

# THE COMMUNICATOR

*Together we aspire . Together we achieve.*

## Greetings from the Board of the Trinidad & Tobago Society of Winnipeg

*With the 2013 operating year coming to a close and 2014 beginning, we wanted to take a moment to recap the past year's events and let you know about a few things that the Society has planned for the coming months.*

### Up-Coming Events:

- **Membership  
Renewal**
- **AGM**
- **Christmas  
Party**
- **Poinsettia Sale**

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Each year the Society carries out a number of programs and/or activities aimed at fostering an appreciation and awareness of the multicultural nature of Trinidad & Tobago. In 2013 the Society hosted a number of events with this goal in mind.

### 2013 Re-cap

In December 2012 the Society held the Annual Christmas party at the Caribbean Cultural Centre. A potluck dinner was shared with members and the children were treated to gifts and a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Claus.

This event is always well attended as it provides members with the opportunity to catch-up with what is happening in the community and get in the holiday season 'Caribbean-style'.

A general meeting was held in June where 20 members were in attendance.

Members were invited to share their thoughts and ideas about the Society's future direction.

The annual summer picnic was held in July at Birds Hill Park . Both children and adults participated in fun activities that included a balloon toss, egg race, walk-and-whine, and goat race. Despite the rainfall this event had over 100 members in attendance. Those in attendance had a good time visiting, dancing, sharing food, and listening to the music provided by Island Vibes.

The Trinidad & Tobago Society was one of seven organizations that participated in the Caribbean Pavilion this year. With well over 5,000 visitors, this pavilion continues to be one of the most popular Folklorama venues. This year the featured entertainment was a limbo dancer from the islands of Trinidad & Tobago.

Independence Day was celebrated at the end of August at the Caribbean Cultural Centre. This event consisted of a short formal program followed by a dance.

for board positions at this meeting.

Refreshments and a light lunch will be served.

As Chinese philosopher Lao-tzu said "*A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.*" As such, members are encouraged to attend the AGM as it will be the first step of many to cultivate and revitalize the Society.

### **Annual Christmas Party**

The Annual Christmas party will be held on **Sunday, December 8 from 2pm to 6 pm** at the Caribbean Cultural Centre (1100 Fife Street).

As has always been the tradition, the meal will be potluck, with all those in attendance asked to bring a dish that can be shared.

This year we are asking members planning to be in attendance to call Patsy Grant at 275-8174 or Eslyn Glasgow at 275-2466 by **Friday, November 29th** and advise them of the dish they will be bringing and the number of children attending under the age of 12.

Dishes are required from each of the following categories.

- *Meat (curried, baked, stewed)*
- *Rice/Potato/Pasta*
- *Bread/Roti*
- *Vegetables*
- *Desserts*
- *Salads*
- *Beverages*

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**Lao-tzu**

### **Notices & Upcoming Events**

#### **Poinsettia Sale!**

The Society will be accepting Poinsettia orders from **November 1 to November 21**. All orders will be available for pick-up on Sunday, December 8th at the Annual Christmas party.

An order form has been included with this newsletter and provides further details.

#### **Membership Dues**

With the start of 2014 fiscal year, a membership renewal form has been included with this newsletter. We are in the process of updating our records and want to ensure that current contact information is on file for all members.

Please take a moment to complete the form and return it with your annual dues. Membership dues are essential as they assist the Society with carrying out its various programs throughout the year.

#### **AGM**

All members are invited to come out to an Annual General Meeting on **Sunday, December 1 from 2pm to 4 pm** at the Caribbean Cultural Centre located at 1100 Fife Street. Members in good standing (paid membership dues for 2014) will be eligible to run and vote



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