

2022 FOUNDERS DAY



**YOUR HOME
AWAY FROM HOME**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022
STARTING AT 9 AM
3340 MAIN STREET HARTFORD CT 06120**

Message

The West Indian Social Club of Hartford, Inc (WISCOH) celebrates seventy- two (72) years because our Founding Members and Fathers had the vision and wisdom to create “A Home from Home.” It remains an anchor and a vibrant organization in North Hartford serving citizens of the City of Hartford, the Greater Hartford Region, and beyond. It continues to provide educational and economic development, improved quality of life, and a resource to the community. WISCOH has the largest archival records about the lives, history, and legacy of the Caribbean people in this region from 1950. The organization is a place where everyone come for professional, personal, and social development through volunteerism. It is a part of a network that has a global presence and is known around the world.

With such rich history and legacy, now is the best time to commemorate the importance of our founding fathers and our Caribbean people by reserving the third Saturday of October 2022 and beyond as ‘Founders Day’. This will be the day when we publicly reflect, acknowledge, and hold in high regard the establishment of the organization and publicly honor the founding fathers. It is about taking time to recognize, show appreciation and celebrate the contribution of the founders, leaders and the many people who sacrifice to advance the mission of the organization.

In commemoration, the historic building will be opened to the public so they can also celebrate and honor the people who had the vision to create this great organization.

Founders Day is also reserved as time when we as an organization gather to reflect and reaffirm the intentions of the founding fathers through the organization’s mission, vision, and values:

Our Mission:

The West Indian Social Club of Hartford promotes, articulates, interprets, and preserves West Indian and Caribbean culture.

Our Vision:

The West Indian Social Club of Hartford is a Cultural Center of educational, entertainment, and serves as a migrant resource of the West Indian and Caribbean – American Culture.

Our Values:

- **Innovation** - we will encourage the creation of progressive business developments and productive partnerships with our patrons, members, and the community
- **Integrity** – we will strive to demonstrate the highest ethical and professional standards for our patrons, members, and the community
- **Cultural Competency** – we will recognize and respect the diversity of our patrons, members, and the community
- **Education** – we will enhance the knowledge of our members and their families by providing community programs, resources, and services to support the cultural, intellectual, and social growth of our people.

We salute and pay tribute to everyone who blaze the trail to preserve the legacy of this organization.

Beverly M. D. Redd, Chair

Program

The day includes activities that will encourage Caribbean people and the diaspora to accept their culture and celebrate their homeland.

PART 1 – POPUP RESOURCES: 9 -2 PM

RESOURCES	DESCRIPTION
Banquet Facility <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Peoples Ballroom	The perfect setting for stage show, conferences, plays, weddings, dances, repast, weddings, celebration, business event, concert, and other professional events, large or small. For more information contact 860-951-8606
Financial Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">J.A.H. Financial Services & Real Estate Inc.	Provide services in IRS Tax Resolution, Business Consultation, Business Loan & Grant Program, Personal Services, Real Estates, Jamaican Birth Certificate, TRN, ITIN Service, Caribbean & Mexican Passport Renewal Service. For more information, call 860-538-4476 or 860-393-1055
<ul style="list-style-type: none">My Home Legacy	Our mission is to empower the African American community throughout the United States with a focus on building sustainable wealth through homeownership and leaving family legacies. For more information contact Chris Francis, Branch Manager at 860.335.4791 cfrancis@myhomelegacy.com

