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The Family Mass and Brunch

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What a turn out for our noon mass and brunch on Sunday, April 14th. From 11:30 a.m. Georgians and their families and friends began pouring in on **Ray Chang** and **Buski Charley**, manning the door to the special hall at the Milliken Mills Community Centre. **Yvonne Lyew** did a splendid job in organizing the ladies into a singing group and **Charles Young** and **Shirley Wong** provided wonderful accompaniment on their guitars. This was truly a Georgian family affair with Fr. Hosie celebrating mass assisted by deacons **Peter Rickards** and **Patrick Chang**. The lessons were read by **Alisha Garel** and **Alex Vernon** and the offerings taken up by **Chris & Charmaine Chin** and their lovely daughters **Jessica & Melanie**. Deacon Peter was his usual self and delivered a most moving homily taking us back to the first Passover with Moses and to the New Testament where, as he emphasized, 'the lamb was Jesus whose blood became our Passover'. Our special thanks to all who assisted and to deacon Peter for arranging the vestments and mass kit to enable us to have this spiritually moving experience.



Celebrant Fr. Jim Hosie and Deacons Peter Rickards & Patrick Chang

The Brunch began as soon as we could rearrange the tables and president **Don Barnett**, acting as M.C. welcomed the group and introduced the new executive. Deacon Patrick said grace and the sumptuous Jamaican meal followed. Fr. Hosie, after a moving introduction by **Neil Dalhouse**, recounted his many years at St. George's and the flashbacks often emotionally charged, were deeply touching to us Georgians. He thanked our chapter for the work it was doing; recalled our visit to the Jesuit Retirement Center in Weston, and pointed out that 'behind the get-together, newsletters, was a connection to Christ and to the Gospel: The Flesh and Blood expression to the intangible spirit: the essence of St. George's.' He pointed out that those whom we visited, although no longer able to be active, had moved from action to contemplation and were praying for the

church and the Society of Jesus and the work that they were doing. Fr. Hosie spoke on the many problems in the world today and within the church itself and urged us all to remember that no matter what was happening to us in this seemingly crazy world, one fact is for sure, 'Jesus Christ is Risen'. He ended quoting Shakespeare's beautiful sonnet #29, the lover in this case being Christ.



Section of worshippers at the family Mass

*When, in disgrace with Fortune and men's eyes,
I all alone bewep my outcast state,
And trouble deaf heaven with my bootless cries,
And look upon myself and curse my fate,
Wishing me like to one more rich in hope,
Featured like him, like him with friends possessed,
Desiring this man's art and that man's scope,
With what I most enjoy contented least;
Yet in these thoughts myself almost despising,
Haply I think on thee, and then my state
(Like to the lark at break of day arising
From sullen earth) sings hymns at heaven's gate;
For thy sweet love remembered such wealth brings
That then I scorn to change my state with kings.*

Ray Chang gave a short but enlivening vote of thanks and Fr. Hosie was presented with a special gift in memory of this visit. Ray also introduced **Shaun Wilson**, a former student, who dug into the past and provided a moving tribute to Fr. Hosie.



Pres. Donald Barnett, wife Jennifer, Fr. Hosie, Heather & Robbie Vernon 1st V.P.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation by **Don Barnett** of Honorary StGC Old Boy status to Derrick (Mello) Melvin: Excelsior old boy. Mello has been an outstanding supporter of our Ontario chapter. Another highlight was the \$1000 dollar scholarship

presentation by Robbie Vernon to our winner this year, **Nicole Look Hong**. The evening was rounded out by musical entertainment provided by smooth crooner **Patrick Lee** and Georgian 'Elvis' **Clive Yap Sam**. Who said that Elvis was dead? This is the first year of combining these two events: feedback was that it was lengthy and we are rethinking this for next year, however our thanks to all who helped to make it a success: to Patrick, Clive for the musical interlude and especially to our social directors **Chris Chin** and **Pat Garel**.

Robbie Vernon



Shirley Wong & Charles Young providing musical accompaniment



StGC's Elvis - Clive Yap Sam



Don Barnett presenting an honorary membership certificate to Derrick (Mello) Melvin for outstanding support over the years



Herbie Phillipps Jr., Michael Charley & Neil Dalhouse.



Financial statements generally do not portray the complete picture of any organization; the same is true of the accompanying Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the St. George's College Old Boys Association for the year ended March 31,2002.

It is obvious from the financial statement that we did not meet our objectives last year. Notwithstanding only contributing \$2,500 to the school, far short of our target of \$10,000 annually, we ran a deficit of over \$2,600. Our only fund raising event, the Annual Summer Ball, was not as successful as in prior years, despite the efforts of **Anita Chang** and **Rosie Chin** (yes I know others contributed and they know who they are, but Anita and Rosie deserve special mention). The success of the Ball also funds other activities; such as our annual bursary, which is open to all alumni offspring, our newsletters and breakfast/mass.

The newsletters are in great demand. However with increased circulation comes increased costs. Taking into account the many hours **Patrick Lee** spends on laying out each edition, the deep discount **Clive Yap Sam** gives us on printing and the donated mailing costs, the total cost of the newsletters would be in excess of \$10,000 not the \$4,400 shown on the statement. On a per alumni basis the \$25 annual membership dues would barely cover the cost of the newsletters, assuming all who currently receive them paid their dues, not the 100 or so who actually do.

It should also be pointed out that travel expenses for the special guests at our functions, such as the Breakfast/Mass and Family Dinner have all been donated, not to mention the time given by those guests.

I would like to thank all who contributed their time and effort in the past in particular the non-executive alumni and invite others to join in; our objective is to give as much support to St. George's College and to be there for all alumni.

G.Raymond Chang - Treasurer

ST. GEORGE'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS

ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

MARCH 31, 2002

	2002	2001
	(Note 1)	(Note 1)
	\$	\$
SUMMER BALL		
Gate	<u>46,405.52</u>	<u>53,610.00</u>
Expenses: Catering & Hall	24,602.66	30,528.04
Band	10,800.00	8,500.00
Other	<u>2,607.07</u>	<u>553.35</u>
	<u>38,009.73</u>	<u>39,581.39</u>
	8,395.79	14,028.61
DUES	2,811.87	1,931.94
INTEREST	109.31	259.66
OTHER	<u>300.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>
	<u>11,616.97</u>	<u>16,295.21</u>
FAMILY DINNER (Net) (Note 2)	254.75	(174.99)
NEWSLETTERS (Note 3)	4,447.05	3,947.62
SUMMER ACTIVITIES	451.90	294.03
SUNDRY	500.00	360.61
BREAKFAST MASS	2,020.00	1,020.00
WEBSITE (Net)	858.99	-----
MEETINGS (Note 4)	1,377.20	-----
PREPAID	<u>761.00</u>	<u>-----</u>
NET RAISED	—	<u>5,447.27</u>
	<u>946.08</u>	
	10,670.89	10,847.94

BURSARY

1,000.00 1,000.00

CONTRIBUTION TO ST.G.C. (Note 5)

2,500.00 10,000.00

NOTES:

1. Statement prepared as of March 25, 2001
2. Excludes airfare for visiting priests
3. Excludes mailing costs
4. Includes special meeting members Ja. Executive.
5. Topped up to \$10,000 by an Old Boy

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