

## TEGSA FATHER'S DAY WRITE UP JUNE 16, 2017

The Commander Hall was full to capacity as usual. This time with expectant Fathers! Our social and cultural secretary, Sheilah D'Souza opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and wishing all a Happy Father's day. Sheilah then asked for new members and guests to stand up and be recognised.

Music for the occasion was by DJ John and Alexandra Sylvan.

The blessing before the meal was done by Rose Madeira who read a prayer with a message for Fathers. This was followed by the Grace before meals.

The meal itself was described by our table guest Walter Fernandes as good, then upgraded to "really good" and finally as the best meal we have enjoyed at TEGSA for some time. Similar comments were heard from other tables. The dessert also drew rave reviews.

After dinner, three tributes for Dads were announced by Sheilah.

The first one was a walk by 6 members led by Elizabeth Prabhu with "Do it for dads" emblazoned over their shoulders.

The second was a joke by Rita Britto which drew loud laughter.

The third was a violin solo in memory of Dads and granddads who had passed on.

This was followed by a draw for 7 lucky Dads who won a Canada Day cap

The celebration carried on with dancing and line dancing.

By the way did I mention that the temperature outside was 31 degrees. This was also the temperature inside the Hall. The air conditioning was flat. Some members had to leave after the meal and others left before bingo.

The committee coped with this added challenge as best they could. Two large fans were brought in but made little difference. Our President Austin Pinto announced that there would be free water to combat dehydration.. For those who bought Bingo tickets and had to leave, a refund of the ticket cost was offered.

It is a tribute to our members that the occasion proceeded in spite of the humid conditions. The dancing that followed showed the stamina of the seniors.

There was an address by President Austin who read a poem relating to Father's Day. Austin then introduced his "Dream Team " which he was very proud of.

Sheilah D'Souza Social and cultural Secretary.

Paul Madeira Vice President

Trevor D'Sylva Treasurer.

Faye Swift General Secretary  
Carol Fernandes Communications Co-ordinator  
Godfrey Cunningham Bingo Coordinator  
Elizabeth Prabhu Hall, Line dancing, Bridge coordinator  
Inno Soares Catering and Bowling coordinator  
Jeswyn Devas Membership Co-ordinator  
Lucia Caneiro - Wellness and Whist drive coordinator  
Violet Monteiro - Trip Coordinator.

President Austin then thanked the team for their excellent performance and finally thanked the members for coming and making this a great occasion in spite of the heat.

Father's Day concluded with bingo,  
The first round was called by Fatima Lawson and the second round by Alba Fernandes.

Write-up by Sal Rocha