from St. Johns College, The Bahamas School of Nursing and the University of The West Indies where she obtained her Masters Degree in Public Health. She was Project Manager for the Regional Programme on Drug Abuse Prevention for the Organisation of American States (OAS) and The Ministry of Health, served as Coordinator for the Maternal and Child Health Projects and Programmes and Coordinator for Adolescent Health Services. Mrs. Johnson facilitated the Second Step Violence Prevention Curriculum in the Schools. She was also the Supervisor of Health Services in the Long Island district, as well as Supervisor and Field Guide for student nurses.

Mrs. Johnson has been instrumental in implementing numerous projects and programmes for the Ministry of Health some of which include the Neonatal Resuscitation Programme within the Public Health Service in Nassau and Freeport, Recognition of the Elderly Development Programme which lead to the Caribbean Charter for the Elderly, National Adolescent Comprehensive Health & Development Initiative and developed the Nutrition Unit for Public Health Care.

In addition to her nursing, Mrs. Johnson also participates in community service. She is a member of the H.O.Nash School Board, a member of the Usher Board of St. John's Baptist Church, Past President of Bel-Air Crime Watch Association and Development, Bahamas Alliance for the Blind and Visually Impaired, The Bahamas Family Planning Association and The Bahamas Nursing Association.

Mrs. Johnson is the recipient of several awards including the Ministry of Health Award for long service, the Silver Jubilee Award for her contribution to nursing and the Nursing Association Award for dedicated service.

EDRIS ELMA TURNER

Mrs. Edris Elma Turner, a Registered Nurse and Registered Midwife, was born in Tea Bay, Cat Island. Mrs. Turner received her early education at the Knowles All age School in Cat Island.

Her professional training was obtained at The Bahamas General Hospital School of Nursing. Her professional experiences in nursing include working at the Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre and Prospect Hospital. She served for over 25 years in the Family Islands and in the Community Nursing Service as grannie midwife and at times medical advisor.

She has received many awards and honours for her contribution to Nursing and Public Health, including the British Empire Medal and Public Health Pioneers Award.

She is a member of the Nurses Association of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, the Retired Senior Citizens Association and the Retired Nurses Guild. Mrs. Turner who is a prayerful individual is a member of the Zion Baptist Church, East and Shirley Streets.



LILLIAN ALICIA BASDEN

Mrs. Basden was born to Mr. John and Eliza Williams in beautiful Turks and Caicos Island. She was educated at the Grand Turks Junior and Senior High Schools. As a child Mrs. Basden aspired to be a teacher and therefore taught at Grand Turks school before entering the field of nursing.

Mrs. Basden furthered her education in Jamaica at the University of the West Indies where she graduated as a certified Nurse in Midwifery and Public Health. She then returned to The Bahamas and worked untiringly as a Midwife and Community Nurse in New Providence and the Family Islands. She is well remembered for her interest in clients and the quiet and unassuming way she imparted her skills to many community and midwifery trainees.



LABAN H. BROWN

Mr. Laban Brown was born in Mayaguana, and attended the all age school in Pirates Well. He trained in surgical and medical nursing at The Bahamas General Hospital School of Nursing between 1946 and 1949.

As a Registered Male Nurse, his professional experience included a postgraduate course in Psychiatric Nursing at McBlean Hospital, Waverly, Massachusetts, in 1955. He worked for 32 years in the Nursing Service, and joined the private duty Nursing Services in 1983, remaining for a decade. Among the awards Mr. Brown received for his contributions to nursing in The Bahamas are the British Empire Medal (B.E.M.) and the Queen's Certificate and badge of honour.

Active in community and professional societies, he is a member of the Masonic Lodge, and Zion Baptist Church, where he serves as Assistant Chaplain in the 14th Boys' Brigade Company. He was ordained an Evangelist at the Zion United Baptist Convention in 1998.

Mr. Brown is the father of five boys and six girls. He retired from the Nursing Service on March 5, 1981.

The following biblical verse has been Mr. Brown's guiding light:

"Trust in the Lord with all of thine heart, and lean not to thine own understanding, in all of thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path! Proverbs 3:5,6





DR. GLORIA DIANNA FERGUSON

Dr. Gloria Dianna Ferguson holds a Nursing Education Certificate from the University of the West Indies, a Master of Science Degree in Bible and Theology from Louisiana Baptist University and Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree from the same university.

She has a career in nursing spanning more than 40 years, and served as Registered Nurse/Registered Midwife, Nurse Educator and lecturer in Midwifery for 29 years.

Dr. Ferguson served as President of the Nurses Association of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and Education Officer within the Association, member of the Nursing Council, Senior Nursing Officer, Ministry of Health, and Senior Lecturer at the College of the Bahamas (Midwifery and Maternal and Child Health).

She was honoured by the Ministry of Health for 30 years of service, by the Women's Bureau for her work among women and by the government with a Silver Jubilee medal for her contribution to the national development of nursing. Dr.

Ferguson also received a diamond award on her retirement for more than 40 years service, and was saluted by midwives in International Midwives' Day.

In civic work, Dr. Ferguson has served as President of St. John's Primary Parent-Teacher Association, assisted in the soup kitchen at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, served as secretary of the National Organization of Women's Association in the Bahamas and participated in Community Walkabout.

She has published an article on breast-feeding and has reorganized the Midwifery Curriculum of the College of the Bahamas. In her pastoral capacity, Dr. Ferguson co-founder of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church and has been a member of many pastoral organizations. At present she serves as the Pastor of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, New Providence, and is a marriage officer and Justice of the Peace.

She has two sons and a daughter.

ROSA MAE BAIN

Mrs. Rosa Mae Bain who has spent more than 41 years in nursing, is the Principal Nursing Officer in the Department of Public Health, and has contributed significantly to work in public education on HIV/AIDS.

She is a former Staff Nurse and Nursing Sister at the Princess Margaret Hospital, and Coordinator of AIDS Seretariat.

Mrs. Bain was qualified as a Registered Nurse at South Mead Hospital Bristol, England in 1965, and a Certified Midwife at Edgewater General Hospital in 1968,

She is a former member of the Bahamas Nursing Council Examiners' Board and current AIDS Foundation Education Director. She is also a member of the Nurses Association of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, the Community Nurses Club, and research trainer for the National Regional Committee on HIV/AIDS.

Mrs. Bain was given the Ministry of Health, Department of Public Health's Outstanding Award in 1987, the Florence Nightingale Intensive Red Cross Award in 1991, and ZETA PHI Beta Award in 1998.



MARY LOUISE JOHNSON

Director of Nursing in the Ministry of Health, Mary L. Johnson entered the nursing profession when she was 17 years old at the Princess Margaret Hospital's School of Nursing, then pursued professional nursing studies in England on a Bahamas Government Scholarship.

Ms. Johnson is a State Registered Nurse (Gold Medallist), Midwife (England), Registered Psychiatric Nurse (Scotland), and holds a certificate (Hons) in Advanced Nursing Education (UWI). She also holds a B-Ed. and B. Sc. in Nursing, and an MA in Rehabilitation Counselling.



With the assistance of PAHO, in 1993, Ms. Johnson attended a course, 'Managing Health Programmes in Developing Countries', at Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts. In 1994 she participated in a Senior Managers Certificate course in Public Administration offered at the Public Service Training Centre.

She was one of the first of two Bahamian nurses deployed as Clinical Teachers at PMH's School of Nursing, and the first Bahamian female nurse to obtain post basic certification in Psychiatric Nursing. Ms. Johnson was subsequently granted a PAHO fellowship, 1972 to 1973, to attend the Advanced Nursing Education Programme at the University of the West Indies.

Her teaching practice, facilitated by PAHO at the San Fernando School of Nursing in Trinidad, combined with her extensive training, equipped her to become the first Bahamian Psychiatric Nurse Tutor. Ms. Johnson has had a major impact on the development and structure of Psychiatric Nursing in The Bahamas.

Ms. Johnson served as Nurse Educator in the School of Nursing for approximately 12 years, and as a part-time lecturer for the Nursing Programme at the College of The Bahamas. From 1973 to 74, she chaired committees to develop and coordinate the Post Basic Psychiatric Nursing Programmes for Trained Clinical Nurses and Registered Nurses.

Ms. Johnson served as Principal Nursing Officer at the Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre (SRC) from 1989 to 1994. In 1992, SRC designated June 25 as 'Mary Johnson Day' in appreciation of her outstanding contribution to improving the standard of Geriatric Nursing Care at the Centre.

Ms. Johnson is a member of the Nurses Association of The Bahamas and the Sigma Theta Tau International (a nursing honour society).

