

## TEGSA MEMBERS HONOURED



It was on April 15, 2014, at the Brighton Convention Centre, Scarborough, that Carmelita D'Souza and Uvy Lopes received the Ontario Volunteer Service Award for 5 years of service to our TEGSA community. Each received a pin and a certificate in recognition for their service.

Brad Duguid, Bas Balkissoon and Soo Wong, 3 MPPs representing different areas of Scarborough, made the presentations and each addressed the more than 600 persons who attended. Bas Balkissoon mentioned that the Province is grateful to all the volunteers who collectively saved the Ontario Government millions of dollars by performing tasks that the Government may not have been able to provide.

The nomination papers were signed by former President Joachim Menezes, who kindly gave me the invitation to attend. Carmelita served as the General Secretary for two consecutive terms under Presidents' Alpoim Andrade and Charles Fernandes, and a third term as Editorial Consultant under Joachim Menezes. Uvy served three consecutive terms as Communications Coordinator under Presidents' Claude Gomes,

Alpoim Andrade and Charles Fernandes.

Peter D'Souza, Carmelita's husband, who was beaming, and Louis Gomes-Pereira, creator of our TEGSA logo, also witnessed the ceremony. It was inspiring to hear that the total number of volunteer years invested in the many institutions that the volunteers represented, including Boy Scouts, exceeded 2000.

On behalf of our TEGSA community I congratulate and salute Carmelita and Uvy for their commitment, valuable assistance and generous spirit.

Bel Remedios

