



Griot Community Newsletter

Welcome to the Second Edition of the Griot Newsletter (May 2024)

Dear ACCA Family,

As President of the African Caribbean Cultural Association (ACCA), I am thrilled to welcome you to the second edition of our Griot Newsletter. This publication is not just a means of communication; it is a vibrant celebration of our community's spirit, achievements, and aspirations. We hope that it will serve as a modern-day "Griot" that enriches, empowers, and connects our diverse and vibrant Black communities.

Youth Engagement and Education

We continue to empower our youth with the ACCA Diaspora Youth Development Recreational programs which have been a cornerstone of our efforts to educate young minds about their rich heritage and potential. We have expanded our program scope to include a critical focus on mental health, ensuring a well-rounded approach to personal and community development.

Exciting Collaborations

Our new partnership with MacEng introduces an engaging STEM initiative that promises to ignite a passion for science and technology in a way that resonates with our Black youth, providing them with the tools to succeed in increasingly tech-driven fields.

Community Events

The upcoming First Tee "Try Golf" event at the RBC Canadian Open is another fantastic opportunity for our children to learn new skills and enjoy a day filled with fun and learning, reflecting our mission to offer diverse experiences to our community.

Support for Our Elders

The ACCA Seniors Program has recently been successful in securing federal funding, allowing us to enhance our support for our seniors. This funding will expand our ability to deliver crucial services and create moments of joy and connection through events like the upcoming Mother's Day Brunch.

Celebrating Our Leaders and Achievers

We are proud to feature local profiles including the President of the Nigerian Association of Hamilton, business owner Nika, and our own board member Angie Armstrong in this edition. We are thrilled to celebrate the remarkable stories of Black women in Hamilton with the new book "Standing Tall: Black Women's Stories of Triumph in Hamilton".

Each article, announcement, and profile within these pages is a testament to the dynamic and indefatigable spirit of our community. I encourage you to engage with our programs, participate in our events, and continue to support each other in every way possible.

Together, we are building a legacy of strength, unity, and cultural pride that will empower generations to come.

Warmest regards,

Evelyn Myrie

President

ACCA Youth Programming

- The ACCA Diaspora Youth Development Program
- ACCA partnership with MacEng
- ACCA & First Tee "Try Golf" Event at the 2024 RBC Canadian Open



ACCA Seniors Program Receives Federal Funding

The ACCA Senior's Program recently received a two-year funding of \$300,000 to deliver volunteer-based practical support services for low-income and otherwise vulnerable seniors at home...



Spotlight on Local Business

Drinks by Nika

An interview with Tenika Bennett.



Featured Column

New Book Tells the Story of Black Women in Hamilton

by Dr. Patricia Daenzer

Dr. Patricia Daenzer is a retired McMaster Professor whose work examines how race, gender, and social status influence the pursuit of justice.



Book Launch a Resounding Success

Over 100 people attended the book launch on Friday, April 5 at the Art Gallery of Hamilton. The event was hosted by Joelle Kabisoso, founder of Sisters in Sync with a dance performance by Shelly-Ann McLeod, drumming by Mosa McNeilly, and poetry by Crystal Mark...



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Volunteers Needed

HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Senior's Programs

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Help us make a difference through the ACCA's seniors programs...

Meet Our Board Member

Angie Armstrong

It's hard to believe that Angie Armstrong is retired. She is a non-stop fireball of energy. Mrs. Armstrong works part-time and still has time for family and numerous volunteer positions on various Associations and Committees...



Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre (HARRC)

The Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre (HARRC), under the leadership of Executive Director Lyndon George, stands at the forefront of combating racism and promoting systemic change in Hamilton...

[Visit our website](#) for a list of upcoming events in May and June!

[Recipe for Dragon Stout BBQ Chicken](#)

Instructions for both the chicken and the sauce...



[7 Questions for Olawale \(Wale\) Williams](#)

The Griot Community Newsletter put a few questions to the president of the Nigerian Association of Hamilton and his answers are insightful and offer much food for thought...



Several other [points of note](#) can also be found on our website.
