



## Annual Summer Ball

Friday, July 30th 2004

Sparrow, Fabulous Five

### Sold Out - Sold Out!!!

A week before the event, we found ourselves in the unusual task of trying to get people in - if cancellations occurred, and there were few.

This has, without doubt, become a much sought-after event over the festive Caribana weekend, and with this our eighth-year at the Friday night date. Patrons have come to seek out the best in entertainment value in an ambiance with fun-loving people of sophistication and charm.

Brother, did they did come to Party, and The Mighty Sparrow and Fab 5 saw to this.

Enthusiastic **Neil Dalhouse**, did his usual excellent job as M.C.

Grace was said by **Fr. Jim Webb SJ**, Jesuit Superior for Jamaica, and Chairman of the Board of St. George's College. President Robbie gave a brief welcome, reminding of the 154 years of St. George's College, which is actually older than Canada, and the great need for fundraising for this excellent institution, which has produced six Rhodes scholars and alumni who have prospered all over the Globe - many here in Canada.



Wave yu han, if yu wan to jam... Wave yu han, if yu wan to jam...

Gracing us with his presence were His Excellency **Carl Marshall**, Jamaica High Commissioner to Jamaica, and his wife **Aileen**. They came down from Ottawa for the event. Also in the crowd were the Barbados Consul General to Toronto **Kay McConney** and Trinidad's Consul General to Toronto **Michael Lashley** and his wife **Marisol**.

**Mr. Douglas Orane**, Chairman & CEO, Grace Kennedy, along with a block of Directors from the Grace Kennedy Board, were seen on the dance floor as well as **Michael Lee Chin** of AIC Mutual Funds.

Spotted **Greg Chin** from California, **Howie Williams** Connecticut and **Don Miller** from Jamaica. Other out of Canada visitors were **Tony & June Wong**, Jamaica, **Dennis & Marjorie HoSang** from New York, **Patrick Simpson**, Chicago, a regular; **Chris Chin's** guests, **Angelyn Hernandez**, Grand Cayman; **Maxine Crooks**, Philadelphia.

This was indeed a splendid evening and reminds us that our association is not just about raising funds. It's also about having fun - the camaraderie in the group was absolutely phenomenal and that was reflected by the happy laughter and dance floor enthusiasm.

The pictures speak for themselves.

Our thanks to Jamaica National Overseas Canada Ltd. and **Robert Osbourne**, Manager, who attended. They were major sponsors. Thanks as well to CI Funds, Sandals, Superclubs, Air Jamaica, and Grace Kennedy.

Francis Chan of CI Funds accepted a special plaque in special appreciation for the Company's eight years of support at the highest level.

Our thanks too to **Rose Chin** of Uniglobe Bon Voyage Travel and **Vincent & Lorain Lai** of Niceys Food Mart.

What an evening - at 2:00 a.m. people were still milling about talking.

Thanks to the entire executive for the tremendous efforts to promote this one major fundraising event for the school, and I can't have enough praise for the drive and initiative shown by the special ball committee- **Ray Chang**, **Neil Dalhouse** and **Michael Charley**. You guys made us proud.

Book early next year so you don't miss out.

*Robbie Vernon*



*Brandon & Christine Takacs, Cathy Cosentino, Joe Vernon*



Georgianne & Fred Kennedy



Aileen & Carl Marshall, High Commissioner of Jamaica



Angelyn Hernandez,(Grand Cayman), Charmaine Chin, Christopher Chin, Olga Mairs (Philadelphia), Patrick Simson, Shirley Green, Maxine Crooks, (both from Philadelphia, Suzette Simpson (Chicago)



Sonia and Donald Chin



My, this is fun!



