



President's Message



Robbie Vernon

Our annual general meeting on Sunday April 3rd saw the beginning of the second year of my two-year term as President.

Our financial house is in good order (see financial report page 8 and our association is poised and focused to serve the Georgian community here and the school in Jamaica.

I cannot thank or praise enough the executive for their dedication and commitment and as well their better halves for their support of the men in their lives as they siphoned off, in many instances, precious family time for the St.GC cause.

This is really appreciated.

They came, they saw, and they conquered.

They came: **Fr. Michael Proterra, Fred Kennedy** were met at the airport by **Ray Chang, Danny HoLung** and myself and immediately the tone was set for a most meaningful visit.

They saw: an enthusiastic executive and their wives at an informal get together at **Ray Chang's** with **Donovan Chen See** present as well.

As the evening progressed and ideas were exchanged one could see the tightening of the bond between the Jamaican and Canadian supporters of the school.

Our spouses as well got a greater insight into the importance of the school to us and how necessary it was to keep the institution at the forefront of Jamaica's learning institutions.

Thanks to our Hostess, Donette, for a wonderful evening.

They conquered: At the Family Dinner as the vision unfolded from their separate speeches. The difficulties were laid bare and the programs for addressing them expounded.

There was a future, a return to better days as they outlined how they and us were going re-create a culture of excellence for the school.

And it will be done.

Since the Family Dinner I have received several calls from members telling me how moved they were at the addresses given by our two guest speakers from the school and the impassioned appeal contained in **Ray Chang's** launch of the Canadian thrust for the Endowment Fund fundraising drive. (See page 5). In fact, money for the school has already begun to come in.



Deacon Patrick & Jean Chang, Robbie Vernon, Pres., Dr. Fred Kennedy, Principal, Georgianne Kennedy, Claudette & Dr. Louis Lee & Fr. Michael Proterra, Board Chairman, ST.G.C at Family Dinner (see Part 2)

Since 1850, the mission of St. George's College has been to educate students to become men of competence, conscience and compassion, who would assume positive leadership roles in transforming societies. This they have done worldwide.

It is now our duty as alumni, who have benefited from this, to reach back; dig a hand in the pocket and support, as we are able to, to ensure that future generations will continue to benefit from the Jesuit learning experience.

One of the ways to support is to come out to our annual Summer Ball with Fab 5 on Friday July 29th. This is the major source of our fundraising effort for the school and has enabled us to send down 10,000 Canadian dollars annually over the past eight years.

The other is to review with us the long term plans for the survival of this valuable learning institution and commit to a meaningful monetary contribution to the Endowment Fund. These funds are tax deductible.

It was long overdue in coming, but am I ever pleased that the Board finally gave recognition to our long serving executive members **Ray Chang, Neil Dalhouse** and **Michael Charley**. As the plaques read "In recognition of your dedication, commitment and outstanding service on the Board of the St. George's College Old Boys Association (Ontario) Chapter.

This was richly deserved. You have long been sources of inspiration to the membership and excellent role models for the newer young members of the executive.

Let's all move forward boldly to help Fr. Mike and Fred to recreate that culture of excellence for the school. We are all in this together.

See you all at the Ball on Friday, July 29th.

Pax Christi

Robbie Vernon, President

In The News



Chris Chin

Greetings fellow Georgians, one and all!

Since our last newsletter quite a lot has taken place.

Called to a higher order were three cousins of our President, **Robbie Vernon**, Past President **Warren Abbot's** uncle, **Clyde Abbott**, **Frederick Russell's** father, old boy **Dr Keith Hammond**, **Albert Lyew**, **Tony Chin Yee**, Jo Jo's (wife of 1st Vice Pres, **Danny Ho Lung**) uncle, **Patrick 'Skedron' Smith's** mother-in-law and our current VP Central, **Tyrone Hollbrooke** lost his sister-in-law (Tony's wife) in Florida as well. Also answering to the call was Immaculate Past Student, **Patsy Lyn**.

Also just heard that Archbishop Burke is in Florida undergoing surgery.

Fr. George Bardowell's mother **Mrs. Imogene Bardowell** passed on in Toronto on March 1st.

Fr. George, popularly know as spirit, is an Old Boy who was very active in the St. Vincent DePaul Society in Jamaica, along with fellow Georgians **Derrick Smith, Ernest King and Lloyd Chung.**

Many Georgians turned out to be with him in his short sojourn in Toronto to celebrate his beloved mother's life. Mourning the loss of their mom Irene Holbrooke are Tyrone (OBA Ontario VP) and Tony (OBA Florida Dir.) We all share in their loss.

