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## President's Message



Donald Barnett

The Treasurer's report tabled at our recent AGM showed encouraging results for fiscal year 2002-2003. Our financial objectives were realized! Our deep appreciation to the loyal 100 of you who contribute generously to our cause. **WE CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH.** On the other hand, our executive is still hoping to hear from the other 600 recipients who have not yet made any effort to contribute even to the cost of the newsletter. Your silence in support of the Newsletter is of concern and we would appreciate any feedback in this regard, which would indicate interest or not. We certainly do not wish to incur unnecessary mailing

cost at the expense of our Alma Mater.

The Family dinner was unfortunately cancelled due to the timing of the SARS phenomenon. The April date coincided with WHO's travel alert, which scared off our guest speaker who would have had to fly to Canada. We thought of postponement but we would be conflicting with luncheons given by our sister schools. Now that SARS is under control, re-scheduling around other planned events would be a nightmare. We will revisit our Family dinner next year and concentrate on our important fundraiser...**THE SUMMER BALL.**

Rumour has it that this is a year of **REUNION.** The "Out of Towners" would include **Dennis Barnett**, my bro, who is definitely attending this year's fete. Whispers persist however that **Walter (Blubber) Campbell** will be attending as well as **Harry Anderson, Dennis Charley, Stephen (Douglas) Hill, Don Miller, Richard Domville, Cecil Chew, Ken Scott, Laddie & Terry Kong, Anthony Purchase, Herbert Wilkins, Carl Chang** and many more. It doesn't take a genius to realize that tickets are going fast so book as soon as possible to get a good table. **Ray Chang** believes in the saying "First come, first served".

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Tesfa Latty demolishing the 11 year 100 meters class 1 record in April at "Champs"

Congratulations are in order for **Father Frank Ryan S.J.** who recently celebrated 60 years as a Jesuit. He taught for 25 years at St. George's between 1956 and 1989. We remember well, your visit to Canada to address our Chapter. May God continue to bless you!

It is with pride that we recognize an outstanding Georgian from this Chapter, **Ray Chang** our esteemed Treasurer who will receive the Jamaica Order of Merit at the end of July.

Immaculate, by way of the President **Yvonne Lyew**, should be congratulated on their 25th anniversary as a chapter here in Toronto. They are unrelenting in their efforts to do as much as they can for their Alma Mater and Jamaica as a whole.

Our soccer team has finally taken shape under the leadership of **Milton Hart**, Sports Director. Please go to the games and get to know and support our players. We haven't lost a warm up game to date.

Our Fall dance will be held jointly with Alpha this year on October 25. Circle the date from now.

In regard to the concept of owning a Home base in Toronto, the executive, after much deliberation and also considering the funding requirements and the lack of response to the questionnaire in the last newsletter, have decided to shelve the proposal.

In closing, I would like to thank the Jamaican Chapter for their hospitality to me while visiting in February. I was awed by the youthfulness of the executive. The future seems bright. Many thanks **Bruce** for offering me the opportunity of meeting the Directors. It was also good to see **Fr. Dziak's** rapid recovery. I quite enjoyed the evening. I would be remiss if I didn't also thank **Peter Chang** and **Michael Chai** for the wonderful fish feast in Port Royal.

Laus Deo Semper!

*Don Barnett*

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## HAPPENINGS



Robbie Vernon

See that **Paul Nash**, member of the famous Nash swimming family was in Jamaica. Paul who lives in Perth, Australia was spotted in Lenn Happ Supermarket in Kingston in March. No pictures to share with our readers.

