



# Houston Missouri City Domino Club

# NEWS

## *And Events*

The **Houston Missouri City Domino Club** seeks to build a community by providing a variety of opportunities for its members to engage in fellowship.

## APRIL —JULY 2023

### Hello and Welcome !

Some of you may know us well, and some of you may only have heard of us. For those of you who have supported us throughout the years , thanks !

Have you ever wondered what does a Domino Club do and more specifically what does Houston Missouri City Domino Club do ? Well, we are not a typical Domino or Social Club and through this medium we aim to show you how we are different and what we do.

We are making some intentional changes in how we connect with the community, our supporters and other organizations. The most obvious is the commencement of and the sharing of this newsletter with you. We will share relevant news and information about our organization , the community, other organizations , as well as a list of important dates for our organization.

As was mention this is our first issue, so we welcome all feedback , comments and questions you may have on anything about the information provided in this and all future issues and suggestions of topics relevant to our organization's aims and objectives that you would like to see in future newsletters



The first Board of Directors

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello, I am Paul Johnson the third president of the Houston Missouri City Domino Club. Let me welcome you to this the first edition of our newsletter.

Over the past decade, it is fair to say that Houston Missouri City Domino Club (HMCDC) has been placed on a path of greatness by the two previous presidents. First Mr. Cosmo Dennis and secondly Mr. Leslie Weir. Mr. Dennis laid the foundation on which Mr. Weir built a dynamic organization one which its members are proud to be apart.

It's stated vision *"The Houston Missouri City Domino Club Seeks to build community by providing a variety of opportunities for its members to engage in fellowship and service"*.

In the last three years, as the global pandemic caused unprecedented disruption all over the world, we proved the club's resilience under the most testing conditions in its history. We survived the pandemic with a renewed confidence to prove our purpose to serve our members and the community.

I would like to thank my fellow Board Members for their ongoing support in helping position The HMCDC for its continued success. I would like to also thank the Media Committee team for their leadership in producing this our first edition newsletter, as well as each member of the HMCDC family and our supporters, who share our dreams and achievements.



### APRIL

Dennis Williams	1
Rosemarie Lindsay	5
Diana DaCosta	7
Norma Bennett	10
Ian Smalling	11
Phillip Vasell	27

### MAY

Ouida Weir	2
Patrick Simpson	9
Livingston Webster	18
Patrick Smith	18
Leroy Johnson	19
Sonia McGregor	21
Desmond Hutchinson	27
Cedric Buchanan	29

### JUNE

Eddie McGregor	1
Clifford Griffiths	3
Marsha Edwards	10
Fay Wood	13
Malvie Williams	25
Gail Chung	26
Kirt Roberts	26

### JULY

Paul Baugh	7
Aubrey Davis	7

***If you are a HMCDC member and notice that your birthday or the birthday of another member has not been acknowledged, please send a text message to Osmond Dixon @ 281-806-4920 and we will update the birthday list. We apologize for any oversight.***



## Jamaican High School participating at FIRST Championship Robotics Competition - Hosted by HMCDC

The HMCDC is known for hosting some wonderful birthday parties, acts of charity and their dominoes playing skills. However, on Friday April 21, 2023, they hosted students from Jamaica who were in Houston to participate in the FIRST Championship International Robotics contest.

Having been away from home and the stress from competing in the robotics contest put a toll on these brilliant young minds from Jamaica. The urge to be around familiar accents brought them to the HMCDC where they were able to unwind, relax, play dominoes and bingo. The HMCDC is known for its hospitality and did not hesitate to welcome the JC students.





## TRI-CITY DOMINO TOURNAMENT

For a number of years Dallas West Indies United , Kansas City and HMCDC have been competing against each other in what is referred to a “Tri-City Domino Tournament”. The hosting of each tournament is rotated amongst us three. Like with most other activities, the COVID pandemic interrupted the natural flow of the tournaments and even regular activities in the respective clubs. However, HMCDC were able to get back to full activity in a reasonably quick time but the same could not be said for Dallas and Kansas City. So after HMCDC visited Dallas a few months earlier, as the forerunner to some semblance to full recovery in the respective clubs, and to reignite the previously established relationships between said clubs, agreement was reached for the staging of a Tri City Tournament in Dallas .**As the old trophy was retired a new one was procured, and this of course heightened the anticipation as all wanted to get first hold of it .**



The trip to Dallas provided the opportunity for some further bonding amongst the HMCDC members who made the journey. On arrival in Dallas the usual pleasantries were exchanged between members of the respective teams and old acquaintances renewed after being disrupted by the COVID pandemic.

