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Glasspole to retire year end

Governor General, Sir Florizel Glasspole has announced that he will retire at the end of this year.

Speaking at the annual distribution of proceeds from the May Day supper, organised by his wife at Kings House on Thursday, the Governor General said he had spent 17 long years in the post and he would not "overstay his time."

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There has been speculation as to when the Governor General would retire and several dates have been mentioned.

Sir Florizel indicated he had made up his mind when he told those attending the May Day supper that it would be the last year he would be participating in the distribution of proceeds from the supper.

"This particular handing-out is

important because next year we shall not be here. I have spent 17 long years as Governor General and it has come to the time when it is necessary that I should not overstay my time, despite the fact that many people are asking that I remain," a Jampress release quoted him as saying.

Sir Florizel said he and his wife planned to leave Kings House in December this year and he would be spending the first several months after that writing his memoirs.

He paid tribute to his wife for standing by his side, saying she had given him the strength to carry out his duties. "It has been 17 years of hard work, sweat and toil, but thank God I have been able to stay on my feet," he told his audience.

Lady Glasspole distributed \$23,000 from her May Day Extravaganza to 15 organisations.