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1. INTRODUCTION

The Education Committee is pleased to report to the membership on the various activities in which it was engaged for the period January to December 2019.

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE COMMITTEE

The Education Committee is a feature of all organizations operating under the Co-operative Society business model. The Committee enables the Co-operative Principle through Education, Training and Information to its members, members' children, employees and the general public, promoting self-development, development of the Credit Union and the values and benefits of co-operation.

The Education Committee is a Board-appointed Committee as stipulated in RHAND Credit Union's By-Law 21(a); which states, "This Committee shall be in charge of publicity and education and shall supply strategic support to the Board of Directors in achieving the objectives of the Society;" consequently, its strategic role is inextricably linked to the Mission, Vision and Strategic Direction of RHAND Credit Union.

3. FORMATION DETAILS

The following members were appointed by the Board of Directors to the Education Committee 2019:

- Emmanuel Walker - Chairperson
- Michele Rouff - Secretary
- Petal-Dawn Hinkson - Board Member
- Marlene Felix - Past Board Member
- Gerard Sampson - Manager, Marketing
- Andrea Borneo-Ragoo - Board Member

The Education Committee performs its function through the establishment of a number of sub-committees namely: the Social Events Sub-Committee, the Education Assistance Sub-Committee, and Membership Skills Development Programme (MSDP) Sub-Committee and the Youth Sub-Committee. All work to achieve the mandate of the overarching Committee - the Education Committee - through the development and approval by the Board of an Action Plan. The projects and activities of all the sub-committees are guided by the Action plan. The Youth Sub-Committee, formerly a work in progress has been fully established. Detailed below are the activities in which the respective sub-committees were engaged:

3.1 Social Events Sub-Committee

This sub-committee comprised Mrs. Michele Rouff (Convenor) Mrs. Heather Bobb-Wallace (Operations), Ms. Marva Simon, Mrs. Chenice Peniston-Williams and Corporal Anthony Wallace. This committee planned the All Fours competition which was executed by the Marketing Department. There was wide participation in the event with keen competition and rivalry. This event was a huge success.

The signature events, namely, the Children's Christmas parties held in Trinidad and in Tobago were planned by the Social Events Committee and executed by the Marketing Department. One thousand, seven hundred and seventy-two (1772) children were registered in Trinidad and seven hundred and twelve (712) in Tobago. Everyone enjoyed the parties.

3.2 Education Assistance Sub-Committee

Ms. Marlene Felix continued as Convenor from the previous year, and was joined by members, Ms.

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Simone Huggins and Ms. Shelly Slater in June 2019. Projects undertaken by this committee were the SEA and May Cherrie Award Programmes and the Youth Leadership Workshops. Eighteen (18) children received SEA awards, fourteen (14) from Trinidad and four (4) from Tobago. There were three (3) awardees under the May Cherrie Scholarship Programme.

3.3 Membership Skills Development Programme Sub-Committee

Ms. Petal-Dawn Hinkson (Convenor) led this sub-committee and was ably assisted by the members of the Marketing Department.

During the period under review two (2) modules delivered over a period of eight (8) weeks duration were conducted under the programme.

They were well subscribed and participants proudly displayed some of their handiwork.

3.4 Youth Sub-Committee

Mrs. Andrea Borneo-Ragoo (Convenor) led this sub-committee. Ms. Simone Huggins, another Board member, was appointed as secretary. The committee was formed by way of nine (9) volunteers who worked with the committee throughout the period.

Two projects of an environmental nature were undertaken by the Youth Sub-Committee for 2019 under the banner of the 'green' initiative. They were (1) the beach clean-up, where the sub-committee assisted by a number of volunteers cleaned up the beach on the Foreshore and (2) the proper disposal of plastics in conjunction with iCare. The second project was very much in evidence at the Children's Christmas parties with the use of the iCare bins.

The Youth Sub-Committee also visited St. Crispin's Home For The Elderly during the Christmas period and shared the warmth and cheer of the season.

4. Other Activities Of The Education Committee

The Education Committee developed the theme for the 2020 calendars.

The Committee also planned the Credit Union Month activities and the initiative - Retirement Planning and Will Preparation - which was delivered for the development of the membership. This initiative continues to form part of the yearly calendar of the Committee.

5. Conclusion

The Committee expresses its gratitude to: (1) The Manager and staff of the Marketing Department for the diligence and efficiency with which all the planned projects were executed and (2) The Members who participated in the programmes and congratulates all awardees. May the Almighty God continue to shower his blessings on our Credit Union.

Emmanuel Walker
Chairman-Education Committee

Michele Rouff
Secretary-Education Committee