

Insight

St. Vincent & the Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc. Quarterly Newsletter

April 2003

President's Message

Members and Friends of the Association!

After numerous years of involvement with the Association I have been given the privilege to serve as President. Thanks to the membership for entrusting their confidence in me. I treat this responsibility quite seriously and endeavour to do my best with your help. The future and survival of this organisation depend on each of us. The new executive needs your help – serve on a committee, support our functions, attend meetings when and where possible, make constructive criticisms that will aid in building the association.

Each of us elected in January has served on the Executive before in varying capacities. Our collective experience should auger well for the Association. We welcome back Elma Gabriel and Dennis Bucchan who have been out of active service for a long time. We trust that their training and experience will make them positive influences on the rest of us.

The Association has survived some 34 years in this city yet we hear regularly that a number of Vincentians in our community have not heard about it. Many more have heard about, have been involved at one time or other but for one reason or the other do not involve themselves. I feel that it is an important organization for all of us and that we should do whatever we can to sustain it and make it stronger.

As we move onwards there is that sense of commitment to be more accountable for our actions and our financial undertakings. There is the need for us to commit ourselves to greater long term planning and to continue our tradition to assist Vincentians wherever and whenever the need arises. We must undertake to work closer and support each other in order to establish ourselves prominently in this our adopted home.

The Executive has resolved itself to developing more programs for our young people and seniors, the two seem-to-be-forgotten sectors of our community. We welcome Mr. Chester Searles as a Nominated Member on the

Executive. He has agreed to help us to re-establish the Seniors Committee and look forward to reaching out to most, if not all of our seniors. There is room on the Executive for young people and we urge them to get involved so that they can assist in planning programs.

We commit ourselves to publishing *Insight*, our quarterly newsletter on schedule and to have our website, vincytoronto.com updated regularly. Our **Calendar of Events** on Page 7 shows these activities. Please support them. Visit the website and make comments. If you are reading this and did not get it directly from us, please forward us your mailing and email addresses so that we can keep in touch with you.

Our Membership Appreciation and Drive function to be held on Easter Sunday is an occasion I look forward to when hundreds of us will turn out to show our appreciation to our former presidents, socialize with friends of the past and to register or re-register as members of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc. Let us all try to make this a successful social evening.

May God continue to bless us all.

Gideon L. Exeter

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Annual General Meeting of the Association is held on the last Sunday of January each year. One of the highlights of the meeting is the election of officers to serve for the next year. Those elected on January 26, 2003 were:

President	- Mr. Gideon Exeter
Vice President	- Ms Elma Gabriel
Executive Secretary	- Ms Marcia Farrell
General Secretary	- Ms Petra Hutchinson
Treasurer	- Ms Elaina Lewis
Assistant Treasurer	- Mr. Dennis Bucchan
Public Relations Officer	- Mr. Ricardo Francis

Since the election, the Executive has named two other persons as:

Committee Members	- Mr. Cordel Telfer
	- Mr. Chester Searles

The above, along with **Immediate Past President** - Mr. Kenneth Farrell comprise the Executive.

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Meetings and Contacting Us

The Association meets on the last Sunday of each month at Northwood Community Centre, 15 Clubhouse Court, (Keele & Sheppard area) North York from 4:00 p.m. Business meetings are held in January, April, July and October. The other Sundays are used for educational discussions and social events. One can get in touch with the Executive either by writing to P.O. Box 392, Station F, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 2L8, e-mail at svgatoronto@hotmail.com, or phone at (416) 763-9889.

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Association Sub-Committees

Our Sub-Committees with their respective chairpersons are listed for your information. Please contact the chairperson to indicate your interest in volunteering for the community or the Association: -

Education & Culture	- Malcolm Garraway
Sports & Recreation	- Kenneth Farrell
Finance	- Elaina Lewis
Fund Raising & Entertainment	- Elma Gabriel
Seniors Enrichment	- Chester Searles
Relief	- Cordel Telfer
Public Relations	- Ricardo Francis
Youth	-

COMMUNITY NEWS

Help a child in your homeland to a brighter future.

