



IUF Caribbean hold Regional Committee Meeting in Bermuda

By Sister Ronaldine Burgess



After some 16 years the IUF Caribbean Region were back in Bermuda to hold their Annual Regional Committee Meeting. When last in Bermuda they had to make a hasty evacuation due to hurricane Fabian fast approaching the island at that time; this time although a little rainy and colder than our brothers and sisters from the Caribbean are use to there was no hurricane.

The meeting was held here at Union headquarters February 18th and 19th 2019, chaired by the current President for the Caribbean Region, Sis. Ronnie Burgess. Also present was Sis. Sue Longley the

General Secretary of the IUF, this was the first time that a General Secretary of the IUF had been to Bermuda so it was not only an honour to have Sis. Sue but a pleasure as she is the first female General Secretary of the IUF in its 99 year history.

The meeting discussed various issues affecting the various sectors represented by the IUF affiliates in Bermuda and the Caribbean. The group did a site visit of the Hamilton Princess where they were taken through the hotel by Mrs. Roydell Neverson, Director of Rooms and at the end they were greeted

by the General Manager, Mr. Tim Morrison. The committee also did a site visit of the Fairmont Southampton, where they were met by the Chief Shop Steward, Bro. Herbie Bascome, Sis. BettyJean Gilbert, Secretary, Bro. Chris Belboda, Assistant Chief Shop Steward and Bro. Kim Tucker, Assistant Chief Shop Steward. The committee was shown through the hotel by Bro. Herbie and his team and then were treated to some Bermudian libations in the Jasmine Lounge by the Food & Beverage Manager, Mr. Wouter Aarts.

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Annual EMT Service Held

by Sister Ronnie Burgess



Brother Wes Wilson and Sister Molly Burgess at the service.

The Annual EMT service was held on Sunday, January 13th 2019 at the Heritage Worship Center, presiding over the service was Bro. Raymond Tucker, President of the Hospital Division. The service has been held annually for the past 37 years to honour those people who work in our emergencies services.

This service had special meaning for Bro. Charles 'Wes' Wilson who was to retire after 45 years service as an EMT but also because his son, Pastor Damon Hendrickson, Seventh Day Adventist Restoration Ministries was the guest speaker. Bro. Wes spoke well of his time as an EMT and paid homage to Rev.

Eugene Joell for making a man of a boy, he also thanked the BIU for all they had done to improve their work life.

Rev. Joell who started the EMT service, although a little feeble now was able to bellow out a hymn in a very strong voice, he expressed his thanks to the EMT's; Bro. Glen Woods presented Rev. Joell with a plaque of the program cover from an evening that was held in November of 2018 honouring Rev. Joell and his wife Quillard.

The service was well received by all those in attendance.

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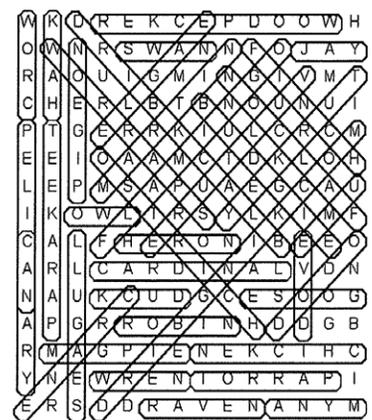
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Minister of Finance is Awesome!!

In my opinion, the Minister of Finance, Curtis Dickinson, can be described using one word “Awesome”. I’ve known the Minister since he was a young boy attending the Berkeley Institute and I was happy to accompany his mother along with my two sons and his sister Tamala, when Curtis went off to Morehouse College to begin his post-secondary studies several years ago. I stood at the polling station at Bright Temple AME Church for the whole day on June 7, 2018 and I, like all PLP supporters present when the count came in, rejoiced along with him. I knew at that time Bermuda would benefit from his advocacy and expertise in the area of Finance as a Parliamentarian. I knew that he would become Bermuda’s next Minister of Finance.