In the tournament, competition was fierce as usual; after defeating Kansas City, we proceeded to the final against Dallas who had also defeated Kansas City. Unfortunately our effort to claim the new Trophy was not enough as we lost 114—153. **We were however successful in contributing to the maintenance of and even improving the relationship between the three clubs and additionally providing the stimulus for renewed participation by the members of both Dallas and Kansas City clubs in their own organizations as we all tried to achieve normalcy post COVID.**

We have commenced preparations in earnest as we seek to recover that trophy from Dallas in our next encounter , with a view to making it a permanent fixture in our trophy case.

As a side note , whilst the tournament could be considered a success there was one area of complaint stated by one lady from Kansas City in the true Jamaican vernacular **“ Mi caan travel all the way from Kansas City to Dallas with mi pretty frock and there was no after party - mi bex ”** . Translated - “ she is very upset about traveling from Kansas City to Dallas for the tournament taking along her spiffy outfit with the expectation of a party after tournament and there was none”. There was general agreement by all about this failing and commitments were made that it should not and will not happen again irrespective of which City/Organisation is hosting a tournament.

**When so many people of the Caribbean are gathered it follows that at some point there must be a party !!**



## MOTHERS DAY

*BELATED MOTHERS DAY WISHES TO ALL THE MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS, AUNTS, GODMOTHERS AND ALL THOSE WHO FILL THE ROLE OF MOTHER. HOPING THAT YOU ALL HAD A HAPPY MOTHER DAY!*

As it has been the tradition in recent years, the men of HMCDC treated the female members and female friends of the club to a Mothers Day Dinner. The planning of the event started relatively early and meeting were held at regular intervals as the aim was to provide a treat that would second to none. The event was held at the clubs' facility and no effort was spared in creating an ambiance fitting for the occasion.



Frank and The Dominos in concert



DJ Cliff performing



Prior to starting, the event looked like it would have been dampened by the rains. There is strong suspicion that rain stoppers were engaged to stop the rain but that is yet to be confirmed. Eventually the showers ceased in a relatively timely manner allowing for reasonable attendance and a memorable event.

The ladies were treated to some top quality musical renditions to set the tone for the evening then treated to a variety of culinary offerings with accompanying service that would rival that which is available at most 4 or 5 star restaurants. Of course all the meals were prepared and served by the male members of the club.

There were special musical performances by Frank and The Dominoes, our In- House rival to the Four Tops. DJ Cliff surprised all also by exchanging his laptop of musical tracks for a microphone and had the ladies all swooning during his renditions.

The response from the ladies was extremely encouraging as all expressed their complete satisfaction by the effort. The men were also pleased that the objective of providing a treat of the highest quality, was fully met.

## CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**Caribbean American Heritage Month was established to create and disseminate knowledge about the contributions of Caribbean people to the United States.**

### HISTORY

In the 19th century, the U.S. attracted many Caribbeans who excelled in various professions such as craftsmen, scholars, teachers, preachers, doctors, inventors, comedians, politicians, poets, songwriters, and activists. Some of the most notable Caribbean Americans are Alexander Hamilton, first Secretary of the Treasury, Colin Powell, the first person of color appointed as the Secretary of the State, James Weldon Johnson, the writer of the Black National Anthem, Celia Cruz, the world-renowned "Queen of Salsa" music, and Shirley Chisholm, the first African American Congresswoman and first African American woman candidate for President, Marcus Garvey, organizer of the first important American Black nationalist movement, are among many.

### PROCLAMATION TIMELINE

2004 - Ms. Claire A. Nelson , Ph.D. launched the official campaign for June as National Caribbean American Heritage month.

2005 - The House passed the Bill for recognizing the significance of Caribbean Americans.