<p>Food Distribution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Angel Edgewood</i> 	<p>Angel of Edgewood was founded with the commitment, desire, and dedication to combat hunger and food insecurities throughout Greater Hartford. By mobilizing the power of our community, we create equitable access to nutritious food and address the root causes and impact of hunger. For more information, contact Jendayi Scott-Miller, Founding Executive Director at 224-258-9497 jendayi@angelofedgewood.org</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Karobean Kitchen</i> 	<p>Crafting delicious Caribbean soul food dishes that both your taste-buds and eyes can enjoy. It prides on good food, friendly service, and staying true to Caribbean flavors. For more information contact Chef Tai at 855-525-4782.</p>
<p>Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Access Health CT – Affordable Health Insurance</i> 	<p>Access Health CT is Connecticut's official health insurance marketplace, where you can shop, compare, and enroll in quality health and dental plans. It is also the only place where you can qualify for financial help to lower your costs, and if eligible, enroll in free or low-cost coverage through HUSKY Health Programs (Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or the Covered Connecticut Program. For more information, call 855-805-4325 www.accesshealth.com</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>C2 Your Health</i> 	<p>A holistic, health & wellness lifestyle support service. It includes education and demo of ways to prevent or improve chronic diseases, especially using food as medicine. The business intends to offer its science-based, holistic addiction recovery program which can help people overcome opioids, alcohol, nicotine, marijuana, and other substances without drugs soon. For more information contact Yvette Williams at 860-726-3214 c2yourhealth@hotmail.com</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Harriott Home Health Services</i> 	<p>A full-service state licensed, Medicare Certified and Joint Commission Accredited Home Health Agency in CT. a highly reliable organization providing in-home medical and behavioral health services and COVID-19 vaccination services. Licensed clinicians to help individuals recover, improve their well0being and avoid unnecessary hospitalizations. For more information, call 860-904-9045 info@harriotthomehealth.com</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Wheeler Family Health & Wellness Center (Wheeler Clinic)</i> 	<p>A community health center that provides medical and dental care for you and your family, as well as behavioral health care, an on-site pharmacy and alternative and complementary medicine, such as chiropractic care and more. Complete health care, in one location. www.wheelerclinic.org 888-793-3500 43-49 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT 06105</p>

<p>Insurance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Airey Insurance</i> 	<p>Allstate Insurance Company that provides coverage for auto, home, condo, renters, motorcycle, businesses, life, ATV, and boats. For more information, contact Veronica Airey-Wilson at 860-236-9996.</p>
<p>Marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tee & More LLC</i> 	<p>Promotional Products – provides custom apparel, accessories, and promotional products. Specialties include screen printing and embroidery on garments and accessories. Provides vinyl application, vehicle designs, signs, and banners. For more information contact 860.244.2224 customerservice@teesandmorellc.com teesandmore.shop</p>
<p>Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>BusyRadio</i> 	<p>Is an Internet Radio broadcast focus on the cultural, educational, and entertainment beliefs to raise awareness of the rich heritage, cultural achievements of Caribbean people and culture. For more information contact 860-730-3800 busyradio@gmail.com</p>

<p>Real Estate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Wayne Stapleton, REALTOR</i> 	<p>Wayne is an experienced Realtor that is driven by his passion for helping persons achieve their ultimate real estate goals. His expertise, knowledge in the local market and dedication has helped countless families through their real estate journey. He services his clients through the process of buying selling and/or investing while sticking to his mission of keeping his clients informed throughout each phase of the transaction. For more information contact Wayne Stapleton at 860-471-0336</p>
<p>Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Alista Technologies</i> 	<p>We support communities by supporting local small businesses. Services include but not limited to Remote/ OnDemand & Ongoing IT support services, Cloud Services Deployment & Management (Office 365, Google Business, Offsite Backups ...) Wire- less/Wired Networking infrastructure & Security, Web Services (Website development and Management), Internet of Things (IoT)/Smart System Design & Implementation, and other Customized solutions tailored to your needs. ALISTA can get more done for our customers by partnering with a diverse set of companies, from Business VoIP Telephony Partners to Electrical contractor partners. Whenever the need arises, we are here to provide support. For more information contact John Rhone at 860-519-9291 info@alistatech.com www.alistatech.com</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>United Audio Production</i> 	<p>Are you looking to improve and better maintain your sound and lighting system? Intimidated by new technology? Never had a professional assessment. Need equipment tested and upgraded? We offer complete sound and lighting solutions tailored to our clients needs. For more information, call 860.733.0213 www.unitedaudio-production.com</p>
<p>Voter Registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Advocacy to Legacy</i> 	<p>A non-profit organization that works to teach people and communities the skills of advocacy. For more information contact Violette Haldane at 860-930-2508 advocacy2legacy@gmail.com</p>
<p>West Indian & Caribbean Organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Caribbean Cultural Heritage Alliance (CCHA)</i> 	<p>Advocate for and work to empower the West Indian Community. For more information call 860.216.5950 info@westindianfoundation.org</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>West Indian Social Club of Hartford (WISCOH)</i> 	<p>Founded in 1950, A non-profit 501c7 organization, The West Indian Social Club of Hartford, Inc serves as an anchor and venue in the North End and Greater Hartford community. It focuses on cultural preservation, business and economic development, education, healthcare, immigration, and community engagement. For more information visit our website at www.westindiansocialclub.org westindiansocialclub@wiscoh.org 860-247-5659</p>

