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From the President's Pen



I know that your patience is being tried to its limit with constant thoughts of warm and sunny days, which appear elusive at this time. To assist with your weather-waiting period, as well as to keep you entertained throughout the Spring and Summer months, the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa (TTAO) has an interesting calendar of events scheduled.

The Executive and Social Committee have been planning some activities in which you have long expressed an interest. The first of these is the TTAO's joint celebration of Indian Arrival Day and Emancipation with the Caribbean Hummingbirds Cultural Association, on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at the St. Stefan Serbian Banquet Hall. The slated Guest Speaker is a prominent member of our community, Mr. Nazru Deen, who will elaborate on the significance of these two important events in the history of Trinidad and Tobago.

On Thursday, June 23, 2016, the TTAO, in conjunction with the Trinidad and Tobago High Commission (TTHC), will hold the Trinidad and Tobago Night at the Races annual fundraiser at the Rideau Carleton Raceway. The evening will feature a delicious buffet, inclusive of Trinbago cuisine such as corn soup, pelau, macaroni pie, coconut sweetbread and mango ice cream. There will be a Silent Auction and interesting door prizes up for grabs.

The TTAO's annual family picnic, in conjunction with Club S.O.C.C.A's Kites for Cancer, will be held on Sunday, July 24 at Petrie Island, Orleans. The theme of this year's event is "Races for all ages". I encourage you to invite your friends and come out with your picnic baskets and coolers brimming with food and drinks for an enjoyable afternoon, in support of a most worthy cause.

On Saturday, August 20, 2016, the TTAO will host its annual TrinbaGo Day celebration, which promises to be bigger and better for two main reasons. This year the TTAO is holding discussions to partner with the Arboretum Festival, an annual Ottawa music festival, which will be held from August 17 to 20, 2016. The event attracts approximately 4,000 visitors over the 4 day period. Collaborating with the Arboretum Festival will showcase Trinidad and Tobago's cultural mosaic to a demographic that would probably not otherwise be exposed to such. The second and equally important reason is that TrinbaGo Day 2016 will be a foretaste of Trinidad and Tobago's contribution to Canada's 150th birthday celebration in 2017.

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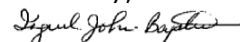
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Details of all of the TTAO's scheduled events for 2016 are provided further on in this newsletter.

As you can see from the above, the TTAO continues its legacy of collaborating with other community organizations. As well, we make a concerted effort to ensure that the TTAO has a presence at events hosted by other associations within the National Capital Region. Planning successful events requires time and manpower, so the TTAO is always seeking volunteers. It could be for one event or a series. Notification of your interest and availability is but one phone call or email away.

I look forward to sharing an exciting, educational and culturally rewarding spring and summer with you.

Sincerely,



Ingrid John-Baptiste (President)

TTAO Executive and Committees

The TTAO Executive and the committees for the 2015-2016 year. They will be kept busy planning for another engaging, health conscious and culturally satisfying year for you.

This is your 2015-2016 TTAO Executive:

President - Ingrid John-Baptiste

Vice-President - Earlvin (Joe) Dyer

Treasurer - Anne-Marie Bostic

Secretary - Judy Madhosingh

Assistant-Secretary - Pat Cholmondeley

3 Floor members - Carmen Dyer, Brenda Agard Alleyne and Kevin Friday

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Our standing committees for 2015-2016 are as follows:

The **Culture & Education Committee** ensures that cultural and educational aspects are included and promoted within our activities. We are looking for a chairperson for this committee.

The **Public Relations (PR), Communications & Membership Committee** is chaired by Brenda Agard Alleyne. The mandate of the committee is to broaden the TTAO's visibility and promote the Association's activities to forge stronger ties with and among its members and the general public. This is the second publication of our Chaconia newsletter for this new membership year.

The **Social Committee** is chaired by Ingrid John-Baptiste. The mandate of the committee is to organize and execute events hosted by the TTAO with efficiency and fiscal responsibility, while respecting the guiding principles that are reflective of the Association.

The **Recreation Committee** is chaired by Earlvin (Joe) Dyer. The mandate of the committee is to organize and execute events that will engage our members and friends in recreational activities. They have already executed the Children's Christmas Party which was held on December 13th, 2015 as well as several Chaconia All Fours Club events.

We are always looking for participation on these committees, which will increase chances of success. You are more than welcome to volunteer and/or share your ideas so please [contact us](#) if any peaks your interest.