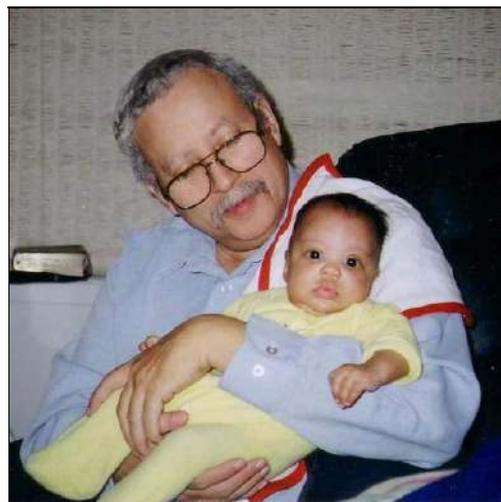
We do, however, have pictures of a proud grandfather, **Francis Rutty** with his first granddaughter **Theresa**, born Dec13/02. Both Francis and Donna are in seventh heaven whenever Theresa is around. Look forward to seeing them all at our picnic.

**Dr. Herbert Ho Ping Kong** continues to garner awards. We are ever so proud of this outstanding Georgian, whose contributions to Canadian medicine are once again recognized as he obtained the CSIM (Canadian Society of Internal Medicine) Osler Award. The award is conferred upon individuals who exemplify the best in medicine, in the tradition of Sir William Osler, that distinguished Canadian who at one time was called the most influential physician in history.

Veteran Georgian musician **Byron Lee** became one of the first inductees in the Air Jamaica Hall of Fame at a ceremony on the east lawns of King's House on Feb. 25. The other was **Frank Pringle**. The award was established to honour Jamaicans who have made significant contributions to nation-building, specifically representing and promoting the island abroad. Fellow Georgian and advertising executive **Ronnie Nasralla** introduced a video documentary on Byron, his long time friend and business associate.

Highlighted were his schoolboy days at St. George's College, where he excelled in soccer and cricket.

Ronnie praised his discipline and cited his association with Jamaica Festival, Dynamic Sounds, Jamaica Carnival, and of course the internationally-acclaimed band, Byron Lee and the Dragonaires.



Francis Rutty & Theresa



Butch Stewart, John Pringle, Governor General of Jamaica Howard Cooke and Byron Lee

Because of a somewhat innate dislike of publicity, it is not widely known just how much of a difference our treasurer **Ray Chang** is making, not only to our Toronto chapter, the school itself, but also to other organizations in Jamaica and Canada. He was recently honoured by the Jamaica College Alumni Canadian chapter and we just got news that he has been awarded, the Jamaica Order of Merit. Ray says he will miss the ceremony in August because of his prior commitment to our big event, the August 1st fundraiser here in Toronto. That says nuff 'bout the man.



Charles Francis, Ray Chang & Tony Stewart, President, Jamaica College Old Boys Association

There was big disappointment with the forced cancellation of the annual family dinner on April 26 due to overseas media hype and the concerns then with the SARS outbreak. The executive and a group of our staunch supporters were invited by Ray to a special reception at his home to help as he said, "clear the blues away". What a party that was! (see pictures next page)

June 15 was a very special day for **Herbert Wilkins** in Seattle, who celebrated his 60th birthday. Understand his wife **Louise** arranged a huge surprise party. Herb is a regular benefactor to the school's soccer programme.



Three community leaders, President Yvonne Lyew(ICHs), Loraine Lee (Alpha) & Don Barnett (StGC) at Alpha Alumnae's luncheon

Congratulations to our sister schools **Alpha** and **Immaculate** who organized very successful back-to-back events in May. Alpha with their Mass and luncheon on May 18 and Immaculate with their 25th anniversary luncheon on May 25. Many Georgians were there in full support. **Loraine Lee** of Alpha, **Yvonne Lyew** of Immaculate and our own **Don Barnett** are providing outstanding leadership here in Toronto for their respective Alumni associations. They form a dynamic triumvirate and our members and the schools in Jamaica are big beneficiaries from this. Look out for our family picnic on August 17 when we all come together for that big family bash.

Following our feature on student concert pianist **Andrew Aarons**, there was increased local support for his big concert on May 4 when he was the featured artist, soloing with the York Symphony orchestra in the Saint-Saens piano concerto #2. In addition to his proud parents **Gilbert** and **Adrienne**, joining in the thunderous applause were Georgians **Neil Dalhouse**, **Michael (Buski) Charley** and **Robbie Vernon**.



