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Quarterly Newsletter

SUMMER ISSUE

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

New Board Member

At the April 2018 monthly general meeting of the Association, Mrs. Prudence Morton was elected as a board member and has since then assumed the role as Assistant Secretary. Prudence comes with much valuable corporate experience to ensure that the board operate efficiently. Welcome Prudence!

The complete list of directors and officers includes:

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SVGAT Celebrates 50 Years in 2018

The St. Vincent and Grenadines Association of Toronto will this year celebrate its 50th anniversary of existence and service to the SVG community in Toronto. The Association was established on December 1, 1968 at a meeting of nationals of St. Vincent residing in Toronto.

An organizing committee headed by Malcolm Garraway is in place to coordinate a series of events to mark the occasion and is looking for suggestions on how best to celebrate the occasion.

Committees of the SVGAT

The Association requires a number of committees to assist the Board to ensure that the Association functions effectively. Some of these committees are established while others still need volunteers to complete them. The following are the committees:

By-Law Revision

Jim Lewis – Chair

Christmas Hamper Project

Petra Ryan-Phillips (Chair), Erline Granderson, Gideon Exeter

Children's Christmas Party

Daffodil Davis, Cheyenne Samuel, Marva Brazel.

Independence Planning

Sandra Bobb – Chair, Sandra Sutherland, Petra, Ryan-Phillips, Cheyenne Samuel, Cynthia John-Bentham, Frank Wilson, Fitz Huggins, Gideon Exeter, June Ellis, Dennis Bucchan, Prudence Morton.

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CCAC Representatives

Erline Granderson, Petra Ryan-Phillips, G. Exeter

50th Anniversary Planning

Malcolm Garraway, Daffodil Davis, Barbara Toney, Fred Williams, Jim Lewis, Pat Nash, Gideon Exeter

SVGAT'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Association is offering two (2) bursaries of \$1,000.00 each to students of SVG descent and living in Ontario. To be eligible, students must apply by August 31, 2018. For full details, visit http://vincytoronto.com/scholarship_grants.htm

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The Council of Caribbean Associations - Canada (CCAC), an umbrella organization of which the SVGAT is a founding member is offering two (2) bursaries of \$1,000.00 each to students of Caribbean descent and living in Ontario. The deadline to submit applications is August 31, 2018. For more details, please visit http://vincytoronto.com/ccac_scholarship_program.htm

ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES



Celebrates 37 year of Independence in 2018.

Please join us for the following events:

Oct. 21, 2018 – **Thanksgiving Church Service**, Wesley Chapel Free Methodist Church, 2385 Warden Avenue @ Huntingwood starting at 4:00 p.m.

Oct. 26, 2018 – **Flag Raising Ceremony**, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto starting at 11:00 a.m.

Oct. 27, 2018 – **Independence Gala**, Estate Banquet & Convention Centre, 430 Nugget Avenue @ Markham Road north of Sheppard Ave.
Guest Speaker: **Hon. Adrian Saunders**, Chief Justice, Caribbean Court of Justice



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September 8th: **One Day Shopping Bus Trip, Erie, PA**

October 6th :

30th Anniversary Dinner and Dance - \$60
Gervais Dr (Don Mills/Eglinton Ave E area)

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CCAC's Annual Seniors Symposium

Saturday, September 9, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m.

Dennis Trimbell Community Centre
29 St. Dennis Drive, Toronto

Call Ingrid @ 416-431-0273 to register

CCAC's Annual Walk For Education

Saturday, August 26, 9:00 a.m.

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(Continued from last Issue)

**Address by RENÉ M. BAPTISTE CMG on 11th
MARCH, 2018, TORONTO, CANADA at the
TORONTO – SVG SUPPORT GROUP'S 2ND
ANNUAL NATIONAL HEROES DAY LUNCH.**

They fought bravely against the Invaders. They had to be conquered and vanquished. It is now our turn to memorialize them; to pass on the knowledge of their time; their language; their traditions to generations following – our native language, our native traditions and our native culture.

I say again we are unique. Enslaved Africans joined the fabric of this Society of Kalinago and Garifuna peoples; Indentured Indians from a Continent so far away and Indentured Portuguese from Madeira, Portugal; with some Scottish, Irish and English Sprinklings here and there.

