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# An Evening in Paris Seventh Annual Gala

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Community Outreach, Medical & Education Mission

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Vision Statement

The Alliance of Jamaican and American Humanitarians strives to improve and enhance health, education and social well being of the people served throughout our local communities and the Caribbean.

One by One, we link together reaching out to help one another.

AOJAH, make a change and a difference.

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We're here for you.

## Welcome from the President

On behalf of our Board of Directors and our entire membership of AOJAH, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Gala and genuinely thank you for being here and supporting our efforts. I would also like to express appreciation to those of you who travelled from far away, including, other States to show your support and be with us this evening.

We live in an era of many uncertainties and great extremes of wealth and poverty. Tonight we have come together unified towards the same goal of supporting charity and to celebrate our work.

Our journey has taken on greater heights with much progress for the last 7 years and in 2017. We continue to support our low income and homeless population through our annual health and wellness event and monthly lunch program serving 150 to 200 homeless in the Skid row area. In addition, we are extremely proud of our 2 local high school scholarship recipients who graduated in June 2017.

Our 7<sup>th</sup> Medical, Eye and Education mission took 89 eager & committed volunteers to Jamaica. The week included a medical seminar. This year a glaucoma surgery team was added & 70 patients benefitted from cataract and glaucoma surgeries. Many other patients received general & OB/GYN laparoscopic surgeries and approximately 2000 patients received medical care in the rural areas and 2000 had eye screenings. We are also proud of our support to young people with our various scholarships in Jamaica.

Our video presentation "Imagine, Believe, Achieve" theme depicts all our work accomplished through your support, our dedication and

high energy volunteers, our generous sponsors, our members and our passionate and dedicated Board of Directors.



We must never forget the humble beginnings that many of us came from and that should always continue to inspire us to lift others up. We indeed have the means, the will, and ability to make a difference. Many of you have made the choice to do something to help, giving optimism to many people, which definitely brings out the best in us as human beings, and for that I continue to be truly grateful.

I again want to share my thanks and appreciation to you our supporters, sponsors, members, our Board of Directors and all our supportive and understanding families. I again invite all of you to join us in this challenging but rewarding journey of making a difference in the less fortunate lives. I will continue to strive to make AOJAH's work the best it can be.

We look forward to 2018 with all the opportunities that await us to live up to our mission and vision. The funds raised tonight will continue to support our goals.

Once again, on behalf of our Board of Directors, welcome. It is a great pleasure to see so many of you here. Enjoy a wonderful entertaining evening, while supporting this worthy cause. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Joan Crawford-McDonald President



## Crème of Tomato Bisque Soup, Served en Croute Fresh Baked Rolls & Butter

### Entrée

Garlic Rubbed Statler Breast of Chicken, Wild & Chanterelle Mushroom Demi-glace, Fried Onions

Potato au Gratin, Fresh Baby carrots and Haricot Vert

Of

Herb Crusted Fillet of salmon, Dijon Mustard Sauce Potato au Gratin, Fresh Baby carrots and Haricot Vert

or

## Vegetarian Entrée

Eggplant Napoleon, Tomato Provencal

### Dessert

Vanilla Crème Brulee, Seasonal Berries

or

Flourless Chocolate Truffle Cake, Fresh Berries
Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Organic Tea & Iced Tea

## Evening's Program

6:00 – 7:30 pm – Cocktails & Silent Auction 6:00 – 9:30 pm – Silent Auction

### 8:00 pm - Welcome

Mr. Maxwell Sinclair, Vice President Master of Ceremonies – Mr. Maxwell Sinclair

### Invocation

Chaplain Yvonne Boyd

### Dinner served

### President's Address

Mrs. Joan Crawford-McDonald
AOJAH's Video Presentation "Imagine, Believe, Achieve"
Greetings from Jamaica, Dr. Ian Titus – Mrs. Gloria Blackburn
Scholarship Recipients Graduation Recognition – Mrs. Rosemary Wilson
In Appreciation – Mr. Michael Boucher – Mr. Maxwell Sinclair
Honoree – Dr. Gregory Saccone – Mrs. Joan Crawford-McDonald

### **Live Auction**

Secrets Wild Orchid, Jamaica Melia Braco Village, Jamaica

### **Entertainment**

Frankie Fontaine Band & Deejay Sherwin Ruste

Dancing – Door Prizes
Grand Raffle Drawing

1st prize Grand Palladium 6days/5nights Jamaica

## Honorees

Dr. Gregory Saccone is a native of California. He is a Board Certified Internist, received his medical degree from David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and has been in practice for more than 20 years. Dr. Saccone is a partner with the Southern California Permanente Medical Group (SCPMG), where he is the Physician in Charge at the Santa Monica Medical Office. Dr. Saccone is also the Physician Director of Medical Informatics at Kaiser WLA and has several other

leadership roles. He serves on the SCPMG Board of Directors, representing the WLA Medical Center.

Dr. Saccone is dedicated to his medical practice, has been an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at UCLA and have lectured on a variety of subjects during his career. Greg was the Information Technology guru since the start-up of the electronic health record, he is known for his expertise and was instrumental in many of its improvements. He is always willing to share his knowledge freely. Greg is also fluent in Spanish which is a great asset.

