



### THE ST. VINCENT AND GRENADINES ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO INC. (SYGAT) KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY INFORMED THROUGH COMMUNICATION

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### **ASSOCIATION NEWS**

### **Annual General Meeting**

The 2018 annual general meeting of the Association will be held on Sunday, January 28 from 4:00 p.m. at St. Cyprian's Anglican Church, 1080 Finch Avenue East at Leslie. A review of the activities of the Association for the previous year will take place as well as the election of a president and retiring board members. Current members of the Association and those who are interested in the welfare of the Association are invited to attend.

### 50 Years of Service to Our Community

The St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto will this year celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of existence and service to the SVG community in Toronto. The Association was founded on December 1, 1968 following a request from officials in St. Vincent to assist with the raising of funds to construct a national playing field which was later named The Arnos Vale Playing Field. Its first president was the late Dr. Allan Liverpool, a dentist by profession.

An organizing committee is in place to coordinate a series of events to mark the occasion. Details will be released when they are finalized.

### Children's Christmas Party

The Association held its annual children's Christmas party on Sunday, December 17 at the Grandravine Community Centre when Santa presented gifts to just



over 50 children under the age of 12. Apart from the gifts the children participated in carol singing

and other activities and were treated with refreshments. The Board of Directors is grateful to the organizers Daffodil King and Prudence Morton and their helpers.



Thanks also to Mrs. Joan Alexander and Mrs. Adina James for their contribution of cakes.

Santa waiting to deliver a gift

#### **Christmas Hamper Project**

For just over 30 years the Association continues to reach out to help the less fortunate in our community at Christmas time by providing them with a food hamper, cake and cash to assist with meat or fresh supplies. This year, 6 families benefited from the project. Thanks to Kenneth Farrell for coordinating this event and ensuring that the goods were presented to the families in different areas of Toronto.

### **Contribution to School for Children with Special Needs**

In November the Association and the Toronto SVG



Support Group made good on their promise to donate to the School for

Children with Special Needs in Kingstown, St. Vincent. Cdn\$2,400.00, which represents a portion of the proceeds from the 2017 Toronto Harbour Boat Cruise was donated to officials of the school when representatives of both groups visited SVG.

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION AND VOLUNTEER TO SERVE ON ONE OF ITS COMMITTEES.

### The Adopt-A-Child Program in SVG





the end of the current school year.

Representatives from the Association visited the two students Fredique John and Sehriann Baptiste at their respective schools Fairhall Government and Tourama/Overland Government in November and presented them with the final amounts for their sponsorship. The children have been sponsored 5-year for a

period ending at

### **Dr. Joseph Alban Liverpool**Co-Founder and First Chairman of Caribana

By Diane Liverpool

Vincentian-born Trail Blazer Dr. Joseph Alban Liverpool was the first Chairman of Caribana, now known as Toronto Caribbean Carnival which started in 1967. In December 1966 he was one of the local West Indian (African-Caribbean) professionals who were asked by the Federal Government to make a contribution in Toronto to Canada's Centennial in 1967.

Born in Chili Village, St. Vincent and the Grenadines on September 5, 1919, he was one of ten children of Samuel and Elfrida Liverpool. Dr. Liverpool received his primary and secondary education in St. Vincent before migrating to Canada to join the Canadian Armed Forces. He fought in the Second World War where he was part of the D-Day Invasion of Normandy, France on June 6, 1944. After the war, Dr. Liverpool attended McGill University in Montreal where he obtained his medical degree in 1955.

After qualifying as a physician in 1956, he moved to Toronto with his wife Elaine and two children, Ronald and Camille. Dr. Liverpool entered private practice after interning at St. Joseph's Hospital. He founded the College Euclid Clinic in 1966, where he headed a team of several African-Caribbean doctors who served both the Black and Italian communities. Dr. Liverpool also

served as Physician in Chief in the Department of Medicine at Doctors Hospital, Toronto.