This is our National Mosaic. This is our Identity. The Melting Pot – The bloodlines of VINCENTIANS, our HERITAGE.

I was able to rescue the Immigration Registers from Vault of the Registry. My mother told me about them.... and when the refurbishment at the Registry began, I made Representation to the Registrar and got access and they were delivered to me and handed over to the National Archives.

Indians were able to see the names of their great, great, great grandparents, in writing, which voyage and which ship they came on – which incidentally

landed at Edinboro. Today the SVG Indian Heritage Foundation is growing strong; and some persons of Indian extractions were able to prove that line of descent and even got an Indian Passport as a Belonger.)

The African Immigrant Register was also rescued. Yes, there were Africans who migrated to SVG after slavery. Even though we bear in mind that Slavery lasted only 41 years in St. Vincent. Doc Kirby always “felt” that the Rock carving at Buccament being different in style and composition had to be done by persons from Africa, from Mali who had sailed across the Sea. They were not from the people from Orinoco.....

So, with this History comes our Heritage, and we are to elevate the leading lights and visionaries of the Twentieth Century – lift them up for their endeavour; their daring; their sacrifice; their exploits. Some agreeable; some disagreeable; some downright unpleasant; some combative. But ALL of them taking that step to make a Difference – to alter the course of History from conquered to builders; from vanquished to resilient; from buried to discovered;

From stranger to patriot;
From Colonized to Nationalized;
This is who we are.

We must bear in mind that this process and progression came through centuries of blood, humiliation, sweat, tears of sorrow and tears of joy for a faith that will not shrink. This process, this beating on the anvil of struggle – made us Vincentian. A necessary process that led to the birth of a Nation.

So today we stand on the shoulders of those who dared to take up the challenges in Education, in Governance, in Political Vineyards; in Courts, in Parliaments and Town Boards, in classrooms proving that indeed the Pen is mightier than the Sword. Today we have one Hero. A Champion in Battle. A Warrior who paid the Ultimate price for the goal of Freedom and Independence. Who fought the hard battle that lift his SPIRIT to roam and blow our generations? One Hero who could not prevent

the genocide of his tribes and their families. Yet, somehow from a place of imprisonment to a place of exile; they left the Homeland but they took the culture, the language, the food, the traditions, the music, the folklore and transplanted it to NEVER FORGET YURUMEI.



What was left was for us to take up the Soil and make it speak to us, and it has. A culture so unique and authentic that the World Body – UNESCO termed it and declared it a Masterpiece of Human History, a Masterpiece of Mankind – Our Culture, our Heritage in 2002.

Have we as Vincentians absorbed this New Reality of the Twenty First Century. Our Roots are special to MANKIND. The Culture of the KALINAGO and the GARIFUNA our Heritage! Our Heritage! So special. So rare. So Different. Led by a Warrior whose blood will not be quiet. Therefore, we must celebrate him. He is our FIRST NATIONAL HERO. It has only been 16 years since the Declaration, but we need to focus on a deliberate Agenda to solidify his place. The Rt. Excellent Joseph Chatoyer. A National Monument as a memorial for him should be put in a place reserved for it.

The Pilgrimage to Balliceaux – the Destination of the Interment Prison-of-war campsite of 1795 where genocide was committed, should be preserved. We demand reparation for it; for the genocide.

On the Agenda too must be:

The formalised Teaching of the Garifuna Language. At this time, we have less than 500 persons in St. Vincent that speak the Garifuna Language – Support the Garifuna Heritage Foundation as it promotes the History of the Garifuna peoples in the Diaspora of Belize, Honduras. Guatemala, Nicaragua and North America.

The widespread Teaching of the Garifuna Dance Culture;
The Widespread Teaching of the Garifuna Drum Culture;
The Teaching of the Garifuna Folklore;
The Promotion of Exchange Visits to Central America;

These Recommendations are intended to ground our belief in our Heritage, an essential part of our Heritage;

The Fresh writing of Our History by our Hands;
The Making of Films about Foundation Hero and Other Heroes.

Understand me please..... to be laying down the case for the learning and acceptance of a part of ourselves we were taught to hide. This Agenda must include the Search for our African and India Roots. As I said before, that has already been started by the Indian Heritage Foundation of SVG.

This Thesis is not intended for us to ignore the leading heroic personages of the Twentieth Century. We should also celebrate them. From which (4) names have emerged in the Dialogue.

These 4 names I mention are:

Hon George Augustus McIntosh (1920-1963)

Hon. Ebenezer Theodore Joshua (1950-1979)

Dr. John Parmenas Eustace (1952-1990)

Rt. Hon Robert Milton Cato (1955-1985).

(To be continued in October issue of Insight)

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

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, September 24	Monthly General Meeting	St. Cyprian's Anglican Church, 1080 Finch Avenue East
Sunday, October 21	Independence Thanksgiving Service	Wesley Chapel Free Methodist Church, 2385 Warden
Friday, October 26	Flag Raising Ceremony	Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto
Saturday, October 27	Independence Dinner & Dance	Estate Banquet Centre, 430 Nugget Ave, Scarborough
Sunday, November 26	Monthly General Meeting	St. Cyprian's Anglican Church, 1080 Finch Avenue East
	Children's Christmas Party	Date & Venue to be determined

Addresses & Directions:

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IMMIGRATION MATTERS

MEETING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS AS A PERMANENT RESIDENT OF CANADA

Contributed by: Sandra Sutherland, RCIC

Permanent residents of Canada need to be mindful of their obligation to meet the Canadian residency requirements relating to maintaining permanent resident status, being eligible for a PR card or travel document to return to Canada, and being eligible for Canadian citizenship. I have broken down the specific requirement for each category as follows:

Residency Obligation to Maintain Permanent Resident Status

When a person is conferred permanent resident status he/she is told of the obligation to be physically present in Canada for an accumulation of a minimum of 730 days (2 years) within every five-year period in order to maintain his/her permanent resident status. This does not necessarily mean that a permanent resident will automatically lose his/her permanent resident status at the exact point when he/she breach that 730-day mark. He/she must first go through an official process and then be notified by a Canadian immigration official of the loss of status.

Residency Obligation to apply for a Permanent Resident (PR) Card or Travel Document

When a permanent resident is applying for a PR card or travel document to return to Canada he/she must have been physically present in Canada for a minimum of 730 days within the immediate five years prior to the date the application is signed. If the person has been a permanent resident for less than five years he/she must show that they will be able to meet the 730-day requirement within five years of the date they became a permanent resident. So, if a person became a permanent resident two years ago (in June 2016) and has already spent 730 days in Canada he may still apply without waiting for the five-year period to elapse because they would have a minimum of two years as a permanent resident in Canada.

A permanent resident accompanying a spouse, common-law partner or parent (if that parent's child is under 22 years of age) who is a Canadian citizen residing outside Canada may count that time towards residency. If the spouse, common-law partner or parent is not a Canadian citizen but is a permanent resident then the applicant's time spent accompanying that person could be counted if that person were employed, on a full-time basis, by a Canadian business or in the public service of

Canada or of a province or territory during the time of accompaniment.

Time spent outside Canada may also be counted for each day worked while the permanent resident is employed outside Canada by a Canadian business or the public service of Canada or of a province or territory. The employment must be on the basis of the applicant being assigned full-time, as an employee or under contract, to a position outside Canada, to an affiliate enterprise outside Canada or to a client of the Canadian business or public service outside Canada. In addition to these conditions, the employment must continue in Canada after the outside Canada assignment ends.

If an applicant has not met the minimum required residency an immigration official, prior to rendering a negative decision, could consider any compelling humanitarian and compassionate factors that may justify why the residency requirement was breached and why the applicant need to keep his/her permanent resident status.

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Physical Residency Requirements to apply for Canadian Citizenship

Permanent residents must physically reside in Canada for at least 1095 days during the five years immediately before the date when they sign their application. Time spent in Canada, within that five-year period, as an authorized temporary resident (i.e.: with visitor, student or worker status) or protected person prior to becoming a permanent resident may count towards residency;

however, only half of a day credit will be applied for each full day spent in Canada to a maximum of 365 days. The applicant must also have spent a minimum of two years as a permanent resident in order to meet the physical presence requirement.

There are some cases where time spent outside Canada may be counted towards residency. If the permanent resident was employed in or with the Canadian Armed Forces, a federal public administration or the public service of a province or territory, or if the permanent resident lived outside Canada with his/her Canadian or permanent resident spouse, common-law partner, or parent (applicable only to children under the age of 22) who was employed by any one of the above noted organizations, then the time spent outside Canada could be counted towards residency.

As noted, some exceptions do apply to these residency requirements, so if a person is not sure about meeting a residency obligation or need information about the consequences or remedy regarding loss of PR status it is a good idea to consult or retain the service of an authorized representation that specializes in Canadian immigration.

I generally encourage my clients to meet more than just the minimum residency requirement in order to compensate for any miscalculations of absences, or any other aspect that could lower the cumulative days of physical presence below the minimum days required.

It is a good idea to maintain a travel journal listing the exact dates of departure from and return to Canada, the destination(s) travelled to, and the purpose of the travel as this would help when counting residency. In some instances, immigration officials (in Canada or abroad) may not stamp a person's passport during entry or departure, it may be a good idea to request that your passport be stamped as proof of entry and exit. It is also a good idea to keep itineraries and boarding passes as proof of travel. I also recommend the maintenance of a travel journal even if a person is a Canadian citizen as it could be beneficial if any residency queries or disputes are encountered with CPP or OAS.

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NEWS FROM SVG

(Courtesy of I-Witness News, CCJ & News 784)

NEW VISAS RULES FOR OECS NATIONALS

Vincentians and other citizens of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) seeking visas, work or study permits for Canada may need to visit Trinidad and Tobago in order to provide biometric information from December 31, 2018.

According to information on [Canada's government website](#), everyone who applies for a visitor visa, work or study permit (excluding U.S. nationals), permanent residence, or refugee or asylum status will need to supply biometric information.

There are nine OECS members: Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, as well as the British Overseas Countries and Territories of Anguilla, the British Virgin Islands and Montserrat.

NEW HOSPITAL OPENS IN SVG

The Accident and Emergency (A&E) and X-ray departments as well as the pharmacy began operating at the EC\$42 million Modern Medical and Diagnostic Centre (MMDC) in Georgetown on July 3 some 11 years after construction began.

A senior health official said that the MMDC is part of the Georgetown Medical Complex (GMC), which also includes the Georgetown District Clinic and the Georgetown Smart Hospital. The GMC will provide primary and secondary healthcare with a focus on primary and secondary preventative services alongside acute and sub-acute care.

In terms of primary care, the first interaction with the primary healthcare system takes place at the Georgetown Health Clinic, one of 39 that form the backbone of the nation's community health care services, Senior Medical Officer Dr. Simone Keizer-Beache said. Clients seen at the Georgetown Clinic or at any facility north of Biabou, can be referred to the MMDC for their laboratory investigation as the Centre has full biochemistry and hematological laboratory on site and sample collection services for tests not done at the MMDC's lab.

The operating theatre has the capacity to do major emergency surgery, if necessary, as the operating theatre is supported by a four-bed ICU (intensive

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care unit) with a surge capacity of six and a four-bed recovery room, also with a surge capacity of six.”

The chief medical officer said that in terms of acute care, the MMDC has a six-bed emergency room with a surge capacity to eight beds for emergency care and treatment only.

SVG NATIONAL BECOMES CCJ CHIEF

On July 4th, the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) saw



a change in leadership from the Rt. Hon. Sir Dennis Byron to the CCJ's 3rd President, the Hon. Mr. Justice Adrian Saunders. The transition took place as a part of the activities before the 39th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of

Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) at the Montego Bay Convention Centre, Jamaica.

In March of this year, it was announced that Mr. Justice Saunders, after an exhaustive international search, would be appointed as President of the Court. He has been a Judge at the CCJ since 2005 and has contributed immensely to the administration and judicial functions of the Court.