The third daughter of the late John and Lillian Johnson of Fox Hill, New Providence, and the mother of one son, Jason, Ms. Johnson serves as Assistant Organist, Sunday School Teacher, Choir Member and member of the Women's Ministry at Macedonia Baptist Church. In 2002, she was honoured with the Josiah Award as an outstanding Fox Hillian.

OPHELIA THERESA MUNNINGS

If there were such a designation as 'stalwart nurse' then Ophelia Theresa Munnings would earn that coveted title because of her commitment and dedication to the nursing profession for more than 53 years.

Mrs. Ophelia Theresa Munnings, received her early education at St. Joseph's Primary School and St. Francis Xavier Senior High School. Her nursing career began at The Bahamas General Hospital School of Nursing where she obtained certificates in general nursing, psychiatry and midwifery. She also pursued further studies in public health in Jamaica.

Mrs. Munnings' professional experiences include serving as nurse-in-charge at The Bahamas General Hospital, pioneer nurse at West End Grand Bahama and nurse-in-charge of the Baillou Hill Road and Gambier Clinics. She was also among the first set of nurses who worked in the District Nursing Service.

Mrs. Munnings has been the recipient of numerous awards and honours for her contribution to nursing, public health and the community, including the British Empire Medal, 'Most Unselfish' Mother's Day Award, Public Health Pioneer Award, Ministry of Youth and Culture National Building Award and the Catholic Music Guild Award.

Mrs. Munnings is a member of the retired persons organization and worships at Holy Family Church where she is a lay reader and organist. Her motto is 'To God Be The Glory'.



IRONACA MORRIS-BAKER

The first Bahamian Principal of the Department of Nursing Education, Ironaca Baker received her primary education at public schools in New Providence and secondary education at St. Francis Xavier Academy. She obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing and a Master's in Education from the University of Miami, having received the State Registered Midwife, Sister Tutors Diploma from Royal College of Nursing, United Kingdom. An advanced Diploma in Public Administration and Policy Management also contributed to her professional development.

Her professional experience includes general hospital nursing inclusive of Midwifery, Paediatrics and General Administration. Additionally, her wide experiences encompasses the development of nursing and health services, health issues, professional regulation, policy formulation/implementation and education, (health education and health; nursing education, and curriculum development) at regional levels.

Noted achievements include serving as President of the Nurses Association of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, at which time she represented the Bahamas at the 14th, and 15th Quadrennial Congress of International Congress of Nurses. In 1971 she chaired the Legislation Committee which lobbied for review of the laws out of which the Nurses and Midwives Act was passed, and the Nursing Council as a Statutory Body to regulate nursing education and practice in The Bahamas.

She served as a member of the Nursing Council for twelve years (1971-1983) and for eleven years (1983 - 1994) she functioned in the capacity of Chairman of the Council.

Honours and awards received include the National Silver Jubilee Award, a certificate of appreciation from the National Advisory Committee for Women, the College of the Bahamas Adult Education Awareness week award and recognition by the Bahamas Nursing Council and the Nurses Association.





MADGE WALLACE TURNQUEST

Trained Clinical Nurse, Madge Wallace Turnquest is a recipient of the Long Islanders Association's 'Outstanding Service to the community Award'.

She was also honoured by the Ministry of Health for her 'Outstanding Nursing Service in the Family Islands.'

A native of Long Island, she attended Buckley's All-Age School before entering the Bahamas School of Nursing.

She served in Simms', Long Island; Green Turtle Cay, Abaco; Marsh harbour, Abaco; Clarence Town, Long Island; Deadman's Cay, Long Island; and at the maternity Ward of the Princess Margaret Hospital, New Providence.

Nurse Turnquest is well known for having given unselfish service above and beyond the call of duty to residents of The Bahamas.'

Between 1976 and 1995 Nurse Turnquest successfully delivered more than 100 babies in Long Island alone, with no adverse outcome to infant or mother.

She is a strong advocate for the social improvement of the poor and the 'challenged', and is always willing to accompany patients on emergency flights.

ANDIL B. LaRODA

Mr. Andil LaRoda was born in Nassau and received his general education at the College of The Bahamas and Evening Institute. He is a Registered Nurse and holds a Bachelors and Masters degree in Health Service Administration and a Diploma in Public Administration. He gained his professional education at Universities in the United States and the University of the West Indies in the fields of Nursing and Public Administration.

Mr. LaRhoda has an extensive work experience making significant contribution to Nursing as a tutor and past president of the Nurses Association of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

He served in various posts at the Princess Margaret Hospital and is currently Hospital Administrator assigned to the Public Hospitals Authority Secretariat as Technical Advisor on Hospital Operations. He has spearheaded a number of projects and programmes within the Hospital System.

He is involved in church and community activities and holds many awards for his outstanding service in the Nursing profession.



Honourees:
NURSING





ESMERALDA RUTHERFORD

Mrs. Esmeralda Rutherford is a Training Consultant with the Public Hospitals Authority.

Mrs. Rutherford attended the Government High School and following graduation in 1957, pursued a career in nursing, receiving her State Registered Nurse (SRN) and State Certified Midwife (SCM) and a Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Health Science and Public Health.

Mrs. Rutherford has had an extensive nursing career and has made a significant contribution to the nursing profession in The Bahamas. She has served as Lecturer and Coordinator of Midwifery Training for the School of Nursing, Senior Nursing Officer and Health Systems Officer I for the Ministry of Health, including her current post

as Training Consultant for the Public Hospitals Authority.

Mrs. Rutherford has served on numerous committees related to health, nursing and nursing education, human resource management and development, within the Ministry of Health and the Public Hospitals Authority. She is also the recipient of numerous awards for her outstanding contribution to the nursing profession including Gold Medallist/Nurse of the Year (Liverpool, England), Queen's Certificate & Badge of Honour for contribution to the field of Midwifery in The Bahamas and Silver Medal Recipient The Bahamas Government 25th Anniversary celebrations.

PHILABERTHA L. CARTER

Mrs. Philabertha Carter holds a Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of the West Indies. She received her professional training at the Bahamas School of Nursing and South West Scotland College of Nursing and Midwifery (Cresswell Maternity Hospital).

Her professional experiences include Registered Nurse, Registered Midwife, Community Health Nurse, Health Systems Officer and Lecturer.

Mrs. Carter received many honours and awards for her contribution to Nursing and Public Health. She is a member of the Nurses Association of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and has served on the Bahamas Nursing Council.

Her publications include an Epidemiological study: Health Conditions of imprisoned Women at the Fort Augusta Prison in Jamaica, the Development of the Government Family Planning Programme and Benefits of Family Planning.

Mrs. Carter has many achievements in the areas of Family Planning, Nursing and Public Health. She has served in a professional capacity on numerous committees, is a part-time lecturer in Nursing at the College of the Bahamas and prayer counsellor at Holy Cross Parish.



Honourees:

NURSING



CARLOTTA ZINDA KLASS

Mrs. Carlotta Zinda Klass was the first co-ordinator of the expanded programme on immunization, (EPI) family planning and breast-feeding. A nurse by profession, she holds a bachelor of science degree from the University of Miami, with a major in community and school health.

Professional experience includes work as a Nursing Officer in School Health Services and District Nursing, where she served on all Family Islands except Moores Island, Mayaguana and Bimini. She also served as co-ordinator for quality assurance in Community Health Services, and was responsible for co-ordinating community health services for Grand Bahama. She attended courses on breast-feeding (Practice/Policy), in both Barbados and the United Kingdom, and has been instrumental in the training of staff in psychoprophylaxis in childbirth and lactation management (New Providence and Family Islands).

Civic and community services include work as a Girl Guide Leader, assisting with the beautification of hospital grounds along with the Horticulture Society, assisting with the beautification of Government House grounds through the Carver Gardens Club, and Red Cross food delivery programme in the Hurricane Disaster Preparedness Project. She is a devoted wife and mother of two sons.



LEILA LOUISE GIBBS-FOUNTAIN

Mrs. Leila Gibbs-Fountain is a legend in the nursing profession. She was educated at Western Junior and Senior Schools, and Bosfield Johnson Private School. Her nursing career has spanned some 50 years, beginning at The Bahamas General Hospital in 1939-1943, The Red Cross Association in 1948 and in the Community Clinics from 1952-1982.

While working at the clinics, Mrs. Fountain was often involved in community work. She never missed the opportunity to feed and clothe many less fortunate families within her sphere of work and considered it a privilege to offer a helping hand. She had a special interest in crippled children and reminisced of how she had accompanied Whitney Mortimer (one of the first children to be fitted with braces) to Miami, Florida.



