

# Good & True

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## Just My Views

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Neil Dalhouse

Three weeks before the Summer Ball, the phone rang, and the Constellation Hotel Manager in Toronto informed me that the hotel had just declared bankruptcy, and that we lost our down payment for the Summer Ball venue, -- THANK YOU VERY MUCH!---- "**Whaaatt, you're kidding me!!**" was the cry from our executive. Jaw dropping time for everyone! **Byron Lee**, who also had a gig the night after our Ball at the same location, was in the same predicament. We called him in Europe and explained how bad the situation was for both of us, and offered to help him in his plight. Where the heck were we going to find a place to hold a Ball with 1000 guests in attendance at such short notice, a place that could also accommodate a Dragonaires' fete with 2,000 guests the night after? Problem 2: If we found a place, the logistics would obviously have to be changed, which would be a major job in itself for us to deal with. Problem 3: We would have to find a way to notify all the guests of the change in venue. Could we pull it off?



Neil & Louise Dalhouse with Drs. Errol & Joy Reid from Maryland at the Summer Ball.

Gallant Boys of the White and Blue always come through, right? Right!! Besides, nothing will work unless you do. After knocking on several doors, and serious negotiations by our Summer Ball committee, we found a venue that was able to accommodate both gigs over two nights. Changing the logistics for the 2 gigs was a nightmare, but we did it, much to the delight of the Dragon. If we Georgians don't look after each other, who else will, right sa? It was our pleasure to assist a living legend and his band of world renown. So, Byron's gig went off without any major problems, and the StGC Ontario Chapter's 2003 Summer Ball was touted as the best in the 8 years of having us such an event. **Errol Reid** (Dr. Reidie) and his lovely wife drove all the way from Maryland, USA for the Ball and shouted to me over the music saying, "you have been begging me for years to

come. If I had known it was this good I would have come every year. I'll be here next year for sure!" The same sentiments were offered by **Dennis Barnett** and **Donald Miller** who flew in for the do as well. How good will it be next year? You too will have to come and find out for your self!

*Why is it that the shortest distance between 2 points is usually under construction?*

Here's another feel-good story involving the Ontario Chapter. A few weeks ago, we were told the soccer team at the school needed 24 sports equipment bags. The team had its first game the following Saturday. A call was placed to some of our Ontario executives, who agreed that we could spend a certain amount of money on this venture. Then, a call was placed to Old Boy **Carl Chang** of Twin Gates Plaza in Jamaica. Not only was he able to get the bags at a reasonable price for us, but he was able to have the StGC crest placed on it too, and.... have the bags delivered to the team, in time for their game on the Saturday. Blam! Done!

Many thanks Carl, for a job well done. Many thanks to Carl's namesake **Carl Chang**, (who runs a sporting goods store in the same plaza) for his contribution in making this thing happen so quickly. Incidentally, the StGC Manning Team pledged to win the game for the Ontario Chapter, and did. They beat last year's Manning Cup winner Norman Manley, much to the surprise of the entire island.

*I got this from my New York friend by email recently: "For a couple years I've been blaming my daily exhaustion on lack of sleep and too much pressure from my job, but now I found out that I'm tired because I'm overworked.*

*Here's why:*

*The population of this country is 237 million. 104 million are retired. That leaves 133 million to do the work. There are 85 million in school, which leaves 48 million to do the work. Of this there are 29 million employed by the federal government, leaving 19 million to do the work. 2.8 million are in the Armed Forces, which leaves 16.2 million to do the work. Take from the total the 14,800,000 people who work for State and City Governments and that leaves 1.4 million to do the work. At any given time there are 188,000 people in hospitals, leaving 1,212,000 to do the work. Now, there are 1,211,998 people in prisons. That leaves just two people to do the work - You and me. And you're sitting on your duff reading this stupid joke?"*

Congratulations to **Danny & JoJo HoLung**, and **Paul & Melanie Bitter** on becoming Grandmas & Grandpas recently. Saw Danny and JoJo at the StGC O/B's sponsored team game last week and they were so happy, they both had a grin on their faces throughout the entire game. Incidentally, Paul Bitter passed through Toronto on some business for a few days this month. He fell in love with the Mississauga Golf & Country Club and was really upset he couldn't fold it up small enough to fit into his suitcase.

