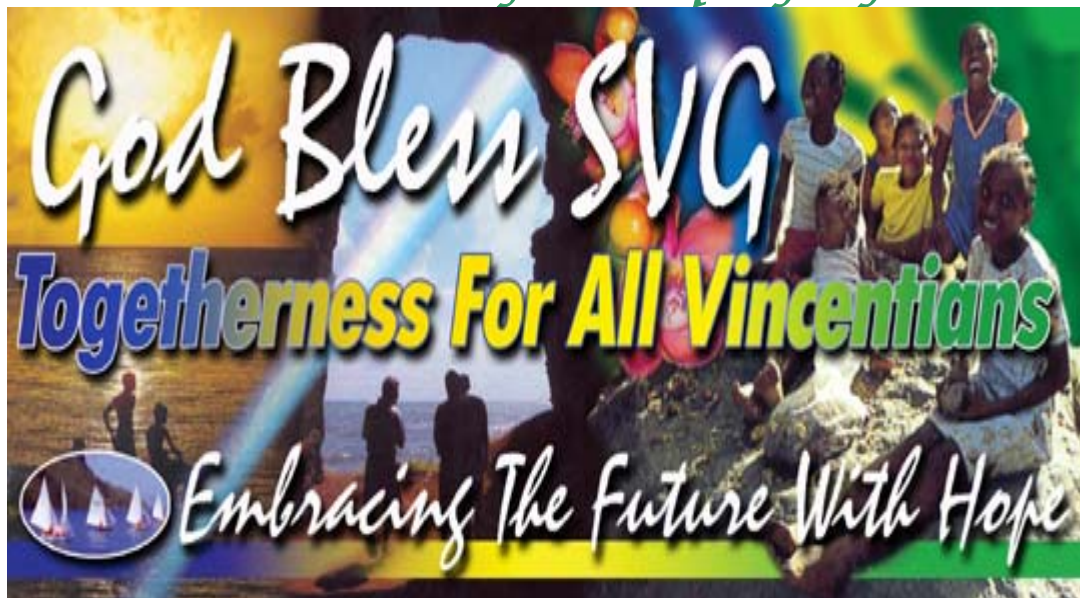


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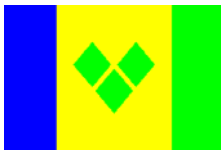
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Those gems the lovely Grenadines,
Upon their seas and golden sands
The sunshine ever beams.

OUR APPRECIATION

The Organizing Committee, on behalf of the Executive and membership of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc. herewith express sincere thanks to all those who in one way or the other assisted in making the celebrations of our activities to commemorate the anniversary of the independence of our country possible.

We thank our many sponsors and advertisers in this Souvenir Brochure; those who donated in kind and coin for the other events, those artistes who donated their time; those who assisted in the sale of tickets and encouraging others to attend our events.

Special thanks to Ambassador Betty Boyea-King for giving up her time to travel from New York to be our Guest Speaker. Our thanks to her relatives who have agreed to accommodate her at their expense.

Finally, we thank all those who were able to attend our events. We trust that as we embrace the future with hope St. Vincent and the Grenadines Nationals will live in oneness to advance the development of our beloved country, St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

*Members of the Organizing Committee, 2005
Independence Anniversary Celebrations*

**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY
ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**



Premier of Ontario - Premier ministre de l'Ontario

October 22, 2005

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to congratulate the members of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc. as they mark the 26th anniversary of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Congratulations!

October 27, 1979, was an immensely proud day in the long history of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. After many years, these enchanting islands took their rightful place among the sovereign nations of the world. Canadians with roots in St. Vincent and the Grenadines have brought with them their energy and passion for success, and they make an important contribution to the cultural vibrancy and economic life of our province. This joyful commemoration attests both to the pride they take in the islands' success and in their many achievements since arriving in Canada.

I commend the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc. for its hard work in organizing this event and many others like it. Since it was founded in 1969 — the year St. Vincent and the Grenadines became an associated state — this dynamic organization has done much to support Vincentians who have chosen our province's capital as their new home. Its mandate is a laudable one — drawn up to ensure that the Vincentian community remains united through numerous cultural, educational, social and recreational activities. The association also helps raise funds that benefit worthy projects here and in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

As you come together to celebrate all things Vincentian, may this joyful celebration renew the strength of your community — and your faith in a bright and prosperous future. Please accept my sincere best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dalton McGuinty".

