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St. GC OBA Toronto Events Toronto Events Calendar - 2005

April 3 - Sunday, 1:30 PM

Annual General Meeting
St. Aidan's Catholic Church
3501 Finch Avenue East Scarborough
Between Birchmount & Warden

May 14 - Saturday 5:00 PM

Mass 5:00 PM, Family Dinner 6:30PM
St. Aidan's Catholic Church
3501 Finch Avenue East Scarborough
Between Birchmount & Warden

\$1,000 Scholarship Presentation
Special Guests: Rev. Michael Proterra S.J.
Chairman of the Board St. G.C & Dr. Fred Kennedy, Principal

July 29 - Friday (1st Day of Caribana Weekend) 6:30 PM

Annual Summer Ball
Doubletree International Plaza Hotel Toronto Airport
655 Dixon Road, Toronto
Music by The Fabulous 5

August 14 - Sunday 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Family Picnic with Alpha & Immaculate
Milne Park, Lakeview B-Shelter Area
McCowan Road (East Side), South of Highway 7

Just My Views

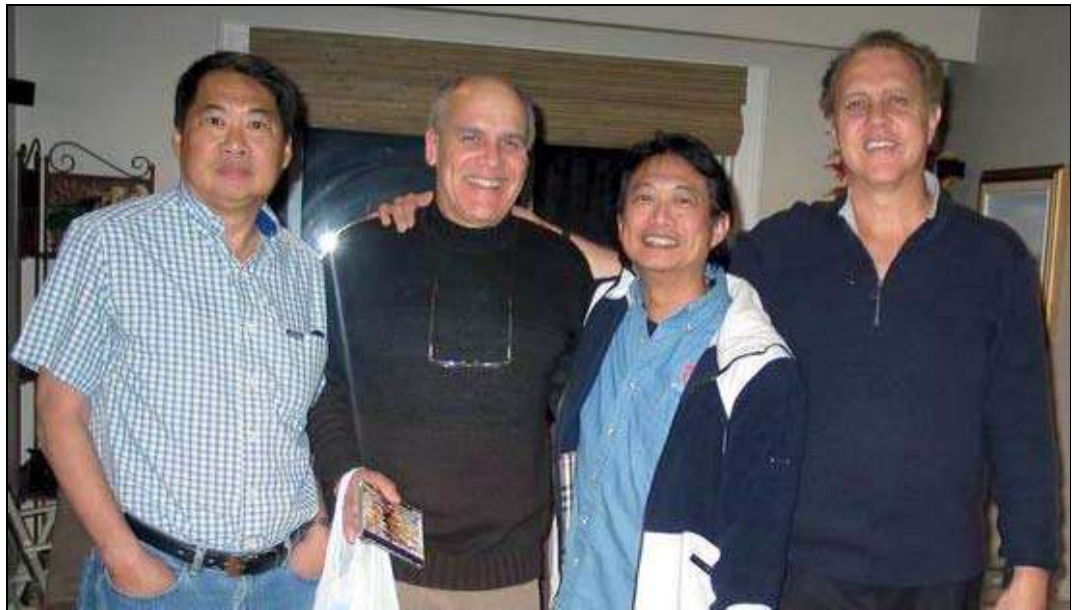
As of Sunday, January 16, 2005, there were 70 murders in Jamaica, a mind-boggling statistic. In my view, other than having a military dictatorship in place on the island,



Neil Dalhouse

which no one wants, the only answer now is to change the mentality of the next generation of children growing up. They have to be taught to love and fear the Almighty, and be almost brainwashed, if necessary, into loving and respecting each other. Then, and only then will things change. *"We cannot banish the dangers of life, but we can banish fear. We must not demean life by standing in awe at death!"*

And on another depressing matter, I was totally appalled at the fact that some of the larger countries in the world had to be shamed by media and others, into giving more money than the meager amounts they initially offered to the tsunami-hit countries. In making matters worse, some countries came up with exorbitant sums of money, just to be able to be seen as out-giving other countries. Disgusting! I was surprised at some of the amounts given, because I never knew these countries had that much money to give. Where has all this money been when millions in Africa have died recently because of disease and famine? Where has this money been when the same first world countries suffer from their own crises, like lack of proper health care and terrible homeless situations going on right now in their own backyards? Mind boggling, simply mind boggling!! This proves Aristotle's point *"In all things of nature, there is something of the marvelous."* True, isn't it?