Mrs. Gibbs-Fountain has received many prestigious awards including the British Empire Medal (B.E.M.) for devoted service to the community - 1988, the Community Nurses Social Club for 50 years of excellence in nursing - 1989 and the Nurses Association of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Mrs. Fountain is now a retired registered nurse midwife and psychiatric nurse. She is a devoted member of St. Mary's Church where she serves as a member of the Women's Association. Her children and grand children love her dearly and she is well known for her culinary skills.



PHYLLIS ALDRIDGE

A Veteran humanitarian, Miss Phyllis Aldridge was born in the United Kingdom.

She received her School certificate at Wentworth School in England, and undertook General Nurse Training at St. Thomas Hospital. Miss Aldridge also studied Midwifery in Edinburgh and hospital nursing administration at the Royal College of Nursing, London.

Between 1944 and 1955, she served as a midwife at various hospitals and institutions in the United Kingdom. She came to The Bahamas in 1950, and worked as nursing sister, then Matron, for nine years. In 1960 she served in the WHO-WPRO Laos MCW programme and in 1962 she established the Laos School of Nursing. From 1966 to 1969 she served as WHO-AFRO Representative of Togo as Nurse Educator and Nursing Advisor at the Nursing and School of Midwifery.

In 1970 she returned to The Bahamas to serve as Director of The Bahamas Branch Red Cross until 1972 then as its Director of training until 1978.

Miss Aldridge became a life member of the British Red Cross Society (Bahamas Branch) in 1959 and was made a Member of the British Empire (MBE) in 1978. She is a recipient of the Golden Heart Award, the Chamber of Commerce Award in Civics, the Medical Association of the Bahamas, the Paul Harris Award, the Rock Sound Distinguished Citizen's Award, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Volunteer Service Award and the Zonta Club Humanitarian Award.

She is a co-founder of The Bahamas Paraplegic Association (Bahamas Association for the Physically Disabled) and in 1998 the Association's Club House was named in her honour.



DOROTHY H. DAVIS-PHILLIPS

Mrs. Phillips was born in The Bahamas to Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Davis. She received the Junior and Senior Cambridge Overseas School Certificates in 1947 and 1948 before leaving for Britain to be trained as a nurse. She was awarded the State Registered Nurse Certificate at West London Hospital in London in 1954; and the State Certified Midwifery Certificate at Simpsons Memorial Hospital, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, Scotland, in 1955.

Between 1968 and 1969, she earned a certificate in advanced nursing administration at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Phillips received a Bachelor's Degree in nursing from Florida International University in 1978, Master's in Business Administration from the University of Miami in 1981, and a Certificate in Public Administration from the College of The Bahamas in 1988.

In 1967 she was promoted to Assistant Matron, a post renamed Principal Nursing Officer, and later served as Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health. Mrs. Phillips retired from the public service in 1992.

Presently, she serves as Administrative Secretary of the Royal Bahamas Police Force Dependents' Trust, and Administrator of the Crippled Children's Committee.

Mrs. Phillips has held numerous civic posts which include: membership on the advisory committee of the Community Nursing Education Programme, President of the Nassau chapter of Links Inc., Chairman of the Carver Garden Club, and Assistant District Commissioner of The Bahamas Girl Guides' Association.



MARGARET E. CURRY

Mrs. Margaret E. Curry's nurse-education spanned The Bahamas, England and the United States of America during which she earned her State Registered, Midwifery, Anesthetic Nursing and Oncology Nurse Practitioner certificates and diplomas. However, achievement was not enough for the ambitious and industrious Mrs. Curry, who aspired to academic excellence and further obtained both a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing and Business Administration from the University of Miami.

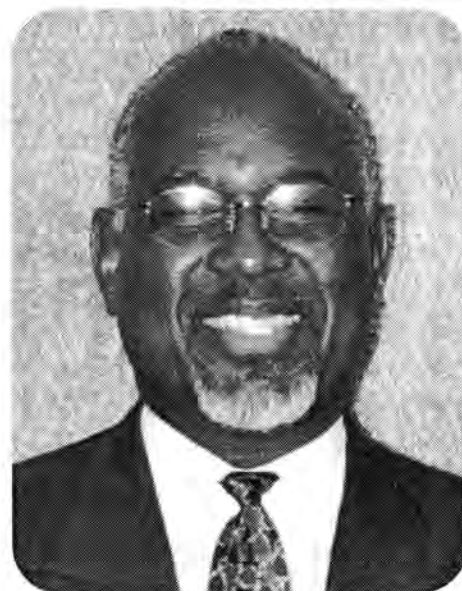
Mrs. Curry's nursing career was an exciting one, and she held such positions as administrative officer, special projects at the Princess Margaret Hospital, oncology nurse practitioner and liaison officer, Mt. Sinai Hospital, Florida, and anesthetic nurse and state certified midwife in Oxford as well as London, England, respectively.

Mrs. Curry assisted the medical oncologist in establishing the Medical Oncology Unit for the treatment of patients needing chemotherapy, in 1982. Further, she launched a public education programme on radio and television and made guest appearances at lodges and churches in

order to sensitize her audiences to medical oncology. She was also instrumental in establishing the Cancer Registry in 1985.

In 1996, Mrs. Curry instituted local training programmes for nurses interested in working with oncology patients. She spearheaded education of ward nurses in the management of hospital cancer cases, and from 1992, she conducted continuous family and nursing education programmes on radiation treatment.

Mrs. Curry is a member of many professional and civic organizations including the Oncology Nursing Society, Florida, the Cancer Society, Central American Division and the Institute of Health Services Management, Great Britain. Mrs. Curry has a zest for life and enjoys traveling.



MICHAEL EDWARD TURNER

Mr. Michael Edward Turner, born January 3, 1950, has spent many years in the field of environmental health.

He holds a Master's degree in Environmental Health Science (1993) and a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Health (1986), both from East Tennessee State University School of Environmental Health, Johnson City, Tennessee.

Throughout his career in environmental health, Mr. Turner has made significant contributions to public health. For seven consecutive years, Mr. Turner travelled to all of the Family Islands within our archipelago investigating, inspecting and implementing preventative and remedial programs to promote the health and safety of Bahamians. An additional seven years was spent as Officer-in-charge of the Grand Bahama Divisional Office of the Department of Environmental Health Services.

Over the years, this dedicated public servant, has risen through the ranks to his current position as Under Secretary within the Ministry of Health. Mr. Turner has also served his country beyond the ambit of the health field. He served for two consecutive terms (1982-84), as the Chairman of the Grand Bahama branch of The Bahamas Red Cross. He is a former member of the Grand Bahama Mental Health Association; and was the founding president, of The Bahamas First and only "Health Officers Association."

Mr. Turner holds membership in the following international organizations: The American Public Health Association, USA; the American Society of Sanitary Engineers, USA and the Royal Society of Health, London.

Mr. Turner is married to Mrs. Maggie Burrow-Turner, and they have one daughter and two sons.



RUTH R. MILLAR



Mrs. Ruth R. Millar was appointed Financial Secretary in the Ministry of Finance and Planning in 1994, after a distinguished career in the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Housing and National Insurance and the Bahamas Mortgage Corporation.

Between 1954 and 1960, Mrs. Millar studied in the United Kingdom, where she became a State Registered Nurse and a State Certified Midwife. Mrs. Millar received an M.B.A. from the University of Miami, furthered her studies in accounting, and successfully completed the C.P.A. examinations in 1992. She earned a Fellow, Life Management Institute with distinction

from the Life Office Management.

From 1961 to 1968 she was Nursing Officer-in-Charge of the operating theatres at the Princess Margaret Hospital. Between 1969 and 1972, she was Nursing Supervisor with responsibility for the Surgical Division. She also served as Hospital Administrator during a six year period, in which the multi-million-dollar Accident and Emergency and Out Patient Extension was constructed and commissioned at the hospital.

Subsequently, Mrs. Millar was appointed Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health with responsibility for Health Planning; Project Manager for the Grant's Town Urban Improvement Project; Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Housing and National Insurance; Managing Director of The Bahamas Mortgage Corporation, and Director of Budget in the Ministry of Finance and Planning.

A widow and grandmother, Mrs. Millar is the mother of one daughter, Monique Millar-Pickstock and a grandson, Rasheed Pickstock.

MICHAELA M. VIRGIL-STORR

Mrs. Michela M. Virgil-Storr, the former Managing Director of the Public Hospitals Authority is a Diplomate of the Institute of Health Services Administration of Great Britain. She was educated in The Bahamas, England, Israel and the United States of America.



