

# HARAMBE

A Quarterly Foundation Newsletter

Harambe is an African word which means “working together.” It is also the foundation’s slogan and name of one of Mrs. Rita Marley’s most popular tunes. Available through our website quarterly, this newsletter will be a vital vehicle to inform you of our foundation’s endeavors, events and accomplishments; importantly, we eagerly anticipate “working together” with you, through your contributions and feedback. So with One Love we could nurture Harambe into a constructive newsletter.



## Rita Marley Thrills Fans in Europe

**T**he Queen of Reggae, Rita Marley, recently tore up the stage at the Novegro Summer Festival in Milan, Italy and the Metarock Festival in Pisa, Spain.



On both warm July nights, Rita Marley mesmerized thousands of fans who converged at both venues. Backed up by C-Sharp band and percussionist Bong Herman, Rita erupted into hypnotic song and dance. The audience was in awe as she belted out a string of songs from her own and husband Bob Marley’s repertoire of hit tunes. While her back-up dancers Naudiann and Rosemary captivated the crowd with their moves.

Fans in Spain received a memorable treat as two of Bob Marley’s “Three Little  
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**"The Natural way Harambe / The African way Harambe / Don't feel no way Harambe / A so Jah Jah say Harambe"**  
— *Rita Marley*



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Birds,” Marcia Griffiths and Rita Marley magnetized them with commanding performances. Both concerts closed with enraptured fans demanding more.

Part of the funds from those concerts will be donated to the Rita Marley Foundation.

Smile Jamaica - Africa Unite will be held in Jamaica February 2009. Check our [website](#) for more details. 🇯🇲



Above: Mrs. Rita Marley, Ambassador George Weah and her grandson Sajahta Marley Cole (center)

## Royal Rita's Birthday Celebration

The new Marley Resort and Spa in Nassau, Bahamas was abuzz with activity on Friday 25th July, 2008 as they prepared for their President, Queen Mother, Nana Afua Adobea Rita Marley OD. The aroma of gourmet Caribbean food filled the air. Guests in attendance were all elegantly attired and appeared to be a little anxious as they waited with bated breath; the air was electric with excitement. The decorations were as colorful as they were beautiful, within minutes a hush came over the crowd of over 200 persons, as photographers and videographers

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"This life is not for the weak but for those whose hearts are strong / Hatred begets evil but with love you can't go wrong no I say / Love Iyah, Love Iyah, Oh I say Love Iyah / All the people say Love Iyah, Love Iyah, oh Love Iyah / Come on children Love Iyah" — *Rita Marley*

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headed for the main gate. The moment that everyone was waiting for had arrived, in the blink of an eye, a sleek, white stretch limousine pulled into the driveway and out came Rita Anderson Marley.

She exited the vehicle with ease, as she had done many times before. Smiling warmly, she stood poised, elegantly attired in a royal blue dress, complemented by a matching headband and scarf, whilst the flashes of light from the cameras of the media in attendance went off in her face.

Tonight was her special night, one that she would celebrate with family and friends; it was the night of her birth.

She was greeted by her eldest daughter Sharon Marley and legendary football star, Ambassador George Weah of Liberia, who escorted her to a seating area fit for a queen. A well built young man clad as an African warrior used a huge purple fan made of ostrich and peacock feathers to keep Nana Marley (as she is affectionately called) cool on the hot summer night.

She was then immediately flanked by her many grandchildren.

As the night went on, she beamed as she was serenaded by a few of her grandchildren, as well as by local singing group Four Minutes to Twelve (The Bahamian Boys II Men). As she cut her huge birthday cake surrounded by her loved ones, she seemed at peace.



Above: Mrs. Rita Marley, daughters Sharon Marley, Stephanie Marley and some of her 53 grandchildren



Above: Mrs. Marley dances the night away (daughter Sharon Marley & Personal Assistant Rosemary Duncan)

While all of this was going on, guest dined on sumptuous, Bahamian and Jamaican cuisine such as conch fritters, shrimp, rice and peas, lamb, fish soup and curry goat. Their appetite for further entertainment became, filled when a new musical group Sky Juice performed.

The guest list read like a who's who in the world of entertainment, sports, business and politics both local and international. Many came bearing gifts for a woman that had become very precious to them. Mr. Al Collie, Mr. & Mrs. Zolt and Mr. Errol Brown, of I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES fame (Hot Chocolate band) were among the invited guests. Ms. Ramsay of the Ministry of Tourism in Nassau, Mr. Neville Wisdom, former Minister of Youth Sports and Community Affairs, Dr. Edwin Tulloch-Reid and Mr. Patrick Hanlan.

The Jamaican Consulate were present, the latter of whom gave a toast. Mr. Hanlan stated that on behalf of The Jamaican community in The Bahamas and the Jamaican community as a whole that they

were very, very proud of Nana Marley and her achievements.

Also in attendance was a representative from The New York Times. When quizzed about how she felt, Nana Marley, wife of reggae legend Honorebel Bob Marley OM said she was doing very well. And this was proven as she danced the night away and appeared very happy to be celebrating her special day with family, friends and staff at the Marley Resort and Spa, in Nassau, Bahamas.

**"Ever since this here world began / This music has been around with man / Where happy people meet / There'll always be a beat / Where there is this sound / You wait around / There'll always be another song" — Rita Marley**