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President's Message



Robbie Vernon

Yes - it's 20 years since our chapter was formed.

As I prepared my acceptance speech for our annual general meeting last March when I took over the reins as president, there was much introspection looking back over the years since March 1984. At that time, a small group of alumni, including **Neil Dalhouse** and I met for the first time. As I am just barely off the starting block of my two-year term as president, I will share some of the thoughts of my AGM address as I mulled over my shepherding role for our Ontario flock.

Our aims and objectives were always to assist the school wherever possible, and there is much that has been done and is still to be done here.

Since 1984, our association and its members have contributed the better part of C\$200,000 to the school. A significant amount! Our financial house in good order (See Treasurer's report, period ended Feb.2004, Part

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But our thinking was not limited to this - we have to serve the needs of our Canadian Georgians as well, transplanted with families into a wonderful but different country to that of their birth.

While we were more secure in who we were, molded to a certain extent by our St. George's/Jesuit background, our children had, added to the normal peer pressures from school, the negative stereotyping of Jamaicans in Canada.

The need was felt to assist them via scholarships and to expose them to children of other Georgians (picnics, etc), where they could see for themselves that the positive aspects of the Jamaican culture reached beyond their own doors - that they were not alone.

Via events and the newsletter we sought to celebrate the achievements of Georgians and their families in Canada and elsewhere. Many unnoticed, are making significant contributions. There are more stories out there. They must be told and the experiences shared. This will assist us to reconnect with each other, and also help us and our offsprings to feel good about ourselves. Our newsletter coverage has broadened to include Jamaica and Florida events. We want to be all brought closer together.

All of us know via our publications of the achievements of **Dr. Herbert Ho Ping Kong, Dr. Keith Lowe, Ray Chang, Michael Charley** with the aneurysm sufferers, **Andrew Aarons** on the pianoforte and Georgian **Fr. Ho Lung** and his followers. And there are many others.

The newsletter, with an underlying philosophy inculcating the values we obtained from the school, plays a vital role for us. These values have enabled many of us to succeed and prosper in all areas of the globe. Our stories need to be kept alive, told, and the experiences/successes of our members and our children shared, to inspire and bring help to our school and as well create greater awareness of our contributions to the

societies we live in.

This issue is no exception and as we capture Neil Dalhouse and Ray Chang in their varying societal roles, we can feel good about ourselves and identify with the effort and achievements of our fellow Georgians.

In March, I got a call from Vivia Betton, our Jamaica Consul General, Toronto with a strong request for a St. George's representative for the Diaspora Conference in Jamaica.



Fred Kennedy now new Principal StGC (Front center) connecting with Ontario executive:
Standing L-R: Pat Garel, Ray Chang, Daniel Ho Lung, Neil Dalhouse, Tyrone Holbrooke, Patrick Haddad, Don Barnett, Chris Chin. Seated L-R: Robbie Vernon, Fred Kennedy, Michael Charley
(see Happenings & Just My Views)

My thanks to Neil Dalhouse, our Liaison Director, who not only went, but did us and Canada proud (see story Part 3).

With Georgians **Herman Chang, Dr. Herbert Ho Ping Kong, Buski Charley and Neil Dalhouse**, I witnessed the historic ground breaking for the new G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education at Ryerson University on October 1 (see story, Happenings).

Ray, by your example and the example of others, Georgians here can see-'we are a somebody'-Yes !!- we can hold our heads high. Our children and us as adults have got to know this especially when confronted with this negative Jamaican stereotyping.

In conclusion, it is obvious our intent in the newsletter, to show the other side of Jamaica, and how well many have fitted into the Canadian mosaic.

We of the Ontario chapter are all working together feverishly for the good of the School - but as well for our own well-being as we endeavour to bloom and prosper where we have been transplanted.

Pax Christi.

Robbie Vernon

HAPPENINGS



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Since our last newsletter which had a fair share of tragic deaths in Jamaica, we sadly report again on the untimely deaths of **Winston & Aileen Chin** in a robbery attempt in Highgate. Winston is the brother of **Ray Lodenquai's wife Bev**. Ray our hearts go out to you, Bev and the family. Also just heard of the sudden passing of **Loy (Dodo) D'Oyen** in Miami and **Ken Lyn**, brother of **Bruce** in Jamaica; both from heart attacks. **Lloyd (Loy)** was on the famous 1955 Manning team with **Anthony Hill, Marsden Chen, Denzil Lue** et al.

