

*National Caribbean American Heritage Month, continued*

Other elected officials participating in the event included Montgomery County Council President Sidney Katz who extended greetings on behalf of the Council, and the keynote speaker, Maryland State Delegate Regina T. Boyce, who serves the 43rd District in Baltimore County.

Following the welcoming message by Ms. Venice Mundle-Harvey, Chair of CAAG, a blessing was offered by Rev. Kwesi Oginga, pastor of House of the Good News, Worship and Prayers. Ambassador Curtis Ward paid tribute to the late E. Leopold Edwards for his innumerable contributions to the Caribbean community. Ms. Derrice Deane, co-chair of CAAG, gave the closing remarks.

Musical entertainment was provided by Ms. JoSanne Francis, a world-renowned musician and arts educator, who played the steelpan. Mr. David Machado performed on saxophone. Both musicians added revelry to the event and reminded us of the rich culture of the Caribbean community.