

Guyanese Association of Manitoba

Annual Family Fun Day and AGM

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Saturday, April 23 2011 started out to be a chilly and cloudy day but you would not have known that if you were at the Guyanese Association of Manitoba, annual family fun day & AGM (annual general meeting) held at Elwick Community Center, 30 Maberly Street. Winnipeg. MB, Canada.

From early noon, kids and adults eagerly came out to enjoy the day with their fellow country people, family and community neighbours. There was activities for all ages, that kept everyone present busy from start to finish. The kids were busy scurrying around looking for hidden treats of Easter eggs, while the adults played dominos and cricket. Teams with hometown names such as Abi, Iyu, and JJ were amongst the participants in the domino tournament. Kids also enjoyed an old Guyanese Easter tradition of kite flying but used self made gliders instead, but there was one brave soul that came out with his man-made kite and flew it proudly amongst all the gliders.

There was a clown and pirate to entertain the kids by making balloon animals, there was Easter bunnies and eggs to decorate, and food galore to enjoy. Throughout the day, everyone kept themselves busy with activities that made them feel like they were at home (in Guyana). The day was a great success and ended with many acknowledgements, prizes and awards for the winners and well doers (volunteers).

To conclude the day, the organization held their Annual General Meeting with some surprises. President re-elect Kamta Roy Singh, was not a surprise for anyone, but for Vice President, newcomer Somdnath Kaidnath was a landslide win. To Mr. Kaidnath astonishment, he felt honoured and privileged to be acknowledged for his efforts and achievements within the community, his peers, fellow country people and our organization.

With the full support of everyone present, the Association is now ready to take on anything thrown their way, including a joint endeavour with their fellow country people and community organization GCO (Guyanese Cultural Organization) to celebrate Guyana's 45th Independence on May 27, 28 & 29, 2011.

With the success of the past year, President Kamta Roy Singh is more eager and determined to bring all his country people together to reach one goal and a vision that this organization has strived for, and that is to have a building they can call home. Now with a strong board and community support he feels extremely positive that this goal can be achieved in the near future. I personally feel that with the new attitude within our Guyanese Community and its people, and the support of our surrounding communities and neighbours we are on our way to great achievements and accomplishments.

I am proud and privileged to be in such company and honoured to be re-elected in the organization.