Greg is no stranger to volunteering, he has been doing medical missions to Jamaica for the last fifteen years. For the past seven years he has served on AOJAH's Board of Directors. In addition, he has served as the Physician Director of Medical Operations for the medical mission. Greg has been instrumental in assuring continu-



ity of care by developing a database to track patients during the yearly mission. This database has provided information for the planning of the types and amount of medicines required for the following year. He has spent countless hours coordinating and securing medications, in addition to donating funds to assure a successful mission. Besides the numerous hours spent planning and organizing for the mission, when he arrives in Jamaica, he provides ex-

ceptional compassionate care to the patients as if they were one of his family members. Greg's care extends to the animals in Jamaica, he can be seen feeding and touching a stray dog!

Greg is also committed to the local community, where he provides charitable care for the homeless in the Skid row downtown area.

Greg has been a recipient of many awards, which includes but not limited to, Internist of the Year, Physician of the Year, Best MD/RN Collaboration and Everyday Hero.

In Greg's free time he loves to write, play blues guitar and spend time with his family.

The Alliance of Jamaican and American Humanitarians congratulate Dr. Gregory Saccone for his unwavering commitment and dedication to underserved communities.

## Scholarship Award Recipients

**Local Scholarships** 

Our 2 High School 4 year scholarship recipients, Seresha Candler & Jose Gill graduated in June 2017. Each student received US\$1,500 yearly for 4 years.

**Jamaica Scholarships** 

Calabar High School Scholarship Recipient, Olanzo Lamey, completed 5 years and continuing on to Advanced Level (6<sup>th</sup> form). Scholarship amount-US\$1,500 yearly.

**HEART Trust School of Hospitality** 9 Scholarships awarded for a total US\$4,000.







## Local Community Outreach



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## Education Mission in Jamaica

## 2017 Education Mission conducted in St. Ann

Basic Schools Visited; Golden Grove, Bamboo, Priory, Charlton, Mines and Farm Town Provided school supplies to 312 children St Ann's Bay Primary School Children of the Village Program Provided school supplies & Career Guidance

### **HEART Trust College of Hospitality**

Awarded 9 scholarships for a total of US\$4,200.00





## Medical Seminal, 2017 Laparoscopy and Medical UPdates Conference

Topics & Presenters:

A. Care of the Pediatric and Adult Drowning Patient- Dr. Janet Semple-Hess

B. Preventing Myopia in children-Dr. Maxwell Cheng

C. Ocular Manifestations of Systemic Disease-Dr. John Shan

D. Minimally Invasive Surgery Evolution and Benefits of Lap Surgery-Dr. Jenny Lee & Moderator E. Antibiotics Resistance "A Global Perspective"-Dr. Allison Nicholson

F. Biliary Tract Disease (no picture) G. Medicolegal Pitfalls-Dr. Peter Glegg



## Medical Mission in Jamaica

## **Clinics Visited:**

Walkerswood Lime Hall Queenhythe Blackstonage Old Harbour Madras Faith's Pen RIU Assum Assum

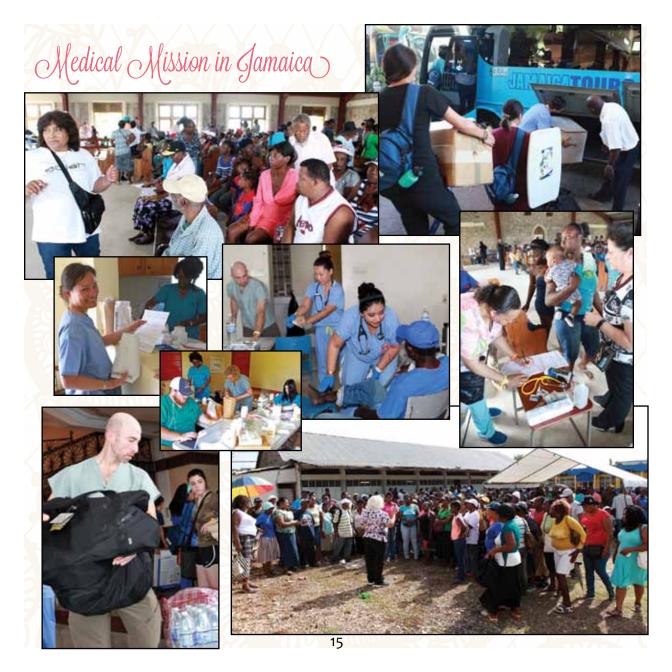


1,811 Patients Seen Patients provided with 1 year's supply of chronic disease medicines



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## Pediatrics/Nicu Mission

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Dr. Janet Semple Hess & Nurse Educator Dolores Greenwood Introduced & taught the principles of Neonatal Resuscitation Program

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## Medical & Education Mission Volunteers



## **Physicians** Ivan Barrow Jeffrey Brettler Garrick Chak Tina Chao Alexander Hatsis Harleen Hayreh Larry Hess Janet Semple-Hess Tracy Imley Holly Kim Tom Komhauser Jeffrey Martin Dean Matsuda Yung-Mee Park Anthony Pisacano Charles Plehn **Gregory Saccone** Jan Takasugi **Pharmacists**

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Virginia Zeitjian

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AOJAH's Annual Spring Brunch & Food Drive MGM Banquet Hall, Glendale, California Sunday April 15, 2018

## **AOJAH's Annual Golf**

Braemar Country Club, Tarzana May 21, 2018

AOJAH's Medical, Eye & Education Mission, Jamaica Week of June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

> AOJAH's Health & Wellness Fair Fred Jordan Mission, Los Angeles September, 2018

AOJAH's Annual Fundraising Gala November, 2018

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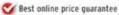
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