



THE GUYANESE CULTURAL NETWORK OF TAMPA BAY INC. PRESENTS

13th Annual
FUNDRAISING DINNER
AND DANCE

AN EVENING OF CULTURE, ELEGANCE, & COMMUNITY

JUNE 27th 2026

Sons of Italy | 3315 W Lemon St, Tampa, FL 33609



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Event Program

One COMMUNITY One CAUSE One DESTINY

Welcome

Dear Members & Supporters,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our 13th Annual Dinner and Dance. Indeed, I am honored to stand before you and acknowledge your contributions have helped us maintain a positive and meaningful presence within the Tampa Bay Community.

This evening, we gather for a special purpose, to raise funds for the growth of our newly established Scholarship Fund. This Fund was created to honor the enduring legacy of our cherished founder, Mrs. Joy Anderson.

Recognizing the increasing need to support students pursuing tertiary education, we have expanded our efforts to provide educational assistance. This initiative aligns with our mission to improve the quality of life for Guyanese and Guyanese Americans, both at home and abroad.

Beyond providing financial assistance, the scholarship program will strengthen our connections with the wider community and serve as a pathway for attracting new members, which is an essential component for GCNTB's continued growth and longevity.



Maurice Tait
PRESIDENT

We have also enhanced our social media presence and encourage you to scan the QR code available this evening. It will take you directly to our website, where you can easily access information about our current and upcoming activities. Through these platforms, we remain connected with you and invite you to become an active part of all that we do.

To our family, friends, and sponsors, without your support, the challenges we face would be far greater. With you our outreach continues to expand, enabling us to serve our community with greater impact and purpose. On behalf of the Guyanese Cultural Network of Tampa Bay, I wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation for your continued support as we move forward to fulfilling our mission.

Thank you for your generosity and meaningful involvement. As we continue this evening's celebration, I invite you to relax, enjoy the fellowship, and have a wonderful evening.

May you all be richly blessed.

Maurice Tait

Maurice H. Tait.



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CITY OF TAMPA

— OFFICE OF THE MAYOR —

Jane Castor, Mayor

Greetings:

It is a pleasure to join with the **Guyanese Cultural Network of Tampa Bay, Inc. (GCNTB)** in welcoming you to the **13th Annual Fundraising Dinner and Dance** held at the Sons of Italy Lodge in Tampa, Florida on Monday, June 22, 2026. This evening of culture, elegance, and community features the launch of the GCNTB Scholarship Program that was inspired by the vision and legacy of the organization's founder, Joy Anderson. Your attendance at the annual Fundraising Dinner and Dance and support of the GCNTB's mission are greatly appreciated



The Guyanese Cultural Network of Tampa Bay was established in 2005, and its mission includes assisting in improving the quality of life for Guyanese Americans, at home and abroad, and is committed to fostering community welfare and providing educational opportunities for future leaders. Through cultural and social initiatives and activities, GCNTB promotes cross-cultural awareness and unity between the American and Guyanese communities. Through fundraising and other initiatives, the organization aids worthy local charities, provides educational opportunities to both high school graduates who are college and trade school-bound, offers assistance during times of hardship and emergencies, and provides support to new immigrants from Guyana to the Tampa Bay area.

As a city known for its rich cultural history and diverse population, this event offers Tampa's citizens the opportunity to celebrate the Guyanese culture and traditions, while supporting the goals and objectives of the Guyanese Cultural Network of Tampa Bay. The proceeds from this elegant event will support its charitable programs and will benefit local organizations including Paint Your Heart Out Tampa (PYHOT) where GCNTB is proud to be a Bronze Sponsor.

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

Sincerely,

Jane Castor



Program

Carla Bristol, Mistress of Ceremonies

6:15p - 7:00p.....Hors D'oeuvres
INVOCATION.....Guest Clergy
STAR SPANGLED BANNER.....Audience
DEAR LAND OF GUYANA.....Audience

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION TO GCNTB

GCNTB President, Maurice Tait

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Charitable Donation to Black Pool Sports Club
A Legacy of Service: Recognizing Joy Anderson and Our
Scholarship Program

Dinner & Music

7:45p - 9:00p.....Dinner
9:00p - 11:00p | MUSIC & DANCE.....DJ Dondy

Guyana's NATIONAL ANTHEM



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.

GUYANA

The Land of Many Waters



LOCATION

Guyana is located on the northern coast of South America and is the only English-speaking nation on the continent.



CULTURE

Known as the "Land of Six Peoples," Guyana's culture reflects the traditions of its diverse population.



FESTIVALS

- Mashramani
- Phagwah (Holi)
- Diwali
- Easter Kite Flying
- Christmas
- Emancipation Day



NATURE

Over 80% of Guyana is covered by pristine rainforest, making it one of the most heavily forested countries in the world.



RESOURCES

Gold, bauxite, diamonds, timber, and offshore oil are among Guyana's most valuable natural resources.



CUISINE

A flavorful mix on cultures. Popular dishes include Pepperpot, Cook-up Rice, Chicken Curry, Chow Mein, and Metemgee.