Each time that Minister Dickinson has spoken publicly he credits his family, in particular his mother,



Curtis and Tamala Dickinson “giving” their mother, Sheila Dickinson, away at her wedding some years ago.

for his success in life. He insists that his parent’s strong work ethic has helped to mold him to become the man that he is today. In his maiden Budget Speech he wrote “I am the son of parents who worked and sacrificed to provide the best for me. The Bermuda of their youth rigidly denied opportunities to too many of its citizens. The change of 2017’s General Election and the mandate to build a better and fairer Bermuda means that there is an expectation in this that we will foster an environment for growth and the development of Bermudians”. Awesome words, from an awesome man.

Curtis Dickinson was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth. He spent his early years on Cook’s Hill in Somerset and attended West End Primary School. Later, his mother moved her family to Dundonald Street in Hamilton and Curtis attended the Berkeley Institute. And during Curtis’ formative years his mother was diagnosed with Lupus and as a result, she spent many, many months bedridden. But not even that took Curtis off his course. Curtis is a prime example that one’s personal circumstances should not determine their lot in life, but, instead it is hard work and determination to be at the top of your game that determines whether you will succeed at your chosen profession.

On Friday, February 22, 2019, I listened as Finance Minister Curtis Dickinson delivered his first Budget Speech to the country. As is normal for him, he spoke quietly and sensibly. His speech was written in such



a way, that every Bermudian could understand the intent, and that is to empower those Bermudians whose parents were rigidly denied opportunities in times past.

In my opinion, only a person with awesome capabilities can come up with the idea of centralizing the many Human Resources Departments found throughout government into one department.” The new Department of Employee and Organisational Development (Head 61) will be established and ultimately will result in the centralization of the Department of Human Resources and the more than ten human resource satellite offices that provided duplicate services.” Awesome!! And it makes so much sense.

On Monday, February 25, 2018, Minister Dickinson headed a panel of experts who spoke to members of the Chamber of Commerce. The HarbourView Ballroom at the Hamilton Princess was packed to overflowing. The Minister was joined by the President of the Chamber of Commerce and the CEO of BF&M Insurance Company, John Wight; Roland “Andy” Burrows, CEO of Bermuda Business Development; Chris Furbert,

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The Premier, the Hon. David Burt, paid a courtesy visit on the meeting and addressed the committee and wished them well in their deliberations, also addressing the meeting were Minister Zane Desilva and Minister, Col. David Burch. Sis. Ronnie thanked them all for taking time out of their busy schedules to come by and address our brothers and sisters from the Caribbean. The committee also met and spoke with the Hon. Dr. Ewart Brown, former Premier and Rev. Nicholas Tweed who just so happened to be in the building at the time.

Also addressing the meeting was Sis. H. Molly Burgess, past president for the Caribbean Region and Bro. Ottiwell Simmons, former Education Coordinator for the Caribbean Region. Bro. Chris Furbert officially welcomed the committee to Bermuda and to the Bermuda Industrial Union. The meeting also received a special visit from three of our bartenders from Hamilton Princess who wanted to personally thank the IUF for their support when we had the bar porter issue with the Hamilton Princess. They were Bro. Curtis Wells, Bro. Ricardo Nesbitt and Bro. Carl Burton.



Here representing the various islands in the Caribbean were Bro. Clifton Grant, Regional Secretary, Jamaica, Bro. Dwaine Paul, 2nd Vice President, Barbados, Bro. Bert Paterson, committee member, Grenada, Bro. Seepaul Narine, past President, Caribbean Region, Guyana, Bro. Dawchan Nagasar, committee member, Guyana and Sis.

Jillian Bartlett, committee member Trinidad & Tobago. Members of the committee and Sis. Sue thanked the Bermuda Industrial Union for their hosting the meeting and the kind hospitality that was shown to them for the time that they were in Bermuda.

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President of the Bermuda Industrial Union; and Nathan Kowalski, Economic Analyst. The panel was moderated by Arthur Wightman, Leader of PwC Bermuda. At no time during his presentation, did the Minister stumble or stutter. He was direct and forthright, and even when Nathan Kowalski tried

to catch him out, the Minister was cool, calm and so very collected.

