

MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER

PSOJ President Peter Moses led a high level private sector team to meet with the Prime Minister and his team on September 1 to discuss the removal of obstacles faced by the business sector. As a result of the all day discussions, Jamaica Bankers' Association President William Clarke and the Hon. Dr. Paul Robertson, Minister of Industry and Investment, were asked to chair working groups which would focus on i) interest rates and ii) investment and customs duty evasion respectively. PSOJ President and the Prime Minister will meet again to examine the reports of these two working groups, which should be submitted by September 30. We await the plan of action which will come out of these discussions.

CRIME STOP

Thanks to Sprint for its support of Crime Stop's new cause marketing campaign. This support will be a minimum of \$150,000 per month until December of this year, in the first instance. The funds will be used in Crime Stop's Reward Fund. Thanks also to the Jamaica Bankers' Association and the Jamaica Merchant Bankers Association who together contributed \$500,000 to the Crime Stop Fund. These contributions will certainly help Crime Stop to continue its vital work.

- Did you know that calls to Crime Stop have increased from 123 (July to August) to 145 (August to September)? Keep those calls coming in!
- The Rewards for Guns Campaign begins again in October with the following rewards being offered:

\$25,000	-	high powered rifle
\$18,000	-	sub-machine gun
\$10,000	-	semi-automatic pistol
\$5,000	-	shotgun and revolver.

PSOJ PUBLICATIONS

The PSOJ's Year 2000 Executive Diary and the Annual Report of the Executive Committee are now being prepared. We will be taking your diary orders shortly! Look out for the Order Forms. Thanks to all who have supported these publications in any way.

NEW COMPANIES ACT

Mr. Mark Golding, Chairman of the PSOJ's Companies Act Committee, continued to present the Organisation's concerns about the new Act to the relevant authorities. He will continue his submission to the Select Committee of Parliament during September, when the sittings resume after the summer recess.



The Environment Committee co-hosted with Alcan Jamaica Company Ltd. a public forum on Ozone Depleting Substances in Mandeville in September. Thanks to those who organized this event.

Membership Breakfast

Professor Howard Stein of Roosevelt University in Chicago, gave an interesting presentation on "Re-thinking Growth and Stabilization Policies in Developing Countries: Beyond False Dichotomies" at our Membership Breakfast on September 17 at the Terra Nova Hotel. He highlighted some of the contradictions in both the current policies of the government and the standard IMF prescriptions, and made a strong case for economic growth lead by investment in the productive sector. The PSOJ Secretariat can be contacted for a copy of his presentation. Thanks to USIS for facilitating Professor Stein's visit.

Condolences

Our condolences to JMA President Sameer Younis, C.D., J.P. on the recent passing of his mother.

What's Ahead!

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| November 18 | - | Membership Breakfast/Luncheon |
| November 25 | - | Annual General Meeting |
| November/December | - | Private Sector Hall of Fame Banquet |

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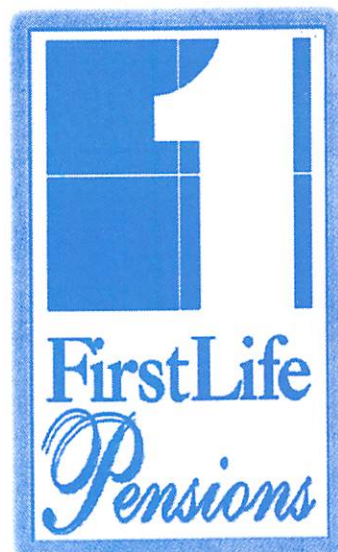
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