

# *St. Vincent and the Grenadines Independence Gala*

*Celebrating the 37th Anniversary of Independence*



*Saturday, October 22, 2016*

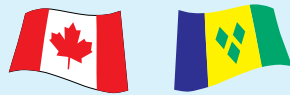


**ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO INC.  
IN COLLABORATION WITH: BEQUIA SOCIAL ORGANIZATION • TORONTO SVG SUPPORT GROUP •  
UNION ISLAND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

**St. Vincent and the Grenadines'  
National Pledge**

*Land of my birth I pledge to thee  
My loyalty and devotion, In all I do  
and think and say.*

*National Anthems*



*O Canada! Our home and native land  
True patriot love in all thy sons command  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise  
The true north strong and free  
From far and wide, O Canada  
We stand on guard for thee  
God keep our land glorious and free  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee!*

*St. Vincent Land so beautiful  
With joyful hearts we pledge to thee  
Our loyalty and love and vow  
To keep you ever free.*

***Whate'er the future brings  
Our faith will see us through.  
May peace reign from shore to shore  
And God bless and keep us true.***

*Hairoun! Our fair and blessed Isle  
Your mountains high, so clear and green;  
Are home to me though I may stray;  
A haven calm serene.*

*Our little sister islands are  
Those gems the lovely Grenadines,  
Upon their seas and golden sands  
The sunshine ever beams.*

**Our MC Mr. E. B. John**



*Well known in our SVG community as "EB" our MC is a former Liaison Officer with the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States and a former Consul General for St. Vincent and the Grenadines. A talented Broadcaster, EB received training at the BBC and holds a degree in Mass Communication and an MBA, both from the University of the West Indies. For most of his working life, EB was attached to Radio St. Vincent and the Grenadines, as an announcer, retiring 25 years later as General Manager. His other public service activities in St. Vincent and the Grenadines included: Chairman of the National Broadcasting Corporation, Commandant of the Cadet Corps, Commandant of the Auxiliary Police Force, Public Relations Officer of both the Football and Squash Associations, President of the Lions' Club South and Lions' Zone Chairman – being responsible for the clubs in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and in Grenada.*

# *Programme*

*Cocktails* - Steelpan Music by Kwesi Hypolite

*Welcome and Introduction of Emcee Mr. E. Bernard John*

Ms. Sandra Bobb - Chair Independence Committee

*Anthems* - Ms. Tani Jack

National Anthem of Canada

National Anthem of St. Vincent and the Grenadines

*President's Remarks*

Mrs Prudence Morton – President, St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc.

*Invocation*

Suzanne Glynn

## *Dinner*

*Special Entertainment*

*Scholarship Awards*

Kenneth Farrell, Chair of C.R.E.S.

*Greetings*

Mr. Fitzgerald Huggins - Consul General, St. Vincent and the Grenadines

*Keynote Address*

The Hon. Minister Camillo M. Gonsalves

*Special Award Presentations & Toast to the Nation* - Consul General

*Special Entertainment* - Ms. Tani Jack

*Vote of Thanks* - Marcia Farrell - Public Relations Officer

*Dance to the sounds of Ossie Gurley and the Truth and D.J. Fusion*



# Menu

## Cocktails

*Cocktail Samosa, Fish Pakora*

*Spring Rolls, Chicken Fingers*

*Wine*

## Soup

*Cream of Asparagus*

## Salad

*Garden Salad (Combination of Romaine, Boston bib, endive & radicchio blended with julienne bell peppers, cucumbers & tomatoes complete in a roasted red pepper vinaigrette dressing)*

## Main Course

*Chicken Florentine*

*(Chicken Breast stuffed with Spinach and Ricotta Cheese and baked to perfection)*

*Grilled Fresh Salmon - Pink Salmon served with a White Wine Dill Sauce*

*Seasoned Roasted Potatoes and Vegetable Medley with Asparagus*

## Dessert

*Pastries*

*Raspberry Mirror Gateaux (Raspberry Mousse between layers of White Cake served with Fresh Berries)*

*Fresh Fruit Salad*

*Coffee, Tea, Espresso*



PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

October 27, 2016

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone marking the 37th anniversary of the independence of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.



On October 27, 1979, St. Vincent and the Grenadines achieved its independence from Great Britain. As you gather with fellow Vincentians living in the Greater Toronto Area, you will have a chance to reflect upon this pivotal moment in the history of the country as well as its many achievements since that day.

