

Awards of National Honours for Independence Day 2018

KNIGHT/DAME OF ST. ANDREW

For extraordinary and outstanding achievement in service of Barbados and to humanity at large.

(Number of Awards available: 3)

Knight of St. Andrew

1. **Mr. Kenneth Rudolph Hewitt CBE, BJH, B.Com., CA**
For his outstanding contribution to the development of the International Business Services sector.
2. **Mr. Philip Evan Serrao, BCH, QC, JP**
For his outstanding contribution to modernizing the Barbados Electoral System and its administrative processes.

Dame of St. Andrew

1. **Mrs. Avisene Caesaretta Carrington, SCM**
For her pioneering role in Early Childhood Education, as well as her outstanding contribution to Primary Education in Barbados.

COMPANION OF HONOUR

For distinguished national achievement and merit.

(Number of Awards available: 3)

1. **Mr. DeLisle Othneil Bradshaw, JP**
For his outstanding contribution to Political Affairs and Education.
2. **Mr. Chesterfield Nathaniel Brewster**
For his outstanding philanthropic contribution, especially to the development of Sports.
3. **Dr. Peter Douglas Laurie, GCM**
For his outstanding contribution to Diplomacy and the Foreign Service.

HONORARY AWARDS (COMPANION OF HONOUR)

- 1. Mrs. Susan Magnier**
For her outstanding philanthropic contribution especially in the area of child welfare.
- 2. Mr. Derrick Alexander Smith**
For his outstanding philanthropic contribution especially in the area of special needs education.

GOLD CROWN OF MERIT

For highly meritorious service or achievement in science, the arts, literature, sports, civic duties or any other endeavour worthy of national recognition.

(Number of Awards available: 4)

- 1. Mr. Mitchinson Henderson Beckles**
For his contribution to the development of Civil Aviation in Barbados.
- 2. Mr. Richard Anthony Best**
For his meritorious service in Journalism.
- 3. Mr. Haresh Nathurmal Thani, MBBS, FRCS**
In recognition of his contribution to Emergency Medicine.
- 4. Mr. Robert Charles David Tibbits, BSc. (Hons.), FCA, JP**
In recognition of his contribution to the Accounting and Financial Sectors.

SILVER CROWN OF MERIT

For meritorious service or achievement in science, the arts, literature, sports, civic duties or any other endeavor worthy of national recognition.

(Number of Awards available: 4)

- 1. Mrs. Ardyce Kathelina Bolden**
For her contribution to indigenous enterprise in Training and Cosmetology.
- 2. Mr. William Lindsay Alexander Hinds**
For his contribution to Innovation in the area of Alternate Energy.
- 3. Ms. Kerryann Fenelle Ifill**
For her advocacy for the Rights of the Persons with Disabilities and contribution to Civil Society.
- 4. Mr. Robert Malcolm Peirce**
For his Humanitarian work, especially with under-privileged Youth and his contribution to the Horseracing Industry.

BARBADOS SERVICE STAR

For meritorious work in the civil, fire, military, police, prison or other protective services or any other similar field of endeavour.

(Number of Awards available: 5)

1. **Mr. Victor Alfred Cheeseman**
For his contribution to the Horseracing Industry as a Champion Trainer.
2. **Mr. Mitchell Anderson Clarke**
For his contribution to the Health Services, especially the Nursing profession.
3. **Mrs. Wilma Ernesta Clarke**
For her contribution to Education.
4. **Mrs. Bernadette Alexandrine Harris**
For her contribution to the Nursing profession.
5. **Mrs. Heather Rosette Williams**
For her contribution to Education.

BARBADOS SERVICE MEDAL

For meritorious work in the civil, fire, military, police, prison or other protective services or any other similar field of endeavour.

(Number of Awards Available: 5)

1. **Mr. Victor Sylvester Aymes**
For his contribution to Community Development and Youth Affairs.
2. **Mrs. Beryl Bridgeman**
For her contribution to Community Development and Elder Affairs.
3. **Rev. Dr. Margaret Eversley**
For her contribution to the teaching profession and her dedicated service to the Church of the Nazarene.
4. **Mr. Lorenzo Ronaldo Harewood**
For his contribution to Community Development and Environmental Matters.
5. **Mr. Anderson Kinch**
For his contribution to the Fishing Industry.

BARBADOS BRAVERY MEDAL

For acts of bravery in hazardous circumstances.
(Unlimited number available)

1. Mr. Bradley Lever Broomes

For saving the lives of a husband and wife who experienced difficulty while swimming at the beach by Cobblers Cove Hotel.

BARBADOS

29th November, 2018

PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARD OF DAME OF ST. ANDREW

DAME AVISENE CAESARETTA CARRINGTON, DA, SCM, was born in the Ivy, St. Michael to Robert and Beatrice Inniss on September 17, 1918.

From an early age Mrs. Carrington had a passion for teaching, which had its origins in a divine plan that kept her in the classroom for 87 years. She was educated at the then Belmont Girls' School and thereafter at the St. Michael's Girls' School. Her secondary education set her on the path to academic success and inspired a passion for teaching with emphasis on the comfort and happiness of the child.

At the end of her secondary schooling Mrs. Carrington was assigned to St. Giles Boys' School as an honorary teacher and taught for one year before receiving a salary. She was mentored by Ignatius Byer and Glyne Atherley. She received her formal training at Erdiston Teachers' Training College. She was an exceptional teacher whose signature quality was her persistence with children with learning disabilities.

When her three year old son Ian started to fuss every morning when she left for work, she made the bold decision to start a playgroup and invited her friends to send their pre-school children. No one could have imagined that the small playgroup started in 1959 would mushroom into Merrivale Preparatory School which gradually joined the ranks of one of the top private primary secondary schools in Barbados. The school also catered to students from other Caribbean territories and from countries as far afield as England, France, Scotland, Norway and Denmark.

As word of "Miss Carrington's school" spread, the school population increased rapidly and spilled onto the verandah of her home. In the summer of 1967 a school building was erected to the east of the property; the roll peaked at 220 in the 1980s. The school was 51 years old when the bell rang for the last time in June 2010.

Mrs. Carrington was awarded the Silver Crown of Merit in the Barbados Independence Awards of 1994 for her contribution to primary education in Barbados, sharing the accolade with her caring and loyal teaching and ancillary staff.

Mrs. Carrington is a dedicated Christian and worships at St. Cyprian Anglican Church. "One is nearer God's heart in a garden..." and this is where she spends her time most mornings. She is still very active and she visits the market every Saturday. She is an avid reader and is an active follower of Barbadian and American politics.

Mrs. Carrington, who recently turned 100 years old, has witnessed 10 decades of historical developments in Barbados and abroad. She has left an indelible impression on many Barbadians, some of whom now serve at the highest levels in Barbados.

She was married to the late Vere Carrington, Attorney-at-Law and is the mother of Ronnie, Shelley and Ian Carrington.

The Accolade of **DAME OF ST. ANDREW** is being conferred in recognition of her pioneering role in early childhood education, as well as her outstanding contribution to primary education in Barbados.

PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARD OF KNIGHT OF ST. ANDREW

SIR KENNETH RUDOLPH HEWITT, KA, CBE, BJH, BCom., CA, is the son of the late Kenneth and Lottie Hewitt. He received his early education in Barbados at Roebuck Boys School, St. Giles Boys School and Harrison College. He later entered Mc. Gill University in Montreal, Canada, and in 1964 graduated with a B.Com. (Hons. Eco.). In 1967, he became a member of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants.

In 1969, two years after returning to Barbados, Mr. Hewitt founded Ken Hewitt & Co., Chartered Accountants, which represented a significant development in the evolution of local business as it provided opportunities for the emergence of a new cadre of bright, young black professionals.

In 1973, the local firm, Ken Hewitt & Co., merged with the international accounting firm Peat, Marwick Mitchell & Co. (now KPMG). Mr. Hewitt was the Managing Partner of the merged firm from its inception until June 1998 when he retired. During his tenure as leader, the merged firm grew from a staff complement of nine to one of ninety with branches established in Antigua, Guyana, and St. Lucia. The major significance of the international connection was that it facilitated the maintenance of high professional standards in the local office and it also provided the opportunity for many Barbadians to receive accounting and financial training in various KPMG offices overseas.

Over the years, his vast experience permitted him to be a business advisor in a number of fields including insurance, banking, manufacturing, air transport, tourism, media, retail and Public Utilities. In addition, he participated in the groundbreaking activities surrounding the birth and development of the International Business Services sector and for more than a decade he served as chairman or member of the various advisory committees established to nurture and guide this vital economic sector.

In spite of the demands of his professional obligations, Mr. Hewitt still found time to make contributions in many areas of national life. He served in the Upper House as an Independent Member of the Senate, 1976-1981. In the field of education, Ken lectured in accounting at Barbados Community College and in the Certified General Accountants (CGA) programme as well as at BIMAP where he designed and delivered courses and for many years he was a member of the Boards of Management of Combermere School and Harrison College.

Mr. Hewitt was the first President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Barbados (ICAB), the first chairman of the National Cultural Foundation (NCF),

Chairman of Barbados National Bank (BNB), vice chairman of Insurance Corporation of Barbados (ICBL) and a director of Central Bank of Barbados.

Mr. Hewitt was awarded the Commander of the British Empire (CBE) in 2002 and the Barbados Jubilee Honour (BJH) in 2016. He is the recipient of awards of appreciation from ICAB, Barbados Cooperative Credit Union League, and the Barbados Workers Union.

