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Joyce Marie Gilman was born to George & Mable Francis, on the beautiful twin island Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. Joyce is the mother of three sons, Cleveland, Julien (both deceased) and Joseph. She is a grandmother who is absolutely adored by her grand children.

Ms. Gilman attended the Bethlehem Girls Roman Catholic School in Port of Spain. After graduating Catholic School, she attended the Osmond High School and Carvers College. She migrated to the United States in 1968 and settled in Brooklyn, New York where she began her career in the health field at the Flatbush General Hospital, Rugby Nursing Home and St. Luke Roosevelt Hospital. She tenured at these health facilities for thirty years.

Ms. Gilman has promoted Caribbean Culture for approximately three decades and held part ownership in Caricom Charters and Tours. She was also the head section leader for Roy Pierre and Associates. Due to her civic-minded nature, she has always had a vested interest in the wellbeing of her family and friends and is always so helpful to everyone she meets.

Ms. Gilman has carved a name for herself within her community by voluntarily aligning herself to various organizations. Her organizations/titles include:

- President of the East 45th Block Association
- Co-Founder of the Women in Faith Foundation
- Advisory Board Member of Organizing Brooklyn Communities
- Member of the 67th Precinct Community Council
- Board Member of Community Board 17

Ms. Gilman is an active parishioner of the St. Catherine's of Genoa Roman Catholic Church since 1970. She has volunteered many hours of her time and services to political campaigns and has been recognized and honored by various organizations and politicians. She is looked upon as a Woman of Worth, Dignity and Diligence. Ms. Gilman steadfastly remains conscious of the plights of the community and has given Annual Scholarships to deserving children within her community.



Dr. Duranda Green

DR. DURANDA GREENE, WGE

Dr. Duranda Greene was appointed as the first female President of Bermuda College in 2007 and has served at the institution for over 25 years. Her service included Assistant to the President for Special Projects, Dean of the Faculty of Hotel and Business Administration, Chair of the Business Division, academic advisor and a lecturer in management and bookkeeping.

One of the highlights of her Presidency occurred in 2010 when Bermuda College became an accredited institution of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC); the first in the Caribbean and Latin American regions and only the seventh international higher educational institution to be so awarded. Other accomplishments under her leadership include: the introduction of the nursing programme; the accreditation by the American Culinary Federation of the culinary arts programmes; the introduction of online courses; and the introduction of a shared governance model of management. The College has also established a 10-year strategic plan and a 5-year academic plan; and has experienced an increase in enrollment under Dr. Greene's leadership.

Dr. Greene holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership with a concentration in Higher Education from Argosy University, Sarasota. She also holds graduate degrees in Business Management from Boston University and in Education from Mount St. Vincent University. After graduating from Bermuda College she transferred to Acadia University where she completed her Bachelors in Office Administration before completing a second undergraduate degree, the Bachelors in Education, at Mount St. Vincent University.

Dr. Greene is a founding member of the International Women's Forum Bermuda Chapter and also holds several facilitator certifications including Strategic Planning, Appreciative Inquiry, Achieve Global Trainer, and Diversity Skills. She is also a Fellow Certified Administrative Manager from the Canadian Institute of Certified Administrative Managers.

She is an active member of Mount Zion A.M.E. Church where she serves as Treasurer, a member of the Steward Board, Altar Ministry, Sunday School Teacher and the Usher Board. She is also one of the founding members of the A.M.E. Home-work Club at Victor Scott Primary School.

In her free time she enjoys reading, travelling with her husband Terry, and spending quality time with her nieces.



Sabrina A. HoSang

SABRINA ANTOINETTE HoSANG, WGE

Sabrina Antoinette HoSang is the second of Vincent and Jeanette HoSang's four children. She was born in the Bronx and received her formative education at Immaculate Conception School before entering Byram Hills High School in Armonk, New York in 1993. After graduating from Byram Hills in 1997, Sabrina attended Villanova University in Villanova, Pennsylvania for four years and in 2001, graduated with a B.Sc. degree in Business Administration and a Minor in Management Information Systems.