Dalton McGuinty
Premier

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM
HER EXCELLENCY LORRAINE B. WILLIAMS
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR THE
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October 2005

The celebration of the Independence Anniversary of one's country is a significant milestone and a joyous occasion that fills us with pride of being worthy and faithful sons and daughters of the country of our birth. As Vincentians living in Canada, the commemoration of the 26th Independence Anniversary of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is a special opportunity to celebrate your country's many achievements as well as to ponder on the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Twenty-six years as an independent nation is indeed an achievement for the Government and people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. As you mature as a nation and a people, the challenges that confront your homeland are many and diverse. It means that every Vincentian has to be more creative in seizing all opportunities to further develop and sustain the beloved Isles.

Your theme for this year's activities, **"The Oneness of a Unique People"** aptly embodies the sentiment of uniqueness that every Vincentian, both at home and abroad, should keep kindled in your soul, which make you proud to have been born in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. I urge you to continue to nurture that very unique bond which makes all Vincentians one people.

As High Commissioner for the Countries of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States, it gives me great pleasure, on behalf of St. Vincent and the Grenadines nationals and other OECS nationals in Canada, to extend warmest congratulations to the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc. and all nationals of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in Toronto, on the occasion of your 26th Anniversary of Independence.

I comment your past achievements and urge you to keep this patriotic spirit alive in your hearts and thoughts and to continue your endeavours for further progress and development of fellow Vincentians at home, and yourselves in the Diaspora. I wish you every success in the activities planned to mark this year's anniversary and I look forward to enhancing the collaboration between the Association and the High Commission.

Lorraine B. Williams
HIGH COMMISSIONER

A Message from the Mayor of the City of Toronto



It is with pleasure that I extend congratulations and warm wishes to everyone participating in the 26th Independence Anniversary of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Today is a great opportunity to gather with family and friends to share this joyous and momentous occasion. As you celebrate your rich heritage and culture it is also a time to acknowledge all those who fought for freedom and recognize the close ties and friendship that exist between our two countries.

One of the strengths that set our city apart is our warmth, compassion and willingness to work together to make a difference. People from around the world have made Toronto their home and brought with them their rich historical and cultural heritage that we all share and celebrate.

On behalf of Toronto City Council, I congratulate our St. Vincent and the Grenadines community once again and thank you for the important part you play in the success and vibrancy of our city. To everyone, I offer best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable celebration.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor David Miller

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OUTREACH PROJECT

Each year the Association reaches out to some members of our community that are in need of help by donating food baskets to help them over the Christmas Holiday Season.

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Andrea Lewis who plays **Hazel** in **Degrassi: The Next Generation** performs songs from her newly released CD at the banquet. Visit her website, www.andrealewis.ca.

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**MESSAGE FROM CONSUL GENERAL E. BERNARD JOHN TO VINCENTIANS IN GREATER TORONTO
ON THE OCCASION OF THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE OF
ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**



12th October, 2005

The President
St. Vincent & the Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc.

Dear Mr. President:

Congratulations to you, the officers and members of your Organisation for yet again spearheading independence anniversary celebrations in this community.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines is now twenty-six (26) years old – a milestone that we proudly celebrate. During the years of nationhood and under successive Governments we have made advances in the delivery of services to our people but we continue to be faced with many challenges as the world environment continues to change. However, it is to the credit of your officers and members that we continue to stick together to improve the circumstances of those of our brothers and sisters who need our support.

There have been recent initiatives which call for greater unity among SVG nationals in this community. I pay tribute to your organisation for being a significant part of this effort. The office of the Consulate General together with your organisation and others is resolved to continue this process. We will succeed once we remain unified, committed and focused.

Let us continue to work hand-in-hand in our pursuit of our common interest, that is, the growth and development of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and that of our beloved Caribbean region.

Happy Independence Anniversary!

Sincerely,

E. Bernard John, Consul General

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Message From
President of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc.

Mr. Jason Jones

First, on behalf of the Executive and the Membership of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto, I would like to extend sincere congratulations to the Government of St. Vincent, to all Nationals at home and abroad and especially to Nationals here in Ontario on the celebrations of the 26th Anniversary of our Independence. We are all very proud of the history of our "New" Nation and acknowledge that our Leaders continue to strive to bring a bright and prosperous future to all Nationals at home and in the Diaspora. We (the Association) see our function as an integrated effort with the Membership, the Office of the Consulate, and the Community at Large in supporting growth and empowerment in our Nation.