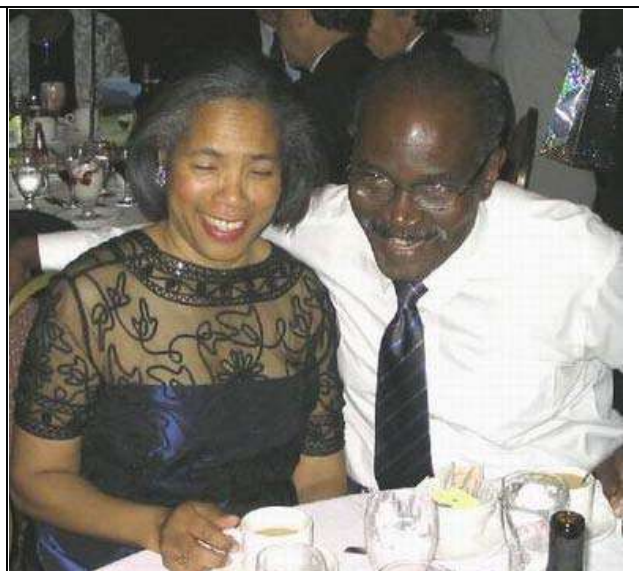
Hamlin & Cynthia Grange & Lou La Grassa



Greg & Josie Chin from California



Nathan & Susan Wilson



Denise & Winston Marcellin



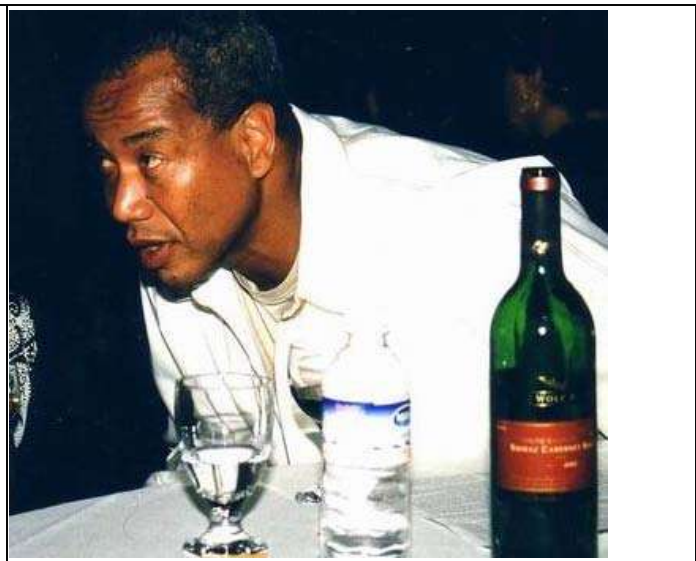
Ska, Ska, Ska, Jamaican Ska



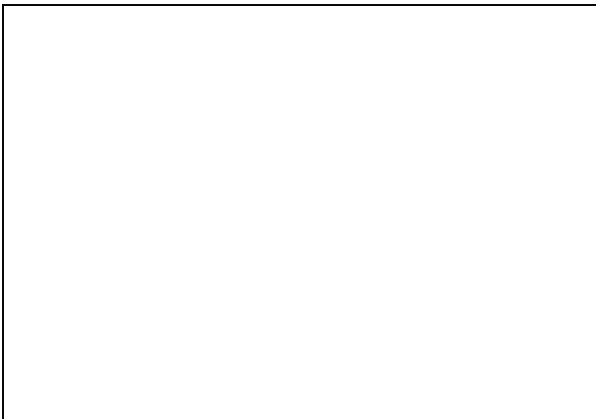
Valerie Cooke meets up with Lisbeth & Dr. Derek Haddad



The Mighty Sparrow



Michael Lee Chin, Chairman, AIC Mutual Funds, capturing Sparrow's act





Dr. Garth Taylor, Rose Chin and Peter Chong



Robert Osbourne, Manager, Jamaica National Overseas,  
Toronto- enjoying the Soca

## Report from the School



Fred Kennedy

The school year began on Monday, September 6 with a newly-painted, cleaned and renovated campus. On Thursday of that same week, The Ministry of Education, Youth and Culture closed all schools on the island due to the threat of a Category 4 hurricane, Ivan. Ivan skirted the south coast of the island but left extensive damage to buildings and properties. We needed to close school the following week to restore power, telephone and water, to clear debris and repair leaking roofs. The support and ancillary staff has worked diligently to prepare the school for opening and for managing the cleanup after the hurricane. The old boys of Toronto, Miami and Kingston have been very generous in their contributions but the College still requires more funds to finish the repairs. A list of materials is listed on our website for all those who may wish to donate in kind.

The present enrolment of the school is 1350 with an academic staff of 74 teachers, 21 of whom were newly hired this year. We are fortunate to have working with us the first of our Jesuit scholarship winners, a Physics graduate of Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass., Mr. Dwayne Henclewood.

The administration of the school this year is comprised of Rev. Michael Proterra S.J. of the Maryland Province, Chairman of the Board of Management, Fred Kennedy, Principal, Mrs. Suzette Mullings-Douglas, Vice-principal of the Upper School (Forms 4-6), Ms. Valerie Virgo, Vice-principal of the Lower School (Forms 1-3), Mrs. Marvia Wilson, Director of Guidance, Mr. Michael Davidson S.J., Dean of Discipline and Mrs. Joylene Parris, Bursar.

