PNCR Christmas Cheer

- Children Christmas Party, Aberdeen, Pomeroon
- Sophia Literacy Project Christmas Party, Congress Place
- Children Christmas Party, 2 Mile Primary School, Bartica
- Georgetown District Children Christmas Party, Congress Place
Let’s Celebrate What Unites us as a People

Having presided over the worst Administration in this nation’s history, the People’s Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) will spend its last days in office trying to bribe their way back to power. In this period of economic weakness, where over 21 percent of Guyanese are unemployed and public safety, education and corruption are problematic, the governing party’s strategy will be two fold; bribery and inciting racial animus in order to secure votes and divide the nation. Over the last twenty-two years some of our brothers and sisters have thrown their support behind the PPP/C believing that they would deliver on pre-elections promises and secure for them the good life that all Guyanese deserve. These supporters who are working men and women, mostly poor, have traditionally been neglected and marginalized. For decades they have been used as political pawns on the electoral chess board by the PPP, and then discarded once the elections results are secured.

It is our firm belief that Guyanese are tired of one party rule, we have tried it, and we know it does not work. Over the last twenty-two years one party rule has left us as an under-developed country, still struggling to embrace modernity and true national unity. Next year (2015), the forthcoming election gives us a chance to turn over a new page and vote our hopes and not our fears. We must look to those who inspire us, and reject the politics and politicians who will seek to keep us divided.

Despite their less than stellar tenure in office the PPP/C is already fanning the flames of division and suspicion. We must not allow them to succeed. In many areas, they come bearing gifts after years of disrespect and neglect. Suddenly roads and bridges are built, shopping malls are promised, laptops, solar panels, outboard engines, chainsaws, mini-buses and cash are given to the Amerindian Communities. Along the coast, Indian supporters will be given a steady diet of reasons why the PPP/C should not get back into power, by the same people who neglected and disrespected them for the last twenty-two years some of our brothers and sisters have been used as political pawns on the electoral chess board by the PPP, and then discarded once the elections results are secured.

The working poor, both African and Indian, remain poor while the rich get richer. The small man and woman still struggle with daily periods of black-outs. In the 21st Century, our women and children are still fetching water, many households do not have indoor plumbing and most of the working poor still live in inadequate housing; jobs are hard to find and the Berbice river bridge toll too expensive to pay. The 16 percent Value Added Tax (VAT) does not discriminate, it is an economic noose around our collective necks, as all Guyanese workers struggle to make ends meet. Rampant crime has affected all Guyanese, drugs and gun violence has sadly become a part of our daily lives, regardless of race, class or party affiliation, and the PPP continues to turn a blind eye.

This year let us celebrate what unites us as a people, our common struggles, and find ways to forge a new way forward. APNU in Government will declare war on poverty and crime and place Guyana on a path to progress, where all regardless of ethnicity or political affiliation can enjoy a good life. APNU will form a Government of national unity with members of all political parties participating. We have always had co-existence of cultures; our multi-cultural diversity has made us unique and resilient. We must draw on that strength to bring us together, and not allow politicians and mischief makers to keep us apart. A Partnership for National Unity (APNU) will give us a chance to build a strong and lasting union that will have the interest of the people paramount to the interest of any one party.

This is a moment for all of us to put country first, and with our votes put an end to one party rule in Guyana.
The People's Progressive Party (PPP) is desperate. President Donald Ramotar’s troubled, three-year presidency has been a governmental catastrophe. The PPP’s provocative pro-racist statements have driven a wedge between the political parties and doing everything possible to deepen disdain for what has now become a ‘lame-duck’ governance.

The PPP’s general elections campaign started several months ago. Rohee, speaking at the annual commemoration at Babu John on 9th March, said that people were growing restless and uncomfortable politics. The Party’s General Secretary and its apparent elections campaign manager, Clement Rohee, has been in the forefront of the controversial campaign. He has been issuing ludicrous but libellous attacks on opposition leaders and political parties and doing everything possible to deepen disdain for what has now become a ‘lame-duck’ government.

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Rohee has been conceited in the extreme boasting that his Party was “as confident as confident can be” and that, when there is a move to general elections, the PPP will emerge easily with a majority. The PPP intends to win at all costs and by any means necessary, even by indulging in fear-mongering, race-baiting, vote-buying and lying.