2006 - A Proclamation making the Resolution official was signed by the President.

### DEMOGRAPHY

#### Countries

Ninety percent of Caribbean people come from five countries: Cuba, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Haiti, Trinidad and Tobago.

#### Population by States

The largest Caribbean communities are located in New York, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Texas, and California.

#### Employment

Caribbeans excel in a variety of professions, and now occupy positions as politicians, teachers, doctors, and scholars, etc.

## CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

### CARIBBEAN FOODS & BEVERAGES

Caribbean Cuisine is a fusion of African, Creole, European, Latin American, Middle Eastern, and Asian influences. Popular dishes reflect the cultures that have influenced the the region. The most common ingredients are rice, plantains, beans, coconut, sweet potatoes, cassava, and tomatoes. They are prepared with various local meats and spices.

### MUSIC

Caribbean music genres are very diverse. They are each synthesis of African, European, Arab, Asian, and Indigenous influences, largely created by descendants of African slaves (see Afro-Caribbean music), along with contributions from other communities (such as Indo-Caribbean music). The Caribbean people brought music, such as bachata, cadence rampa, calypso, chutney, compas (kompa), cumbia, dancehall, filmi, Latin trap, méringue, merengue, parang, ragga, rapso, reggae, salsa, and zouk, which has a profound impact on U.S. popular culture.

The history of Caribbean music originates from the history of the Caribbean itself. That history is one of the native land invaded by outsiders; violence, slavery, and even genocide factor in.

[https://www.caribbeanamericanmonth.org/the\\_cahm\\_bill](https://www.caribbeanamericanmonth.org/the_cahm_bill)

#### CONDOLENCES TO

The family and friends of Whitney Head

#### GET WELLWISHES TO

Diana DaCosta

Owen Foster

#### Please let us know..

We want our members and others to know that we, the Board and members of HMCDC are always here to support you.



## CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE EXPO—THE GENESIS

During Caribbean American Heritage Month, across the United States, a number of events are held which seek to promote the rich heritage of the Caribbean. At Houston Missouri City Domino Club (HMCDC) the idea was conceived for such an event. After Initial discussions by the Board of Directors there was complete acceptance of the idea. The thinking was not for HMCDC to solely plan and implement an event, but for it to be Caribbean collaborative effort. Marsha Edwards, Chairperson of the HMCDC's Community Outreach committee was given the mandate to bring the idea to fruition.

Here, Marsha relates the process... "It's been said many times that, Caribbean people can't work together! Well, what a better time to put that common belief to the test. On making the initial phone calls to all Caribbean non-profit organizations we had info on., the responses were warm and favorable. It fueled the Houston Missouri City Domino Club Outreach committee to step on the gas! A meeting was quickly organized and held at HMCDC's facility on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023. At that first meeting there were representatives of organizations associated with Barbados, Grenada, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago along with hosts HMCDC. Agreement was reached for the event to take the form of an Expo. **"The Caribbean American Heritage Expo"** was brought to life and was scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023. As the timeline was extremely tight, frequent meetings were held via Zoom right up until the event and during that time a strong bond was built and all worked in harmony for the cause, without any problems at all. The myth that, Caribbean people can't work together was therefore dispelled."

### THE FIRST MEETING



### THE EXPO

The community came out in their numbers! Organizations such as Jamaica Foundation of Greater Houston, Houston Caribbean Professionals Association (HCPA) and I Love Being Caribbean (ILBC) and others from their respective booths, were able to spread the word about their organizations. The energy was high with hosts Chantel (HCPA) and Blade (ILBC) at the controls, keeping the patrons engaged at all times. Ian (Grenada Assoc.) got the children involved in traditional outdoor games—Sack Race, Lime and Spoon Race, Hoola Hoop Contests, Tug-o-war, Soccer. The adults also got engaged in the outdoor games—Sack Race, Soccer, Hoola Hoop, with some thinking that they were 40 years younger but at all times being observed by members of the Jamaican Nurses Association who were conducting free blood pressure testing and were well prepared to handle any emergencies. The heads of the respective Associations in attendance participated in a game of Musical Chairs. The Domino tournament was well supported and keenly contested and it was the same for the Ludo tournament that was held indoors.