Although Mr. Hewitt was occupied in a wide range of business and accounting activities, he acknowledges his greatest satisfaction to be the role he played in encouraging and assisting young Barbadians to develop into well-rounded professionals. Many of KPMG'S alumni now hold senior positions in the public and private sectors. Some have even established their own successful accounting practices.

Mr. Hewitt's contribution to the growth and stability of Barbados continues in his private life. He has three children and has been married for fifty-six years and now actively participates in the nurturing of six delightful grandchildren.

The Accolade of **KNIGHT OF ST. ANDREW** is being conferred in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the international business services sector.

PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARD OF KNIGHT OF ST. ANDREW

SIR PHILIP EVAN SERRAO, KA, BCH, QC, JP, was born in Barbados on March 22, 1946 to parents, James and Ruth Serrao (Guyanese nationals) who migrated to Barbados in 1925. He resided in the City of Bridgetown and was educated there for all his youthful life where he obtained his primary and secondary education at St. Mary's School and The Modern High School.

He is married to Judy Serrao and lives in Inch Marlow, Christ Church. He has two (2) sons, Dean and Dominic.

Mr. Serrao started his legal career at Carrington & Sealy in the City of Bridgetown and was articled there before qualifying as a Solicitor in 1972 having completed the English Law Society's examination after a course of study at the College of Law in England.

He was employed by the firm FitzWilliam, Stone & Alcazar from 1972 as a Solicitor (later Attorney-at-Law upon the fusion of the branches of the legal profession). He became Senior Partner of the firm upon the retirement of Mr. Neil Fitzwilliam in 1983 and continues in private practice as such. Mr. Serrao was Secretary of the Barbados Bar Association from 1986 to 1989.

He served as a Member of the Electoral & Boundaries Commission for the period 1985 to 1990 and became its Chairman uninterruptedly for a period of fourteen (14) years from 1996 to 2010. This Commission has as its primary responsibility the registration of voters and conduct of Parliamentary Elections throughout Barbados. During his tenure one of the principal decisions taken and implemented was contained in a Report and Recommendations made to the then Prime Minister, Owen S. Arthur, for the division of Barbados into thirty (30) constituencies by the creation of two (2) new constituencies namely, St. James Central and St. Philip West and the alterations to be made to the boundaries of certain constituencies. These recommendations did not create any division among the political parties at the time and were unanimously approved by Parliament. The Commission under his guidance was also responsible for the conduct of Parliamentary General Elections for the years 1999, 2003 and 2008 and a By-Election for St. Thomas in 2001.

Mr. Serrao served as Chairman of the Air Transport Licensing Authority from 1994 to 2008. This Authority had responsibility for the licensing and approval of all scheduled carriers, approve airfares, rates and charges used by airlines, ensure compliance of insurance coverage over aircrafts, technical operational certificates and handle consumer complaints. During his tenure approval was given for the expansion of air services by American Airlines, US Airways, British Airways, Virgin Atlantic, LIAT, Air Canada and Condor.

Mr. Serrao was appointed Commissioner pursuant to the Commissioner of Probates Act Cap. 120 from 4th October 1989 and was appointed Justice of the Peace in and for Barbados from 21st May 1997.

He was conferred the Centennial Honour with effect from 1st January 2001 for his outstanding contribution to national life and was appointed one of Her Majesty's Counsel for Barbados (Queen's Counsel) from 3rd January 2002.

Mr. Serrao represented Barbados in golf and competed in the Caribbean Golf Championship in Cayman Islands and Turks & Caicos Islands during 1997 and 1998 and was the Treasurer of Barbados Football Association from 1976 to 1979.

The Accolade of **KNIGHT OF ST. ANDREW** is being conferred in recognition of his outstanding contribution to modernizing the Barbados Electoral System and its administrative processes.

PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARD OF COMPANION OF HONOUR

THE HON. DELISLE OTHNIEL BRADSHAW, CHB, JP, was born on April 26, 1941 in Edge Cliff, St. John. He received his early education at the Hothersal Primary School and later at the St. John's Mixed School. His scholastic pursuits also saw him attending the Mount Tabor Private School, before entering the Industry High School and the Modern High School. After graduating in 1958, Mr. Bradshaw started his teaching career at the Federal High School and the Arlington High

School before leaving for the United Kingdom in 1960, to study at the Huddersfield College of Technology, now Huddersfield University, where he studied History, British Constitution and English. He returned to Barbados in 1963 and continued his teaching career at the Federal High School and the St. Leonard's Secondary School.

He was a Proof reader for a short period at the Daily News (newspaper), before he joined American Life Insurance Company as a Life Underwriter. In 1971, he founded Kay's Academy School and in the same year he entered politics as a candidate for the Barbados Labour Party. He contested the general election of that year in St. Philip South, when single member constituency was first introduced. He served as the principal of Kay's Academy until 1976, when he switched to the constituency of St. Michael South East and won.

From 1976-1981 he served as Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and the Environment and also served in the same capacity in the Ministry of Trade, Industry, Civil Aviation and Tourism. He had the privilege of working closely with the late Sir Ronald Mapp (Housing) and Sir Harold St. John (Trade and Tourism), both Ministers of Government. During this period, he acted as a Minister on several occasions in different Ministries. In 1981, after successfully regaining his seat at the General Elections, he was appointed Minister of Housing and Lands. In 1983, he was transferred to Labour and Sports and in 1985, Community Development was added to the portfolio. He served in the Cabinet of the late J. M. G. Tom Adams and when he died in 1985, he served under the late Harold St. John.

Mr. Bradshaw is the patron of football, netball, basketball and cricket all in St. Michael South East, in addition, he is the patron of the Haggatt Hall Sports and Cultural Club. He assisted in the creation of the Pinelands Development Council as well as the Pinelands Creative Workshop, of which he is also patron. All of the above-mentioned have contributed significantly to the development of culture and sports in Barbados. In 1980, he established a local rum shop called "Braddie's Bar" in Bath Village, Christ Church. Now in its 38th year, it is recognised as one of the most popular rum shops on the island. Visitors and locals alike can testify to the experience which has made it a landmark on the South Coast.

The Accolade of **COMPANION OF HONOUR** is being conferred in recognition of his outstanding contribution to political affairs and education.

**PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE
AWARD OF COMPANION OF HONOUR**

THE HON. CHESTERFIELD BREWSTER, CHB is a Co-Founder of The Maria Holder Memorial Trust together with his brother-in-law, Mr. Christopher A. Holder, SCM. Mr. Brewster is also the Vice-Chairman of the Maria Holder Memorial Trust.

Together with his son Nathaniel, Mr. Chesterfield Brewster has also co-founded The Brewster Trust which promotes football/soccer and youthful sporting initiatives in Barbados.

Mr. Holder's principal focus is in his capacity as Vice-Chairman of The Maria Holder Memorial Trust ensuring that its mission is fulfilled inclusive of the construction of the nursery schools for the Government of Barbados, assisting art and culture and improving the quality of the life of vulnerable persons primarily in Barbados whilst fulfilling other charitable initiatives in other Caribbean Islands.

As Chairman of The Brewster Trust, his main aim is to ensure that its mission is undertaken in promoting, developing and improving football in Barbados with the aim of creating opportunities at all levels especially for the youth. The Goal Bars campaign is one aspect of the philanthropic outreach and the ongoing summer camps and continued support for the Barbados Secondary Schools League.

As Chairman of, with one of his daughters, he has invested in, completely refurbished and rejuvenated Wynterbottm Stables at the Ridge, Ch. Ch. which stables horses for a H.O.R.S.E Charity programme funded through the Maria Holder Memorial Trust assisting young persons in becoming jockeys, catering to disabled interested young persons and for school children to be exposed to horses, and learn to ride.

He has a particular personal interest in agriculture and with his wife, own and operate Valley Plantation which produces cane and non-sugar crops for sale to many.

His personal desire is to be a pioneer in food security by the expansion of vegetables and other crops at Valley Plantation.

The Accolade of **COMPANION OF HONOUR** is being conferred in recognition of his outstanding philanthropic contribution, especially to the development of Sports.

PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARD OF COMPANION OF HONOUR

THE HON. DR. PETER DOUGLAS LAURIE, CHB was born in Barbados in 1944, educated at Harrison College, won a Barbados Scholarship in 1962, and studied Modern Languages and Literature at Merton College, Oxford, International Relations at UWI, St Augustine, and Political Science at the University of Toronto, where he completed his doctoral dissertation on the political and social impact of the early labour movement in Barbados.

He served thirty years in the Barbados Diplomatic Service, including posts as ambassador to the United States, Australia, China, Cuba, and Japan. He was Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1989 until he took early retirement in 1999. He was elected as a Member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in 1999, serving until 2003.

Since retiring, he has devoted most of his time to writing. He has written short stories for **BIM** and other magazines. He has written four plays, two of which won the first prize in the **Stage One** Playwriting Competition in 1999 and 2000. His first play, *Waiting*, was staged in Barbados and subsequently presented at CARIFESTA 2000 in St. Kitts/Nevis. He wrote the special multimedia presentation, *Excelebration*, for the 2002 NIFCA Awards ceremony.

He has published three children's books (illustrated by Barbadian artist Ann Dodson), a book on the Barbadian rum shop, a book on Barbados (with photographer Mike Toy), a book on the twenty-five greatest West Indies cricketers (with co-author Tony King), and a book on the street food of Barbados, all for Macmillan Caribbean.

