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From the President's Pen

Members and Friends,

I trust that you have been enjoying this long awaited summer of 2014. For the Executive and Committee members, it is a very busy time. We have been feverishly planning two upcoming activities as well as closing off the books on our last two events, Indian Arrival Day and the Trinidad & Tobago Night at the Races.

On Saturday August 16, 2014 TrinbaGo Day will take place at a new location, the Ottawa City Hall, 110 Laurier Avenue. In addition to many of our regular booths, this year we will be joined by a delegation from Trinidad and Tobago. Management and staff of the Export Centres Company Limited, a State Agency under the governance of the Ministry of Community Development, will be on hand to showcase the arts and crafts that are produced in our twin island state. Of course we will be sure to keep you entertained with performances by students from The Cultural Arts Studio School of Afro-Caribbean Dance and a fashion show featuring designs by Gifty's. Pannist, Edidie Alleyne and D.J. David Supersound will provide us with scintillating sounds to move to during the afternoon. Tasty "Trini" cuisine provided by Mugena's will also be available for purchase along with delectable Caribbean drinks to quench your thirst. Admission to this event is free, however to help offset our expenses, donations will be greatly appreciated.

On Saturday, September 20, 2014, the TTAO will host a Republic Day Dinner Dance, at Tudor Hall, to celebrate Trinidad and Tobago's 38th year as a republic. Tribute will be paid to two of our musical icons, David Bostic, Ottawa's veteran and the TTAO's resident Disc Jockey and Ashton Hughes, the leader of the Nepean Panharmonics Steelband. Both of these gentlemen have made a significant contribution to our cultural landscape in Ottawa and its environs and this will be the perfect forum to say thank you to them.

This year we will be providing an Early Bird Special so tickets are \$70 until **August 20, 2014** and \$75 thereafter.

After a long absence, The Trinidad & Tobago Association of Ottawa, C.L.R. James Scholarship will be awarded to two deserving students at the Republic Day Dinner Dance on September 20. Details, including the application form, are provided later on in this newsletter.

The TTAO Executive and Committee members appreciate your

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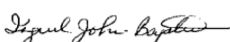
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attendance at their events and encourage you to bring your family and friends to participate in our planned activities.

Sincerely,



Ingrid John-Baptiste (President)

TTAO Executive and Committees

The TTAO Executive and standing committees are always planning activities that are engaging, health conscious and culturally satisfying.

This is your 2013-2014 TTAO Executive:

President - Ingrid John-Baptiste

Vice-President - Earlvin (Joe) Dyer

Treasurer - Anne-Marie Bostic

Secretary - Joanne Meredith

Assistant-Secretary - Brenda Agard Alleyne

3 Floor members - Patricia Cholmondeley, Carmen Dyer and Judy Madhosingh

Our standing committees for 2013-2014 were reorganized to better serve you. They are as follows:

The **Culture & Education Committee** is co-chaired by Joanne Meredith, Earlvin Dyer and Patricia Cholmondeley.

The **Finance and Fundraising Committee** is chaired by Anne-Marie Bostic.

The **Public Relations (PR), Communications & Membership Committee** is co-chaired by Brenda Agard Alleyne, Carol Joseph and Joel Murray.

The **Social Committee** is co-chaired by Ingrid John-Baptiste and Carol Joseph.

The **Recreation Committee** is co-chaired by Joanne Meredith, Earlvin Dyer and Patricia Cholmondeley.

Your participation on any one of our committees is always welcome. Please contact us if any peaks your interest.

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Upcoming TTAO Activities for 2014

August 2014

Saturday August 23: TRINBAGO Day, Ottawa City Hall, 110 Laurier
Avenue W, Ottawa from noon – 6:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 2014

Saturday September 20: Republic Day Dinner and Dance, Tudor Hall,
3750 N Bowesville Road, Ottawa

Past Activities

Indian Arrival Day

On May 31, 2014 over 160 guests and performers gathered at the Jim
Robillard Centre, to participate in the Indian Arrival Day celebration,
hosted jointly by the Caribbean Hummingbirds and The Trinidad &
Tobago Association of Ottawa. During the Cocktail Hour music was
provided by the Nepean Panharmonics Steelband. To the delight of the
audience, there was entertainment by Nira Dookeran, Roshan, Chislett,
Srijana Khatiwada and Leelawati Paude. Guest Speaker Naz Deen also
provided a very interesting and moving speech. The elaborate and tasty
buffet dinner was served up by Ceylonta Restaurant.

The enjoyable evening culminated with further music by the Nepean
Panharmonics and D.J. Sunshine International.

Trinidad and Tobago Night at the Races

Held at the Rideau Carleton Raceway (RCR) on Thursday, July 3, 2014,
the 100 or so guests who attended were treated to an evening of
entertainment and excitement. The buffet meal included some "Trini"
dishes and was given two thumbs up by many of our guests. Rumour
has it that good fortune befell some lucky attendees who engaged in
placing bets on the horses or playing the slot machines.