In my opinion, many young men and women in Bermuda can emulate Curtis Dickinson. Rather than considering life challenges as stumbling blocks, use them as stepping stones. In spite of the many challenges that Curtis Dickinson faced

as a young man, he overcame them and today he has moved on from Group Head of Private Banking at Butterfield Bank to the Minister of Finance. All of us who knew Curtis' mother, Sheila Dickinson, know that his success today is as much her success.

The Attempt to Undermine the PLP Government

In most democratic countries it is expected that there are two sides to governance. There is the government of the day which the people have elected, and the political opposition, or the “government-in-waiting” as the people may change the government at the next election.

There is one common identity which binds a country even though the political opposition may disagree on how the country is governed, and it plays its role to present an alternative form of governance. But one thing it does not do and that is pursue a policy that undermines the interests of the country as a whole.

Since the PLP has won the government it has gotten on with the business of governance and the OBA has been forced to play the role of the political opposition which is to be expected in a democratic society.

At first it appeared that the OBA seemed to have difficulty in playing the role as a political opposition, mostly due to the success of the PLP as the government. They have been forced to change their leader which some in that party did not necessarily agree with. After all, they chose a leader that had been forced to step down as the OBA's first leader when it won the government in 2012. This turned out to be a one term government in the wake of the jet-gate scandal which is yet to be explained.

The OBA continues to blame the PLP government for the country's fiscal deficit but fails to mention its part in creating that deficit: when

it was the government from 2012 - 2017 the deficit was doubled. I contend that this was mostly a result of hosting the America's Cup which the OBA claimed boosted Bermuda's economy. We don't hear too much of it today and we certainly don't hear how hosting the America's Cup drained the finances of the government which an incoming PLP had to face when it became the government.

The biggest thing that the former OBA boasts about is the building of a new airport which Bermuda will have no control over for 30 years. The Canadians will want to get its money back which means it will control any monies that the airport stands to make. Bermuda not only will have to pay any further costs to the airport along with other concessions that Bermuda has granted to the Canadian company and it might turn out that the whole agreement might be sold to another foreign interest as they attempted to do with the Chinese before the Canadian government vetoed it. So it's still a question even though Bermuda gets a new airport what will we receive over the next thirty years? Another stick which the OBA uses to beat the PLP with is job creation or the lack thereof. The OBA continues to be critical of what the PLP government is trying to do with other options through the Fintech industry. The Royal Gazette, in its reporting, has managed to chase away from our shores one such entity which means the loss of potential Bermudian jobs.

This is what I mean by pursuing

THE OTHER ALTERNATIVE



BY ALVIN WILLIAMS

policies that undermine the country and in this case in the name of the so-called free press.

Another aspect to this is the question of Bermuda's tax system and the great need for tax reform. Bermuda does not have income tax which most advanced countries use to finance their governments and to operate the needs of the people.

Bermuda has always resisted the creation of a fair tax system. It has always had a tax system where those who have the least have had to pay the bulk of Bermuda's taxes. That's why there was so much uproar when rental tax was floated by the government. But what does the OBA political opposition say when it comes to taxes? It does not call for a fair tax system, but attempts to convince the people that the government is unfairly taxing them when in reality it's Bermuda's tax system that is unfair and is long in need of tax reform and that is where the real debate should be taking place. Such a debate should be engaged in by both the government and the political opposition and not be used in an attempt to win political points with as was recently term Mr. & Mrs. Bermuda.

St. Philip AME Church honoured Brother Ottiwell Simmons



The Young People's Department of St. Philip AME Church honoured Brother Ottiwell Simmons, BIU President Emeritus, in honour of

Black History Month on Sunday, February 24, 2019. Members of the BIU Executive Board and members of Brother Ottie's family attended

the Service. During the service, former BIU President, Brother Derrick Burgess shared his knowledge on the history of Tucker's Town.