Part 2 – MEMORIAL SERVICE: from 3 -5 PM

West Indian Social Club Members Remembrance &
*Candlelight
Service*

Deceased Members – 2019 to 2022
Winnifred Carter, Strafford Campbell,
Parbeto Decordova, Oscar Downer,
Sydney Downer (2022), Loi Martin
Agnes Macbeth,
Milton Mitchell,
Lascelles Reid,
Allyn (Rocky) Nelson,
Keith Smith (2021).

Saturday, October 15th at 3 PM
WISC - People's Ballroom
3340 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06120

Please join us at our Community Memorial Service for our Deceased Members. We have a heart-warming program planned to honor the compassion, integrity and lives of our dearly departed.

For more information, please contact Marlene at (860)894-9330 or Vernetta (860)335-3411.



Memorial Services is a ceremony to commemorate the life of our deceased members. It:

- allows us to mourn the loss and acknowledge the reality of the situation resulting in the starting the healing process
- provides a designated time and space for loved ones to grieve and support each other focus on celebrating the decease's life in a positive, uplifting environment
- help people acknowledge the reality of death and encourage expressions of grief and gratitude
- offers the opportunity to come together to grieve in the presence of a caring community to understand the experience of a loss

PART 3 – CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT
FROM 5 -6 PM

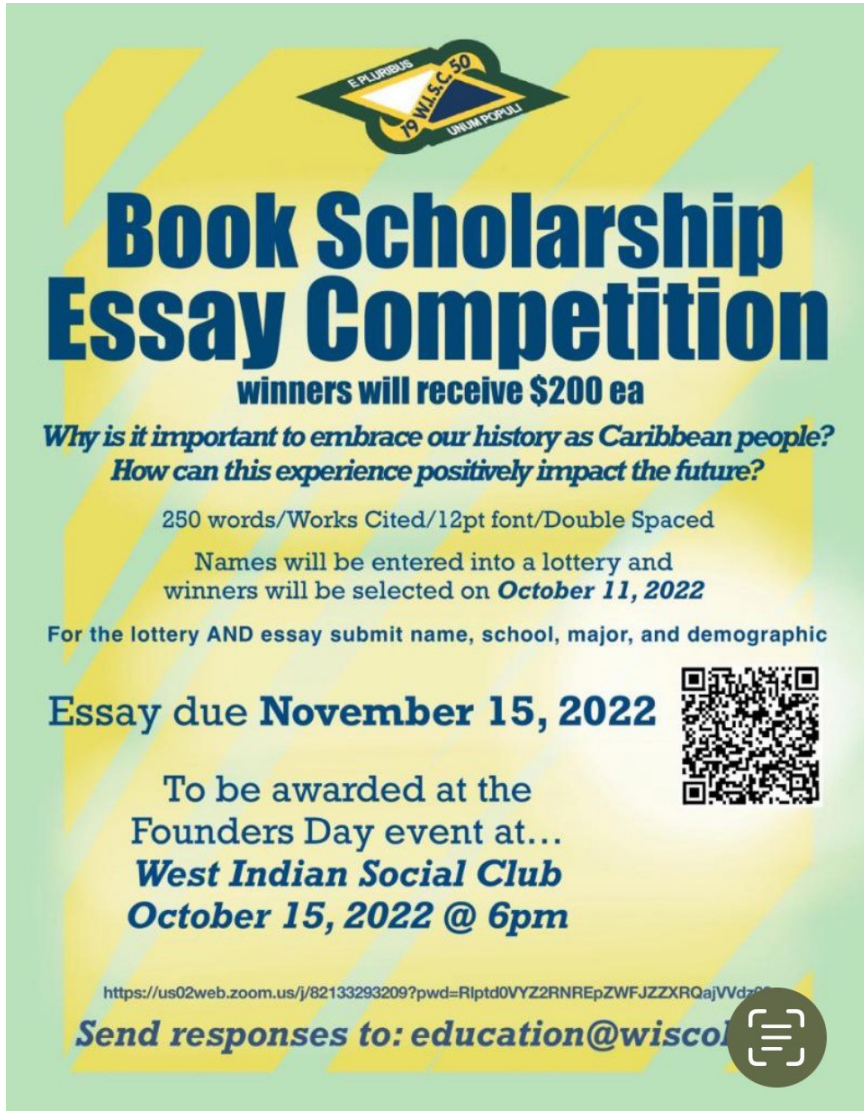


Dr. Janice M. Hart

Janice is a phenomenal dynamic Inspirational speaker, author and a performing artist, a true renaissance woman. She has appeared on several television shows from Hartford to New York. She has preached in several churches throughout the United States and the Caribbean. She has been an invited guest at the White House twice, 2007 & 2009. The Lincoln Center and Apollo theatre in New York. Her most recent performance and appearance was with the world-renowned Jazz Pianist Monty Alexander at The Shubert Theatre in New Haven.

PART 4 – BOOK SCHOLARSHIP
AT 6 PM

