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**THE ST. VINCENT AND GRENADINES ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO INC. (SVGAT):
KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY INFORMED THROUGH COMMUNICATION**

From the President's desk

Dear Comrades, as we get ready to embrace the summer of 2009, let's first thank God for that which we have accomplished in the past months as community volunteers, focusing on those objectives we as a people have pledged and endeavored to do in the positive building of our SVG international communities.

SVGAT continues its commitment to our Nationals. Kudos to our hard working Mother's Day event committee, who through the entire planning never lost sight of the goal and the initiative to ensure an afternoon of cheerfulness for our mothers and their escorts.

To the entertainers – dancers, Chanice Morris and Hiwet Teklemariam, who took our older mothers back to the memory lane of their once-upon-a-time flexibility; Zakiya Hutchinson, who presented a poem to the Moms; Chairon Haynes, who travelled from Montreal to share with us excerpts of her book, "It Strikes My Mind", which from the reaction amongst the audience did strike their minds; Hulda De Freitas, who for a few minutes ensured our connection to the Creator of the many gifts and talents of the evening; Consul General Phillips, who enhanced the proceedings with a touching Prayer and general greetings; Dovie Dorchester, who kept up the tempo by getting the audience on their feet and bringing to life the calypso beat, aided by the support of DJ Leon Foyle and friend.

And then on stage came Dante Marshall, truly the star of the evening, filling the hall with laughter, a Casanova comedian in his own right. Charlene Moses, our youth guest speaker did not let us forget the value and relentless love of our mothers; while Emcee Dr. Chester Searles, through the entire afternoon forged a joke or two, maintaining the connection with the audience.

Sincere thanks to all of you for your contributions to a great afternoon!

We look forward to join other Nationals at our annual Vincy Unity Picnic at Browns Bay, Thousand Islands on July 18 this year, and hope by now that you have already bought your bus ticket, or car parking ticket. If not, please check the index on page one for Executive members and committee chairs; contact one of these persons to get your ticket. You cannot

afford to miss the largest Vincy picnic outside of SVG, with over ten thousand in attendance.

This year SVG celebrates its thirtieth anniversary of Independence, and we have a special treat for you at our SVGAT Greater Toronto Area celebration on October 31st. We promise you nonstop entertainment, good food, free liquor, door prizes and much more, with our special guest being His Excellency Governor General Sir Frederick Ballantyne. Our planning committee is truly excited about this special visit to Toronto and the committee is busy making preparations to accommodate you and all other Nationals, not only at the Banquet, but also at the Town Hall meeting the following afternoon. You will be kept updated on the venue. The Church service will be held again at the Church of the Nazarene on October 25th. Please note the Independence flyer in this issue.

We encourage your ongoing contributions and support to all our initiatives, scholarships, and the many other benevolent projects we are committed to in reaching out to SVG Nationals here and at home in SVG. As we your elected officers forge ahead, we anticipate sustenance for Community unification through God's Grace.

On behalf of SVGAT, I wish you a safe and blessed Summer 2009.

Fondest Regards

Elma Gabriel

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**THE ST. VINCENT AND GRENADINES ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO INC.
GENERAL MEETING**

*Please view our events calendar on page 14 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.*

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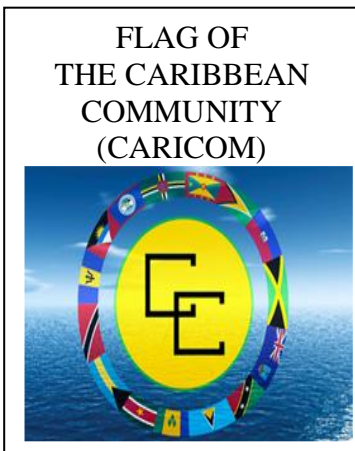
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New constitution for St Vincent presented to Parliament

KINGSTOWN, St Vincent -- The voting populace in St Vincent and the Grenadines will this November get to the polls to cast a Yes or No vote in a Referendum for a new Constitution for the country.

Dr Francis Alexis on Thursday presented the first draft of the new Constitution to Parliament and praised the St Vincent and the Grenadines Government for the bold initiative it took to solicit a new Constitution for the country.



Dr Alexis also noted that there were a number of things in the draft and pointed out that the new Constitution was the only one in the Commonwealth Caribbean, "which spells out the role of the Leader of the Opposition."

He also made the point that the proposed new Constitution was also the only one where Magistrates could not be removed "willy nilly".

The Bill for the new Constitution received its first reading and Prime Minister Dr Ralph Gonsalves praised the members of the Constitution Review Commission, CRC, for the work they did over the past six years to and to reach the stage of presenting a draft for discussions.

Gonsalves said the proposed new constitution contained a number of new initiatives, which he says will go a long way towards the betterment of the people of St Vincent and the Grenadines.

The prime minister made the point that the proposed new constitution spells out that members of the clergy can take part in national elections; it allows persons with dual citizenship to contest general elections without having to give up their citizenship in another country; marriage can only be between a biological man and a biological woman; no person shall be held in slavery and no person shall be allowed to performed forced labour.

The draft new Constitution will get its second reading sometime in September and must have a two-thirds majority in the House of Assembly before it is put to the people in a Referendum.

However, Opposition Leader, Arnhim Eustace made it clear that he will be calling on his supporters to vote No, "unless there are significant changes" in the proposed new Constitution.

Eustace bemoaned the fact that there are no "fundamental" changes in the powers of the prime minister in the new Constitution and said: "I will say to our supporters, vote No" if a Referendum was held today.

A new Constitution can only come into effect if two-thirds of the persons who cast their votes do so on the Yes column.

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Jagdeo and Gonsalves raise new Barbados immigration policy at CHOG meeting

GEORGETOWN, Guyana -- While Barbados' new immigration policy was not on the agenda of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) heads of government conference in Trinidad and Tobago on Sunday, Guyana's President Bharrat Jagdeo and St Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves used the occasion to air their concerns regarding the move by the David Thompson administration to toughen its immigration policy regarding non-nationals.



Guyana President, Bharrat Jagdeo. RAFP PHOTO



St Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Dr Ralph Gonsalves

The two leaders feel such a policy will undermine the region's integration drive, the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME).

At a news conference at the end of the one-day meeting on Sunday, Gonsalves was the first to raise the issue when he responded to questions about previous statements he made in which he expressed his concerns about the immigration issue. "You cannot expect to cherry pick in the integration movement, the CSME. Freedom of movement is an important dimension of the CSME," Gonsalves said.

While Gonsalves said he would not name the CARICOM countries that in his view were being too harsh in their immigration policies towards some CARICOM nationals, he noted, there are several countries in the region with which St Vincent is having problems.

Saying that Gonsalves has identified those countries "privately all the time", Jagdeo maintained that Trinidad and Tobago and Barbados "are the chief offenders".

Gonsalves also said that sometimes it was a question of overzealous immigration officials.

Jagdeo described the manner some Guyanese and other CARICOM nationals have been treated by officials in Trinidad and Tobago and Barbados as "despicable".

Barbados Prime Minister David Thompson did not attend the news conference but Jagdeo said he discussed the matter with him during the CARICOM Heads special meeting at the Diplomatic Centre.

However, in defending Trinidad and Tobago, that country's Prime Minister Patrick Manning said nationals of other CARICOM countries who live in Trinidad and Tobago and have broken the law have received "soft" treatment as opposed to being deported.

Manning did not say though, there would be a stronger enforcement of immigration laws against such CARICOM nationals as to the issue of how they were treated in this country even as the issue in Barbados is becoming a contentious in light of the deeper integration movement being pursued within the region.

"We have a history of fairly open borders here, even in circumstances where people violate the laws of Trinidad and Tobago. We have had a soft approach to that rather than send back, which we could easily have done. I mean the last time we did that, as far as I remember, was in the 60s," Manning said.

He added that "Trinidad and Tobago understands very well that what community means is a communing of peoples, we understand that, and that there is a letter, a spirit of the law and we are trying to abide by the spirit of the law in addition to the letter," Manning said.

Manning said that often such instances had nothing to do with official Government policy but rather "overzealous immigration officials".

