

# INSIGHT

**THE ST. VINCENT AND GRENADINES ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO INC. (SVGAT)**  
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Quarterly Newsletter July 2010

**UNITY PICNIC ISSUE**

## From the President's Desk

Greetings Fellow Vincentian Nationals:

Our summer here in Toronto is a warm reminder of our beloved St. Vincent and the Grenadines. As you make plans for your summer activities, play safe and enjoy the "too short" summer months.

Our annual Mother's Day Brunch was a success. We extend many thanks to all who participated in the evening's program. We were blessed with poetry, song, and words of encouragement from our guest speaker, Ms. Karen Richardson, and each mother received a special token of appreciation.

Our annual Vincy Unity Picnic will be held on July 17 at 1000 Islands, Brown's Bay, Ontario. All is encouraged to attend this event. Come meet with old friends and family and take in the entertainment package prepared with you in mind. You are encouraged to secure your bus tickets to the picnic as soon as possible. Please refer to page 5 or visit our website for more information.

The Seniors Group is hosting a bus trip to Uncle Tom's Cabin on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010. If you are interested in attending this very exciting and historical journey please turn to page 8 or visit our website for more information.

The SVGAT annual walk-a-thon has been rescheduled to September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Funds raised will go towards our scholarship program. We encourage you to participate in this very important event which will assist our youths on furthering their education. Please contact Mr. Cordel Telfer or Audrey Lewis to pick-up your pledge sheets.

Plans are on the way for our annual Independence Anniversary Celebrations in October. The committee will keep us informed over the next few months of the planned activities. Our celebrations spread over a two-week period, starting with a Thanksgiving Church Service on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, our Banquet on October 30<sup>th</sup>, and a Cultural Symposium/Town Hall Meeting on October 31. Please turn to page 6 for more information.



### ANNUAL WALK-A-THON

Saturday, September 18, 2010

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**ROUTE:** Yorkwoods Library to Northwood Park, North York.

Proceeds will go to the SVGAT's Scholarship Fund

*For further information and pledge sheets please contact:*

**Cordel (905) 789-9731 or Audrey (416) 829-6201**

As part of our celebrations, one individual will be awarded the Allan Liverpool Award for their contribution to the advancement of the life of the SVGAT and to the wider community. Please submit your nominations of worthy individuals to [president@vincytoronto.com](mailto:president@vincytoronto.com) or [execsec@vincytoronto.com](mailto:execsec@vincytoronto.com). The criteria for nominations can be found on our website.

The Association is pleased to announce that three (3) scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each will be available to eligible applicants for the 2010/2011 school year.

You can find the application form and the necessary information needed to submit your application on our website, [www.vincytoronto.com](http://www.vincytoronto.com). Please note that the deadline to submit application is: **August 31, 2010.**

The Adopt-a-Child Program which started in 2008 currently sponsors two students in St. Vincent & the Grenadines. The program needs your support to continue this very worthy cause. Your participation, whether through financial contributions or fundraising efforts, are welcome.

Our Constitution Review Committee has submitted the final draft of the revised Constitution which will be presented to the membership for discussion and approval. Subsequently, a Policies and Procedures document will also be presented to the membership for discussion and approval. All members are encouraged to participate in this very important undertaking. The SVGAT encourages you to attend the Constitution Review sessions on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, and Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at the Northwood Community Centre at 4:00 p.m.

Our Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Northwood Community Centre starting at 2:00 p.m. Children up to 12 years old are invited to be a part of the celebration.

Continue to enjoy your summer and we look forward to your continued support and participation at our upcoming events!

Sincerely,

Audrey Lewis, President

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## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### **Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Sir Louis Straker Visits Toronto.**

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 the St. Vincent & the Grenadines Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Sir Louis Straker visited Toronto and addressed our community at a Town Hall event at Northwood Community Centre, 15 Clubhouse Court, North York. The Minister spoke on matters in our homeland followed by a question and answer period.

### **Mothers' Day Dinner**

Our Annual Mother's Day brunch was held at 76 Overlea Blvd, in Scarborough, at St. Clement of Ohrid, Macedonian Cultural Center, on Sunday, May 9th, 2010.

The organizing committee would like to thank all those who contributed to this year's event. Special thanks to our guest speaker, Miss Karen Richardson, Consul General Steve Phillips, and all those who took part in the evening's program. A special thank you to Mrs. Adina James and Mr. Allan Austin for their hard work and dedication in making the evening a success.

### **Independence Celebrations 2010**

As is customary, three events will be held to celebrate the anniversary of St. Vincent and the Grenadines' independence. *The Independence Church Service* will be held on Sunday, October 24 at Rosewood Church of the Nazarene; *Independence Banquet* will be held on Saturday, October 30 at Riviera Parquet Banquet and Convention Centre; and the *Community Symposium* will be held on Sunday, October 31 at York Civic Centre, 2700 Eglinton Avenue West, Toronto.

Please see flyer on page 6 for further details.

### **Insight – Our Quarterly Newsletter**

Although Insight in its present format is ten years old, newsletters were sent out long before the year 2000. From time to time a special publication called *Larbel* was used to update members of upcoming events.

Insight has become larger, is more widely circulated and obviously has a higher publication and distribution cost. The inclusion of advertisements from businesses has been encouraged to help to offset those costs. The executive is looking for someone to assist in soliciting advertisements to meet the rising costs.

One of the ways of reducing the distribution cost is to reduce the number of newsletters that are mailed out. We are cognizant that all homes do not have computers but encourage those with email addresses to provide them to us so that your copies can be emailed to you instead of them being mailed in regular post.

Insight is currently mailed out to over 400 members and friends and circulated to hundreds more through emailing. Issues dating back to April 2003 can be found on our website, [www.vincytoronto.com](http://www.vincytoronto.com).

### **Walk-A-Thon**

The Walk-A-Thon which was scheduled for June 12 is rescheduled to September 18. This year The Route will be from Yorkwoods Library to Northwood Park in North York starting at 10:00a.m. Please refer to Page 8 for more details.

#### THE ST. VINCENT AND GRENADINES ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO INC.

#### MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

*Please view our events calendar and join us at our General Meetings on the last Sunday of each month from 4:00 p.m. at Northwood Community Centre, 15 Clubhouse Court, North York (Keele & Sheppard).*

*Please bring along a friend with you.*

### **Constitution Review & Policies and Procedures**

The executive committee is anxiously anticipating the completion of the revision of the Constitution and adoption of the new document, Policies & Procedures which was recently handed to the executive from the Past Presidents Council. Meetings to facilitate discussions on these two documents are scheduled for Sundays, September 18 and November 7 at Northwood Community Centre at 4:00 p.m.

Our thanks and appreciation to our former presidents who have dedicated their time and effort to produce these two documents.

### **Seniors Group**

The Seniors Committee members are: Adina James; Edna Hunte; Rev. Ivan Richards; Grafton Bibby. A historical journey to "Uncle Tom's Cabin" (Chatham, Ontario) is planned for the seniors in our community on August 28th, 2010. Although the seniors are our main focus, all are welcome to attend.

Tickets are only \$50. and includes bus fare, a light breakfast on the bus, admittance to Uncle Tom's Cabin and a fun-filled day of activities. The committee welcomes your support and is open to all suggestions. If you know of any seniors in our community, please submit their names to [seniors@vincytoronto.com](mailto:seniors@vincytoronto.com).

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June 22, 2010

## THE SVG UNITY PICNIC PRO OVERVIEW

The St. Vincent and the Grenadines Unity Picnic, also called Vincy Unity Picnic is coordinated by the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Associations of Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto. It started many years ago with a few folks from the three organizations gathering at Brown's Bay Provincial Park in



the 1000 Islands area of Ontario. The venue is one of the largest parks in the vicinity to serve the 3 communities.

The driving time from Toronto is approximately 3 hours, from Montreal is about two hours and one and a half hours from Ottawa.