WITH Heartfelt Thanks

A Message from Mrs. Joy Anderson, Founder

It is with deep gratitude and heartfelt appreciation that I extend my sincere thanks to the Board of Directors and members of the Guyanese Cultural Network of Tampa Bay, Inc. for establishing the scholarship program in my honor.

I am truly humbled and honored that the organization has chosen to create this scholarship as part of my legacy.

Education has always held a special place in my heart, and it brings me immense joy to know that this fund will help support and inspire future generations of students in our community. I am grateful for your vision, dedication, and commitment to ensuring that the values upon which this organization was founded continue to flourish.

I would also like to express my profound appreciation to everyone who contributed so generously to the benevolent fund established in memory of my beloved late husband, Egerton Anderson.

During a difficult time, your kindness, prayers, messages of comfort, and financial support provided tremendous strength and solace to my family and me. Your compassion is a true reflection of the spirit of community and fellowship that makes our organization so special.

Additionally, I am deeply honored to have recently received the Caribbean Excellence Award from the Caribbean American National Development Organization (CANDO). I extend my sincere thanks to CANDO for this prestigious recognition.

I accept this award with humility and share it with all those who have walked this journey with me, especially the members of GCNTB, whose unwavering support and friendship have enriched my life over the years.

Thank you all for your continued dedication, generosity, and commitment to preserving and celebrating our culture while making a positive impact in our community.

With heartfelt appreciation,



Mrs. Joy Anderson
Founder Member
Guyanese Cultural Network of Tampa Bay, Inc.





IN LOVING MEMORY



In the quiet spaces between us, we extend our heartfelt condolences to those who have experienced loss in 2026.

Though their loved ones are no longer with us, their memory remains deeply woven into the fabric of our community. May the enduring bonds of love and support bring comfort during this time of remembrance.

Brushing Hearts with Purpose

Honoring Service, Sponsorship, and Support

This year, we are proud to share that the Guyanese Cultural Network of Tampa Bay, Inc. served as a Bronze Sponsor for the 2026 Paint Your Heart Out Tampa initiative.

As part of our ongoing commitment to community service, we were honored to support this impactful program, which brings volunteers together to revitalize the homes of elderly, disabled, and low-income residents throughout Tampa Bay.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the USF GUYSA volunteers who supported us during Paint Day. Their enthusiasm and dedication were evident every step of the way as we came together to paint and brighten a home in need in. Together, we made a meaningful impact and look forward to continuing this spirit of service for many years to come.



Paint Your Heart Out
TAMPA

2026 Bronze

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GCNTB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Guyanese Cultural Network of Tampa Bay, Inc., is proud to launch its Scholarship Program, established in honor of our founding member, Mrs. Joy Anderson.



This initiative reflects our commitment to investing in the next generation of leaders through education.



Empowering Tampa Bay students of Guyanese heritage by providing financial support to help them pursue their educational goals at a college, university, trade school, or vocational institution.

In addition to demonstrating financial need, applicants will be evaluated based on academic achievement, community involvement, leadership, and a personal essay reflecting their educational goals and connection to their Guyanese heritage.



Through this scholarship, GCNTB seeks to invest in deserving students who exemplify academic promise, cultural pride, service to others, and a commitment to making a positive impact in their communities.



Proceeds from this evening's event will support the growth and sustainability of the GCNTB Scholarship Fund, helping to create educational opportunities for generations to come.

SUPPORT OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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*Inspiring Dreams.
Investing in Education.
Empowering the Future.
Honoring our Heritage.*



If you would like to make an additional contribution to the GCNTB Scholarship Fund, please scan the QR code below. Every donation, no matter the size, helps us invest in the future of our students and community.

Lift a Learner: Supplies School Drive

Supporting Kuru-Kuru Primary School

Education is one of the greatest gifts we can give. Through our Lift a Learner initiative, GCNTB is proud to support students at Kuru-Kuru Primary School in Guyana by providing essential school supplies and educational resources.

Every donation, no matter the size, helps equip a child with the tools they need to learn, grow, and succeed. Together, we are building brighter futures through education.



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CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE



from BSCNA

This year, the Blackpool Sports Club of North America (BSCNA) proudly celebrates its **55th Anniversary**, a remarkable milestone in a journey that began with a shared love of football, fellowship, and Guyanese pride.

BSCNA represents a generation of accomplished Guyanese footballers who formed what is recognized as the first known Guyanese football club in the diaspora.

What began as an opportunity to bring the immensely popular sport of football to Guyanese football enthusiasts in Brooklyn, New York, has evolved into a vibrant network of former players, supporters, families, and friends spanning the United States.

For more than five decades, we have remained dedicated to preserving the rich heritage of Guyanese football while fostering friendship, community engagement, and service. Throughout our history, we have proudly competed and triumphed in leagues and tournaments across North America while maintaining the close-knit spirit that has always defined Blackpool.

Blackpool Sports Club of North America would like to congratulate the Guyanese Cultural Network of Tampa Bay, Inc., on the organization's 13th Annual Fundraising Dinner & Dance! Wishing the organization's continued growth, success, and good fortune as they embark on another year of impactful work.

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2026

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