Trinidad Association represented with Moko Jumbie (traditional stilt dancers) whose historical roots run deep in the Caribbean. All patrons, but particularly the young children all found it fascinating and entertaining. All throughout the day the DJs also kept the crowds moving to contemporary Caribbean music.

Of note also was that representatives of other Caribbean Associations who were not engaged in the planning and meetings also attended and expressed their approvals.

Any gathering of Caribbean people would be incomplete without culinary offerings, so when the crowd got peckish they descended on the appropriate locations to get their servings of Jerk Chicken, Fish, Rice and Peas, Soup (despite the day being hot), Patties, Bulla and more and being complimented with desserts and fresh juices from Barbados and Guyanese/E.A.R.N The crowd loved it! ***It was a hot day, but it was the coolest event in June!***

Planning for next year will begin in September and we are looking forward on adding more organizations to the group!



## A large collage of 24 photographs capturing various moments from the 2022 Houston Caribbean Carnival. The images show a vibrant outdoor event with people dancing, playing games, socializing at tables, and participating in competitions. Key elements include a DJ booth, a food stand, a game booth, a dance competition, a parade float, and a large crowd of people. The event is held on a grassy field with a clear blue sky and a large white tent in the background.





## WE ARE IN THE HURRICANE SEASON

### Atlantic Hurricane Season

June 1— November 30

#### *If you are not yet prepared ... START NOW !!*

A hurricane can cause widespread devastation during and after it occurs. This summarized information from FEMA is designed to help you properly prepare for a hurricane and know how to protect yourself during and after one.

Planning and preparing can make a big difference in safety and resiliency in the wake of a hurricane. The ability to quickly recover following a hurricane requires a focus on preparedness, advance planning, and knowing what to do in the event of a hurricane.

#### Now/Prepare

**Sign up** for local alerts and warnings. Monitor local news and weather reports.

**Prepare to evacuate** by testing your emergency communication plan(s), learning evacuation routes, having a place to stay, and packing a “go bag.”

#### **Stock emergency supplies**

**Protect your property** by installing sewer backflow valves, anchoring fuel tanks, reviewing insurance policies, and cataloging belongings.

**Collect and safeguard** critical financial, medical, educational, and legal documents and records.

#### During/Survive

**Follow guidance** from local authorities.

**If advised to evacuate**, grab your “go bag” and leave immediately.

**For protection from high winds**, stay away from windows and seek shelter on the lowest level in an interior room.

**Move to higher ground** if there is flooding or a flood warning.

#### **Turn Around Don't Drown.**

Never walk or drive on flooded roads or through water.

**Call 9-1-1** if you are in life-threatening danger.

#### After/Be Safe

**Return to the area** only after authorities say it is safe to do so. Do not enter damaged buildings until they are inspected by qualified professionals.

**Never walk or drive** on flooded roads or through floodwaters.

**Look out** for downed or unstable trees, poles, and power lines. Do not remove heavy debris by yourself. Wear gloves and sturdy, thick-soled shoes to protect your hands and feet.

**Do not drink tap water** unless authorities say it is safe.

## Public advised to take precautions in Texas heat

Anyone can be affected by the intense heat of a Texas summer, so the public is being encouraged to take precautions to avoid becoming victims of the heat.

Heat related illnesses include heat cramps, heat exhaustion and/or heat stroke. Heat cramps, the least serious of the three, are characterized by painful muscle spasms that occur during work or exercise in a hot environment and can have an acute onset or be delayed up to several hours.

Heat exhaustion is more severe and generally characterized by elevated temperatures, headaches, dizziness, weakness, nausea and cool moist skin resulting from profuse sweating. People overcome by either of the two seldom need to be taken to a hospital and can typically be treated by being moved to a cool place, allowed to lie down and given water, Gatorade or a fluid high in electrolytes.

Heat stroke victims develop symptoms after consistent exposure to temperatures greater than 100 degrees. Vital signs include a weak and rapidly pounding pulse, deep and fast breathing and flushed skin, dry and very hot to the touch. After calling 911, a person with these symptoms should be moved to a cool area. Use ice, cold water or fanning to reduce their temperature to near normal as soon as possible.