He has published four books with Amazon, *The Joys of Weird*, a compilation of his humorous newspaper columns, *Waiting and The Confession*, two one-act plays, a *Caribbean One Pot Cook Book* with his son Christopher Laurie, and a special edition of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* for Caribbean students.

For several years after his retirement, he taught courses in speech writing and report writing for the public service.

He was a weekly columnist for the **Barbados Advocate** and then the **Sunday Sun** until 2013. He currently writes an occasional column in **Barbados Today**, the online e-paper.

He has long publicly advocated in his columns for political reform that would include the appointment of a Barbadian as head of state, greater accountability of our elected representatives, modifications to our electoral system, greater public participation in governance, and community empowerment. He has also lobbied for the creation of a world-class museum of the Transatlantic Slave Trade and Slavery in Barbados that would be a sacred memorial to our enslaved ancestors, both reflecting the inhumane treatment inflicted on them, as well as celebrating their cultural and intellectual creativity within the bleak wasteland that was slavery. Such a memorial would lead to greater understanding of our history, facilitate our continued cultural development, and promote national reconciliation and healing.

He was awarded the Barbados Gold Crown of Merit in 2001.

He is married to Pamela Thomas Laurie. They have one son, Christopher.

The Accolade of **COMPANION OF HONOUR** is being conferred in recognition of his outstanding contribution to diplomacy and the Foreign Service..

**PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE
AWARD OF HONORARY COMPANION OF HONOUR**

MRS. SUSAN MAGNIER is the daughter of Irish racehorse trainer Vincent O'Brien.

Mrs. Magnier is based at Coolmore Stud at Fethard in Country Tipperary, considered one of the world's pre-eminent stallion stations and a nursery of thoroughbreds.

Mrs. Magnier and her husband have been coming to Barbados since 1975 and feel it is their second home.

Mrs. Magnier is the Chairman and Director of The Barbados Children's Trust which was formed in 1997 by a group of mainly British and Irish friends with winter homes in Barbados.

The Trust has been working with the Director of the Child Care Board to improve the lives of children in Barbados for many years.

She is married to John Magnier and has five (5) children: Katie, Tom, John Paul (JP), Michael Vincent (MV) and Sam.

The Accolade of **HONORARY COMPANION OF HONOUR** is being conferred in recognition of her philanthropic contribution, especially in the area of child welfare.

**PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE
AWARD OF HONORARY COMPANION OF HONOUR**

MR. DERRICK ALEXANDER SMITH, was born in England, on 12th October 1944 and his second wife of thirty years, Gay, moved to Barbados 25 years ago and have made it their full time residence and home ever since. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have four children and nine grandchildren between them.

Mr. Smith has been part of the well-known Coolmore horse racing partnership for many years and during that time has enjoyed many worldwide racing successes.

He continues to show his love for horses here in Barbados by supporting his wife Gay's passion for racing at the Garrison Savannah. They own Springhead farm and surrounding land (over 600 acres) and breed and race local horses. They support the local racing fraternity not only through the employment of staff and training, but also through their annual sponsorship of the Tanglewood Stakes, a high earning and famous grade 1 stakes race for local horses. Derrick Smith has also supported the Barbados Turf Club with funds when needed for track repair and through the support

of the Sandy Lane Gold Cup. They also support many local animal charities, HORSE and the RSPCA.

Mr. Smith has a passion for most sports and recognises its value for the development, discipline, focus and growth for youth in today's society. Over the last twenty years he has annually supported several sporting events, often being the largest if not sole sponsor.

From the inception, Derrick Smith has been a significant supporter of and donor to the Barbados Community Foundation, which administers to the needs of smaller Barbadian Charities for both Children and adults. His financial support as continued up to the present time.

Recognising however, that he could make a greater impact and ultimately help more Barbadian Children, Derrick Smith became the co-founder, Grand Patron and Trustee of the Sandy Lane Charity Trust (SLCT) in 2004. This Trust has now raised and distributed in excess of 60.0 million Barbados dollars.

The health, education well-being and care of thousands of children and many communities of Barbados have all benefited greatly from the Trust and its generosity. The Trust has funded various capital building projects such as building the Sunshine Early learning Centre and John Payne School for exceptional children, the first purpose built psychiatric unit for Children (previously housed with adults) a family reception centre at the Nightingale Children's Home and the first daily respite centre for severely brain injured children. Additionally it has upgraded The Farr Children's home, the Evelina Smith Children's ward and various government educational facilities.

The Trust's work in Health is far reaching, through partnering with the island's only hospital, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and the Ministry of Health, it has identified significant areas of need due to lack of government funding. Only a fraction of the work includes purchasing equipment and paid for staff training to establish the baby hearing screening at birth, created Sandy Lane Charitable Trust hearing aid bank, distributing 50 hearing aids to children waiting in excess of 18 months , funding and administering SLCT healthy hearing missions – cochlear plant surgeries and visiting consultants providing for the children's complex hearing needs, , the funding of 90 major paediatric life changing orthopaedic surgeries. Additionally the Trust funds equipment purchases, ongoing medical supplies and medical testing costs for various paediatric departments within Barbados.

As a donor Charity SLCT also supports in excess of 45 community charities, smaller community based charities that support their local children through a variety of initiatives.

In 2013, Mr Smith appreciating that the Trust could not afford to build or support the next stage in the development of these children, offered and funded the building of a state of the art school and vocational centre for children (aged 11 and up) and adults. A facility that continued the path of functional academics, but also focused on learning independence proficiency and vocational skills eg: Horticulture, Arts and

Crafts, culinary and woodwork. This 20.0 million Barbados Dollar facility opened its doors in 2015, bearing his name and now accommodates 135 special needs students.

His determination to see improvements in the lives of under privileged children is not only supported through the work of the Trust, but through many direct donations – Auntie Olga and her fund was one of the first introductions that Derrick Smith had to this unseen world and he has continued to support her work even after her death. The purchase of a bus for the Child Care Board and the ongoing sponsorship of the Barbados Children’s Trust ensures that the lives of children in care is made as bearable as possible.

He has supported young and old through building and improvement funding for Codrington School, Barbados Historical Museum, St Winifreds School and the Almair Home for the elderly. He was the sole sponsor of the restoration of the Morgan Lewis Mill, in St Andrew, a plaque bears thanks to his donation in restoring it to full working condition.

Mr. Smith also appreciates the benefit of Music and the arts to an Island like Barbados. From inception he was a Patron of the Holders Music Festival, he supports the Tabor Music Foundation (Barbados) and several individual Musicians requiring overseas sponsorship.

His love for this island and an understanding of its limitations has also led to assistance and major funding of several significant health projects – Sponsorship of the Sick Kids (Toronto) Foundation for the Sick kids Caribbean initiative, a training and communication long term project for the treatment of cancer in children in the Caribbean.

The substantial funding of the establishment of the Barbados Cardiac Operating theatre and ward at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and the establishment of the supplies for the cardiac interventionist (the first position of its kind in Barbados). The regular platinum sponsorship of the Broadway to Barbados, also supports the initiative of improving facilities at the QEH hospital.

He is also the Founder and administrator of the Angle Investors, a small group of West coast sponsors who annually support the much needed maintenance and operation of the Sandy Crest Medical Facility in Holetown ensuring 24 medical care for the West Coast and all its inhabitants, whether local or visiting.

The Accolade of **HONORARY COMPANION OF HONOUR** is being conferred in recognition of his philanthropic contribution, especially in the area of special needs education.

PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARD OF THE GOLD CROWN OF MERIT

MR. MITCHINSON HENDERSON BECKLES, GCM was a founding member of the Barbados School of Air Traffic Services/Barbados Civil Aviation Training Centre.

He assisted with the establishment and implementation of the Environmental Policy through the Barbados Noise Abatement Procedures, which regulate the arrival and departure flight paths of aircraft at the GAIA.

He transitioned Barbados to the ICAO World Geoidic Survey 1984 (*WGS84*) for the employment of Satellite Technology. (Create the environment for the operation of the GPS Satellite Technology).

He coordinated and facilitated the implementation of the Global Navigation Satellite System Technology.

He developed proposals which dealt with the interim structures of the Civil Aviation Department which comprised:

- (a) Flight Safety
- (b) Air Navigation Services
- (c) Training
- (d) Administration

He submitted proposals which facilitated the relocation of the Civil Aviation Department to office accommodation in Terminal 1, Grantley Adams International Airport.

He made recommendations with respect to the construction of the new Civil Aviation Building at Charnocks, Christ Church now housing the Meteorological Office.

As a consequence of his intervention, a risk assessment was commissioned for the Barbados Light Aeroplane Club Hangar. This assessment recommended the retention of the hangar with specific conditionalities.

During his tenure, a study was conducted which led to the implementation of a Land Use Policy for the development of land and construction of structures at and within the environs of the GAIA and the control of structures island wide impacting aviation in Barbados. These have been incorporated into the Barbados' Physical Development Plan.

Kite Flying Procedures for Barbados were developed and implemented with his assistance.

During his tenure, the Airport facilities to control the mixing of arriving and departing passengers were upgraded and established the departure corridor to the Inter Island Terminal.

He assisted with upgrading of the Barbados Civil Aviation Medical Certification System and employed and trained a number of local Doctors as Civil Aviation Medical Examiners/Assessors.

He assisted in a study that established procedures for the simultaneous operation of Code E and F Aircraft the world's largest passenger aircraft - A380 and other aircraft.

He advanced and established a Private Aircraft Registry in Barbados.

He collaboratively designed the Controlled Airspace in the PIARCO Flight Information Region (*FIR*) in the Eastern Caribbean for the orderly operation of aircraft.

