



18th Taste of Guyana

OIL DEH WE GOING STRONG!



FT. ADRIAN DUTCHIN

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY CENTER 5PM-11PM

14013 22ND STREET, TAMPA, FL 33613



President's Welcome



Greetings from GCNTB President & Executive Board

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Welcome to the 18th annual fundraising Taste of Guyana! As we celebrate 18 years of sharing our cultural heritage and exquisite food, our proudest and most important accomplishment is serving our community in the United States of America and Guyana. We know and understand that helping to improve the quality of life for individuals is a collective effort and can only be achieved with your help and support. For that, we are incredibly grateful. Because of your continued generosity and fundraisers like this, we can help wherever needed, whether in education, healthcare, or families in need.

Earlier this year, with your help, we contributed to Hope Children's Home, a nonprofit organization that rescues and cares for children who face trauma, neglect, abandonment, and abuse. They are committed to nurturing and transforming lives. Hope's main campus spans 55 scenic acres and provides cottage and dormitory accommodations for 80 boys and girls, from infancy to age 18. Its educational program is designed to set residents on a positive and productive track for college and university. It also offers a dedicated sports program that encourages fitness and teamwork.

We want you to see this event not only as sharing our food and cultural expose but as informing/giving an account of how we continue to fulfill precisely what our vision /mission statement says: "Our mission is to assist in the improvement of quality of life for Guyanese - Americans at home and abroad.

The Theme for this year's Taste of Guyana is "Oil Deh We Going Strong," metaphorically GCNTB (with your help) will continue going strong for years to come. We are committed to our mission of helping to improve the quality of life for the less fortunate.

Welcome again, and we are delighted and grateful for your support. Please enjoy your time at this year's Taste of Guyana.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Bailey". The signature is written in a cursive style.

John Bailey, President
The Guyanese Cultural Network of Tampa Bay, Inc.



Mayor's Greetings



CITY OF TAMPA

— OFFICE OF THE MAYOR —

Jane Castor, Mayor

Greetings:

It is a pleasure to join the Guyanese Cultural Network of Tampa Bay, Inc. (GCNTB) in welcoming you to the 18th Annual Taste of Guyana held at the University Area Community Development Center on Saturday, September 30, 2023. With the theme *Oil Deh, We Are Going Strong*, the Taste of Guyana's annual event raises awareness about the organization and its worthy programs and initiatives, both locally and those that benefit the country of Guyana. Proceeds from this evening's event will assist women and children in need, college-bound high school graduates, and the Paint Your Heart Out Tampa (PYHOT) program. Your attendance and support are greatly appreciated.



The Guyanese Cultural Network of Tampa Bay, Inc. was created in 2005 and formally established in 2007, and its mission is to assist in improving the quality of life for Guyanese Americans, at home and abroad. Through cultural and social activities, the organization promotes cross-cultural awareness, unity, and community outreach, it provides educational opportunities and assistance during times of hardship and emergencies, and it gives valuable support to new immigrants from Guyana to the Tampa area community.

As a city known for its rich cultural history and diverse population, this annual GCNTB event offers Tampa's citizens the opportunity to celebrate the Guyanese culture and traditions, while supporting the goals and objectives of the organization that has greatly contributed to our community for the past eighteen years.

Again, welcome and my best wishes for an enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

Jane Castor



Greetings from Guyana



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**MESSAGE FROM MR. RAMZAN ROSHANALI
HONORARY CONSUL OF GUYANA
STATE OF FLORIDA**

On behalf of the Guyanese Government and the Consul General's Office, it is my distinct pleasure to congratulate The Guyanese Cultural Network of Tampa Bay, Inc. (GCNTB) as you host the 18th annual Taste of Guyana. With over fifteen years of service, I am inspired by GCNTB's extensive commitment to purposeful change.

As a result of recent oil discoveries, we should expect a new era of economic growth. With this comes new opportunities, and the promise of an improved standard of living and quality of life Guyanese. This hope is at the core of GCNTB's mission. Together, I am confident our efforts can achieve this.

GCNTB's contributions to providing disaster and emergency relief, cross-cultural awareness, educational opportunities, and support for new Guyanese immigrants within the Tampa Bay community are highly commendable. In the coming years, Guyana will continue to rely on the services and support your organization offers.

