



# JAMAICA UNITED RELIEF ASSOCIATION, INC.

Miami Times - 1987

## 'Getting To Know' Madge Barrett Jamaica's New Consul General

Their greetings were as warm as the Florida evening when a large gathering of Jamaicans and friends was formally introduced to Jamaica's new Consul General in Miami Madge Barrett, on Wednesday, May 8, at the Sheraton Brickell Hotel.

The "Getting To Know You" function, hosted by the Consulate General and the Jamaica Information Service, was attended by some 350 guests from Jamaican government agencies, education, commercial and diplomatic groups, Jamaican nationals and friends. Master of Ceremonies was JIS Attache Lance Evans.

The Consul General, accompanied by her husband, Arthur, headed a greeting line prior to the start of the formalities and was later introduced by Deputy Consul General John Atkins. Special greetings on behalf of the Jamaican

community were extended by Joan Gonzales, president of Jamaica United Relief Association (JURA). Active Jamaican organizations later were presented with a framed certificate citing them for continued service to their homeland's cause in normal and catastrophic times.

One highlight was a message from Jamaica's Minister of Information and Culture Dr. Paul Robertson, who could not be present because of Parliamentary commitments.

"The Miami Consulate General is one of very great importance to Jamaica," he said. "The large number of Jamaicans and the high level of interest they have in Jamaica, as well as the importance of keeping them informed of what is going on at home, pose some serious responsibilities to my ministry."

The lighter side of the of the

"Getting to Know You" program included performances by the Jamaica Folk Revue led by Norma Darby, the Keith Lyn Band and soloist Joe McGann, popular Jamaican balladeer.

Barrett was also the recipient of floral tributes from her staff presented by Karl Salmon, the Needy Kids of Jamaica, through its president, Clint O'Neil, a local radio personality, and from Michael Orgill, president of the Jamaica Business Association of Florida.

Ten Jamaican organizations were presented with certificates by the Consul General for their consistent service to Jamaica: "In recognition and appreciation for your organization's valuable contribution to the building of a greater and better Jamaica and in assisting to promote the interests of Jamaica here in Florida."



L-R: Deputy Consul General John Atkins, Consul General Madge Barrett, Chagine Simes, Nichole Bailey and Arthur Barrett, the consul's spouse. Times photo/JAMES FORBES



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## JURA PRESS

### **1987**

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### **2008**

ONLINE ARTICLE: "A labour of love: Passport drive helps desperate farm workers"

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### **2009**

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<https://news.jamaicans.com/jura/> [Jamaicans.com - September 15, 2009]

### **2010**

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<https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/western-focus/20161115/cornwall-regional-partners-diaspora-non-profit-incubator-donations>  
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ONLINE ARTICLE: “Victoria Jubilee Hospital receives four incubators”

<https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/lead-stories/20180519/victoria-jubilee-hospital-receives-four-incubators> [The Gleaner – May 18, 2018]

ONLINE ARTICLE: “Upcoming Events to Celebrate Jamaica’s 56 Independence in Southern USA”

<https://sflcn.com/upcoming-events-jamaica-56-independence-south-florida/> [South Florida Caribbean News – July 21, 2018]

### **2019**

ONLINE ARTICLE: “Granny Del: A Must See Jamaican Comedy Coming to South Florida”

<https://sflcn.com/granny-del-jamaican-comedy-coming-to-south-florida/> [South Florida Caribbean News – June 20, 2019]

### **2020**

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INSTAGRAM POST: “Victoria Jubilee Hospital Get Equipment and Supplies” <https://www.instagram.com/p/B7j0AfgmOT/> [SERHA Jamaica – January 20, 2020]

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<https://www.caribbeannationalweekly.com/news/local-news/former-jamaican-consul-general-to-miami-john-p-atkins-died-on-june-14/> [Caribbean National Weekly - June 17, 2020]



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### **2021**

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