He assisted with the establishment of the Eastern Caribbean (*EI CAR*) Technical Group and assisted ICAO in the establishment of the Radar Data Sharing Task Force. He established the Barbados Performance Based Navigation Implementation Plan (*PBNIP*) and advanced the transition to Multi-lateration and new automation technologies in the provision of air traffic services.

He ensured that Barbados was in conformity with the ICAO Annex 9 and established the Prevention of the Spread of Communicable Diseases procedures and created a quarantine centre at GAIA.

He assisted with establishing and the inclusion of negotiable market based measures and a Deminimis Policy in the ICAO 38 Session Resolution on Climate Change which protected States from the unilateral imposition of charges by manufacturing states that brought the end to the dreaded Air Passenger Duty (APD) worldwide and by extension Barbados.

He was able to generate regional discussion and wide acceptance for the development of a Draft Policy and Procedures for the free movement of Aviation Professional within the CARICOM space.

He was able to initiate regional discussion and assisted with the preparation of a White Paper with the Caribbean Aviation Safety and Security Oversight System (*CASSOS*) on the establishment of a Single Airspace and an acceptable regional Air Navigation Services Agreement.

He served as a Board Member of the Caribbean Aviation Safety and Security Oversight System (*CASSOS*).

He served as a Human Resource Development Officer for the ICAO for the North America, Central America and South America ICAO, (NACC and SAM) Regions. He served as a Technical Specialist for the ICAO Communication, Navigation and Surveillance Committee for the *EjCARjSam* Regions.

He is a University of Southern California qualified Aircraft Accidents Investigator and has investigated many aircraft accidents and incidents locally and regionally.

During his tenure, he procured and implemented the current Monopulse Secondary Surveillance Radar at the GAIA for the provision of Air Traffic Services.

He also procured and implemented all the Computer Based Radar and Visual Simulators at the Barbados Civil Aviation Training Centre for the training of Air Traffic controllers.

He has been a member of the National Union of Public Workers since 1967.

He created, implemented and had included in the GAIA Hurricane Procedures Manual, a three (3) hour shutdown procedure prior to the impact of a tropical cyclone now widely adopted and employed in Barbados.

He is a Church Warden, Church Council Member and Deputy Chairman of the Bazaar Committee of the St. John's Parish Church.

The Accolade of **GOLD CROWN OF MERIT** is being conferred in recognition of his contribution to the development of Civil Aviation in Barbados.

PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARD OF THE GOLD CROWN OF MERIT

MR. RICHARD ANTHONY 'TONY' BEST, GCM is an outstanding Barbadian and regional journalist, resident in United States of America. Most Barbadians will know this highly respected journalist as Tony Best, the Nation Newspaper's correspondent in New York, who has been covering people, issues and things Barbadian and of the wider Caribbean from that North American city for many decades. His analyses on issues affecting this country were staple contributions in both the Nation publications and on Starcom Network radio.

Born in 1940, he was the only child of the late Evelyn Perkins. He grew up between Government Hill, the Ivy area, and the legendary Mapp's shop at the corner of Eagle Hall, which was owned by his father, the late entrepreneur Richard Mapp.

He attended the Combermere School, where he developed a love for writing and the humanities.

When he left Combermere and attended the Modern High School for his Sixth Form education, again his love for writing and his passion for current affairs were readily seen and appreciated by some of his teachers, including the late Sir James Tudor. Indeed, it was while at the Modern High School that he got his foray into journalism, with the school's newspaper.

That was the start of a long and distinguished career which spanned all aspects of traditional news media, from print to radio to television. Whether it was hard news coverage, sports, entertainment or the specialised areas such as health and business, Tony Best always gravitated to them.

His formal entry into journalism was at the now defunct Daily News newspaper founded and led by the late E.L. 'Jimmy' Cozier and his son Tony Cozier.

He subsequently moved to Radio Barbados, the forerunner of the Caribbean Broadcasting

Corporation, to lead its News and Current Affairs Department. It was an opportunity he grasped and made the most of. One of the highlights of his career, during that era when Barbados was still a colony of Britain, was covering the Constitutional Conference in London to report daily on the events there and, consequently, to be able to announce to the public that Barbados was gaining its independence on November 30, 1966. Interestingly, the other Barbadian to cover that historic conference was now Sir David Simmons who did so for the competing station, Barbados Rediffusion.

It was soon after Independence that Mr. Best decided to seek new opportunities. He moved to New York City in 1968. He did not go into journalism but stayed on the fringe. He worked in public relations at Chase Manhattan Bank in New York and also as a senior writer and subsequently National Director of Field Services of the Children's Television Workshop, the company that created and produced the world famous television series "Sesame Street" and "The Electric Company".

A graduate of Pace University in New York, Mr. Best was awarded a Bachelor's degree in professional studies in 1976.

Mr. Best returned to Barbados in the late 1970s to serve as General Manager of the Caribbean Broadcasting Corporation before returning to New York City.

He took up the position of North American Editor of the Nation Newspaper, a position he held until his retirement in 2007. During that period he covered the United Nations, the Organisation of American States and the politics of the United States with Caribbean

implications. His feature articles on Black History, the church, immigration, the courts, business and entrepreneurship have not only been widely read but have been cited in the US Congressional Record by members of the US House of Representatives. Mr. Best is still being requested by the Editors of the Nation to write for its various publications, making him the longest continuous serving Barbadian journalist alive.

Most Barbadians have read some of the most significant developments about what happened in their homeland from reports done by Tony Best. They were very few of the country's Prime Ministers, Ministers of Foreign Affairs or people who held significant positions that he had not interviewed.

Despite his hectic journalistic demands, Mr. Best still found the time to contribute to many worthwhile causes and issues. He has worked with family planning associations including at the international level and has been very involved in issues related to the maritime economy, particularly that of whaling. Indeed, he can be considered one of the few journalists in the Caribbean with an expert grasp of these two issues.

Mr. Best has been recognised, honoured and has served a long list of community, City and State organisations in the United States including the Caribbean Women's Association in New York; the Community Advisory Board of the Inter-Faith Medical Centre in Brooklyn; Vice President of the Caribbean Broadcasters Association; member of the Board of the 51-nation Commonwealth Broadcasting Association with headquarters in London. He served as the Chief Judge of the United Nations Population Awards in the Caribbean and was the founding president of the Caribbean Media Association in the U.S. He has received more than 40 awards and citations for his work and community activities.

In 2016 the Cave Hill campus of the University of the West Indies bestowed him with an honorary doctorate for his significant contribution to journalism.

The Accolade of **GOLD CROWN OF MERIT** is being conferred in recognition of his meritorious service in journalism.

**PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE
AWARD OF THE GOLD CROWN OF MERIT**

MR. HARESH NATHURMAL THANI, GCM, MBBS, FRCS, affectionately known to the department as HT, came to the A&E Department at a time in its development from a Casualty where patients were seen and rushed upstairs, to the present critical care stabilization- based Emergency department. His vision for the department was to make it the best in the Caribbean in all facets of patient care. He has paved the way forward with no thought for himself and constantly strove to make improvements in the infrastructure and the training of all staff, both paramedical and medical.

Mr. Thani quickly realized that the sweeping change in Information Technology in the 90s would have its impact in improving patient care. Therefore, he spearheaded the computerization of the A&E department along with the change from the Casualty card system to the current patient record. This foresight has facilitated many Research projects and allowed for analysis of patient flow and treatment. Many of the current improvements seen in the A&E department are based on these analyses -from the allocation of staff on rota to better management of both trauma and non-trauma conditions.

His true passion is Mass Casualty Management, where he was the driving force behind the response to major incidents where medical staff is mobilized to the scene. This allows treatment of the injured to be started based on the prioritization of their acuity and allows only those requiring Tertiary care to be sent to the hospital. He has impacted all spheres of Mass Casualty Management from the Ministry of Health, Department of Emergency Management and First responders-Emergency Ambulance, Fire and Police.

Mr. Thani was also mindful of the Post Traumatic Stress that would affect Junior Staff in the Department and would selflessly come in to give support to anyone whose coping mechanisms were at breaking point. He initiated the input of the Psychiatry unit in counseling the Staff after events that affected them in any adverse manner. Certainly he has played a significant role shaping the A&E department and has been a key contributor in our success in all facets in Emergency care. He was never too busy to listen to the staff's problems, aspirations and ideas whether work or home related. He is a person that you would naturally rely on for help, encouragement and fostering of your new ideas.

Mr. Thani, a Surgeon and Emergency Medicine specialist at heart, never balked at having to learn new concepts in the Specialty. He prided himself in tackling complex cases as they presented to the department and would quickly rally the forces to give the best care to the patient.

His love for the A&E department caused him to "jump in head first" and "swimming" would come afterwards. His pioneering leadership, professionalism, caring and avant garde attitude have been the backbone of one of the best Emergency Care delivery departments in the Caribbean.

The Accolade of **GOLD CROWN OF MERIT** is being conferred in recognition of his contribution to emergency medicine.

PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARD OF THE GOLD CROWN OF MERIT

MR. ROBERT CHARLES DAVID TIBBITS, GCM, BSc. (Hons), FCA, JP, is Managing Director of Tax and Consultancy Services Ltd a position he took up after retiring in 2008 from the East Caribbean practice of one of the Big Four accounting firms where he was a Partner from 1998.

He was Chairman of the Tax Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Barbados between 1994-1999 and played a pivotal role conveying the concerns of the business community over the introduction of VAT into Barbados in 1997. He is a former Director of the Barbados National Bank.

He is a Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Barbados.

The Accolade of **GOLD CROWN OF MERIT** is being conferred in recognition of his contribution to the Accounting and Financial Sectors.

PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARD OF THE SILVER CROWN OF MERIT

MRS. ARDYCE KATHELINA BOLDEN, SCM is the daughter of the late Mr. James Foster and Alain Clothilda Jones of Westbury Road, St. Michael and Mother of Cheryll and Carolyn of the U.S.A.

She attended the St Patrick's Roman Catholic School and later went on to England to study Nursing.

She completed her Doctorate in Cosmetology at Dudley,s University, U.S.A. and also undertook studies at Christine Valmy International School of Skin Care and Aesthetics in N.Y., Grace International School of Cosmetology. N.Y. She has attended several seminars and workshops locally and internationally

She also worked at Marriott's Sam Lord's Castle as Secretary to the General Manager, Reservations Manager and Front Office Manager.

Ardyce's House of Beauty was opened in 1982, and she was the exclusive distributor of Gro-Aid Hair Products. She founded Ardyce's International School of Cosmetology and Aesthetics in 1990 and trained hundreds of students locally and regionally, some of whom are now successful entrepreneurs.

She has served as Judge to several hair and beauty competitions.

She loves dancing and is a member of Genesis Dance Studio where she does a variety of dances. She is a member of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church and St. Patrick's Old Scholars Association.

The Accolade of **SILVER CROWN OF MERIT** is being conferred in recognition of his contribution to indigenous enterprise in training and cosmetology.

PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARD OF THE SILVER CROWN OF MERIT

MR. WILLIAM LINDSAY ALEXANDER HINDS, SCM, BSc, UWI Cave Hill, MSc, Reading UK was born in Barbados on 3rd February, 1961 and received his secondary education at Harrison College, Barbados. Mr. Hinds studied at Cave Hill, Campus of the University of the West Indies where he obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Natural Science. He was awarded a British Government Chevening Scholarship in 1984 where he gained a MSc in Alternate Energy which covers all areas of Alternate Energy.

On returning to Barbados he worked as Project Engineer Barbados Wind Power Project at Lamberts, St. Lucy (1988-1990), Project Engineer for national project geared at establishing grid connection wind systems. This project included the development of PPA, Grid stability studies, wind resource mapping on site selection. The Barbados Project was the largest wind turbine in the Caribbean in the 80s.

As the Project Manager Solar Programme, UWI - Cave Hill (1996-2001) he developed and managed Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) Solar Dryer Program. He designed an industrial solar dryer capable of drying 11-tonnes of Onions.

He developed and taught PV installation courses to over 100 participants from four Caribbean countries. He conceptualized and designed multimillion dollar regional renewable energy projects which attracted support from over 13 Caribbean countries and the Global Environmental Facility. This project evolved into the Caribbean Renewable Energy Development Project which is based at the CARICOM Secretariat.

He designed and built several PV (Total 20 kW) systems including 11 kW solar ice plant providing Ice for Fishermen at Skeete's Bay. This was the first Solar Ice Plant in the Island.

He built Barbados' first solar powered house which is on display in Queen Park which motivated 100s of Barbadian/businesses and householders to get Photovoltaic systems into their homes and are now selling to the BL&P Grid.

Mr. Hinds built the Caribbean's First Solar powered 10-seater Shuttle which gave free rides to tourists, school children and Barbadians to Heritage Sights around Bridgetown.

He was invited to send this Shuttle to Trinidad by the Trinidad and Tobago Government who paid for its transportation there. BICO's photovoltaic system was designed and supervised by Mr. Hinds. Several Barbadian businesses have done the same.

Mr. Hinds is well known throughout the Caribbean as the Barbadian who has pioneered Alternate Energy.

The Accolade of **SILVER CROWN OF MERIT** is being conferred in recognition of his contribution to innovation in the area of alternate energy.

PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARD OF THE SILVER CROWN OF MERIT

MS. KERRYANN FENELLE IFILL, SCM born in December 20, 1973 is the only daughter of Joyce Ifill and the Late Terrence King. Having lost her sight at the age of five, her life has gone on to be a testimony to God's perfect plans for our life despite our own imperfect understanding of his working.

First coming to public attention at the age of 6 in the International Year of the Disabled's stamp issue, she graced the 10¢ stamp. At the age of 14, she gained public recognition as the first totally blind child to enter the Combermere Secondary School where she spent the next six years as a fully participating student in the various activities of the school.

After leaving Combermere, Ms. Ifill enrolled at the Cave Hill Campus of the University of the West Indies graduating in 1999 with an Upper Second Class Honours in Sociology and Psychology. Her academic pursuits saw her enrolling in the Masters of Business Administration programme of the Durham Business School in 2003 completing her studies in 2006.

Professionally, she has worked with the Women in Development Programme, Parent Education for Development in Barbados and also spent 10 years on the staff of the Barbados Council for the Disabled (BCD) – the non-governmental umbrella body for

several organizations related to persons with disabilities. At BCD, she engaged in research and project coordination with duties spanning media relations, website management and provided support for administrative projects. She also undertook part-time work as a tutor with the online programme of the University of the West Indies, Open Campus.

In 2010, she left the Council to undertake a consultancy with the National Disabilities Unit facilitating the Technology Services for the Blind and Visually impaired programme. The programme provides instruction for persons who are visually impaired in the use of a variety of Assistive Technology tools.

In 2008, Ms. Ifill was appointed to the Senate of Barbados and subsequently elected to serve as the Deputy President of the Senate. Due to the illness of her predecessor, she was later appointed as President in March of 2012. She became the youngest person to hold this post as well as the first female and the only person with a disability to serve in the office.

Among her other duties, Ms. Ifill has travelled extensively participating in a series of regional and international conferences; most notably as part of the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai Japan. She participated in the Inaugural Parliamentarians with Disabilities conference in Halifax Nova Scotia and served as moderator on one of the panel discussions. She also participated in several regional and panel discussions most significantly at a meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Union meeting of global presiding officers and several panels at the United Nations Conference of States Parties on the CRPD. In addition she serves on several committees. She is currently a director of the Barbados Council for the Disabled after serving her allotted two terms as president. She is the current Chairperson of the CARICOM Advisory Panel on Disabilities, President of the National United Society of the Blind and President of the Caribbean Council for the Blind. She is also the focal person on the Treaty of Marrakesh in the English Speaking Caribbean. She is also the Alternate Synod representative and Sunday School Superintendent of the Anglican Church of the Resurrection. Ms. Ifill, in her capacity as President of the Senate, has worked assiduously to firmly establish the Barbados National Youth Parliament.

In her spare time, Ms. Ifill works out at the gym, enjoys crochet, keeping up with current affairs, reading, singing and socializing. She has a deep love for children and to date has seven God Children.

The Accolade of **SILVER CROWN OF MERIT** is being conferred in recognition of her advocacy for the rights of the persons with disabilities and her contribution to civil society.

**PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE
AWARD OF THE SILVER CROWN OF MERIT**

MR. ROBERT MALCOLM PEIRCE, SCM was born on 28th June, 1974 to Thomas “Tommy” Peirce and his wife Andrea. He credits his early interest in horses to his father Tommy, who like his father, T. Noel Peirce, before him, was an avid race fan, horse owner and member and Director of the Barbados Turf Club.

Mr. Peirce is the youngest brother of Victoria and James. He and his wife Rosette have two children, Andrew their first born and Danielle.

Also instrumental in Mr. Peirce’s keen love for horses was Challenor “Chally” Jones MBE, retired jockey and horse trainer. Being neighbours, he grew up with Chally’s son, Jonathan Jones, who went on to be an accomplished jockey himself. Completing that trio of young horsemen was Canadian based and Sovereign Award winning jockey Patrick “Bowmel” Husbands, BSS.

Mr. Peirce attended college in Canada and on his return to Barbados got a “normal” job with the Barbados Lottery but his passion for horses and horseracing could not be denied. He applied for and secured his trainer’s license in 1995 and by the time he saddled his 5th start on 24th February 1996, he had his first win as a Trainer with the Robert Peirce owned and trained SKYLARK.

Mrs. Pamela Marshall encouraged her husband the legendary trainer W. C “Bill” Marshall, to hire Mr. Peirce as an assistant trainer, an opportunity which he readily accepted and as they say the rest is history.

He went on to learn all he could from the master himself and following Mr. Marshall’s death he had earned the confidence of many other owners and again branched off on his own. To date, he has won the Sandy Lane Barbados Gold Cup four times as well as many other prestigious races on the Barbados Turf Club’s annual stakes calendar.

Having won the title of Champion Trainer in Barbados, Trainer Peirce decided that it was time to spread his wings so to speak. In 2009 he took his Gold Cup winning horse DAYLIGHT EXPRESS to Canada to compete in the internationally acclaimed Woodbine Mile. Following a credible performance in that race Peirce went on to win 13 races at Woodbine for Barbados based owners.

On his return to Barbados in 2012 he needed to regroup as his previous owners had settled in with new trainers in his absence so, he figured it was time to give back to the industry he loved. Mrs. Monique Archer, founder of HORSE charity was actively looking for someone to assist her with the rapidly growing charitable works which she was doing to save and rehabilitate neglected and suffering horses in Barbados. Mr. Peirce proved to be the right man for the job.

Mr. Peirce embraced his new role with the Charity but his determination to reclaim his position as a top trainer did not wane and by 2016 he was once again on top of his game, claiming back to back victories in the Sandy Lane Barbados Gold Cup with the Steve and Allan Madoo owned DORSETT who also went on to be horse of the year in 2017 and making Steve and Allan Madoo champion owners with their small stable.

At the same time, Monique's vision for the Charity grew from strength to strength and with him ably assisting her, the Charity is now home to a jockey school, fifteen rescued horses and part of the programme includes weekly visits and participation from students of the School House and Learning Centre.

Mr. Peirce has also worked with troubled young men at the HMP Dodds and is assisting the Government Industrial School in establishing a stable where they can keep their own horse at their facility.

At least forty young people with hopes and dreams of becoming part of the horse racing industry attend and are taught weekly by Mr. Peirce in various aspects of the industry such as, grooming, riding and horse management.

To date, a number of his students have graduated from the programme and have gone on to become grooms, exercise riders and jockeys both locally and abroad.

With the help of The Maria Holder Memorial Trust the HORSE Charity continues to play its part in developing and nurturing the youth of Barbados.

The Accolade of **SILVER CROWN OF MERIT** is being conferred in recognition of his humanitarian work, especially with under-privileged youth and his contribution to the horseracing industry.

PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARD OF THE BARBADOS SERVICE STAR

MR. VICTOR ALFRED CHEESEMAN, BSS wanted nothing more than to be a groom. This however did not sit very well with his father who would discipline whenever he went to the Garrison. His father even went as far as to get him a job making coffins, but Victor's mind was just on horses. Eventually his dad gave up and accepted that his son was determined to become a groom and nothing he could do would change that. Sadly his dad passed before he could see his determined son take the big plunge and became a trainer, not just a Trainer but a multiple Champion Trainer.

For 18 years Victor has been training horses. Debbie Hughes is credited with seeing that Victor had talent and persuading him to obtain his trainers license. She eventually gave him two high spirited horses Verb and Vim, but he was able to handle them.

Victor's first win was from his very own horse Serina, indeed his horses placed first and second in the same race.

He later went on to win many championship races such as the 2004 Tanglewoods with Secret Prince and his stable mate Sugar Daddy running second.

He also won the 2006 Spa Sprint with Morethanawoman and again The Tanglewoods title in 2013 with the very popular Aston Martin. The 2013 Guineas and Midsummer Classic with Nekitta and the 2013 Fillies Guineas and Michael Parravicino with Vanity Affair which saw him win his first of many Trainers titles.

In 2014 he again repeated his Trainers Championship and some of his achievements of that year were in the Michael Parravicino with John Vere, The Grandstand Posse Fillies Guineas with Princess Di his hat-trick of Derby victories started in 2014 with Voldemort. Sirius Black won The Saleh and Khatija Mohamad Memorial Trophy of that year.

The hat-trick of Championships continued in 2015, he again was successful in The Michael Parravicino this time with Poetic Licence, The Grandstand Posse Fillies Guineas with Poetic Licence. Poetic Licence again gives him a Classic win this time in the Barbados Guineas, his second Derby triumph was with Poetic Licence and he won The BTBA Breeders Sprint with Sirius Black.

In 2016 some of his achievements were in The Coolmore Home Of Champions Stakes with Just A Fashion where he ran 1st and 2nd with Sirius Black coming 2nd. On Gold Cup Day he achieved five (5) winners including The Spa Sprint and The Tanglewood Stakes. His most loved horse Northern Star went in to be the horse of the year in 2016. This horse was again was in the winners' circle in The BTBA Breeders Stakes, The Pinnacle Feeds Midsummer Classic, Massy United Insurance Derby and Brydens Stokes BTBA Breeders Classic. Sirius Black again repeated in The BTBA Breeders Sprint. The Ansa McAl of that year were Just A Fashion was victorious for Victor.

The Michael Parravicino in 2017 he saw his champion filly Fleurette float to victory, and he also won with his filly in The Grandstand Posse Classic Trial and Barbados Guineas. Gold Cup Day of that same year he won four (4) races including The Tanglewoods. In the 2nd season of 2017 Victor won The Saleh And Khatija Mohamad Memorial Trophy with Northern Star then the BTBA Sprint with his home Breed owned and Trained Super Horse Northern Star.

The 3rd season was no different for Northern Star Victor's Trained Champion continue by winning the Super Lotto Breeders Classic then in December The Sales Graduates' Championship was won by Victor with Northern Star. By the end of the year Victor was crowned Champion Trainer for the 5th straight year but this time as the Bajan saying 'goes by the "skin of his teet" a mere \$394.00.

In 2018 he continued where he left off in 2017 with his Champion horse Northern Star winning the Coolmore "Home Of Champions" with Northern Star he repeated on Gold Cup Day in the Tanglewood Stakes. Victor started to control the 3 year olds Classics in winning the Grandstand Posse Classic Trial with Brave Star, he started the Triple Crown series in winning the 68th running of the Barbados Guineas with Gandalf and continued it in the Pinnacle Midsummer Creole Classic.

The Accolade of the **BARBADOS SERVICE STAR** is being conferred in recognition of his contribution to the horseracing industry as a Champion Trainer.

PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARD OF THE BARBADOS SERVICE STAR

MR. MITCHELL ANDERSON CLARKE, BSS was born in Barbados on June 20, 1951 and received his secondary education at the St Leonard's Boys and Metropolitan High Schools. Mr. Clarke later entered the nursing profession as a student nurse at the Barbados Mental Hospital on September 1, 1969.

He obtained the highest aggregate of marks in the Intermediate examination and completed his finals in Mental Nursing in October 1972.

Mr. Clarke commenced his General Nursing studies at the Tercentenary School of Nursing in 1974 and graduated in 1976, receiving the award for the student with the highest aggregate of marks in the General Nursing Council's examination.

In 1985, Mr. Clarke entered the University of the West Indies (UWI) to pursue the Certificate in Community Health and graduated as the most outstanding student in the programme.

He received a PAHO/WHO fellowship in 1988 and pursued the Certificate in Nursing Administration programme at UWI Mona, Jamaica. He completed the programme in 1989. He returned to UWI, Mona in 1992 and completed the BSc in Nursing Administration, graduating with second-class honors in 1993.

Mr. Clarke obtained a Master of Arts Degree in Education and Developmental Psychology (1997) from Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, USA.

In 2001 he also had an attachment at Howard University, Washington, DC, where he worked in the office of the Director of Nursing.

Mr. Clarke has held various nursing positions during his nursing career. Among them is Staff Nurse, Community Psychiatric Nurse, Nursing Officer, Senior Nursing Officer, Tutor, Deputy, and Principal Nursing Officer. His final appointment in the Public Service was that of Chief Nursing Officer from 2002 to 2012.

During his tenure as Chief Nursing Officer, he presented several papers at regional and international conferences. He spearheaded the Development of the Barbados National Strategic Plan for Nursing Services 2004-2012, "Excellence in Nursing through Empowerment of Citizens." As a result, Barbados was regarded highly at the regional and international levels, and the document acclaimed as the first of its kind in the region.

He also worked closely on the drafting of the development of the Nurses Act 2008, which at that time was the most recent Nurses Legislation in the Caribbean.

Also as Chief Nursing Officer, Mr. Clarke was instrumental in negotiating and facilitating students from the Emory University, Atlanta Georgia, the University of Kingston, London, UK and Duke University, USA, respectively, in gaining valuable nursing experience in Public Health and the Obstetrics department of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

In Barbados and beyond, Mr. Clarke also represented various nursing organizations. He was Chairman of the Regional Nursing Body, Chairman of the Nursing Council of Barbados, Chairman of the Assessment Committee and a Member of the Examination and Complaints Committee of the Nursing Council of Barbados.

He also served on the National Council of Substance Abuse from 1998-2002 and recently, the Barbados Drug Formulary Committee.

Mr. Clarke was also a member of the Advisory Board of the Health Sciences Division of the Barbados Community College from 1999-2012.

He is a longstanding member of the Barbados Nurses Association since 1974 and became an Honorary Member in 2016.

In 2005, Mr. Clarke was inducted into the Honor Society of Nursing *Sigma Theta Tau* International.

In 2007, he became a member of the Commonwealth Steering Committee for Nurses and Midwives.

Mr. Clarke has served as Treasurer of the Caribbean Nurses Organisation from 2014 to 2016. He also assisted in the development of the BSC Nursing Programme at the University of the Southern Caribbean, Trinidad.

Mr. Clarke remains very active in the Health and Temperance department of his church where he presents lectures and organizes community programs on health-related issues that impact the well-being of persons in Barbados and the region.

The Accolade of the **BARBADOS SERVICE STAR** is being conferred in recognition of his contribution to the health services, especially the nursing profession.

PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARD OF THE BARBADOS SERVICE STAR

MRS. WILMA ERNESTA CLARKE, BSS has devoted her life to education and public service. Mrs. Clarke was born in Barbados on 17th October, 1937. She won a Vestry Scholarship to attend the St. Michael's Girls' School, and later continued her advanced level studies at Queen's College. She was among the first graduates of the

University of the West Indies in Barbados in 1966, earning a Bachelor's degree (General Honours) in History and Economics. She later successfully completed the Diploma in Education in 1975 and the Certificate in Education Administration and Management in 1981.

Mrs. Clarke was in the teaching service for 40 years. She spent most of her teaching career at the St. Leonard's Girls School - first as a teacher, then Head of the General Studies Department, and later Principal of the school from 1987 until its closure and her retirement in 1997. She also served as the Deputy Principal at Springer Memorial Secondary School for 4 years from 1983 to 1987. During her outstanding tenure at both schools, she helped mould the lives of thousands of young girls and has been lauded by countless former students for her inspiration, encouragement, discipline and teaching skills.

During Mrs. Clarke's tenure, St. Leonard's enjoyed considerable success in examination results, singing and Arts and Craft, and established a strong remedial programme. Besides these academic achievements, the St. Leonard's graduation programmes, which were scripted and directed by Mrs. Clarke, were renowned throughout Barbados and were consistently broadcast nationwide by 'Auntie Olga' on the then Barbados Redifussion. Mrs. Clarke was also an active member of the Barbados Association of Principals of Public Secondary Schools, and helped institute the annual Prefects Seminar, bringing together prefects from across secondary schools for leadership and personal development training.

Mrs. Clarke has also been extremely active in cultural and community work. She was a longstanding member of the Girl Guide Association, as a Guide, Guider and District Commissioner for decades. She also served as the Guide Advisor on Cultural and Ceremonial Affairs, leading the Guide contingent in the Independence Parade for many years, and coordinating several Guide ceremonies and cultural presentations. She is a talented singer and actress, and was formerly a member of the Festival Choir, where she performed in many Bimshire productions. She has continued to work in drama by assisting the church in dramatic presentations for church organisations and the Sunday School.

Since her retirement in 1997, Mrs. Clarke has increased her work in the church. She is an active member of the St. Leonard's Anglican Church, where she is a member of the Parochial Church Council, the Mothers' Union (Assistant Secretary), and a teacher in the community after-school programme Wednesday Windows, which offers tutoring for students from the church and surrounding community. She was Co-ordinator of the church's Vacation Bible School from 2004-2014, and still continues to assist with the planning and delivery of that programme.

Mrs. Clarke has also remained active in wider public service work since her retirement. She was the CTUSAB representative on the Springer Memorial Board up to 2013, and has been a member of the Prison Advisory Board for several consecutive terms across administrations, from the early 2000s to 2018.

Mrs. Clarke has been an amputee since July 2015, but this has not deterred her from making her contribution to society, so she has remained active in her community and

public service activities.

Mrs. Clarke was presented with an award for her outstanding contribution to education by the Ministry of Education in 1998. She also received the UWI Guild of Graduates' Jubilee Award in 1999 in recognition of her outstanding contribution to society. Mrs. Clarke was also presented with a 75th anniversary award from the Girl Guide Association in appreciation for her service; a 2016 award from DCW Productions for her contribution to motherhood; and the 2018 Grace Bailey Award from the Soroptimist International of Jamestown for her service to youth in education.

Mrs. Clarke is a productive and committed member of society who has touched the lives of many.

The Accolade of the **BARBADOS SERVICE STAR** is being conferred in recognition of her contribution to education.

PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARD OF THE BARBADOS SERVICE STAR

MRS. BERNADETTE ALEXANDRINE HARRIS, BSS was born on November 26, 1950.

In 1967 Mrs. Harris graduated from the St Leonard's Secondary Girls School. In 1968 she commenced the General Nurse training at the Tercentenary School of Nursing. Three years later she graduated at the top of her class with the highest marks in surgery and medical nursing practice.

From 1971 until 1992 she was assigned as a Staff Nurse on wards C6, A5, Recovery Room, and Surgical Intensive Care Unit where she was the pioneer Nurse for both surgical and the neurosurgical aspects. In 1998 she became a Senior Sister and was responsible for restructuring the Nursing Service into four directorates, a process of decentralizing the four departments. In 2004 the hospital transitioned from the Ministry of Health to a statutory board and she became the first Director of Nursing Services. As director, she initiated the writing of formal reports on falls, pressure ulcers and on recruitment and retention.

Her studies and training have been wide and varied and include; 1977 Midwifery; 1988 Burns Nursing in Boston at Massachusetts General Hospital; 1994 Open Heart Surgical Nursing, Cardiac Surgical Nursing Management, Conflict Management, Basic Principles of Ward Administration; 1998 Advanced Nursing Administration with Honours in Jamaica; 1999 Certificate in Management Information System, Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Jamaica and 2002 Law for Health

Professionals.

Mrs. Harris has contributed to numerous committees including Stroke Management, Turn Team, Abuse Action for Working Groups.

She was a member of the Sick Kids International Initiative working group, a member of the Nursing Council of Barbados which was instrumental in the revision of the 2008 Nurses' Act.

She was a member of the committee which compiled the "Barbados National Strategic Plan for Nursing Services 2004-2012.

She additionally was a member of the committee which produced the booklet the "Caribbean HIV and Aids Pocket Guide for Nurses" published in 2006.

Mrs. Harris was Director of Nursing and contributed forty-six years of outstanding nursing practice to the Nursing Profession. She is the mother of three (3) children and grandmother of one. Her hobbies are gardening, reading, and listening to music. She worships at the James Street Methodist Church and is an active member.

Mrs. Bernadette Alexandrine Harris is recommended for the award of Barbados 'Service Award.

The Accolade of the **BARBADOS SERVICE STAR** is being conferred in recognition of her contribution to the nursing profession.

PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARD OF THE BARBADOS SERVICE STAR

MRS. HEATHER ROSETTE WILLIAMS, BSS was born on June 11, 1957. She grew up in Church Village, Christ Church. She received her secondary education at the Unique High School.

Shortly after completing her education, Mrs. Williams started working during the crop season on a plantation, where she planted, toiled and loaded canes. It was very strenuous, especially for a female in those early years, but nonetheless, Mrs. Williams dedicated herself to her work.

Years later, she worked for the late Jeanette Layne-Clark where she honed and built on her love for the English Language and learning as a whole. Mrs. Layne-Clarke encouraged her to follow her dreams and helped guide her towards her dream of becoming a teacher.

Mrs. Williams went on and did an entry examination where she came second overall and secured a permanent job as a Government Security Guard. Through these years Mrs. Williams was exposed to many work environments but those that were most rewarding were her assignments at primary schools. She observed how teachers executed their duties - teaching, mentoring, administrative and of course disciplinary. Mrs. Williams enrolled at the Urban Adult College and did CXC's and in September 1997 she moved on from the grey and black security guard uniform and entered the Christ Church Girls School as a teacher. Tears of joy flowed. She was finally fulfilling her lifelong dream to be a teacher.

So today, 21 years later, she is Erdiston Teacher trained and has a Bachelor's Degree. In 2004, she was assigned to the Wesley Hall Junior School where she is still in the business of teaching and learning.

She is a very dedicated public officer who gives 100% every day in the classroom as she executes her duties. She is courteous, professional and enthusiastic. She has taught hundreds of children, some of whom are very successful people today. The few times she missed school over these 20 plus years were unavoidable, for her teaching is everything.

Outside of school, Mrs. Williams is an excellent alto singer and a member of the Celestial Voices, an inter-denominational choir. She is an avid reader, an intellectual and a holistic phenomenal lady. She is living her destiny which started in the canefield and continues now in the classroom.

Her principal at Wesley Hall Junior has endorsed the sentiments expressed in this biography. He has indicated that she is a very dedicated, committed, caring, kind and industrious teacher who has the interest of the students at heart. He has given support to the recommendation for the Barbados Service Award.

The Accolade of the **BARBADOS SERVICE STAR** is being conferred in recognition of her contribution to education.

PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARD OF THE BARBADOS SERVICE MEDAL

MR. VICTOR SYLVESTER AYMES, BSM grew up in the Pine, St. Michael which is known for its close community spirit. It is that same spirit that shaped Mr. Aymes' up-bringing and love for his fellow-man. After seeing and living a life of lack he made a conscious decision to rise above his circumstance and also to give back to his community and anyone else who needed help.

Unable to offer financial assistance Mr. Aymes channeled his energies into volunteer work through charitable organizations. He has organized community programmes like sports, food drives and clean-up campaigns.

Although he is not a trained speaker, Mr. Aymes is known to be a motivational speaker among the youth and his peers. He can be seen imparting his extensive knowledge and experience to the men on the block.

In an effort at self-improvement, Mr. Aymes started his construction company through which he hires some of the same young men he mentors. Mr. Aymes believes in “paying it forward”, as he does not expect financial remuneration for his efforts, he is happy knowing that he has assisted someone in need. It is his hope that persons whom he has assisted will be able to “pay it forward”.

The Accolade of the **BARBADOS SERVICE MEDAL** is being conferred in recognition his contribution to community development and youth affairs.

PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARD OF THE BARBADOS SERVICE MEDAL

MRS. BERYL BRIDGEMAN, BSM has been a community activist for several decades. “Bridgie” as she is affectionately called has a genuinely strong love for helping others, especially the elderly. She is well respected amongst her peers and can often be heard giving advice to the younger ladies. She can regale you with stories of when she was younger and pursuing the community projects.

Despite her age “Bridgie” can often be seen amongst the young people and is usually greeted with hugs and kisses. Sometimes you might hear one of the young men saying to another, "wait what you doing hugging her, come Bridgie". She loves to socialize and attends many community events and programmes.

The Accolade of the **BARBADOS SERVICE MEDAL** is being conferred in recognition her contribution to community development and elder affairs.

PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARD OF THE BARBADOS SERVICE MEDAL

REV. DR. MARGARET EVERSLEY, BSM, PhD, MA, BA was born on November 7th, 1945 in the parish of St. George. Her early formal education commenced at the Workman's Primary School, continued to the St. George Girls' school and then to Arlington Secondary.

