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### **THE JCA PAYS TRIBUTE TO NELSON MANDELA**

The Jamaican Canadian Association (JCA) celebrates Black History Month with a tribute to Nelson Mandela at its 14<sup>th</sup> annual **Boonoonoonos** Brunch on **Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**. In honour of the late activist, hero and statesman, the theme is **“Nelson Mandela: Gone But Not Forgotten”**. At the Brunch a representative of the South African Government will be presented with a book of condolences from the JCA and the wider community.

Also being recognized at the brunch are six individuals for their contributions to Jamaica and the Jamaican Diaspora in Canada. Those to be honoured are Lloyd Seivright and Philip Mascoll, who were awarded the Order of Distinction (O.D.) in Jamaica's 2013 National Honours; Sam Billich JP, who was awarded a Badge of Honour for Meritorious Service in the same list; Justice Donald McLeod, who was recently appointed to the Ontario Court of Justice; new Deputy Chief of the Toronto Police Service Mark Saunders; and new Deputy Chief of the York Region Police, Andre Crawford.

Audrey Campbell, President of the Jamaican Canadian Association, said the death of Nelson Mandela just over a month ago was a huge loss to the Jamaican community, along with every other person of African descent. “We are duty bound to salute Nelson Mandela and we are proud to do so.” Campbell also stated that the contributions and community service of people associated with Jamaica who reside in Canada were to be lauded. “Each one of these honorees has contributed greatly to the Jamaican and Black communities. We are proud, as their peers, to recognize them, as no praise is as worthy as that of the people you serve.”

**The brunch on Sunday, February 9, at the JCA, 995 Arrow Road, Toronto, will be between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m.** Tickets to the event are \$50.00 and this includes a buffet meal and entertainment, prizes, surprises and much more! We hope that you will be able to join us for a wonderful afternoon as we celebrate our Jamaican Heritage during Black History Month.

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