



BECU's 2015 Art Competition themed 'Share yourself for the Love of Art' received interest from several schools in Trinidad and Tobago. Submissions have begun to pour in with schools vying to be in the first 13 to submit, as well as to enter the most art pieces. The theme is centered on the expression of the artists love of art. What is it about art that you love? What do you love to paint? Reflect yourself in art. The first 13 schools to submit will receive \$1,000.00 each. The school with the most submissions will receive \$7,500.00. The

school with the most winning pieces receives \$5,000.00. The individual prizes includes mobile phones and share certificates. Due to the response received, the competition deadline has been extended to September 25th, 2015. We look forward to receiving your submissions. To make a submission, do so to Shiler at Bank Employees Credit Union, Corner Bournes Road & Angelina Street, St. James. You can contact Shiler at 622-4035 ext 141 or email service@becuonline.com

Editor's Note

When Dave handed over the responsibility of the newsletter to me, I immediately moved to make my mark, which he had no objection to. We redesigned the masthead—giving it a fresh look and we decided to change the articles to provide snippets of information rather than long articles. We also wanted the members to look forward to the newsletter by featuring either the members or issues

that would be of interest to them. With July marking the beginning of the final quarter of the 2014-2015 financial year we have a lot more to go and feel like we are just getting started.. Keep Connected!

Editor
Jessie Dirpaul



New Blood on the Education Committee

BECU's Education Committee was convened in May 2015 with the duty to educate the membership on the Bank Employees' Credit Union and the Credit Union Movement.

Building on the foundation set in previous years, the Committee plans to continue youth programmes including the SEA awards and BrightStart in conjunction with the BECU IDAKEDA Youth Initiative.

The Education Committee is chaired by Eustace Benjamin and its members include Allison Joseph-Grant, Sherry Ann Francis, Rachel Agostini and Hema Ramsingh. Support is given to the Committee by Shiler Pierre and Jessie Dirpaul from the Staff of the Credit Union.

We are always looking for fresh ideas and expanding the Committee. If you are interested in volunteering, email service@becuonline.com

BECU PROVIDES RELIEF TO NEPAL

Two months after the deadly earthquake that devastated Nepal on April 25th, 2015, life has returned to some degree of normality. With poverty levels amongst the highest in the world nearly one million people were pushed into destitution as a result of the earthquake.

BECU through the Co-operative Credit Union League of Trinidad and Tobago, donated funds to provide relief aid to survivors of the Nepal earthquake.



Anushka Alleng is a wedding planner who has worked in the event management business for over thirteen years.

After graduating from the University of Western Ontario in Finance and Economics, Anushka furthered her studies in Event Management, Protocol, Public Relations and Supervisory Management.

Following successful apprenticeships with big names in the Event Management industry, which managed the schedules and activities of international superstars, Anushka owns and manages BAKAJ Event Management & Consultancy Ltd. located in St James.

Anushka emphasises working within a reasonable budget and achieving excellence in the most cost-effective manner. Her aim—for each couple to achieve their ideal, dream wedding, without having to break the bank.

Although Anushka has exposure to elaborate, high-end weddings, her personal preference is for simplicity and intimacy. In her view, the vows made on this momentous occasion should be the focal point of the day.

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Some of Anushka's work. Photo: BAKAJ Event Management