Budget Breakfast



Brother Chris Furbert was again this year invited by the Bermuda Chamber of Commerce to be a panelist at their Annual Budget Breakfast held on Monday, February 25, 2019. Other

Panelists were, the Minister of Finance, Curtis Dickinson, JP, MP; John Wight, CEO of BF&M Insurance Group and President of the Chamber; Roland 'Andy' Burrows, CEO of Bermuda

Business Development; and Nathan Kowalski, Economic Analyst. Arthur Wightman (extreme left) Leader of PwC Bermuda moderated the panel. There was standing room only at the event.

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Snippets of Bermuda's Black History

by Wentworth Christopher

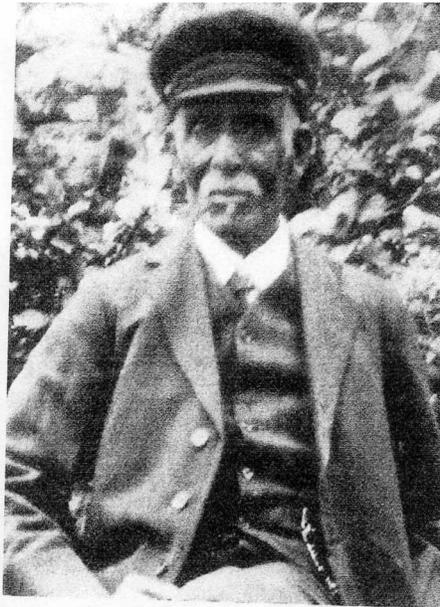
February is celebrated as Black History Month in America and of late, some in Bermuda have also chosen to highlight the accomplishments of those Bermudians who have gone before us. It is when we remember icons like Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, John Lewis and a host of others, that we also remember Bermudian icons who have paved the way.

They have earned recognition. There are, however, several people who walked among us and toiled valiantly for us who have been practically forgotten and who should be remembered because of their unselfish efforts. Regrettably many of them are not known by many Bermudians and specifically Black Bermudians. The local history of a bygone era was not written by blacks so the black hopes, dreams, social norms, culture, and aspirations were not considered to be consequential. Let us remember two of them now:

JAMES "JEMMY" DARRELL

This slave was born c1749. He was an excellent pilot and diver who distinguished himself whilst assisting Lt. Thomas Hurd R.N with his Hydrological Survey of Bermuda in preparation for the establishment of Dockyard. His extraordinary piloting skill was shown when he piloted the 74-gun battleship "Resolution" safely through Bermuda's reefs.

The ship was under the command of Admiral Murray who was so impressed with Darrell that he wrote



Pilot James B. Richardson, who petitioned for compensation after losing his licence

to the Governor asking that he be granted his freedom. Freedom was granted. The law at the time was that a slave who gained freedom was required to leave Bermuda within three months or face being re-enslaved. Darrell successfully petitioned the U.K. He is also believed to be the first black person to buy a home in Bermuda and the home is still owned by his descendant in 2019. When he noted that white pilots were being paid more than black pilots he petitioned to ensure there was equivalent payment for all pilots and may well be Bermuda's first labour advocate. The spot where Darrell safely moored the Admiral's ship is now known as Murray's Anchorage.

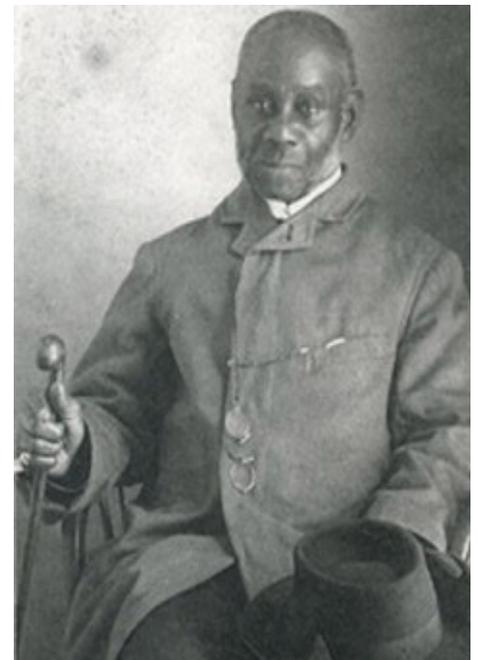
RICHARD TUCKER

On February 11th 1835 a ship docked in Hamilton. It had left

South Carolina and was en route to Virginia but was blown off course because of violent weather. The arrival was significant because of the cargo. The ship was the Enterprise and the cargo included 78 slaves. Emancipation had taken place 7 months previously.