Mr. Justice Saunders is also the Chairman of the Caribbean Association of Judicial Officers (CAJO) and the Course Director of the Halifax-based Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute's CJEI's Intensive Study Program. He is also one of the Institute's Directors. Mr. Justice Saunders has also co-authored the book, *Fundamentals of Caribbean Constitutional Law* and is a contributor editor of the *Caribbean Civil Court Practice*. In April 2018, he was appointed to the Advisory Board of the Global Judicial Integrity Network by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

He holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of the West Indies (Cave Hill) in 1975 and the Legal Education Certificate of the Hugh Wooding Law School in Trinidad & Tobago in 1977. He was called to the Bar of St. Vincent & the Grenadines in that same year. He worked with Sir Dennis at the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court and was later reunited with him in 2011 when Sir Dennis was appointed President of the CCJ.

The CCJ will also host two Special Sittings of the Court to commemorate its new President. The first will take

place at the CCJ, starting at 9:30 am AST, on Friday, 13 July. The second Special Sitting takes place in Mr. Justice Saunders' home country of St. Vincent and the Grenadines on Friday, 20 July at 9:30 am at the House of Assembly in Kingstown.

Both Special Sittings and the Inauguration event will be broadcast live from the CCJ on the Court's website at www.ccj.org. Links to the broadcast can be found under the Judgment & Proceedings area.

Caribbean Connections in Black Panther

by Samantha Lewis

Five weeks after its release, *Black Panther* was still breaking records with no sign of things ending. For five weeks it sat at number one at the box office, most recently became the highest grossing superhero film in US history. There has never been a film with this much excitement and hype surrounding it. Before its release people organized group screenings encouraging people to dress in the theme of African Royalty. Many community groups organized group screenings to help children see the film. The success of *Black Panther* disproves Hollywood's idea that diversity does not sell.

One of the most beautiful things about *Black Panther* is that it celebrates multiple forms of blackness. Director Ryan Coogler ensured that the cast and crew were composed of a variety of black individuals from a variety of different nations. The continent of Africa and the United States are well represented but so too is the Caribbean. Both Letitia Wright, who plays Shuri, T'Challa's sister and Winston Duke, who plays M'Baku, leader of a rival Wakandan tribe are from Caribbean nations. Wright was born in Guyana before she immigrated to London, England. Duke, was born and raised in Argyle, Tobago before he moved to Brooklyn, New York. Wright and Duke are the most commonly known Caribbean actors in the film but there are other actors of Caribbean descent including Nabiyah Be as Linda, Killmonger's girlfriend, daughter of Jimmy Cliff and of Jamaican descent, Dora Milaje warriors, Sydelle Noel and Shaunette Renee Wilson, of Grenadian and Guyanese descent and stuntman Jason Elwood Hanna of Bahamian descent. There is also a member of the cast of Caribbean descent with Trinidadian producer Sekani Solomon who worked on the main and end credits of the film.

Black Panther deserves all the accolades that the film has received. It is smart, funny and entertaining. Minus all the records, *Black Panther* would still be a significant film because of its power to evoke change. Many studies have shown the power of film. After *Jurassic Park* was

released enrollment numbers for paleontology, the study of animal and plant fossils, increased. This power of change is one of the reasons that people continue to make films. For black children who rarely see positive images of themselves on screen, Black Panther is important.

There have been many Hollywood films that have been set in the African continent, but other than Coming to America, many of them do not represent an Africa that isn't a third-world continent. The film celebrates blackness at every chance it can. Coogler uses the film to explore blackness and address questions about black identity and responsibility. Wakanda, the fictional country where the film is set, is a wealthy, technological advanced country with gender equality that masquerades as a third-world continent. Each character grapples with these questions.

Watching characters grappling with these questions is important to help black children deal with their own black identity. It is also crucial for black children to see images of black men and women doing regular but incredibly powerful things. For young black

men to see black men who are strong, tender and can admit their faults and young black women to see black women who are independent, opinionated and confident will have momentous influence on how a new generation of black children will see themselves. This film has changed how Hollywood has and will create black films in the future. The other hope for this film is that it will inspire young children of Caribbean descent to pursue careers in film, science and technology.

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