Soon after he became a Founder of Caribana 1967 and was the first Chairman of the 1966-1967 Board of Governors of the inaugural Caribbean Centennial Committee. Their mandate was to promote a Caribbean trade and cultural exhibition. The celebrations lasted for a week from August 5 - 12, 1967 in the City of Toronto. Highlights were the Carnival Pageant Parade, Centennial Ball at Casa Loma, and events on a Toronto island including a Caribbean music festival, crowning of the Carnival Queen, and fashion shows. Caribbean Centennial Week, as the festival was called was quoted to be "one of the first grand public statements of the West Indian presence in Canada," and was so successful that the City of Toronto Mayor William Dennison requested it become an annual event in Toronto. Dr. Liverpool stayed on and became Chairman of the Caribbean Committee for Cultural Advancement for Caribana 1968. He was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Mayor Dennison contribution to Canada's Centennial celebrations.

In 1974, Dr. Liverpool moved to The Bahamas where he served as the Medical Staff Coordinator at the Princess Margaret Hospital from 1975 to 1978 on secondment from the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Assistance. In 1978 he moved to Barbados where he practiced medicine with a specialty in allergy. In 1979, Dr. Liverpool organized an effort to assist in the provision of medical help, drugs and other supplies to St. Vincent after the devastating eruption of the La Soufriere volcano. He was awarded a Badge of Honour by the then Premier of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Hon. R. Milton Cato.

Dr. Liverpool returned to Toronto in 1999. He died on May 8, 2005 at age 85. His wife Elaine, also a Vincentian-born Caribana Founder, died on June 12, 2012. They are survived by their son Ronald Liverpool of Toronto; daughter Camille Lady Liverpool-Barnett, son-in-law Sir Michael Barnett, granddaughters Michael Ellis and Viola Barnett, and greatgranddaughter Kamelia Ellis of Nassau, The Bahamas.

During the 2017 Toronto Caribbean Festival which marked the 50th anniversary of its start, Dr. Liverpool was recognized as one of the founders of the Toronto Caribbean Carnival. At the St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto's Independence Anniversary Dinner in October 2017, Dr. Liverpool was posthumously recognized by the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto. His two children,

Ronald and Camille attended the event to accept the recognition on behalf of their father.

### **2017 Independence Anniversary Celebrations**

The Association in conjunction with the Consulate General in Toronto coordinated a series of events to commemorate the anniversary of St. Vincent and the Grenadines' 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary of independence. The events included a Thanksgiving Church Service on October 22, a Flag-raising ceremony at Toronto's City Hall on October 26 and a dinner-dance October 28.

The board of directors of the Association along with Consul General Fitz Huggins herewith express thanks to the many members of the community who supported these events.



(Sandra Bobb – Chair of Independence Planning Committee)

During the dinner dance on October 28 the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines along with the Association paid tribute to the late Dr. Alban Liverpool, a Vincentian national and the first chairman of Toronto's Caribbean Festival known as Caribana by presenting a recognition plaque to members of his family. This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of that festival. The SVGAT conferred the designation of Honorary Life Member on Mr. Glendon Carmichael, a long standing member and former president for his contribution to the Association and the Toronto community.



(Guest Speaker - Miss Taisha Lewis)

### **Winston Winty Roberts**

Legendary Vincentian born bodybuilding pioneer and judge, Winston Wintie Roberts passed on December 21, 2017 at the age of 78. Mr. Roberts was a visionary who dedicated his life to the sport of bodybuilding. A two-time Mr. Canada, and the first black man to hold the title, he became general secretary of the IFBB in 1972 where he went on to write the judging playbook as well as the IFBB constitution. Winston played an important role in Montreal's black community in the 1970s and 1980s as a founder of the Carifete Parade and with his implication on public television's Black Is. Over the course of his life, he mentored and trained countless people, from future Olympia and Universe champions to everyday people. He was awarded the Robert Kennedy Lifetime achievement award in 2013 in recognition of his contribution to bodybuilding.

He was a beloved teacher to many, most notably at John XXIII and Pierrefonds Comprehensive high schools in Montreal and Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School in Ajax, Ontario.

Most of all, he will be remembered as a loving father. Winston is remembered by his daughters Ayanna (Pablo), Nataki (Donald) and Kamillah (Lucas), his grandchildren Nia, Amarra, Loïc and Myca, his former wives Alison McIntosh and Guiseppina Azzue, his family and friends, the Vincentian community and the bodybuilding world. Winston Roberts was larger than life in this one. We have no doubt that he will make his mark in the next one. Daddy, may you rest in peace.

For more information on Winston Roberts, please visit: <a href="https://generationiron.com/bodybuilding-judge-pioneer-winston">https://muscleinsider.com/news/bodybuilding-legend-winston-roberts...</a>

The St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc. herewith conveys condolences to the family of the late Mr. Winston Roberts and wish them God's blessings throughout this time of grieving.

Note: A tribute and eulogy delivered at a service, Celebrating the Life of Winston Roberts as well as a video presentation can be seen on the Association's website, www.vincytoronto.com.

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that choose to use the services of Arbor Memorial are entitled to special membership discounts at any of Arbor's cemeteries or funeral homes in Ontario.

Through the **Arbor Foundation** the Association also receives funds for its special activities/programs.

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### ST. VINCENT AND GRENADINES ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO INC. TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2018

Sunday, January 28	Annual General Meeting	St. Cyprian's Anglican Church, 1080 Finch Avenue East		
Sunday, February 25	Monthly General Meeting	St. Cyprian's Anglican Church, 1080 Finch Avenue East		
Sunday, March 25	Monthly General Meeting	St. Cyprian's Anglican Church, 1080 Finch Avenue East		
Sunday, April 29	Monthly General Meeting	St. Cyprian's Anglican Church, 1080 Finch Avenue East		
Sunday, May 27	Monthly General Meeting	St. Cyprian's Anglican Church, 1080 Finch Avenue East		
Sunday, June 24	Monthly General Meeting	St. Cyprian's Anglican Church, 1080 Finch Avenue East		
Saturday, July 21	SVG Unity Picnic	Brown's Bay Provincial Park, 1000 Islands, Ontario		
Sunday, July 29	Monthly General Meeting	St. Cyprian's Anglican Church, 1080 Finch Avenue East		
Friday, August 10	Toronto Harbour Boat Cruise	Toronto Harbour aboard MV Enterprise 2000		
Sunday, August 26	Monthly General Meeting	St. Cyprian's Anglican Church, 1080 Finch Avenue East		
Sunday, October 21	Independence Thanksgiving Service	ee TBA		
Saturday, October 27	Independence Dinner & Dance	TBA		
Addresses & Directions				

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St. Cyprian's Anglican Church, 1080 Finch Avenue East @ Leslie Street, Toronto

### IMMIGRATION MATTERS

### **URGENT ATTENTION REQUIRED!**

Contributed by: Sandra Sutherland, RCIC

Being a member of what is often referred to as the sandwich generation means that we may find ourselves flanked by our parents or grandparents on one end and our children on the other and the stark reality of the responsibilities we have towards them. It may be necessary to have those children and parents/grandparents residing permanently in Canada so as to adequately care for them. Two major programs that require urgent attention this month (January 2018) relate to the sponsorship of dependent children and the sponsorship of parents or grandparents.

### Parent and grandparent sponsorship

The parent and grandparent sponsorship program opened on January 2, 2018. Eligible sponsors must first complete an online form to let Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) know that they are interested in sponsoring their parent or grandparent. This form will be available online from **noon on January 2, 2018 until noon on February 1, 2018** at <a href="https://www.cic.gc.ca">www.cic.gc.ca</a> or <a href="https://www.cic.gc.ca">www.canada.ca</a>. It is imperative that sponsors ensure that they meet the eligibility criteria (i.e: over 18 years old, meet minimum income requirements, etc.) before registering online.

IRCC will randomly select potential sponsors and notify them (via email) that they are invited to apply to sponsor their parent or grandparent. Sponsors must submit their complete applications within a stated specified deadline. This system works similar to a lottery system because the sponsors will be selected by chance. IRCC plans to accept only 10, 000 complete sponsorship applications (not applicants) this year. Take heed of the **February 1, 2018 deadline** to register online.