On a sad note, we learned of the passing of **Sam Mahfood**, well known and respected Old Boy, who was at one time President of "Food For the Poor", and Old Boy **Ivan Best**, (my uncle) who hailed from a family of 9 brothers and sisters. All 7 brothers went to StGC. May the Good Lord grant them peace. Whatever those who died did for themselves, died with them. What they did for others, remain immortal. Over the years several groups of people have come to StGC from abroad to do good things for the school, or work for various poor communities around the island. It was nice to hear that a group of 12 students and faculty from StGC went to Dangriga, Belize in July, to help at a summer camp for underprivileged children. Good on them! Sometimes we all have to give back a little of what we received long ago. I believe society is comprised of 2 great classes, those who have more dinners than appetite, and those who have more appetite than dinners.



STGC Volunteer Milton Grant at Camp Belize

Heartiest congratulations to Head Boy **Oraine Godfrey**, and **Joel Freckleton**, Manning Team player and lead student on the Belize trip. Both gentlemen received the 2003 Jesuit Scholars Scholarships, taking them to Lemoyne College in Syracuse, and College of the Holy Cross, Massachusetts respectively. The real object of education is to have someone conditioned to ask lots of questions, isn't it?? YES!

We are going to have a Fall Dance with sister school Alpha on October 25 in Toronto. This one will be great too! Get your tickets (\$35 ea) through any member of the executive.

The Ontario Chapter's Golf Tournament will be on October 3. So far, 24 people have registered. There will be lots of prizes, and the entire group goes to **Rudy & Eunice Chin's** home for a celebration feed after. Many thanks to them both for providing the best part of the day. Thanks to **Fen and Anita Chang** for their part in setting up all the golf games during the summer.

*So, the Doctor said to a patient: "I have some bad news and some very bad news." "Give me the bad news first", the patient replied. The Doctor says: "The lab called with your test results, and said you have 24 hours to live." "24 hours! That's terrible! What could be worse? So what's the very bad news?" "Heck man", the Doctor says: "I've been trying to reach you since yesterday."*

A word of advice before I go. The toughest thing about success, is trying to maintain it. So should you ever fall to the bottom, bounce high, and don't ever fear the future.

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## Picnic

Our annual picnic with our sister schools; Alpha and Immaculate took place on Sunday, August 17 at Milne Conservation Park in Markham. It was a beautiful sunny but cool day and things got

started about 10:00 a.m. As each person arrived, they were greeted by Immaculate's **Yvonne Lyew** and her crew. They made sure that everyone got a nametag.

True to form, lunch was the first order of the day and this year there certainly seemed to be a lot of sharing as many families combined their lunches and offered others to join in. It was great to see families co-mingling and sharing conversation with each other.



Stanley Chin (seated with white cap) & Jeanette back row 3rd from left with 3 generations of Chins

Following lunch, the games started under the direction of **Patrick Garel** and **Karen Yee** with huge assistance (Big, Big Time) from **Errol Williams**. At first, the competition was between the schools. Of course, without our wives telling us what to do, the Georgians took some time to get organized while both the Alpha and Immaculate teams had a head start practicing while we organized. However, once the games began, we Georgians held our own and were never outclassed. Oh yes! There were games organized for the kids also who enjoyed themselves thoroughly (especially the prizes). However, at times it was difficult to distinguish the adults from the children especially on the stick race and the balloon-throwing contest.

Shortly after the games ended, Milton and the victorious soccer team arrived. It was obvious that they had used up a terrific amount of energy playing the game that just ended as an hour after they arrived they were still eating.



Pat Lawton (left) getting ready to bow.



Eddie Chin leading StGC chargers against Alpha's best

Again, thanks to everyone involved in making this year's picnic another success and to Grace Kennedy Ont. Ltd. who surprised everyone with free juices towards the end of the day. The pictures tell the real story.

*Pat Garel & Eddie Chin*

**\$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP GRANT**

## Deadline March 1st Annually

Applications are sought from all children of dues- paying old boys in Canada, who will be or are currently attending college/university. Past unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to reapply. All you need is to submit a profile of yourself including details on the choice of studies, why you chose the field and where you are or hope to be attending. In addition the successful candidate will also have expressed his or her own reason behind why he/she should be a recipient of this grant. The award is not necessarily granted to the person with the highest grades. Community involvement and potential contribution to society are also factors.

Submit Applications to: St.George's College O/B Assoc., 504 Karen Park Cres. Mississauga, Ontario L5A 3C6.

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