If you plan to be outside for an extended period, be sure to hydrate before and during that time; don't drink caffeinated or alcoholic beverages; wear lightweight, light colored and loose fitting clothes and have a buddy system for accountability.

## How to reduce the risk of a drowning accident this summer

We are right in the middle of one of the hottest summers for quite a while. With that comes the increase of potential drowning accidents. According to Harris County Public Health, back in 2022, 76 children between the ages of 8 months to 17 years drowned in Texas. Eleven of those cases happened in Harris County.

During Water Safety Month ( May ) , Harris County Public Health reminded swimmers to take extra precautions this summer when in or around bodies of water especially with children. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says that more children around the age of 1-4 die from drowning than any other cause of death in the U.S.. Children 5-14 are apart of the second leading cause of injury death compared to car crashes.

The risk doesn't stop at the swimming pool. Drownings can also happen in a residential pool, bathtub, rivers, creeks, ponds and bayous. 71% of child drownings last year happened in a home pool or bathtub statewide.

## How to reduce the risk of a drowning accident this summer cont'd,

Director of Environmental Public Health Division at Harris County Public Health said, "Drowning accidents can be prevented. We strongly encourage all families, especially parents and adult caregivers of small children to pay close attention to children any time they are around any bodies of water."

### HCPH says that there is a higher risk for:

Children 5 years old and younger, teens and then young adults

Males are three times more likely to drown than females

African Americans, Alaska Natives and American Indians

People with some medical conditions may be at higher risk

### Water Safety tips to keep in mind this Summer:

Stay alert- children can be fast and disappear when you aren't watching

Consider swim lessons

Never rely on a lifeguard to watch your child

Never allow your child to play games associated with holding your breath under water for long periods of time

When the pool is not in use, remove toys that may attract children to the swimming pool

Learn basic CPR

Make sure your child is wearing a U.S. Coast Guard life jacket

Install a safety barrier such as a fence with a self-closing/self-latching gate, a pool cover or a safety alarm system

Remove ladders from above-ground pools



## Revamping public school accountability

At the beginning of each school year, the Texas Education Agency rates public schools and districts based on student achievement, school progress and closing the gaps for at-risk students. Individual campuses and districts receive A—F scores, which are meant to hold schools accountable and inform Texas about student performance.

Scores for the 2022-23 school year will be released Sept. 28, following months of revisions to the accountability system..

### What is the A—F system ?

The A-F accountability system was established during the 2017 legislature session, under House Bill 22.

Ratings are based on a variety of factors, including

- ◆ the annual State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness
- ◆ academic growth
- ◆ high school graduation rates
- ◆ how prepared students are for college, a career or the military

STAAR scores for high school students were released June 30 and grades 3-8 scores will be available Aug.16 On Sept. 28, A-F scorers for schools and districts will be posted online at [www.txschools.gov](http://www.txschools.gov).



## HMCDC CONGRATULATES CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATES!

On behalf of the Board of HMCDC, congratulations to all HMCDC family and friends who have relatives who have graduated or will be graduating from high school, trade and vocational schools, college, university or institute of higher learning.

### DOCTORAL GRADUATE

Justin Williams son of Malvie and Dennis Williams— Doctor of Educational Leadership & Policy

### MASTERS GRADUATES

Tiffanie Weir—daughter of Ouida and Leslie Weir—MS—Data Analytics

Brittany Dixon—daughter of Orlene and Osmond Dixon— M.Ed Teaching and Learning

Jontae Simpson—son of Patrick Simpson— MBA

### COLLEGE GRADUATES

Amber Livingston—grand daughter of Carmen Morgan—BS Interdisciplinary Studies

Paul Johnson - son of Sherry and Paul Johnson—BS Mechanical Engineering

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Chelsea Parchment—neice of Marsha Edwards

Jaydon and Sherdayne Johnson - sons of Sherry and Paul Johnson

Madison and Cameron Simpson—sons of Patrick Simpson

Eric and Lewis Allen—sons of Elaine Allen

**New adventures awaits. May your hat fly as high as your dreams! Go confidently toward your dreams, live the life you have imagined, and keep making us proud .**



### Scholarship Fund

HMCDC have provided scholarships to needy and deserving students in the past and we will continue to provide that service to our community. Your donation will go a long way in assisting more needy students.