Mrs. Storr joined the Princess Margaret Hospital in 1961 as a clerical officer. Between 1972 and 1974 she served as Administrator at the Sandilands Rehabilitation Center. During her tenure she developed a management organization independent of the "parent hospital" - Princess Margaret Hospital and instituted and coordinated in-house training in order to support evolution of an independent management structure.

In 1974, Mrs. Virgil Storr was appointed Hospital Administrator at the Rand Memorial Hospital in Freeport, Grand Bahama. Here she also developed an independent management system and expanded in-patient beds from fifty to eighty-two. Outpatient services were also expanded to include basic specialties and the Accident and Emergency services for the island and general practice services for the hospital catchment area were developed. A noted accomplishment was the development of a Local Health System for the island of Grand Bahama.

Mrs. Virgil-Storr became administrator of the Princess Margaret in 1993, and served as Chief Hospital Administrator of the Ministry of Health. During her watch she was responsible for redevelopment Princess Margaret Hospital and creation of a responsive Hospital Administrative structure among other accomplishments.

From 1999 to 2002, Mrs. Virgil-Storr served as Managing Director of the Public Hospitals Authority, with responsibility for management of the three government hospitals, The Bahamas National Drug Agency, the Materials Management Directorate, and the National Emergency Medical Services programme.

Mrs. Virgil-Storr is a member of The Bahamas Association of Health Care Administrators and the Institute of Health Services Management in the United Kingdom. In 1996, she received the Pan American Health Organization's Award for Administration, in recognition of her work in the implementation and development of health systems in The Bahamas.



DR. VERNELL THERESA ALLEN

Dr. Vernell Allen completed her secondary education and worked as a trainee laboratory technician at The Bahamas General Hospital before pursuing medical studies in the United Kingdom.

Dr. Allen received her M.B.B.S. (London) degree in 1965 and subsequent to completing internship, worked as a Senior House Officer and a Registrar at leading Hospitals in London, Nottingham and Cambridgeshire.

In 1971 Dr. Allen re-entered London University to pursue post-graduate studies in Public Health and Health Administration and upon successful completion, she undertook duties in Public Health

Administration in London.

Dr. Allen returned home in 1978, and was appointed Deputy Chief Medical Officer and was later confirmed as Chief Medical Officer in 1982. She functioned in this capacity until March 1997,

During her tenure as Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Allen presided over an extensive expansion of health services, particularly the Public Health and Community Health Services. This included an increase in the number clinics as well as revision of services offered at clinics resulting in the birth of three of the four Polyclinics on New Providence. The national family planning programme, was also launched.

Dr. Allen was successful in overseeing an increase in medical posts for the family islands. At the time of her retirement in 1997, these posts had increased from twelve to twenty, with the larger islands such as Long Island, Abaco and Exuma being served by additional doctors. Additionally, the Family Island Dental Service was considerably expanded. Since her retirement she has served as a consultant to the Ministry of Health in the development of legislation pertaining to health professionals and health facilities.

Dr. Allen has held membership in The Bahamas Medical Council where she served as a member from 1980 to 1996 and Chairman from 1981 to 1992. She has also held membership in The Bahamas Dental Council, The Bahamas Historical Museum Society and The Bahamas National Trust.

At a national level, she has been awarded the M.B.E. (Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire); and the National Silver Jubilee Award for Meritorious Service in Medicine.

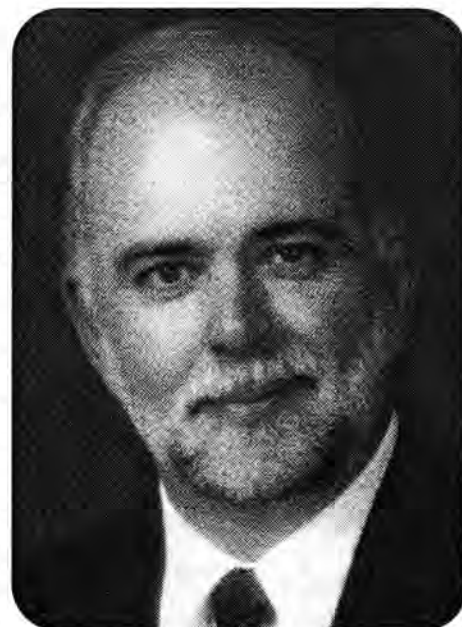
BARRY J. RASSIN

Armed with a master's degree in Health and Hospital Administration and experience as the Assistant Director of the Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami, Florida, Mr. Barry J. Rassin took his parents' (Dr. and Mrs. Myer Rassin) dream and vision, and began the transformation of the Rassin Hospital. The idea was to encourage other medical professionals to utilize the facility in order to upgrade the equipment and expand the list of services. He formed a medical staff and purchased new equipment to keep up with the changing medical technology.

On December 1, 1986, a group of doctors purchased the Rassin Hospital from Dr. Rassin with the intention of not only further increasing the utilization, but also expanding to a larger facility as soon as possible. Barry Rassin stayed on as Hospital Administrator, and during the first year of new ownership, Doctors Hospital saw a dramatic increase in activity.

Mr. Barry Rassin used his vision for greater healthcare in The Bahamas to help transform the small hospital into what is today a 78-bed, full-service medical facility, with three state-of-the-art operating rooms, labour, delivery and x-ray facilities, an on-site CAT scan and MRI equipment and the capability to handle just about any emergency. In 2001, Doctors Hospital Health System expanded again, opening the doors of Western Medical Plaza.

Mr. Barry Rassin has contributed greatly to the community, not only through the hospital, but also through civic organizations like the East Nassau Rotary where he served as President from 1987 to 1988, and as District Governor from 1991 to 1992. He was also the co-chairman of a Coalition for Safe Bahamas, past chairman of Project Read Bahamas and the Bahamas Quality Council, and a former Director of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Rassin has received numerous awards for outstanding community work and among them is the "Service Above Self" award from Rotary International.



PATRICIA LADY ISAACS

Patricia Lady Isaacs was born and educated in New Providence. Having attended the Eastern Senior and Government High Schools, she studied general and midwifery nursing in England and Scotland, and at the Hospital for Sick Children at the Great Ormond Street Hospital in London.

In 1957, she joined the staff of the Princess Margaret Hospital as a Nursing Sister-in-charge of the Children's Ward. She was promoted to Assistant Matron, and attended a course in nursing administration at the Royal College of Nursing in London. In 1965, Lady Isaacs was appointed Matron of the hospital.

She married Sir Kendal G. L. Isaacs, now deceased, in 1975. Lady Isaacs demitted the health field in 1968 to serve as an Assistant Secretary in the Training Division of the Cabinet Office. Following completion of studies in Britain, she became the first Bahamian to be appointed Director of Training in the Department of Public Personnel. She was subsequently appointed Deputy Permanent Secretary, retaining that post until her retirement in 1977.

A founding member of the Drug Action Service, Lady Isaacs is also a member of the Finance Committee of the Anglican Diocese.

In 1998, during the Celebrations of the Silver Jubilee Anniversary of Independence, she was awarded the Special Silver Jubilee Coin in recognition of her contribution to the development of The Bahamas. Lady Isaacs also serves as Deputy to the Governor General.



DR. MUNIR A. RASHAD

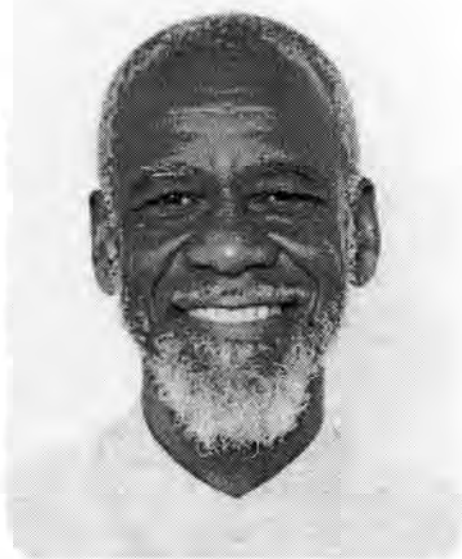
Munir Ahmad Rashad, D.D.S. is an Oral Health and Maxillofacial Surgeon who serves as the first Consultant of Dentistry for the Ministry of Health.

Dr. Rashad received his Doctorate of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) degree from Howard University, Washington D. C., in 1971. This led to an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery certificate from the institution in 1974, and a Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree in 1987.

He joined the staff at Princess Margaret Hospital in August 1974 as a Dental Officer and was promoted to Senior Dental Officer then confirmed as Consultant Head of Dentistry in 1989.

