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- Branch Community Projects -

Ellerslie Branch hosts Market Day

For the second consecutive year, the Ellerslie branch hosted a "Market Day" before the Easter long weekend, as a way of giving back and engaging with members of the Paramin community. Farmers of the community were invited to showcase and sell their fresh produce to customers at the branch. Staffers have found success with the now annual event as it offers members of the neighboring Paramin community an opportunity for added sales, while customers enjoy the convenience of purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables on site.



Has your team planned its Branch Community Project as yet? Give us a shout at the GMC unit if you need advice or guidance! Ask for Nadia – ext. 3266 or Rehanna – ext. 3248

- Youth Development & Culture -



Another Successful Junior Parade of the Bands

For the 8th consecutive year, RBL sponsored the NCBA Junior Parade of the Bands as part of its continued commitment to youth and culture.



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RBL & Carnival in 5 Numbers:

2009

the first year RBL sponsored the Junior Parade of the Bands

\$7,700,000

total investment in Junior Carnival

\$1,350,000

amount that goes toward 'mas-making' programmes at primary and secondary schools to keep the tradition alive

20

number of years RBL has sponsored the Pan Minors Music Literacy Programme

over 3500

number of children who have participated in Pan Minors

- Youth Development & Culture -



Chowtaal Sammelaan marks 8 years

43 schools participated in this year's Republic Bank Primary Schools' Chowtaal Sammelaan which opened on March 12th at the Maha Sabha Headquarters in St. Augustine. 2016 marks the 8th year of the Bank's sponsorship of the competition where youngsters compete for top honours in the delivery of their chowtaals (seasonal folk songs).



Know your Culture:
The word
'Chowtaal'
means four claps



- Youth Development through Sport & Culture -

Young Caribbean Golfers Shine

Junior golfers from across the Caribbean recently showcased their talent at the Republic Bank Caribbean Junior Golf Open which ran for three days at the St. Andrew's Gold Club in Moka. Sol Joanni topped the boys' category while Serena Mackenzie walked away with the first prize in the girls' 16-17 category. This is the 15th year RBL has sponsored the tournament.



GOLF HUMOUR

Brand new golf balls are water-magnetic. Though this cannot be proven in a lab, it is a known fact that the more expensive the golf ball, the greater its attraction to water.

Inspiring Youth through Spoken Word

Students of the Nelson Street Boys R.C. School recently enjoyed a treat when the youth-led NGO, Two Cents Movement, kicked off its national School tour with an appearance at the school. The NGO entertained the students with a spoken word performance while addressing the very important matter of financial literacy. The tour, which is sponsored by RBL, will cover 15 schools across the country.



Putting in their 2 Cents:

- Two Cents Movement is a youth-led NGO specialising in Spoken Word performances, socially engaging projects and youth education.
- The Group has already engaged over 24,000 students across T&T.
- The tour aims to inspire young people through spoken word, poetry, dance, music and games.

- Power to Care -

10 Youngsters Celebrate New Lease on Life

Members of the RBL team recently presented 10 youngsters with entertainment packages containing MovieTowne tickets and Haagan-Daz ice cream vouchers to celebrate their successful kidney transplant surgeries. The surgeries were made possible through RBL's contribution to Transplant Links Community, a UK based NGO that has partnered with the National Organ Transplant Unit at the Mt. Hope Medical Sciences Complex to boost the level of successful organ transplants in the country.



Transplant Links Community recently marked **150** successful kidney transplants in T&T!

RBL Staffers Clear Out to Give Back

The recent "De-clutter" campaign, championed by the Branch Support Unit, was a tremendous success! Staff eagerly participated, taking time over the Easter holidays to clear through their homes and donate used items in good condition to those in need.



Save the Date!

Missed the first De-Clutter collection date? Collection Date 2 is coming up **June 18!**

- Across the Territories -

Free Public Swimming Lessons in Grenada

Over 500 persons of varying ages participated in the 2nd annual RBL Sponsored National Learn To Swim week. The programme, which trains participants in basic swimming and water survival techniques, is hosted by Grenada Youth Adventures and coordinated by professional, internationally based swimming coaches. The Bank increased the value of its sponsorship in 2016 to cover the cost of new equipment.



13 Students receive Financial Support from Republic Bank Grenada

RBL Grenada recently presented GD\$39,689 to 13 students for the academic year 2015/2016 as part of the Republic Bank UWI Open Campus Bursary Programme. The programme supports Grenadian students pursuing higher learning through the UWI Open Campus Programme. Grants are awarded based on academic performance and financial need. The Bank's commitment to youth development and education in Grenada also comprises a Scholarship programme, which is made available each year to assist one qualified Grenadian pursuing a Bachelor's Degree at any UWI campus.



- Across the Territories -



Top Academic Performers Rewarded in Guyana

Guyana's top five academic performers were recently presented with monetary gifts, plaques and tokens at Republic Bank Guyana's Academic Achievement Awards Ceremony. Recipients were the top scorers in the 2015 National Grade Six Assessment (NGSA), Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) and Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE). Awards were also presented to the best graduating students with a Bachelor's Degree in the Faculty of Social Sciences and a Diploma in Banking and Finance from the University of Guyana.

The recipients for 2015 were:

Solomon Cherai (NGSA), Victoria Najab (CSEC), Cecil Cox (CAPE), Ashley Bankay (Bachelor's Degree in the Faculty of Social Sciences) and Sabrina Bacchus (Diploma in Banking and Finance).

2016 Mashramani Steel Band Competition A Success

This year marked Republic Bank Guyana's 8th year of sponsorship of the annual Mashramani Steel Band Competition, which showcased two days of keenly contested steel band competitions at the Theatre Guild Playhouse in Guyana. Categories included Junior Solo, Senior Solo, Pan Duet and Pan Jazz as well as Youth Bands and Large Bands.

DID YOU KNOW?

The RightStart Pan Minors Music Literacy Programme is spreading its wings across the Caribbean and has become an integral part of Republic Bank Guyana's contribution to youth development and culture through its Power To Make a Difference programme.