A happy reunion of old school friends
L-R: Carl Chang, Neil Dalhouse, Conrad Lowe, Patrick Haddad

I was delighted to see **Conrad Lowe** in January, a school mate I haven't seen in 40 years. He dropped by Toronto to see his mom who apparently hasn't been well lately, and **Patrick** and **Sheila Haddad** hosted a small gathering with **Rudy Chin**, **Carl Chang** and myself to sit and shoot the breeze with him. Connie lived in Denmark for quite a few years, but is now residing in Wales. We left him suggesting to us that Toronto wasn't a bad looking place to live, and that he might settle here eventually. Hope you do, Connie, and soon! *"Men kick friendship around like a football, and it never cracks. Women treat it like glass and most times it falls and shatters to pieces."*

Speaking of **Carl Chang** - a special thanks to him for getting some professional photos taken of the school as per my request in December last year. We needed them for the new website that is up now, as well as for another StGC document that is being printed. I called him one day, and the following week the photos were in my hand. Truly a man of action. Thanks for being there for us so quickly, Carl.

You guys have read this issue's article about the Jamaican National Basketball team of students that came to Toronto in December to play some secondary schools here. Well unfortunately, some of their visitation plans failed to materialize, and several people from Toronto had to spring into action to help them out. Among them were Georgians **Robbie Vernon**, **Richard Saunders**, and **John Flynn**, who are to be

commended for the roll they played in assisting members of the team, for they spent several hours of their personal time and money in transporting players to and from games, as well as doing a bunch of other good things for them during the 10 days they were in the city. These guys helped to make the team's visit a more memorable one. Thanks fellas, for promoting the fact that our Ontario Association is more than just a social gathering of old boys. *"Ah well, in life, if you aren't the lead dog, the view is always the same!"*

Fr. Quinlan will be 90 this year. Hou-Ha !! I should be that lucky. Rumor has it he wants to spend it in Ja. by a beach with a tall cool one in his hand. What a great birthday present that would be. I don't know the exact day of this great occasion, but I believe it will be in November. Don't wait till then, just drop him a line from now, and help build on the excitement for him. You can reach him at: Campion Jesuit Community, 319 Concord Road, Weston, MA 02493-1398. *"Believe that life is worth living, and your belief will help create the fact!"*

A word about the annual Summer Ball this year. It will be at the Doubletree International Plaza Hotel again, with **Fab 5** and a possible guest appearance of "**Lovindeer**". He dropped in on Fab 5's gig the night after the StGC Summer Ball last year unannounced, and had the guests going wild with his performance. He certainly puts on a good show. Hope you and your wife will buy a table for your friends at the event this year. *First Guy: "My wife is an angel" Second Guy: You're lucky, mine's still alive!"*

Watch for information on the new StGC website. What new website you say? **Michael (Buski) Charley** is to be commended for the many hours spent on its management and design with **Ken Young** (son of **Charles**). Please make sure you check it out at www.stgctoronto.com The site now contains many photos of past events, the school, the Summer Ball, etc. Great work, Buski & Ken!!!

