



# The CHACONIA

The TTAO Newsletter

## THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ASSOCIATION OF OTTAWA

1983 - 2023

### CELEBRATING 40 YEARS AS AN ASSOCIATION



This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the existence of The Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa (TTAO) as an organization in the National Capital Area and its environs. Our organization has consistently been a first and laid the groundwork for the recognition and acknowledgement of some of the events that are now celebrated in Ottawa.

There are plans to recognize this milestone at a Dinner / Dance to be held on October 28, 2023. The TTAO will also use this opportunity to honour the achievements of a friend and member, Dr. Alfredo Walker, a registered Forensic Pathologist and Coroner, based in Ottawa. It is also fitting that our scholarship winners be celebrated at this event.

Further details will be circulated at a later date, however the "Save the Date" immediately below will provide you with preliminary information. We hope that you will be able to celebrate with us on Saturday, October 28, 2023. *Please mark your calendars.*



## The Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa

Invites you to save this date

**Saturday, October 28, 2023**

Let's get together at a dinner-dance to

*Celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
**of the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Ottawa**  
**1983-2023**

Honouree:  
Dr. Alfredo E. Walker HBM (Gold), FRCPath, DMJ (Path), MB.BS, MFFLM, MCSFS  
Forensic Pathologist and Coroner  
Recipient of the Hummingbird Medal (Gold)  
2022 Republic of Trinidad and Tobago National Awards

**Recognize the achievements of our  
2023 scholarship winners**

More details to follow

In celebration of our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary milestone, in the upcoming months, we will provide you with a bit of history about the TTAO.

At this juncture, I would like to express my appreciation to a few people:

- To the hard working Executive and Social Committees for keeping the TTAO “virtually” alive under adverse circumstances.
- To Carol Joseph, our Facebook administrator, for upkeeping the page on a regular basis with all things T&T. It is well worth noting that this page inspired a family from Vancouver to become members of the TTAO and they thanked the association for allowing them a forum to keep connected to their culture.
- To Rose LeBlanc, our Webmaster, for her diligence and efficiency in maintaining our website. The calibre of the website attracted the attention of the agent associated with the charitable organization that was working on behalf of the donor of The A.T. Tolley Afro-Caribbean Female Scholarship Award.



**NEW SCHOLARSHIP OFFER** – The A.T. Tolley Afro-Caribbean Female Scholarship Award.

Over the past two months, the TTAO has been approached to manage an additional scholarship. The A.T. Tolley Afro-Caribbean Female Scholarship Award is sponsored by a Trinbagonian who came to Canada many years ago, received assistance while pursuing her studies, and has now decided to pay it forward with a \$5,000.00 scholarship. The TTAO is thrilled about this new partnership.

It should be noted that the above scholarship is in addition to the undermentioned three (3) that are currently under the governance of the TTAO:

- C.L.R. James Scholarship, named after the world famous Trinbagonian national, cultural historian, cricket writer and political activist, who was a leading figure in the Pan African movement. *Value - \$1,000.00.*
- Friends of SERVIAM Scholarship, named after a group which describes itself as a collection of friends with ties to the Caribbean and Ursuline Sisters, who do charitable work both in Canada and in the Caribbean. *Value - \$1,000.00.*
- Dr. Sade Francois Scholarship (for young Black Women), named after a past appreciative TTAO scholarship recipient, who has decided to pay it forward. *Value - \$1,000.00.*

Information on the scholarships to be awarded by the TTAO can be obtained by accessing [SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED AND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2023 - TRINIDAD & TOBAGO ASSOCIATION OF OTTAWA \(ttao.ca\)](https://ttao.ca)

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer.