



First Regional

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RUNAWAY BAY CLASSROOM PRESENTATION



First Regional's CEO, Patricia Smith (left) and Board Member Mrs. Gloria Johnson cut the ribbon to the Runaway Bay School classroom, under the watchful eyes of school Principal Lambert Pearson and students.

First Regional Co-operative Credit Union Ltd. has presented the Runaway Bay All Age School with a classroom, furnished with desks and chairs for 30 students and their teacher. The Credit Union's donation was in response to a request by Runaway Bay All Age for additional classroom space in

order to dispense with the school's shift system.

First Regional underwrote the cost of completing the classroom, including roofing, painting and providing the classroom furniture. The finished classroom and furniture were formally presented to the school recently at a brief ceremony on October 13.

CLASSROOM PRESENTATION

The students take their seats in their new classroom



School Principal Lambert Pearson and a student show their delight



CEO Patricia Smith interacts with students as Principal Lambert Pearson looks on



CEO Ms. Patricia Smith presents a gift certificate to a student



A student performs one of Miss Lou's poems

...AND TREES WERE PLANTED

The Classroom presentation at Runaway Bay All Age was accompanied by an exercise that formed part of Credit Union Week - the planting of a tree.

The Jamaica Co-operative Credit Union League (JCCUL) had encouraged Credit Unions island-wide to plant trees to provide a source of food and to enrich the environment.

First Regional elected to plant breadfruit trees at the Runaway Bay All Age School and the St. Mary Technical High School.

CEO Patricia Smith planted the tree at Runaway Bay All Age, while Director Patrick Haywood did the honours at the St. Mary Technical High School.



CEO, Patricia Smith plants a breadfruit tree at the Runaway Bay All Age School, assisted by Principal Lambert Pearson as School Board member, Leroy Williams, Director Gloria Johnson, students and First Regional staff look on.



Director Patrick Haywood and Principal of the St. Mary Technical High School Mrs. Glascine McCormack-Lazarus (also a Director) prepare to plant a breadfruit tree at that school



Director Patrick Haywood and Principal of the St. Mary Technical High School Mrs. Glascine McCormack-Lazarus plant the breadfruit tree with the assistance of two students

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THE FIRST REGIONAL TEAM—JOB WELL DONE!
(l-r) Ardford Billings; Judith Cousley; CEO, Patricia Smith; Director Gloria Johnson; Deslon Brown and Sefton Cummings



Students of Runaway Bay All Age School and their teacher, Mr. Brown express their appreciation to First Regional for the gift of the breadfruit tree



School Principal Lambert Pearson and Guidance Counselor Tracey-Ann Webb ensure the correct positioning of the “Donated by First Regional” sign

CREDIT UNION WEEK 2015

First Regional Co-operative Credit Union Ltd. kicked off Credit Union Week with a Church Service at Church on the Rock, Ocho Rios, which was special for a number of reasons. Many staff mem-

If a prize was being awarded for the department and branch with the highest representation it would go to the Delinquency Department and the Negril branch. Both turned out the **FULL HUNDRED!!**

STAFFERS AND BOARD MEMBERS AFTER CHURCH SERVICE



bers said they found the message particularly relevant and engaging. “Even my daughter paid attention right to the end” declared one staff member. “The Church Service provided food for thought, then later there was food for the belly!” quipped another staffer.

One reason it was special was because, based on feedback, it was one of the highest staff turnout to mark the start of Credit Union Week. The entire Negril Team attended, while St. Mary and Ocho Rios branches were represented.

Another unexpected benefit of the Church service was that staff members from different corners of the island welcomed the opportunity to meet their fellow staff member for the first time. “I have been talking business with her over the phone for the longest while, and it’s so good to finally match the voice to a face” one staff member declared enthusiastically.

All in all it was a good morning - well spent - as the pictures on the next pages confirm.

CREDIT UNION WEEK 2015 - CHURCH SERVICE



First Regional representatives worship during the October 11 Church Service to launch Credit Union Week



L-R: Mr. Leroy Williams; Directors: Mrs. Glascine Lazarus and Mr. Cecil Gordon pause for their photo op

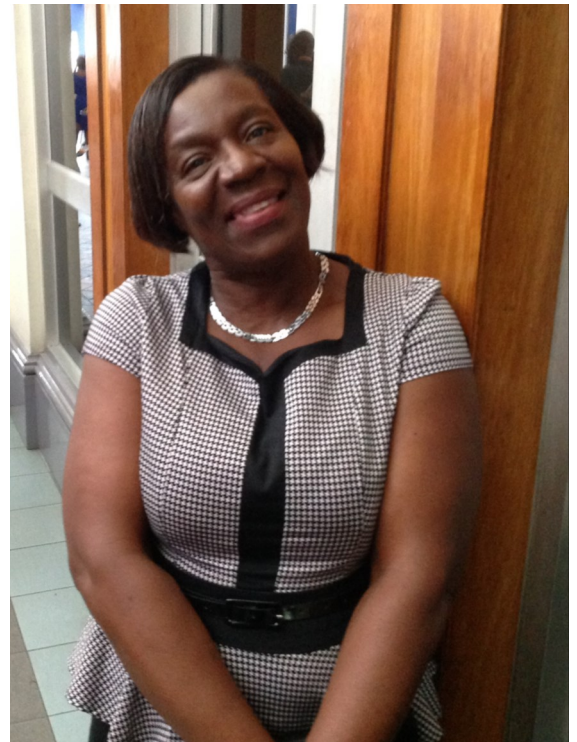


JUST CHILLIN'



CREDIT UNION WEEK 2015 - CHURCH SERVICE

JUST HAPPY TO BE HERE!!



What's a meeting without a SELFIE?

FULL HUNDRED!!



MR. ARDFORD BILLINGS (RIGHT) POSES WITH MEMBERS OF HIS DEPARTMENT

CREDIT UNION WEEK 2015 (cont'd)

Activities throughout Credit Union Week included a Marketing blitz at the Ocho Rios bus park and on IRIE FM; health fairs, displays by members, branch visits by the CEO as well as Member Service Days in all the branches.



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