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KEEPING THE DIASPORA FIRED UP!

# Flame

June 2025



**TIME COME! WE CHOOSE CHANGE!**

## We're Marching On to Progress!

2025 is a pivotal year for Jamaica – General elections to determine which party will govern the country for the next five years is constitutionally due by September. The People's National Party hit the ground running across the length and breadth of the country touching Jamaicans from every walk of life in its bid to form the next government.

The Party Leader – Mark J. Golding has been relentless in his pursuit of helping all 63 candidates and to present them to their constituents.

The candidates themselves have been persistently pounding the pavement and bringing innovative ideas and novel methods of campaigning to the country.

One such is Cde Patricia Duncan-Sutherland, PNP caretaker for St. Andrew Eastern with the "Build Your Dream" Community Meetings and conversations across the constituency.

During these meetings, the candidate hears from the constituents regarding their needs and their ideas for fixing their communities. Powerful!

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**Here's an example:**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMHAdiR5kkw>

giving different communities an opportunity to hear directly from shadow spokespersons and to interact with their questions and concerns – taking governance to the people.

Many persons in the Diaspora are interested in returning to Jamaica to cast their vote in the upcoming elections. To check if and where you are registered to vote, please visit <https://ecj.com.jm/voters/voters-list/query/>

The vibez is “nice” for the PNP, but getting out the voter is the only way the Party can win the general elections. Call friends and family in Jamaica and engage with them and encourage them to vote for change.

PNP Candidates are going into communities where constituents are reporting that they have not seen a political candidate in decades! Decades comrades!

Party president Mark J. Golding made an outstanding contribution to the 2025 budget debate in parliament on March 18, 2025 under the theme “Championing Change – Growth, Opportunity & Progress for all.

The Party began a “People’s Parliament” series to dissect the budget presentation, and the “Town Hall” series that travels across Jamaica



**Change Champion!**

<https://www.markgoldingja.com/budget-presentation/>

Please continue to apply for Direct Diaspora membership to the Party online at <https://pnp.org.jm/the-diaspora/>

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# The PNP Diaspora Northeast USA Division

Meeting February, 2025

**With the creation of the Direct Diaspora Region – anywhere outside of Jamaica where Jamaicans reside – the subset of six Zones that are further broken down into divisions, gives Comrades all over the world an opportunity for camaraderie. The Northeast USA division currently co-chaired by Cdes Angella Francis and Michael Wiltshire have done an amazing job of rallying PNP supporters in their division.**

Here are some highlights from the February, 2025 meeting – in the middle of winter no less. Kudos comrades!



They hold regular meetings and give the Party an opportunity to speak directly to supporters.

General Secretary Dr. Dayton Campbell and Co-Chair International & Diaspora Affairs Commission Dahlia Walker-Huntington addressed the gathering via Zoom.

**Front Row:** L-R Georgia Dunn & Phyllis Wilson  
**2nd Row:** L-R Dawn Warren, Angella Francis Basil Wilson, Peter Woodbine, Patrick Beckford  
**Back Row:** L-R Dennis Warren, Donohue Bailey, Sheron & Michael Wiltshire

Attendees at the February, Northeast USA gathering in NY





# March 2025 visit to South Florida: Deputy General Secretary **NEKEISHA BURCHELL**

**Nekeisha Burchell**  
Deputy General Secretary  
PNP & Caretaker Candidate  
St. James Southern

**“This is our girl, and we VOTING for her!”**

Comrades in South Florida welcomed Cde Nekeisha Burchell who is the Party’s caretaker candidate for St. James Southern. Cde Burchell wowed her audience recounting her life story, qualifications and plans for South. Led by Cde Marie Chambers-Hodgson and her team, the candidate was made to feel at home in South Florida.



Marie Chambers-Hodgson organizer of the South St. James Meet & Greet along with the Candidate - Nekeisha Burchell and supporters.



Colin Rigg securing the evening's gate prize from Marie Hodgson and Cde Nekeisha Burchell



City of Lauderdale Commissioner John "T" Hodgson was MC for the Meet & Greet with Nekeisha Burchell



Party Leader Mark J. Golding making his way to Gordon House amongst a throng of supporters on March 18, 2025 to make his Budget Presentation "Championing Change"



**CHAMPIONING  
CHANGE**

GROWTH OPPORTUNITY  
AND PROGRESS FOR ALL

MARK J.  
GOLDING



# The Fight Against Corruption

- **Corruption remains a scourge on national development, siphoning off funds and depriving our people of resources for investment in better schools, hospitals, roads and other infrastructure.**
- **Corruption diverts resources from the intended purposes, and thereby reduces the investment in roads, water supply systems, education, hospital facilities and other public goods that are needed and demanded by the Jamaica People.**



**BUDGET | 20  
PRESENTATION | 25**



L-R: Junior Shadow Spokesperson for Foreign Affairs Christopher Henry & Co-chair Intl & Diaspora Affairs Commission Dahlia Walker-Huntington outside Gordon House 3/18/2025



L-R: Dr. Una Clarke -Former Councilwoman New York City; Comrade; Cde Nekeisha Burchell – Candidate South St. James & Dep Gen Secy; Philip Paulwell, MP – East Kingston

  
**2025 Budget  
Presentation Soiree**

L-R: Cde. Joan Gordon-Webley, PNP Candidate West Rural St. Andrew; Cde & Former MP Jennifer Edwards; Cde Nekeisha Burchell PNP Dep Gen Sec & Candidate South St. James; Cde. Dahlia Walker-Huntington Co-Chair Intl Diaspora Affairs Commission





Young people, we see you. Our Young Owners Fund will give a \$500,000 grant to help first-time buyers under 35. And for those who can't buy just yet, we're launching a Rent-to-Own programme, to give you a real path to ownership.

**- Mark J. Golding MP,  
Leader of the Opposition, PNP President**





# EDUCATION & TRAINING

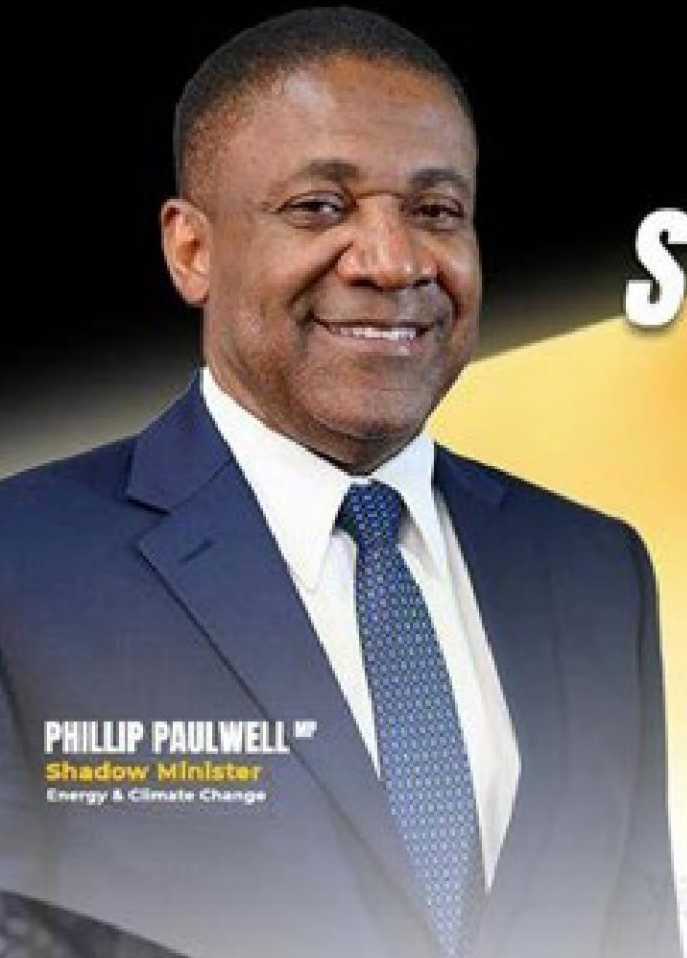
“ Through our RIDE Programme, we’ll provide a transportation subsidy for rural students, ensuring access to education in areas not served by the JUTC.

This initiative will use technology for transparency and work with schools, transport operators, and service stations.

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» **SECTORAL DEBATE 2025**  
**CHAMPIONING CHANGE**  
in Energy, Climate Change & Agriculture



**PHILLIP PAULWELL MP**  
Shadow Minister  
Energy & Climate Change

# SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM

Establish a proper school feeding program where all needy students receive at least one nutritious meal per day, with ingredients sourced from local farmers.