### Dependent Child

On October 24, 2017 Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) increased the age for dependent children from under 19 to under 22. Parents can now sponsor or add their older dependent children on their current application to immigrate to Canada.

IRCC established a temporary public policy that enables the processing of children aged 19 to 21 as a dependent child in conjunction with the parent's application for permanent resident status. Under this public policy an application for permanent residence (PR) status for the child may be made if the child was

19, 20, or 21 on May 3, 2017 and onwards but before October 24, 2017 providing that a decision is not yet rendered on the parent's application and the child is not a spouse or common-law partner and is not inadmissible to Canada.



Parents with an "in process" permanent resident application have until **January 31, 2018** to notify IRCC that they would like to add a dependent child, who could not have been included at the time when their application was submitted because the child was already over the age of 18, to their application. It is imperative that the child would have already been declared as a child on the parent's current application. Undeclared children shall not be considered for inclusion on current applications or for future sponsorship.

Once IRCC has been notified of the parents' intent to include a dependent child they will inform the applicant of the necessary documentation (i.e: new application forms, proof that additional processing fees have been paid, and other supporting documents) required to enable the processing to include the dependent child. Take heed of the **January 31, 2018 deadline.** 

SVGAT CELEBRATES 50 YEARS 1968 TO 2018

### Citizenship

Still not a Canadian citizen? Now is a good time to apply seeing that the new rules are in effect which make the requirements easier.

A permanent resident (PR) who has no unfulfilled conditions may apply for Canadian citizenship once all eligibility criteria have been met on the date of the application and he/she is not under review for immigration fraud, not under a removal order or not have an unfulfilled condition related his/her permanent resident status.

Under the new rules persons younger than the age of 18 and older than 54 are exempt from meeting the language requirements and the Canada knowledge test. All applicants must meet the English or French language requirements. Applicants must demonstrate that, within the past 5 years preceding the date of their application, they have physical presence in Canada for at least 1095 days (3 years). Some exceptions may apply depending on the nature of any absences from Canada. Time spent in Canada prior to becoming a PR may be counted (1/2 day for each day) towards these 1095 days to a maximum of 1 year. Applicants no longer need to have any intention of living in Canada once citizenship is granted and need not satisfy the 183 days of minimum physical presence in Canada that was required under the old rules. If required to do so, applicants are required to file Income Tax in Canada for at least 3 out of the 5 years preceding the date of their application. In the past minors were not able to apply for citizenship on their own; however, they can now qualify to apply on their own without the need to have a Canadian parent.

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### **Membership Has Its Benefits**

Currently, members of the Association are entitled to discounts off tickets for SVGAT organized events.

Also, members who make funeral and cemetery arrangements through Arbor Memorial are entitled to the Arbor Alliance Program (AAP) discount.

### **NEWS FROM SVG**

(Courtesy of Gov't of SVG Website)

### **Fisheries Privatization**



Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation, Industry, and Labour, Hon. Saboto Caesar, said that he is optimistic that 2018 will be a fruitful year for his Ministry. Minister Caesar made the remarks at the signing of a lease agreement between the Government and the Calliaqua Fisherfolk Cooperative, for the privatization of the Calliaqua Fisheries Centre.

The agreement was signed by the Fisheries Minister and Representative of the Calliaqua Fisherfolk Cooperative, Mr. Winfield Tannis-Abbott, at the Ministry of Agriculture's conference room.

Minister Caesar said that the Ministry is continuing to partner with the private sector for the management of the fisheries centres throughout Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and the representative from the Calliaqua Fisherfolk Cooperative gave the assurance that the Cooperative will ensure that the fisheries sector remains viable and sustainable.

#### SVG Niche Tourism



A high level World Bank official said that St. Vincent and the Grenadines has already distinguished itself with a very diverse tourism product offering. Team Leader and Economist at the World Bank, Mr. John Anderson, made the point at the local launch of the 13.4 million EC-dollar World Bank-funded OECS Regional Tourism Competitiveness Project.

