



Newsletter

*The Official Monthly Newsletter of the
Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & Industry*

WHAT CAN YOU FIND IN THIS NEWSLETTER?

JULY-
SEPTEMBER IN
REVIEW



UPCOMING
EVENTS



NEW MEMBERS



MEMBER OF
THE MONTH



President's Message



Mr. Timothy Tucker

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Dear Readers,

Let me take this opportunity to officially welcome you to the quarterly e-newsletter of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI),

The GCCI is happy to reintroduce its newsletter. A lot has transpired over the last quarter. In this edition, you will be able to find a reflection of the schedule of activities for the GCCI, a list of important dates for the Chamber, greetings to our newest members as well as a business and member of the month feature.

Over the last quarter, the GCCI continued to explore ways to create business opportunities for our members.

During this course of time, the Chamber would have also held elections for a new Executive Management Committee. As your elected President, I can assure you that my team remains committed to promoting private sector development.

Please enjoy this quarter's edition !

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WHAT'S NEW!

Since the last publication, a lot has changed at the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI). The Chamber held its 132nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) on March 31, 2022, to elect a new Executive Management Committee and Council of the GCCCI for the year 2022/2023. This event was conducted virtually in order to observe all social distancing protocols.

At the AGM, elections for the Chamber's 21-member Council were held and the following members were elected as the new Council of the Chamber for the year 2022/2023.

No#	Name	Company
1	Mr. Timothy Tucker	Rid-O-Pes
2	Capt. Gerald Gouveia Jr.	Roraima Airways Limited
3	Mr. Kester Hutson	Dapper Technology Ltd.
4	Mr. Gavin Ramsoondar	Zarc Properties Inc.
5	Ms. Shaleeza Shaw	Demerara Bank Ltd.
6	Ms. Nadene Gilbert-Rambarran	Ascension Business Services
7	Ms. Anije Lambert	Project Development Consultancy
8	Ms. Briony Tiwarie	BK Supermix Inc.
9	Mr. Geraldo Alphonso	Innovations' America
10	Mr. Carlos Mendonca	Ricks and Sari Agro Industries Ltd.
11	Ms. Evie Kanhai-Gurchuran	Envisage Marketing & Technology Company
12	Mr. Keon Howard	Fix It Electrical & General Construction
13	Mr. Komal Ramnauth	Kojac Marketing Agency
14	Mr. Navin Prashad	M.P. Insurance Brokers & Consultants Ltd.
15	Mr. Pradeep Ramoutar	Western Logistics
16	Mr. Rayad Boyce	Sonic Business Service
17	Dr. Rosh Khan	Social Rank Media
18	Mr. Orson Ferguson	Guyana Telephone & Telegraph Company Limited
19	Ms. Kerensa Gravesande-Bart	Strategic Recruitment Solutions Inc.
20	Mr. Shaam Outar	Merchant Marine Services Guyana Inc.
21	Ms. Molly Hassan	The Guyana Oil Company Limited



The Executive Management Committee comprises a President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Immediate Past President. The elected Councillors and Executives are as follows:

- **President- Mr. Timothy Tucker**
- **Senior Vice President- Capt. Gerald Gouveia Jr.**
- **Junior Vice President- Mr. Kester Hutson**
- **Treasurer - Mr. Gavin Ramsoondar**
- **Secretary- Ms. Shaleeza Shaw**

The membership and Secretariat of the GCCI would like to congratulate the Councilors and the Executives and look forward to their stewardship of the GCCI.



The Chamber Welcomes You On Board!

As of July-September 2022, the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry embraced its newest cohort of members. We would like to take the opportunity to extend our warmest welcome to:

July

1. Castle Point Inc.
2. Guyana Gold Port Resources Inc.
3. Trinity Enterprises
4. Dolla Guyana Inc.
5. International SOS Guyana
6. Legacy Williams and Campbell Investments
7. Silica Standport Inc.
8. K-Tronics
9. J's Supermarket
10. BM Soat Auto Sales
11. KM Technology
12. Morgan's Investment Inc.
13. The Professional Janitorial Services
14. NICNACS Trading CO., LTD
15. Guyana Customs House Brokers and Clerks Association
16. Renrick's Chicken Business
17. KAYLEX Enterprises Guyana Ins.
18. Rsconex Investment and Management Inc.

August

1. Accountancy Training Centre Inc.
2. The Siskin Group Inc
3. Edmondson Designs
4. Yellow Transportation Services Inc.
5. Global Asset Integrity & Maintenance Management Services Inc.
6. Evocative Print
7. Sankar's Autoworks
8. Aquafina Water & Ice Inc.
9. Guyana Business Machines
10. The Fashion Box
11. Enchanted Gardens - Floral Arts
12. Target Logistics Inc.
13. Global Tourism Forum
14. Knight Rider Bus Service
15. MBW Energy Support Services Inc
16. Llewellyn and Llewellyn Real Estate
17. Sean's Transportation Service
18. Miracle Hands Designs
19. Rayo Trades Inc.



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September

1. Deckhouse Vessel Supplies
 2. TTC Finance
 3. Zenith Services Inc.
 4. ETK Inc
 5. Diaspora Auxilium Guyana Inc.
 6. Cornerstone Construction
 7. Tropical product (guy) ltd
 8. Skylines Architecture
 9. 3t-EnerMech
 10. Aberdeen International Associates
 11. NewHayven Merchant Bank
 12. Panthera Solutions Inc.
 13. Salon Intrigue and Spa
 14. Phase IV Travel Agency
 15. 2020 FMCG INC
 16. Gulf Valve & Piping Controls Inc
 17. North American Life, Fire and General
Group of Insurance Companies
 18. Offshore Innovators Guyana Inc.
 19. Sync Event Management Co.
 20. AB General Contractor Inc
 21. Management Options Inc.
 22. Multi-Cultural Communications Inc.
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GCCI's Month in Review - July



Meeting with Attorney General

GCCI met with Attorney General/Minister of Legal Affairs

On July 12, 2022, a team of representatives from the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) met with Mr. Mohabir Anil Nandall, Attorney General (AG) and Minister of Legal Affairs, SC, MP, today at the Attorney General's Chambers.

The meeting sought to highlight the concerns of the GCCI and its membership, as well as solicit updates on pressing matters in the business community. The engagement commenced with discussions on issues in the banking sector and the need to introduce invoice factoring in Guyana.

GCCI joined the CARICOM Private Sector Organization (CPSO)

In an effort to extend its representation and advocacy for Guyanese private sector businesses to the wider Caribbean, the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) joined the CARICOM Private Sector Organization (CPSO). The CPSO, is a service organization that aims to mobilize and advance private sector participation in CARICOM.

Its main objectives are to support the full implementation of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME) and advance private sector priorities in the Caribbean community.



GCCI Joined CPSO

GCCI's Month in Review - July



GCCI donates AC Unit to the AEA

GCCI made a donation to Adult Education Association (AEA)

On July 18, 2022, the GCCI donated one used TCL Split Type TAC-09CSA/R1 Air Conditioner to the Adult Education Association (AEA) to aid with the practical aspect of the Refrigeration and Air Condition Craft Training Course.

GCCI updated its fire extinguisher

In a bid to promote more Occupational Safety and Health protocols within the workplace, the GCCI has updated the fire extinguisher at our Secretariat on July 25, 2022.



GCCI Updates its Fire Extinguisher

GCCI made a donation to Volunteer Youth Corps

On July 28, 2022, the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) was pleased to donate to a non-profit organisation which bases its operations on its theme "Caring for Humanity".

The items donated included baby diapers, cleaning supplies and canned food, all of which were received by the organisation's CEO, Goldie Scott.



GCCI donates to Non- Profit organization

GCCI's Month in Review - August

August 4, 2022 -

- The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) in partnership with OilNow hosted a presentation on Guyana's Oil and Gas Competitiveness at the Roraima Duke Lodge.
- The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) called on Guyana's Local Content Secretariat to delve into "contract bundling" practices being executed by a number of companies in the oil and gas industry, making it clear that it will not support such practices.

August 10, 2022 -

- The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & Industry (GCCI) welcomed the decision by the carrier British Airway (BA) to restart its route between Guyana and the United Kingdom (UK). the Chamber also reiterated its long-standing call for the removal of the visa requirement that exists for Guyanese who wish to travel to the UK.

GCCI attended Tech - Guyana and Lab 22c's "Tech Talk" event

Representatives of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) attended the Girls in Tech - Guyana and Lab 22c's "Tech Talk" event on August 10, 2022 at the Herdmanston Lodge, Georgetown.

Tech Talk was designed for Guyana's tech ecosystem to 'catch up' and share about what is being pioneered in and out of the country and also provides the opportunity for tech persons to network and seek collaborations within the community and in the diaspora.



