

## BOMB SHOWTIME

# Fond memories of Kitchener in Diego Martin

THE FIFTH annual Lord Kitchener's birthday celebration, held at the Diego Martin Pan Institute, under the pommecythere tree, was once again an unforgettable event.

It was a great showcase of Kitch's music.

Ace pannist, Clyde "Lightning" George, and renowned keyboardist, Allan Oxley, put together a band fit for a Grandmaster.

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## **A GRAND EVENT FOR HIS BIRTHDAY**

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*Bertie Marshall (second at left) with friends.*

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Spicer, Fortuna Ruiz, Winston Matthews, Tony Voisin, Russell Durity, Colin Huntley;

Kayden Guy, Sly McPherson, Nico Ronstant, Candice Roberts and Nicole Greaves were also there.

After the standard jazz opening tunes, known as "call that George," Cathy George warmly greeted the audience and thanked the scores of calypsonians and Kitch's family members for their continued support.

**GREAT LOVE**

She expressed her great love of Kitchener and her desire that Trinidad will always mark the birth date of the late Grandmaster.

Gypsy and Sugar Aloes sang a dynamic duet with their favourite Kitch tune, "Love in the cemetery."

The Original De Fosto Himself pranced in Kitch fashion along the "keyboard" stage,

singing a most delightful version of the classic "Bee's Melody."

Kernal Roberts brought the house down with "Sugar bum bum."

His daughter, Kernicia, would not be left out. She joined her dad on stage to dance for everyone to her grand-dad's music.

**SPECIAL THANKS**

Uncle Baby presented a lavish buffet and bar everyone enjoyed. The traditional Kitch party hats were plentiful and on most everyone's head. Cathy expressed her gratitude for the support from calypsonians.

"The artistes have been more than generous with their time and talents to help us produce our annual Kitch celebrations.

"A special thank you this year to Tulu, Paul and Clifton, of Regeneration Now, Luta, Crazy, Gypsy, De Fosto and Pesty.



*Allan Oxley on keyboard.*



*Cathy George poses for The BOMB with De Fosto (right), and Kernal Roberts in the background.*



*Gypsy and back-up singer Candice Roberts.*

***Pan Trinbago name 2 to act for Arnold, Forteau***

PAN TRINBAGO has appointed Keith Byer as acting president effective Monday, April 25.

Byer will serve as president in the absence of Patrick Arnold, who is out of the country.

During this period Ian Clarke, assistant secretary, will perform the duties of acting secretary while Richard Forteau is abroad.

Both Arnold and Forteau are in the United

States soliciting support and endorsements for the World Steelband Music Festival to be held in New York in mid-June.

**FOUR BANDS**

Four bands, Sagicor Exodus, TCL Group Skiffle Bunch, Courts Sound Specialists of Laventille and Trinidad and Tobago Defence Force will represent TT at the world event.