An old saying reminds us that children are the future of every country. Each of us can help to build the future of St. Vincent and the Grenadines by helping the children. As little as Cdn\$1.00/day per month will give at least EC\$50.00 per month. This small amount can help to keep a young child in school and contribute to his or her development in the community. If you are interested in learning how you can go about sponsoring a child in St. Vincent, how to get such a child and how to ensure that your sponsor money is used for the development of that child, please enquire in confidence by writing to the Association either through regular mail or e-mail. You can also contact any member of the Executive.

ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES UNITY PICNIC

Join Vincentians and friends in the Montreal, New York, Ottawa and Toronto areas at our
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Saturday, July 19, 2003

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A Comment on Immigration

Section 2.3 of the Association's constitution states in part, "The Association shall take an active part in community affairs in so far as they may affect Vincentians or other nationals". With this background, I feel that it is imperative that we make a comment on what is conceived as a potential problem that would adversely affect all of us either sooner or later.

There are two articles in this publication that show how we are being affected due to concerns by the Canadian Government and changes to United States Immigration policy. On the one hand, we ought to encourage all landed residents of this country to go the next step and become Canadian citizens as soon as possible. There are numerous advantages and benefits to being a Canadian citizen and I am not sure of any disadvantages as long as we decide to live and work here. Like most Caribbean countries, Vincentians are allowed dual citizenship so becoming a citizen of Canada will not alter our relationship with our country of birth.

The issue of the large amount of Vincentians that claim refugee status is quite alarming. This will affect our relatives and friends now resident in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and who will want to visit Canada at some time for one reason or the other. We should look at this in an unselfish manner, weigh the consequences of its effect on the majority of Vincentians and take action.

In the event that a visa restriction is imposed on Vincentians there would be a cost in addition to the inconvenience and uncertainty of making the application. According to reliable sources the application fees for a Visitor's Visa are as follows: - Single entry - Cdn\$75.00; Multiple entry - \$150.00 and the Family rate is \$400.00.

While we speak about immigration and visas, the topic of Health Insurance and coming to Canada also comes to mind. I suspect that most Vincentians who travel outside of the country do not purchase Health Insurance. The reality is that either an accident or illness can happen to anyone, at any time. What if it should happen to you or your loved one arriving here either as a visitor or as a landed immigrant? Would you be able to afford the costs?

A brief look at what the costs entailed in hospitalization in Ontario includes:

- registration for about \$250.00
- accommodation for up to \$1,000.00/day
- drug costs, and
- specialist fees.

It could cost over \$10,000.00 for one week's stay in a hospital. Whether you are a visitor, new immigrant or returning resident. For new immigrants to Ontario, there is a 3 month waiting period which 'begins on the date you establish or re-establish residence in Ontario'. For visitors, there is no coverage unless you purchased health and travel insurance.

By purchasing coverage for as little as \$1.50 per day you or your loved ones could be covered for most expenses resulting from being treated for an injury or illness.

It is imperative that we discuss these issues with our friends and relatives to make ourselves aware of them before it is too late.

Gideon L. Exeter

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www.scubasvg.com www.svgbc.com

www.windiescricket.com

www.embsvg.com

For more news from St. Vincent, please check the websites mentioned above or get your regular copy of Searchlight distributed at several outlets across Toronto.

Role of the Consulate General

E. Bernard John/Consul General (SVG) - Toronto

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the new executive of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto, not only on being elected to serve for the current year, but also on the program of activities that has been set and on the businesslike manner in which the Association's business has been conducted over the past couple of months. You deserve the full support of the entire community.

I have been asked specifically in this short message to outline the responsibilities of the Consulate General in this community. We see our role as follows:

- a) Protecting the interests of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the nationals residing here
- b) Furthering the development of commercial, economic and cultural relations between our country and this Canada
- c) Issuing passports and travel documents
- d) Reporting developments here, of a commercial, economic, cultural and scientific nature to our Government, within the confines of the laws of this country
- e) Helping and assisting nationals and organisations of St. Vincent and the Grenadines within the confines of our resources
- f) Specifically safeguarding the interests of minors and others who lack the capacity, particularly where guardianship or related issues are concerned
- g) Arranging representation for nationals in matters pertaining to their rights and interests in instances where this may be necessary
- h) And, among other things, performing such other functions as may be required here, by the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Some of what we do, therefore, is day-to-day, administrative and routine, but additionally, we have made some very significant contacts, some, or all of which we hope will impact positively on the economic and social well-being of nationals at home and abroad.