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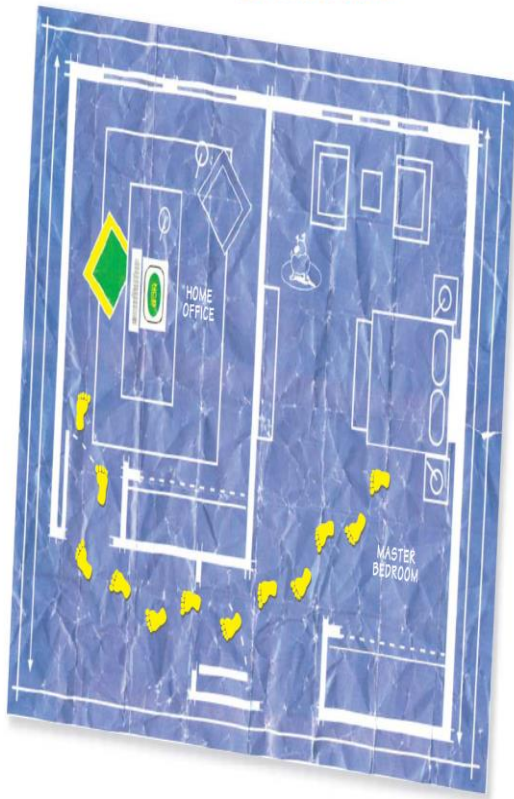
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The Start of Vincy Mass

Miss St Vincent and the Grenadines Crowned

KINGSTOWN, St Vincent -- The first competitive show for Vincy Mas, St Vincent and the Grenadines' Carnival, took place on Saturday at the Victoria Park in capital city Kingstown and saw thousands of patrons turning up to witness the crowning of 20-year-old Veronique Williams from the North Leeward Town of Chateaubelair as she took the Miss SVG title.

Veronique appeared as Miss Darcheville Construction Equipment Sales Caribbean Ltd and beat out seven other Delegates to capture the crown.



Veronique Williams. Miss SVG 2009. Photo by Lyf Compton

The win now allows Veronique to take part in this year's Miss Carnival Beauty Pageant, the next beauty show on the Vincy Mas calendar scheduled for the Victoria Park on Friday 6 July 2009. On her way to taking the crown, Veronique was adjudged as wearing the best swimsuit and evening gown, and was the best at the

interview.

22-year old Yaseem Hadaway, Miss Lime, had the best talent and was adjudged first runner up, while 18-year old Nickillia Slater-Bridgewater, Miss Lotto, took second runner up position.

Miss Congeniality went to 21-year old Kinorra Lavia, Miss Super Six; Miss Photogenic was 19-year old Kristell Cambridge-Lewis, Miss Mustique Company Ltd, with the most community-spirited award going to 21-year old Tenille Austin, Miss First Caribbean International Bank Ltd.

The other delegates were 22-year-old Eshurnia Glasgow, Miss Williams Agencies and Fragrances and 18-year-old Asmara Whiskey, Miss Caribbean Imaging Center.

Minister of Culture, René Baptiste, told a local radio station after the crowning she was "pleased with the turnout" and

described the Miss SVG show as Vincy Mas' "marque show."

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Independence Banquet

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Guest Speaker

Governor General of St. Vincent & the Grenadines,
Sir Frederick Ballantyne

IMMIGRATION MATTERS

The Need for Authorized Immigration Representatives

Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) assert that one does not need an immigration representative to help them apply. Many couples presume that submitting an application is a simple procedure so there is no need to waste money by hiring a representative. After all, it's just a simple matter of filling out some forms, right? Think again.

One couple acted on this presumption and found themselves in a serious predicament. This married couple resided together in Canada. They requested forms from CIC, and proceeded to incorrectly fill them out using the inappropriate applicant's information to answer the various sections of the forms. In other instances they applied truthful information to the wrong forms. To compound the confusion even more, the forms they submitted did not match the category they intended to apply under, thus causing them to submit the wrong sponsorship application package to the inappropriate CIC office. Rather than returning the entire application package to the sponsor for correction, CIC processed the application as is and submitted it to the Port of Spain visa office for further processing. The application was subsequently declined. This situation could have been even more detrimental if the application was processed within Canada or if the couple was investigated with a finding of misrepresentation.

The sponsored spouse left Canada to attend an interview at the Port of Spain visa office. Upon his return to Canada, he was only granted a one month stay and was to leave Canada at the end of his authorized stay, which he did. I was retained to represent the sponsor with the Appeal and proceeded to clarify the situation and "right the wrongs". Fortunately, after a record breaking fifteen minute attendances at an Alternate Dispute Resolution, my client was successful in getting the immigration officer's negative decision overturned and have her husband's application processing correctly completed.

Immigration officials use the information provided in each application package to formulate the nature and circumstances of the case and to evaluate the merits of the case. Applicants should bear in mind that the information provided in the application kits are of a general nature. One must know what and how much information needs to be provided and which documents they should submit to support the application. It is imperative that confusing and/or doubtful information not be provided. The onus is on applicants to submit sufficient information and documentation to demonstrate the true facts of the case to immigration officials.

The above noted sponsor held a university degree yet experienced some confusion in filling out the forms correctly. Filling out multiple forms ranging in length from one to six pages can be quite intimidating. The solution, seek help from a professional and competent authorized representative. The

money spent in doing so may avert a more costly Appeal process and wasted time in being united in Canada.

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CARICOM NEWS

CARICOM to establish joint mission in Eastern Europe

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (GINA) -- CARICOM Secretary General, Dr Edwin Carrington, revealed, on June 12 at an interactive media session at the Secretariat building, Turkeyen, that the Community is working on establishing a joint mission in an Eastern European state, although he did not reveal the country's name.



Edwin Carrington, CARICOM Secretary General

However, Dr Carrington revealed that the idea of having joint missions has not been abandoned. He pointed out that the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) has been successful in establishing such offices in Ottawa, Canada and in Brussels, Belgium.

He explained that Eastern Europe presented a good opportunity to establish such a venture as no member state of the Caribbean Community has a presence there, and a joint office there will serve all of CARICOM members.

"We have been asked by the Foreign Ministers' at their meeting in Jamaica at the beginning of May to do the finalized costing and we expect that to be done soon and there might well be a first for CARICOM joint representation," he stated

Source: Caribbean Net News

President Bharrat Jagdeo, who joined Dr Carrington, in providing information on the upcoming 30th Heads of Government meeting to be held in Guyana on July 2-4, explained that the Community has looked at establishing joint missions in Geneva, Switzerland and in South Africa, but without success.

However, Dr Carrington revealed that the idea of having joint missions has not been abandoned. He pointed out that

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TORTOLA, BVI -- OECS Heads of Government wrapped up their 49th Meeting in Tortola, British Virgin Islands on May 22, calling it a watershed in the historical evolution of the organization.

Heads noted the enhanced international profile of the Organisation which has resulted from the repositioning of the OECS to be outward looking in pursuit of its strategic interests around the world. In recent times new relationships have been formed or are in the process of being formed at the regional level with Brazil, Venezuela, Austria, Turkey, Finland, Spain, Mexico, Cuba, France, the US Virgin Islands, the European Union, Puerto Rico and Trinidad and Tobago.

During the just ended 49th Meeting, the Heads of Government engaged the Governor of the US Virgin Islands, John P de Jongh Jr in discussions on closer functional cooperation. The Heads mandated the OECS Secretariat to work along with the USVI Administration to complete a Memorandum of Understanding in the shortest possible time to facilitate the closer ties. Areas of cooperation are expected to include tourism, education and training, security, emergency management, health, sports, arts and culture, trade, agriculture, and preservation of historical sites and documents.

The Heads also engaged the Ambassador of Spain to the OECS Jesus Silva on building closer ties with that European nation. The OECS and Spain signed a Declaration of Intent in April 2009 to pursue cooperation in several areas, including, training in diplomacy, oceans governance, legislative drafting, the OECS Economic Union, environmental management and economic development. Spain has been assisting with the training of foreign service officers in the Foreign Ministries of Member States and has offered scholarships at the Masters level for training at the prestigious Diplomatic School in Spain.

The Meeting also welcomed a Memorandum of Understanding between the OECS and the University of Puerto Rico (UPR) which makes provision for OECS nationals to study at UPR with the same status at Puerto Rican students. This means significantly reduced fees for tuition, accommodation, medical and other requirements.

The Heads engaged in wide-ranging discussions with the Prime Minister of Barbados David Thompson on matters of mutual interest including the regional financial crisis, the Regional Security System (RSS), intra-regional travel, and financial sector development. The two sides agreed that this interaction at the highest level should be a regular feature of the relationship between Barbados and the OECS.

In responding to the growing challenges facing the region from the international economic meltdown, OECS Heads agreed to support a recommendation from their Tourism Ministers to set up a regional marketing fund for the critical

tourism sector, to be funded by a levy on each airline ticket purchased for travel into the OECS. This marketing drive will be implemented as part of a wider Caribbean initiative to be administered jointly by the Caribbean Tourism Organisation and the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association.

OECS Heads of Government indicated they remain committed to the ongoing process of deepening the regional integration movement, and decided that the inauguration of the OECS Economic Union will take place on June 18th 2010, the date which marks the commencement of the 30th anniversary year of the signing of the Treaty of Basseterre which gave birth to the OECS.