Tucker, who had no legal training mounted a challenge and obtained a writ of habeas corpus which required the captain to remain in Bermuda and before a packed Supreme Court on February 18th was able to gain freedom for the slaves who desired it. 72 persons accepted. There are known descendants of two of the slaves. Tucker later established himself as a businessman in Hamilton.

Editor's Note: For the next few months the Workers Voice will publish "Snippets of Black History" written by Wentworth Christopher.



Art Installed in Government Buildings



Work began recently to install Bermudian art in Government buildings, which was one of the initiatives announced in the 2018 Speech from the Throne: “The Government is determined to harness the creativity of Bermuda’s artists and expand the community’s appreciation of their work and its value. To lead in this effort, government buildings will be appointed with a wide variety of Bermudian art.”

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs has spearheaded the initiative, called ‘Public Art Project in Government Buildings’, and, over the past few days, has installed artwork by Meredith Andrews, Graham Foster, Sharon Wilson, Alan Smith,

Edwin M. E. Smith, Ph.D., Diana Higginbotham, James Cooper and Jayde Gibbons in the Dame Lois Browne-Evans Building. Information on the individual artists can be found below.

The Minister of Labour, Community Affairs and Sports the Hon. Lovitta Foggo JP MP met with each of the artists this week (photos attached).

Minister Foggo said, “I am thrilled to see this initiative get underway. These beautiful pieces of art can now be admired on a daily basis by members of the public and civil servants making their way to and from work each day, including myself. I am so proud of our talented Bermudian artists and the variety

and volume of artistic talent that we have on this island. It should be noted that this is only the start of the initiative - there will be other artists, other mediums and other buildings in which the art will be displayed.”

The Department is now placing an open call to Bermudian artists for Phase 2 of the initiative. They are seeking 2 dimensional art for display in the Government Administration Building. Interested Bermudian Artists are invited to send, JPEGs or PNGs of their work to Mrs. Heather Whalen (hwhalen@gov.bm) and Ms Aruna Dismont (aaldismont@gov.bm). All electronic submissions are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2019.

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2019 Seafarer's Service

by Sister Ronnie Burgess

The Annual Seafarers Service took place on January 27th 2019 at the Chapel of Ease, St. David's; as usual it was a packed church. The service was formerly called the Seaman's service but in the age of #metoo and gender balance it is only appropriate that they have now changed the name to the Seafarers service.

Our members from the Marine & Ports Division along with their family and friends are always out in full support of this service, as well as many fishermen and families of people who have lost loved ones to the seas and others that work in the waters not only in Bermuda but outside of Bermuda. This service really pays tribute to those that operate vessels upon the seas and to those that have lost their lives to the seas. Rev. Tom Slawson presided over the service, Mr. David Gouldbourne, Chief Engineer, Spirit of Bermuda and Bro. Vernon Harrison read the scriptures. Ms. Olivia Hamilton, was called upon to do a solo. Pilot Warden, Bro. Mario Thompson did the roll call of Young Mariners and I can say assuredly it was like music to the ears, for all present to hear about our young people that are taking bold and positive steps



A boat decorated with Bay Grape leaves adorned the church during the service.

to further their careers. The names of those young people who are on their way to have a career in the Marine industry were as follows: Ms. Erin Grieg, Denzel Todd, Vernon Harrison, James Daniels, Jamel Smith, Christen Green, Patrick Poire, Lamar Samuels, Dillon Ward and Marcus Simmons. Bro. Mario presented a certificate of achievement to Erin's mother in her absence, as she was sailing on the Picton Castle ship, in recognition of becoming the first born Bermudian female to earn the Officer of the Watch certificate.

Bro. Mario said they are still making great strides to open the Bermuda Maritime Academy, he said it is something we all should really push for and hope we can have the first Maritime Academy in Bermuda.

