

LIVING LEGENDS HONOUR

Their contributions to the calypso art-form over several decades have made them cultural icons.

On Sunday night (December 4, 2016), at the Shaw Park Complex, Winston Bailey, the “Mighty Shadow”, and McArtha Sandy-Lewis, “Calypso Rose”, were celebrated for their lifetime achievements, being conferred with the Tobago Medal of Honour, gold.

A third Medal of Honour, gold, was pre-

sented to Neil Wilson. He was recognised for his decades of sterling contributions to business in Tobago.

Paralympics javelin gold medallist and world record holder Akeem Stewart was also honoured for his successes in sport in recent years. He received the Tobago Medal of Honour, silver. Cynthia Lyons-Duke and Carol Alfred also got silver for their contributions to the public service.

One Medal of Honour, bronze, was

awarded posthumously to Boyceson “Jackie” Johnson for his service in music.

Another musician, Justin Peterkin, picked up two awards. He received the Calypso Rose Award for the Performing Arts and the Chief Secretary’s Award for outstanding contribution and significant achievement in music and academics in 2016.

Cheva Alexander received the final award, the Shadow Award for Oral Tradition, at the event.



HEALTH TALKS: Officials are all smiles following the opening of the Tourism Health and Safety Symposium, which took place at the Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute (THTI) on December 1. From left are Dr. Karen Polson-Edwards, Acting Director of the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), Umslophagaas Job, Administrator in the Division of Tourism and Transportation and Frederica Brooks-Adams, the Division’s Director of Tourism.

CHIEF SECRETARY: OUR ‘TOBAGONESS’ WILL SEE US THROUGH

Chief Secretary Orville London has indicated the country’s economic challenges are likely to continue for some time.

Yet London insists there’s room for development even in challenging times. In his final Tobago Day address, London said Tobago had what it took to secure sustainable economic development.

“...It is our Tobagoness, our return to the traditional Tobago values of industriousness, thrift, resilience, resourcefulness, self-reliance and self-pride that would ensure survival and success,” the Chief Secretary said.

“I am convinced that the immediate future will bring out the best in us; that it would rekindle the passion to involve ourselves in the development of the various sectors in the economy,” London said.

London urged Tobagonians to approach the island’s development with unity and determination. He indicated that in recent years, Tobagonians have been given the tools to prepare for self-government.

YOUTH CAREER PROSPECTS LIE UNDER ROCKLEY BAY

Students from Tobago will be able to explore the island’s underwater treasures at Rockley Bay.

They will be part of “Tobago Sub-sea” programme. They will be able to explore the area, and also participate in a project that uses GIS—a geographic information system—that will map and display data related

to the Scarborough Harbour.

“Those remote operated vehicles (ROVs) would go underwater. We would use it for two purposes: one, for the environmental programme where it would be built by students....

“You would see all the debris in the Scarborough Harbour... cannons and whatever

(other) artefacts are being found,” Rockley Bay Archaeological Project Director Dr. Levis Guy said.

Dr. Guy said programmes for the underwater project will create sound career prospects for Tobago’s youth. She is hoping they will also see “what they can contribute to Tobago”.