Although it was always held in either June or July, it wasn't until in 2004 that it was decided to make it take place on a specific day in order to allow folks to plan for it well in advance. It is now held on the third Saturday of July.

The event has grown over the years from just a few folks to an attendance of over 15,000 persons making it one of the largest picnics of its kind in Canada. It is by far the busiest day for the personnel working at that facility, a great opportunity for them to increase their parking receipts. People travel from great distances to join in the fun and get the opportunity to meet old friends and acquaintances. Many



reunions are organised to take place at the Vincy Unity Picnic.

A committee of volunteers consisting of two persons from each of the three associations manage the details of the picnic. Obviously, they are assisted by a network of other volunteers on the day of the picnic. A lot of work is however done behind the scenes as the committee meets with the Parks officials, security personnel, the police, life-guards, entertainers, sponsors and vendors.

Due to the large attendance the event provides a great opportunity for businesses to showcase their products and services. The committee has however taken great care not to

overwhelm the setting with too much commercial. A few companies including Jamaica National Money Services, Western Union Financial Services, KLC Freight Services and Maison De Beaute Doreen that serve our community have been regular supporters of the event. There are also some small entrepreneurs who use the occasion to display their artwork.



Although most families bring along their picnic baskets some are taking the easy way out by purchasing their meals and snacks from a small number

of providers. The spirit of sharing and making it feel like a true Caribbean experience has folks sampling food from each other.

Vincy Unity Picnic has become the family event to be in the summer.

Scores of SVG Nationals from near and far now mark the third Saturday of July as one of their events to attend on their calendars. Groups from New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Maryland, Boston and as far away as Florida make a holiday of coming to Canada to attend the Vincy Picnic.

It is quite obvious though that attendees are not only Vincies. Other Caribbean nationals who came along with friends and relatives for the experience do not want to miss this massive and friendly get together.



Join us on Saturday, July 17 to make it an experience you will never forget. If you cannot make it then please mark the third

Saturday of July on your annual calendars so that you do not miss it in future years.

Let's keep a good thing going.

The photos included in this article were taken by Mr. Jack Dear of the Montreal Association. Jack is a member of the organizing committee and the official photographer for the Vincy Unity Picnic. More of his photos on the picnic can be seen the websites of the three associations.

### HARMONIZED SALES TAX

The provinces of Ontario and British Columbia are joining the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) framework. Beginning July 1, 2010, existing provincial sales taxes in those provinces will be combined with the federal goods and services tax to create the HST, which will be administered by the Canada Revenue Agency. Please visit [www.cra.gc.ca](http://www.cra.gc.ca) for details.



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Saturday, July 17, 2010

1000 Islands

Brown's Bay

Provincial Park

**401 East - Exit # 675**

Park Gate Opens at 7:00 am

Picnic Ends at 7:00 pm

Bus Fare

Adult: \$45

Child (2 – 12 Years): \$35

## Ticket Contacts

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Kurlene	905-546-5034
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## DRIVING TO THE PICNIC?

**Driving directions:** Take Hwy 401 East to Exit 675, turn right and follow the signs to Mallorytown. On reaching the 1000 Islands Parkway, turn left and travel eastwards about 3 miles to the main entrance of Brown's Bay Provincial Park. The Park opens at 7:00 a.m.

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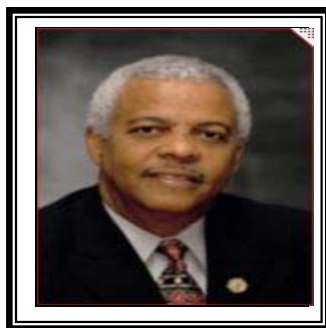
### 31st Independence Anniversary

*"Loyalty and love embraces the welfare of our children's future"*

#### Independence Thanksgiving Church Service

Rosewood Church of the Nazarene  
657 Milner Avenue, Scarborough

**Sunday, October 24, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m.**



#### Guest Speaker

The Right Hon. Alvin Curling

#### Community Symposium

York Civic Centre 2700 Eglinton Ave. West - Sunday, October 31, 2010 at 2:30pm To 6:00pm

**Tickets will be available on August 1<sup>st</sup> 2010**

#### Independence Banquet

Riviera Parque Dining,  
Banquet & Convention Centre Inc.  
2800 Hwy 7 West Concord, Ontario.  
(East of Jane St)

**Saturday, October 30, 2010**

Cocktail 6:30 pm, Dinner 8:00 pm, Open bar,  
Cultural Extravaganza, Auction, Dancing  
\$75.00 before Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> - \$85.00 after

### Independence Celebrations 2010

Plans are on the way for our Greater Toronto SVG 31st Independence Celebrations. Your satisfaction will be the focal point of this years' planning committee.

The theme for this year is ***"Loyalty and love embraces the welfare of our children's future"***. We, who were the children decades ago, have now become the heirs to these preceding and would be responsible to future generations. In keeping with our theme, we have invited the Right Hon. Dr. Alvin Curling to be our guest speaker at this year's banquet. Dr. Curling is the co-author of "Roots of youth violence," and was the first Black Canadian to hold a cabinet-level position in Ontario. He has been a Senior Canadian Government Official for many years and has a vast array of experiences that can benefit our community.

In addition, we will adorn the floor with a vintage fashion show along with many more surprises, all of which are based on your feedback from our 2009 banquet. It's all about you!

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#### Education & Culture Committee

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**Dr. Allan Liverpool Award**

Nominations are invited from members of our community for the Dr. Allan Liverpool Award. Throughout his lifetime, Samuel Allan Liverpool dedicated himself to serve the communities in which he lived, both in his homeland of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Montreal and Toronto, Canada. He did so with enthusiasm, dedication and without looking for any reward.

This award is given by SVGAT in honour of one of its founders and the first president. The award is to be presented to one or more individuals whom the Association feels meet the criteria as set out below.

To be eligible for the award, the person's name must be submitted to the Association outlining his/her contributions in serving the SVGAT, the Vincentian community in the GTA, the wider Vincentian community and the Canadian community at large. You are encouraged to forward the names of any individual you feel merit this award no later than September 30th, 2010 to:

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# IMMIGRATION MATTERS

## Humanitarian and Compassionate Applications

Contributed by: Sandra Sutherland, CCIC

Normally applications for permanent resident status are processed at visa posts outside Canada, unless it is submitted apply under a specific "in Canada" category. Persons residing in Canada who do not fit into a specific "in Canada" category can only apply under humanitarian and compassionate grounds. This type of application is commonly referred to as a Humanitarian and Compassionate application (H&C).

Section 25 of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA)* allows such persons who do not meet certain immigration legislative requirements or who are inadmissible the benefit of applying from within Canada and to have their application processed in Canada provided that the application is justified by H&C considerations. This is commonly referred to as an exemption.

Persons residing in Canada without legal immigration status (undocumented immigrants) who do not have a spouse or common-law partner who can sponsor them, may submit an H&C application for permanent resident status.

H & C applications are assessed to determine if the applicant would suffer excessive hardship if he/she were required to leave Canada. Some of the criteria assessed include:

- The level of establishment in Canada,
- The degree of integration into society,
- Circumstances of family and other relationships,
- Best interests of any children that may be affected by a negative decision,
- Past, present and future means of financial and social support,
- Community involvement.

Other factors that would be considered during the processing of the application involves prior or potential reliance on social assistance, any charges or convictions of a crime or offence in Canada or any other country, as well as the existence of any serious disease or physical or mental disorder.

Strong job stability, sound financial management, and educational upgrading help to substantiate establishment and integration. A family member or close relative in Canada may submit a sponsorship application to support a H&C application and demonstrate a commitment to supporting the applicant if self-supportiveness is questionable.

H&C applications are approved in exceptional circumstances and usually take a few years to process. If your application is turned down, you cannot appeal the decision but you can apply to the Federal Court for a Judicial Review.

Immigration officials assess the information and documentation before them and may not request an update into the applicant's situation and circumstances. The onus is on the applicant to initially put forth any and all factors he/she wishes to have considered. It is imperative that all circumstances that the applicant wishes to have considered are duly identified and supported by documentary evidence.

*Sandra Sutherland is a Certified Canadian Immigration Consultant (CCIC). View her advertisement on Page 4 in this copy of the Insight or visit her website at [www.suthernimmigration.com](http://www.suthernimmigration.com)*

St. Vincent & Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc.

## Seniors' Group

Presents

A Historical Journey

To

Uncle Tom's Cabin (Chatham, Ontario)

August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Ticket Price: \$50.00

(Includes: Light Breakfast, Bus fare & Entrance Fees)

### Bus Pick-Up Locations

Scarborough Town Centre @ 6:30 a.m.

Jane & Finch @ 7:00 a.m.

Square One Shopping Mall @ 7:30 a.m.

### Ticket Contacts:

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# ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO INC.

## 2010 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### Purpose:

To encourage and assist youth from the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Community domiciled in areas served by the St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto (SVGAT) to pursue their educational goals at the University or College level. To recognize academic efforts and SVG community involvement and contribution.

### Number and Value of Awards:

The value of scholarship(s) awarded annually is \$1,000.00(CDN) each, to at least one recipient. The scholarships are non-renewable and non-transferable. These awards are tenable at any recognized university, community college or trade school.

### Eligibility:

To be eligible the applicant must meet the following conditions:

- a.) Applicants should not be older than 24 years of age. Their parents, guardians or grandparents should be of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (hereinafter referred to as "Vincentian") descent; or any Financial/Honorary Life member of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc.;
- b.) A first year or continuing student enrolled at or currently attending a university, college or trade school;
- c.) Submit proof of acceptance to university or college;
- d.) Applicants will be selected based on their academic achievements, community involvement and financial need.

### Scholarship Committee:

The Scholarship Committee is a sub-committee of the Education Committee. The Scholarship Committee will include at least one executive member of the current Executive and will be responsible for managing the program on behalf of the Association.

### Selection of Scholarship Recipients:

The Selection Committee, appointed by the St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc. under the guidance of the Education Committee, and made up of three (3)

select recipients. The decision of the Selection Committee shall be final.

### EVALUATION WILL BE BASED UPON:

- A copy of Academic transcript.
- Two letters of reference, one from an academic institution attended within the last two years of the year of application; and the other from a community member other than a parent.
- An essay of approximately 500 words outlining (in the student's own words) on one of the two following topics to be determined by the Scholarship Committee at the beginning of each year.
  - a.) The History (Heritage and Culture) of St. Vincent and the Grenadines; or
  - b.) The main geographical, historical, agricultural, and tourist attractions of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.
- The applicant(s) should also outline not only their academic achievements, but also any volunteer involvement/community achievements and leadership roles they have assumed.
- The applicant should include any relevant information identifying financial need.

### Requirement of the Recipient(s)

Recipient(s) must attend the award ceremony to receive the award and should be available to participate in future award ceremonies and serve as role models for others in the Vincentian Community.

### Terms of Payment

The first installment of 50% of the value of the scholarship will be issued to the recipient at the award ceremony. The second installment will then be issued upon receipt of academic transcript for the same school year.

Closing date for application of scholarship for academic year Completed application package (please see list of required documents) must be received at the following address no later than August 31st., 2010.

### The Executive Secretary

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc. P.O. Box 392, Station F, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 2L8.

email: [svgatoronto@vincytoronto.com](mailto:svgatoronto@vincytoronto.com) (applications may be emailed.)

Scholarship recipient(s) will be notified within a reasonable time if they are successful applicants and will receive their award at the Annual Independence Anniversary Banquet.