TECH-TALK 2022

GCCI's Month in Review - August

GCCI donated to Ministry of Culture's West Tigers Ground upgrading project

On August 23, 2022, The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) was pleased to make a donation to the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport, which will aid the rehabilitation of the West Ruimveldt Community Ground, better known as the Western Tigers Ground.

The Chamber sought to partner with the Ministry on the upgrading project which is a government initiative and has been in discussion with the Ministry on the necessary rehabilitation needed for the facility for quite some time. The cheque was handed over by our Executive Director, Mr. Richard Rambarran to the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport, Mr. Charles Ramson.



Ministry's Donation

GCCI attended Glo-See Networking Brunch

On August 23, 2022, GCCI's Executive Director, Mr. Richard Rambarran attended the Glo-See Networking Brunch 2.0 organized by its Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Ms. Sophia Dolphin

At the event, Mr. Rambarran was pleased to deliver remarks centred around the history of women in the business community, the importance of social networking in business and "the power and strength" in numbers for advocacy.



Glo-See Brunch

GCCI's Month in Review - August

GCCI's President paid courtesy call to T&T Chamber of Industry and Commerce

On August 23, 2022, while on his visit to Trinidad and Tobago for its 2022 Agri Investment Forum Expo, the President of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI), Mr. Timothy Tucker paid a courtesy call to the Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce (TTCIC).

There he met with the Board of Directors and engaged in discussions centred around the country's trade barriers against Guyana, issues regarding CARICOM Single Market Economy (CSME) certification and possible areas for collaboration. .



Courtesy Call in Trinidad

GCCI met with Customs House Brokers and Clerks Association

On August 23, Executive Director, Mr. Richard Rambarran, and Chairman of the Petroleum Committee, Mr. Pradeep Ramoutar met with representatives of the Guyana Customs House Brokers and Clerks Association which included its President, Mr. Collin Moore and his team of executives.

The association recently joined the Chamber as an associate member and the engagement served as an introductory meeting where they discussed areas of cooperation between the associations. The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) continues to work with associations within the category of associate membership.



Custom House Brokers and Clerks Association

GCCI's Month in Review - September

GCCI President's Reception.

In continuous support of Micro and Small Businesses' growth and development, the GCCI through the Entrepreneurship and Small Business Committee, held its inaugural President's Reception On September 15, 2022 at the Java Coffee Bar.

The President's Reception is geared towards creating the opportunity for - sized businesses, Category C & D Members of the Chamber, to meet and network with the Council of the GCCI.



President's Reception

Queen Elizabeth - Night of Reflection

President of the Chamber, Timothy Tucker and Executive Director, Richard Rambarran attended a night of reflection on the life of Queen Elizabeth at the British High Commissioner's residence on September 15, 2022.



Night of Reflection

GCCI met with RenGen Energy Solutions

On Wednesday, September 14, 2022, President of the GCCI, Timothy Tucker, Junior Vice President, Kester Hutson and Executive Director, Richard Rambarran met with Directors of RenGen Energy Solutions, an energy management company from Mexico with experience of working in generation of energy from wind, gas, solar and hydro in a number of Latin American countries.



Meeting with RenGen Energy Solutions

GCCI's Month in Review - September



Meeting with Cuban Ambassador

GCCI Met with the Cuban Ambassador

On September 8, 2022 the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI)'s Executive Management Committee met with the Cuban Ambassador to discuss the transformation in the structure of the Cuban economy, trade between Guyana and Cuba, and Guyana's participation in the upcoming FIHAV conference in November.

Virtual Business Networking

On September 27, 2022, The GCCI's Entrepreneurship and Small Business Committee hosted a virtual Business Networking initiative under the Theme 'Failing Fast'.

The objective of the initiative was to give business owners the opportunity to network with fellow members of the Chamber, grow their network and to establish connections that have the potential to expand their industry knowledge.

GCCI Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & Industry
EST. 1889

PRESENTS

Virtual Business Networking

TOPIC DISCUSSION: FAILING FAST

Failing fast helps us to learn quickly and discover what works early in the process and save costs in the long run. Join us to find out how embracing failures can increase your chance of success.

