

MOTHER'S DAY – MAY 12, 2023. WRITE UP BY BERNARD ALVARES

I think that I can speak on behalf of everyone when I say, Mothers: you're the glue that holds our families together. Who can forget life's lessons learned at the feet of our mothers and grandmothers which have resonated with us and made us the people we are today and who have made untold sacrifices to give us a chance at a better life.

The TEGSA cognoscenti converged on 140 Commander Blvd., on the evening of Friday, May 12th, to recognize and pay tribute to all mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers and celebrate our appreciation of their roles. The evening's proceedings were well attended thanks to members who emphatically shook off the shackles of cabin fever and welcomed the return of the good times.

The evening proceedings commenced with an address by newly elected President Flora Vaz who warmly welcomed the gathering with a special tribute to all Mothers present.

The Grace before Meals was conducted by Hubert Pereira which was followed by Dinner catered by Golden Spoon who provided a delectable mélange of Veal Biryani, Chicken Karahi, Mixed Vegetables, Fried Fish in Batter, Naans, Salad, Raita topped with Dessert. The mood for the evening was set by DJ Joe Menezes who provided a delightful musical cornucopia as both Line Dancers and other couples danced to dulcet tones.

MC and Vice President, Godfrey Cunningham ensured that the evening's proceedings moved with alacrity. The Mother of the Year, as voted by a panel of judges, was awarded to Joan Fonseca.

The evening's finale concluded with Bingo, which is always a house favourite. Thanks to the full house (pun intended), there were generous cash pots punctuated by squeals of delight by winners and interspersed with groans of wannabee winners.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention that the success of the entire evening was due in large measure to organization efforts of Paul Madeira with the help of Austin Pinto, Errol Pereira and other men selected from the membership.