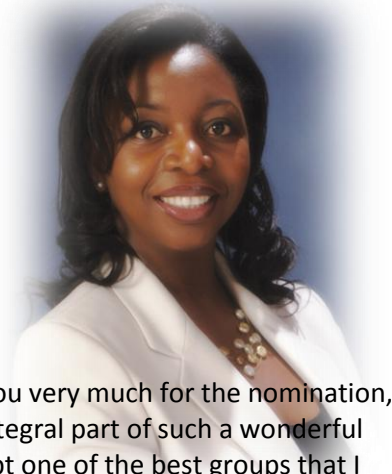




Unity Through Sports

September 18, 2009

My dear Friends and NIST Family!



First and foremost, a whole hearted and sincere THANK YOU! Thank you very much for the nomination, thank you for your votes and thank you for the opportunity to be an integral part of such a wonderful and long-standing organization such as the **NIST**! This is without a doubt one of the best groups that I have been a part of and I am honored and humbled that I have been chosen to be the President for the next three years.

As you all know, the NIST organization has been around for over 30 years. This is the longest standing Nicaribbean organization with members and faithful followers throughout the entire world. Many of us have been a part of this organization for a very long time and have deep seeded and sincere love for the NIST and what *IT* stands for. As the new President the first favor I ask of all of you is a renewed and continued commitment to the NIST. J. Womack quotes that "*Commitment unlocks the doors of imagination, allows vision, and gives us the "right stuff" to turn our dreams into reality.*" Many of you have written that you dream of seeing this organization grow to its full potential...I will call on each one of you for your participation and your support in making this dream a reality.

I commend the past Presidents of the NIST for their dedication and hard work in keeping this organization alive. Through highs and lows, sun-filled tournament and rained out play-offs, you have not waived and have continued, resolute on having a tournament every year, no matter what! For that I thank you.

I am in the process of putting together the new NIST Board. That being my first priority, I am pleased to announce that I have selected Mr. William Orlando Leban as Vice President and my right-hand man. Mr. Leban has been gracious enough to accept this position. Orlando and his team, Atlantic (Miami) has been a part of this organization for many years. They joined the NIST family back in 1984. Mr. Leban was selected because we are on the same page with regards to where the NIST should be going as an organization and also because of his firm commitment to the NIST. I know that he will continue to be a great asset to this institution. Please help me in congratulating William Orlando Leban, the new Vice President of the NIST!

NIST 2010! Are you hyped? I am! And I'm certainly looking forward to next year's reunion. Details on future NIST events will be posted later in the NIST Newsletter and Website – be sure to stay tuned! Friends, the work has already begun and I'm already thinking up some new and exciting things for the organization. First, our new logo! I have been working with a graphic designer and we came up with a few ideas...see the final choice above. Next: our website and newsletter...I am recruiting volunteers as I will need all kinds of help so I am relying on people like you to help along.

What can you expect in the coming months from the NIST?

- Re-cap of NIST Cayman Island 2009 – a great success! Kudos to Marlon Thomas and our Caymanian brothers and sisters! More to come on this event including some cool pictures.
- Announcement of the new NIST website – coming soon!!
- Announcement of the new NIST Cabinet and other volunteer members
- NIST quarterly newsletter & much more!

Again, thank you all for your votes, your time and certainly your commitment. I am excited and totally on-board (can you tell☺?) -- I want to make sure that you feel the same way. Please know that we welcome your suggestions and input and rest assured that I will be calling on you for your continued support. I leave you with Alex Haley's quote: *In every conceivable manner, the family is link to our past, bridge to our future.*

Sincerely,

Elisa Levy-Narcisso, President

Nicaraguan International Softball Tournament – "NIST"

Unity... through sports!

Coming soon: www.nist-softball.com