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TTAO Activities for 2015-2016

The TTAO C.L.R. James scholarship

The Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa (TTAO) will again be offering the C.L.R. James scholarship to two (2) deserving students. The awards, each for a minimum of \$700, will be presented at a date and time to be determined. Information on who is eligible to apply, the process for applying, the guidelines and application form are available later on in this newsletter.

MAY 2016



Saturday May 28: Indian Arrival Day and Emancipation Day celebration.

JUNE 2016



Friday June 3: General Meeting, Trinidad and Tobago High Commission, 200 First Avenue, Ottawa.



Thursday June 23: Trinidad and Tobago Night at the Races, Rideau Carleton Raceway, 4837 Albion Road, Ottawa.

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JULY 2016



Sunday July 24: Family Fun Day / Club S.O.C.C.A Kites for Cancer, Petrie Island, Orleans.

AUGUST 2016



Saturday August 20: TRINBAGO Day, City Hall, 110 Laurier Avenue W, Ottawa.

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2016



Date to be confirmed: Independence event.

Past Activities 2015-2016

Health Seminar - Promoting Healthy Lifestyles

On Saturday, April 16, 2016 a number of community organizations hosted a Health Seminar with the theme "Promoting Healthy Lifestyles", at the Public Service Alliance Building, 233 Gilmour. There were four very interesting and informative presentations on Kidney Disease, Managing Loss of Independence, Travel Health Insurance and The Frailty Syndrome. Resa Solomon-St. Lewis, a TTAO member, was the keynote speaker on "Managing Loss of Independence".

There was also a fitness break conducted by Tarrah Mauricette of Caribbean Fit Fête. This afforded all present to engage in a short but enjoyable fitness routine.

There were a number of kiosks including the Alzheimer's Society of Ottawa Renfrew and Freedom 55, manned by TTAO members Bernadette Lee Wo Cabrera and Conrad Thomas respectively. The Sickle

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Cell Parent Support Group, Hope Dental, was also in attendance.

Congratulations and a big thank you to the following sponsoring organizations for a job well done: Black History Ottawa, Guyana Ottawa Cultural Association, Jaku Konbit, Jamaican Ottawa Community Association, The National Institute of Jamaican-Canadians, Racially Visible Action Committee NCR, St. Vincent and the Grenadines Ottawa Association and The Trinidad & Tobago Association of Ottawa.

A photo gallery of the seminar could be viewed at:

<http://justiceproductionsottawa.shootproof.com/gallery/2617886/>

An article on the seminar could be read at:

<http://blackottawascene.com/seminar-promotes-healthy-lifestyles-in-black-community/>

P.S. If there is interest, the TTAO could try to have Resa share her information with members and friends, who were unable to be in attendance on April 16th.

2017 Celebrations



Canada's 150th anniversary and Trinidad & Tobago 55

Canada 150, being celebrated in 2017, is a time for us to connect, celebrate and show our pride from coast to coast to coast. It is not just a festivity but an invitation to shine and share what makes our community unique. It's also a chance to deepen and expand our sense of being Canadian.

As we will also be celebrating the 55th anniversary of the Independence

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of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago in 2017, it is a chance to discover untapped potential, create lasting connections and build community legacies between Canada and our twin island state. One of the initiatives being considered for Canada's 150th anniversary celebration is a collaborative effort between the Trinidad & Tobago High Commission and the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa (TTAO) slated for August 31, 2017. Plans are afoot to showcase the culture and cuisine of sweet T&T as well as enhance trading opportunities between Trinidad and Tobago and Canada.

There will be a need for many volunteers to make this event a success, so with just over one year for planning, we hope that you will offer your services. Please contact us at tandtassociation@gmail.com should you be interested.

Updates on the progress of this project will be provided as it unfolds.

Inspiration Corner.....

TTAO PRESENTATIONS TO TOBAGO ORGANIZATIONS



On Monday November 2, the Mason Hall Village Council Performers

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treated the members and friends of the TTAO to an amazing cultural performance at the Good Companions Senior's Centre here in Ottawa. The event was hosted by the TTAO, under the patronage of the High Commission for the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago, in collaboration with the Tobago House of Assembly. The proceeds from this performance were to be directed to the Tobago Culinary Institute and the Mason Hall Village Council Performers.