Donations can be made via the following :

<https://houmocitydominoclub.com/contribution/>

Zelle — Account: Houston Missouri City Domino Club; email : mcdomino822@yahoo.com.

Checks made payable to: Houston Missouri City Domino Club, 16030 Blue Ridge Road, Missouri City, TX 77489

## FATHERS DAY

***BELETED FATHERS DAY WISHES TO ALL THE FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS, UNCLES, GODFATHERS AND ALL OTHERS WHO FILL THE ROLE OF FATHER. HOPING THAT YOU ALL HAD A HAPPY FATHER DAY !***

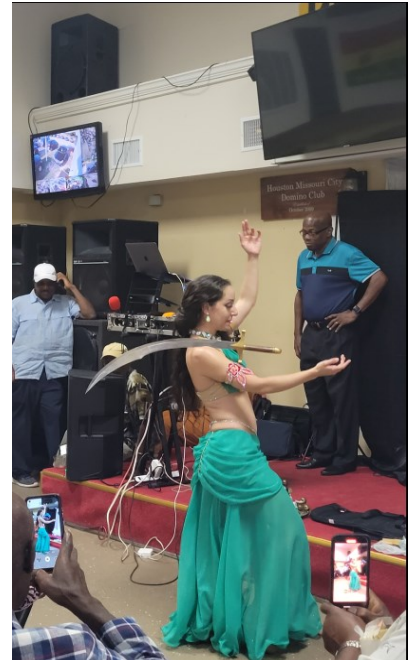
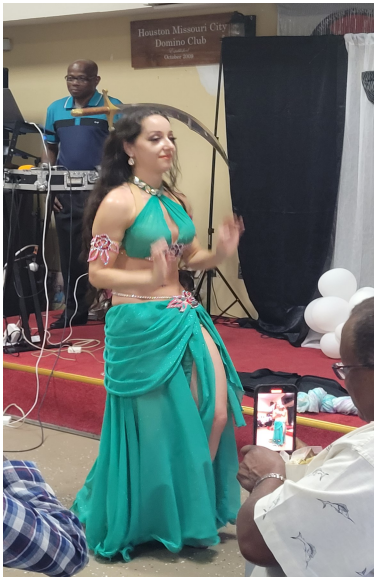
In full recognition of the day and for the male members and friends of the domino club, the female members have been providing the men with a treat on Fathers Day for a few years. Just as in previous years the treat was in the form of a Dinner, for which the ladies decorated the facilities, prepared and served meals thereby providing a Full Service experience



*Happy*

*Father's*

*Day !*



The scrumptious meal was followed by the main item on the program which was a Middle Eastern cultural presentation in the form of Lebanese Belly Dancer. She provided quite a treat for the men who displayed their interest and appreciation by providing their undivided attention for her entire performance. Equally enlightening were the tributes given by both males and females, young and old to their fathers, in true recognition of their day.

The men were truly appreciative of the overall experience and all expressed it verbally and also equally by the pleasant smiles on their faces throughout and after the formal proceedings.

***Some have checked their calendars to see if there is another Fathers Day this year !***



## Hosting Jamaica Ex-Soldiers Association of Houston



Jamaica Ex-Soldiers Association was founded by ex-service members of the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) who saw the need of bringing together ex-service members and ex-civilian employees of the JDF to achieve a common goal.

Their main aims are:

- A. To provide for mutual assistance, enjoyment, entertainment and improvement of all members socially, by encouraging them to participate in constructive and beneficial forms of recreation; to promote friendship; to inculcate a high sense of loyalty amongst members and to stimulate their intellectual advancement.
- B. To stage fundraising events in order to raise funds to assist local and Jamaican charitable institutions such as:
  - ◆ Curphy Home – A home for destitute ex-service members who served in WW11 (Jamaica)
  - ◆ Mona Rehab (Jamaica)
  - ◆ Any other individual/institution within the community

When the Houston Chapter of the organization reached out to us to facilitate their membership in a evening of dominos and socializing, knowing that among our membership there were ex-service members of the Jamaica Defence Force, there was no hesitation on our part in responding positively.