**PEOPLE  
TIMECOME**



## Women's Movement Honors Beverly Manley



The People's National Party's Women's Movement was founded in the 1970s and its first president was Beverly Manley-Duncan. The current president is Patricia Duncan Sutherland and this past March, 2025, the Movement honored Mrs. Beverly Manley Duncan. It was a wonderful evening of nostalgia at the Hilton Rose Hall in Montego Bay, coordinated by Mrs. Joyce Perry-Jacobs and her team; and the keynote address was given by a member of the Diaspora Dr. Anthony 'Tony' Bouges. The Women's Movement is in the process of chartering a Diaspora Chapter – if you are interested in joining, please send an email [PnpDiaspora@gmail.com](mailto:PnpDiaspora@gmail.com)

L-R: Mrs. Sandra Golding presenting a commemorative plaque to Mrs. Beverly Manley-Duncan



Prof Dr. Anthony "Tony" Bouges, Keynote Speaker



L-R: Party Leader Mark J. Golding, Women's Movement President and PNP Candidate for Eastern St. Andrew, Patricia Duncan-Sutherland; Keynote Speaker "Tony" Bouges

## Dawn Warren visit to East Rural St. Andrew – April 2025

PNP Diaspora Region – Northeast Division stalwart Mrs. Dawn Warren visits PNP Candidate Patrick Peterkin and Councilor Vivienne Brown-Bond – Kintyre Division

L-R: Dawn Warren, Councilor Brown-Bond (3rd from right), and PNP Caretaker Candidate Patrick Peterkin (4th from right) joined by supporters



## Diaspora Welcomes Cde. Dr. Wykeham McNeill

**Dr. Wykeham McNeill, former minister of tourism and current PNP caretaker candidate for Trelawny Northern constituency, spent the Memorial Day weekend (May 24-25, 2025) in the Northeast USA meeting members of the Trelawny Diaspora and PNP supporters.**

Every Memorial Day weekend (last weekend in May in the USA) for more than 30 years, the organization, Friends of Trelawny hosts a picnic in a park in New York. This year Dr. McNeill attended a luncheon in his honor hosted by the Jamaican born Mayor of Highland Park, New Jersey, Elsie Foster on Saturday, May 24, 2025; a brunch in his honor hosted by the PNP Northeast USA Division in Long Island, New York on Sunday; and the Friends of Trelawny picnic in Rockland County, New York on Sunday.



A warm welcome was extended to Dr. McNeill at all the events and the enthusiasm from the members of the diaspora whom he encountered reinforced that the connection between Jamaicans overseas and their island home is solid. Cde McNeill was joined by Trelawny Councilors Garth Wilkerson (Falmouth Division), and Roydell Hamilton (Martha Brae Division) on Sunday May 25th in the Park for the Friends of Trelawny picnic.

Cde Dr. Wykeham McNeill & Mayor Highland Park, NJ, Elsie Foster



Lunch at Highland Park, NJ: L-R Charmaine Harrison; Cde. Annette Parchment; Patrick Beckford; Dr. McNeill, Juliet Evans and friend



# PNP Northeast Division Brunch Long Island, New York



L-R: Atty Dennis Warren,  
Dr. Wykeham McNeill, Dr. Basil Wilson



Diaspora Region, Northeast USA Division Team who hosted the successful Brunch at Spices Negril on Long Island, New York. L-R: Dennis Warren, Phyllis Wilson, Basil Wilson, Co-chair Michael Wiltshire, Dr. Wykeham McNeill, Sharon Wiltshire, Harry Johnson, Front row: Co-Chair Angella Francis, Dawn Warren

## Rockland County Park, NY: Friends of Trelawny Picnic Sunday May 26, 2025



Cde. McNeill and PNP Supporters at Rockland County State Park at the Friends of Trelawny Picnic



Cde Phil Holmes and Cde Charmaine Harrison enjoying the picnic



L-R: Councilor Garth Wilkerson (Falmouth Division), Dr. Wykeham McNeill – PNP Caretaker Trelawny Northern, Councilor Roydell Hamilton (Martha Brae Division)



L-R: Patrick Beckford, Councilor Roydell Hamilton, Supporters and Dr. McNeill



# PNP Road Tours & Meetings in Jamaica: "See The Signal Waiving In The Sky!"

Western St. Mary – Party Leader  
with PNP Candidate, Omar "Orville"  
Woodbine



Steve McGregor – Kingston Central



Welcome All Ages!



We Ready!





# DIASPORA REGION MEMBERSHIP



The People's National Party's Diaspora Region continues to organize its structure. Membership in the PNP now extends to those who live overseas. We invite all interested Comrades outside of Jamaica to:

1. Apply for membership directly on the Party's website  
<https://pnp.org.jm/the-diaspora>
2. Select areas where you wish to share your expertise and/or serve the Party.