Dr. Rashad is a past president of the Bahamas Dental Association (1977), Chairman of Medical Staff at Doctor's Hospital (1994-1995), Chairman of the Medical Records Committee at P.M.H. (1989-present), Consultant Head of Dentistry at P.M.H. (1989-2001), and Acting Director of Oral Health at the Ministry of Health (2001-present). Dr. Rashad was also the first Bahamian to qualify in two specialty areas of Dentistry - Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dental Public Health.

Dr. Rashad is married to Walia Nafessa and has one son, Clyde, one daughter-in-law, Delrose, and two grand-daughters, Jadia and Jodie. His religion is Islam.



Honourees:

DENTISTRY



DR. JACKSON LOGAN BURNSIDE

Dr. Jackson Logan Burnside was born at Rum Cay in 1913 to Commissioner Herbert and Caroline Burnside. He received his early education in Long Island, New Providence and Inagua. He attended Government High School and worked at The Bahamas General Hospital prior to pursuing tertiary education at Tuskegee Institute - Alabama and Meharry Medical College - Nashville, Tennessee where he graduated with a Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree.

Dr. Burnside has been described as a true patriot who has a fierce love for The Bahamas. It was this love for country and the right to selfdetermination that led him into the political arena. In 1956, as a Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) candidate, he contested the City seat in the House of Assembly against the powerful United Bahamian Party's (U.B.P.) This courageous step factored significantly towards majority rule.

Dr. Burnside gave generously of his professional services and sometimes was paid in kind with fruit, fish or chicken, et cetera, when his patients could not pay him the nominal fee for service rendered. He created and conducted a free clinic at Our Lady's Catholic Church and also held special Saturday morning clinics for the Ranfurly Home for Children.

Dr. Burnside is the recipient of numerous awards including, The Bahamas Order of Merit Award, The Bahamas Dental Association 'Jubilee' Award, the Catholic Diocese, and the Heroes Award from the National Heroes Day Committee. He is a lodge member. Additionally, he was a regular contributor to the publication, 'The Voice'. Dr. Burnside and his wife, Gertrude worship at St. Agnes Church and this well known couple has four children and several grand children.





DR. CYRIL O. VANDERPOOL

Dr. Cyril O. Vanderpool was born in Nassau, Bahamas of the late John Felix Vanderpool and Minera Ameen Vanderpool. He is the third of nine children. He received his formative education in Nassau where he attended the Government High School. Immediately after high school he entered the Civil Services as an officer in The Public Treasury.

After three years of employment, he immigrated to the United States to pursue a career in Dentistry. The following eight years were spent in undergraduate and professional school in Nashville, Tennessee at Fisk University and Meharry Medical College respectively.

Dr. Vanderpool returned to The Bahamas upon receiving his dental degree and became the resident at the only government hospital – the Bahamas General Hospital, now known as the Princess Margaret Hospital. Being the first dentist on the staff, it was his responsibility to establish a department of Dentistry for the Government and provide oral health services to the populous of The Bahamas including institutionalized patients and members of the Civil Service.

He established the Flying Dentist Services in order to provide care to the residents of the other fifteen inhabited Bahamian islands known as the 'Out Islands' at that time. In his capacity as Resident Dentist, he conducted the first oral health investigation of the Government primary schools with the help of the three private dentists residing in The Bahamas at that time.

After three years in the government service, Dr. Vanderpool remained in The Bahamas and entered the private practice of dentistry where he continues to practice to the present date.



DR. JOYOUS PICKSTOCK

Dr. Joyous Pickstock is the fifth of thirteen children born to Mr. Edney and Mrs. Emma Pickstock of Nassau, Bahamas. She received her early education at the Ridgeland Primary School, Queen's College High School and the College of The Bahamas. She went on to receive a Bachelor's Degree in Medical Technology in 1981, and a Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1986, from Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee. In 1994, she obtained a Master's Degree in Dental Public Health from the University of London with assistance from the Commonwealth Foundation.

Presently, a Consultant in Public Health Dentistry within the Department of Public Health, Dr. Pickstock has been employed with the Ministry of Health for the past sixteen years. She was the first Bahamian female dentist employed in the government service and has initiated and been involved in the co-ordination of many dental policies and programmes.

An advocate for organized dentistry, she is active in dentistry international, and has been involved as council, executive member and representative in various international associations. A member and past President of The Bahamas Dental Association, she is currently Immediate Past President of The Caribbean Atlantic Regional Dental Association (CARDAR). In addition, Dr. Pickstock is Regional Vice President of The Commonwealth Dental Association and National Secretary (Bahamas), to the International Dental Federation.

A community-minded individual, Dr. Pickstock believes that "to whom much is given, much is expected."





ANDREA ELIZABETH ARCHER

Andrea Archer has been serving the Bahamas in the health and social services fields for more than 30 years. Having attained her education up to Masters Degree level. Mrs. Archer has written several papers on the field of social work and has participated in many seminars.

She started out her career in the country as a Community Nursing Officer after serving as a Staff Registered Nurse in Oxford England where she received state registered certification. While still in England, she also obtained a certificate and a diploma in Health Visiting (Medio-Social Counselling) from the University of Liverpool. In 1970 she turned her attention to social work and served as a school

social worker – the first in the Bahamas – where she took part in home/school visits, programme design and implementation, counselling and social work intervention.

While holding the position of Senior School Social Worker Mrs. Archer implemented several programmes and initiatives, including school social work in special education schools and programmes for school children/at risk students and their families (psychology clinics, after-school programmes, summer camps, etc.) She also initiated the Social Work Programme for Social Workers at the College of The Bahamas. From 1980 to 1986 Mrs. Archer served as the first School Welfare Officer in The Bahamas, rising to the position of the first Chief School Welfare Officer in 1986).

During that time, she made many strides in her field including launching the National School Lunch Programme (1981), and co-authoring the S.U.R.E. programme for Delinquent Boys (1990). She was assigned to the Ministry of Housing and Social Development where she continued her ground-breaking work by, most notably, implementing school social work in government pre-schools in 1993. Mrs. Archer attained the post of Deputy Permanent Secretary with the Ministry of Health, in which she currently serves.

She is an active community advocate, serving in several civic organizations and championing various causes, including the implementation in 1970 of a continuing education programme for teen mothers in Nassau, which was extended to Grand Bahama in 1978. In 1995, she also collaborated with the Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health, to implement a maternal and child welfare programme for teen mothers within the School Welfare Section.

Mrs. Archer is a widowed mother of three whose hobbies include travelling, story-writing, reading, music and fine art appreciation.



LOTTIE V. TYNES

The name Lottie V. Tynes is synonymous with the work of the Red Cross in The Bahamas.

As a registered Nurse, she worked in various Family Islands and then in private practice before joining the Red Cross in 1945 as a District Nurse. She became Welfare Nurse in 1952 until she was appointed Assistant Director of the Red Cross in 1972. Mrs. Tynes became the first Bahamian Director of the Red Cross and the first Director General of The Bahamas National Red Cross Society after independence.

Mrs. Tynes has received many prestigious awards for her life's work, including the Henri Dumant Gold Medal; the British Red Cross Badge of Honour; the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal; and the Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.)

Mrs. Tynes is a member of the Nurse Association of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.



LADY HENRIETTA ST. GEORGE

Lady Henrietta St. George, philanthropist and wife of Grand Bahama Port Authority official Mr. Edward St. George, was born in the United Kingdom.

She was educated in England at day and boarding schools, and trained as a kindergarten teacher before teaching in various schools in England. She also managed a Play Group in a London Children's Hospital and began training as a Children's Nurse.

Lady Henrietta travelled extensively in the Far East prior to moving to Grand Bahama in 1980. She immediately became involved in a project to assist the children of the island, establishing a residential facility for children who were in need of care and protection.

Lady St. George has joint ventured with The Bahamas Government, the Grand Bahama Port Authority and the Salvation Army in the construction and equipping of a number of residential facilities and educational institutions in Grand Bahama.

In 1984, the Department of Social Services presented an award in recognition of Lady Henrietta's contribution to the children of The Bahamas, particularly the children of Grand Bahama. She was named "Citizen of The year" in 1985-86 by the Lions Club.

In 1987, Lady Henrietta was named "Honorary Social Workers" by the Bahamas Association of Social Workers. She received an Honorary Civics Award in 1991 from the Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce, and was given a Paul Harris Award in 1992 by the Rotary Club of Lucaya. Other awards received include: the J. Kingsley Wilson Humanitarian Award by The Bahamas State Association of Elks in 1992 and the Salvation Army "Others" Award in 1995.