Sabrina filled the position of Director of Operations at Caribbean Food delights in May 2001, which she knew from the beginning held many responsibilities. In February 2006, she was promoted to Chief Operating Officer. As COO, Sabrina works with and oversees various departments such as Production, Human Resources, Quality Assurance, Customer Service, Research and Development (R&D), Corporate Sponsorship, Accounting, Sales, Marketing, Public Relations, Social Media, Food Safety & Security and other entities of the Company. In September 2012, Caribbean Food Delights launched a new product line called Sabrina's Delights, which is a puff pastry product consisting of five different varieties.

Sabrina has received many accolades. In March 2005, she received the Women Celebrating Women Award of Excellence from the Progressive Democrats Political Association as a young corporate leader and a City Council Citation from former Council member, Yvette D. Clarke, now Congresswoman. Upon receiving their awards she has gone on to receive many recognition for service to humanity.

Sabrina says her goal is to continue the success and goodwill of the family business by using the education and experience she has gained and the lessons her parents have instilled in her. She is elated when she is able to give back to the community and help those who are less fortunate. She is actively involved in her family's charitable organization, The Vincent HoSang Family Foundation (VHFF) that actively makes donations to organizations in New York and Jamaica. To name a few major contributions, six full scholarships were given to six students totaling US\$150,000, for the entrepreneurial program at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica. In 2005, VHFF donated a fully-equipped mobile health clinic worth US\$180,000 to Dr. Roy Streete of the Organization for International Development (OID). In addition, she became a mentor for G.O.O.D. for Girls, a program she found through MENTOR/ National Mentoring Partnership in which she mentored a young teenage girl for the past two years.



Jean G. Joseph

JEAN JOSEPH, CPA, WGE

Jean Joseph, CPA, WGE is the founder of Joseph Tax and Consulting Services, LLC. She has dedicated her life to providing professional accounting services to a wide array of individuals and corporations, as well as creating and supporting various organizations and activities that benefit society.

Born and raised in Roseau, Dominica, Ms. Joseph she is a true success story. A graduate of Dominica Teacher's College, she taught at St. Martin's School in the vocational department for ten years. After migrating to the United States in 1978, she attended Iowa State University and then Pace University where she graduated with a BS in Accounting, eventually becoming a Certified Public Accountant. She has worked for American Express, Lionel Lewis CPA and Anchin, Block and Anchin CPA, eventually opening her own firm.

Her volunteer and support services are wide and varied reflecting her total commitment to improving the circumstance and situations of others. Jean Joseph is an inspiration and is truly a Woman of Esteem.



Cheryl Packwood

Cheryl Packwood, WGE

Cheryl Packwood, WGE joined Business Bermuda in October 2006 and has led the transformation of the organisation's international marketing and local outreach programmes. She is one of the most recognisable offshore representatives promoting Bermuda as a domicile at home and abroad. In April 2012, Ms Packwood was named as an Industry Leader in *MENA FM's* Service Provider Power 50 of 2012.

Being fluent in English and French, Ms Packwood has worked internationally having held senior-level positions in Bermuda (at Digicel Bermuda and at the Bermuda Monetary Authority), Cote d'Ivoire (at Western Wireless International Corporation and at N'Goan, Asman & Associates) and New York (at Shearman & Sterling and Martin Luther King, Jr. High School).

Ms Packwood received her Bachelor of Arts *cum laude* from Yale University and Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School in 1987.



Gita Blakeney Saltus

Gita Blakeney-Saltus, J.P, WGE

Mrs. Blakeney-Saltus, J.P., is Regional Vice President of Caron Bermuda, a nonprofit addiction treatment facility and subsidiary of Caron US Treatment Centers, co-owner and founder of the “award winning” Flowers by GiMi, retail flower business, and an accomplished entertainer and recording artist in her island home.