Canada is home to a multitude of cultures that live, work and thrive together. This occasion is also an ideal opportunity to recognize the significant contributions Vincentian Canadians have made to our country in all fields of endeavour. I would like to commend the members of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc. for organizing this celebration.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable day of activities.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Justin P.J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister of Canada



**Premier of Ontario - Première ministre de l'Ontario**



October 22, 2016

### **A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER**

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to everyone attending the Independence Gala, hosted by the St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto to mark the nation's 37th year of independence.

I wish to commend the St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto for its role in building our community and supporting talented young people on their way to becoming our future thinkers, innovators and leaders. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the diverse and dynamic Vincentian community for its many enduring contributions to our province's social, economic and cultural fabric.

To those being honoured this evening — please accept my special congratulations. Know that your academic achievements, valuable contributions to the community, and commitment to excellence serve as an inspiration to all Ontarians.

Please accept my sincere best wishes for a meaningful and enjoyable celebration.

A handwritten signature of Kathleen Wynne in black ink.

**Kathleen Wynne**  
**Premier**



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### SVGAT 37th Independence Message from Consul General Huggins



Fellow Vincentians

On behalf of the Government of St Vincent and the Grenadines, Staff of the Consulate General of St Vincent and the Grenadines and my family, I extend warmest greetings and congratulations to all Vincentians on the celebration of our 37th Independence anniversary.

As we celebrate this year's Independence, let us pray for our brothers and sisters in Haiti who are suffering since the island was hit by Hurricane Matthew. Hurricane Matthew made land fall on many of our CARICOM neighbours leaving death and massive flooding in its path and further impacted our economies.

For this year, we should pay attention to the impact of Climate Change on our economies especially at a time when we are in the middle of the hurricane season. Over the last five years we have seen many disasters that have impacted our island causing damages amounting to one third of our Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Homes were destroyed, infrastructure was damaged and most importantly lives were taken. Because there are so many impacts of climate change, scientists have broadly categorized them into three areas:

- Erratic climate and weather extremes
- Altered ecosystems and habitats
- Risks to human health and society

Our beautiful beaches in the Grenadines and tourism facilities in low-lying areas like Calliaqua, Colonarie, Port Elizabeth, Layou, Ashton and Chateaubelair are under serious threats from high sea level rises. It means, therefore, that if some measures aren't adapted now then these impacts will continue to erode the gains that we have made in tourism over the past thirty-seven (37) years of Independence.

Our government has an environmental and economic responsibility and has embarked on the Geothermal project as part of our sustainable development goal to reduce our carbon footprint. St Vincent and the Grenadines is contributing to the reduction of the emission of heat-trapping gases from human activity especially the burning of fossil fuels for energy that is causing our atmosphere to heat up. The Geothermal project is expected to supply most of our electricity demand when the project is completed in 2018.

On reflection over those 37 years since Independence, our country's national status has improved exponentially. Vincentians at home and abroad are extremely proud to fly our national flag and wear our national colours. National Pride can only be enhanced by the way we treat our national symbols and the positive messages that we communicate about our beloved country. Our foreign policy has extended beyond our traditional friends, United States, Britain and Canada. We are friends of all and enemies of none. St Vincent and the Grenadines has become one of the most recognisable and respected nation in the hemisphere and we should be proud of that fact.

With the theme for this that say "Working TOGETHER to build national pride", it is good to see that the gala is organised through a collaboration of four functional groups in Toronto, St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc., Bequia Social Organization, Toronto SVG Support Group and the Union Island Cultural Association. This is a move in the right direction since Independence is an occasion that should be celebrated and recognised by all, TOGETHER.

Exciting times await us with the eminent operational phase of our Argyle International Airport. We are seeing results of the Education Revolution, expansion of our tourism plant through Foreign Direct Investments, the diversification of the Agricultural sector, the modernization of the Health sector and care for the poor and vulnerable.

I challenge ALL our group leaders to lead by example and unite your communities and groups. Let's work together to inspire and educate our people so that we can achieve that goal of transforming our people to enhance national pride.

Our job at the Consulate is to offer quality service to the Canadian Diaspora community. As Consul General, I assure you that we will deliver quality service. You deserve it.

I want to convey congratulations and best wishes to the SVGTA on another successful year of community work.

Happy 37th Independence anniversary!!!

Sincerely  
Consul General of St Vincent and the Grenadines (Toronto)  
Fitzgerald Huggins





### Message from the Mayor

It is my pleasure to extend congratulations and warm wishes to everyone celebrating the St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc.'s 37<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Gala.

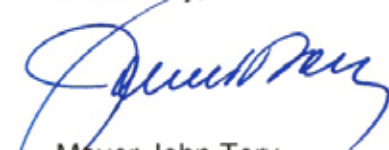
The founding of a nation is a momentous occasion and a time to reflect on the advantages and responsibilities involved in this achievement. It is an upward movement of tolerance and liberty that ultimately increases the prosperity and growth of a country.