In the reorganized Consular Office, the focus of operation also comprises:

The identification of investment opportunities in St. Vincent and the Grenadines in appropriate productive ventures for nationals and non nationals, to ensure employment creation, and procure other economic benefits for the country.

The establishment of markets for Vincentian products within Canada.

The identification of opportunities and institutional arrangements within the Canadian economic environment advantageous to St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The deliberate involvement and mobilization of Vincentians in the Diaspora in the economic development of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The Tourism market function is also being conducted from our office.

In executing our duties, we recognize the importance of working with Vincentians in the community who have a genuine interest in the development of our country for the benefit of all. A more unified Vincentian community here will lead to a stronger and more vibrant St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

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NEWS FROM SVG

Vincentians looking to enter Canada will be subject to closer scrutiny than they have been in the past as a record number of Vincentians living in Canada continue to file for Refugee Status making this country the second biggest offender in that regard within the entire Caricom.

Speaking recently at a session of the House of Assembly, Minister of Foreign Affairs Louis Straker announced that he met with the Canadian High Commissioner to Barbados and the OECS Sandel Scrimsher and with Susan Burrows from the Consular of Immigration to discuss the situation. Straker said at meeting they sought steps to take so as to contain the situation without having to put in place a visa restriction on this country.

Mr. Straker said that he learnt that Vincentian women in Canada are falsely using domestic abuse by their spouses as the basis for their filing for Refugee Status. Men on the other hand he said, say members of their families are involved in the drug trade and their lives are threatened by this factor. Because of a backlog in the number of cases, the process usually takes some 2-3 years and such persons are allowed to remain in Canada during that time. Straker however warned that because of a harmonization

of immigration laws Canada could be asked by American authorities to put this country on a visa restriction. He urged Vincentians to encourage relatives living abroad from filing false claims for Refugee Status.



IMPORTANT VISA NOTICE

The United States of America (USA) have imposed visa restrictions on Canadian Landed Immigrants from Commonwealth Countries (this includes all OECS Countries). Bottomline, this means that if you are a landed immigrant in Canada, you **CANNOT** visit the USA without a VISA. These restrictions will take effect as of March 17th, 2003. The USA Embassy has indicated that it can take up to 30 days or longer to process a VISA application, so you should apply early if you have plan to travel to the USA. To make an appointment to apply for a VISA you must call 1-900 451-2778 (\$2.00 per minute).

For those of you who qualify to apply for Canadian citizenship, now may be a good time to do so, since the visa restrictions do not apply to Canadian citizens. Usually you qualify to apply for Canadian citizenship after you have been living in Canada as a landed immigrant for three years. The laws of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Canada allow you to have dual citizenship, therefore, you have nothing to lose by becoming a citizen of Canada.

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The Executive is looking to reach out to Vincentian groups around the world as we feel that from time to time we may be able to work together on matters of mutual interest and on projects designed to benefit St. Vincent and the Grenadines. If you know of any of these groups in Canada, the United States or elsewhere, kindly ask them to contact us.

Reflections of SVG Cultural Symposium – New York, 2003

On March 8th, when I entered the Mahalia Jackson School and was greeted by my people who presented me and everyone else, with a 'yellow folder' which depicts 'Petroglyph drawings at Yambou' and large prints "**Promoting Cultural Awareness**", I became more excited. Moving along the hallway, there were faces from my distance past and the smiles were genuine, the hugs were warm and sincere. One could feel the strength of "Chatoyer", a feeling of Unity. In my mind I clenched my fist "Yes! Let's 'aspire yet higher' and reach for the moon together".

The city of New York designated March the 8th as St. Vincent and the Grenadines Cultural Day and a plaque commemorating this event was presented to H.E. Ellsworth I. A. John, SVG Ambassador to the United States.

Brothers, sisters, parents, children, patriots and friends of St. Vincent and the Grenadines in the Canadian Diaspora. I felt proud of this, to see that we as a people are recognized by the City of New York. This inspired me to share with you a bit of my experience at the first annual Symposium in North America for the people of SVG.

