

## **ANNELLE CURLINE VENITA THOMAS**

### **HM Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Award**

Annelle is an exemplary citizen of St. Vincent and the Grenadines in both her professional life and that of service to mankind. She is a founding member of Soroptimist International St. Vincent and the Grenadines and was instrumental in promoting and upholding the ideals of Soroptimism, thus touching and changing the lives of many women and girls. She has dedicated her entire life to service and has touched every facet of the Vincentian society. Her professional accomplishments and dedication to service is a shining example of a nation builder and role model. Annelle is eighty years old and continues to touch the lives of many.

Annelle is an educator, holding a Post Graduate BED with Distinction University of New Brunswick, Canada 1979 and a BA University of West Indies – 1975

Teacher of English up to A Level. 1970 - 1989 Acting Deputy Principal SVG Boys Grammar School. 1989 Senior Education Officer Secondary Schools, Local Registrar External Examinations. 1989 --1997 Involved with Caribbean Examinations Council from inception, as Examiner, Assistant Examiner and Item writer in English. Member of English Panel Final Awards Committee Secondary Education, Appeals Board. Initiated National Association of Teachers of English Committee Member of Caribbean Association of Teachers of English Resource and coordinator of workshops, at National and Regional levels. Attended International conference of Teachers of English in Ottawa, Canada 1986. After formal retirement continued work as educational Consultant and Lecturer. Local resource Coordinator for University of Technology Jamaica, Post Graduate Secondary Education Management and other Programmes. Part time lecturer at SVG Community College, Past Secretary St. Vincent Branch U.W. I. Guild of Graduates

Annelle was one of six Founder members of SISVG. She has made a tremendous contribution to Club, Region and Federation in fulfilling the ideals, programmes and objects of SI. Continues to promote programmes and objects of SI, gained from experience as a member at club and community levels. Has and continues to interact with youth and community formally and informally. Attended the UN Caribbean Summit on Rights of Child in Barbados 1991 as chaperone to students. Organised and judged debating, drama and other competitions at School and community levels.

She is a member of the Public Service Commission and Past member and President of Jaycettes/ Jaycees now. Former Chief judge in RBTT Bank Young Leaders Programme at National and Regional Levels Serves as consultant and advisor on Educational and other bodies. Member and current President of The Thompson Home Committee/Trustee for the Aged a non-profit Organization. Member of the Lewis Punnett Home operated by Government Member of Board of Governors House of Hope Society. SISVG Representative. Treasurer, Board of Governors Anglican Bishop's College Former People's Warden, Anglican Parish Church Council, St. George's Cathedral. Assisted with training of young Readers and in other areas. Gave general support to Girl Guide movement, including assisting with testing for badges. Past Hon. Secretary National Trust. She continues to



mentor students and young adults in community and assisting the aged who depend on support to order medication and other necessities as well as general support.

Annelle was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Rotary International SVG as Guest Speaker to School Students. She was honoured by National Bank of SVG as a Nation builder in 1999 and with the Caribbean Examinations Council Award at tenth Anniversary in 1988. Alma Mater SVG Girls' High School Award for outstanding contribution to education and community services at 90th Anniversary 2001. Honoured and presented with plaque at SVG Boys Grammar School Graduation Ceremony 2018, and received an award of appreciation from former students of the SVG Boys Grammar at ceremony held 2019.

She was honoured by the SI Caribbean Region as the most outstanding Soroptimist at Conference 2011

She was awarded the HM Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Award for contribution to Community Services and Education.