

# The CHACONIA The TTAO Newsletter

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# **TTAO Committees**

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# From the President's Pen

# Greetings:

The arrival of Spring heralds a plethora of exciting and interesting events on the social circuit. The various Committees of the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa (TTAO) have been working diligently on various activities that will enable participation by all family members.

On April 19, 2008 a Health Seminar on Long Term Care was held at the Catholic Immigration Centre on Argyle Street in Ottawa. The idea was initiated by the National Institute of Jamaican Canadians and the seminar was co-sponsored by Caribbean Calendar and 3's Company. The mission was to enlighten the members of our community on sectors of the health system where more awareness was needed. Some years later, the TTAO, together with a growing number of organisations joined the partnership to host the seminar.

Over the last ten years, this annual event has become a hallmark of success, largely due to the calibre of the topics that have been addressed, and equally important, to the remarkably successful collaborative effort among the Black and Caribbean organizations in the National Capital Region (NCR). The seminar has hosted a number of well versed presenters who have addressed topics of interest.

On Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21, the TTAO will partner with a number of Afro-Caribbean organisations in Ottawa to host the annual "Promoting Healthy Lifestyles" seminar 2018. For the first time there will be a youth component, scheduled for Friday April 20th.

The General meeting of the TTAO will be held at the Trinidad & Tobago High Commission, 200 First Ave, Ottawa on Friday, April 27, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. His Excellency Garth Chatoor will address the attendees. It promises to be an interesting and informative evening.

On Saturday, May 12, TTAO members and friends will gather at the Ottawa Masonic Centre to celebrate Spring, "Trini" style. Bright coloured tops will be the "order of the day". This will be our opportunity to dance away the winter blues and get ready for lazy, hazy days of Summer.

This year, the TTAO will not officially participate in the CARIVIBE festival to be held on Saturday, June 16, 2018, however we will assist with the promotion and advertisement of the event with resources at our disposal. Members and friends have been invited to join a "Friends of Trinidad & Tobago" section of the Explosion of Colours band led by Maxine Adams.

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The Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa P.O. Box 8401, Station T Ottawa, Ontario K1G 3H8 On Thursday, June 21st, the TTAO, in collaboration with the Trinidad & Tobago High Commission (TTHC), will host the Trinidad & Tobago Night at the Races. The Rideau Carleton Raceway (RCR) will be transformed to reflect the excitement and vibrancy of our twin island. The music, food and entertainment will bring back memories for some while conjuring up a strong desire to immediately head south for others. As many of you know, the RCR is now under new management so there are a few changes. There has been an increase in our expenses, so the TTAO has been forced to increase the price of the tickets. Bearing in mind that the event is to support the TTAO's C.L.R. James Scholarship fund, a most worthy cause, and you are guaranteed an evening of fun, we are certain that you will not be deterred. We look forward to your presence at the event.

Our Family Fun Day Picnic, will once again be hosted in conjunction with the Kites for Cancer event at Petrie Island on Sunday July 29, 2018. The Recreation Committee will ensure that the Family Fun Day is an enjoyable experience for all. There will be "All fours Under the Tent" and interested players are invited to register in advance. There is a minimum donation of \$10.00, which includes All Fours and refreshments. There will also be games and races for the adults and children. Please be sure to attend and at the same time show your support for the Club S.O.C.C.A Kites for Cancer by purchasing a kite or making a donation.

The ever popular TrinbaGo Day will return to the Ottawa City Hall on Sunday, August 19, 2018. This event will be hosted in conjunction with the TTHC and it will be an opportunity to showcase the rich and diverse culture of Trinidad & Tobago. Plans are in the works to feature entertainment that will sweep you off your feet.

Details of the above events are featured further on in this newsletter along with mention of some events hosted by our sister organisations in the Ottawa area.

You can be kept abreast of all things relevant to the TTAO by checking out our website www.ttao.ca and on our Facebook page - The Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa - TTAO. You can also provide us your ideas and suggestions, by email at tandtassociation@gmail.com

We, the Executive and Committee members, thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to your participation by attendance at events, submission of suggestions or in whatever form you may find convenient.

Ingrid John-Baptiste (TTAO President)

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# TTAO Executive and Committees

TTAO Executive and committees for 2017-2018 will be kept busy planning another diverse and engaging year for you.

The TTAO has been in existence since 1983. The mission of the association is to promote and maintain the integrity of our cultural heritage and assist with the continuing development of nationals of Trinidad and Tobago.