In March 2016, Keith Anatol, a member of the TTAO, who was on vacation at the time, took the opportunity to present cheques from the TTAO. The Secretary of Community Development and Culture, Dr Denise Tsoiafatt-Angus received the funds on behalf of the Tobago Culinary Institute and the Mason Hall Village Council Performers.

In response, the Secretary indicated how appreciative the organizations and by extension Tobago were to receive these contributions and she looked forward to the materialization of future collaborative initiatives.

Thank you to Keith for proudly representing The Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa.

Visitation initiative by the TTAO

The TTAO is interested in paying visits to members of the Trinidad and Tobago diaspora who are shut-ins and need to be reminded that they aren't forgotten and that there are people who care about their well-being. If you are aware of anyone needing encouragement, comfort or a sense of belonging who would benefit or would be interested in such a visit, please provide their name, address and telephone number to tandtassociation@gmail.com or call 613-834-1718.

As well, if you are interested in being a part of the team paying the visit, you can also use the contact information indicated above.

FUNDRAISER Concert - to assist with attendance at Performing Arts Summer Camp and other Summer Camps.

On Saturday June 25, 2016, a children's concert will be held at Parkdale United Church, Memorial Hall, 429 Parkdale Avenue (Parkdale & Gladstone Avenues). The concert is a fundraising venture hosted by Ms. Halcian Joseph, dancer/dancer instructor, and supported by the Trinidad

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and Tobago Association of Ottawa (TTAO).

The purpose of the concert is to raise funds and promote the development of the Performing Arts amongst children of Caribbean heritage. At the close of the event, the funds raised will be distributed to the most deserving performers at the concert, to attend a summer camp. The concert is open to children from five to sixteen (5-16) years of age, and will feature talent in the following categories:

1. Dance
2. Drama/Monologue
3. Singing/Choirs
4. Spoken Word/Poetry
5. Musical/Instrumental

Participants are asked to indicate interest by phone or email to: 613-327-1058 or halcianjoseph@yahoo.ca, by May 21, 2016. A required audition would be scheduled on May 27, 2016.

Further details are available in the flyer in this newsletter.

In Memory of.....

Celebrating the life of Jocelyn (Portia) Taitt



On January 23, 2016, the Caribbean community in Ottawa and the

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Trinidad and Tobago community in particular, suffered a tremendous loss with the untimely death of Jocelyn (Portia) Taitt.

Portia, as she was fondly known, had been a resident in Ottawa for close to 50 years. She was retired from the Federal Public Service where she worked for 32 years. Portia was on vacation in her native Trinidad and Tobago when she was fatally struck by a motor vehicle, while trying to cross a busy street.

It is for her tireless community involvement that Portia was well known. She was a familiar face, serving as a volunteer on a myriad of organizations. She served in countless capacities and for many years, on the Executive and committees of the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa. She also volunteered on various carnival committees in Ottawa.

Portia was passionate, dedicated and fiercely loyal to any organization with which she was involved, hallmarked for her ability to have no one (including her relatives and closest friends) escape without paying the fee to enter an event. Her dedication to serve to the best of her ability was an enviable attribute and will be sorely missed by those with whom she volunteered.

She was a "Trini to de Bone", loving her Carnival and for that matter anything that was Trinbagonian related.

In addition to many in the Ottawa community, Portia leaves to mourn her loss, two sisters, Bernice Taitt Frank and Janet Francis, as well as many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

We extend our sincere condolences to her friends and family.

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On the Bookshelf...Interesting Reads:

For Children:



Lost at Carnival by Gail Morong

Lost at Carnival is set during the annual children's carnival parade and aims to teach kids some important lessons about staying safe while out in public. The book mentions many important sites in Trinidad and Tobago such as the Red House and Queen's Park Savannah, and highlights some of the traditional carnival characters such as the Fancy Sailor and the Bat.

Author Gail Morong has been a secondary and university educator for over 35 years, both in Trinidad and Tobago and in Canada where she now lives. Back in 1988, she wrote her first children's storybook, Lost at Carnival, because the local bookstores carried mainly foreign books that did not reflect her three young daughters' local culture. In 1990, she asked local artist, Jackie Hinkson, to do the illustrations for the book, but unfortunately the project sat in a closet for many years when her family migrated to Canada. She discovered and dusted off the project in 2015 and self-published the book in Canada. The Trinidad and Tobago Ministry of Community Development, Culture and the Arts helped her to print enough books for donation to all libraries in Trinidad and Tobago.