FOLLOWED BY 30 MINUTES OF BREAKOUT SESSIONS TO NETWORK IN SMALLER GROUPS WITH OTHER CHAMBER MEMBERS

Tuesday, 27th, September 2022
11.00 AM - 12.00 PM
Online Zoom

Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/LZlzfGhqToIG9Z5ERyGXDIHyA9VlxHZnyCw>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Small Business Feature
GIANEE RAZACK
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Industry Pro Feature
DR. VISHNU DOERGA
ActionINVEST Caribbean

An initiative by the Entrepreneurship and Small Business Committee

For Assistance, Please Call Rene Daniels +592 642 4226

Virtual Business Networking

GCCI's Month in Review - September

Business Breakfast Seminar

The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry held its second Business Investment Seminar on Friday, September 23, 2022, at the Marriot Hotel, Kingston, Georgetown. This edition was hosted under the theme “Financial Sector Development: Government’s Medium-Term Outlook.”

The lead speaker at the event was the Honorable Minister of Finance, Dr. Ashni Singh.

The Minister’s speech highlighted critical areas of the financial sector that require development and are poised to secure Guyana as the premier investment hub for the diasporic, international community, and local investors



Business Breakfast Seminar

attendees also benefited from the presentation of the “Financial Demand Survey” by Dr. Natasha Gaskin-Peters, CEO of the Centre for Local Business Development (CLBD).

The CLBD in collaboration with the GCCI surveyed businesses across the various industries in Guyana during the period February-March 2022, with the aim of understanding the demand for finance.

Subsequent to the presentations, attendees were able to engage the speakers in open dialogue during the question and answer segment.



Business Breakfast Seminar

UPCOMING EVENTS

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GCCI PRESENTS:

Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

FREE

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 30
6:30 AM**

Start: Bank of Guyana | End: Seawall Bandstand

JOIN US IN SUPPORTING BREAST cancer survivors and patients

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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**BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT
FORUM 2022**

NOVEMBER 11TH & 12TH, 2022

WWW.GCCI.GY/BDF



VENUE: PEGASUS CORPORATE CENTRE

The banner features a black background with a gold shield logo on the left containing the text 'GCCI Est 1889'. To the right, the event title 'BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FORUM 2022' is written in large white and gold letters. Below the title, the dates 'NOVEMBER 11TH & 12TH, 2022' are displayed in white, followed by the website 'WWW.GCCI.GY/BDF' in gold. A large QR code is centered in a white rounded square. At the bottom, the venue 'VENUE: PEGASUS CORPORATE CENTRE' is written in white and gold. The background includes a colorful abstract pattern at the top and a white geometric pattern below.



Business Feature for the Month of July



Zeco Industrial Engineering has been a registered business entity for the past fifteen (15) years. Zeco specializes in designing, fabricating and installing various products, structural steel buildings and also offer a wide range of industrial services.

Zeco Group of Services has identified the deficiencies in the service industry to supply or meet the demand for the future development of infrastructure in Guyana that has resulted from the increased economic activities in the Oil & Gas industry. Zeco has thus invested in fabrication, equipment, infrastructure, steel structure, labour training and supply, technology & partnerships to position itself as a valuable asset in the supply of services to the sector.



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Business Feature for the Month of August



SAWA Investment Inc. takes pride in making our clients' visions a reality. Over four (4) years, our skilled professionals have undertaken many challenging projects and accumulated experiences in design and building, project management services, construction services, supplies, building trades and related engineering works.

SAWA Investment Inc. takes the role as the main contractor from the smallest to the largest projects as well as performs project management services to coordinate specialist trades for industrial, commercial, and residential projects.

Services Include:

- Steel Structure Construction
- Greenfield Construction
- Construction of residential, commercial, and institutional buildings
- General Infrastructure construction
- Recreational Construction
- General consulting and intermediary service offering
- General construction supplies
- Repairs to commercial, residential, and institutional buildings
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Business Feature for the Month of September



Excel Logistics and Management Services is a single-source Guyana-based consultant, providing foreign clients with comprehensive local government relations, business support services, and ongoing operational support for clients in the Oil, Gas, and Mining Industries. Our leadership team has more than 30 years of experience in the CARICOM region, with a local presence in Guyana since 2010.

Through launching multiple businesses in the region, we have developed a deep understanding of Guyanese regulations to quickly and efficiently guide investors through the process of establishing and managing local operations.

With successful projects that include relaunching Omai Gold Mines, our managers have created a well-established network of resources for orientation services, administrative services, procurement and equipment rental, local labor, as well as relocation services.

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