The PPP’s scurrilous press statement dated 26th November is one of the most obscene and outrageous to have ever been issued by a political party. The PPP, referring to opposition MPs by name, states plainly: “Both Mr. Granger and Mr. Greenidge...would unleash vengeance against anyone they perceive to be associated with the PPP and the PPP/C administration... these threats can only be seen as tantamount to the Demerara River flowing red with blood should the APNU and PNC come to power...” Rohee said earlier that “it is a well-established fact that the opposition parties have links with criminal elements in our society” and that they have used these criminal elements in the past and in more recent times, “to create mayhem in the country.” Such irresponsible statements are calculated to breed fear by threatening a ‘blood bath’ and “crushing the opposition” if APNU were to win the next election.

The PPP has been publishing inflammatory, racist and divisive statements in order to influence the attitudes and behaviour of ethnic groups, especially of Amerindians and persons of Indian origin. The PPP, who has been the PPP, who reported in December, falsely claimed that the indigenous population had been “battered” under the PNC regime and that the Opposition was “attempting to disenfranchise the Amerindians.” The PPP maliciously accused the PNC of being “bent on marginalising the indigenous population.” This, of course, is a lie.

In fact, it is the PPP which has been accused by the Alliance For Change (AFC) of creating “…ethnic and geographic apartheid in Guyana” and of “...stirring anti-African fears, conjuring up the spectre of being a black man to drive the Indians and to woo them away from the AFC.”

Rohee, in a thinly-veiled racial threat, warned the AFC that Berbicians were never really supporters of the AFC. They are, he said, “theprodigal sons and daughters of the PPP.” The PPP is playing a dangerous game by resorting to racial issues in a multi-racial society.

APNU meets with GECOM

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More than one week after being assaulted by members of President Donald Ramotar’s security detail, 27 year old John Adams, an Aishalton teacher, is still awaiting justice. On Wednesday 3rd December Adams attended a People’s Progressive Party (PPP) public meeting where President Donald Ramotar was the main speaker. During the address, Adams was said to be openly questioning the policies of President Donald Ramotar and his Administration.

The young teacher told New Nation that at first he was only making jokes with his friends about how former President Granger and President Ramotar continued to bad talk the media, the APNU and AFC. He then started to voice his criticisms of the President’s Administration.

“I was speaking the truth,” said Adams. “I asked Mr. President ‘who happen to NANDALL’ and ‘Why you perchèd President?’

As the night went on, Adams said that two of the Presidential Guards came up to him saying ‘So is you who been talking up.’ Adams, a Mathematics teacher at the Aishalton Secondary School, described the men as tall. After telling him to be quiet, the shorter of the guards purportedly slapped the teacher, “bursting” his lip in the process.

Afterwards, Adams explained that the taller of the guards told him, “You better go or we gonna drop you off the ground.” John Adams said that he went to the Aishalton Police Station to make a report that night but no one was there, however, a report was made the following day Thursday 4th December. On the same day, A Partnership for National Unity (APNU) in a press release called on Commissioner of Police, Seelall Persaud to mount an investigation into the alleged assault on one of our first people.
Profile: APNU Member of Parliament

Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine, MP, was born on 31st January 1943 in Kitty, Georgetown and is the father of Dr. Terry Roopnaraine and Alicia Roopnaraine. He is a world class professor and instructor of liberal arts who has lectured at some of the most prestigious Universities and learning institutions around the world, and who is no stranger to Guyana’s politics and the struggle of the working class of this country.

He has been in the front line of the national political movement since 1977 as a member of the leadership of the Working People’s Alliance (WPA). He served as a Member of the Faculty of the University of Guyana from 1976 to 1990 and as a Member of Parliament for a number of years. He brings to the leadership of A Partnership for National Unity (A.P.N.U) his vast political experience and the WPA’s unwavering commitment to the building of a Guyana of social justice and racial harmony.

He was educated at Queen’s College (Guyana), Cambridge University (UK), and Cornell University (New York, USA), and holds a Doctorate in Comparative Literature. Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine, as part of APNU’s Shadow Cabinet in the Tenth Parliament, holds the portfolio of Agriculture and Environment.

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During this festive season of giving and receiving, the Leader of the People’s National Congress Reform, Brigadier David Granger and other members of the Party travelled to several regions and visited communities to bring Christmas cheer to children. Brigadier Granger launched his Christmas Outreach Programme on Sunday 7th December 2014 with a visit to Aberdeen, Essequibo River, Pomeroon-Supenaam Region (Region No. 2). He was accompanied by his wife Mrs. Sandra Granger, Ms. Amna Ally, M.P, Annette Ferguson, M.P, Shondel Hope, Doreen Duncan and other Regional and Party Officials.

The team travelled by boat to Aberdeen where the leader was welcomed by over two hundred children, parents and Party supporters for a children Christmas party. Brigadier Granger lifted the spirits of the children of that riverain community as he and his team distributed toys to all who were present.