Her vocational experience began within the hospitality industry as Sales and Conventions Manager with the Marriott hotels in New Jersey and Bermuda, and the Fairmont Hamilton, Hotel. She assumed the position of Development Director at the Bermuda National Gallery for five years, where she successfully managed and implemented their annual membership and corporate giving campaigns. In her role at Caron Bermuda, she has oversight of the Bermuda offices, building upon existing programs and offerings at the nonprofit addiction treatment facility through advocacy, business development and community relations.

Amongst her several citations, in 2007 and 2008, she was honored by the Bermuda Chamber of Commerce as one of the 100 Women “Who Rock the Rock” for her contributions made in philanthropy and entertainment in Bermuda. Within the realm of entertainment, and in her capacity as one of the island’s most prolific entertainers, she has received recognition of her work through various awards, including two time recipient of the Bermudian Magazine- “Best of Bermuda Award” and the (Belco) Visitor Industry Partnership (VIP) Excellence Award in 2008. In March 2011, Mrs. Blakeney Saltus was selected by The Bermuda’s Women’s Council as one of the **100 Women 100 Visions** honorees from nominations submitted which highlights women who make positive impact from a social, political or economic/business context.

In addition to her role as a Board Member and President for Raleigh Bermuda, a youth development organization, Mrs. Blakeney Saltus, currently serves as a Board Member of the African Diaspora Heritage Trail Foundation (ADHT), Advisor for the Performance Arts Centre Project and is a member of the Allocations Committee of The Argo Foundation. Most recently she was inducted as a member of the International Women’s Foundation (IWF), Bermuda Chapter.

Mrs. Blakeney Saltus studied at the University of Western Ontario, and La Sorbonne in Paris France. She is married to Gary Saltus and has two step-children, and one grand daughter.



Rep. Yvette D. Clarke
Keynote Speaker

Hon. Yvette D. Clarke, U.S. Congresswoman

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United States Representative Yvette D. Clarke is a Brooklyn native whose roots are firmly planted in her Jamaican heritage. A product of the New York City Public School System, Rep. Clarke graduated from Oberlin College and was a recipient of the prestigious APPAH/Sloan Fellowship in Public Policy and Policy Analysis.

Rep. Clarke was first elected to Congress in November 2006 and represents the new Ninth Congressional District of New York which includes the communities of Brownsville, Crown Heights, East Flatbush, Flatbush, Gerritsen Beach, Madison, Midwood, Ocean Hill, parts of Park Slope and Flatlands, Prospect Heights, Prospect-Lefferts Gardens, Sheepshead Bay, and Windsor Terrace.

Prior to being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, Rep. Clarke served on the New York City Council representing the 40th District in Brooklyn. She succeeded her pioneering mother, former City Council Member Una S. T. Clarke, making them the first mother-daughter succession in the history of the Council.

As the Representative for the Ninth Congressional District of New York, she is committed to continuing the district's legacy of excellence as set forth by the late Honorable Shirley Chisholm, the first African American woman and Caribbean American elected to Congress. As an activist, a community organizer and now as a legislator, Rep. Clarke's boldness, compassion and love for humanity has allowed her to become an effective leader and an outspoken advocate on numerous issues of great importance to her constituents.

Currently in the 113th Congress, Rep. Clarke sits on the Committee of Homeland Security, the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, is the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies. Her additional committee assignments include the Committees on Ethics and Small Business, which includes the Subcommittees on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access as well as Contracting and Workforce.

As a testament to what Representative Clarke has accomplished in her first term, she received an "A" rating from the Drum Major Institute and The Middle Class.org; a 100 percent rating by Peace Action, The Brady Campaign and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU); and was the only Member of Congress in the New York Congressional delegation to receive an "A+" rating from the Institute of Policy Studies. She was also named After-School Hero by The After-School Corporation for her work on the House Education and Labor Committee. In May 2009, Rep. Clarke was also presented with an honorary Doctorate Law Degree from St. Francis College.

Rep. Clarke currently resides in the neighborhood where she grew up, in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn.