## HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER 2009



## Hi Everyone,

This has been a very strained year for everyone. I am not only referring to the tough economy but the loss of Mr. Otha Young. There will be more on Otha later in this newsletter.

During the holiday season, we reflect on the year past. This includes the good and the bad and the indifferent. As you look over how 2009 has treated your friends and family, look carefully and I am sure you will find the positive outweighs the negative.

#### **NEW CD**

The new CD is postponed. As soon as the new release date has been determined, I will be sure to alert all fans! However, remember to log on to www.cdbaby.com and purchase Juice's "The Gift of Christmas" CD. This CD has lovely music that will just put you right into the spirit of the holidays!!

The JNFC asks, "What is your favorite song on the Christmas CD?"

- 1. Go Tell It On The Mountain
- 2. Jingle Bell Rock
- 3. Christmas Needs Love To Be Christmas
- 4. Sleigh Ride
- 5. Santa Can Dance
- 6. For Believers
- 7. Mary's Boy Child
- 8. Shining Star
- 9. Better Get Ready
- 10. Christmas Wish
- 11. Auld Lang Syne

Please email or mail in your choices!!

## Juice Entertains at A Dystonia Benefit

Saturday October 3, 2009 at the beautiful Joan B. Kroc Performing Arts Theater in San Diego, Juice Newton performed at a benefit concert. The title of this event was "Playing with The Queen of Hearts" Juice Newton with Special Guest Carol Curtis. Carol is a local San Diego entertainer.

This was the second time both ladies performed for the dystonia cause. The first time was in 2006. Carol Curtis opened the show and delighted the crowd of over 450 attendees. Juice came on after the brief intermission and was enjoyed by all.

JNFC President Paul Fowler was one of the masters of ceremony. The other was Mr. Dave Mason with "The Walrus Radio Station" here in San Diego. Dave has the morning show 'Mason In The Morning.' Dave did a fabulous job and has been in broadcasting for over 40 years! It was his honor to introduce Carol Curtis and meet Juice!

A very emotional moment at the concert, was a tribute made to Otha Young by Paul Fowler. As many of you are aware, Paul has a form of dystonia called Spasmodic Dysphonia. This is a rare yet devastating movement disorder that inhibits his ability to speak.

After 5 years of treatment, Paul finally got his voice back with continuing treatment. Paul sang a song that Otha Young had written called "For Believers." This can be found on YOUTUBE. "Singing that song was extremely gratifying yet hard to do." said Paul. "Being able to sing after 5 years was great but trying to do it justice was difficult, as I wanted it to be perfect and I don't always have control of my voice."

Many people came to the show from all over the world. David Barton President of the National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association came from New Zealand!! Here is what David had to say...

"Juice was terrific - high energy and she is backed by a very tight professional band. It was so generous of them to donate their time when they are on the road performing day after day. My family had heard so much about Juice, and it was a night we will never forget. Juice has a great sense of humor, but also spoke with sincerity about the reason for the fundraiser and her personal interest in our cause. And Carol Curtis with the variety of her 'one man band' complemented it very nicely. You and Dave Mason were great presenters, and your tribute to Otha was so moving and appropriate.

I reserve my main kudos to you personally Paul, so ably and enthusiastically supported and advised by Martha. For many months (more than a year) you have lived and breathed this event - overcoming setbacks, coordinating the efforts of others, and leading by example. I cannot speak highly enough of your passion and drive to ensure this concert was a huge success - all of us at the National Spasmodic

Dysphonia Association are in your debt and appreciate your commitment to our cause.

It was a privilege to be able to attend and represent NSDA - my heartfelt thanks to you and your team and of course Juice."

Sincerely

David Barton President NSDA

Martha Murphy who is the San Diego Support and Advocacy Leader had this to say...

"We are so appreciative of Juice for performing in our dystonia benefit concert and helping us to raise thousands of dollars for crucial dystonia research. We could have not done this without her and her incredible generosity!!"

This event was a huge success and it was my privilege and honor to help and lead the team. I want to thank everyone who made this possible and send a huge "THANK YOU" to Juice!

Paul Fowler-JNFC President

#### The Website

The JNFC website has been updated and I will continue to update it with new features. A blog is coming!! If you are a fan who enjoys blogging across the internet, you will enjoy this new feature. I plan to have it on the website by the spring.

The JNFC website is undergoing a facelift. Videos will be added as well as album spotlights, past and present! Log on often and see what's new. www.juicenewtonfanclub.com

## We Say Goodbye

August 6, 2009 Mr. Otha Young sadly passed away due to cancer. Otha was a regular type of guy with high standards and morals!

I know he would want this to be upbeat and positive, so I will be as positive as I can. I was very fortunate to know Otha. He and I worked on two benefit concerts together and we worked as a team on JNFC newsletters and various other tasks.

Every person leaves something as his or her legacy. Otha's legacy was not only his music, but his unselfishness and the ability to put others first.

Otha Young's family along with Juice have suffered a tremendous loss. However, the courage of these people is to be admired. Otha's lovely wife Brenda, has been so strong and courageous during the period of Otha's diagnosis and his passing. She is to be supported and admired at the same time. She never gave up hope. Their daughter Makena who is a lovely girl, is also very strong and not only has her father's features in her lovely face but is a sweet as the day is long.

Juice has been courageous in many ways. Juice and Otha worked together for over 40 years. They were one on stage and their talents complimented one another. Juice had the honor of singing a song Otha had written at his Memorial Service. Juice sang, "The Sweetest Thing (I've Ever Known)." This was very touching and yet soothing. I had the pleasure of not only seeing Juice sing this, but honoring Otha by being there.

Otha Young was a beloved husband, father, and friend. As we reflect on him, let us not feel too much sorrow but feel happy that we either knew his personally or through his music. We should not cry because he is gone but smile because he was here.

God Bless You Otha, we all love and miss you!!

Paul

I have several bookmarks with Otha's photo on it, this is a memorial that was made by Carol Curtis, a friend of mine who opened for Juice in October for the benefit show. These are **first come**, **first serve**. If you would like one, please email or write me. USPS address is JNFC 2016 Finch Lane San Diego, CA 92123.

#### **New Members**

I want to thank and acknowledge all new JNFC members! Juice appreciates you as I do and thank you for joining!!

### Conclusion

I wanted to end this edition of the newsletter with lyrics from Juice's Christmas CD.

# "For Believers" written by Otha Young

Close your eyes. Say good-night. Soon, the angels begin to fly. Don't ask why, angels fly. They only fly for believers on this Christmas night.

Once when I was so much younger. Much the same as you tonight. With a heart so filled with wonder, I heard the thunder, I saw the angels fly.

And so be very still. Oh, so still, because the angels will hide, until you close your eyes.

And so be very still. Oh, so still, because the angels will hide, until you close your eyes, on this Christmas night.

Thank you everybody. Happy Holidays and God Bless!!

Most sincerely,

Paul, Juice

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Brenda and Makena