After the service the congregation gathered at the Memorial for the Lost at Sea at the Battery on St. David's island for the laying of the wreaths.

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A Healthy You' 'ATRIAL FIBRILLATION' (From the British Heart Foundation)

Atrial fibrillation (AF) is a common abnormal heart rhythm that occurs when electrical impulses fire off from different places in the atria (the top chambers of the heart) in a disorganised way. This results in the atria twitching which is recognized as an irregular pulse rate. Atrial fibrillation is a major cause of stroke. Your heart's pumping action is controlled by tiny electrical messages produced by a part of the heart called the sinus node. The sinus node is sometimes called your heart's 'natural pacemaker'. Normally, the electrical messages are sent out regularly, with each message telling your heart to contract and pump blood around your body. This is felt as a normal, regular heartbeat, or pulse.

Atrial fibrillation occurs when the sinus node sending out regular electrical impulses along with different places in and around the atria (the upper chambers of the heart) also producing electrical messages, in an uncoordinated way. These multiple, irregular messages make the atria quiver or twitch, which is known as fibrillation. This is felt as an irregular and sometimes fast heartbeat or pulse.

Symptoms of AF include: palpitation (being aware of your heart beat) tiredness, shortness of breath, dizziness or feeling faint. An irregular pulse could be a sign that you have an atrial fibrillation (AF) Some people only have mild symptoms and others have no symptoms at all.



AF can be detected by feeling the pulse at your wrist. If you are in AF, your pulse will feel irregular and beats may vary in strength. You might also feel this pattern if you have missed beats or extra beats, which are very common and usually nothing to worry about. Some people have AF which comes and goes, so sometimes their pulse may feel normal at times and other times it will be irregular. Your Primary Care physician and or your Cardiologist will schedule other definite investigations to determine whether you have AF or not. If your pulse is irregular or if you are concerned in any way about your pulse / your heart rate ~ PLEASE make an appointment to see your Primary Care Physician immediately or go directly to the Emergency Department. Causes atrial fibrillation

Possible causes of Atrial Fibrillation (AF) are: high blood pressure heart valve disease excessive alcohol consumption and smoking. AF is also associated with coronary heart disease. However, in many patients

no underlying cause can be found. When the underlying condition has been addressed, sometimes AF can be resolved.

Potential treatments for atrial fibrillation

Your Primary Care Physician and or your Cardiologist will determine your individualized treatment plan for AF. Some people with AF need medications to help control the rate and rhythm of their heart. These medications are most commonly beta-blockers and anti-arrhythmic drugs. Occasionally, a procedure such as ablation or cardioversion may be needed. Your Primary Care Physician and or your Cardiologist will decide which treatment is best for you!

Atrial fibrillation can lead to a stroke because it can increase the risk of a blood clot forming inside the heart. Should that clot travel to the brain it can lead to a stroke (cerebrovascular accident). Stroke risk is increased 4 - 5 times if a person has Atrial Fibrillation. With appropriate treatment the stroke risk can be decreased considerably. Anticoagulant therapy (blood thinners) can be very effective in decreasing the risk of stroke. Contributing stroke risk variables include high blood pressure, high cholesterol, uncontrolled diabetes, obesity and a sedentary lifestyle - all of which are you can improve and decrease your stroke risk even if you do not have AF! 'LOVE YOU & LOVE YOUR HEART' ~ PLEASE

Make a Good First Impression

Everyone wants to make a good first impression, but research shows seven out of 10 people make a judgment call within 27 seconds—often before the other person has even spoken!



How can this disadvantage be overcome? Be aware that the "impression time window" is short. Use a sincere smile, give direct eye contact, be a patient listener, and watch the handshakes! With rare exceptions, handshakes are a nearly universal form of greeting. Avoid "vice grip" domination handshakes. They can make a negative impression equal to that of a limp handshake. The lasting memory of your greeting should not be your handshake. It's better to use a firm handshake that matches the other person's grip.

Could You Be Depressed and Not Know It?

Mental health clinics often see patients with life problems who have undiagnosed major depressive disorder. Symptoms of depression can last so long that this state becomes their "normal." Some of these patients may struggle to recall what not feeling depressed is like. Words like cheerfulness, contentedness, gladness, joy, and hopefulness may feel foreign and out of place. Do these terms feel distant from your life? If so, get a professional assessment for depression. It takes only a few minutes to find out more, spot the diagnosis, and take steps to get treatment for this commonly untreated illness.



Stop Skipping Breakfast!

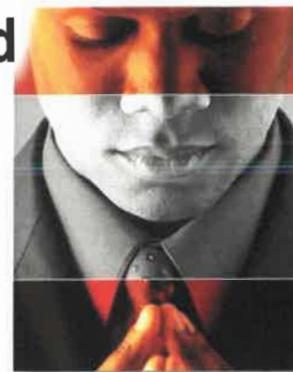
You may have heard breakfast is the most important meal because the body needs energy and you won't perform your best if you skip it. That may be true, but a review of key studies focusing on skipping breakfast confirmed something more menacing—increased risk of diabetes. Studies have also shown an increase in heart disease for no-breakfast clubbers. With type 2 diabetes on the increase, avoid skipping breakfast. Experiment and discover the healthy foods you look forward to eating to help avoid this chronic disease.



Source: www.academic.oup.com [search "breakfast diabetes"]

Do Meditation and Exercise Fend Off Flu?

Studies have shown that stress, life crises, and negative emotional styles increase risk of acute respiratory infections like colds, flu, and similar conditions. Could stress reduction using mindfulness techniques like meditation along with exercise have a preventive effect? The U.S. National Institutes of Health decided to find out. Nearly 400 study participants completed a stress management training program, and the results were positive. Participants did experience fewer flu, colds, and respiratory infections. The Centers for Disease Control says the best way to prevent flu is to get a flu shot—it's reportedly 40 to 60 percent effective. Could managing stress with techniques found in this study give you an extra boost of pre-



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Somerset Cricket Club Offers Apology



After complaints by football referee, Martin Wyer about the behavior of fans during a match at Somerset Cricket Club on Sunday, February 17, 2019, the club has issued an apology. It has been alleged that fans hurled racial slurs and obscenities at the referee while the game was being played between Somerset Trojans and Dandy Town Hornets. Mr. Wyer is regarded by many as football's top referee.

Below is the statement in its entirety:

"The officers and members of Somerset Cricket Club wish to inform the Bermuda football

fraternity and wider public that we respect the role of match officials and do not condone anti-social behavior, inclusive of any offensive language directed towards officials.

Vashun Blanchette, President, reached out to referee Martin Wyer and the Bermuda Referees Association to advise our regret and offered a written apology for the abusive language directed towards Mr. Wyer at our grounds on Sunday 17 February 2019.

The Executive and Management Committee of Somerset Cricket Club are actively conducting an internal investigation into the

above mentioned matter and will utilize any official reports from the Bermuda Referees Association and the Bermuda Football Association.

As a matter of urgency, Somerset Cricket Club will also review its crowd control guidelines with a view to taking strict measures that ensure this behavior does not occur in the future.

In closing, we offer our sincere apology that Mr. Wyer was subjected to insulting language on our premises and trust that he will not experience a repeat of this conduct."

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 C A L F H E R O N I B E E O
 A R L C A R D I N A L V D N
 N A U K C U D G C E S O O G
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 R M A G P I E N E K C I H C
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BLACKBIRD
 BUDGIE
 CANARY
 CARDINAL
 CHICKEN
 CRANE
 CROW
 DODO
 DOVE
 DUCK

EAGLE
 EMU
 FALCON
 FINCH
 FLAMINGO
 GOOSE
 HAWK
 HERON
 JAY
 MAGPIE

MARTIN
 MOCKINGBIRD
 MYNA
 OSTRICH
 OWL
 PARAKEET
 PARROT
 PELICAN
 PIGEON
 RAVEN

ROBIN
 SEAGULL
 SPARROW
 SWAN
 TURKEY
 VULTURE
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