

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SCOTIABANK DRAGONBOAT RACE HEATS UP.**

Scotiabank's Women Against Breast Cancer Charity Dragonboat Festival takes off this weekend on Sunday 18th March, the cricket rest day, as 25 teams will be vying for top honours in what is shaping up to be a highly competitive event. The event is a joint collaboration with United Way Trinidad and Tobago and will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Kayak Centre in Chaguaramas.

Among the competitors are the Scotiabank Fire Dragons, NLCB Evictors, KFC Angel & Saints, PWC Liquid Assets, Excellent Titans, GHL Oar Struck, NGC Gas Hoppers, Signwave Sharkfin Dumplins, Magnificent Magnolias, BG Dragoneers and KPMG Na-Lu-Sing. There will be a special race for all female teams and a prize will also be given for the fastest rookie team for the day.

Dragonboat racing was introduced in Trinidad and Tobago in October 2006 when the Chinese Bicentennial Celebrations took place. Since then, officials at Scotiabank have been working closely with the Trinidad and Tobago Dragonboat Federation to plan this charity dragonboat festival in order to raise funds for breast cancer screening clinics and to assist NGOs which have been supported by United Way Trinidad and Tobago.

Officials expected to attend the race are former first lady Mrs. Zalayhar Hassanali, Mrs. Christine Kangaloo, Minister of Legal Affairs, Mr. Richard P. Young, Managing Director at Scotiabank Trinidad and Tobago Limited and Mr. Conrad Aleong, Chairman of United Way Trinidad and Tobago.

Already on board as the Master of Ceremonies for the event is comedienne Nikki Crosby and slated to entertain the crown are the St. James Tripolians steel orchestra, the Clico Shiv Shakti Dancers, Chinese Ribbon Dancers, folk choir Jeune Agape and Excellent Silver Stars steel orchestra. Food will be available on sale on the race day by KFC, Pizza Hut, TGI Fridays, Long John Silver's, Pretzel Time and TCBY Treats.

In addition, patrons will be able to enjoy sampling by Yoplait, Ocean Spray and Orville Redenbacher Popcorn. Lucozade will also be available as the official energy drink of this event, with Oasis being the official water and Angostura Limited will be running a bar throughout the day.

Tickets are on sale at \$10 Scotiabank's 23 branches nationwide and the public is urged to get their tickets in advance, as they will be priced at \$20 at the door.

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