

# **Afro Caribbean Elders Association**

**Established 10<sup>th</sup> November 1990**

**A.C.E.A**



**Annual Report**

**2017 / 2018**

***William Morris Community Centre***

***6 -8 Greenleaf Road***

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# AFRO CARIBBEAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION (ACEA )

## Management Committee

2017-2018

Chair Person	Mrs Lee Thomside
Vice Chair	Mrs Daphnie Harris
Secretary	Mrs Hazel Edmund
Assistant Secretary	Mr Charles Sealy
Treasurer	Mr Newton Patterson
Assistant Treasurer	Mr Theron Bigby
Committee Members	Mr Ellie Nurse
	Mrs Rosemarine Andrews
	Mrs Hyacinth Brooms
	Mrs Mel Ennis

**OBJECT SHALL BE:**

**The relief of elderly people,  
In particular but not exclusively  
Elderly people from Afro Caribbean Community  
living within the London Borough of Waltham forest;  
and surrounding areas.**

**By**

**Advancing education  
And providing recreation facilities  
In the interest of social welfare with the object of  
Improving their, condition and quality of life.**

**To establish or secure the establishment of, a  
Community Centre to maintain and manage the  
same on Furtherance of these objects;**

## The Afro-Caribbean Elders Association (WF)

- \*The Association was founded during the early 1990s.
- \* It is a non-profit, registered charity organisation.
- \* Its motto: "Unity is Strength".
- \* Membership is open to Afro-Caribbean Elders, (age between 55/60 Years and over), residing within the London Borough of Waltham Forest and surrounding London Boroughs.
- \*The Association is one of several Users Groups which operates from the William Morris Community Centre, 6-8 Greenleaf Road, Walthamstow E17 6 QQ.
- \*The Association caters (where possible) for the social welfare, recreational, wellbeing, cultural and educational needs of its members.
- \*The Club meets twice a week; Monday and Wednesday, and alternating Thursdays: 12:00 pm-4:00pm.
- \*There is a 3 months cycle programme of activities which includes: Games, Bingo, Raffle, Keep-Fit, Poetry reading, Storytelling, Health information/ Health & Safety, Visits to the Cinema, Theatre and other places of interest. Sea side Trips, Picnic, Fund-raising Dances, Black History Month, Week-end-Away.
- \*Membership, (fully-paid up) stands at around 110 members.
- \*Members are encouraged to take part in all activities.
- \*Contact Telephone No: 020 8509 0067.
- \*Chairperson / Secretary.



**AFRO CARIBBEAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**CHAIRS REPORT**

Dear Members,

Welcome! The time of the year has dawned on us for our annual general meeting and to reflect on all that we have set out to achieve and assess our aims and objectives to date.

As for my transition into the post of as your Chairperson from Vice chair in 2017-2018, I must hasten to add that it has been a great honour to be elected to serve the A-C-E-A members with the help and support of all the Committee & members.

During the course of the year we have had many events including, our summer and winter dances, which where a great success. Although our seaside trip to Hastings was not very good as the hall did not serve our needs. We had a very pleasant weekend away to Great Yarmouth organised by Mrs Ellie Nurse which was a great success. The away day trip to Colchester for a picnic was enjoyed by all, and was a lovely sunny day. The Menfolk have so generously treated all the Ladies to a lunch and we all have appreciated this gesture.

In October, Mr C Sealy and Mrs Edmund organised The Black History event at which the Mayor of Walthamstow together with a fellow Council member where in attendance. All in all, this event was well attended, by both members and visitors alike. The Christmas social held at the Star light suite was a great success and it was good to hear from members their delight at the difference it made to the previous ones.

Thank you to all the committee and members for the hard work and tireless effort you all have made to make all of the events we have held during the last 12 months such a success. My special thanks to Mr B. Lewis for all the IT skills, stage management of the visual aids and microphone usage.

As we meet on two days a week at the centre and the activities we have: keep fit on a Monday for the social welfare and physical activities has been erratic as there has been some weeks when it was cancelled due to ill health on the part

of the instructor, there have been ongoing computer classes which some members have enjoyed but some did not feel it was of any help to them.

We have had a speaker on the modern trends and research findings on dementia, it was well received by some although some were not so keen. We also had two young speakers, providing us with an insight on their experience of setting up a Business making modern trainers and hoping to do the same in Jamaica to create jobs for the unemployed there. The Jamaican High Commissioner invited some 25 people from A-C-E-A to tea in October to celebrate Jamaican Independence. This was a very good experience. We attended the cinema to see Sydney Pottier as a young Teacher which was enjoyed by all who managed to come along.

As you know, we have tried to increase our attendance on Wednesdays and introduced a variety of board games at the start of this year, as one way of encouraging increased Wednesday attendance particularly amongst our female members. However I am sorry to say that so far this has not proved a success, as dominos still appears to take over the main interest. We have also tried to resurrect the Tea dance but again it has not gone as well as we had hoped. We have celebrated many birthday parties and drinks at the centre and shared happy moments together. Memories are all, we share and leave behind in life.

