

Patricia Dorothy Chin, WGE



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atricia Dorothy Chin is a co-founder of VP Records. She is an extraordinary entrepreneur, a manager, a producer, a CEO, a business woman for all seasons who acted as a midwife for every business venture of the VP Records enterprise. She was one of the first women in the Jamaican music industry with economic and decision making power. She is described by her colleagues as the business mind and backbone of the family owned and operated company. "Miss Pat" as she is so fondly called, prefers to speak about her accomplishments in the "plural" - we opened a record store, we had a studio, and we bought the building next door.

Mrs. Chin and her husband, the late Mr. Vincent "Randy" Chin opened a small used record shop in Kingston, Jamaica. Forty-five years later, this venture is known internationally as VP records, a Grammy Award winning reggae and soca label. In the beginning, this record store was more than just a short stop. Local talent like Gregory Isaac, Dennis Brown and Don Drummond would sit and eat their lunches while enjoying the musical atmosphere. In later years, artists such as Beres Hammond, Beenie Man and many other recording artists joined the label.

Recently, her entrepreneurial talents and skills have given birth to a new company called "Riddim Driver" a T-shirt business that was spearheaded with her grandchildren. As Mrs. Chin passes on her dynamic and successful business talents, she hopes that her grandchildren will carry the family torch for generations to come. The wealth gained and enormous success of VP Records was not by sudden flight. Under the awesome leadership of this great business woman, there were days of struggles and fear, but "Miss Pat", understood consciously that patience is the parasol that has protected her through the most trying times of her business. Although "Miss Pat" possesses great management abilities, she believed that a higher power has blessed her and given her talents to guide her through her struggles.

Mrs. Chin lives by the philosophy: be patient, work hard, be fair and respect everyone regardless of their status. She has passed these gems of wisdom on to her three children, Chris, Randy and Angela who work side by side with her to achieve the family goals. The most rewarding gain of her philosophy is VP Records' double platinum selling artist Sean Paul and its partnership with Atlantic Records. Behind these extremely good times is a woman of profound wisdom in business.

Patricia Chin was born on September 20, 1937, in Kingston, Jamaica. She attended Convent of Mercy Academy - "Alpha". During her early teenage years she began her retail business career by buying and selling rubber bands and marbles to her classmates at lunch time. She enjoyed the innovation that selling required and always found creative ways to market her items. Patricia Chin is the proud mother of three and business woman extraordinaire. She is a giant in the music industry. Many singing voices and dancing feet can attribute their joy and celebration of music to this excellent woman of lyrics and sounds.



Grace Clarke, WGE



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race Clarke was born in New York and raised by Caribbean parents in Brooklyn. Grace's mother, Enid Clarke, was born in Camaguey, Cuba and her dad, Sydney Clarke, was born in Jamaica, WI. She is currently Vice President and Senior Project Manager for Bank of America's Family Wealth Advisors (FWA) - a division of The Private Bank in New York City. Ms. Clarke is responsible for business and project management support of the Business Support management team. She manages projects that impact clients as well as projects that support the line of business nationally.

Ms. Clarke acquired her Computer Science degree, a Bachelor of Science from Long Island University School of Business. She also earned a graduate degree in Public Administration from Bernard Baruch College - City University of New York. She is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) globally certified to manage projects in various business fields.

Ms. Clarke serves as Administrative Vice President for Strategic Planning on the board of Urban Financial Services Coalition. The Coalition is a national non-profit organization committed to professional development and growth for financial services professionals. It also advocates for financial planning and preparation for predominantly under-served communities.

Ms. Clarke joined the Bank of America bringing with her several years of project management experience working on government and financial management projects. She began her career in 1990 implementing budget related projects for the City of New York Departments of Probation and Design & Construction.

 $\Delta s$  a family wealty advisor, Ms. Clarke has a great job and an even greater mission.





