

## Vincentian Celebration of 37th Independence Day

27 October 2016

**Belfast, NORTHERN IRELAND:** Consulate for St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) to Northern Ireland celebrated SVG's 37<sup>th</sup> Independence Day on October 27 with traditional fervor and enthusiasm at Ribs and Bibs in Belfast.

The celebrations started with the raising of the National Flag followed by the singing of the national anthem.



**Front (L-R): Dr Christopher Stange – Hon. Consul for St. Vincent and the Grenadines to Northern Ireland, Yolande Robertson-Greene with some of the Vincentian Diaspora in Northern Ireland**

Yolande Robertson Greene welcomed all Vincentian Nationals and invited guests with Dr Stange delivering an address on behalf of the SVG Government, conveying sentiments from Governor General – H.E. Sir Frederick Ballantyne, Prime Minister – Dr the Hon. Ralph Gonsalves, Foreign Minister – Sir Louis Straker, Cabinet and High Commissioner to the UK – H.E. Cenio Lewis.

The evening incorporated a cultural programme of music, historical quiz and banquet of food with tourism information kindly provided by the SVG Ministry of Tourism and St Vincent and the Grenadines' Hotel & Tourism Association (SVGTA), including the recent "Welcome Home" initiative to circulate amongst Nationals and the wider community.

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