As you gather with family, friends and the community to celebrate this anniversary, you can be extremely proud of your rich culture and traditions and reflect upon the values we all share and treasure.

We join with everyone in celebrating this occasion and acknowledge the contributions Vincentians have made to the economic, social and cultural fabric of our city.

On behalf of Toronto City Council, please accept my best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable celebration.

Yours truly,

  
Mayor John Tory  
City of Toronto

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## Message from the President

### The St. Vincent And Grenadines Association Of Toronto Inc.



As we celebrate the 37th Anniversary of the Independence of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, let us pause for a moment and reflect on the accomplishments of our nation. A nation that has not stood still but has rather made great strides in all areas of our society. We recognize our national heroes through national heroes day and we have advanced by leaps and bounds in technology. Cell phones, emails, and the world of social media are now commonplace in our homeland and connect our people, young and old with the rest of the world. These are tools that can be used for entrepreneurship thus helping to help build our nation.

The completion of the Argyle International Airport will position our nation more soundly in the marketplace of the world and help define the essence of our culture and our uniqueness. These achievements will usher in a brighter future for the next generation.

In contemplating the future, let us also pause and look towards our own SVG community here in the Greater Toronto Area. The St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc. was built by community leaders who had a vision. A vision that saw the implementation of

programs that benefitted the community. Some of these programs continue while new ones have been implemented. Let us continue to build an Association to become more resourceful and better equipped to serve our youths by setting a goal to increase the number of annual scholarships to students. This could be a lasting legacy for future generations.

As we share in these Independence celebrations, let us recommit ourselves to serve our community and do so with optimism, enthusiasm, hope and togetherness.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee and the members of the St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto, I congratulate the people and government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and all Vincentians in the global diaspora on the 37th Anniversary of our Independence.

*Prudence Morton*

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# The SVG Consulate General of Toronto Honours Outstanding Members of the Toronto SVG Diaspora.

Once again Mr. Fitzgerald Huggins, Consul General of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, conducted a poll with several members of the SVG community for names of Outstanding Community Members who have made a mark in the community over the years in the areas of Community Development, Business and Culture and Arts. The Consul General stated that many names were submitted, and he knows there are many members of our community who deserve to be honoured and appreciated. For this year, the following individuals were chosen by the poll.

## Business Dr. Robert Sutton

### Published in the Toronto Star: Pediatrician made us cry for the right reasons: Porter

Dr. Robert Sutton, who retired this week, is a hero to parents, but himself has someone to thank for saving his vision

By CATHERINE PORTER Columnist  
Sat., June 4, 2016

Dr. Robert Sutton weeps in his office, but it's not for the same reason as all his patients, and the children of his patients who are now patients themselves, who have held a "cry fest" all week.

Goodbyes are hard, particularly to the man who met you at desperation's door and calmly ushered your sick child back to health.

Sutton is a pediatrician. He retired this week, more than 45 years after he joined a practice at Coxwell and Danforth Aves. He is also a pioneer, the first black doctor hired by the Hospital for Sick Children.

Sutton is weeping because another doctor saved his eyesight six years ago. He'd had routine cataract surgery, but an infection set in. He returned to the clinic at Toronto Western Hospital, but was sent home by the doctor. "Betty and I arrived home," he says. (Betty is his wife and office manager of the past 44 years.) "As soon as we walked in the door, the phone rang." On the phone was the ophthalmology resident who had seen him in the clinic, calling to say he'd found someone to treat his eye that night.

"He got his friend — a fellow — to get out of bed (to do the procedure) and the pharmacist out of bed to prepare the meds... Everyone agrees if I'd waited till the next morning, I would have lost the eye," says Sutton, 77, removing his glasses and dropping his face into his hands. "I feel so grateful."

The irony, of course, is that so many of his patients are in tears this week because of the kindness Sutton showed them when they, too, were nakedly vulnerable.

This entire article can be accessed at the Toronto Star website:

<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2016/06/04/pediatrician-made-us-cry-for-the-right-reasons-porter.html>



(Dr. Robert Sutton, the first black doctor hired at the Hospital for Sick Children, is retiring from his pediatric practice at Coxwell and Danforth. (CARLOS OSORIO / TORONTO STAR)

*The SVG community in Toronto applauds Dr. Sutton for his long standing service to health care*

## Community Development: Eldine Barnwell



Mrs Eldine Barnwell has been the president of the Union Island Cultural Association (UICA) for 19 years. To accomplish this feat, one must be a leader who understands group dynamics and possess the requisite people skills. One must also be a visionary in order to keep a membership going strong as the UICA does. Eldine, as she is fondly known in the SVG community, is such a leader.

In 1997, Eldine, along with her late husband Dennis, got together with friends Beverley Adams and William Regis to discuss what they can do for the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Community both here in Toronto and in Union Island. Out of this discussion, the UICA was born. The first event was held utilizing Eldine's personal funds. While expecting just a few persons to attend, a little over 120 showed up. Today, the UICA attracts over 400 (sometimes up to 500) at its annual brunch.

The UICA holds three main events annually; a brunch, a family picnic and a games evening. Funds raised from these events support many worthy causes in Union Island annually – Scholarships of \$500.00 CDN each are distributed to six children at the High School level, \$1000.00 CDN is sent to the Lions Club each

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# The SVG Consulate General Honourees Continued

## Community Development Eldine Barnwell

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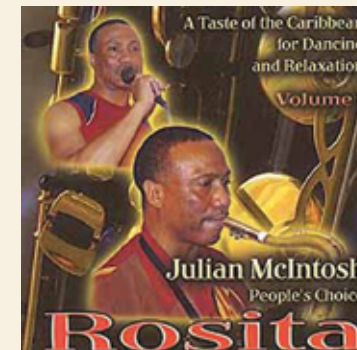
year to assist seniors and both Ashton and Clifton elementary schools receive school supplies for students. Eldine has also been known to direct her group to send bed linens to the schools to outfit their "sick room". In the past, the organization has also sent wheelchairs and other medical supplies to the Clinic and the group is currently working on the restoration of the cemetery that is badly in need of repairs.

Eldine, left Union Island at a very young age and went to England. She arrived at the Eastham Hospital in London, England, where she began a nursing career in midwifery. Later on, after coming to Toronto, she began working as a Registered Nurse at Sunnybrook Hospital where she stayed until her retirement. At her retirement party, many of her colleagues were impressed by the number of doctors who attended the event. They commented on the fact that never before had they seen so many doctors attend an occasion for a nurse. Still, today, many of her friends from Sunnybrook attend the Union island brunch each year. According to Eldine, "...when I call, they come".

Eldine credits all members of the UICA for the organization's accomplishments. "We work as a team", she says. She also credits her late husband, Dennis, who passed away in 2014, for working right alongside her. Dennis handled all of the administrative tasks as the organization's secretary. With a smile on her face as she reminisced about Dennis, she says "...you know, he was very good with the computer and I was not so he did all that type of work ...and I am still, not good at it today." Perhaps if we listen closely, we may hear the members of her group say "I'm With Her"!

*The SVG Community in Toronto applauds Eldine for her many years of service to community Building.*

## Culture and Arts Julian McIntosh



Julian McIntosh, the St. Vincent boom sax virtuoso, has been known to stir up emotions with his music, thrilling audiences from the Caribbean to North America and around the world.

Julian has been entertaining the SVG community both in Toronto and Montreal for many years. His saxophone and his singing cover a spectrum of beats and moods including calypso, reggae and some fusion. For those who are into Caribbean music, his name is an instant as were McIntosh family of respected musicians. Everyone from his grandfather to his father and brother and his cousin, Frankie McIntosh are master music men.

Julian, who joined his first band when he 12, attended the Brooklyn Academy before moving to Montreal in the 1970s. He is just as high on Caribbean music as ever and remains on the circuit with his band. The "Thunderbolts".

Although, in music circles, Julian is known as "Julian McIntosh and the Thunderbolts", it is Julian, the community-minded musician that we know and love and honour tonight. Julian McIntosh and the Thunderbolts have been entertaining the SVG Toronto diaspora for many years at its Independence Gala.

Julian says it's long overdue for musicians from the Caribbean region to start packaging and marketing their rhythms and lyrics to expectant audiences around the world. "I've seen it, on so many occasions, playing to tens of thousands of people who are very appreciative of Caribbean music from calypso to reggae. He says mainstream promoters are benefiting from Caribbean music and culture. That's why he launched his first full length CD "Rosita" in 2004.

*The SVG community in Toronto applauds Julian for his many years of contribution to the Arts.*

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## GREETINGS FROM THE TORONTO SVG SUPPORT GROUP

The Toronto SVG Support Group, established in 2012, is pleased to support the many positive activities and programmes of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto which has been in existence for nearly fifty (50) years. We are of the view that it is critical that the SVG organisations in this community work closely together in the interest of our country and our nationals whether at home or in the SVG Diaspora in this community. This inclusive approach is reflected in our objectives which are to:

- Create a positive image of SVG and its nationals
- Engage in fund-raising activities that are specifically targeted to the Caribbean and Canadian Community
- Promote and facilitate positive interaction among nationals of SVG throughout the Diaspora
- Aid in the socio-economic development of young Vincentians at home and abroad
- Be non-political in the SVG, Caribbean and Canadian environment
- Have a willingness to partner with or otherwise support any other Caribbean Group or person(s) with similar objectives.