MR. STEPHEN EUGENE PLAKARIS

Mr. Plakaris received a MEd. degree in Administration and Leadership from Boston College; an MA. in Christian Counselling from Liberty University, and a BA degree in Theology and Black History from St. John's University, and the LLB, Distance Learning Law degree from Wolverhampton University.

Mr. Plakaris has served as a teacher in both the primary and secondary schools for many years; as a college lecturer for four (4) years; a Police Reserve for 20 years; a Certified Substance Abuse Counsellor for 13 years.

Among his many prestigious awards and honours, Mr. Plakaris has received a "Faithful Service Medal" from the Royal Bahamas Police Force; Community Service Awards from both the St. Augustine's College Alumni Association and the Grand Bahama Medical and Dental Association; the Grand Bahama Catholic High School's "Teacher of the Year Award", and the "National Youth Service Award" on the occasion of The Bahamas' 25th Anniversary of Independence.

Mr. Plakaris rejuvenated the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, which is now the Governor General's Award Programme. He also served for eight (8) years on the Board of Directors for the Grand Bahama Cooperative

Credit Union.

Mr Plakaris is actively involved in a number of civic and community organisations. He is founding member of the Grand Bahama Crisis Centre; Operation Hope, and Grand Bahama AIDS Awareness Committee. He is also an AIDS Counsellor with the Good Samaritans (Roman Catholic), and as a member of the National Youth Advisory Board.

He is married to Brenda Nee Wilson of the Bluff, Cat Island. He has a weekly column in The Freeport News, and a monthly column in The Nassau Guardian.

DR. SANDRA DEAN-PATTERSON

Dr. Sandra Dean-Patterson is the Coordinator of Health Social Services at Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre and founding Director of the Crisis Centre. She was educated at Exeter University, Southampton University and Cardiff University in the United Kingdom, and the Florence Heller School, Brandeis University in the United States of America where she obtained a doctor of philosophy degree. She pursued further studies in sex therapy, psychodrama, and family therapy to name a few, from the University of San Francisco, California, the Institute for Psychodrama, and Tavistock Clinic in London, England.

As Coordinator of Health Social Services at Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre, Dr. Patterson's responsibilities also include the administration and management of health social services in the other public hospitals within The Bahamas. As Director of the Crisis Centre, she is involved with direct patient assessment and treatment, supervision of mental health staff, training of volunteer staff and engaging in community education and research.

Dr. Patterson has served at educational institutions and innumerable civic organizations, namely the, National Drug Council between 1985 and 1987 as its coordinator, and as lecturer at both the College of The Bahamas in 1974 and the University of the West Indies between 1980 and 1982. In addition, she has served as a member of The Bahamas Censorship Board from 1980 to 1989, as president of The Bahamas Mental Health Association, an executive member of The Bahamas Council of the Handicapped, and chairperson of The Bahamas Planned Parenthood Association.

Dr. Patterson has many first achievements including the founder of the Caribbean Association of Rehabilitative Therapists, president and founder of The Bahamas Association of Social Workers, a former director of the Caribbean Federation of mental Health and the Caribbean Association of Social Workers as well as the Bahamas' Representative on the Social Commission of Rehabilitation International.

An author of several publications on women, AIDS, drug and alcohol abuse, Dr. Patterson, because of her outstanding community work, has been bestowed with many honours and among them The Bahamas Order of Merit.



THE REVEREND GLENROY WINSTON NOTTAGE

Father Glenroy Nottage was born and educated in The Bahamas. He is the founder and Director of the All Saints Camp of St. John the Divine. He was instrumental in establishing the 1st AIDS hospice in The Bahamas and since its inception, has provided valuable service and assistance to individuals and families affected with the HIV/AIDS virus. For Father Nottage, the All Saints Camp of St. John the Divine "is not much as an achievement but a vocation and personal commitment to a particular group of people in need who are unable to help themselves at a time of their greatest need."

As Director, Father Nottage is continuously on call and seeks to constantly maintain a high standard of professionalism and operation at the camp. He is very appreciative of all the support and financial assistance he has received from members within the community as it contributes to the enhancement and development of the individuals who reside at the camp.

Father Nottage is the recipient of several awards for his contribution to the community including the J. Kingsley Wilson Humanitarian Award, Bahamas, Distinguished Alumni, Community Service Award and the Rotary Club of New Providence, Paul Harris Fellow Award.



ARTHUR TALMAGE PEET

Mr. Arthur Talmage Peet was born in Nassau. An accountant/banker by profession, he received his primary and secondary education in government public schools and the Ministry of Education's Evening Institute. He holds a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Business Administration degrees from the University of Miami.

Mr. Peet has had a long involvement with the Children's Emergency Hostel through the Kiwanis Club of Nassau. Through his keen interest and dedication to the Hostel, he was instrumental in ensuring that the children were comfortably housed and adequately provided for. He assisted initially in the partnership between the Children's Hostel and the Department of Social Services so that the children could derive greater benefits.

A member of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, he is President of the Men's Ministry and Treasurer of Zion United Baptist Church. He is also a member of Golden Days Association for Retired Persons. Mr. Peet is secretary of the Boy's Brigade Council, and is now assisting in re-organizing the Boy's Brigade Company at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.



JOSEPH DARVILLE

Counselor Joseph Darville is a well-known human rights activist. He is a founding member of the Grand Bahama Human Rights Association and the Caribbean human Rights Network, presently serving as president of the former.

A native of Long Island, Mr. Darville attended grade school there at Dedman's Cay, and high school at St. Augustine's College, New Providence. He then pursued his higher education and was awarded a Bachelors degree in Language Arts and French by St. Johns University, Minnesota and a Masters in French and Education from Laval University, Quebec City, Canada.

Mr. Darville served as a guidance Counsellor at various schools both public and private. He is a founding member and past president of the Bahamas Counsellors Association, past president of Grand Bahama Mental Health Association and past vice president of the Caribbean Federation of Mental Health. A founding member and chairman of Operation Hope, a volunteer drug prevention, education and rehabilitation programme, he was able to impact the lives of young persons in Grand Bahama in a positive way by providing alternatives to drug use and abuse.

Mr. Darville is also co-chairman of the Bahamas National Drug Council and twice received the National Drug Council's Outstanding Service Award in the War on Drugs. He was named a Paul Harris Fellow and has received the Commonwealth of the Bahamas Silver Jubilee Award for outstanding contribution to national development.

Mr. Darville presently operates a general Counselling service called "Out-Of-The-Way Place", offering an inexpensive, varied and holistic program for general well-being, as well as an adolescent development program for youth at risk.



PAMELA BURNSIDE



Mrs. Pamela Burnside an Anglican, was born in The Bahamas. She attended St. John's College and Government High School in Nassau before travelling abroad to obtain a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Language and Fashion Design from McMaster University in Hamilton, Canada and St. Martin's School of Art, London, England, respectively.

Mrs. Burnside is a 19 year survivor of breast cancer who has been actively involved with the Cancer Society of the Bahamas, which was formed in 1976. Over the past 25 years the society has made great strides in promoting cancer awareness and education amongst the Bahamian communities. The society and its members provide moral and emotional support for cancer patients and their families. Mrs. Burnside is devoted to these causes.

Pamela has served on the Board of Directors of the Cancer Society with responsibility for the Education Committee. She has held the Executive post of Vice President, as well as President for several terms. Additionally, she has also been a Council Member of the Bahamas Girl Guides Association for many years. She is currently a Life Director of the Cancer Society, as well as Vice President of the Bahamas Girl Guides Association.

Mrs. Burnside is presently a Reception (Pre-school) teacher at St. Andrew's School in Nassau. She is married to Architect and Artist Jackson Burnside III. The couple has two children, Ebony and Orchid.

REVEREND JANET SMITH-BUTLER



The Reverend Janet Butler is the organizer and administrator for Unity House, a home for the elderly. Reverend Butler, a trained Nurses Aide and professional cook saw the need for such a home while she was employed with The Bahamas Red Cross Society. Through her work there, she experienced first-hand, the plight of the elderly and abandoned at the Princess Margaret Hospital. She opened Unity House on September 6th, 1989, which was first situated on Life Buoy Street and later relocated to East Street in 1991. The home presently accommodates about 40 residents.

Reverend Smith-Butler, who is now partially blind, overcame many adversities to provide for those whom society appeared to have forgotten. For her community service, she was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, and received a Family Award from Alpha Kappa

Sorority, Inc. Mrs. Smith-Butler gives God the glory for blessing her life.