This was definitely a fun-filled and entertaining evening and another
TTAO successful event. Thanks to our sponsors whose advertisements
were prominently displayed in the RCR programme that night.

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Did you Know...?

Departure of the Trinidad & Tobago High Commissioner to Canada

His Excellency Phillip Buxo, High Commissioner for the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in Canada, demitted office on June 30, 2014. During his term of office, the High Commission collaborated with the TTAO on a number of activities, including TrinbaGold Day 2012 and 2013 and Caribbean Night at the Races in 2013. More recently, the High Commission joined our organization to host the Ottawa book launch of "Curry Cascado" authored by Kamalo Deen, a Trinidad and Tobago national.

On behalf of the TTAO's executive, members and friends, we would like to take this opportunity to wish Mr. Buxo the very best in his future endeavours.

Pending the arrival of a successor, Mrs. Cindy S. Maharaj will be the Chargé d'Affaires, ad interim.

Inspiration Corner!

Trini Youngsters Win Global Scientific/Engineering Award

NorthGate wins global Cubes in Space award

You wouldn't normally expect to hear a conversation about "ionisation" in the earth's atmosphere" happening between a group of 12 - 14-year-old youngsters. But that conversation is exactly what led enterprising youth from this country to the top prize in the Cubes In Space global contest.

Seven pupils from NorthGate College, captured the 2014 Cubes In Space MPAC Group Top Design Award, for a science experiment that will be launched into space on June 26, a statement from NorthGate said.

One member of the team, Deron Khelawan, 13, explained, "The Ionisation Investigation seeks to measure the extent to which an electromagnetic field is generated as the payload moves through the ionosphere."

The Cubes In Space programme is a partnership between Rubik Learning Initiative, idoodlesoftwareinc., the Colorado Space Grant Consortium's RockSat-C programme

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and supported by the Sounding Rocket Programme Office at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in the United States.

The NorthGate College experiment along with the other designs from around the world will be launched into space via sounding rocket from NASA's Wallops Flight Facility on Wallops Island, VA on June 26.

WINNERS: Front (L-R): Yoland La Pierre (College director), Charise Laveau, Shanade Ali, Chaela Wooding, Jenae Edwards, Shaniah Rudden, Jeanelle Looby (teacher). Middle (L-R) James Mohammed, Ethan Wilson, Nicholas Maharaj, Phillip Janes, Brian Ripoll, Arendel Owen. Back (L-R): Zachary Joel, Daniel Harper, Sebastian Rudden, Conrad Taitt, Brandon Wooding, Deron Khelawan, Ruth Rudden (teacher)

Please go to the link below for the complete story.

<http://www.caribbean360.com/news/trinidad-based-northgate-college-wins-global-award-for-best-space-experiment>

What's on Around Town!

Tune in:

Saturdays - CHUO 89.1FM (www.chuo.fm) and CKCU 93.1FM (www.ckcufm.com)
African, Caribbean and Latin American music and news.

Joe Sounds Calypso Oldies: Internet Radio featuring Calypso, Soca and Reggae (www.LIVE365.com)

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Events of Interest:

Canada Agriculture and Food Museum (Open everyday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Experience the country in the heart of the city. Ottawa is the only world capital with a working farm at its heart, providing a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in its agricultural heritage. Meet Jules and Yanni, the resident alpacas; learn everything there is about beef cattle, chickens, dairy breeds, goats, sheep, and more; and watch the milking of the Museum's dairy cows, which happens twice a day, using modern technology. The recently renovated learning centre displays exciting exhibits that rotate throughout the year, and no visit would be complete without seeing the beauty and power of their Clydesdale horses firsthand, as they take you on a wagon ride around the farm.

Visit them at

<http://www.agriculture.technomuses.ca/english/visitor/index.cfm>

Canadian Museum of Nature

Creatures of Light exhibition (May 3 – November 9, 2014)

This exhibit explores extraordinary organisms that produce light – from fireflies to deep-sea fishes and even mushrooms. The displays are visually dramatic, informative and immersive and explores the diversity of organisms that glow and how they do it. Ever wondered what purpose the light serves? You'll find out how it is used to attract mates, lure unsuspecting prey and defend against predators.

Visit <http://nature.ca/en/plan-your-visit/creatures-light> for more information.

Canadian Wildlife Photography of the Year (May 16 – September 1, 2014)

This beautiful and charming photo exhibition is back again, this time in its sixth edition, presenting the winners of the 2013 Canadian Geographic Wildlife Photography of the Year contest. See amazing shots of mammals, birds, insects and more as seen through the lenses of experienced and budding Canadian photographers.

Visit <http://www.nature.ca/en/plan-your-visit/what-see-do/our-exhibitions/canadian-wildlife-photography-year-0> for further information.

Member's Corner...

To enhance what the TTAO can do for the community, we need your support. Support us by becoming a member. New members are always welcome! Does an event or committee peak your interest? If you are 16 years of age or older, looking to get involved, then consider becoming a member and joining a committee that interests you the most.