While on the Essequibo River, the Leader of the PNCR took the opportunity to meet with residents and brought them up to date on the current political situation in Guyana, including the prorogation of the National Assembly and the status of the Anti-Money Laundering legislation and the People’s Progressive Party/Civic Administration’s squandermania in preparation for the forthcoming elections.

On Monday 15th December 2014, Brigadier Granger also visited the Cuyuni-Mazaruni Region (Region No. 7) to spread Christmas cheer to the children of Bartica. He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Sandra Granger; Ms. Amna Ally, MP and Assistant General Secretary of the PNCR; and Ms. Shondel Hope, Regional Councilor, Demerara-Mahaica Region.

The Christmas party, which was organised by the Regional Chairman of Region No. 7, Mr. Gordon Bradford, was held at the Two Miles Primary School. Over three hundred and fifty children participated where they were all treated to toys, lots of food and drinks and had a wonderful day.

Mrs. Sandra Granger (left photo) assisted in distributing gifts to the children at Bartica on Monday 15th December. PNCR Leader, Brigadier David Granger (right photo) assisted in distributing gifts to the children at Aberdeen on Sunday 7th December 2014.

Sophia Literacy Project Children Christmas Party

On Saturday 13th December 2014, the coordinators of the Sophia Literacy Project held their annual Children’s Christmas Party at Congress Place, Sophia. Over one hundred and fifty children were provided entertainment by singing carols and dancing to music provided.
This Week with Dr Robert McGreggor

Morphology

It seems that for almost two decades the scientists whose primary interest and expertise is genetic research are anxious to use human beings as their “subjects” in a big way. The motive is without doubt driven by the excitement of dramatic achievements including morphological modifications in addition to the treatment of many diseases culminating in complete cure. The ethical dilemma is a whole issue by itself but the critical factor is the reality may be just an illusion.

Perhaps the genetic acrobatics with dogs may have resulted in the euphoria. Media reports about the gene for red hair, alcoholism, or breast cancer give the false impression that most traits are governed by just one or a few genes. In fact, Tinkertoy genetics of dog morphology is a complete aberration. In nature, a physical trait or disease state is usually the product of a complex interaction of many genes, each one making a fractional contribution. Height in humans, for instance, is determined by the interaction of some 200 gene regions.

Two reasons both practical and whimsical, man’s best friend has been artificially evolved into the most diverse animal on the planet. This is a staggering achievement, given that most of the 350 to 400 dog breeds in existence have been around for only a couple hundred years. The breeders fast-forwarded the normal pace of evolution by combining traits from disparate dogs and accentuating them by breeding those offspring with the largest results. The motive is without doubt driven by the excitement of dramatic achievements.

Students of Guyanese heritage honoured in the Bahamas

The Golden Arrowhead Award ceremony sponsored by the Guyana Bahamas Association was held on Saturday 14th December 2014 at the UWI Open Campus in Nassau, Bahamas.

Residents criticise Regional Administration

Leader of the Opposition, Brigadier David Granger accompanied by A Partnership for National Unity (APNU) Members of Parliament, Mr. Ronald Bulkan and Mr. Christopher Jones, heard criticisms against the People’s Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) dominated Regional Democratic Council of the Pomeroon-Supenaam Region (Region No. 2).

Residents complained about conditions in the Anna Regina Market and seeks to encourage unity among Guyanese residents in the Bahamas.

Little Sasha Bowen Khellawan receiving her award for GPA 3.56.

1. Jonnel Todd, 7, BJC
2. Jarel Todd, 8, BGCSE
3. David King, GPA 3.18
4. Kgosia King, GPA 3.09
5. Sasha Bowen Khellawan, GPA 3.56
6. Nnika Corbin, 6, BJC
7. Samuel Corbin, GPA 3.52
8. Shanae Thomas, GPA 4.00
9. Shamara Thomas, GPA 3.4
10. Akila Thomas, GPA 3.75
11. Kelsie Thomas, GPA 3.23
12. Nahnankumar Jagroo, GPA 3.0
13. Vasudey Jagroo, GPA 3.89
14. Damani David, GPA 4.0

Receiving the David Granger Awards were top student Jernel Todd, 8, BGCSE for BEST BGCSE results and Jonnel Todd, 7, BJC for BEST BJC results. GYSM Award went to Shanae Thomas for the highest GPA PRIMARY 4.00.