As a final note, I am pleased to hear that tonight's proceeds will support your charitable programs within education, health, and community development. Contributions to *Alpha House* in Tampa, and donations to local graduates are admirable charitable endeavors that enrich our community further. We wish you a very prosperous event and continued success in the coming year!

Best wishes,

Ramzan Roshanali
Honorary Consul of Guyana
State of Florida



GUYANA'S NATIONAL ANTHEM

Dear Land of Guyana


Dear land of Guyana, of rivers and plains
Made rich by the sunshine, and lush by the rains,
Set gem-like and fair, between mountains and seas,
Your children salute you, dear land of the free.

Green land of Guyana, our heroes of yore,
Both bondsmen and free, laid their bones on your
shore.

This soil so they hallowed, and from them are we,
All sons of one Mother, Guyana the free.

Great land of Guyana, diverse though our strains,
We're born of their sacrifice, heirs of their pains,
And ours is the glory their eyes did not see,
One land of six peoples, united and free.

Dear land of Guyana, to you will we give,
Our homage, our service, each day that we live;
God guard you, great Mother, and make us to be
More worthy our heritage, land of the free.



PROGRAM

Chaired by Rhonda Lee-Dalrymple

5:00 PM
Hors D'oeuvres

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF MC BY
Wayne Telesford (PR Chair)

INVOCATION
Pastor Derwin Anderson

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Star Spangled Banner
Dear Land of Guyana | Audience (1st & last verses)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION TO GCNTB
GCNTB President, John Bailey

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
Membership Award Recipients | The Ward Family
Community Outreach Video
Charitable Donation to Alpha House

Recipient: Julie Swigon
Presented by: Assistant Treasurer, Alyssia Doris

Recognition of 2023 Graduates
Presented by: Founding Member & 1st Secretary
Coleen Reid

What's Cooking in Guyana Video Presentation

DINNER: BUFFET STYLE

CULTURAL PERFORMANCES:
Cultural Presentation | "Oil Deh Bout!"
Raffle Drawing & Door Prizes
USF, CCE Island Fusion Dance Team

ADRIAN DUTCHIN

CLOSING REMARKS & VOTE OF THANKS:
Rhonda Lee Dalrymple
Music & Dancing to follow!



Membership Award



Two Ladies in Tow

Capturing Moments & Establishing Legacy

GCNTB

Annual Membership Award

With her photographs, dedicated member Denise Ward has captured the hearts and souls of GCNTB many times over. Due to her unwavering support, GCNTB has amassed a beautiful collection of unforgettable moments, smiles, and memories that will last a lifetime.

Additionally, her commitment to introducing beloved daughter Morgan Ward to her Guyanese heritage, has blessed our organization with another dedicated and hardworking member.

Thank you, Denise, and thank you Morgan for your continuous support over these many years. Join us in extending our heartfelt gratitude towards these committed members, who continue to volunteer their time and efforts to serve GCNTB and our mission.

Thank you, Denise, and Morgan!





GCNTB TRIVIA

Test your knowledge with our Guyanese trivia!

1. Approximately what percentage of landmass is still intact forest?
A. 67%
B. 75%
C. 46%
2. What European country is approximately the same size as Guyana?
A. Ireland
B. Great Britain
C. Netherlands
3. Guyana is the ____ smallest independent country in South America?
A. 2nd
B. 4th
C. 3rd
4. Which River in Guyana is the longest?
A. Demerara
B. Corentyne
C. Essequibo
5. Today, which indigenous language is only spoken by a few people in Guyana?
A. Akawaio
B. Mapuche
C. Inuktitut



Did You Know?

GUYANA'S PROJECTED OIL REVENUES UP TO 2025

YEAR	INFLOWS (US\$)
2022	957,874,800
2023	1,165,443,900
2024	1,335,315,100
2025	1,781,842,700
TOTAL	5,240,476,500

"A string of offshore oil discoveries has turned Guyana, a tiny South American country with fewer than 800,000 people, into one of the hottest exploration and production frontiers in decades.

Since 2015, oil companies operating off its coast have found more than 10 billion barrels of recoverable oil and gas, a tenth of the world's conventional discoveries."

Reuters | <https://www.reuters.com>

Answers: B, B, C, C, A



HIGH SCHOOL GRADS

MORGAN WARD

School Attended: Sunlake High School
Degree: Received High School Diploma
Future Plans: Keen interest in Forensic Science

BELIZE MCALMONT

School Attended: Richard C. Spoto High School
Degree: Received High School Diploma
Future Plans: Currently attending the University of South Florida to pursue a Bachelors degree in Psychology.



**“A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES BEGINS WITH
ONE SINGLE STEP.”
– SUN TZU**

GCNTB would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all 2023 graduates! We wish you all the best in your future endeavors and look forward to witnessing your continued growth.



THE HALLIM SISTERS

NICOLA HALLIM

School Attended: University of South Florida
Degree: Received Bachelors in Business Mangement & Finance
Future Plans: To pursue a career in finance within the Tampa Bay area.

FELICIA HALLIM

School Attended: Florida International University
Degree: Master of Public Health with a Concentration in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
Future Plans: To expand the Environmental Consultancy back home in Guyana by supporting University students as they transition into environmental studies and career fields. Additionally, to establish an environmental firm in Tampa, FL.

SOPHIA HALLIM

School Attended: University of South Florida
Degree: Business Management
Future Plans: To pursue a career as a consultant in Business Mangement as well as, entrepreneurial opportunities within the media industry.



JASON BERRY

School Attended: University of South Florida

Degree: Health Science with a Concentration in Biological Health Science

Future Plans: In pursuit of becoming a pediatrician Jason is currently studying for the MCAT. This desire stems from a drive to provide underprivileged youth with the quality healthcare from a young age



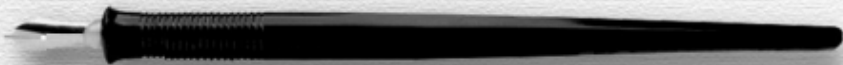
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CELEBRATING ITS 32ND ANNUAL

SIGNATURE FUNDRAISING GALA

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FORMAL / COCKTAIL ATTIRE
DOORS OPEN @ 7:30 PM - 12 AM

DONATION \$70 BEFORE SEP 30TH | \$75 AFTER
DINNER INCLUDED | CASH BAR

MUSIC BY:
DJ KIRKY C & DJ POISON DART

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THANK YOU CCE!

GCNTB would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your continuous support over the years. Congratulations on over 40 years of service throughout USF and the Tampa Bay area. We look forward to witnessing your continued success!



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Who We Are:

National Home Health Care (NHH) is a locally owned small business that provides mobility and home health products and services in the Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge area. With over 20 years' experience in the business, we provide the best-in-class service to our customers every time. We believe in treating our customers and employees like family and with the compassion and dignity everyone deserves. Whether you are going through one of the funding agencies ADP, ODSP, Greenshield, WSIB, DVA or plan on paying directly National Home Health Care is here to assist.

Overview & Mission

National Home Health Care (NHH) saw the need for affordable mobility products and medical supplies in the Kitchener / Waterloo area, as such NHH is committed to serving the community with affordable and reliable mobility services. We offer our clients unparalleled service by recognizing their growing needs and providing our services in a manner that positively influences and impacts their lives.

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THE GUYANESE CULTURAL NETWORK OF TAMPA BAY, INC.

Dinner & Dance

April 27, 2024

11th Annual Fundraising Event

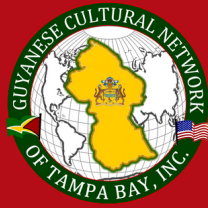
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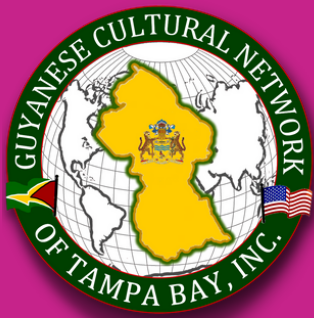
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Honorable Mentions

Honorable Ramzan Roshanali
Mayor of Tampa, Jane Castor
Dr. Kofi Dalrymple and Rhonda Lee-
Dalrymple
Pastor Derwin Anderson
Andrea Doris
Paulette Harrington
Winona Chisholm
Christine Phillips
Woolsey and Dolly Holness
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