Our Anniversary of Independence also serves as a befitting milestone to reflect and to celebrate the work of the Association as it wrestles with meeting those needs expressed by its Membership, by the Community at Large, and by Nationals at home and abroad. When this Association was formed over thirty-five years ago, three key objectives guided the thinking of the founders:

- A forum for discussions
- Assistance to groups in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and in Ontario
- Active participation in Community Affairs

Throughout the years, and since its inception, the Association's main focus was and still is on "Assistance to St. Vincent and the Grenadines". We have caused to improve the lives of many Nationals at home. For this we are very proud.

The Association continues, through the work of its various committees, to plan for the realization of the other objectives. Examples of the work of some committees are: Our Education Committee continues to organize a variety of monthly workshops and provide opportunities for information sharing and for discussions; The Public Relations Committee has shaped and managed our website and newsletter (Insight) to reach out to and keep informed thousands of Nationals everywhere; the Mothers' Day and Picnic Committees have provided social opportunities for a diverse segment of our Nationals; the Scholarship Program is set to announce its first recipient this evening as the advent of one of the ways of researching and showcasing the accomplishments of youths in our community.

We are very elated to see so many friends of this organization who have joined in our celebrations – our guest speaker Ambassador Betty King; Consul General Mr. E B John and other representatives from the Consulate; the many sister organizations who continue to promote the work we do; our many sponsors who have so graciously given to our cause; representatives from various levels of governments who have taken time to inform themselves of the work of our organization; and the many other distinguished friends and supporters present here today.

A very special "Thank You" to the Executive, to the members of the Independence Celebrations Organizing Committee, and all who have worked tirelessly to making the celebrations a success.

"Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish."

The St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc. was founded in 1969. Meetings of the Association are held on the last Sunday of each month commencing at 4:00 p.m. at Northwood Community Centre, 15 Clubhouse Court, North York.

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Keisha Carrington is currently enrolled in the Life Sciences program at the University of Toronto (St. George Campus) where she is aspiring to become a pediatrician.

Throughout her educational history, she has been a hard-working student, consistently on the Honor Roll. She has been the Valedictorian at her elementary school as well as her middle school.. Keisha received the Citizenship Award during the Grade 8 graduation ceremony at the Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute. She was recommended by the principal of her middle school to be a part of the IB (International Baccalaureate) program at her high school. As a result, Keisha was a part of that intense academic program for approximately three years where she attained many academic and social skills.

At high school, Keisha was a member of Victim of Wars Club which raised funds to help potential victims of war as well as being involved in the African Heritage Club where she sought to learn more about her heritage. Currently, Keisha tutors two Grade 10 students.

Miss Carrington is an active member of her church which she has attended for most of her life. She has gone through the Sunday school program and was involved in the Missionettes program. In 2001 she was crowned the Missionettes' Queen for having successfully completed the seven year rigorous program. She was also a member of the youth choir and drama team where she was able to develop skills in the art arena. With all that involvement in her church, it was fitting for her to be a leader in the Children's Church, organizing activities for younger children.

After university, Keisha hopes to attend medical college where she will specialize in pediatrics. Later, she aspires to open her own practice to attend to the health needs and attention required by children. Keisha was driven by what happened to her younger sister who at age six was diagnosed with leukemia so she knows first hand the difficulty that her family went through. Her Christian upbringing led her to believe that their prayers were answered by God to have her sister alive today in a much better condition. She states, "I feel that my sister's childhood leukemia has been my primary inspiration to launch into the medical field. Furthermore, I hope that one day I will be able to say: my pleasure is to save the lives of precious children".

Keisha is the daughter of Ms Sylvia Carrington of St. Vincent and Mr. Wendell Carrington.

Program

Our Evening's Hosts

Ms Marci Ien, CTV News Anchor

Mr. Theron Cumberbatch

APPETIZERS

Introduction of Dignitaries and Special Guests

National Anthem of Canada

National Anthem of St. Vincent & the Grenadines

Welcome Remarks by Ms Audrey Lewis

Chair, Organizing Committee 2005 Independence Celebrations

Blessing of the Meal - Miss Shanika Burnette

DINNER

Musical Performance

Andrea Lewis of DeGrassi: The Next Generation

THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Mr. Jason Jones

GREETINGS

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Entrée

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*Vegetarian Lasagna
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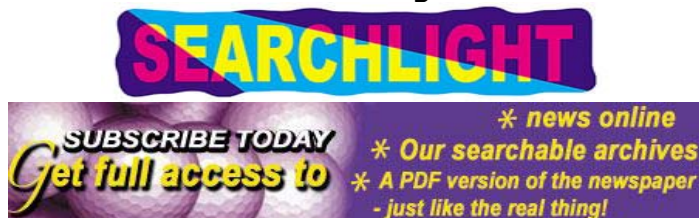
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Please contact any of the members listed below to place your ad by December 4, 2005:

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Gideon Exeter - 905-831-1814; Grafton Bibby - 416-496-1029 or Yolande Lewis - 416-809-9820.