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A Welcome Change

The TTAO Membership Form has been updated and is now fillable online. You can complete the form online and email it to our mailbox at tandtassociation@gmail.com. You will then be contacted to make arrangements for payment of your membership fee. We hope that our members will make use of this great new feature.

Just a reminder, the annual membership for the association runs from **September 1 to August 31. Your membership for 2013-2014 will therefore expire on August 31, 2014.** Please bear this in mind with regard to your membership renewal.

Is this a job for you?

The association has a Twitter account and is seeking a volunteer from the general membership to maintain it, with full support from the Public Relations, Communication and Membership Committee. If you are interested, please contact us for further details by sending an email to tandtassociation@gmail.com

The TTAO website

In case you haven't noticed, the TTAO website has undergone a few changes over the past couple of months. The Public Relations, Communication and Membership Committee have completed the majority of the work to improve the "look and feel" of the site while at the same time ensuring that the content is current. So, take a peek and don't be shy to send your feedback to tandtassociation@gmail.com.

The TTAO Facebook page

Please encourage your friends and family to like our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Trinidad-and-Tobago-Association-of-Ottawa-TTAO/157550578878> as we attempt to reach 100 likes. On an almost daily basis, we post news and stories of interest pertaining to Trinidad and Tobago and the community in which we live. Your feedback and comments are always appreciated.

Feedback

Interested in contributing to the next newsletter? Would you like to provide comments or suggestions to the TTAO? Send us an email, write us a letter or put a posting on our Facebook page and tell us what you think!



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C.L.R. JAMES SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CRITERIA

1. Purpose

To encourage and reward members of the association and their families who pursue their educational goals at college or university.

2. Number and Value of Award(s)

Two scholarships will be awarded in 2014 in the amount of \$700 each. The scholarship will not be automatically renewable.

Each scholarship may be used for a full-time course of study which leads to a first degree or diploma.

3. Where Tenable

The awards are tenable at any accredited university, college or educational institution.

4. Eligibility

- a) Good standing members of the association, their spouses, children or children of deceased members are eligible for the awards. For the purpose of scholarship eligibility, children include a members:
- own children
 - nieces, nephews, grandchildren and stepchildren who are:
 - solely dependent on members for support and maintenance and/or living with the member in a parent/child relationship

NOTE: "Members" should be in proper financial status and in good standing with the association as at the closing date for the receipt of applications.

- b) Applicants will normally be expected to provide confirmation of admission to a post-secondary institution, in accordance with #3 above.
- c) Applicants must normally be prepared to commence or continue their higher education studies in the calendar year in which the award is presented.
- d) Applicants who are continuing students must provide proof of successful completion of their previous academic year.

5. **Selection of Scholarship Winners**

The scholarship program will be administered by the Education Committee of the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa.

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of scholastic ability, character, leadership qualities and involvement in school and/or community activities. All applicants will be notified in writing of the results of the selection process.

6. **Obligation of Winners**

- a) Award winners are expected to use the scholarship funds for educational purposes, as intended.
- b) Award winners are expected to advise the association of their achievements at the end of the academic year by providing transcripts and other relevant documents.

7. **Method of Payment**

Payment of scholarships will be made by the association either to the institution to be attended or to the recipient, as agreed upon by the successful applicant and the association.

8. **Method of Application**

Application forms can be obtained by downloading the form from the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa's website at www.ttao.ca, by sending an email to tandtassociation@gmail.com or by contacting Ingrid John Baptiste at 613-834-1718.

9. **Receipt of Application and Closing Date**

Applications must be mailed to The Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa Scholarship Award, P.O Box 8401, Station T, Ottawa, ON K1G 3H8 or emailed to tandtassociation@gmail.com.

If mailed, the postmark on the envelope must be **August 29, 2014 or earlier**. Emails must be received **no later than 11:59 p.m. on August 29, 2014**.



The Trinidad & Tobago Association of Ottawa

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2014 C.L.R. James Scholarship Application Form

1. Name:		
	(Surname)	(Given Names)
2. Permanent Address:		
3. Mailing Address (if different from above):		
4. Telephone nos.:	Home:	Cell:

5. If over 18 years old, please advise whether you are a TTAO member? ()
6. If under 18 years old, please provide the name under which the family membership is registered and your relationship to the member.

7. List educational institutions attended including current. Please attach a copy of transcript or official evidence from last level completed.

Name of School/Institution	Address	Level/s Completed

8. Name and address of university, college or other educational institution you plan to attend or are presently attending.

9. Start date of new semester: _____
10. Degree/Diploma sought: _____
11. Outline your plans for your future career or profession:



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Saturday, September 20th, 2014

Tudor Banquet Hall

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Cocktails: 5.30 p.m. - Formal Proceedings: 6.30 p.m.

Honoured Guests: Music & Cultural Icons -

David Bostic and Ashton Hughes

Entertainment and Scholarship Award Presentation

Music by : **David SuperSound**

Early Bird Tickets: \$70.00 until August 20th & \$75.00 by September 15th.

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