Diaspora Membership applications have been submitted to the Party's Secretariat and as of the end of October, there were 30 applicants for Direct Diaspora Membership. The Secretariat will contact applicants with missing information. Please continue to apply for direct membership to the Party online at <https://pnp.org.jm/the-diaspora/> Remember that the Diaspora is now the seventh Region in the Party and is structured similar to the Regions on the island – 2025 will see elections for various positions in the Region and presents the opportunity for those Party supporters living outside Jamaica to become directly involved in the Party.

The Diaspora Region encompasses the entire world of Jamaicans who live overseas. The Region is subdivided into Six Zones that are further subdivided into Divisions. Each tier will have its own leadership structure and worldwide opportunities for participation at all levels and designated seats for the Party's existing affiliates. The Diaspora Region will operate as the other six Regions in Jamaica. The Diaspora will have the opportunity to vote in internal Party elections (1 Diaspora vote = 25%);

**Members of the Diaspora are now serving on the Party's Commissions, Committees and Task Forces.**



**PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY  
DIASPORA REGION**



## **Calvert Barclay – Chair, PNP United Kingdom**



The PNP-United Kingdom, an affiliate of the People's National Party welcomes a new president, Mr. Calvert Llewelyn Barclay. A graduate of Calabar High School, Kingston, Jamaica and the University of the West Indies, Mona, Calvert has a long history of involvement with the PNP. He was a member of the PNP-YO and served as YO Chair for West Rural St. Andrew 1977-1982; and he also served as assistant constituency secretary for several years.

A storied Social Worker in Jamaica where he worked at the Social Development Commission for more than 15 years, he migrated to the United Kingdom after being recruited in 2011 by the London Borough of Croydon to join their Social Care Services as a Child Protection Social Worker.

The married father of five sons, Calvert continued his PNP work by joining the PNP-UK of which he is now the Chair. Congratulations to Mr. Barclay from the PNP Diaspora Region and we look forward to working with you as we march on to progress.



## Don Daly - Jamaican Diaspora Community Leader Laid to Rest in South Florida

The Jamaican community in South Florida came together on Saturday, April 5, 2025, in South Miami to say farewell to Don Daly, OD, one of its most faithful residents who died on March 21, 2025.

Don Daly was born in Flint River, St. Mary Jamaica in 1950 and migrated to New York in the United States in the 1970s. In 1980 Don and his wife Alreca moved to Miami and set about rallying the Jamaican community. Don saw the lack of a community gathering point and knowing the impact of radio on the Caribbean community, he bought time on a brokered radio station and launched the Saturday morning "Conscious Rhythm Show" in 1987.

He used his radio show as a community meeting place where on any given Saturday morning you could hear from Caribbean leaders about what was happening in the community, and from Caribbean leaders at home updating members of the Diaspora on goings on, spattered with the sweet sounds of reggae and soca music.

He used the show as a platform to launch Town Hall meetings before they were in vogue, and he introduced the community to their Consul Generals and took topical issues to the community for discussion.

He partnered with Jamaican companies in the Diaspora such as Air Jamaica, Jamaica National, Victoria Mutual, Grace Kennedy, etc., and the Caribbean Bar Association to host Town Hall meetings about immigration across the state of Florida and in Jamaica.

The invaluable information delivered to the community was critical in a time when social media and the internet were virtually non-existent in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

Don's kindness extended to the many non-profit organizations that emerged in South Florida where he



was Master of Ceremonies for the numerous events held in the community and introduced the organizations on his radio program. He kept his finger on the pulse of Jamaican politics and hosted regular live election coverage on WVCG 1080AM starting 1989 to 2016 with commentary from Dr. Garth Rose and others who shared their knowledge of Jamaican politics with the Diaspora.

His philanthropy expanded beyond radio and the South Florida community when in response to a request for assistance from one medical student, Don co-founded the Jamaican Medical Mission that for more than 20 years partnered with Nova Southeast-



ern University. Together with the assistance of sponsors, they took medical professionals to various rural places in Jamaica delivering much needed medical care to his fellow Jamaicans.



Don lived a life adhering to the principles of the People's National Party - helping his fellow man, was an ardent supporter of the PNP and continued his deep passion for Jamaica to the end. He was a devoted and loving family man and is survived by his wife Alreca, his children Danika and Yannick, his sisters Monia "Mika" Robinson and Clover Daly, and his granddaughter Harper. Rest In Power Don!





[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3qN\\_3eqpH\\_c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3qN_3eqpH_c)

