# Connections





As the year draws to a close, and we gather friends and family close to celebrate Christmas, the IWFTT Board is delighted to bring you the December edition of Connections. We enclose highlights of recent events as well as details of what to expect in the New Year.

On behalf of the entire IWFTT Board - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all !!





## President's Message

Dear Ladies, Compliments of the Season!

In this sacred season of love and reflection, may the spiritual essence of Christmas fill your hearts with peace, and divine grace.

With heartfelt joy, I extend a resounding cheer on behalf of our Board of Directors. While celebrating your personal triumphs, let us also embrace the profound spiritual significance that unites us at this time of year. As we approach the close of this year, may your homes be filled not only with the warmth of love and the melody of laughter but also with moments of deep spiritual connection and inspiration.

Looking ahead to the New Year, may it unfold as a sacred journey, revealing new opportunities, continued growth, and the fulfilment of your spiritual aspirations.

Your unwavering support and engagement, as vibrant threads in the tapestry of the IWFTT journey, have been the driving force behind successful initiatives such as the Inspirational Women Awards and the Dine Arounds we held as our Christmas celebration. Thank you for embodying the spirit of unity and unwavering support.

Wishing you a Christmas season infused with the magic of renewal and a New Year that unfolds like the most enchanting chapter of your personal journey. Here's to more joy, more moments of profound connection, and a heart that dances with excitement in the embrace of our vibrant community!

Season's Greetings to you and your loved ones.

With warm regards,

Joanne Salazar

President - International Women's Forum Trinidad & Tobago

# INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN GALA AND AWARDS 2023



Anika Plowden-Corentin receives the Inspirational Emerging Leader Award from IWFTT Past President Rani Lakhan-Narace

IWFTT Vice-President
Anna-Maria Garcia-Brooks
presents the Inspirational
Advocate Award to
Professor Rose-Marie
Belle Antoine.





Guests mingle during the cocktails and networking hour at the Inspirational Women Awards Gala.

## INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN GALA AND AWARDS 2023



President Joanne Salazar presents the Inspirational Champion of Women Award to Diana Mahabir-Wyatt.

President Joanne Salazar and Marina Salandy-Brown chat with awardees.





Jacqueline Johnson from Republic Bank entertains everyone with her beautiful voice and repetoire.



## INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN GALA AND AWARDS 2023



Melissa Senhouse presents a door prize to guest Josephine Camacho.

The Inspirational Women
Awards Event Committee is
celebrated for their hard
work



Members Roxane De Freitas and Gail Pazos entertain guests.

Renee Ferguson delivers the Vote of Thanks.







### Thank You to our Corporate Lartners

The International Women's Forum of Trinidad and Tobago (IWFTT) extends heartfelt thanks to our corporate partners for their generous support of the Inspirational Women Awards Gala 2023. We salute honourees, Dr. Diana Mahabir-Wyatt, Professor Rose-Marie Belle Antoine, and Anika Plowden-Corentin.

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### AGM September 2023!





At the IWFTT AGM held on 27th September, Yvonne Roberts-White was elected to replace outgoing Secretary Lara Quentrall-Thomas, and Elaine Monica Davis was confirmed for a 2nd term as Officer on the Board.

The new Board of Directors comprises Joanne Salazar, President, Anna-Maria Garcia-Brooks, Vice President, Karen Yip Chuck, Treasurer, Yvonne Roberts-White, Secretary, Dr. Indira Couch (not pictured), Director, and Dr. Monica Davis, Director.

Congratulations to the new Board of Directors!

## Dine Arounds December 2023





Special thanks to our hosts - Elaine, Maryam, Sandra and Sharon.

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S FORUM Trinidad & Tobago

### 2024 Events

APPLICATION PERIOD FOR 2024-2025
LEADERSHIP **FELLOWS** PROGRAM OPENS ON
JANUARY 1, 2024.

IWF BOARD MEETING BARBADOS (CARIBBEAN PRESIDENTS) INVITED THE WEEK BEFORE CARNIVAL.

CARIBBEAN CAFE SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 22ND - A JOINT EVENT WITH 3 OTHER LOCAL FORUMS AND BERMUDA.

BOOK CLUB SESSION (DATE TBC).

IWF 50TH ANNIVERSARY WORLD LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: NEW YORK, NY FROM MAY 15 - 17, 2024

2024 CORNERSTONE CONFERENCE: HONG KONG FROM NOVEMBER 20 - 22, 2024