Our sincere condolences go out to **Howie Cheong** and **Phillip Kong**, who both lost their Mums and as well to **Howard Shearer**, who mourns with entire Jamaica the loss of his father the **Hon. Hugh Lawson Shearer**, former Prime Minister of Jamaica.

Howard, your dad accomplished much for the island in a distinguished career and the accolades coming in from both political parties speak of the high esteem in which he was held and how much this transcended political boundaries. I am sure he is smiling now and proud of his own son's achievements in Canada.

May the souls of our departed rest in peace.

This hurricane season has cut a swarth of distruction throughout the Caribbean. Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, Cayman and Florida were all hard hit. Our prayers and support go out to all who suffered. Losses hit close to our Canadian home when we heard that **Mrs. Carolyn Goulbourne Warren** (Info Attache) Jamaica Information Service, Toronto, lost four cousins to hurricane Ivan. Their home was buried in a mudslide. Carolyn, the St. George's family shares in your grief.



Danny HoLung, 1st V.Pres/Elect & Charles Young, Director presenting tarpaulines to Vivia Betton, Jamaica Consul General, Toronto

Responding speedily to the plea for help for Jamaica from Jamaica's Consul General to Toronto, **Vivia Betton**, our chapter donated 100 tarpaulins. Director **Charles Young** leapt into action, scrambling around Toronto's hardware stores drumming up the best deals possible. Kudos as well to our 1st VP, Pres. Elect **Danny HoLung**, and **Neil Dalhouse** for their efforts on this project. Talk about a rapid response team!



Hon. Mary Anne Chambers, Minister Ontario Gov. speaking at the launching of the Construction of the new home of the G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education. Behind L-R: Jack Cockwell, Group Chair, Brascan Corp, Ray Chang, Marilyn Booth, Dean of the Chang School, Claude Lajunesse, President, Ryerson, Kyle Rae, Councillor, Toronto-Centre, Rosedale

There was a groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, October 1, marking a new era for Ryerson in Continuing Education. Ryerson University officially launched construction of Heaslip House, the new home of The G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education in downtown Toronto. The school is named in honour of **G. Raymond Chang**, Chairman of CI Fund Management Inc, who made a milestone investment of C\$5 million in lifelong learning at Ryerson.



Robbie Vernon, Michael Charley, Dr. Herbert Ho Ping Kong,
Neil Dalhouse, celebrating with Ray Chang.

Hey guys-that's our StGC Director!!!

Special guests in attendance for the groundbreaking included Mary Anne Chambers, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities (ICHS alumni); **Kyle Ray**, Councillor, Toronto-Centre Rosedale; **Bill and Nona Heaslip**, donors, **Jack Cockwell**, Group Chairman, Brascan Corporation; **Tim Price**, Chairman, Brascan Financial.

Fellow Georgians, **Dr. Herbert Ho Ping Kong**, **Neil Dalhouse**, **Michael (Buski) Charley**, **Herman Chang**, and myself were there to celebrate the special moment with Ray..

Ryerson University's G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education is Canada's leading provider of university-based adult learning. Each year, The Chang School has more than 65,000 enrolments in over 1,000 courses and 65- plus career-related certificate programs.

Ray we are proud of you for your contributions to the school, to Jamaica and as well to Canada.

So StGC has a new headmaster, **Fred Kennedy**, and a Georgian to boot.

A very businesslike person, Fred brings a lot of skill and experience to the job and we wish him every success.

