



Each month a panel of distinguished guests is invited to stimulate and enlighten:
Sunday, 25th February – Phenomenal Women: Adversity & Achievement

Vanda Radzik, was born in Georgetown in 1954 and currently lives in lower East Bank Demerara. Her varied career falls within three main areas: Literature & the Arts; Women's Rights, Human Rights & Civil Liberties; and the Environment/Indigenous Peoples. She served as Commissioner on the Women & Gender Equality Constitutional Rights Commission; set up and managed Red Thread Press, and is currently an independent Consultant on Social & Sustainable Development. She is a recipient of the Guyana Woman of Distinction Award as well as Golden Arrow of Achievement. She will be talking about the great poet, Mahadai Das, while also touching on mental health and domestic violence issues in Guyana.

Margaret Andrews worked in education for over 30 years: in secondary schools, further and higher education as a teacher, lecturer, director and senior research fellow. She has served on a number of governing bodies in further education, on boards of directors/trustees in the public and not-for-profit sectors. She is the author of *Doing Nothing Is Not an Option: The Radical Lives of Jessica and Eric Huntley*. Margaret's presentation will illustrate how the eponymous Jessica Huntley was destined to be a 'Revolutionary Black Woman'. It is the story of how an ordinary, self-educated Afro-Guyanese woman who came from humble beginnings, led an extraordinary life.

Joyce Trotman was born in Georgetown in 1927. In 1955, after working as a primary school teacher, she travelled to England where she obtained a degree in Arts from London University and a Certificate in Education at the University of Durham. On returning to Guyana in 1958 she was appointed a Senior Lecturer in English at the Government Training College and went on to become a Research Fellow for the University of Guyana. In 1972 she moved to England where she taught at the Scott Lidgett Boys' Comprehensive School and became Head of the Remedial Department. She obtained a M. Litt (Linguistics) from the University of Lancaster and was called to the Bar in 1984 on completion of part-time studies in law. Joyce is author of *The Proverbs of Guyana Explained* and will be sharing stories of her life.

The programme will also include Chauncey Huntley on drums and poetry sections.

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Doors 2pm | Programme 2.30pm-5pm
 Admission £5.00 (inc. beverage)
 Tickets also available via Eventbrite.
 Guyanese food & snacks on sale.

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