



De Carnival Village News

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This is what we believe

Judge us not by the negative things they are saying but rather, by the positive things we are doing.

Band launchings

Cumm Cross Productions

August 2nd 2009, at Unity sports and cultural club, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

More details:

www.BostonCarnivalVillage.com/ccp.htm

Dynasty Productions

July 19, 2009, at their Mass camp 36 Tileston St, Mattapan, Ma, 02126 | 617-361-5297

More detail:

www.BostonCarnivalVillage.com/dp.htm

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The Act of kindness, McKenna 1954 -2009

Have you ever been the victim of the act of kindness? No. You obviously have not been in the presence of Reginald McKenna. McKenna (As his friends called him) and I met several years ago, at D' Midas international mass camp and we both had at least one thing in common, and that is the Trinidad style carnival we have all been celebrating here in Boston for the past 35 year. He was involved in the making of costumes and giving a helping hand to anyone that crossed his path.

Recently, I heard on the radio program that McKenna had passed away gone at 54, the victim of a heart attack. Boston Carnival has lost an artisan of the highest order and a friend of those whose path he crossed. McKenna was born in Trinidad in 1954, he learned the art of design and costume construction from many of the masters, among them was George Bailey. McKenna was not a member of any of the carnival organization specifically, but on a bigger scale he belonged to all of them because if they needed his help that where he would be and whether it was, Jouvert, Kiddies Carnival, King & Queen show or the parade he was there helping in any way that he can.

"Loved By Everyone" the button said, yes he was. Knowing him has certainly made me a better person. Thanks McKenna, see you on the other side brother. RIP

Bungi & Fayan Entertain Fans in Boston

Bungi and Fayan entertained their Boston fans for about an hour last month at a club located on the North shore of Boston. The promoters Tamika production brought the group to Boston direct from Trinidad, where Fayan took top honor in this years Soca monarch completion.



The Boston fans were not disappointed. The husband and wife team had them dancing and singing the lyrics of theirs songs all night long.

Performances by Soca artists of this order deserves the support of the audience and sadly the audience there were not what one

would expect for a performing duo such as this. I think the promoters need to promote their up coming event beyond the flyers and posters laid out around the community. A better means of getting the word out need to be developed. Trinidad & Tobago nationals and Soca lovers in general do not only reside in the neighbor hood where the flyers are distributed, but rather they reside all over New England and many of them if notified early will make every attempt to attend these shows, especially the one that did not make it home for the carnival season.

Thank to Tamika and her organization for supplying us with complimentary tickets for "De Carnival Village New" readers and permission for photographing the event. See photographs of Bungi and Fayan on our web

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Until the next edition of De Carnival Village News, I wish you peace.

site www.BostonCarnivalVillage.com/pg.htm - let us know of your up coming events early so we could arrange to cover it and post some of the photos on our site and as usual, the reviews will appear right here. Call Michael at 617-512-7803. Please do not wait for the last minute.

All Inclusive band launching

THE BANDLEADERS OF BOSTON & THE CARIBBEAN AMERICAN CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES

Boston Carnival 36th Anniversary

WITH AN ALL INCLUSIVE BAND LAUNCHING SUNDAY JUNE 14th 2009

Unity sports & Cultural Club

3pm to 10pm

BANDS ON DISPLAY: D'MIDAS, D'HORIZON, DYNASTY, ISLAND PRIDE, SOCA & ASSOCIATES, MAS PLAYERS

Admission Fee \$4.00 Kids \$7.00 adults Kids_under 5

Source: Wendy Matthews, thanks

Spring Concert of Steel bands



This concert have been taking place in Dorchester for many years and for the many time that I have attended, I am always surprised by the professionalism of the staff and the continuing improvements and professional growth of the young pannist.

Steel Band in concert featured four bands; Pan Xpressions Steelband, Boston Public Schools Citywide Steel Orchestra, St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church Celestial Inferno Youth Steelband and Branches Pan Groove Steel Orchestra.

The public support is growing, I believe the place had well over 400 people in the audience, applauds and the smile said it all, they enjoyed every moment. These young pannists deserve our support the sponsors John J. Smith lodge number four and John J. Smith Chapter number three and the man that seem to be wearing many hats Justin A. Petty are doing their part. You folks should make every attempt to check this wonderful program and if you are having and event, consider putting these very young talented pannist groups on your program. Check our Photo Gallery

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