Nicole & daddy Johnny Chavannes (former President, Toronto Chapter)

On June 15, as well, lovely **Nicole Chavannes**, daughter of our former president **Johnny Chavannes** and **Regina**, tied the knot with **Wayne Parris** in Toronto. Proud Johnny is captured escorting his daughter up the aisle. In town to celebrate with them was brother **Peter Chavannes** from Atlanta.

Also married this spring was our 2001 scholarship winner **Nicole Charley**. She

exchanged vows with **Pascal Bastien** May 31st in Montreal. Nicole and Pascal met at The Sorbonne (University of Paris), where he obtained his PhD, and she her Maîtrise (French Master's degree). Pascal is now Professeur Département d'histoire Université du Québec à Montréal. Proud parents are **Michael (Buski) & Beba Charley**.

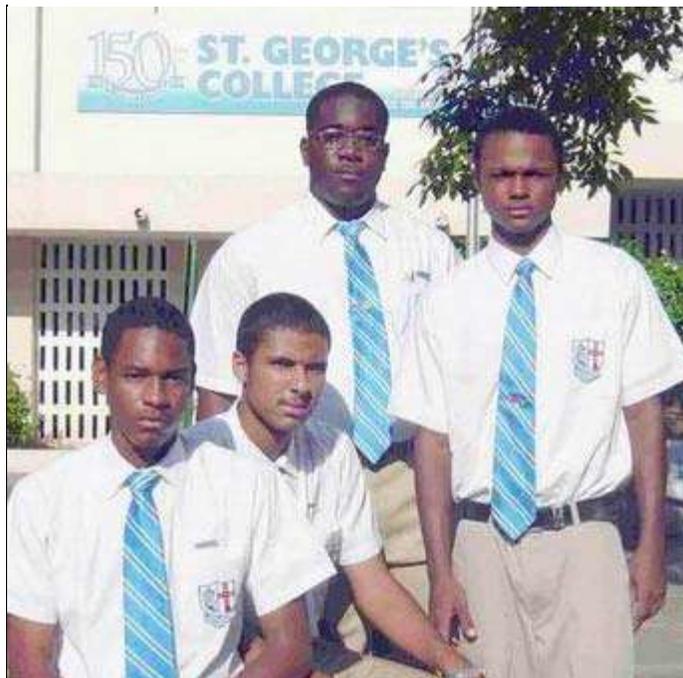


Pascal, Nicole & papa Michael (Buski) Charley

President Don B and several of the executive including Ray Chang and Robbie Vernon were out in support of fellow Georgian **Herman Chang**, president of the Erin Mills Family Badminton Club's at their 10th Anniversary Dinner & Dance on March 22. The club membership was formed from a group of Georgians in the Mississauga area, and former president **Howie Williams**, who drove up from Connecticut was guest speaker. **Chris Chin** our energetic VP is also on their board.

Good news on **Richard Wong-Sam** who is recovering nicely from his recent illness. Our condolences to **Joe Richards** on the loss of his daughter **Camille** and to **Errol Williams** who lost his mother. Our prayers go out to family and other loved ones.

Again our thanks to **Pat Ferguson (Uncle P)** and the care committee.



Head Boy Oraine Godfrey, Student Council President Tesfa Latty,  
Deputy Head Boys Everold Simms and Isa Dattilo

Our cover photo features **Tesfa Latty**, an exceptional 18 year old sprinter who at Champs decimated **Rudolph Mighty's** 11 year record in the 100 metres and the time of 10.24 seconds made him Jamaica's second-fastest junior ever. Only national record-holder, **Raymond Stewart**, who clocked 10.19 seconds in 1984, has run faster. Latty also provides a good role model for the school, and is a student leader and student council president.

*Our thanks to Fr. Dziak and the StGC school website for the use of pictures.*

*Robbie Vernon*

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