However the future will be a brighter one I am being promised by our members, so I hope this does come to fruition as we need to increase our Wednesday membership to cover the increased cost of our hall hire. Presently the stark fact is, that due to the small number of members attending on Wednesdays, we actually realise a shortfall on our door takings to cover the rent of the premises. As you know the members agreed to have the subs increased to £2.00 per attendance, which has helped. In addition the Men's domino group also agreed to increase their subs to £3.00 on the two Thursdays' they meet each month. Looking to our foreseeable future we have taken the decision to increase our Annual Membership subs to £15.00, from June 2018.

It is sad to acknowledge that we have had some members who have experienced ill health during the year and even sadder, some have had bereavements amongst their family and friends.

My sincere condolences go out to each and every one affected in this way.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy summer and look forward to sharing in a brighter future with you at A-C-E-A. United we stand and divided we fall.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your chairperson over the last year.

Thank you all.

*L. Thomside*

MRS L. THOMSIDE

CHAIRPERSON

11.6.2018.



## SECRETARY Annual REPORT

A warm welcome to everyone and thank you for being here. Members and friends of **AFRO CARIBBEAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION (A.C.E.A)** the year has flown by so quickly, it seems only "yesterday" we were here for the last **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (A.G.M)**.

The last A.G.M. brought some changes to the management committee, we had a new chair person, vice chair, secretary and assistant treasurer, and you will notice that none of us was new to the management committee only our roles were charged.

It has been a busy year for the association, we are blessed with having some committed members who go the EXTRA mile for us to succeed, we are indebted to their loyalty for them unity is STRENGTH.

The Management Committee have tried to meet the needs of all members with limited space and financial restraints regrettably we were not able to please everyone all the time.

The fundraising dance in November and May were great successes. Many thanks for all the members who worked to make them successful.


Black History celebration last October was well attended and enjoyable, we were fortunate to have the Mayor of Waltham Forest and one of the local Councillors in attendance that evening.

The annual seaside trip to Hastings was a hit. The Christmas dinner and social was the best ever. The short mini holiday arranged by Mrs Nurse, have been a hit with members and friends. I have been unable to go, but there were positive feedback from the holiday makers, long may this continue, many thanks to Mrs Nurse.

My thanks and gratitude to all members who undertook duties and tasks for the association.

Special thanks to Mr Sealy for his hard work and dedication, without his support I would not be able to fulfil my duties as Secretary.

Best wishes

  
Hazel Edmund



**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE MEMBERS OF AFRO CARIBBEAN  
ELDERS ASSOCIATION (ACEA)**

**Re: FINAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO THE 31st MARCH 2018**

I have examined the Receipts and Payments account of Afro Caribbean Elders Association

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts without performing an audit and to report to the Management Committee.

I have carried out the examination which includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity's management committee

**Respective responsibilities of the Management Committee Members**

The Management Committee members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the regulations under section 43 (7) (b) of the charities Act 1993.

They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for preventing and detecting errors, fraud or other irregularities

**Independent Examiner's statement.**

Based on my examination, **no matter** has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- (1) To keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act and
- (2) To prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the act have not been met Or to which attention should be drawn

Independent Examiner

  
Alex Davies

Community Accounting Support Project  
702 High Road Leyton  
London E10,6JP

Dated 20.06.2018

**Afro Caribbean Elders Association**

Charity Registration Nos 1023715

**Receipts & Payments Accounts for period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018**

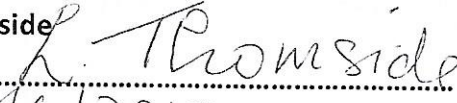
	Y/E 2018	Y/E 2017
<b>Income</b>		
Receipts from Fundraising	29,288.03	26,742.40
Bank Interests Received	4.64	
Total Receipts	<u>29,292.67</u>	<u>26,742.40</u>
<b>Payments</b>		
Rent Hall Hire Charges	11,613.96	7,814.00
Printing & Stationery including Flyers	461.00	366.58
Telephone & Postage	661.06	613.21
Activities & Events for Fundraising	18,211.00	17,437.47
Black History Celebrations	188.95	182.99
Accountants Fees	650.00	650.00
Refreshments	449.51	92.90
Travelling costs	350.00	268.00
Insurance	189.33	-
Small Item of Equipment ( Kettle )	-	110.00
Sundry Expenses	267.20	100.00
Donations for funerals & others	390.00	186.00
Total Expenses	<u>33,432.01</u>	<u>27,821.15</u>
Excess Receipts / (Payments )	- 4,139.34	- 1,078.75
Opening Balance B/Forward	14,386.72	15,465.47
Closing Balance C/Fwd	<u>10,247.38</u>	<u>14,386.72</u>
Current Accounts	4,466.89	
Reserves Accounts	5,780.49	
Petty Cash Float Held	10,247.38	

**This accounts is approved by the Management Committee and signed on its behalf**

Lee Thomside

Signed.....


Date .....

  
18/6/2018

Newton Patterson

Signed.....

Date .....

  
18.06.2018