SUSAN KATHLEEN ROBERTS

Trs. Susan Kathleen Roberts is a social worker by profession. She completed a social work course at the College of The Bahamas after graduating from Clifton High School in Bristol, England, with 11 GCE O' level passes.

Her professional experience includes volunteer work with the Yellow Birds at the Princess Margaret Hospital, The Bahamas National Trust, The Bahamas Red Cross Society and Bilney Lane Children's Home. She founded the Cancer Society of The Bahamas in 1976 and the Support Group of the Cancer Society for patients and families in 1986.

Honours and awards which Mrs. Roberts has received include the Silver Jubilee Award in 1998 for philanthropic and charitable works, the Ministry of Housing and Social Development's Golden Guardian Award for care and protection of children in 2000, the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Award for community service, the Zonta Club of New Providence Living Legend Award for Humanitarian Civic Work, and the Mother of the Year Award from The Bahamas Mothers' Club. She was also named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of East Nassau.



PERSIS H. R. RODGERS

Persis H. R. Rodgers is the founder of the Persis Rogers Home for the Aged. A Registered Nurse by profession she has many years of experience as a Welfare Officer with The Bahamas Red Cross and in the Public Health Service.

Nurse Rodgers is a member of a number of professional societies including the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World, the Nurses Health Association of Elks (director), and the Elks Education Department (chairman).

Honors and awards received include Paul Harris Award from the Rotary Club, the Precious Pearl Award, and the J. Kingsley Wilson – Humanitarian Award. Nurse Rodgers is also a Member of the British Empire (M.B.E.). Early in her life she sang in various choirs and Churches, particularly in the Methodist Church.



FRANCES ELEANOR LÉDÉE

Mrs. Frances Lédée, born to Vincent O. Marshall and Sarah B. Sands, had an extensive career in the public service.

Mrs. Lédée obtained her early education at the Southern Primary and Secondary Schools. She received a Bachelor's degree in Sociology, Psychology and Philosophy at Bennett College for women in 1962, a Professional Certificate in Social Work in 1968 at the University of the West Indies, Jamaica, and a Masters Degree in Business Administration at the University of Miami in 1981.

Mrs. Lédée began her career in the public service as a junior teacher in 1955 at the Eastern Junior School. She worked as Assistant Welfare Officer at the Red Cross from 1962 to 1964, and was appointed Child Care Officer at the Ministry of Welfare in 1964, becoming the first qualified social worker



to be officially appointed. In 1972 she was seconded to the Planning and Implementation team of the National Insurance Board (N.I.B.). She became Benefits and Assistance Manager in 1974, and Assistant Director in 1981. She retired from N.I.B in 1998.

Mrs. Lédée is involved in many civic and community organizations that she was instrumental in setting up. They include The Bahamas Red Cross Society, The Persis Rodgers Home for the Aged (she currently serves as president of its executive committee), and Pilot Club of Nassau.

The Social Science Department of UWI has recognized Mrs. Lédée for her contribution towards the development of Social work in the Caribbean, and she has been similarly recognized locally by The Bahamas Association of Social Workers. She was also listed among International's "Who's Who" in professional services, and received the Silver Jubilee Award in 1998 in recognition of her contribution to national development.

Mrs. Lédée is the mother of four adult children – three daughters and one son.

REVEREND MAVIS ADRICA HOLMES-HANEK

The Reverend Mavis Adrica Holmes-Hanek was born on the island of Andros and educated in New Providence, England, Canada and Switzerland. She has earned several certificates and diplomas from prestigious institutions including a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in International Relations and International Business from the University of Waterloo, Canada and a Masters of Philosophy in Public Administration and Government from the University of Bradford, Yorkshire, England.

Reverend Holmes-Hanek joined the civil service in 1965, and because of her scholarship, acumen and keen leadership abilities, moved through the ranks, becoming a Deputy Permanent Secretary in 1985. Since her transfer to the Ministry of Health in 1994, her focus has been on Environmental Health and Holistic Policies and Programme Development issues within the framework of Inter-Faith Spirituality and Health Sector Reform.

Reverend Holmes-Hanek, who is committed and dedicated to community service, has been involved with the delivery of holistic care to the Ranfurly Home for Children and is a founding member of the Zonta Club of Nassau. The Willie Mae Pratt Home for Girls and the Simpson Penn Home for Boys have both benefited her service through Evangelism and Home and Family Life Study Projects of the Assemblies of God Bible College. She has been President, Founder and Co-founder of numerous organizations including The Bahamas Blood Foundation, the Committee of Women for Development, the International Clergy Women's Network and the Wesleyan Theological Society of The Bahamas. She worships with her daughter at Nassau Methodist Church.



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DR. MERCELINE DAHL-REGIS

Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Merceline Dahl-Regis was born in Nassau, Bahamas where she received her early education. She then traveled to Mona St. Andrews, Jamaica where she was awarded the MB BS degree from the University of the West Indies. After completing a Rotating Internship at the Princess Margaret Hospital she worked as a Senior House Officer in Pediatrics Department then went on to pursue a Residency in Pediatrics at District of Columbia General Hospital and Howard University Hospital in Washington, D.C. She then became a fellow of the Child Development Center, Department of Pediatrics and Child Health, Howard University Hospital after completing her residency.

Her passion for Public Health lead her to obtain a Masters in Public Health at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore after about seven years of clinical practice. During the time in between, she worked as an

Attending Physician in the Department of Pediatrics, Howard University Hospital and Greater Southeast Community Hospital both in Washington, D.C. She continued in this position at both institutions for almost twenty years.

Prior to returning to the Bahamas as Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Dahl-Regis undertook various consultancies in Child Health and Public Health related areas, Maternal and Child Health, Ministry of Ghana and Citywide Learning Center, Washington D.C. being two examples.

Her public health contributions since returning are many. She was instrumental in the creation of the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Unit in the Department of Public Health with its objective to reduce the infant mortality rate in The Bahamas, out of which came The Adolescent Health Unit and the Nutrition Unit. Introduction of the new MCH record keeping system (CLAP) and reestablishment of midwives clinics are two such contributions. Other MCH successes driven by Dr. Dahl-Regis include starting the AZT program for all pregnant women diagnosed with HIV/AIDS to prevent Mother to Child transmission of the HIV virus, and guided legislation to provide free services to all pregnant women.

Dr. Dahl-Regis has also made significant contribution in the Immunization aspect of public health. She was instrumental in promoting the first ever campaign to immunize adult men and women to interrupt the transmission of Measles, Rubella and Mumps infections and prevent the occurrence of Congenital Rubella Syndrome. For this she received international recognition and was invited to present a paper on the "Adverse Events in MMR Mass Immunization Campaign Bahamas" at the World Health Organization Meeting, Geneva, 1997 and the Technical Advisory Group, Vaccines and Immunizations, Hull, Quebec Canada, April 1999.

Health legislation has also benefited from Dr. Dahl-Regis expertise. The Public Hospitals Authority Board, Health Professions Council, Hospital and Health Care Facilities Licensing Board were all established since she has been Chief Medical Officer. Other Community related achievements include establishment of the Breast Cancer Initiative, the Non-Governmental Organization Desk for health related organizations, the Breast Feeding Initiative and the Care of the Older Persons initiative.

Dr. Dahl-Regis has had many publications and has been responsible for various research grants and proposals. She is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Public Health Association, National Medical Association and The Bahamas Medical Association. She also serves on the World Health Organization Strategic Advisory Group of Experts and the World Health Organization Steering Committee on Immunization Safety. She is married to Dr. Anthony Regis and the couple has two sons.

Honourees:
PUBLIC HEALTH



FREDRICKA E. BLAKELY-SANDS

Mrs. Fredricka E. Blakely-Sands, a retired Registered Nurse and currently Nurse Counsellor at the College of The Bahamas, was born in Nassau. She received her early education at St. Johns College and the College of The Bahamas, where she pursued courses in communication and philosophy.

Mrs. Sands began her nursing career in the 1960s and presently is a certified Registered Nurse, Registered Midwife, Anaesthetic Nurse, and Public Health Nurse/Health Visitor.

Mrs. Sands received her professional nurse and midwifery training in Nassau, her general nurse and anaesthetic nurse training in England, and public health nurse training in Jamaica between 1962 and 1971; and a 12-week course in epidemiology in 1980. She has had experience locally and internationally in nursing, and worked diligently as a nurse for some 34 years before retiring on May 31, 1996.

Mrs. Sands spent 25 years in Community/Public Health Nursing, and played a major role in decreasing the spread of pulmonary tuberculosis in The Bahamas.