There was a sense of belonging, a feeling of community accomplishment, the sky has no limit attitude. This is the beginning of a time that most, if not all of us living in North America have dreamt of.

The message from H. E. Ambassador Ellsworth I.A. John started by saying “**A people united with a common goal can achieve much**”. He went on saying, “ We can make a difference. Today, we can rededicate ourselves to identifying fully with the culture of the land of our birth, and to work to ensure its survival in a world where important issues for small states like St. Vincent and the Grenadines are largely ignored”

The program was reflective of different elements of Vincentian history. Throwing a bit of light on the arts in the North American Vincentian community. Absent was Anthony Joyette, Editor of Vincentian Poets 1950-1980 who was to speak on post war poets of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The symposium opened with the National Anthems of Canada sang by Sandra Bobb and myself. Marell Ellis sang the United States anthem and the St. Vincent and the Grenadines anthem was sung by J. Erlene Williams-King. Verna Arthur, the Chairperson made the opening remarks followed by a very deep poem by Maxwell Haywood, “**Come Again Chatoyer**”. In this poem, he beckoned the ‘spirit of Chatoyer’ to come and re-live in us Vincy people. Listening to the poem sent shivers to my body.

Other speakers were Honourable Cosmos Cozier - Consul General to New York and Honourable Renee Baptise - Minister of Tourism and Culture who emphasized the importance of reviving and maintaining an archive of our cultural past. Mr. Leroy Ellis, playwright who staged a short skit written by himself. Mr. Franklyn McIntosh, “Frankie” as he is popularly known among Vincentians spoke about the contribution of the McIntoshes to the world of music in the Vincentian, Caribbean and North American Diaspora. He also gave an idea what music was like in the 1920s, 40s, 50s and 60s when his father and uncles began their creation of a family tradition of musicians. Yemi Ajamu Khensu (Stephenson Michael) spoke about the Literary Arts.

There were panel discussions on History, Literary Arts, Craft, Music and Drama, Dance and Folklore. This was all brought alive in the late afternoon during the Grand Finale performance before an audience of over five hundred spectators and participants from Boston, Miami, Ottawa, Philadelphia, Toronto, Washington and New York.

The audience was first taken on a journey back to the times of our hero 'Chatoyer' with performance in the Garifuna language and dances, followed by myself, who read "Caribbean Dawn" one of my recent pieces, which took the audience back to those days of reliance on the Fowl Cock crows; to remind us that it is the dawn of the morning and the processes in getting ready with the dependence on light of a small lamp. Chantal Butler, Henria Stephens and Aisha Hadaway, three of our popular dancers from Toronto did some interpretive dancing entitled “Back in Times” to the rhythms and lyrics of a medley of calypso mixed, by Lord Kitchener. There was a feeling of euphoria and pride to look at the culture conscious youths of Toronto expressing a sense of heritage. Thanks to Mr. E. B. John, Consulate SVG Toronto and Mr. Clem Ballah, Consulate Attaché for Economics and

Trade also of Toronto for their support and encouragement to the Vincentian community of Canada.

The day ended with a Vincy dance at the Club Malika where we danced until the wee hours of Sunday morning.

Taking part in the event was an experience I would always cherish. It shows that our Government is trying its endeavour to create traditions for our Vincentian heritage. I feel symposiums and events as such would bring us as a people in North America closer together. Kudos to the organizers. It would be nice to see such meeting become an annual event where talent from St. Vincent and the Grenadines is represented. I hope you will not miss it next year.

Written by Elma Gabriel

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Stamps for Adonal Foyle

The government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines along with the Philatelic Bureau recently agreed to honour Vincentian born basketball star, Adonal Foyle by releasing a number of postage stamps in his honour. Foyle was guest to the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto while in Toronto on February 13 where he spoke to an audience mainly of young people. This was the second occasion that the Association hosted Foyle as he outlined his unique experience and rise to stardom.

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Calendar of Events

Below is our tentative Calendar of Events for the year. Some venues are subject to change and update will be given when necessary.