# Your 2017-2018 Executive:

President: Ingrid John-Baptiste

Vice President: Dianna Pierre
Treasurer: Anne-Marie Bostic
Secretary: Rosanna Lashley
Asst. Secretary: Judy Madhosingh

Floor Members: Brenda Agard Alleyne, Carmen Dyer, Trevor

Lashley

# **Education Committee:**

Dianna Pierre (Co-Chair)
Ingrid John-Baptiste (Co-Chair)

# Social Committee:

Ingrid John-Baptiste (Co-Chair)
Trevor Lashley (Co-chair)
Rosanna Lashley
Lena Baptiste
Pat Cholmondeley
David & Anne-Marie Bostic
Carmen & Earlvin (Joe) Dyer
Dianna & Tony Pierre
Molly & Maurice Taitt
Suzanne & Errol Whittier

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Molly Taitt (Chair) Brenda Agard Alleyne Lena Baptiste

# PR & Communications:

Brenda Agard Alleyne (Co-Chair) Carol Joseph (Co-Chair) Judy Madhosingh

# **Recreation Committee:**

Carmen & Earlvin (Joe) Dyer (Co-Chairs)
Pat Cholmondeley
Judy Madhosingh
Glen Mason

# Webmaster:

Rose Leblanc

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.

# Calypso Rose and Kobo Town...



On Sunday, January 21, 2018, Her

Majesty Calypso Rose delivered a stellar performance at the National Arts Centre. As promised, she had the audience on its feet. After the

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The Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa P.O. Box 8401, Station T Ottawa, Ontario K1G 3H8 show some members of The Trinidad & Tobago Association of Ottawa (TTAO), as well as the Trinidad & Tobago High Commissioner, His Excellency Garth Chatoor and his wife Dianne, were invited backstage to meet with the legendary performer. President of the TTAO, Ingrid John-Baptiste, presented her with a silk scarf on behalf of the Executive and members of the TTAO. Visit <a href="http://www.ttao.ca/calypso-rose-jan-2018.html">http://www.ttao.ca/calypso-rose-jan-2018.html</a> to view nostalgic photographs of the event.



Calypso Rose Jan 2018 - ttao.ca www.ttao.ca

Calpyso Rose on stage at the NAC, January 21, 2018 - appearing with Kobo town

On stage with Calypso Rose, was the Kobo Town band featuring Trinbagonian Drew Gonzales. Drew lived in Ottawa and was involved in the activities of the association back in the day. He was the resident children's entertainer at the very popular garden parties, which were hosted at the residence of the High Commissioner during the 1990s.

Thanks to our photographer and TTAO member Yasmin Asgarali-Glassford for memorializing the precious moments.

One of our members, Keith Whittier, captured the essence of the Calypso Rose and KoboTown performance in a brilliant article written for OLM, Ottawa Life Magazine. Here is the link to the article:

http://www.ottawalife.com/article/calypso-rose-gives-the-nac-a-night-to-remember?c=50

# **Upcoming TTAO Activities 2017-2018**

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Presented by:

**Black History Ottawa** 

**Guyana Ottawa Cultural** Association Inc.

Jaku Konbit

Jamaican (Ottawa) Community AssociationInc. (Physical Literacy Program)

The National Institute of Jamaican-Canadians

St. Vincent & The Grenadines Ottawa Association

St. Lucia Ottawa Association

The Trinidad & Tobago Association of Ottawa

**PSAC-Racially Visible Action Committee NCR** 

Young Leaders Advisory Council (YLAC)

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# Health & Wellness Seminar PROMOTING HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

# Youth Health & Well-being Forum

Friday, April 20, 2018 Ottawa City Hall, 110 Laurier Street

Colonel By Room 6:00pm - 9:00pm Registration: 5:30 to 6:00pm 613-293-3989 613-567-0600 david.sutton@sympatico.ca

Adult Health Forum

Ottawa City Hall, 110 Laurier Street Saturday, April 21, 2018 Jean Pigott Place 8:30am – 4:30pm Registration \$5.00 starts at 8:30am

Breakfast & light lunch included

613-292-3375 613-327-3406 613-834-1718

nijc@sympatico.ca



Presentations & panel discussions on:

- Eye Health (Glaucoma & Cataracts)
- The Brain, Heart & Kidney in Diabetes, Hypertension & Obesity
- Prostate Disease & the Caribbean Man
- Cervical Cancer: Pap Smears & Cervical Screening
- Caribbean Myths & Beliefs: Barriers to Mental Health

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# **TTAO General Meeting**

The General Meeting will be held at the Trinidad & Tobago High Commission, 200 First Ave, Ottawa on Friday, April 27 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. by Tuesday, April 24, 2018 to tandtassociation@gmail.com or call 613-834-1718.