The school year will run from September 6, 2004 to July 8, 2005. The Ministry has required that all schools make up for the instructional days by canceling the midterm holiday, October 15 and by starting the Christmas vacation on December 17 instead of December 10. The school calendar for the whole academic year is posted on our website, <http://www.stgc.org>.

The school year has begun with improved student discipline. With new procedures in place and with high visibility and active involvement of Mr. Davidson on campus, student deportment has improved greatly. The College is also part of a Safe Schools Program initiated by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Culture. A School Resource Officer is now assigned to the school. Plans are in place for starting crime prevention programs and forming groups of students who will assist the administration with campus security.

Improving scores in CXC is one of the major objectives of the school program this year. To meet this challenge, students in need of academic upgrading in 4th and 5th forms will be identified and remedial and extra lessons will be put in place this Christmas term.

The co-curricular program is off to a fresh start under the direction of Mr. Shawn Savage who will be monitoring a wide range of clubs and societies. A music teacher and a performing arts teacher will also be brought on board to start up a school band and choir and to put on plays for competition in the festivals in 2005.



Photo courtesy Bruce deSousa

Coach Bertis Bell instructing young soccer squad members.

The house system will be revamped by reorganizing the positions of housemasters, planning monthly events, and issuing house badges to students. The sports program, also under the direction of Mr. Fernando Douglas, is off to a promising start with the winning of the Roper Cup and with an excellent record for the Manning Cup team to date of 4 wins and one draw. We will also be fielding track and field, basketball, under 14 and under 16 football, cricket and swimming teams. We have received contributions so far for providing a food program for the Manning Cup Team and would welcome further donations for assisting with other teams as they begin their season.

A 3-year School Improvement Plan is being devised through which needs, resources and budget allocations will be identified. The areas of improvement include: Program and Student Learning, Infrastructure, Staff Development, Parental and Community Involvement and Financial Planning. Input is being gathered from all stakeholders: Board, staff, students, parents and community groups. A first draft should be ready by early November and then, with the approval of the Board, an aggressive campaign will be launched for assistance and support to put the strategic plan in place.

Many persons, too numerous to mention here, including the executive of the Home School Association, parents, staff, students, community members and old boys, have been extremely generous in both moral and financial support. We depend greatly on their continued backing.

St. George's continues to offer outstanding opportunities for the education of young men. We go forward with a renewed optimism and great promises for the coming year.

*Fred Kennedy, Principal*

## Florida News



Owen Cooke

The St. George's College Old Boys Association of Florida is currently recruiting members. All former students, teachers and staff of St. George's College are invited to apply online and to assist with our membership drive by distributing application forms. Completed forms should be mailed with membership dues to Tony Holbrooke, Treasurer STGCOBAFL, 5365 Stirling Road Suite B, Davie, FL 33314, USA. To date, we have been able to purchase a new 10 HP Water Pump for the school's well for over US\$2800. It was shipped to St. George's with the assistance of Food For The Poor and has already been installed. We have also contributed J\$ 122,000 to the post-Ivan restoration of the O'Hare and Butler buildings, and our relief efforts on the island are being co-ordinated by Tony Wong. Our upcoming events are listed on our website at <http://www.stgcf1.com/events.html>

**Saturday. October 9 FOOTBALL**

StGCF1orida vs StGCCanada Tropical Park, Miami Fl.

## Saturday. October 23 GOLF TOURNAMENT

\$320 per foursome (includes golf, prizes, barbecue dinner).  
Jacaranda Golf Club  
9200 West Broward Blvd.,  
Plantation

### Date To be Decided: MASS & BRUNCH

Mass Celebrant:  
Hoping to have a Jamaican priest  
Venue: To be Decided

## Saturday. April 30. 2005

ANNUAL REUNION DINNER & DANCE  
(Jackets Required)  
Wine and Caribbean Menu  
Signature Grand  
6900 State Road 84, Davie

The members of our executive board are listed at <http://www.stgcfll.com/oba.html>

*Owen Cooke*

## LATE BREAKING NEWS

Saturday, October 9, 2004  
SOCCER - STGC FLORIDA vs STGC TORONTO

Tropical Park  
Miami, Florida

Florida takes first lien on the Deltana Trophy !  
(Score: Florida 3, Toronto 2)



MVP- Florida, Goalkeeper  
Arthur Chin Fatt



MVP - Toronto, Captain  
Milton Hart

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