Our Keynote Speaker Mrs. Betty Boyea-King

Betty King served presidents Bill Clinton and George W Bush as the United States Representative to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. In that capacity, Ambassador King represented the US on a broad range of issues including human rights, development, population, the environment, women, children and the aging.

Prior to her service at the UN, Ms King was the Senior Vice President of The Annie Casey Foundation, and has since been the Senior Advisor to the CEO of the California Endowment. She currently runs a private philanthropic practice through which she advises foundations and corporations. Ms King also served as the Deputy Commissioner of Mental Health Services in the District of Columbia and the Director of Aging and Adult Services in the state of Arkansas.

Ms King serves on the board of directors of Refugees International, The Global Women's Action Network for Children, Phoenix House and the Caribbean Women's Health Association. Ms King was educated at St Vincent and the Grenadines' Girls High School, The University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, The State University of New York at Stony Brook, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and was a National Humanities Fellow at Harvard University.

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2005 Dr. Allan Liverpool Recipient



Allan Austin was born in Lauders, St. Vincent in March 1972 and migrated to Canada in July 1985. After high school Allan enrolled in a Social Worker's program at Humber College. Today, Allan is still in school at Seneca in a work related program, the Building Environmental Program.

Allan chose to enroll in the 17th Ontario Sea Cadet Corp in 1988 and was adjudged the Best Cadet during that first year. He moved through the ranks of the Cadet Corp and became Chief Petty Officer First Class, the highest rank as a Cadet. On July 1, 1989 Allan received the Canada Day Award for Excellence. During 1992 to 1993 he became an Instructor and a Commissioner Officer. Allan served as Executive Officer in the Naval Reserve Unit from 1999 to 2001.

In his spiritual life, Allan is a devoted Anglican and is member of St. Stephen's Anglican Church in West Toronto. He has served on the Advisory Board for several years and is currently the Fund Raising Coordinator.

Allan joined the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association in 1995 at the invitation of two Past Presidents who both invested in his first annual subscription. He said that he told them that he would ensure that their investment paid off. Since then, he served on the executive for a number of years in various capacities – Committee Chair, Treasurer and Vice President. He is a dedicated worker within the organization and is not afraid to take on any challenge to assist the Association.

Allan however owes the Association for providing him the opportunity to meet Natasha whom he wedded in July 2002. They have one daughter, Kendra.

Allan Austin has been employed for the past twelve years with the company formerly called Olympia & York but now called C.B. Richard Ellis (CBRE).

The Executive and membership of the Association congratulate Allan on being the 2005 recipient and wish him every good in his future endeavours.

IN APPRECIATION

The Executive and membership of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc. acknowledge the contributions made by its founders and early leaders of the organization. At this year's Independence Anniversary Celebrations we recognize the contributions made by two former presidents, Mr. Lawrence Collymore and Mr. Oswald George.

Recognition plaques will be presented to members of the Collymore and George families at the banquet.

May their souls rest in Peace.

Honorary Life Members

The Executive has added two names to the list of Honorary Life Members. These are persons whom the Executive feels have by their efforts over a period of time contributed directly or indirectly to the advancement of the Association and the community.

Ruby Phillips (née Samuel) came to Toronto from St. Vincent as a teenager in the early 1960's. She later married Hubert Phillips and together they raised five children. She started life in her new country as domestic worker, as did most of the young women who immigrated to Canada from the Caribbean at the time. Following changes to Canada's immigration policy, she was able to seek other types of work. After completing high school through night school in 1964, she worked in various fields including banking for 13 years, before pursuing her chosen profession as a hairdresser. A diploma from Marvel Beauty Schools in Toronto led to opening *Ruby's Beauty Salon*, which has been an institution in the northwest area of the city since 1977.



Miss Ruby, as she is known by her many clients and friends, has trained and mentored many hairdressers at her salon, including 3 of her children who still work with her. She has steadfastly supported fellow West Indian and particularly Vincentian-owned businesses whose products she could use in her establishment, unable to resist helping her own people to succeed.