It was a pleasant experience, with the ex-service men explaining the history of the organization overall, providing information of the other chapters across the US and in other countries, and the aims and objective of their own chapter. Of course when so many Jamaicans are gathered it didn't take long for the domino games to get in full swing. The original intent was for a competition but in the end we just played some friendly games. The ex-service men had provided food so a hearty meal was enjoyed by all as we all interacted. The ex-service men expressed their gratitude for our accommodation

We are hopeful that the experience was the start of a meaningful relationship between their organization and ours, and that through our own successes they will be motivated to pursue and realize their aims and objectives some of which are similar to our own.

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### ASSISTING A FRIEND OF THE DOMINO CLUB

When HMCDC were called upon to assist in a Fund Raising venture for a deceased friend of the organization whose deceased mother was also a member of our organization, we had no choice but to respond in the affirmative to the plea. We made our facilities fully available for the hosting of a Food Sale by the friends of the deceased. A number of our members also participated directly in the effort by rendering their services wherever requested and needed. . In the end, the venture was successful as demonstrated by expressions of thanks and appreciation.

**HMCDC is pleased to have been of assistance in a time of grief and difficulty.**

## SOME IMPORTANT DATES THAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.

The dates provided here are not the commonly recognized and celebrated dates that most are familiar with, and they vary from being just for fun and amusement to being of significant importance . Some are nationally recognized and others recognized internationally .

### APRIL

- 01 April Fool's Day
- 02 Children's Book Day
- 02 World Autism Awareness Day
- 07 No Housework Day
- 14 Ex Spouse Day
- 15 Husband Appreciation Day
- 23 National Zucchini Bread Day
- 26 Stop Food Waste Day
- 30 International Jazz Day

### MAY

- 01 School Principals' Day
- 01 Global Love Day
- 04 National Day of Prayer
- 05 African World Heritage Day
- 06 International No Diet Day
- 17 World Hypertension Day
- 20 Armed Forces Day
- 21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
- 31 World No Tobacco Day

### JUNE

- 01 World Milk Day
- 03 National Doughnut Day
- 04 International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
- 05 World Environment Day
- 07 World Food Safety Day
- 08 World Brain Tumour Day
- 14 Flag Day
- 17 World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (International)
- 20 World Refugee Day (International)
- 21 World Music Day
- 23 International Olympic Day
- 26 International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

### JULY

- 10 International Joke Day
- 03 International Plastic Bag Free Day
- 07 Global Forgiveness Day
- 11 World Population Day
- 13 National French Fry Day
- 18 Nelson Mandela International Day
- 24 National Tequila Day
- 26 Uncle and Aunt Day
- 30 World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
- 30 National Cheesecake Day

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**Jason Chung, E-5, son of Gail Chung after serving two ( 2) years at US Naval Base in Japan has been redeployed to US Naval base in Pensacola, Florida.**

**HMCDL thanks Jason for serving**

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### HMCDL's EVENTS

Dates are subject to change. Please check the current issue of the Newsletter and the website

Friday, September 22: **Monthly Membership Meeting**

Friday, October 27: **Nomination Day for Board of Directors**

Friday, November 17: **Election of Board of Directors**

Friday, December 15: **Swearing in Board of Directors**



**SAVE THE DATE !!!**

Houston Missouri City Domino Club  
Cordially Invites You to

The Annual  
Fundraising

*All White  
Reggae Night Affair*

most luxurious experience

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH, 2023**

**AT 7:00PM**

*Featuring Unparalleled Delight of Activities*

**Live Reggae Band • Entertainment**

**Caribbean Buffet Dinner • DJ'S • Dancing**

We'll be outdoors on the lawn

16030 Blue Ridge Rd. Missouri City, TX 77489

Mix & Mingle 7 til 8 • Dinner 8 til 9

*DRESS CODE: WHITE ATTIRE*

**EVENING PASS: \$50 PER PERSON PREPAID**

**OR \$60 AT THE DOOR**

**KINDLY RSVP BY OCT. 5TH**

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