Mr. Anderson said that strategic promotion and regulation can further develop niche market segments of priority such as diving and eco-tourism, and that investments in niche tourism will help to create a more competitive tourism sector, which is also more resilient and sustainable. That will in turn, he said, increase the tourism revenue that is spent domestically, and increase networking and linkages between the tourism sector and other sectors in the country.

### Air Canada Rouge Commences Flights To Argyle International Airport (AIA)

Ten months after the opening of the Argyle International Airport (AIA), Air Canada Rouge made its inaugural flight to the Argyle International Airport (AIA) on Thursday, 14th December 2017.

The Air Canada Rouge Flight - 1869, was filled to capacity, coming from the Pearson International Airport, Toronto to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.



The flight, which lasted 6 hours and 5 minutes, is evidence that that relationship between the AIA and Air Canada has begun with flying colours.

The commencement of the Air Canada flight service to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines was welcomed by the Minister of Tourism, Hon. Cecil McKie.

The Air Canada Rouge Service from Toronto will operate once weekly, during the winter season, until 12th April 2018, using an A319 aircraft, with a capacity of one hundred and thirty-six (136) seats.

On 3rd May 2017 Air Canada announced Saint Vincent and the Grenadines as one of six new routes for the airline's winter season. A release, announcing the new routes, stated that weekly flights from Toronto

to St. Vincent and the Grenadines are available for purchase at <u>aircanada.com</u> and through travel agents.

The SVG route was subsequently launched on 25th October 2017, at an event hosted in Ontario by Air Canada. That event was attended by the country's Consul General in Canada, Mr. Fitz Huggins and Mrs. Shelley John, the Tourism Authority's Director of Sales in Canada. According to the airline, its first long-haul international scheduled service to St. Vincent and the Grenadines "offers new choices for travellers looking to escape Canadian winters."

A "call to action" by the SVG Tourism Authority was launched in September. This included a taxi wrap promotion with sixty (60) taxis in Toronto. Flight promotion with Canada Traffic Network was also undertaken featuring television ads during traffic reports on Global TV Toronto, as well as radio ads on stations in St. Catherine's and Hamilton, Ontario. Additionally, the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Tourism Authority and Air Canada Vacations have commenced cooperative marketing with local hotels.

The latest visitor arrival report shows an increase of 10.4% in stay-over visitor arrivals from Canada for the period January to September 2017, accounting for 5,997 visitors up from 5,433 in 2016. Tourism has been the main foreign exchange earner and accounts for approximately 20% of the Gross Domestic Product for St. Vincent and the Grenadines. It is expected that the international airport will increase earnings in this sector. The Argyle International Airport is also expected to increase accessibility to this multi-island destination from its major source markets, Canada, the USA and Europe.

### **SVG UN Seat Application**

St. Vincent and the Grenadines has stepped up its campaign to be elected as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council. Word of this came from Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, during his first Media Briefing for 2018, held on January 2nd.

Dr. Gonsalves said such a designation would place this country in a strategic position to contribute to decisions on matters of global importance. Dr. Gonsalves said the Government had previously put forward an application for membership of the UN Security Council, however, the seat was given to Colombia.

Prime Minister Dr. Ralph Gonsalves has highlighted the fact that St. Vincent and the Grenadines has been playing a leading role in the operations and activities of a number of committees and agencies of the United Nations and has a very high profile at the world body. Gonsalves said St. Vincent and the Grenadines is expected to become the Chair of the Economic and Social Council and is currently one of the four countries that is the Vice Chairs of Council to the United Nations.

The Prime Minister noted that this country's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Rhonda King has displayed great leadership at the United Nations as the Chair of International Women Network





### **Hurricane Relief Update**

Following the devastation caused by the hurricanes of 2017 the SVG community in Canada including the St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto responded to the appeals for assistance. Although we cannot put a figure to the final amount contributed it is acknowledged that our community responded well to our brothers and sisters in Barbuda and Dominica. One development of note since then is that the Caribbean Consular in Toronto has decided to put in place a committee to formulate plans for a Disaster Preparedness Initiative. A

series of meetings will be held to define the responsibilities of this committee and representatives of the many Caribbean organizations here in Toronto are invited to make their presentations.