Most Reverend Dr. Voni Johyn, WGE



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Ost Reverend Dr. Voni Johyn was born in Kingston, Jamaica. Dr. Johyn attended Duffs Business College and Jamaica Commercial Institute, studying Business and Secretarial Science. Upon completion, she worked for the Jamaican Government Social Development Agency and Things Jamaica. In 1968, she migrated with her family to the United States. For her first sixteen years she worked for the New York State Department of Insurance as an Insurance Claims Examiner and Traveling Liaison.

Dr. Johyn's passionate love for God, her answer to God's call and her commitment to serve in Christian Ministry propelled her to attend New York Theological Seminary. In 1992, Dr. Johyn founded Isaiah's Temple of Mt. Hope Spiritual Baptist Church, in Brooklyn, New York. For the past fourteen years she has been the Senior Pastor, and Executive Director of Mount Hope Community Out-reach Program serving over two thousand members of the East New York and Brownsville Community in Brooklyn.

Under the magnificent and divine leadership of this awesome woman of God, the homeless have been comforted and the hungry fed. The vision of this great servant has extended beyond the limitations of the church to embrace and develop the Isaiah's Children's Crystal Lighthouse, a subsidiary of Isaiah's Temple to provide transitional housing to young adult women and their infants transitioning from the foster care system.

Dr. Voni Johyn is a recognized motivational speaker who has traveled to many countries including Russia, Korea, Italy, Israel, several African nations and various Caribbean Islands dispensing a message of hope and salvation. She has been instrumental in bonding together the necessity for religion and society to merge as one according to the scriptures of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She has broaden the vision of the kingdom of God through her philosophy restoration of family values and her diligent work to counsel ministers and lay members around the world on how to return to God through family values and social programs. She is a co-convener of The American Clergy Leadership Conference and The United Federation of Churches.

Dr. Johyn is a graduate of New York City Technical College where she earned a degree in Business Management and Sales. She holds a B.S. from Nyack College in Organizational Management. She also holds a B.Th, M.Div and a PhD in Philosophy from The International Theological Seminary. Dr. Johyn is a devoted mother to her three children, Debbie, Troy and Junior and a proud grandmother of four.





Evangelist Claudette Joseph, WGE



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vangelist Claudette Joseph is a native of Panama. In 1980, she received her call to the ministry to be an Evangelist. This call was a dynamic experience, which is parallel to an epiphany. In this transcendental vision, she received the Scripture, 2 Timothy 4:5. "But you be watchful in all things. Endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry". On May 28th 1998, she was ordained as an Evangelist.

Evangelist Joseph, a woman of God, true to her calling began her evangelistic journey preaching the word of God in such countries as: Uganda, East Africa, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Romania, and Panama. Throughout her journey she has assisted many members of her community in New York to acknowledge the presence and power of God in their daily lives.

Undaunted and unmoved by the many challenges she experienced, Evangelist Joseph continued her witnessing throughout New York, administering great acts of kindness to the marginalized and oppressed members of the community. Her commitment to the development and advancement of humanity has brought her to minister to the homeless at the Williams Avenue Shelter.

She has worked diligently with the women at the Anchor House Shelter and the Armory on Bedford Avenue. She also ministers to the inmates at Dykers Island bringing hope and comfort to them and to their children. Her annual clothing and food drives provide additional assistance to facilitate the needy both locally and internationally. Through her ministry, she has touched the lives of thousands of people mentoring and counseling many through their struggles and subsequently changing their lives.

Evangelist Joseph is a graduate of New York Theological Seminary, obtaining a certificate in Christian Education. In 1998, she was certified as a Chaplain in Clinical Pastoral Education and Pastoral Care Awareness from Blanton Peale Institute. In 2000, Evangelist Joseph earned her Bachelor's degree in Theology from Community Bible Institute.

Her greatest joy is to see people of all races; ethnic backgrounds and nationalities come together under the banner of peace, love and unity. Evangelist Joseph's inability to say no, keeps her laboring towards the attainment of her greatest joy by putting her life on the line for those in need. On September 11<sup>th</sup> 2005 Evangelist Joseph was ordained Senior Pastor of Loving and Caring Ministry where she currently serves.

