

Father's Day Celebration – TEGSA – 15June18

This year the Father's Day is on June 17th – as is the US tradition being third Sunday of June. It was originally celebrated in Europe on March 19th, which is the feast day of St. Joseph. TEGSA celebrated this year on June 15th for the third year in a row – and third time as they say was a charm.

Flora welcomed the full-capacity gathering with a couple of quick quotes – one that particularly resonated with me was that being a father was like shaving, you have to keep doing it every day. Being a father means that you are never out of the woods. I particularly liked that the event was not mushy but just straight-forward event to celebrate from the heart and an appreciation of fatherhood.

Santana lead the Grace before Meals with an apt and well said intro to a delightful meal put together by Clotilda and team. The Parisian potatoes were a nice touch, especially for the fathers many of whom are on a stricter regimen at home. There was plenty to go around topped up by a delicious custard tart.

The fun-times began with Karaoke introduced by a choral line up of ladies who belted out 'My Guy' with gusto and full hearts. Wilfred launched the solos. Somewhere along the line someone was getting me to sign up and I told them that if I had been with a certain ethnic group I would have been known as 'Can't Singh'. A witty Tegsan passing by – and there were many witty ones this evening – piped in and said, that he would really suggest the name to be 'Don't Singh'. Taking cue from that interaction, I walked around to get people to sign up and most of them backed off saying that the event was for professionals. I listened carefully after that and could only agree with them about the quality of the participants. They were so good that even the die-hard chair warmers got up to dance and it left me wondering if this was turning out to be a Valentine's Day celebration. By the way, I even checked out one dancer to whom I suggested that perhaps he would like to move his hand a little higher towards his partner's waist than where it was. Another one that caught my eye was 'Lady in Red' by Francis, who had his lady love Carol rushing to the front to shoot a video and then giving Francis a sweet tight hug. Carol was seen walking around with a bright smile to match her recently acquired tan. I could not but help wonder that the celebration would perhaps work late into the evening for Francis.

DJ John did an outstanding job rounding off the Karaoke by doing a crowd Karaoke session, playing crowd pleasers such as YMCA, Hokey-Pokey, floor-stomping '...you're the one that I want..' and Achy-Breaky Heart for line dance aficionados.

Traditional Bingo was lined up last. As always, Godfrey Cunningham had to step in a number of times in his clear no-nonsense delivery to get the unruly teenagers to tone it down, which like good school children they did, only to be told once again and a number of times thereafter. I would really like to see Godfrey consider accepting the Presidential mantel somewhere in the near future. All in favour say "Aye!".

Thanks to all the committee members and volunteers who always work with such enthusiasm and dedication. Also a special thanks to all Moms – as I reckon Father's Day would never happen if they did not make us Fathers. Thank you Honey!

On a final note, kudos to the Exec Committee who have undertaken an important initiative to get TEGSA to go GREEN and improve the environment. The separated bins were out there, although a little more awareness of the effort will definitely help to ensure success. They have also taken it further, with biodegradable plates and such. I am told that they will be on the lookout for further opportunities to build this up. So Tegsans ***'Show You Care, Do Your Share and Get into the Green Scene'***