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
Heritage Month Celebration	March 30	Northwood Community Centre
Membership Appreciation & Drive	April 20	Church of the Nativity
Monthly General Meeting	April 27	Northwood Community Centre
GHS Alumnae Annual Tea Party	May 4	St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church
Annual Mothers' Day Dinner	May 11	Northwood Community Centre
Cricket Team's Annual Spring Dance	May 24	CAW Union Hall
Monthly General Meeting	May 25	Northwood Community Centre
GEMS Annual Tea Party	June 14	L'Amoreaux Collegiate Institute
Fathers' Day Cricket Match	June 15	
Annual Walk-a-thon	June 22	Etobicoke or Scarborough
Cricket Match v Montreal	June 28 & 29	Regular Cricket Ground
Monthly General Meeting	June 29	Northwood Community Centre
Canada Day Family Picnic	July 1	To be decided
Cricket Team in Montreal	July 5 & 6	
Vincy Unity Picnic	July 19	Brown's Bay Provincial Park, 1000 Islands
President's XI Cricket Match	July 26	
Women's Cricket Match	July 27	
Monthly General Meeting	July 27	Northwood Community Centre
GHS Alumnae Caribana Function	August 4	Masonic Lodge, Scarborough
Cricket Team Caribana Fundraiser	August 4	CAW Union Hall
Car Wash Fundraiser	August ____	To be decided
Allan Davis Memorial Cricket Match	August 17	To be decided
Cricket Team in Albany, New York	August 23 & 24	
Monthly General Meeting	August 31	Northwood Community Centre
Seniors Function	September 14	To be decided
GHS Alumnae Caribbean Fiesta	September 27	St. Dunstan's Anglican Church
Monthly General Meeting	September 28	Northwood Community Centre
End of Season Cricket Dance	October 12	CAW Union Hall
Youth Forum	October 18	To be decided
Independence Church Service	October 19	To be decided
Independence Anniversary Banquet	October 25	To be decided
Community Discussions	October 26	Northwood Community Centre
Monthly General Meeting	November 29	Northwood Community Centre
GHS Alumnae Christmas Luncheon	December 7	
Children's Christmas Party	December 21	Northwood Community Centre
Christmas Hampers Delivery	December 23/24	

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en Providence

Tien Providence, a native of St. Vincent and the Grenadines has been living and writing for a decade in Toronto. It has always been his passion and desire to be an exceptional artist, crossing all cultural lines. As a struggling artist, he has never given up, but kept the artistic passion burning inside with sheer determination.

During the early 90's, I met Tien when he was the Artistic Director of the St. Vincent Cultural Group where he worked with young people writing, producing and directing all of their plays at the Northwood Community Center, in North York. The group's two biggest productions were "Listen Up" at the Euclid Theatre and "Consequences" at the Palmerston Theatre.

After leaving the cultural group, he directed **Weeds**, a play written by Tom Zeigler at the Annex Bathurst St. Theatre and joined CKLN Radio where he produces and hosts the popular jazz show, **The Jazz Zone**. Later, Tien directed his monologue, 'Blues For My Grandfather' at The Alumnae Theatre's New Ideas Festival. This monologue was published in a book of plays produced by the Playwright's Union of Canada titled **Beyond the Pale**.

In 1999, he directed his first short movie, **The Pickup**. It was screened at the Bloor Cinema as part of the 'On The Fly Festival'. Later that year his play, 'Just For A Moment', was produced by Luther Hansaraj Theatre Productions at the St. Chad's Theatre where it had a successful run for almost three months. Since that time, he has produced various jazz shows around the city and poetry nights at the Sundae Cafe.

His first novel "Dock Of The Bay" was officially released on March 28, 2003 at The Caliban Theatre. I know he has worked extremely hard on this novel over years. We should all be proud of this "Son of the Soil" for his achievements in the artistic world. I am very proud of my dear friend for I know that his journey has been filled with some of the most adverse circumstances, of which he has endured. Remember, "the race is not for the swift but for those who can endure to the end." And it is this brother who introduced me to the art world.

Tien can be heard every Friday morning on CKLN 88.1 FM from 7am to 11 a.m, inside the Jazz Zone and also every other Monday from 2 to 2:30 p.m on the show, Stage Left. His novel can be purchased on-line at www.chapters.indigo.ca and or www.trafford.com.

Written by Ricardo Francis
SVGA PRO

The Girls' High School Alumnae (Toronto)

invites all their friends and well-wishers to their annual
Spring Tea Party

at Lamb Hall, St Cuthbert's Anglican Church,
1399 Bayview Avenue (Bayview & Eglinton),
on Sunday May 4th, 2003.

