

Dear ICHS Alumni Members and Friends,

The 2009 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Mega Raffle Drawing was held this past Saturday amid much fanfare, good-hearted ribbing and STRONG competition. The catered event was supported by over 30 Jamaican schools and associations, and yours truly sat at the Immaculate Conception table with our NY chapter sisters.

### The Selection Process

Each Immaculate Conception High ticket sold was identified by a unique identifier – the letter **R**. 30 Consolation prizes were selected separately based on each school (i.e. all ICHS tickets sold had a representative select the winning ticket from the ICHS batch). The winning ticket and all others were then placed in the MASSIVE raffle drum.

The entire ballroom witnessed the spinning of the drum and the GRAND prize, was selected first and stored in a bowl to allow all to have an equal chance of winning. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> were selected consecutively as well.

### The Behavior (J'can style)

Bwoy... yu put fi wi people in di same room and dem gwaan real bad. Heverybaddy have fi gi 'im piece a advice 'ow di man dem should spin di barrel. When it come time fi pick di ticket, di hofficial tek position beyind di lady in case she dig too deep an' fall in. Suss like "Du noh fall in", "Mek sure you stir it up some more" and "Lawks man, Dinthill small an' mus' a put some guzzum on di tickits fi win twice" float bout' di room.

All a wi was one big fambily and nubaddy cry fowl !!! Unnu know se di current UJAA President is Karlene and she a one a wi (ICHS old girl). The MC mek sure she no bandooloo bidness was in effect because dey all si se di GRAND PRIZE was picked by a Wolmers ol' girl.

### Translation (English)

I tell you, you place Jamaicans in the same room and it's like a party. Everyone gave their advice on how the volunteers should spin the barrel. When it came time to pick the ticket, the official positioned himself behind the lady in the event she got too enthusiastic and fell in. Comments like "Please don't fall in", "Stir the tickets some more" and "Oh dear, Dinthill is such a small school so they must have some lucky charm to win twice" was heard around the room.

We were all one big family and no one cried foul!!! Were you aware that the current UJAA president is Karlene and she is a graduate from ICHS. The master of Ceremonies was very clear in stating that no cheating took place because all saw that the GRAND PRIZE was selected by a graduate of Wolmers Girls School.

**It's Official**

The “bad” news - the DC Chapter had no winners **BUT** .... The NY ICCHS Chapter for the first time won the Grand Prize!!! On a good note, we also sold more tickets than the NY chapter so our time will come.

To view the Official results:

<http://www.ujaausa.org/> Select Alumni → Drawing results

**Note:**

A link to the results will also be available on the ICCHS website (projected completion date Friday 04/03): <http://www.icchsaa-dc-area.com>

Regards,

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