We have made some progress in all of these objectives - some more so than others, but we have already recognised the projects and programmes on which we should now concentrate within the available resources.

A synopsis of SOME of what we have done over the four (4) year period includes:

- Dispatch Toys annually to the SVG Rotary Club South to provide Christmas toys to underprivileged children
- Provide annually at Christmas, through the Lions Club South, food baskets for needy families.
- Following the December 2013 floods in SVG, we collaborated with the Consulate General in raising and providing funds to construct a house for d brochurea family in the North Leeward area; the house and belongings had been washed away in the storm
- Donated a video projector, popcorn machine and groceries to VINSAVE which provides nutritional and health needs for children - VINSAVE also administers training in Early Childhood Education
- Handed over groceries at Christmas to the Liberty Lodge Boys' Training Centre
- Forwarded to TROPICANA, a monetary contribution in support of their youth development programmes
- Presented a financial contribution to the SVG GEMS Organisation which subsidizes several charities in SVG

The next major event of the Toronto SVG Support Group is our Christmas Cool-Down which includes dancing and a variety of entertainment, on the evening of Monday, December 26th (the following day being a public holiday) at the TROPICANA Centre on Huntingwood Road between Brimley and McCowan, in Scarborough. Looking forward to seeing you there.

### Happy Independence Anniversary SVG..."

E. Bernard John  
President/Toronto SVG Support Group

ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

(For children 12 years and under)

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Please Contact: Keneth Farrell - 416-822-3601

## Scholarship Award Recipients

### PRINCESS WYLLIE

Princess Wyllie is a first year student at York University. She is enrolled in the Health Studies Program and has her eyes set on becoming a pediatrician. Princess says, "I come from a big family that consists of many young children and I would love to work with young kids as a part of my career".

According to Princess, mathematics has always been her favourite subject. During high school, she took part in a program that focused on Science, Mathematics and Technology. She also found ways to volunteer. She assisted with parents-teachers night, helped with the school's after-school literacy program and was a founding member of her school's African Youth Club. Princess also took part in the Jamaican-Canadian Association's Each One Teach Two program.

Prior to entering university, Princess signed on with the University of Toronto's Summer Mentorship Program for Health Sciences which helped her to determine her career.

Princess thanks the Association for the Scholarship especially from "... an organization that represents the country that I am so proud to call my homeland".

*The St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto congratulates Princess Wyllie and Reyanne Telfer on their accomplishments and wish them well in their future endeavours.*

### REYANNE TELFER

Reyanne is a third year student at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work and according to one of her professors, she is a "dedicated and engaged student who shows excellent depth of thought in her writing and in her contributions to class discussions".

Reyanne can be said to be a leader. An active member of the Trent African and Caribbean Student Union, Reyanne, according to one professor, has her own well-developed perspective and opinions and speaks out on issues of racial discrimination and social inequity.

Her volunteer experience includes helping to mail out the association's newsletter and helping out at the annual Mother's Day dinner. Reyanne also worked with Downsview Youth Covenant as a camp counsellor planning activities for participants.

Reyanne has two siblings. She says, "education is costly and this scholarship will help take the pressure off my loving and supportive family". She thanks the Association for the scholarship.

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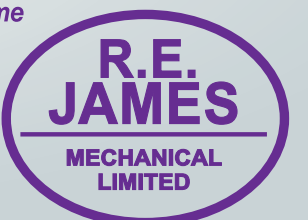
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## THE ENTERTAINERS

### Ossie Gurley and the Truth

Ossie Gurley is touted by many as a talented music genius and hit maker. He acclaims his musical brilliance and discipline to his now deceased mother, Verdine Gurley. His excellence and ability to read and write music has set him apart in the world of music production. Ossie has saluted among others, the great Qunicy Jones, Stevie Wonder, David Foster, Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis and Frankie McIntosh as his musical influences.

Ossie Gurley migrated from St. Vincent to New York at an early age and was taken under the wings of well-known producers and arrangers Frankie and Tony MacIntosh, also from St. Vincent, who opened doors and gave him his early start in the industry. Known for his uncanny and keen musical ear and for his creativity, he soon earned the respect and admiration of fellow musicians, producers and artists.



