



## **HISTORY OF THE UNITED CARIBBEAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION** **OF PALM COAST INC.**

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2002, AT A SPRING BASH PARTY AT BUNNELL CITY HALL, A PROPOSAL WAS MADE TO INVITE INTERESTED PERSONS TO MEET AND DISCUSS THE FORMATION OF AN ORGANIZATION WHICH REPRESENTS THE CARIBBEAN.

MR. & MRS. CLARENCE PATTERSON OFFERED THEIR HOME HERE IN PALM COAST FOR SUCH A GATHERING. ON APRIL 30, 2002 AT 7.00PM SIXTEEN (16) INDIVIDUALS SHOWED UP AND THE DECISION WAS MADE TO ORGANIZE A CLUB, THAT WOULD DIFFERENTIATE ITSELF FROM THE AVERAGE ESTABLISHED CLUB.

THE FIRST SIGN OF OUR DESIRE AND ABILITY TO WORK TOGETHER WAS SHOWN IN THE WAY IN WHICH THE GROUP SELECTED ITS' NAME. FIVE DIFFERENT NAMES WERE PROPOSED, OF WHICH THREE WERE CHOSEN. FROM THE THREE NAMES, THE UNITED CARIBBEAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION WAS CREATED.

WITHIN TWO MONTHS, A CONSTITUTION WAS WRITTEN AND RATIFIED, A DRAFT OF OUR BYLAWS WAS WRITTEN, OUR MEMBERSHIP DOUBLED, OFFICERS WERE SELECTED AND THE ORGANIZATION WAS REGISTERED AS A NOT FOR PROFIT ENTITY.

AT A FUNCTION AT JAMES HOLLAND PARK ON SATURDAY JULY 27, 2002, THE ORGANIZATION AND ITS SELECTED OFFICERS WERE PRESENTED TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE RESPONSE WAS GREAT.

**THE FOUNDING MEMBERS WERE:**

LEONA ADAMS	CARLTON HARRISON
MONICA CLARKE	ALBERTO CLARKE
CONRAD FAGAN	YVONNE MAYLOR
EGBERT FARQUHARSON	JOYCE MCLAREN
ELEANOR FRANCIS	MILDRED O'BRYAN
NOEL FRANCIS	ANN PATTERSON
MURNA HANSON	CLARENCE PATTERSON
CYNTHIA HUNT	LAWRENCE SMALL

**THE ELECTED EXECUTIVE BOARD AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS WERE:**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

CYNTHIA D. HUNT	PRESIDENT
CONRAD FAGAN	VICE PRESIDENT
ANN PATTERSON	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
LESLIE ROSE	TREASURER
CARLTON HARRISON	FINANCIAL SECRETARY
NORMA ROSE	HISTORIAN
NOEL FRANCIS	MEMBER AT LARGE
MILDRED O'BRYAN	MEMBER AT LARGE
CHARLES HARRIS	SARGENT AT ARMS

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

EGBERT FARQUHARSON  
MURNA HANSON  
CLARENCE PATTERSON  
REFF STAFFORD

SUBSEQUENT TO THE INCORPORATION OF THE UNITED CARIBBEAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION IN 2002, AN IDEA OF A FESTIVAL TO SHOWCASE THE CARIBBEAN CULTURE AND HISTORY WAS DISCUSSED. MANY CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES CELEBRATE CARNIVAL WHICH PORTRAYS THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THEIR CULTURE.

"FESTIVAL CELEBRATING THE CARIBBEAN" WAS ORGANIZED AND PRODUCED BY A COMMITTEE OF THE CLUB, CHAIRED BY OUR PRESIDENT, CYNTHIA HUNT. THIS FIRST CARNIVAL ON JUNE 7, 2003, AT DAYTONA BEACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS IN PALM COAST, WAS WELL RECEIVED BY THE PEOPLE OF PALM COAST AND SURROUNDING AREAS.

THE PRESIDENT, CYNTHIA HUNT, WAS CHAIRPERSON OF THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE FROM 2003 UNTIL 2008, AND MUST BE COMMENDED FOR THE EXCELLENT AND WIDE SPREAD SUCCESS THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAS ENJOYED.

IN SEPTEMBER 2008, A NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD TOOK OFFICE AND SELECTED MS, TANYA CHONG AS CHAIRPERSON FOR THE 2009 FESTIVAL, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW TOWN CENTER OF PALM COAST.

## **2009 UCCAPC INC EXECUTIVE BOARD**

PRESIDENT	CARLTON HARRISON
VICE PRESIDENT	RONALD ROBINSON
RECORDING SECRETARY	BEN FINN
TREASURER	ALVIN DIXON
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	LESLIE ROSE
PUBLIC AFFAIRS	TANYA CHONG
CHAPLAIN	MYRTHA DARBOUX
HISTORIAN	NOEL FRANCIS
SERGEANT AT ARMS	GARNETT WELLS
MEMBERS AT LARGE	OLVE MINOTT
	MILDRED O'BRYAN
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	CYNTHIA HUNT

BOARD MEMBERS	CLARENCE BEST
	SHARON CUMMINGS
	EGBERT FARQUHARSON
	ELEANOR FRANCIS

OVER THE PAST YEAR, THE ORGANIZATION, HAS INCREASED ITS MEMBERSHIP AND ACHIEVED THE STATUS OF A "501©3" TAX EXEMPT NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION.