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— I.C.G.A.A. EVENTS 2018 —

All Events at Agincourt Recreation Centre - 31 Glenwatford Drive, Scarborough
(off Sheppard Ave. Between Midland & Brimley)

Valentine's Day	Sunday	February 11 th	1-5 PM
Holi (Phagwah).....	Sunday	March 4 th	1-5 PM
Mother's Day.....	Sunday	May 6 th	1-5 PM
Father's Day	Sunday	June 10 th	1-5 PM
Diwali.....	Sunday	November 11 th	1-5 PM
Christmas	Sunday	December 9 th	1-5 PM

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INDO CARIBBEAN GOLDEN AGE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

— DECEMBER 2017 —

President's Message

Dear Fellow ICGAA Members:

We have had an extremely successful and exciting 2017. Our chapter has enjoyed a very active summer, full of events, including the 25th Anniversary celebration of the Indo Caribbean Golden Age Association.

I am thrilled to report that our 25th Anniversary Gala Dinner held on May 7th 2017 at Peter and Paul Banquet Hall featuring our very own musicians and singers was a huge success. Special thanks to the executives, volunteers, sponsors and donors for their great contribution. We also honored many seniors for outstanding volunteers who without prejudice give the time and full contribution to the organisation.

In spite of these accomplishments however, this was our very productive year. Personal and family-related circumstances minimized the contributions of many of our Board members and certainly had an impact on our plans throughout the year. We need to re-visit these plans again and soon. Unfortunately ICGAA lost a few seniors who passed away within the year, one of our past President Mr. Oodit Narine.

March 4th 2017 the Indo Caribbean Golden Age Association had successfully completed their commitment to host for 10 years the Holi Samaalan with Chowtal Groups participating each year with their names of their group engraved on the trophy. Ending the milestone 10th annual Holi and Chowtal Festival organised by the ICGAA along with several Toronto Temples often held at the Vishnu Mandir. This year the 10 year trophy was finally handed over to Dr. Doobay to be placed in the Museum of Hindu Civilization located in the Vishnu Mandir.

If you ever want to attain a new and different "high", daydream, as I do sometimes, of how much we can really achieve if we could get another 50 of our fellow seniors 50 years and older actively involved in the Association. I suggested that our challenge was "to find creative measures to muster support from our large membership base and encourage their participation in the Association's activities." It remains our challenge for 2018 and beyond. The very survival of the Association depends on this.

I am delighted to extend my gratefulness to the past President and executives for their contribution in the past years. I look forward to continuing to work with the present Board members and supporting new members of the Board in continuing the long tradition of being one of the best ICGAA in the community.

As my term as your ICGAA President turns the corner toward its last month of the year, I want to thank you all for your camaraderie and passion for our local community of seniors. My main mission as President has been to ensure that all our members are aware of the many ICGAA resources and tools available. In the past few months, I

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Mission: The Indo Caribbean Golden Age Association is a voluntary Association dedicated to improve the quality of life and independence of its members through encouragement, involvement and project. It will strive to meet their leisure, social physical and intellectual needs and to equip them to become active contributors and participants in the Canadian Society.



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personally have grown even more aware of the value that these tools can provide. The ICGAA resources available to all our members can be used to make a difference both professionally and personally. Enjoy what you do and who you do it with. Getting involved and sharing experiences with colleagues is a priceless benefit and there are numerous opportunities within our organisation to get involved. Please reach out to any Board member, Committee Chair, the ICGAA Executive and Directors or myself personally to find out how you can play a part in our organization. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity that awaits you with your ICGAA membership.

In closing, my challenge to each of you is to take the initiative to grow personally and professionally with ICGAA. Together we can continue to make the ICGAA a leading organisation. Everyone connected with ICGAA in even a most insignificant way thank you for your dedication and commitment my own gratitude to the membership body for allowing me the privilege to serve. ICGAA Board members have grown together these last few years not only as a team serving the interests of the Association; we have become family. Looking forward, I want to call your attention to the ICGAA 2018 events for your full support.

Best wishes, Karna Persaud, President

Indo-Caribbean seniors group celebrate their Silver Jubilee

Members of the Indo-Caribbean Golden Age Association (I.C.G.A.A.) joined by the Caribbean community at large celebrated their 25th anniversary on May 7th, 2017. The grand occasion at Sts Peter and Paul Banquet Hall brought together over 450 people. The gathering also celebrated Mother's Day.

The evening programme began with the singing of the Canadian national anthem. Jennifer Sohan led the song, 'Heal the World' which was sung by a choir of children.

The programme reflected upon the 25-year legacy of the I.C.G.A.A., a legacy that has been handed down to the new generation. All of the organization's accomplishments were featured on a video which showcased events dating back to the Guyana Festivals and the visit of the late Guyanese president Dr. Cheddi Jagan at the York University Auditorium. It included a scene from a play the seniors performed on that occasion to an audience of approximately 800 people.

The performers at the May 7th event were Thulasi Sabesan, Yashoda Harrypaul and Dave and Devin Ramautar from Sangeet Vidyalaya School of Music together with Reshmi Chetram from the Tarana Dance School, Vidya Chatterpaul Shangri-la Academy of Fine Art, and Randy Mahadeo from Triveni Sangam School of Music. Children from the Sri Harinarayan Temple also did an excellent performance.

Others in attendance included former Guyana Consuls General Danny Doobay and Sattie Sawh. Popular musician David Singh and in-house singers entertained the audience in style.

It was a memorable occasion of socializing and meeting new friends. The dinner menu featured a variety of dishes enjoyed by everyone. Organizers are to be commended for another successful event and it is hoped that seniors will continue to enjoy many more programs sponsored by the I.C.G.A.A.

Congratulations go out to the chair Leila Daljit, president Karma Persaud and the Board for a job well done.



Sitting L-R: Cecil Shaw, Zamiela Ali, Celine Masihlall, Mohan Persaud, Kim Correia, Oodit Naraine, Chan Sukdeo and Joseph Purushuttam; Standing: Mac Gurdial, Tulsi Persaud, Soorajnie Jaundoo, Shaw Jaundoo, Barb Nandlall, Dilip Chetram, Leila Daljit, Ronica Jaipershad, Marilyn Sukhmandan, David Singh, Karna Persaud and Indra Masihlall.

Indo Caribbean Golden Age Association's 10th Annual Chowtal Festival

By Ramdat Jagessar

The milestone 10th annual Holi and Chowtal Festival organized by the Indo Caribbean Golden Age Association (ICGAA) along with participants from several Toronto Temples was a grand success on Saturday, March 4 at the Vishnu Mandir in Richmond Hill.

Nine chowtaal groups and several performers got together to celebrate the beginning of Spring with a packed audience. Several different countries and the Canadian community were represented in the festival, which has been growing exponentially since its small beginnings in 2007. Holi or Phagwa is a Hindu festival which has proved popular with the estimated 200,000-plus Hindus living in the Greater Toronto Area.

Organizers from the Indo Caribbean Golden Age Association were specially pleased with the great participation by children, as this was the outcome the group was aiming for – to pass the culture on to the next generation. They passed the 10-year trophy to Vishnu Mandir Chair Dr. Budhendra Nath Doobay to be placed in the Museum of Hindu Civilization located in the Vishnu Mandir premises.

A special thank you to those who helped to accomplish this success which goes to the Vishnu Mandir, the Vedic Cultural Centre, the Devi Mandir, sponsors, volunteers, musicians and performers. These annual events would not be possible without the dedication and showmanship of these groups: Enmore, Prakash Ramayan, Shiva Milan Mandir, Debe Penal, Kabir Associates, Devi Mandir, Saraswati Prakash, and Harinarain Temple.

Over the years, members of the ICGAA have persisted with their vision and dedication to ensure that this annual Festival is observed and thereby preserving its legacy for the next generation and beyond. The Holi Festival embodies lofty and significant human values that contribute to creating stronger bonding among all members of the community and the society at large.

For info about ICGAA, call Karna Persaud at 905-239-2631.



Trophy presentation at this year's Chowtal Festival held at the Vishnu Mandir: From left, ICGAA President Karna Persaud (in white dress), Dr Doobay receiving trophy from Shaw Jaundoo, ICGAA Chair Leila Daljit, Mac Gurdial along with children from some of the groups. Photo by Vijay Rampat.

ICGAA bids Farewell to their 2nd President

On 23rd October Mr. Oodit Narain passed peacefully surrounded by his family.

At the very beginning of the Indo Caribbean Golden Age Association, Mr. Narain served as the first Vice President for three years from inception and subsequently served as the second president for six years. During his presidency he was very instrumental in helping to set up guidelines for the Association. He earned the respect and admiration of the members as a fun-loving person, young at heart, energetic and highly motivated. Mr. Narain will also be remembered for the great role he played in ICGAA Pagwah Play which was held in the Seneca College auditorium.

Mr. Narain attended the ICGAA events until recently and we will miss his cheerful disposition, his friendly and caring smile, his unique and distinguished dress style and his love for dancing.

Rest in Peace our dear Friend

Leila Daljit

