



# THE FLAME

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Keeping the Diaspora FIRED UP

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Welcome to the third edition of The Flame  
– The PNP Diaspora Newsletter

The People's National Party continues to rise in the polls in Jamaica as the Jamaican people have responded positively to the work being done on the ground by the workers and executive of the PNP. Full Speed Ahead!



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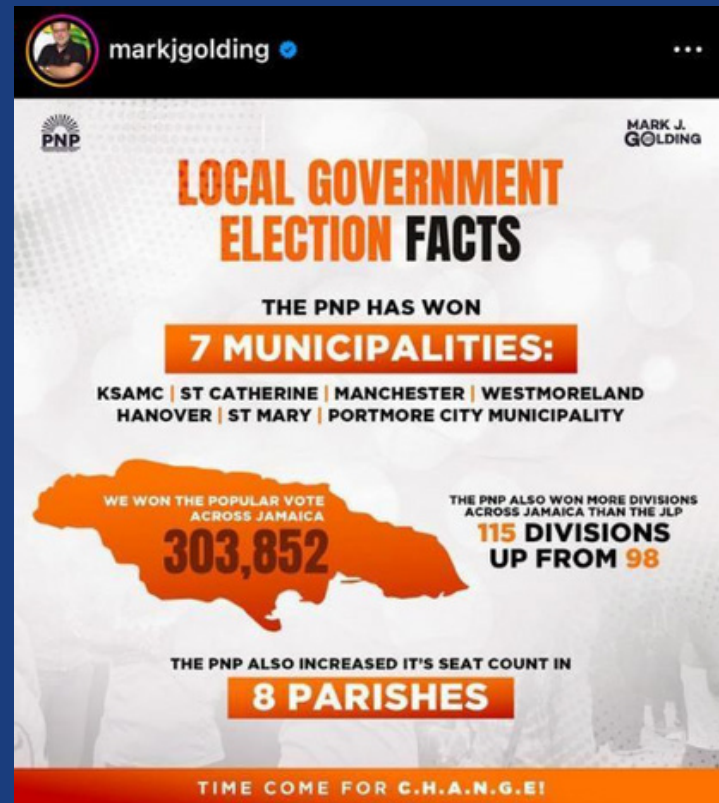
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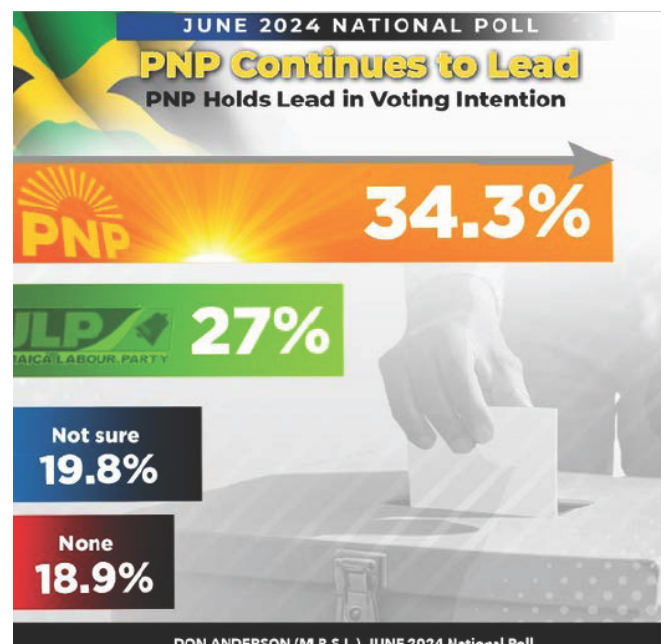
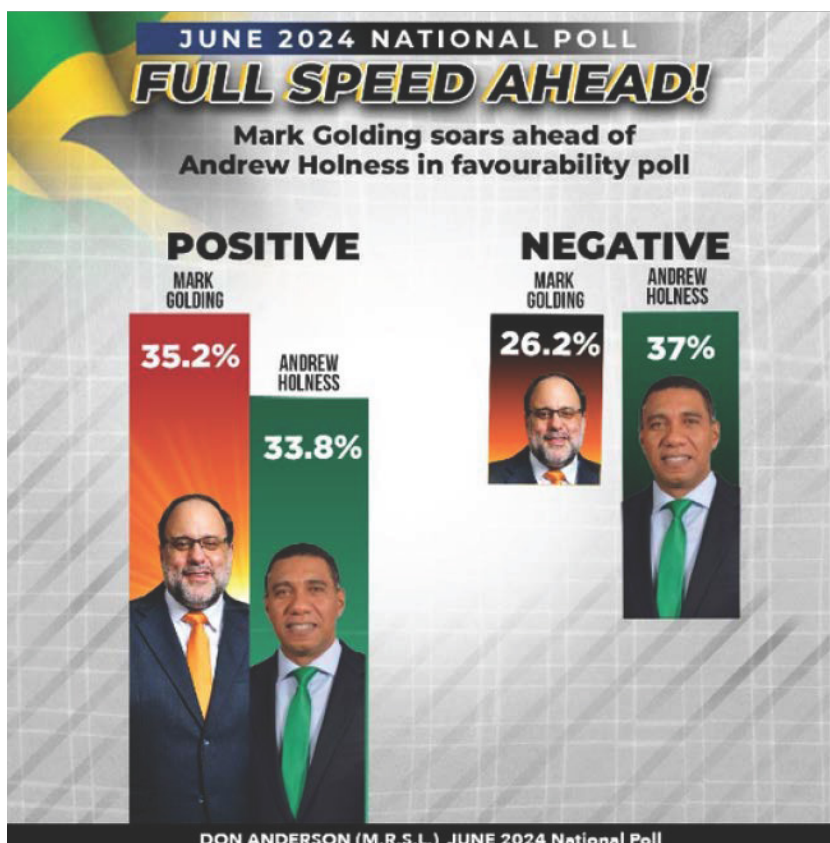
## LOCAL GOVERNMENT UPDATE

Coming off the impressive showing in the February, 2024 local government elections in Jamaica, the Party's leadership addressed the Diaspora in a Virtual Meeting in March 9, 2024 where the Diaspora was addressed by Party Leader Mark J. Golding, MP; Chairman Dr. Angela Brown-Burke, MP; General Secretary Dr. Dayton Campbell and Julian Robinson, MP.

Members of the Diaspora were given the breakdown of the results of the Local Government Elections and information on Diaspora Party membership and structure.



## Recent National Poll Results



# Time Come!



# REGION 7 DIASPORA MEMBERSHIP



The People's National Party's Diaspora Region is in the process of organizing its structure. Membership in the PNP now extends to those who live overseas. We invite all interested Comrades to :

1. Apply for membership directly on the Party's website  
<https://pnp.org.jm/the-diaspora>
2. Select areas where you wish to share your expertise and/or serve the Party.

The Diaspora Region encompasses the entire world of Jamaicans who live overseas. The Region is subdivided into Six Zones that are further subdivided into Divisions. Each tier will have its own leadership structure and worldwide opportunities for participation at all levels and designated seats for the Party's existing affiliates. The Diaspora Region will operate as the other six Regions in Jamaica. We will have the opportunity to vote in internal Party elections (1 Diaspora vote = 25%); draft resolutions and policy recommendations; and serve on Party Commissions and Committees. Members of the Diaspora are now serving on the Party's Commissions, Committees and Task Forces.

**PEOPLE  
TIMECUME**

## LEADER OF OPPOSITION VISIT TO SOUTH FLORIDA

In a whirlwind visit to South Florida May 3 and 4, 2024, Party Leader Mark J. Golding, MP made several stops. On May 3rd Leader Golding was interviewed by popular South Florida media personality Carson “Eddy” Edwards. ([Watch Interview Here](#))



During his Diaspora visit, Leader Golding paid a visit to the North Miami studios of Inner Circle, the award-winning Jamaican Reggae Band and met members of the band and several community members.

**L-R: Ian Lewis, Inner Circle; Mark Golding, MP; Roger Lewis, Inner Circle**

## LEADER OF OPPOSITION VISIT TO SOUTH FLORIDA

On May 3rd, it was on to a standing-room-only crowd of members of the Jamaican community at La Veranda Restaurant & Bar in Sunrise, Florida, for an Evening with the Leader of the Opposition, Mark J. Golding, MP, where Jamaicans of all walks of life came out to greet and hear from the Opposition Leader. Mr Golding participated in a well-received "getting to know him" session ([click to watch](#)) where everything from how he met his wife to how he decided to enter politics and his vision for Jamaica was discussed. ([click to watch](#)).

The audience had an opportunity to have questions read to the Leader, and he demonstrated his knowledge of all things Jamaica. In true Mark Golding fashion, he spent over an hour after the program taking photos and talking to attendees of the event, ensuring he met with everyone who wanted an audience.



**Dahlia Walker-Huntington & Mark J. Golding, MP**



## PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



**Photo of the room at La Varanda Restaurant, Sunrise, FL**



**L-R: Tony Wood, Sandra Golding, Maria McFarlane, & Charles Wood**

# AMERICAN FRIENDS OF JAMAICA GALA - MIAMI

**Leader Golding and Mrs. Golding were the guests of the American Friends of Jamaica's annual Charity Gala in Miami on May 4, 2024 where they were treated in fine style befitting the Leader of Jamaica's Opposition**



**L-R: Christopher Zacca, President & CEO Sagicor Group (JA) Ltd. and AFJ Honoree; Hon Mark J. Golding, MP, Leader of the Opposition, Jamaica; Mrs. Sandra Golding wife of the Leader of the Opposition**

**Mark & Sandra Golding AFJ  
Gala May 4, 2024**





# MAY IDAC RECEPTION

Members of the Diaspora attended the International & Diaspora Affairs Commission's Reception held on May 24, 2024, at PNP Party Headquarters in Kingston. Party Leader Mark J. Golding, General Secretary Dr Dayton Campbell, Deputy General Secretary Wavell Hinds, Women's Movement President Patricia Duncan-Sutherland, IDAC Co-Chairs Dahlia Walker-Huntington and Horace Dalley, IDAC Secretary Joyce Perry-Jacobs along with several members of the Commission and Party supporters had an enjoyable evening mingling with supporters from Florida and Jamaica.



**L-R: JUNIOR FARQUHARSON, ESQ. (FL); KESTE MILLER, ESQ; OLIVER FALLOON-REID, ESQ. (FL); MARK J. GOLDING, ESQ, MP**



## MAY IDAC RECEPTION



**PATRICIA DUNCAN-SUTHERLAND (PRESIDENT  
PNP WOMEN'S MOVEMENT) & HORACE DALLEY  
(CO-CHAIR PNP INTL & DIASPORA AFFAIRS  
COMMISSION)**



**MONIQUE FARQUHARSON (FL)  
& GEN SEC DAYTON CAMPBELL**



**Odell Marsh (IDAC member); Dexroy  
Martin Deputy General Sec; Monique  
Farquharson & Akalia Clarke**

# PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY – UNITED KINGDOM



## *Congratulations*

Councillor Martin Seaton, Southwark, United Kingdom, is the new president of the PNP-UK. Party Leader Golding and members of his UK Diaspora Tour delegation had the pleasure of being hosted by Comrade Seaton during the October 2022 Diaspora Tour in London. Comrade Seaton is a long-standing supporter of the People's National Party and is known for hard work and dedication. Hearty congratulations! We welcome him to his new position and look forward to working with him and members of the PNP-UK as the Diaspora Region gets up and running.



# MICHAEL MANLEY CENTENARY

December 10, 2024 marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of the late, Right Honorable Michael Norman Manley. The People's National Party will mark a year long celebration of the birth of one of Jamaica's most formidable sons. The PNP formed a Centenary Celebration committee co-chaired by Comrade Donna Scott Mottley and Comrade Mikael Phillips, and the membership of the committee is composed of members from the seven regions of the Party which includes the Diaspora Region. Former Councillor for the Bellfield Division (Manchester) Comrade Junior Farquharson now of Palm Beach County, Florida is the Region 7 representative on the committee. The celebrations will take place both at home and abroad, and within the Diaspora plans have already begun for celebrations in New York and Florida. The Committee is open to other areas in the Diaspora who wish to participate in the celebrations. Please contact Comrade Farquharson at [jflawoffices@aol.com](mailto:jflawoffices@aol.com) 561-723-3605.



# 2024 PNP WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



**Dr. Heather Russell (Guest Speaker),  
Patricia Duncan Sutherland (President  
-PNP Women's Movement), Ethnie  
Simpson (Co-Chair - PNP Gender  
Commission)**



**Nekeisha Burchell (PNP  
Communications Director & MP  
Caretaker South St. James), Dr. Heather  
Russell, Patricia Duncan Sutherland**

Member of the Diaspora, Dr. Heather Russell was the guest speaker at the 51st annual PNP Women's Conference on August 18, 2024 in St. Ann, Jamaica. Dr. Russell who resides in Florida and is a member of the PNP's Gender Commission gave a thought-provoking speech to the conference on the topic: "Ignite Change – AI for women: Increasing Access & Inclusion".



# CONDOLENCES

## The trumpet sounds for Comrade Vena W. Baker



Long-standing Comrade Dr. Vena W. Baker, and member of the Jamaica Progressive League, transitioned on May 24, 2024. Born in Colon, Panama, she moved to Jamaica at age six and was a lifelong, committed supporter of the People's National Party. A Registered Nurse who began her career at Bellevue Hospital in Kingston, she continued her dedicated work in psychiatry in the United States.

We take this opportunity to posthumously thank Dr. Baker for her devotion to the PNP and offer condolences to her family and many friends. May her soul rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon her.

# ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**PNP** | **80th Anniversary**

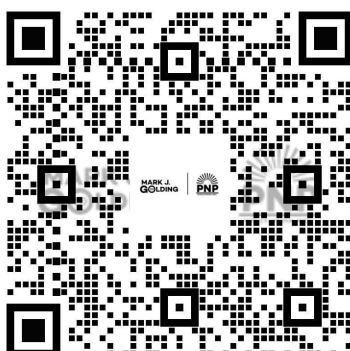
**ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2024**

**15TH SEP 2024** | **PUBLIC SESSION** | **TIME 10AM**

**NATIONAL ARENA**

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