Evangelist Joseph is a proud mother of two daughters and grandmother of two grandsons.





Victoria R.M. Pearman, Esq., WGE



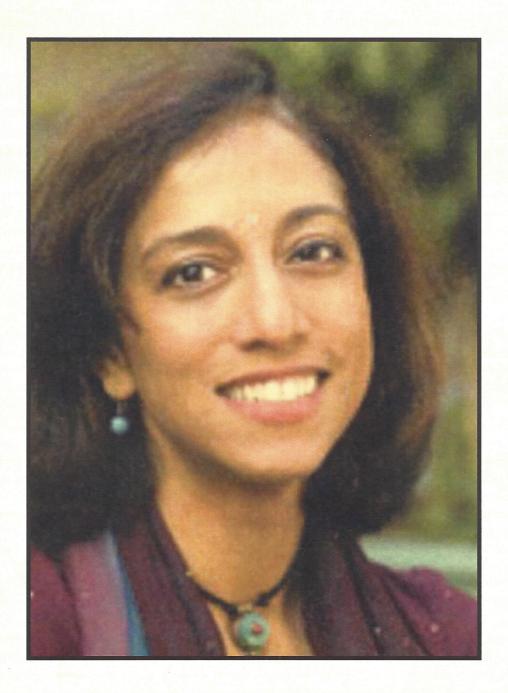
## Victoria R.M. Pearman, Esq., WGE

arrister and Attorney Victoria Q. M. Pearman is the founder and managing partner of Juris Law Chambers of Hamilton, Bermuda. It was at the Adult Education School - where she went to get a GED - that Victoria Pearman's brilliance was uncovered by renowned educator Dr. Merle Swan Williams. Educational assessment tests clearly indicated that "here was a superior mind - to be nurtured and challenged". Victoria applied and was admitted to the American International College as a philosophy major and graduated from that institution summa cum laude in 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She then went on to read law at the prestigious London School of Economics, where she earned a Bachelor of Laws Degree with Honours in 1990. In 1992 she was admitted and called to the Bar of England and Wales as a member of the Honourable Society of Lincolns Inn; and in 1993, she was called to the Bermuda Bar. In the fourteen years since, Victoria Pearman has distinguished herself as a formidable trial lawyer with a demanding practice in the civil and criminal courts of Bermuda.

A woman of the people, she is known for her sense of fairness and for her compassion. She has been involved in numerous cases of constitutional significance and is a respected and fearless advocate who continues to champion the case for law reform and human rights. In 2002, Victoria Pearman was appointed to the Senate of Bermuda. She served as a Government Senator and Junior Minister of Education and Development, Works and Engineering and Transport. Her greatest personal fulfilment came when she was asked to serve as Chairperson of the Board of Governors of the Adult Education School (her former school). In addition to her work with various educational institutions, Ms. Pearman has tutored prisoners as external law candidate students of the University of London and provides pupilage for trainee barristers.

It is a testament to her gift in this regard that two of her protégés have since joined her chambers as skilled, respected and committed advocates in their own right. Victoria is a former member of the Bermuda Bar Council, the elected governing body for the Bermuda Bar Association. She is currently a Court Commissioner, a member of the Defence Exemption Tribunal Board, a lecturer in law for the University of Kent at the Bermuda College, a member of the Board of the Adult Education School and a member of the Bermuda Law Reform Committee. Ms. Pearman is regularly called upon to share her message of empowerment and determination. Her most challenging and rewarding brief to date is her four year old son Simeon.





Kavita N. Ramdass, WGE

Award of Excellence



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avita N. Damdass was born and raised in India. She is currently the President and CEO of the Global Fund for Women, a position she has held since 1996. This organization previously operated as the Community Initiatives Program for the John D. and Catherine T McArthur Foundation from 1988-1996. Under her magnanimous leadership and direction, the Global Fund for women, the largest grant making foundation in the world has focused exclusively on supporting women's human rights. During Damdass' tenure, Global Fund assets have increased from \$6 million to \$21 million. Grant distributions have increased to more than \$7 million per year. The number of countries receiving grants has also tripled. Ms. Damdass has also overseen the Global Fund's first ever endowment campaign and the creation of the groundbreaking Now or Never Fund to ensure women's participation on critical international issues.

