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Dear Members

On behalf of the Business House Netball Association (BHNA), I wish for you all a productive, peaceful and wonderful 2010. As the Association makes plans for the upcoming season, we will eagerly play our part in making the year a memorable one for you.

To our new members I extend a warm and special welcome. For those rejoining, welcome back, and for those who have been with us throughout the years, through “thick and thin”, thanks very much for your consistent dedication and commitment.

You will recall for sometime now, that I have been intimating my desire to step down as President of the Association, and open the door for new leadership. Well, the time has come for me to do so after being at the helm for fourteen (14) years, as well as serving in other capacities on Council before that.

Be assured that as Immediate Past President, I will be around to assist in any way possible and to give guidance/advice to the new Council, thus ensuring that the Association continues on a sound footing.

I would like to express thanks and appreciation to the many persons who have aided my development over the years, especially the former Presidents and Life Members, namely Jasneith Harvey (Merle), Beverley McDonald, and Pam Chin. I extend my appreciation also to the other Members of Council, those past and present. To you the wider membership, thanks for your support and respect.

As we celebrate in this our 37th year, let us look back at all our achievements with pride and endeavour to enhance them as we move forward. The current economic conditions in our country are affecting all of us, however let us not be disheartened, but be resolute to work together to effect the changes needed for the continued sustainability of netball programmes within business houses.

2010 is an election year! I am encouraging our members to choose Executives and Council Members they see having the requisite qualities to continue the excellence we have been accustomed to over the years. Think about it! Get involved and give of yourselves to serve on Council – the experience will be rewarding.

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In 2002, we opened the doors to our Secretariat at Shop 8b, Kingston Mall in order to serve you better. We have since been advised that upon expiration of the current lease, there will be no further option to renew. As a result, we started searching for a new location, and thank God, we have been successful.

Effective March 1, 2010, the office will be relocated to 72 Half Way Tree Road, Kingston 10; (turning on St. Cecelio Avenue, it is the first right entrance just in front of St. Andrew Prep School). We believe the location will be more central and convenient for most companies. Adequate parking for persons doing business with the Association is provided. In due course, you will be advised of the new telephone numbers.

That being said, increased rental costs will undoubtedly increase our expenditure. The reality, too, is that fees paid (income received) by the membership do not cover the costs for running the leagues (expense paid). We have over the years therefore tried to minimize fee increases, with the view of supporting our operational expenses with fundraisers. In this regard, your support with planned activities is integral in keeping the association solvent.

I must pause at this time to advise that our Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Orinthia McCormack, will be on maternity leave from February 1 through to May 03, 2010. The Secretariat will be manned by someone else until she returns.

The challenges over the years have been many; some we were able to resolve, while others were just too daunting. Nonetheless, we can give ourselves a “pat on our shoulders” for the various achievements we have had over the years. These were attained by the numerous persons who gave of themselves voluntarily to serve the Association and by companies who assisted with sponsorship, so as to ensure that the BHNA was kept alive and relevant in the business community.

I really look forward to seeing you all at the Annual General Meeting, scheduled for April 28, 2010. Take care and be cognizant that God is always watching over us.

Sincerely,

Theda King (Mrs.)
President

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