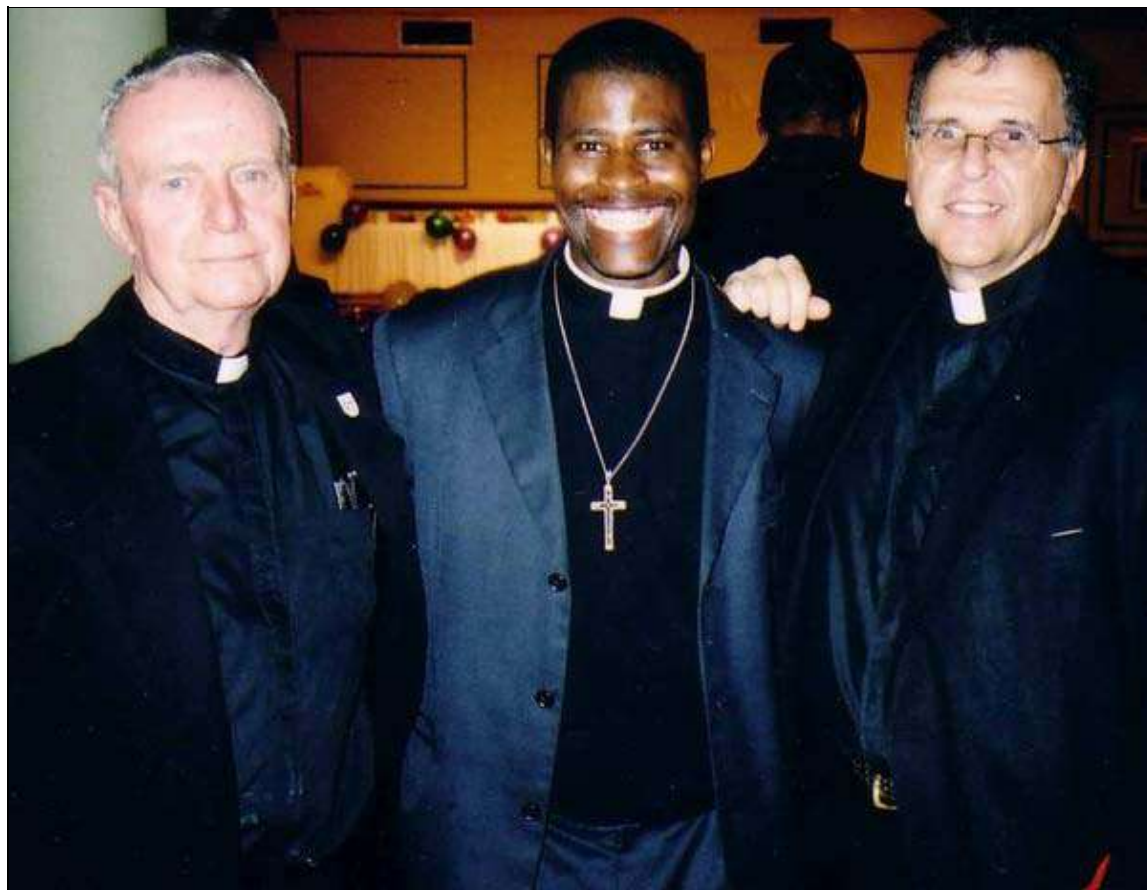
It's not an easy task and it was a pleasure for our board to meet with him prior to his departure for Jamaica; exchange ideas and also cement the start of a promising working relationship for the good of the school. Fred you have our support.

Robbie Vernon

Ordination of Father Carl Clarke

On June 19, 2004, Deacon **Carl Clarke** was ordained to the priesthood by **Bishop Charles Dufour**, Bishop of Montego Bay, for the diocese. The Cathedral was overflowing with family, faithful, religious, priests and deacons. The three-hour service was filled with music and testimonies, and at the end, Fr. Carl thanked the congregation for their prayers and support. A reception was held afterwards at Starfish Hotel.

The next morning, Sunday, Fr. Clarke celebrated his first mass at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kingston - another three-hour music-filled celebration, with Fr. Ken Richards preaching.



Fr. Jim Hosie, S.J., Fr. Carl Clark, Fr. Ted Dziak, S.J.

Carl Clarke, a Georgian, was Head Boy in the mid-1980s. Following graduation he worked a few years in the bank, then returned for several years to St. George's to teach, and do administration, where he worked closely with **Fr. Tom Brodley**, a Jesuit (of happy memory). He nurtured a priestly vocation for many years before deciding on a diocesan priesthood for Montego Bay, doing his seminary studies in Washington, DC.

Bishop Dufour was overjoyed at his decision, the first Jamaican priest vocation in that diocese in some fifteen years, and assured us all that he did not "tief im from Kingston" - that it was Carl's choice. Among the many priests there, visiting from the US were Jesuit fathers, Jim Hosie (who vested Carl, his former student, driving up from Kingston with **Fr. Ted Dziak**), **Rick Deshaies**, and **Mike Linden**. Carl is known as a powerful preacher and one truly concerned for the poor - we rejoice at a: "native son and Georgian" new priest for Jamaica, Land We Love.

Fr. Jim Hosie, SJ

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