### *Our Appreciation*

The Independence Planning Committee, on behalf of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc., the Bequia Social Organization, the Toronto SVG Support Group and the Union Island Cultural Association, express sincere thanks to all those who in one way or another assisted in making the celebrations of the 37th anniversary of the Independence of our homeland a great success.

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### **Message from the Mayor**

It is my pleasure to extend congratulations and warm wishes to everyone celebrating the St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc.'s 37<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Gala.

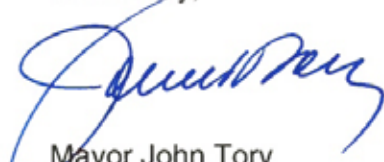
The founding of a nation is a momentous occasion and a time to reflect on the advantages and responsibilities involved in this achievement. It is an upward movement of tolerance and liberty that ultimately increases the prosperity and growth of a country.

As you gather with family, friends and the community to celebrate this anniversary, you can be extremely proud of your rich culture and traditions and reflect upon the values we all share and treasure.

We join with everyone in celebrating this occasion and acknowledge the contributions Vincentians have made to the economic, social and cultural fabric of our city.

On behalf of Toronto City Council, please accept my best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable celebration.

Yours truly,



Mayor John Tory  
City of Toronto

# *Message from the President*

## **The St. Vincent And Grenadines Association Of Toronto Inc.**



As we celebrate the 37th Anniversary of the Independence of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, let us pause for a moment and reflect on the accomplishments of our nation. A nation that has not stood still but has rather made great strides in all areas of our society. We recognize our national heroes through national heroes day and we have advanced by leaps and bounds in technology. Cell phones, emails, and the world of social media are now commonplace in our homeland and connect our people, young and old with the rest of the world. These are tools that can be used for entrepreneurship thus helping to help build our nation.

The completion of the Argyle International Airport will position our nation more soundly in the marketplace of the world and help define the essence of our culture and our uniqueness. These achievements will usher in a brighter future for the next generation.

In contemplating the future, let us also pause and look towards our own SVG community here in the Greater Toronto Area. The St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc. was built by community leaders who had a vision. A vision that saw the implementation of

programs that benefitted the community. Some of these programs continue while new ones have been implemented. Let us continue to build an Association to become more resourceful and better equipped to serve our youths by setting a goal to increase the number of annual scholarships to students. This could be a lasting legacy for future generations.

As we share in these Independence celebrations, let us recommit ourselves to serve our community and do so with optimism, enthusiasm, hope and togetherness.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee and the members of the St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto, I congratulate the people and government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and all Vincentians in the global diaspora on the 37th Anniversary of our Independence.

*Prudence Morton*

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# *The SVG Consulate General of Toronto Honours Outstanding Members of the Toronto SVG Diaspora.*

*Once again Mr. Fitzgerald Huggins, Consul General of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, conducted a poll with several members of the SVG community for names of Outstanding Community Members who have made a mark in the community over the years in the areas of Community Development, Business and Culture and Arts. The Consul General stated that many names were submitted, and he knows there are many members of our community who deserve to be honoured and appreciated. For this year, the following individuals were chosen by the poll.*

## **Business Dr. Robert Sutton**

### **Published in the Toronto Star: Pediatrician made us cry for the right reasons: Porter**

*Dr. Robert Sutton, who retired this week, is a hero to parents, but himself has someone to thank for saving his vision*

By CATHERINE PORTER Columnist  
Sat., June 4, 2016

Dr. Robert Sutton weeps in his office, but it's not for the same reason as all his patients, and the children of his patients who are now patients themselves, who have held a "cry fest" all week.

Goodbyes are hard, particularly to the man who met you at desperation's door and calmly ushered your sick child back to health.

Sutton is a pediatrician. He retired this week, more than 45 years after he joined a practice at Coxwell and Danforth Aves. He is also a pioneer, the first black doctor hired by the Hospital for Sick Children.

Sutton is weeping because another doctor saved his eyesight six years ago. He'd had routine cataract surgery, but an infection set in. He returned to the clinic at Toronto Western Hospital, but was sent home by the doctor. "Betty and I arrived home," he says. (Betty is his wife and office manager of the past 44 years.) "As soon as we walked in the door, the phone rang." On the phone was the ophthalmology resident who had seen him in the clinic, calling to say he'd found someone to treat his eye that night.

"He got his friend — a fellow — to get out of bed (to do the procedure) and the pharmacist out of bed to prepare the meds... Everyone agrees if I'd waited till the next morning, I would have lost the eye," says Sutton, 77, removing his glasses and dropping his face into his hands. "I feel so grateful."

The irony, of course, is that so many of his patients are in tears this week because of the kindness Sutton showed them when they, too, were nakedly vulnerable.

