



**WAND/Bay Primary School
 observes International Women's
 Day**

WAND in collaboration with Bay Primary School organized a screening of the film *Hope Deferred* for over 40 community members, teachers, grade 4 students and parents. The film addressed the issue of incest in a middle class and a working class family indicating that such abuse of children, particularly girls transcended class lines. A discussion, which was moderated by psychologist Ms. Beverley Drakes, followed the viewing of the film.

In her International Women's Day message, the Tutor/Coordinator Dr. Judith Soares paid tribute to the women who struggled before to make the celebration of this day a reality. The Tutor/Coordinator also drew attention to the fact that although globalization has its merits,

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Participants at International Women's Day Event

there was need for all to be aware that it was a "source of social injustice which resulted in socioeconomic deprivation, political isolation and marginalisation". Women, she claimed should rise to the challenge of globalization as they were agents of history and change.



Moderator Beverley Drakes facilitating the discussion

**SCS Country Conference
 Cayman Islands**

*The Seventh in the Series of the
 School of Continuing Studies Country
 Conferences was held in the
 Cayman Islands from
 May 27-29, 2004*

UWI HARP /SCS Meeting

A SCS/UWI HARP Meeting held in Antigua from May 18-19th 2004 discussed meeting ways in which the School of Continuing Studies could be part of the UWI's response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Under the theme "HIV/AIDS – Linked Behaviour Development Programmes Through the School of Continuing Studies", the meeting heard from Prof. Carrington and Dr. Phyllis McPherson- Russell of the School of Continuing Studies who spoke on "The Role of the Health and Family Life Education in the Caribbean". Other presenters included Professor Brenda Bain, UWI HARP Project Director, Mrs. Maxine Ruddock-Small and Ms. Jasneith Mullings.

Support for Bush Hall Development Council

The Women and Development Unit (WAND) funded 15 women from the Bush Hall Development Council in Barbados to pursue studies at the Barbados Institute of Management & Productivity (BIMAP) towards a Certificate in Small Business Management. The course - *Introduction to Small Business Management* provided the women with the skills and techniques necessary to start-up and operate a small business. The 15 women are involved mainly in the making of craft items, household linen and drapes. At the end of training, the participants were equipped with knowledge on how to set up, cost and market their products.

Documentation Centre

By the end of July, researchers, students and other interested parties will have online access to WAND's Documentation Centre's collection. This will become possible when the new web site is launched. Other available information will include progress on ongoing projects and upcoming events.

The Centre is working towards fully computerizing its information processes and has moved closer to this goal with the acquisition of the necessary library software. Special collections evolving in the Centre include WAND PUBLICATIONS COLLECTION which focuses specifically on materials produced and published by WAND in-house or through projects. To date this collection consists of approximately 250 documents. Other materials such

as audiovisuals will be added as the collection develops. A section on HIV/AIDS, which will focus on resources pertaining to women and gender issues in the Caribbean, is also being developed.

The goal of the Documentation Centre is to supplement the Research Practicum and also build and preserve a collection of Caribbean materials focusing on women and gender issues.

Secretary Attends Seminar in Jamaica

Angella Blades, Secretary at WAND attended a seminar in Jamaica hosted by the Jamaica Association of Secretaries and Administrative Professionals (Kingston Chapter) February 27. The theme of the February 27th seminar was "Your Effectiveness and Satisfaction In and Out of the Workplace".

The objectives of the seminar were to help participants to appreciate their individual strengths and weaknesses, understand their roles within the organizations that they share and be better able to balance the relationships between work and their personal lives. Sessions were interactive and included case studies, presentations and discussions.

Thought and Action

Women have equal rights with men upon earth: in religion and society they are a very important element.

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