In her four-year stint in Community Health Nursing, Mrs. Sands served as Family Island Nursing Co-ordinator and was known as the "Go To" nurse for Family Island relief and troubleshooting. She also served as the Nurse-in-Charge of the Chest Clinic and her rigorous patient follow-up and contact tracing were credited with realizing a significant reduction in the incidence of tuberculosis in New Providence.

She worked for 1.5 years as Co-ordinator of the National Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI). During this time immunization coverage increased tremendously and received one of the highest coverage in the region. As EPI Co-ordinator, Mrs. Sands represented The Bahamas as participant and presenter at annual regional EPI workshops, and co-ordinated and facilitated national EPI workshops in New Providence and the Family Islands.



Honourees:
PUBLIC HEALTH

MARGUERITE ELAINE TAYLOR

Marguerite Taylor, a registered nurse by profession, has been in the service of the Bahamian public since 1953. From 1953 to 1957, she served as a government nurse and midwife in the Cat Island community. She also lectured at the Arthur's Town and Orange Creek government schools. From 1958 - 1965, she served as Nursing Sister, Grade I and Supervisor, Community Health Nursing Service from 1970 to 1979. From 1979-1982, she served in Grand Bahama as Senior Nursing Officer, Community Nursing Service. She was responsible for administering and supervising the island-wide network of clinics and community nurses. She has also worked with The Bahamas Diabetic Association.



Mrs. Taylor was married to the late Rev. Edwin L. Taylor and has participated in many church groups, including the Women's League, and the Thelma Gibson group of Wesley Methodist Church. Presently, she is a member of the Rhodes Memorial Methodist Church. Mrs. Taylor said she sees her work with health care and the church as natural extensions of each other as they both involve caring for people.

"I have enjoyed all my time living and working in The Bahamas," she said, "and it has been the people that have made the experience so special!"





BERNADETTE GODET

Mrs. Bernadette Godet is the Acting Administrator within the Department of Public Health. She received her secondary education at Aquinas College prior to commencing her nursing career in 1967 at The Bahamas School of Nursing. She obtained certificates in nursing, midwifery, and community health. Keen on scholastic achievements, Mrs. Godet attended Nova Southern University where she obtained a bachelor's degree in Management and a master's degree in Business Administration.

This dynamic woman has contributed the greater part of her life to providing health care in the community, and she has gained much professional experience. Mrs. Godet was the first nurse from the Department of Public Health to receive the Nurses Recognition Award. She received other awards from the St. Francis Church Ladies Auxiliary and Boys Clubs, the National Immunization Committee and the pineapple award from the Scout Association. She was honoured by the Department of Public Health on May 2, 1999 for special services rendered.

Mrs. Godet had the distinction of being the supervisor of the first polyclinic in New Providence, and co-ordinator of the first Measles, Mumps and Rubella Campaign for Adults in the region.

She is a member of the Nurses Association of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and the Association for Operating Room Nurses. As an active member of St. Francis Church, she serves as a Eucharistic Minister and visits the elderly and sick.

Her motto is: "If something is worth doing, it is worth doing well!"

CELESTE LOCKHART

The former Principal Nursing Officer in the Department of Public Health, Mrs. Celeste Deveau-Lockhart received her early education at Sandilands Primary and Government High Schools. She received her general nursing, midwifery, and psychiatric nursing education at The Bahamas General Hospital from 1954-1957. Further education includes Health Visitors Course at West Indies School of Public Health and a Diploma in Public Health at University of the West Indies.

Over the years, Mrs. Lockhart has contributed greatly to Nursing and the community and received many awards. In 1978 she received the Josiah award for meritorious service to the people in the Fox Hill community. In 1995 she received a Nursing Council Award for dedicated and meritorious service. In that same year she received the Queen's Certificate and Badge of Honour. The Ministry of Health honoured her for 42 years of dedicated service in 1996. In 1999 received Mother of the Year award from Princess Margaret Hospital.

Mrs. Lockhart was the President of the Nurses Association of the Commonwealth The Bahamas from 1980 to 1982 and a member of the Nursing Council of The Bahamas from 1983 to 1982. She also served as treasurer of the Caribbean Nurses Association in which post she represented the Bahamas at many Regional and International meetings. She headed the first successful Caribbean Nurses Organization conference held in The Bahamas June 1982. She is presently serving as the Vice Chairperson of Sandilands Primary School Board and a member of Fox Hill Concerned Citizens Committee.

Mrs. Lockhart enjoyed her 42 years of serving the people of The Bahamas. She says her nursing career has been greatly enhanced by spiritual growth and is grateful to God for his help over the years.



DR. MORTIMER GEORGE MOXEY

Dr. Mortimer George Moxey is a physician who has spent 28 years with the Ministry of Health. He holds the position of Senior Registrar and Manager of the Non Communicable Disease Prevention Programme within the Department of Public Health. Dr. Moxey received his secondary education at Queen's College, Bahamas and holds degrees in Biochemistry, Zoology, Medicine and Surgery from the University of the West Indies'. He furthered his training in the United States of America and the United Kingdom as well as participating in numerous workshops and continuing medical education.

Dr. Moxey has served on numerous committees within the Department of Public Health in addition to church, civic and community organizations. He has presented papers at various workshops on health topics and gave talks to high school students and civic groups. Further, he has made presentations for radio and television on health and careers in medicine. Dr. Moxey is also chairman of the Men's Health Symposium Committee and advisor to The Bahamas Male Reproductive Health Programme.



Dr. Moxey has received many awards and honours for his outstanding work. He is actively involved with the Heart Association and The Bahamas Diabetic Association. He worships at Rhodes Memorial Methodist Church and is a keen participant in their 'Men of Action', men's group which does community service and organizes community programmes for the development of young men. Dr. Moxey enjoys music. He is a member of the Nassau Music Society and the founding member of 'The United Christian Band'; an interdenominational concert and marching band comprised of young people and adults.

service and excellence at the Princess Margaret Hospital.



DR. MICHAEL MURRAY GERASSIMOS

Dr. Michael Murray Gerassimos was born April 18th, 1931. He received his early education in Hope Town, Abaco. He went to study at Liverpool Collegiate School, Liverpool, England, where he graduated with a bachelor of surgery degree in 1955. He received a Diploma in Venereology in 1978.

Dr. Gerassimos served as house surgeon and house physician at Whiston County Hospital, Lancashire, England, from 1956 to 1957; as a medical officer at the Princess Margaret Hospital, Nassau, from 1958 to 1960; and as a district medical officer from various Family Islands from 1962 to 1978. He has been in general practice in Nassau since 1978.

He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene in November 1957. He received a Medical Association of the Bahamas' Recognition Award in 1991, and a certificate of appreciation from the Caribbean Association of Otolaryngologists in 2000.

Dr. Gerassimos is a member of the British Medical Association, the Medical Association of the Bahamas and the Medical Society for the Study of Venereal Diseases. He coauthored, with Dr. Charles du V. Florey, the "Report of Serological Survey of the Southern Half of Eleuthera Island, Bahamas," which was published in West Indian Medical Journal in June 1976.

Dr. Gerassimos' hobbies include tennis, photography, gardening and travel.



EVELYN M. PRESCOD

A graduate of St. John's College, Evelyn Prescod attended the College of The Bahamas, then various international education institutions. She is a State Registered Nurse and State Certified Midwife. Nurse Prescod obtained her Health Visitor's Certificate from the West Indies School of Public Health; Certificate in Nursing Administration at the University of the West Indies, and a Master's Degree in Public Health at the University of Texas, School of Public Health.



Registered Nurse Evelyn M. Prescod, developed the first Community Nursing Programme for The Bahamas, which was approved for training Caribbean nurses.

As a Nursing Officer, Nurse Prescod supervised nursing duties on various wards at the Princess Margaret Hospital; as Senior Nursing Officer, she supervised nursing duties in the Community Health Nursing Service.

Assisted by tutors from the Department of Nursing Education and PAHO consultants, she revised the Community Nursing Service Manual, and compiled a ten-year report on the trends in the Community Nursing Service.

She was seconded as a tutor and coordinator for the Community Nursing Programme, Department of Nursing Education, and as Principal Nursing Officer, she administered the Community Health Service for New Providence and the Family Islands.

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Nurse Prescod was responsible for implementing the use of a comprehensive child health record and maternity record at the community clinics, and she fostered greater attendance at the child immunization clinic through systematic follow-up of defaulters and use of radio broadcasts resulting in immunization coverage of more than 87 per cent.

Nurse Prescod heightened public awareness of the community health services through participation in career exhibitions, group lectures and radio broadcasts.