TOTALLY YOURS

The relief agencies for both Barbuda and Dominica are still accepting assistance and will provide tax deductible receipts for contributions made. For **Dominica**, make your cheques out to Dominica Emergency Fund or to Caribbean North Charities Foundation, A Canadian Registered Charity. Mail to P.O. Box 62518, 85 Ellesmere Road, Toronto, ON, M1R 5G8.

Deposits can also be made at Bank of Montreal, 2330 Kennedy Road, Unit E, Scarborough ON, M1T 3H1. Transit # 29242, Account # 8330 256

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### **Child Custody**

Contributed by Tricia Simon, Barrister-at-Law

#### Introduction

The basic principle regarding determining child custody is to examine the "Best Interests of the Child" under the *Children's Law Reform Act* and *Divorce Act*. Under the *Children's Law Reform Act*, the court is to consider the best interests of a child as set out in *section 24(2)*. Under *s.16(8)* of the *Divorce Act*, the court is directed to take into consideration only the best interests of the child of the marriage as determined by reference to the condition, means, needs and other circumstances of the child.

The Children's Law Reform Act at s. 24 lists the following determinative factors:

- a) The love, affection and emotional ties between the child, and
- (i) Each person entitled to or claiming custody of or access to the child,
- (ii) Other members of the child's family who reside with the child, and
- (iii) Persons involved in the care and upbringing of the child:
- b) The views and preferences of the child, where such views and preferences can reasonably be ascertained:
- c) The length of time the child has lived in a stable home environment;
- d) The ability and willingness of each person applying for custody of the child to provide the child with guidance and education, the necessaries of life and any special needs of the child:
- e) Any plans proposed for the care and upbringing of the child;
- f) The permanence and stability of the family unit with which it is proposed that the child will live; and
- g) The relationship by blood or through an adoption order between the child and each person who is a party to the application.

### Incidents of Custody

As a custodial parent one makes decisions regarding the child's health, religion, education and general welfare on a daily basis. Custody only relates to the decision making process. Typically, the parent with custody decides the child's place of residence or "primary residence".

#### Types of Custody

The most common types of custody arrangements are as follows:

- 1. Joint Custody here, both parents collaborate and jointly made custodial decisions for the child. Usually the child resides with the parents on a 60/40 split.
- 2. Shared Custody this relates to custodial decisions being made jointly between the parents. The child spends equal time between both parents usually alternating on a one-week basis meaning the child spends one week with parent A and the other with parent B. The child's primary residence is usually with one parent.
- 3. Sole Custody in this scenario one parent makes all the custodial decisions for the child. The child's primary residence is with the custodial parent. This in no way means that the other parent has lost their "parental rights" as she/he has the right to access under s.20(5) of the Children's Law Reform Act which allows that parent to obtain information directly from the child's school, medical practitioners, counsellors, extra-curricular activities and general welfare.

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### BOARD OF DIRECTIONS ELECTIONS PROCESS

This is a summary of the election process for the Board of Directors. A complete description of the process can be obtained on the Association's website, www.vincytoronto.com.

Elections will take place during the Annual General Meeting on January 28, 2018, at 1080 Finch Ave. East, Toronto from 4:00 p.m.

Five (5) directors will be elected to replace those who are retiring or who have their terms expired.

To be eligible to hold office as a Director, the person must a) be over 18 years of age; b) Not an undischarged bankrupt; c) Not prohibited from being a Director or promoter of the Association; or has been adjudged to have been of unsound mind.

Eligible Voters: a) Any member of The Association in good standing. Good Standing in this context refers to a member who has paid his/her membership dues for the year 2017. b) Honorary Life Members.

Members who are unable to attend in person can appoint a proxy to represent them at the meeting and vote in their stead.



### The St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc. Membership Registration Form



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