St Kitts and Nevis announced at the Meeting it will join fellow OECS Member States in launching its Economic Union public education campaign on June 23rd. The campaign has already been launched in Montserrat, Dominica, St Vincent and the Grenadines, St Lucia, and Grenada, and other Member States are expected to hold launches in the coming months. The public awareness campaign is giving OECS nationals an opportunity to comment on and make inputs into a draft OECS Economic Union Treaty. The amended draft Treaty will go before national parliaments in Member States for ratification.

The OECS Member States are Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Anguilla and the British Virgin Islands

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CARIBBEAN DIPLOMATS SHARE CONCERNS WITH NATIONALS:

OECS H.C. **Brendon Browne**

By **RON FANFAIR**

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High Commissioners from Jamaica, the Bahamas, Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago, Barbados and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) participated in the dialogue on current issues affecting the Caribbean and nationals in the Diaspora.

Representatives from Haiti and Belize did not attend the event that attracted nearly 300 people.

OECS High Commissioner, Brendon Browne, said the mass deportation of criminals from Canada and the rest of the Diaspora constitute a serious threat to security in the region.

"Every Caribbean country is a victim and these criminals are changing the face of crime in the region," said Browne, whose office represents nationals of Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St. Lucia, St. Kitts & Nevis and St. Vincent & the Grenadines. "Some of them came here at a young age and they did most of their socialization here.

"Their criminality was not acquired in the Caribbean and it's not fair to unleash them on us. But they are our nationals and we have to take them. All that we are saying is that there needs to be some process of assistance from Canada where they can help us to re-integrate this unique and trained bunch of criminals who learned their trade here. We have discussed this matter before with officials here and we have told them it's not fair to us."

Browne also called on nationals to desist from falsely filing refugee claims.

Canadian immigration officials have expressed concern about Caribbean nationals, particularly those from OECS islands, applying for refugee status. Since 2000, St. Vincent & the Grenadines has recorded the highest number of claims followed by Grenada and St. Lucia.

Canada accepts thousands of refugees annually and is concerned that the increasing number of claims from the Caribbean could disrupt the processing and flow of genuine claims.

"The Refugee Board has told me that Canada has got one of the best human rights records in the world," said Browne, a Vincentian national who spent five years in Canada up until 1981, studying at the University of Windsor where he gained a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations and a Masters in Political Science. "We are not saying that we don't have some genuine cases, but I want to discourage nationals from this practice which, in some instances, have led to our people being exploited by lawyers."

A career public servant and former secretary to the Cabinet in St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Browne had some good news for nationals from Grenada and Dominica who require visas to travel to Canada.

Imposed in December 2001, the restrictions stem from the islands' now suspended Economic Citizenship Programs that allowed foreigners to purchase passports and pressure from the United States to tighten its borders following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States.

"We are looking into the matter and there is progress," Browne said. "I personally feel that our region, with such a longstanding relationship with Canada and a good human rights record, should be treated specially. Caribbean people are generally law-abiding and good natured."

Jamaica's High Commissioner, Evadne Coye, addressed Canada/CARICOM relations. Canada supports CARICOM integration towards the Caribbean Single Market and Economy and the two regions are engaged in discussions towards a mutually beneficial trade agreement.

"But beyond the trade and development support, this re-engagement provides a real opportunity for building a mature relationship with a trusted neighbour who has a respected voice in several important bodies such as the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.

"We hope that when Caribbean leaders and Prime Minister (Stephen) Harper meet they will talk not only of political issues of concern to the region but they will also look at how the region will confront the great challenges we face in this economic downturn."

Guyana's High Commissioner, Rajnarine Singh, encouraged Caribbean nationals to become more politically active while his Barbadian counterpart, Evelyn Greaves, urged the Diasporic community to register with their various diplomatic missions so that the CARICOM corps in Canada could have a better idea of the numbers of nationals living in this country and the various skills they have acquired.

T & T High Commissioner, Camille Robinson-Regis, said the region is a hub for business opportunities and most of the countries have put in place incentives such as import duty concessions to attract investment.

Forum moderator, Michael Smith of the Bahamas, promised that he and his colleagues will assess the benefits and success of this historic meeting before deciding whether to stage another forum.

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Council of Caribbean Associations of Canada Official Launch



Chanice Morris proudly carries the SVG flag as our SVGAT Hostess at the launching of the Council of Caribbean Associations of Canada.

The Council of Caribbean Associations - Canada (CCAC) was established in 2005 by thirteen (13) national organizations representing twelve (12) Caribbean countries. Its mission is to foster understanding, harmony and cooperation among organizations committed to the economic, social, cultural and political advancement of Caribbean people living in Canada.

The organization was officially launched on June 21, 2009, under the patronage of the Caribbean Consular Corp. CCAC will undertake a number of initiatives to help the community here in Canada and throughout the Caribbean.

SVGAT Scholarship Program

The Association is pleased to announce that two (2) scholarships in the amount of \$1000.00 each will be awarded at the annual Independence Banquet to eligible applicants for the 2009-2010 school year.

Please note that all applications must be received by August 31, 2009. Western Union Financial Services and St. Vincent and the Grenadines Sports Club are sponsors of this year's scholarships.

For further information about the scholarships, please visit the website www.vincytoronto.com and download the information sheet and the application form.

A POEM

MY DECLARATION OF SELF-ESTEEM:

By Virginia Satir

‘I AM ME’

In all the world, there is no one else exactly like me. There are persons who have some parts like me, but no one adds up exactly like me. Therefore, everything that comes out of me is authentically mine because I alone chose it.

I own everything about me – my body, including everything it does; my mind, including all its thoughts and ideas; my eyes, including the images of all they behold; my feelings, whatever they may be – anger, joy, frustration, love, disappointment, excitement; my mouth, and all the words that come out of it, polite, sweet or rough, correct or incorrect; my voice, loud or soft; and all my actions whether they be to others or to myself.

I own my fantasies, my dreams, my hopes, my fears. I own all my triumphs and successes, all my failures and mistakes.

Because I own all of me, I can become intimately acquainted with me. By so doing I can love and be friendly with me in all my parts. I can then make it possible for all of me to work in my best interests.

I know there are aspects about myself that puzzle me, and other aspects that I do not know. But as long as I am friendly and loving to myself, I can courageously and hopefully look for the solutions to the puzzles and for ways to find out more about me.

However, I look and sound, whatever I say and do, and whatever I think and feel at a given moment in time, is me. This is authentic and represents where I am at that moment in time.

When I review later how I looked and sounded, what I said and did, and how I thought and felt, some parts may turn out to be fitting. I can discard that which is unfitting, and keep that which is proved fitting, and invent something new for that which I discarded.

I can see, hear, feel, think, say, and do. I have to look to survive, to be close to others, to be productive, and to make sense and order out of the world of people and things outside of me.

I own me, and therefore I can engineer me. I am me and I am okay.

THE ST. VINCENT AND GRENADINES ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO INC. CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2009

Sunday June 28	Monthly General Meeting	Northwood Community Centre
Saturday, July 18	Vincy Unity Picnic	Brown's Bay Provincial Park, 1000 Islands
Sunday July 26	Monthly General Meeting	Northwood Community Centre
Sunday, August 30	Monthly General Meeting	Northwood Community Centre
Sunday September 27	Monthly General Meeting	Northwood Community Centre
Sunday, October 25	Thanksgiving Church Service	Rosewood Church of the Nazarene
Saturday, October 31	Independence Banquet	Riviera Banquet & Convention Centre
Sunday, November 1	Town Hall Discussions	Venue to be Announced
Sunday November 29	Monthly General Meeting	Northwood Community Centre
Saturday, December 20	Children's Christmas Party	Northwood Community Centre
Christmas Week	Christmas Hamper Project	Community Project

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St. Vincent & Grenadines Association of Toronto Inc.



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30th Independence Anniversary

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Independence Thanksgiving Church Service

Rosewood Church of the Nazarene
657 Milner Avenue, Scarborough
Sunday, October 25, 2009 @ 4:00 p.m

Independence Banquet

Riviera Parque Banquet & Convention Centre
2800 Hwy 7 West (East of Jane St), Concord, Ontario
Saturday, October 31, 2009

Guest Speaker

Governor General of St. Vincent & the Grenadines,
Sir Frederick Ballantyne



Town Hall Meeting

Sunday, November 1, 2009

Guest Panelist

Governor General, Sir Frederick Ballantyne

Membership Registration Form

Become a Member!

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Mission Statement

The St. Vincent and Grenadines Association (SVGA) of Toronto 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

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