Tea will be served at 4.00 p.m.

Tickets are \$15.00. Children up to age 12 will pay
\$10.00.

Our annual **Caribbean Fiesta** takes place at
St Dunstan's Anglican Church on September 27th, 2003.

Our **Christmas Luncheon and Carol Singing** takes place
at the

Crystal Fountain - 14th Avenue and Warden
on Sunday, December 7th, 2003 at 12.00 noon.

You are cordially invited to join us at the

GEMS Annual Fundraising

Tea Party

*which takes place on the afternoon of
Saturday, June 14, 2003*

At L'Amoreaux Collegiate Institute,

2501 Bridletowne Circle

(East off Warden, North of Finch)

CKLN & CALIBAN ARTS THEATRE PRESENT A LITERARY EVENING FEATURING TIEN PROVIDENCE (HOST OF JAZZ ZONE & STAGE LEFT) READING FROM HIS DEBUT NOVEL, DOCK OF THE BAY, AT THE CALIBAN ARTS THEATRE STUDIO, 533 COLLEGE ST (@EUCLID W OF BATHURST), SUITE 304, MARCH 28/03. TIME 8.00 PM. SPECIAL GUEST, BRIAN WRIGHT McLEOD (CKLN RENEGADE RADIO) EVENING HOSTED BY CKLN'S NORMAN OTIS RICHMOND. (DIASPORIC MUSIC) ADM \$5.00 OR PAY WHAT YOU CAN. BOOKS WOULD BE ON SALE. THIS IS A CKLN FUNDRAISER SEE & BEE THERE

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ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO INC.

ANNUAL MOTHERS' DAY DINNER

Sunday, May 11, 2003, 4:00 p.m.

***Northwood Community Centre
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Admission: Children up to 12 years - \$7:00
Adults - \$15.00

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More Community News

Material for SVG

Jesus Restoration Ministries, a charitable organization that is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act, is responding to an appeal from St. Vincent and the Grenadines for help. It has gathered together a number of items including wheel chairs, hospital beds, mattresses, walkers, crutches, hospital supplies and educational material to ship to St. Vincent soon.

The Church, headed by Dr. Jerome Gregg is appealing to the community for assistance to help meet the costs of shipping these materials. A fund raising concert is being held on Saturday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Grace Restoration Church, 1736 Weston Road, Toronto. To obtain more information on this project or to make a financial contribution, please contact Dr. Gregg at 416-214-0708.

Obituaries

Quite a number of our friends and relatives of our community have passed to the great beyond since our last publication. At the time of going to press, we have been unable to get a complete list and for the fear of unintentionally omitting anyone, we would like to state that the Executive and Members of the Association take this opportunity to express sincere condolences to all who have lost their loved ones

We trust that those who departed this life have gone to eternal rest with our maker, God the Creator of all. May God bless their souls.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc.

Membership Registration Form

Be a Member!
Join with us in achieving our goals.

Mission Statement

The St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association (SVGA) of Toronto is a non-profit community based Association. We are committed to providing assistance and support to groups, institutions in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Ontario and wherever the Association deems fit. To provide an anti bias forum for Cultural, Educational, Social and Recreational enrichment and to maintain a network of communication through information and referral.



Objectives

- To maintain a high level of volunteerism through recruitment, training and effective utilization of skills.
- To provide a forum to promote leadership and advocacy for the enrichment of Culture and Education.
- To provide an anti bias environment for the discussion of matters of general interest to its members.
- To plan, implement and participate in fundraising activities to meet urgent human needs.
- To promote social and recreational events to enrich the lives of Children, Youth, Adults and Seniors.
- To maintain a network of communication through information and referral.

Our membership meetings are held on the LAST SUNDAY IN EVERY MONTH from 4:00 p.m. at Northwood Community Centre, 15 Clubhouse Court (Keele St. & Sheppard Ave. W), North York.

We hope to see you there!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

FAMILY MEMBERS: _____

NEW MEMBER OR RENEWAL : _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ (\$2.00 for new membership registration, \$20.00 annual subscription)

Please make cheques payable and mail to:

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