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For Adults:



Trinidad's Doctor's Office by Vincent Tohill

Picture this: San Fernando, Trinidad, 1920. Longing for the tropics, the young medicus Dr. Vincent Tohill signs up with the Colonial Service and comes to southern Trinidad, where he first works in the oilfields, then in the sugar factory, and eventually sets up private practice. With Scottish wit and a subtle feel for the local parlance, he describes the people he meets and the events that mark the highlights of his sojourn. Tohill will make you laugh out loud with his sometimes picaresque adventures, but his diary is also a valuable anthropological and historical document, describing the language and customs of Trinidadians in that period and the shortcomings that of the medical service of the Colonial Government. This book was first published by Blackie & Sons in Scotland and is lavishly illustrated with contemporary photographs, some taken by Dr. Tohill himself, and others added from Paria Publishing's extensive archives.

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:

NOKIA Sunday Bikedays - May 15 to September 4, 2016

Bike, rollerblade or run many scenic routes in Ottawa and Gatineau that are closed to traffic on Sunday mornings. Visit

<https://www.ottawatourism.ca/events/nokia-sunday-bikedays/> for further details.

Canadian Tulip Festival - May 12 to 23, 2016

This annual world-famous festival centres around Ottawa's love affair with the tulip, with a million tulips blooming in public areas, including 300,000 blooms in Commissioners Park near Dows Lake. Further details can be found at <http://tulipfestival.ca/>.

Tamarack Ottawa Race weekend - May 28 to 29, 2016

The Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend is Canada's largest running weekend. In 2015, more than 49,000 people participated in six events over the weekend, including the Scotiabank Ottawa Marathon. For more details check out their website at <http://www.runottawa.ca/races-and-events/tamarack-ottawa-race-weekend>.

Star Trek's Starfleet Academy Experience - May 13 to September 5, 2016 at Canada Aviation and Space Museum, 11 Aviation Parkway, Ottawa

A world premiere for Star Trek fans! Discover the science behind the science fiction as you learn about Star Trek technologies like tricorders, warp drive, phasers and teleporters. Visit the website at <http://www.casmuseum.techno-science.ca/> for further details.

Westfest - June 3 to 5, 2016 at Laroche Park, 52 Bayview Rd., Ottawa A festival of music, art and life. The biggest free street party in Canada! For further details visit <http://www.westfest.ca/>.

Doors Open Ottawa June 4 to 5, 2016 at various locations throughout Ottawa

Building owners unlock their doors and welcome the public in to share the secrets of architecturally and historically significant buildings. Visit <http://ottawa.ca/en/residents/arts-culture-and-community/museums-and-heritage/doors-open-ottawa-0> for more information.

Carivibe Beach & Food Festival - June 18, 2016 at Petrie Island, 727 Trim Road, Orleans

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Visitors will indulge in the finest Caribbean cuisine & tropical beverages from Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, Barbados, Grenada, St. Vincent, Guyana, Dominica, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, Haiti, Turks & Caicos, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Dominican Republic and many more countries. Kick back and enjoy some rum punch or other island beverages in our licensed beach tent for adults, teens will love our all-ages stage that will showcase local talent and the Kiddies will have a blast in our Myers Carnival village, filled with bouncy rides, inflatables, face painting, mascots and games where a free licensed child-minding service will also be available. There's plenty to see and get involved in, including Steel Bands, Fire Eaters, Masqueraders, International Entertainers, Drummers, DJ's, Dance Groups, Fashion Shows, Arts & Crafts, Domino Tournament and so much more. Save the dates, invite your friends and enjoy a taste of the Caribbean on Petrie Island. Gates open at 12:00pm, Rain or Shine, \$15.00 early bird tickets, \$20.00 at the gate, Children 12 and under are FREE. More information can be found at <http://carivibe.com/>.

TD Ottawa Jazz Festival – June 22 to July 3, 2016 at Major's Hill Park This is one of the National Capital Region's most highly anticipated musical events of the summer. The Ottawa Jazz Festival was founded in 1980 by local musicians Bob Misener and Tony Pope, subsequently joined by the late Bill Shuttleworth, who wanted to throw a summertime jazz festival to celebrate and develop the popular jazz scene in Ottawa. Further details can be found at <http://ottawajazzfestival.com/>

Ottawa Bluesfest – July 7 to 17, 2016 at Lebreton Flats

The first Ottawa Bluesfest featured three days of entertainment at Major's Hill Park with only one stage. Today, the world-class event has grown to an 11-day mainstream celebration of regional, national and international musicians. Bluesfest continues to bring an explosion of Blues, World Music, Alternative, Rock, Jazz, Funk, Soul and so much more to the stage. Further information can be found at <http://www.ottawabluesfest.ca/?qclid=CJXzgZCvwMwCFQQEaQodcREOkQ>.