**This entire article can be accessed at the Toronto Star website:**

<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2016/06/04/pediatrician-made-us-cry-for-the-right-reasons-porter.html>



(Dr. Robert Sutton, the first black doctor hired at the Hospital for Sick Children, is retiring from his pediatric practice at Coxwell and Danforth.  
(CARLOS OSORIO / TORONTO STAR)

*The SVG community in  
Toronto applauds  
Dr. Sutton for his long  
standing service to  
health care*

## **Community Development: Eldine Barnwell**



Mrs Eldine Barnwell has been the president of the Union Island Cultural Association (UICA) for 19 years. To accomplish this feat, one must be a leader who understands group dynamics and possess the requisite people skills. One must also be a visionary in order to keep a membership going strong as the UICA does. Eldine, as she is fondly known in the SVG community, is such a leader.

In 1997, Eldine, along with her late husband Dennis, got together with friends Beverley Adams and William Regis to discuss what they can do for the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Community both here in Toronto and in Union Island. Out of this discussion, the UICA was born. The first event was held utilizing Eldine's personal funds. While expecting just a few persons to attend, a little over 120 showed up. Today, the UICA attracts over 400 (sometimes up to 500) at its annual brunch.

The UICA holds three main events annually; a brunch, a family picnic and a games evening. Funds raised from these events support many worthy causes in Union Island annually – Scholarships of \$500.00 CDN each are distributed to six children at the High School level, \$1000.00 CDN is sent to the Lions Club each

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# *The SVG Consulate General Honourees*

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### **Community Development** **Eldine Barnwell**

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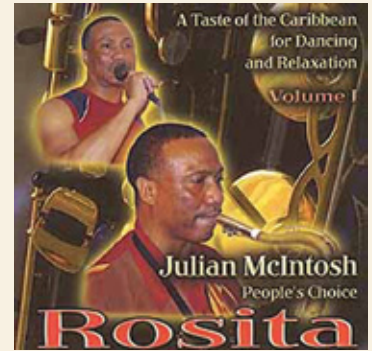
year to assist seniors and both Ashton and Clifton elementary schools receive school supplies for students. Eldine has also been known to direct her group to send bed linens to the schools to outfit their "sick room". In the past, the organization has also sent wheelchairs and other medical supplies to the Clinic and the group is currently working on the restoration of the cemetery that is badly in need of repairs.

Eldine, left Union Island at a very young age and went to England. She arrived at the Eastham Hospital in London, England, where she began a nursing career in midwifery. Later on, after coming to Toronto, she began working as a Registered Nurse at Sunnybrook Hospital where she stayed until her retirement. At her retirement party, many of her colleagues were impressed by the number of doctors who attended the event. They commented on the fact that never before had they seen so many doctors attend an occasion for a nurse. Still, today, many of her friends from Sunnybrook attend the Union island brunch each year. According to Eldine, "...when I call, they come".

Eldine credits all members of the UICA for the organization's accomplishments. "We work as a team", she says. She also credits her late husband, Dennis, who passed away in 2014, for working right alongside her. Dennis handled all of the administrative tasks as the organization's secretary. With a smile on her face as she reminisced about Dennis, she says "...you know, he was very good with the computer and I was not so he did all that type of work ...and I am still, not good at it today." Perhaps if we listen closely, we may hear the members of her group say "I'm With Her"!

*The SVG Community in Toronto applauds Eldine for her many years of service to community Building.*

### **Culture and Arts** **Julian McIntosh**



Julian McIntosh, the St. Vincent boom sax virtuoso, has been known to stir up emotions with his music, thrilling audiences from the Caribbean to North America and around the world.

Julian has been entertaining the SVG community both in Toronto and Montreal for many years. His saxophone and his singing cover a spectrum of beats and moods including calypso, reggae and some fusion. For those who are into Caribbean music, his name is an instant as were McIntosh family of respected musicians. Everyone from his grandfather to his father and brother and his cousin, Frankie McIntosh are master music men.

Julian, who joined his first band when he 12, attended the Brooklyn Academy before moving to Montreal in the 1970s. He is just as high on Caribbean music as ever and remains on the circuit with his band. The "Thunderbolts".

Although, in music circles, Julian is known as "Julian McIntosh and the Thunderbolts", it is Julian, the community-minded musician that we know and love and honour tonight. Julian McIntosh and the Thunderbolts have been entertaining the SVG Toronto diaspora for many years at its Independence Gala.

