

WINTERLICIOUS - Friday January 12, 2018

Neither the drop in temperature nor a combination of rain, freezing rain, ice pellets and snow were enough to deter the TEGSA faithful as they packed the rafters at the Winterlicious festival that ushered in what promises to be one of many in the series of popular forthcoming events in the TEGSA 2018 calendar.

The hall was abuzz with members exchanging pleasantries of the recently concluded Christmas and New Year's festivities and members settled down to hear Sheilah D'Souza announce the program for the evenings proceedings.

Faye Owen was invited to say the grace followed by dinner which was catered by Spicy Dragon who served up an eclectic menu of Vegetable Fried Rice, Szechuan Chicken, Garlic Fish and Kale Salad topped up with insanely delicious scoops of Mango Ice Cream.

Earlier, members lined up to purchase Cards from Godfrey Cunningham who has become synonymous with Bingo.

Following dinner, TEGSA members took their places on the dance floor to the music of DJ Xavier Dias and were requested to form a circle while the music was punctuated by staccato-like questions from Quiz Meister Sheilah "Jill of all Trades" D'Souza with an underlying "winter" theme. A fun time was had by all members who participated enthusiastically in an endeavour to shout out correct answers. Winners were rewarded appropriately with sachets of Cinnamon Tea.

This was followed by Line Dancing which by all accounts seems to be growing in popularity with novices taking cues from their more experienced counterparts.

At 9:00 pm, members took the appointed places at their tables while a silence descended in the Hall in an effort to hear the elusive numbers called out by Trevor D'Sylva and Alba Fernandes.

The evening would not be complete without a special vote of thanks to the TEGSA executive members and sub-committees. That the enjoyable evening's proceedings went off without a hitch is an eloquent testimony to their meticulous planning and organizing behind the scenes. God bless you all.

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