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

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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.

The TTAO Membership form

The TTAO Membership Form has been updated and is now fillable online. Once the form has been completed, email it to our [mailbox](#). 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 feature.

Just a reminder, the annual membership for the association runs from **September 1 to August 31. Your membership for 2015-2016 is now due.** Please think about renewing your membership if you have not already done so.

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>. 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!



Caribbean Hummingbirds,



The Trinidad & Tobago
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Invite you to a Dinner & Dance in celebration of
Indian Arrival Day and Emancipation

Saturday, May 28, 2016

6:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

St. Stefan Serbian Banquet Hall

1989 Prince of Wales Drive, Ottawa

(Prince of Wales & Colonnade)

Music by D.J. Sunshine Intl.

Tickets: Adults: \$30.00

Children: (7 - 12 years): \$10 (0 - 6 years): Free

Dance only: \$10.00

Dress code: Semi-Formal or Traditional attire

Tickets & Info: 613-324-7208 | 613-721-0424 | 613-834-1718 | 613-424-1399

This event is supported by The High Commission for the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in Ottawa



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C.L.R. James Scholarship Award SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

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 2016 with a minimum 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 university, college or educational institution that is recognized by the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa.

4. **Eligibility**

Members of the Association, their spouses, children or children of deceased members (who were in good standing) are eligible for the awards. For the purpose of scholarship eligibility, children include a member's:

- Own children
- All other children, **including** nieces, nephews, grandchildren and stepchildren who are:
 - solely dependent on members for support and maintenance; and/or
 - living with the member in a regular parent/child relationship.
- If you are 18 years and older, you can become a member by completing the [TTAO's membership form](#) online. It can then be printed and remitted with your application form

and a cheque in the amount of \$20 or \$40 for an individual or family membership respectively. Submission can be via mail or email.

NOTE:

- a) "Members" should be **in proper financial status and in good standing** at the closing date for the receipt of application
- 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 educational studies in the calendar year in which the award is made.
- d) Applicants who are continuing students must provide proof of successful completion of the 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 or in the community. 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 to 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. **Closing Date**

Application forms must be postmarked or email dated **no later than midnight on June 20, 2016** and sent to the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa Scholarship Award, P.O Box 8401, Station T., Ottawa, ON K1G 3H8 or the TTAO mailbox at tandtassociation@gmail.com respectively.

The Trinidad & Tobago Association of Ottawa

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C.L.R. James Scholarship Application Form – 2016



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

5. If 18 years old and over, please advise whether you are a TTAO member? N () Y ()

If you are not yet a member, you can become one by registering. Please see the eligibility section under the Scholarship Guidelines.

6. If less than 18 years old, please provide the name under which the family membership is registered and indicate your relationship to said member.

7. List educational institutions attended, presently attending or plan to attend. Please attach a copy of transcript or official evidence of last level completed. You are reminded that your course of study must lead to a **first** degree or diploma.

Name of School/Institution	Address	Year(s) attended	Level/s Completed

9. Start date of new semester: _____

10. Degree/Diploma sought: _____

11. Outline your plans for your future career or profession:

12. Please provide the names and occupations of two references. These references must provide a letter of recommendation which includes the date, his/her address, contact information and signature. **These letters must be submitted with your application.**

References:

(i) _____

(ii) _____

13. Give a description of your extracurricular activities, interests and any other information that you feel will be relevant to your application (use additional pages if necessary.) A typewritten response is encouraged.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

The Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa
In collaboration with the
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Call: 613 834 1718 ; 613 834 4282 ;
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SATURDAY JUNE 25, 2016

**Caribbean Children Fundraising
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To support Performing Arts development in Children
of Caribbean heritage

Parkdale United Church

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2:00 P.M.

Admission:

Adult: \$15.⁰⁰ | Children: \$10.⁰⁰ (12 years and under)

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Saturday, May 21, 2016

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\$10 per person

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R.S.V.P. by Thursday, May 19,, 2016

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