In 1988, Ms. Ramdass earned a Master of Public Affairs in International Development Studies from Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University. In 1985, she received a Bachelor of Arts from Mount Holyoke College. Ms. Ramdass maintains an expertise in Women's human rights, social justice, philanthropy and international development. She is fluent in Hindi and Urdu, English and German and is conversational in Tamil, Spanish and French.

Ms. Ramdass sits on several boards among them, Women's Funding Network; Mt. Holyoke Board of Trustees; Ethical Globalization Initiative Human Rights Policy Group; Council of Advisors on Gender Equity to the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University; Women's Rights Prize Advisory Council of the Gruber Foundation; Advisory Council and the Women's Learning Partnership.

Her writings have appeared in many journals and she has received numerous awards. Among them, Women of Substance Award, African Women's Development Fund, 2005; Juliette Gordon Low Award, Girl Scouts of America, 2005; Woman of the Year for the Public Sector, Financial Women's Association, 2004; LEAD (Leadership for Equity & Diversity) Award, Women & Philanthropy, 2004; 2004 Bay Area Local Hero, KQED Radio, 2004; Women Who Could Be President Award, League of Women Voters, 2003; 21 Leaders for the 21st Century Award, Women's e-News, 2003.

Ms. Ramdass is a warrior for women's rights and an advocate for social justice.





Alison Saar, WGE



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lison Saar was born in Los Angeles in 1956 to celebrated African American artist Betye Saar and painter-conservator Richard Saar. She received her Masters of Fine Art from Otis College of Art and Design in 1981. Her work has been exhibited internationally with key exhibitions at the University of California at Los Angeles Fowler Museum of Cultural History, Los Angeles Louver Callery and the Pasadena Museum of California Art. She was an artist in residence at Dartmouth College.

Her sculptures and installations explore themes of African cultural diaspora and spirituality. Her studies of Latin American, Caribbean, African art and religion have also informed her work. Saar's fascination with vernacular folk art and her ability to build an oasis of beauty from cast-off objects are evident in her sculptures and paintings. Saar's highly personal, often life-sized sculptures are marked by their emotional candor and by contrasting materials and messages that imbue her work with a high degree of cultural subtext. Saar's expression of culture and genius are matrimonially linked. Her visual presentations have received rave reviews from many critics.

Art critic Rebecca Epstein writes, "Marrying soft with severe is the installation 'Suckle': 15 hanging cast bronze skillets in varying size, with an ample female breast emerging out of each pan bottom. Engaging the material via cooking, nurturing and sex, the piece is literal but also ironic and iconic. Its inherent grace stopping it miles short of cliché."

Saar is a woman of magnificent insight and inner consciousness. Larger than her life size art is her spiritual awareness and access to a divine portrait of humankind that hugs culture, dialogues with time, transcends earthlings, embraces the universe and gives us beauty.

"Saar juggles themes of personal and cultural identity as she fashions various sizes of female bodies (often her own) that are buoyant with story while solid in stance. Her works often embody a balance of strength and tenderness, in form and idea."

Saar is a recipient of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, an  $\Lambda$ rtist Fellowship from the National Endowment for the  $\Lambda$ rts, and a City of Los  $\Lambda$ ngeles (C.O.L. $\Lambda$ .)  $\Lambda$ rtist Fellowship. Saar is the embodiment and manifestation of Divinity in Humanity through Fine  $\Lambda$ rt.