At the age of 13, she became a committed member of the Church of the Nazarene, Newbury, St. George. This led to her appointment as a teacher in the Sunday School and the annual Vacation Bible School. Her development in the Church of the

Nazarene continued into marriage to Scoffield Eversley, one of the pastors in the same denomination, now retired.

As the wife of a Pastor, she wore many hats both in the local church and on the District level which embraced all the Nazarene churches in Barbados. She served as Vice President and President of the Missions Department for the district. As District Sunday School Director, her initiatives included the first camp for children, quiz for children and other activities which helped to hone the talents of the young ones. In the local church she was also involved in creative writing of plays and skits for church programmes, satisfying her passion for drama.

Her contribution to the Church of the Nazarene took on a new dimension when she assumed the responsibility of Pastor of the Rock Hall Church of the Nazarene. Her intuitive abilities contributed to the physical transformation of the building and an increase in all ages in attendance.

It must be noted that her service to the church went beyond Barbados. She was an elected member of the Board of Trustees of the Caribbean Nazarene College. In 1993, the Global Church of the Nazarene elected her as the Representative for the Caribbean on that Board, a position that was held for ten (10) years.

In 1973, her life took a paradigm shift when she courageously challenged the status quo of the Church of the Nazarene in Barbados in relation to its policy that wives of Pastors could not work in the secular field. She was assigned to St. John the Baptist Mixed School in April of 1973. This school was later amalgamated with the St. John the Baptist Infant school to form the West Terrace Primary. Thus, she set the trend for wives of Pastors to seek employment in their chosen fields.

Her greatest passion in education was for the children with academic challenges. This was displayed in her roles as teacher and Acting Senior Teacher at the West Terrace Primary, Acting Senior teacher at Deacon's Primary, Acting Senior Teacher at Eden Lodge Primary, Acting Senior Teacher at South District Primary and Acting Principal at Workman's Primary where her first entrance to formal education began. She was appointed Principal of South District Primary in 1998, a position she held until 2005 when she took early retirement and joined her husband who, at the time, was the President of the Caribbean Nazarene College located in Trinidad.

Her transition from primary level education to tertiary level presented few challenges as she was intensely engaged in her passion to make an indelible impression on the lives of the young and adult students. She held positions as Administrator, Dean of Student services, College Chaplain and Hospitality Coordinator. She was an integral member of the committee that worked with the Accreditation process of the College, thus contributing to the successful accreditation of the Caribbean Nazarene College with the Trinidad and Tobago Accreditation Council.

Rev. Dr. Margaret Eversley and her husband Rev. Dr. Scoffield Eversley BSS were married on April 2nd, 1966. They are the proud parents of David Leon, Carlos Lincoln, and Trudy Kathy-Ann, grandparents of Trudy Leesa and great grandparents of Ella Kathleen Russell.

The Accolade of the **BARBADOS SERVICE MEDAL** is being conferred in recognition her contribution to the teaching profession and her dedicated service to the Church of the Nazarene.

PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARD OF THE BARBADOS SERVICE MEDAL

MR. LORENZO RONALDO HAREWOOD, BSM was born on January 3, 1986 and raised in the rural village of Sayers Court, Christ Church; a place where he has nurtured a passion for community development and innovative approaches to addressing today's issues over the years.

From his humble beginnings, being the son of a loving fish vendor for a mother and ever-guiding police officer for a father, he has dedicated much of his time to helping others in need where possible.

Some of his notable community engagements over the years include hosting of the Sayers Court Annual DJ Competition from 2006 – 2010; conducting a free tutoring programme for student of the area in 2007 and countless other engagements which he prefers not to mention as he believes that charitable deeds are not meant to be advertisements.

His early education was at Foundation School, he then went on to study at Barbados Community College, then UWI where he specialized in the disciplines of Economics and Management.

He has a broad experience of work in various sectors. Of note, are his engagements at the United Nations Development Programme (2014 - 2018) and most recently starting up his consultancy, South-South Development Consultancy, where he is currently Lead Consultant, developing the Implementation Plan for the Barbados National Energy Policy and providing implementation support to clients with other international development projects. He credits his passion for the Environment to the UNDP and the exceptional staff complement at that institution.

He is Bajan from birth but a CARICOM National at heart, evidenced by his marriage to his lovely Jamaican wife Renae Harewood.

Mr. Harewood continues to seek opportunities that will also uplift those around him as he is grounded in the belief that at the community level we all need to look out for each other.

The Accolade of the **BARBADOS SERVICE MEDAL** is being conferred in recognition his contribution to community development and environmental matters.

**PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE
AWARD OF THE BARBADOS SERVICE MEDAL**

MR. ANDERSON KINCH, BSM, was born on the 19th July 1955. Presently, Mr. Kinch is still actively involved in the fishing industry; his affiliation with the industry dates back some 50 plus years.

Fishing has always been and remains an integral part of his family since his grandfather, father and both uncles were fishermen.

Mr. Kinch started out fishing as a hobby, going to sea on weekends while still at primary school and this continued through his secondary education at the Boys' Foundation School.

In order to address any mechanical issues which might arise during a fishing trip, Mr. Kinch undertook and successfully completed a course in automotive mechanics by the way of the day release format in 1975.

His training included Navigation at the Fisheries Division and later at the Nova Scotia School of Fisheries in Halifax Canada, as well as firefighting, gill net construction and repairs and engine maintenance.

In 1996, Mr. Kinch received the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) bronze award for his contribution to fishing on World Food's Day. In 2005, he received the Peter Gladding award, which is given to fishermen around the Caribbean, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Central America, and Florida.

Mr. Kinch was a member of the Barbados' team that went to The Hague during Barbados' dispute with Trinidad and Tobago. He considers this as one of his most memorable moments in fishing and deems it an honour to have represented Barbados at this level.

The Accolade of the **BARBADOS SERVICE MEDAL** is being conferred in recognition his contribution to the fishing industry.

**PARTICULARS OF THE PERSON RECOMMENDED FOR THE
AWARD OF THE BARBADOS BRAVERY MEDAL**

MR. BRADLEY LEVER BROOMES, BBM was born on January 24, 1965 at Cemetery Lane, Road View, St. Peter. From an early childhood age, Mr. Broomes had a passion for the sea. He went on to become a national swimmer and represented Barbados at the CARIFTA level where he captured a number of medals. After swimming, he picked up track and field and trained with the Freedom Striders, a club that he still belongs to today.

Mr. Broomes took part in the National Senior Games where he was champion in the 200 and 800 meter races this year. He also received the Austin Husband Rampus Award for Tourism in 2016.

Mr. Broomes, Watersports Supervisor, joined Cobblers Cove Hotel on 11 October 2013. Mr. Broomes, however, started his career in the Watersports Department at Cobblers Cove years ago when Mr. Richard Williams was the General Manager. The operation was run for Cobblers Cove under the very popular "Willie's Watersports" from the mid-to-late 1980s.

In 1993, "Hightide Watersports" took over the watersports business and Mr. Broomes once again worked in this area until 2002. "Radical Watersports" was then contracted to run the watersports department and he remained with the company until 2011.

The structure of the watersports operation changed significantly in 2013, from the point of view of direct involvement by Cobblers Cove Hotel and not just a tiny operations unit. Therefore, when "Freestyle Watersports" took over the business in 2013 and Mr. Broomes again was employed at Cobblers Cove Hotel. However, Cobblers Cove took the decision to take over the watersports activities and he was officially employed with the company on 11th October, 2013 as Watersports Supervisor.

With respect for the dedication shown to this department by Bradley Broomes and support of its owners, Sam and Hugh Godsall, a unanimous decision was made by Cobblers Cove Hotel that it would be fitting to call the watersports shop, "Bradley's Water Sports".

In 2013, Mr. Broomes won the Employee of the Year Award and has been runner up for many years before and after that. It has come as no surprise to anyone who learns that he has maintained a perfect attendance record from the start of joining the company. He receives an award every year for simply maintaining perfection through excellence. Outside of working at Cobblers Cove, he represented Barbados in swimming and athletics and most recently the National Senior games. He also gives of his time teaching children to swim.

On 6 March, 2018 at approximately 1:30pm when the seas were very rough, adverse weather conditions threatened and red flags were erected to advise that there should be no swimming in the sea, Mr. Broomes was in the watersports shop ensuring that all necessary precautions against damage were put in place. Suddenly, one of the local surfers alerted him that some swimmers were in trouble in the water and needed help being rescued.

He immediately left his post and ran across the deck and onto the beach and he and one of the surfers joined on a paddle board through the large waves to rescue a doctor and his wife.

Once near to the male swimmer he observed that the gentleman in question was not able to get onto the paddle board as a result of the choppy seas so he had to assist him onto the board and get him to shore.

All the while, Mr. Broomes remained focused, calling into action all his knowledge and expertise gained in water sports and water rescue over the years. He knew that despite the man's words, no lives were to be lost that day. With the most skillful manoeuvres, he managed to get the weaker partner, the man, onto the paddle board and to a point of complete safety. He continued to take charge of the whole situation and assisted the gentleman's wife by also getting her out of the water and to safety.

What seemed destined for a day of absolute disaster, turned out to be a day of rejoicing all around as all lives were saved and the beautiful memories of Cobblers Cove remain beautiful for that couple until this day.

The Accolade of the **BARBADOS BRAVERY MEDAL** is being conferred in recognition for saving the lives of a husband and wife who experienced difficulty while swimming at the beach by Cobblers Cove Hotel.