### **Calendar or Events for 2010**

July 25, 2010	Monthly General Meeting, Northwood Community Centre, 15 Clubhouse Court, 4:00 p.m.
August 28, 2010	Senior's Historical Journey to Uncle Tom's Cabin, Chatham, Ontario.
August 29, 2010	Monthly General Meeting, Northwood Community Centre, 15 Clubhouse Court, 4:00 p.m.
September 12, 2010	Constitution Review Meeting, Northwood Community Centre, 15, Clubhouse Court, 4:00 p.m.
September 26, 2010	Monthly General Meeting, Northwood Community Centre, 15 Clubhouse Court, 4:00 p.m.
October 24, 2010	Independence Church Service, Rosewood Church of the Nazarene, 657 Milner Ave, 4:00 p.m.
October 30, 2010	Independence Banquet, Riviera Parque Banquet Centre, 2800 Hwy #7 West, Concord, 6:30 p.m.
October 31, 2010	Cultural Symposium, York Civic Centre, 2700 Eglinton Avenue West, Toronto, 2:30 p.m.
November 7, 2010	Constitution Review Meeting, Northwood Community Centre, 15 Clubhouse Court, 4:00 p.m.
November 28, 2010	Monthly General Meeting, Northwood Community Centre, 15 Clubhouse Court, 4:00 p.m.
December 5, 2010	Annual Children's Christmas Party, Northwood Community Centre, 15 Clubhouse Court, 2:00 p.m.

# St. Vincent and the Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc.

## SCHOLARSHIP/BURSARY APPLICATION FORM

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School/College/University currently attending \_\_\_\_\_

College/University intended for new school year \_\_\_\_\_

List any community achievement or volunteer involvement (you may attach a separate sheet)

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

*I understand that SVGAT is not obligated to award me a scholarship. I agree to provide Academic Transcript, Letters of Reference and confirmation of acceptance to or attendance at an accredited College or University. I authorize the SVGAT to verify all information as necessary.*

*I confirm that the information given above is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship/Bursary Award Checklist: Please include the following:

Academic Transcript

Two letters of reference

A typed essay of approximately 500 words on the topic selected by the Scholarship Committee.

A summary confirming your Vincentian Heritage and why you should be selected as a Scholarship Award recipient, including any financial needs.

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The Executive and Members of the St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc. would like to extend condolences to all members and friends of our community who have lost loved ones.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our Vice President, Mr. Vere Palmer and family on the passing of their beloved wife and mother, Barbara.

We wish you God's blessings as you cope with your loss and we trust that those who have departed will find rest in the Lord.

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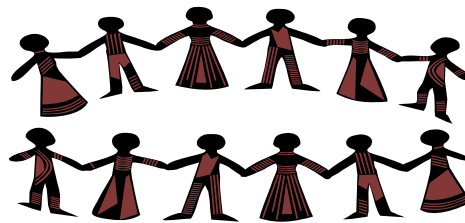
## Membership Registration Form

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***Become a Member!***  
***Join with us in achieving our goals.***

### Mission Statement

The St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc. (SVGAT) is a non-profit community-based Association. We are committed to providing assistance and support to groups and institutions in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Ontario, and wherever the Association deems fit. We are also committed to provide an anti bias forum for Cultural, Educational, Social and Recreational enrichment and to maintain a network of communication through information and referral.



### Objectives

- To maintain a high level of volunteerism through recruitment, training and effective utilization of skills
- To provide a forum to promote leadership and advocacy for the enrichment of Culture and Education
- To provide an anti bias environment for the discussion of matters of general interest to its members
- To plan, implement and participate in fundraising activities to meet urgent human needs.
- To promote social and recreational events to enrich the lives of Children, Youth, Adults and Seniors
- To maintain a network of communication through information and referral

Our membership meetings are held on the **LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH** from 4:00 p.m. at Northwood Community Centre, 15 Clubhouse Court, (Keele St. & Sheppard Ave. W. area), North York

***We hope to see you there!***

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW MEMBER OR RENEWAL: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$2.00 for new membership registration, \$20.00 annual subscription)

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