We wish to congratulate all the Guyanese children who continue to fly the Guyana flag exceptionally in academics.
The Neighborhood Democratic Council (NDC) located No 52-74 in East Berbice, was the object of a protest on Tuesday 18th November, 2014 by residents. The Interim Management Committee (IMC) was accused of locking out residents from their Community Complex. The residents stated that the IMC sought to take actions against them on several occasions before this recent incident. Among the list of complaints were the selling of their reef sand by the NDC and the attempted take-over of their Complex. The adversarial relationship deteriorated when the IMC ordered the locks changed. Residents then descended on the NDC and protested. The protested the "sand for money" deals and the lock-out.

Daphnie Taylor, who serves as Secretary to of the Complex Community, railed against the current IMC. She stated that the members of the IMC does not have any understanding of who built the Complex or how the Complex was built. She explained that the community residents pooled their resources and purchased concrete blocks to build the Complex several years ago. When asked how the building was constructed, the IMC Chairman Mr. Moti, responded, "I don't know."

Mr. Ravindra Dass, the Overseer at the NDC, spoke to this reporter about the matter. He explained that he was on his two week vacation when the incident occurred and that the issues are being dealt with by the Ministry of Local Government. The IMC was installed approximately three years ago by the Minister of Local Government and replaced the elected Councillors. One such elected Councillor is Mr. Vibert Welch. He contested the election in 1994 as a representative of Friendly Farms. He now serves as the Chairman of the Complex Committee. Mr. Welch signed a contract with the NDC approximately ten years ago. That agreement expired one year ago and the Region Six Administration sought to intervene.

Mr. David Armagon, Chairman of the Region, met with the parties and sought to settle the matter at the Regional level. However, the IMC made an independent decision to change the locks at the Complex, sparking protests at the NDC and at the Complex itself.

No. 53 Village/Union is one of the several villages in Guyana which were purchased by former slaves. The Community Complex, as well as the land on which it rests is owned by the Community. The Complex was built as a result of self-help work by community spirited residents. They embarked on a dollar per block programme to build the two story structure. Both the NDC Overseer and the IMC Chairman failed to acknowledge the historical facts.
A Partnership for National Unity (APNU) continues its outreach to civil society in the wake of the prorogation of the 10th Parliament of Guyana by President Donald Ramotar on the 10th November 2014. Since the prorogation of the Parliament, APNU has held several meetings with labour unions and other civil society organizations. The meetings which were held at the Office of the Leader of the Opposition, forms part of a series of engagements to determine a way forward from the present constitutional crisis caused by President Donald Ramotar's prorogation of the Parliament of Guyana.

APNU also used these opportunities to iterate its position that there will be no negotiations with the People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) Administration, unless the Presidential proclamation of prorogation is reversed and Parliament reconvened.

Meeting with the Public Service Union (PSU)

Meeting with the Clerical & Commercial Workers Union (CCWU)

Meeting with the Private sector Commission (PSC)

Democracy in Guyana is Dead

It is almost 3 months since the APNU started a series of peaceful picketing (commencing on the 23rd September) calling on the PPP/C Government for the holding of local government elections, among other major issues. This has since lead up to President Donald Ramotar proroguing Parliament to prevent debate on the Opposition 'no-confidence' motion; to prevent debate on financial excesses and impropriety; to protect the reputations of his Ministers from parliamentary sanction; to permit the PPP's campaign for general and regional elections to proceed; and to permit the continued expenditure of state funds without parliamentary scrutiny.

Below are pictures of the picketing.

Hire Purchase

Hire Purchase is the most common method of obtaining goods without paying for them in full at one time. It is the method of paying for something by installments. People generally buy “on H.P.” when they don’t want or can’t afford to buy something outright. When you buy on hire purchase you pay for the goods gradually after you have taken possession of them. You normally have to put down a deposit; you will end up paying more for the goods than if you had bought them outright. If you don’t keep up with the payments the goods can be taken back by the seller. You will not actually own the goods until you’ve paid the last installment.

The hire purchase agreement: When you buy something on hire purchase you will have to sign a hire purchase agreement with the seller. This will set out what you have to do in order for the goods to become yours and you should read it carefully especially the small print. If you don’t understand get someone (not the seller) to explain it to you BEFORE you sign it. Once you have signed, you must take delivery of the goods from the seller; take reasonable care of the goods; not try to sell the goods (remember they don’t belong to you until you pay in full); pay the installments when due and return the goods to the seller if the agreement comes to an end before the goods have become yours.

Remember: Read the agreement carefully and make sure you understand it before you sign. If in doubt seek advice. If you fail to pay just one installment the goods may be taken from you. It is illegal for the seller to discriminate against you on the grounds of gender, e.g., if you are a woman by requesting you to get a male guarantor.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!