The Book Scholarship is individuals who are asked to write an essay about why it is important to embrace our history as Caribbean people and how the experience will impact the future. It is a chance to win \$200 while attending an accredited college, university, or trade school. This is an annual scholarship.



The poster features a green and yellow geometric background. At the top center is the WISC 50 logo, which includes the text 'E PLURIBUS UNUM' and 'WISC 50'. Below the logo, the title 'Book Scholarship Essay Competition' is written in large, bold, blue letters. Underneath the title, it says 'winners will receive \$200 ea'. The essay questions are listed in italics: 'Why is it important to embrace our history as Caribbean people?' and 'How can this experience positively impact the future?'. The rules specify '250 words/Works Cited/12pt font/Double Spaced' and that names will be entered into a lottery with winners selected on 'October 11, 2022'. It also states that for the lottery and essay submission, one must provide name, school, major, and demographic. The deadline is 'Essay due November 15, 2022'. The award ceremony details are 'To be awarded at the Founders Day event at... West Indian Social Club October 15, 2022 @ 6pm'. A QR code is located on the right side. At the bottom, a Zoom link is provided, followed by the instruction 'Send responses to: education@wiscol' and a circular icon containing a book symbol.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82133293209?pwd=Rlptd0VYZ2RNREpZWFiJZZXRQajVVdz09>

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Upcoming Events

- Domino Friday Every Friday Night starting at 6 PM
- Community Birthday 3rd Friday of each month starting at 8 PM
- Snowflakes & Shadow.....Saturday, December 17, 2022
- New Year's Party Saturday, December 31, 2022
- Black History Sunday, February 26, 2023
- 2023 Anniversary Gala..... Saturday, April 22, 2023
- 2023 Celebration Week August 4 -12 , 2023
- 2023 Founders Day Saturday, October 21, 2023

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