Julian says it's long overdue for musicians from the Caribbean region to start packaging and marketing their rhythms and lyrics to expectant audiences around the world. "I've seen it, on so many occasions, playing to tens of thousands of people who are very appreciative of Caribbean music from calypso to reggae. He says mainstream promoters are benefiting from Caribbean music and culture. That's why he launched his first full length CD "Rosita" in 2004.

*The SVG community in Toronto applauds Julian for his many years of contribution to the Arts.*

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## GREETINGS FROM THE TORONTO SVG SUPPORT GROUP

The Toronto SVG Support Group, established in 2012, is pleased to support the many positive activities and programmes of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto which has been in existence for nearly fifty (50) years. We are of the view that it is critical that the SVG organisations in this community work closely together in the interest of our country and our nationals whether at home or in the SVG Diaspora in this community. This inclusive approach is reflected in our objectives which are to:

- *Create a positive image of SVG and its nationals*
- *Engage in fund-raising activities that are specifically targeted to the Caribbean and Canadian Community*
- *Promote and facilitate positive interaction among nationals of SVG throughout the Diaspora*
- *Aid in the socio-economic development of young Vincentians at home and abroad*
- *Be non-political in the SVG, Caribbean and Canadian environment*
- *Have a willingness to partner with or otherwise support any other Caribbean Group or person(s) with similar objectives.*

We have made some progress in all of these objectives - some more so than others, but we have already recognised the projects and programmes on which we should now concentrate within the available resources.

A synopsis of SOME of what we have done over the four (4) year period includes:

- **Dispatch Toys annually to the SVG Rotary Club South to provide Christmas toys to underprivileged children**
- **Provide annually at Christmas, through the Lions Club South, food baskets for needy families.**
- **Following the December 2013 floods in SVG, we collaborated with the Consulate General in raising and providing funds to construct a house for a brochure family in the North Leeward area; the house and belongings had been washed away in the storm**
- **Donated a video projector, popcorn machine and groceries to VINSAVE which provides nutritional and health needs for children - VINSAVE also administers training in Early Childhood Education**
- **Handed over groceries at Christmas to the Liberty Lodge Boys' Training Centre**
- **Forwarded to TROPICANA, a monetary contribution in support of their youth development programmes**
- **Presented a financial contribution to the SVG GEMS Organisation which subsidizes several charities in SVG**

The next major event of the Toronto SVG Support Group is our Christmas Cool-Down which includes dancing and a variety of entertainment, on the evening of Monday, December 26th (the following day being a public holiday) at the TROPICANA Centre on Huntingwood Road between Brimley and McCowan, in Scarborough. Looking forward to seeing you there.

### *Happy Independence Anniversary SVG..."*

E. Bernard John  
President/Toronto SVG Support Group

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# Scholarship Award Recipients

## PRINCESS WYLLIE

Princess Wyllie is a first year student at York University. She is enrolled in the Health Studies Program and has her eyes set on becoming a pediatrician. Princess says, "I come from a big family that consists of many young children and I would love to work with young kids as a part of my career".

According to Princess, mathematics has always been her favourite subject. During high school, she took part in a program that focused on Science, Mathematics and Technology. She also found ways to volunteer. She assisted with parents-teachers night, helped with the school's after-school literacy program and was a founding member of her school's African Youth Club. Princess also took part in the Jamaican-Canadian Association's Each One Teach Two program.

Prior to entering university, Princess signed on with the University of Toronto's Summer Mentorship Program for Health Sciences which helped her to determine her career.

Princess thanks the Association for the Scholarship especially from "... an organization that represents the country that I am so proud to call my homeland".

## REYANNE TELFER

Reyanne is a third year student at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work and according to one of her professors, she is a "dedicated and engaged student who shows excellent depth of thought in her writing and in her contributions to class discussions".

Reyanne can be said to be a leader. An active member of the Trent African and Caribbean Student Union, Reyanne, according to one professor, has her own well-developed perspective and opinions and speaks out on issues of racial discrimination and social inequity.

Her volunteer experience includes helping to mail out the association's newsletter and helping out at the annual Mother's Day dinner. Reyanne also worked with Downsview Youth Covenant as a camp counsellor planning activities for participants.

Reyanne has two siblings. She says, "education is costly and this scholarship will help take the pressure off my loving and supportive family". She thanks the Association for the scholarship.

*The St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto congratulates Princess Wyllie and Reyanne Telfer on their accomplishments and wish them well in their future endeavours.*

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Ossie Gurley migrated from St. Vincent to New York at an early age and was taken under the wings of well-known producers and arrangers Frankie and Tony MacIntosh, also from St. Vincent, who opened doors and gave him his early start in the industry. Known for his uncanny and keen musical ear and for his creativity, he soon earned the respect and admiration of fellow musicians, producers and artists.



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