Roselyn Cassell-Sealy, WGE



### The Hon. Roselyn Cassell-Sealy, WGE

he Hon. Roselyn Cassell-Sealy was born on May 23, 1953 in Montserrat, West Indies. She became a Member of Parliament and the Legislative Council in 2001. Through her hard work and devotion, she became the opposition leader in 2006. She was also appointed the leader of the Movement for Change and Prosperity in 2006. Not limiting herself to only politics, and utilizing her knowledge of Economics and Accounting, she became the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee in 2006.

The Hon. Mrs. Cassell-Sealy holds a Bachelors Degree in Economics 1976 and a Masters in Accounting 1985. Roselyn Cassell-Sealy has been the name synonymous with Small Business and Credit Union on Montserrat for many years. Her first taste of working with the development process was her term of employment with the DFMC in 1976. But Mrs. Cassell-Sealy's employment history also extends beyond the shores of Montserrat. She has also worked in Barbados and Dominica. Mrs. Cassell-Sealy is currently employed as the Executive Director of twin organizations, the St. Patrick's Co-operation Credit Union Ltd and the National Development Foundation Montserrat Ltd. Not withholding her knowledge in the spectrum of finance, she continually consults and trains individuals and businesses alike on how to develop, monitor and manage their finances.

She is the Treasurer of the Leeward Island Managers Association. She is also the Vice President of the Board of the Caribbean Confederation of Credit Unions. Her links with the international Credit Union movement and high regional profile in the Caribbean Credit Union movement helped her to raise funds, food items and toiletries during the most uncertain days of the Montserrat volcanic crisis.

Her national public life of service is no less distinguished. She was the President of the local Chapter of Partners of the Americas and participated in their international fellowship exercise, which took her to Chile, Guatemala, Brazil and the United States. Mrs. Cassell-Sealy has served on the Board of the Chamber of Commerce, Radio Antilles, Montserrat Family Life Services and the Tourist Board. She is a member of the local chapter of the Caribbean Institute of Banking. She served as a member of the Public Accounts Committee, the Committee for Fiscal Incentives, and the National Consultative Committee. Her community development service is given as a member of the Rotary Club of Montserrat, the Women's Professional Group and as a facilitator for the Davy Hill Action Group.

The Hon. Roselyn Cassell-Sealy's life of service to Montserrat is unrivalled. As a representative she will continue to give of herself to the development of Montserrat and influence policy and strategies that can benefit us all.



Rosemarie Francisque-St. Victor, M.D., FAAP, WGE



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r. St. Victor is a pediatrician and an adolescent medicine specialist with fourteen years of experience. She is of Caribbean descent. She was born in northern Haiti and grew up in New York. She completed her primary and secondary education in Brooklyn and received her undergraduate degree from Stony Brook University in 1982. The next two years were followed by one year as a research assistant at Columbia Presbyterian in the department of pathology and in the school of Public Health. This was followed by a teaching post at LaGuardia Community College teaching English. She then attended medical school at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia and was awarded the MD degree in 1982. Dr. St. Victor completed her training in pediatrics at Montesiore Medical Center with the Albert Einstein School of Medicine. She continued with a fellowship training in adolescent medicine at Schneider Children's Hospital /LIJ in New Hyde Park, New York in 1993.

Dr. &t. Victor has been an Attending Physician at Brookdale University Hospital since 1993 and in 2004 became Chief of the Adolescent Center in the Division of Pediatrics. &he is a Board Certified Pediatrician and member of professional societies such as the American Academy of Pediatrics, &ociety of Adolescent Medicine, North American &ociety of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology. &he is the author and co-author of several abstracts/ publications in the area of hypercholesterolemia, eating disorder and obesity. &he is a frequent lecturer at community schools and parent associations. &he is a member of the Overseas Medical Assistance Team (OMAT); a group pf Physicians and other health care professionals who volunteer their time with annual trips to underserved areas of the Caribbean and Africa to provide medical care. The OMAT team, under the leadership of its President, Dr. &tephen Carryl, has led more than 15 humanitarian missions to liaiti, Grenada, &t. Lucia, Dominica, Guyana, Dominican Republic and Botswana, Africa. The team collects medical supplies, such as equipment and medications, throughout the year along with items such as children's' clothing, toys etc for their trips. &ince the year 2000, the team travels to Haiti once a year to provide medical care along with surgical interventions. &he was a medical consultant with the New York City Board of Education from 1995 through 2000.

Dr. &t. Victor has been the recipient of numerous awards. She received the Attending Physician of the year award by the Pediatric House staff in 1998-1999 and in 2004-2005. She was the Community Award Recipient during Black History Month in 1999. She received a Certificate of Appreciation as a Lecturer during Women's History Celebration in 2006 given by the Caribbean Women's Health Association, Brookdale Comprehensive Sickle Cell Program and Brownsville Heritage House.

Dr. &t. Victor enjoys teaching and is also involved in private practice on a part-time basis. She is the proud parent of an 18 year old son attending the University of Virginia and a 15 year old daughter who is a 10<sup>th</sup> grade honor roll student. In order to fulfill her hospital/medical duties and volunteer efforts, she is supported by her husband, parents and extended family without whom she would be unable to accomplish much of what she has done. Dr. &t. Victor manages to find time for other interests as well which include tutoring, running, gardening, arts and craft, floral arrangements and sewing. She has been a volunteer seamstress at her children's school for sewing costumes for plays.



Celia Catherine Zuckerman, WGE



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elia Catherine Zuckerman, known to her friends as Cat, is the President and Chief Executive Officer of New York Congregational Community Services which includes the Nursing Center, the Center for Community Life, and the Home for the Aged Foundation. At Congregational, she created the strategic plan and framework which allowed for the expansion and growth while developing a corporate identity and national recognition for service delivery.

Her experience and successes include a completed \$8 million renovation and transformation of a landmark eligible building, while 50% occupied, into a modern, comfortable, and fully rented Center for Community Life, providing services for all ages - a model for the community. The Long Term Home Care Program was created to meet a very real community need while serving as yet another mechanism to insure corporate financial stability. In her "second career" as an Executive in Long Term Care, Ms. Zuckerman has over twenty years experience in the field of continuing care services to the elderly living at home in the community; residing in varied levels of protected housing, with and without care services; and, residing in both residential long term care, Alzheimer's facilities and complex, Sub-Acute Nursing Facilities. Her experience includes the strategic re-direction of resources in four skilled nursing facilities which experienced deficits to realizing revenue enhancements, affecting a positive bottom line in each case. She has developed Alzheimer care models in Nursing Facilities and adapted these models in the creation of an Adult Day Health Center. In addition, she adapted these Alzheimer care models for assisted living and a continuing care retirement community.

Ms. Zuckerman began her "first career" as a Degistered Nurse graduating from Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing in Baltimore, Maryland; gaining experience in coronary and intensive care, psychiatric nursing, and nursing supervision in acute care at St. Luke's Hospital, Doctor's Hospital, and the New York Infirmary. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Administration from St. Francis College in Brooklyn. Ms. Zuckerman has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from New York University. She is a member of the Continuing Care Leadership Coalition of the Greater New York Hospital Association; a board member of the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. Educational Foundation; a member of the Women's City Club of New York; and a preceptor for the Administrator-in-Training Program of the New York State Board of Nursing Home Examiners.

She and her organization have received numerous awards and positive publicity for the delivery of outstanding care and services; including two Excellence in Practice Awards from the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, for both the Culinary Arts Program and the Sow and Grow Horticulture Program. Ms. Zuckerman is recognized for excellent interpersonal skills, community entrepreneurial outreach activities, strategic planning, outstanding team development and mentoring, and is a known and published leader in the senior care field.

Ms. Zuckerman lives in Battery Park City in Manhattan and shares her home with Casanova, a tuxedo Cat who came to Congregational one afternoon. She is an only child, her father having passed away in 2004 and her mother currently residing nearby in New Jersey. She is close to her Aunt Helen and her mother, recognizing and applauding the strength of the female role models in her family, beginning with her namesake – her deceased grandmother Catherine.