A bit of trivia for you. Did you know that Jamaica has won the Miss World title three times now? Winners were **Carol Crawford (1963)**, **Cindy Breakspere (1978)**, and **Lisa Hanna (1993)**. *"Success is from that old ABC, Ability, Breaks and Courage."*

Fred Kennedy, the new headmaster of StGC and **Fr. Michael Proterra**, will be guests at our StGC Annual Family Dinner on May 8, 5:00 p.m. at St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 14 Highgate Drive in Scarborough. Fred will be guest speaker, and I am certainly looking forward to hearing his report on the status of the school today. I am told the school's administration, discipline, and morale have been vastly improved since his arrival last year. All the best to you with your work on campus, Fred. Hope you all will bring your families out to support this event. Spoke to **Fr. Hosie** the other night on the phone. During our conversation, he told me that **Fr. McCluskey** is the second oldest priest in the Jesuit retirement Centre in Boston. Wow! Wasn't he just teaching us a few years ago? Man! Where does the time go? May God bless him! *"Time goes in the direction you took yesterday."*

I close by informing you there is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word we know, and that two-letter word is "UP." Why? Look at the different ways it is used. It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the roof, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP? At a meeting, why does a topic come! UP? Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends And we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special. And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP. We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP! To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions. If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more. When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, it wets UP the earth. When it doesn't rain for awhile, things dry UP. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, because my time is UP, so..... Time to shut UP.....!

Oh...one more thing! What is the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night?

U P !!! Right?

A Gaaannneee!

Neil Dalhouse

Letters to the Editor

It is with the deepest and most heartfelt thanks that I send these words to you and the 'old boys' who have come through for us in this time of need. The effects of the hurricane could have been much worse. Due to the prayers of so many Jamaicans here and abroad, Ivan did not dare to show his full face!

We are making excellent progress in repairing the school. The Butler building (4th Form) needs major roof repair and so does the auditorium and parts of the First and Second Form blocks. The library flooded on the second floor but the damage has been minimal except for carpeted areas that will need to be replaced. Many trees fell down and we have hired help to chop and truck the debris off campus. 15 truckloads have been taken away since Sunday morning. Light and telephone poles had to be replaced to restore power.

Roofs still need to be repaired as we await delivery of materials. Our major obstacle now is adequate supplies of clean, potable water. I have to sit out and wait to see when the water will be safe enough for the canteen to open and for staff and students to be free of any health hazards.

The country as a whole is recovering fast but there has been extensive damage to crops and people's homes. Jamaicans continue to be an extremely resilient people who unite in times of crisis.

I am fully enjoying my assignment here and feel good that I can be of some service to our alma mater and to Jamaica. Ivan has been a bit of a setback but, then again, staff, students, parents, community workers AND OLD BOYS like yourselves have banded together to help rebuild and restart.

Thank you again for your great generosity. It's a wonderful feeling knowing that there is such great support.

In consultation with the Ministry and the Board, I have called for classes to be started back on Monday, September 20.

Internet is now up and running. I can now send and receive e-mail. You can send this address on to any who are interested in helping us out.

God bless and thanks again

Fred Kennedy

Editor's Note: within two days of the hurricane and a plea for help from Fred J\$500,000 was sent from our chapter to the school.

St.GC OBA Florida Events

Don't Miss it!

April 30th - at the Signature Grand

6900 State Road 84 Davie

Our Annual Reunion Dinner & Dance

Come celebrate 50 years with Byron Lee & the Dragonaires and the class of 55. Tickets on sale at last year's prices.

Other Events - Venues & times to be decided - check our web-site at www.stgcfla.com

Sunday, April 3rd

Mass & Brunch. Celebrant - Bishop Charles Dufour

Wednesday, June 8th AGM

August - Family Picnic

Saturday, October 8th -

Soccer - StGC Florida vs StGC Toronto

StGC OBA Jamaica Events

Sunday, March 6th -

Annual Communion Mass at Holy Trinity Cathedral at 8:00

a.m. - breakfast follows at the Abe Issa auditorium.

Saturday April 23rd

St.George's Day Annual Golf Tour-nament at the Constant

Spring Golf Club with Lyme fete after.

Saturday August 27th (last Saturday in August) Annual Roper Cup - hosted by K..C

Saturday October 15th

Msgr Gladstone Wilson Awards Banquet.

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