A proud Vincentian, she actively promotes her country and the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association's events. At *Ruby's Beauty Salon* tickets are always available for their functions. Last summer, she sponsored one of the busses, with the unforgettable name of *Punctual Sugar Mama*, for the annual picnic to 1000 Islands.

Mrs. Phillips has sponsored many people to Canada from St. Vincent, as well as from other Caribbean islands. Her generosity knows no bounds, never turning anyone away who may need her help. She has opened her home to those who needed a place to stay, and fed countless others. As she says herself, "I love helping people", and all of those who have met with her generosity over the four and a half decades she has lived in Toronto will certainly agree.



Edson Huggins has served in several capacities on the Executive and on Committees of the St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto. When he is not serving on committees, he continues to willingly and generously give of his time and talent to the Association in particular, and to the Community as a whole. Throughout the years, Edson has captured the life of the Association through his hundreds of photographs, which he shares with and donates to the Association. He has come to be known as "Our Photographer" - without any compensatory (financial) recognition that should have gone with it.

Edson Huggins is a founding member of the once very active St. Vincent and Grenadines Association Cultural Group. Among his other duties, he wrote and directed plays that were put on by the Group. During Black History month, Edson has offered his other talents and shared his knowledge of Black history with our young people and their parents in the community. Edson has willingly visited Elementary and Secondary schools in his Scarborough community to educate school administrators, teachers and students alike on "Little known facts in Black History". As a result of his intense community involvement and consequently his contact with the young people, Edson is fondly referred to as "Uncle Edson" by a plethora of youths unrelated to him.

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Happy Independence Anniversary

The Executive and Membership of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto wish all nationals of St. Vincent and the Grenadines a Happy 26th Anniversary of Independence. May God bless you to enjoy many more years of togetherness.

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**ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO
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This quiz, sponsored by St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto and Searchlight Newspaper in Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines is intended to educate and inform our nationals of some important historical pieces of information about our nation.

Two prizes will be given to the two persons whose names are drawn from all correct entries received by the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto by November 14, 2005. Your correct answers should be mailed to: SVGAT/Searchlight Newspaper National Quiz, c/o: St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto, P.O. Box 392, Station F, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 2L8. or emailed to: svga@vincytoronto.com.

Each winner will receive a one-year online subscription to Searchlight Newspaper starting from December 2, 2005.

The quiz is printed simultaneously in Searchlight's Special Independence Issue on October 21, 2005 and the names of winners both in Toronto and in St. Vincent and the Grenadines will be published in the November 18 edition of the newspaper. Toronto winners will be accordingly contacted.

THE QUIZ

1. When did St. Vincent and the Grenadines gain its independence from Great Britain?
2. Who was the first Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines?
3. Who was the first Governor General of St. Vincent and the Grenadines?
4. How many Prime Ministers have there been? Name them.
5. Who was the longest serving Prime Minister?
6. How many Governors General have there been? Name them.
7. How many constituencies did St. Vincent and the Grenadines have at the time it gained its independence?
8. How many constituencies are there now in St. Vincent and the Grenadines?
9. Name those Prime Ministers who are still alive at this time.
10. Name those Governors General who are still alive.
11. What is considered the national dish of St. Vincent and the Grenadines?
12. How many islands and quays make up the country of St. Vincent and the Grenadines?
13. What is the national bird of St. Vincent and the Grenadines?
14. What is the national flower of St. Vincent and the Grenadines?
15. Who was the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Assembly at the time St. Vincent and the Grenadines gained its independence?
16. Who was the first native Governor of St. Vincent?
17. Which of our Governors General was not born in St. Vincent and the Grenadines?
18. Who was the first Speaker of the House of Assembly in an Independent St. Vincent and the Grenadines?
19. Who was the Opposition Leader in the House of Assembly that was not a Vincentian by birth?
20. Who wrote the National Anthem of St. Vincent and the Grenadines?
21. Who wrote the music to the said National Anthem?
22. Who designed the flag that was adopted as the first flag of St. Vincent and the Grenadines?
23. When was the current flag accepted as the flag of St. Vincent and the Grenadines?
24. Who was named as the first National Hero of St. Vincent and the Grenadines?
25. On one occasion since Independence a political party has won all seats in the general elections. When did this happen and which was the political party?
26. Name 5 Vincentian or Vincentian-born persons who were not Governors General and were knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.



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