# Chaconia All Fours Club

The next Chaconia All Fours Club game night will be on Friday, May 4 from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., at the Overbrook Community Centre, 33 Quill Street, Ottawa. Please R.S.V.P. by Tuesday, May 1 to tandtassociation@gmail.com or call 613-850-0870 or 613-834-1718.

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# Spring Fling

# The Trinidad & Tobago Association of Ottawa

Invites you to a

# SPRING FLING



Saturday, May 12, 2018

**Ottawa Masonic Centre** 

2140 Walkley Road, Ottawa

From: 9:00 p.m.

Music by: David SuperSound

Tickets: \$15.00 (advance) \$20.00 (door)

Dress in bright spring colours

Info: 613-834-1718; 613-850-0870; 613-825-2742 tandtassociation@gmail.com

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# Scholarship C.L.R. James Scholarship Award 2018

The Trinidad & Tobago Association of Ottawa is inviting applications for the 2018 C.L.R. James Scholarship award. Scholarship Guidelines and Application forms are available on the TTAO website at: www.ttao.ca. The deadline for applications is June 20, 2018. The scholarship is a way of thanking our members for their support and patronage over the year.

Worth noting is the following:

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.

Full scholarship guidelines can be viewed at

http://www.ttao.ca/uploads/8/8/0/8/88087988/scholarship\_award\_qui delines\_2018.pdf. The award will be presented during the Summer of 2018.

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T&T - NIGHT AT THE RACES - Thursday, June 21st

Rideau Carleton Casino Raceway, 4837 Albion Road from 6:00 p.m. There will be door prizes ad a silent auction.

Admission: \$39.97 Adults Children 6-12yrs - \$19.97

Children under 6 - Free

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**FAMILY FUN DAY & PICNIC** – Sunday, July 29, 2018 Petrie Island, 795 Trim Road, Orleans – 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.

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TRINBAGO DAY - Sunday, August 19, 2018

Ottawa City Hall, 110 Laurier Ave, Ottawa 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.

Admission: Free (Donations accepted)

# In Memory of...

The TTAO lost one of its long standing and faithful members, Percival Ulric Inniss, more fondly known as Percy, on January 18, 2018. He was born on January 15, 1936 in Woodbrook, Trinidad & Tobago. He migrated to the USA in the '60s and moved to Ottawa in the 1970s. He, and his wife, raised 9 children. Percy was a devoted family man, an ardent cricketer and a mas lover. Percy will be remembered by his family and friends for his laughter, wisdom and unconditional love. Rest in Peace Percy.

The Executive and members of the TTAO, extend sincere condolences to the members of the Inniss family.

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# Inspiration Corner...

# The Benefactor strikes again



In 2016 – 2017 Naz Deen published his first book, "No Better Life". 25 % of the proceeds from the sale of his book was donated to the TTAO's C.L.R. James Scholarship Fund 2017. The scholarship was awarded to Sheniqua Q., a resident student at the St. Dominic's Children's Home in Belmont, Trinidad and Tobago. Inspired by the work of the St. Dominic's home, Naz decided that in return for a complimentary copy of his book, he would accept a donation and the total amount collected would be given to the St. Dominic's Children's Home. In January 2018, a cheque for \$3,000 Cdn was presented to Sis. Arlene Greenidge on Naz's behalf. Congratulations and thank you to Naz for his generosity and contribution to communities in the diaspora and in Trinidad & Tobago. Thanks also to the generous donors for making the life of a child in Trinidad & Tobago a happier experience.

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# On the Bookshelf....



Merickens". The book is a collection of ten short stories about strong women and men who have shaped our twin island state. Our many Trinbagonian readers in Ottawa-Carleton will love the stories like *The Merickens, The Last Ship, Sister-in-Law, and The Prodigal!* The book is available on line at <a href="https://www.lulu.com">www.lulu.com</a>. Within the next few weeks, it will also be available at <a href="https://www.amazon.ca">www.amazon.ca</a> and at <a href="https://www.barnesandnoble.com">www.barnesandnoble.com</a>. Alternatively, it can be bought directly from Naz at a slightly lower price, C\$15.00 plus \$6 shipping. You may contact him by email at <a href="https://www.nbdeen@aol.com">nbdeen@aol.com</a>. Once again, a portion of the author's share from the sale of this book will be donated to charity.

This book is a definite must read.

# Upcoming Events from Sister Community Organisations

# **BARBADOS OTTAWA ASSOC. INC**

Saturday, April 28, 2018 – De Bajan Lime, Ottawa Masonic Centre, 2140 Walkley Rd, Ottawa from 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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# **BRENT LOUIS RESEARCH FUND**

Saturday, July 28th - Skooby Bowl 2018, Orleans Bowling and Strikers Billiards, 885 Taylor Creek Drive, Orleans

The Brent Louis Research Fund, under the umbrella of the CHEO Foundation, is hosting its 4th annual bowling event, the Skooby Bowl 2018 in memory of Brent Louis. Brent was first diagnosed with sickle cell anemia, on April 5, 1979 and fought a courageous battle against the disease for 36 years. As a way of honoring his memory, since his passing on July 25, 2015, the founders of The Brent Louis Research Fund have held a bowling tournament affectionately recalling his nickname – Skooby. The Skooby Bowl is held to raise funds strictly for sickle cell research.

# CARIBBEAN HUMMINGBIRDS Indian Arrival and African Emancipation

Saturday, May 26, 2018, St. John the Apostle Church Hall, 2340 Baseline Rd, Ottawa from 6:00 p.m. Admission: Adults - \$30; Children 7:12 - \$10, Under 7 - Free.

For information and tickets, please contact: Les Kumar: 613-247-1459; Judy Madhosingh – 613-721-0424

# **CARIVIBE 2018**

On Saturday, June 16, 2018, a carnival parade will return to the streets of downtown Ottawa. It will be a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon during the Summer. For those interested, there is an after party on Petrie Island in Orleans. Details of the Parade route and time are on the flyer below.



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# CLUB S.O.C.C.A. & Friends of Trinidad & Tobago

PRESENT THE SECTION

# SOCA SAILORS



In the band

# "EXPLOSION OF COLOUR"

CARIVIBE 2018 Grand Street Parade Saturday, June 16, 2018

Costumes cost: \$35 - **\$45**. However if you have retained your top from the 2012 presentation, the cost will be less. (*Please note that, Participants are asked supply their own WHITE Pants or Tights, Knee high or long*) (**AND MUST BE REGISTERED BY MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> 2018)** For More Info. About participation in the band:

613.850.0870 | 613.220.9920 | 613.791.0870 clubsocca@gmail.com | dlovebos@yahoo.com

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# Club S.O.C.C.A.

Sunday, April 22, 2018 – Bowling, Walkley Bowling Centre, 2092 Walkley Rd from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday May 6, 2018 – Tea Party, Ottawa Masonic Centre, 2140 Walkley Rd. from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 20, 2018, White Affair, Atomic Rooster, 303 Bank St, Ottawa from 10:00 p.m. 2:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 29, 2018 – Kites for Cancer, Petrie Island, Orleans from 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.

For information on the above events, please contact 613-850-0870 or 613-739-0070

# JAMAICA OTTAWA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Friday, April 27, 2018 – Jamaica Night at the Races, Rideau Carleton Casino Raceway, 4837 Albion Rd, Ottawa.

# Member's Corner.....

To enhance what the TTAO can do for the community, we need your support so why not become 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.



# Reminder

As part of its succession strategy, the current Executive is making a special push for millennials to become members of the TTAO. The membership fee is only \$20 for individuals and \$40 for a family (which includes children 17 years of age and younger). We encourage those who are not members or those who have not yet renewed their membership to do so today. We have tried to make the process easier so although cheques, money orders and cash are still acceptable, payment via <code>Interac e-Transfer</code> is also an option to our Gmail account at <code>tandtassociation@gmail.com</code>. As well, the membership form is fillable online and can also be sent as an attachment to our Gmail account.

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# TTAO membership form

The annual membership for 2017-2018 for the association runs from **September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018. Your membership for 2017-2018 is now due.** Please think about renewing your membership if you have not already done so.



# The TTAO's website & Facebook page

You are encouraged to visit our <u>website</u>. The new and improved site provides updated and current information on Trinidad & Tobago and brings you information on the upcoming activities of the TTAO and other sister organizations and details of past events.

Our webmaster Rose LeBlanc ensures that  $\underline{ttao.ca}$ , with its artistically inviting look, offers authentic and up-to-date information.

Please remember to like our Facebook page. Carol would be more than happy to see the number of likes increase.

Our Facebook page is at https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Trinidad-and-Tobago-Association-of-Ottawa-TTAO/157550578878.

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!