On a cheerier note, congrats to grandpa **Robbie** and grandma **Heather Vernon** who welcomed their 1st granddaughter, **Anneliese** born on May 26th.

She is the daughter of son **Alexander** and his wife **Carole**.

Congrats also to our Sports Director, **Milton Hart** and his wife, Novelette who welcomed on May 3rd **Matthew**, their first of many sons to come... Milton, are you planning for the bench as well??
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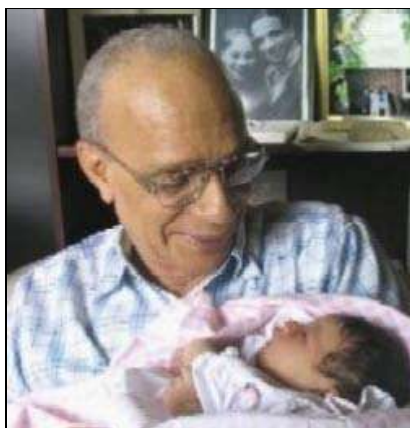


Fr. George Bardowell

More congrats to past President, **Johnny Chavannes & Regina** on the birth of his 3rd granddaughter, **Alicia Simone Parris** on March 30th. Proud parents are Johnny's daughter **Nicole** and husband **Wayne Parris**



Matthew Hart



Grandpa Robbie & Anneliese Vernon



Simone Parris

Buski MIA

Conspicuous by his absence was **Michael 'Buski' Charley** at our AGM on April 3rd. Buski was away attending a Family Reunion in Fort Myers, Florida. Over 150 attended from worldwide locations including England, Canada, US and Jamaica. The event was centered on (**Uncle Natius**) **Lee Hing**, whose daughters **Faith** and **Cecile** arranged this special party for his 90th birthday. Buski and his cousin **Anthony Lee Hing**, both Georgians from the same era were among the guests.





Uncle Natus & Buski



Anthony Lee Hing & Buski

2005 African-Canadian Achievement Award

Congratulations to old boy **Howard Shearer**, President & CEO of Hitachi Canada Ltd. who was recently recognized for Excellence in Business. Howard, despite his busy schedule, continues to make time for the Association and we thank him for his support and presence.

Vernon & Vernon, Attorneys at Law

Careful now, our President and his wife, Heather are the proud parents of two budding lawyers. Sons **Alexander** and **Joe** both recently graduated from law school. Both are as well previous StGC Ontario Scholarship winners.

Alexander graduated on May 15th with a Juris Doctor Degree from Ave Maria School of Law in Ann Arbor Michigan. He was also the recipient of the Special St. Ives Award presented to the student who has acted most vigorously in defense of a Catholic moral and social order. Alexander also has a B.A from the University of Toronto where he majored in Christianity and Culture and Political Science.

Joseph graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy on May 7th with a Juris Doctor Degree (American Law) and from the University of Windsor on June 7th with a Bachelor of Laws Degree (Canadian Law). He was also recipient of the special Whiteside Award presented for outstanding contributions to the law school and the legal community and the community at large. Joseph also has a BBA honours Degree from Wilfrid Laurier University..... I wonder who they inherited the gift of gab from???

3 Musketeers finally unmasked!!!

Congratulations to our hardworking Directors, **Ray Chang**, **Michael 'Buski' Charley**, and **Neil Dalhouse** on being recognized by the Executive for their dedication, commitment and outstanding service on the Board and all for the betterment of the School and Association.



Alex & Joe Vernon telling Mum Heather (center) they can now take over.



Award Winners Michael Charley, Ray Chang & Neil Dalhouse

This award presentation took place at the Family Dinner on May 14th.

Ray, Buski and Neil are responsible for coordinating the planning and execution of our Annual Ball which continues to grow by leaps and bounds year after year, with a sell out crowd last year (...get your tickets early this year!) . This event alone has allowed our association to send down over 80,000 Canadian dollars to the school over the past eight years.

Georgians in the News (...again)

Charles Young, Membership Director is a busy man. Not only does he make the time to constantly urge members to pay their dues (...great job, Charles) but he also chairs the Caring Alliance, an interfaith group of volunteers who assist homeless families in Scarborough. The group provides outreach through friendly visits, recreational opportunities, emotional support, transportation, information and linkage to other resources. The group has been around since 1997. Way to go, Charles. We are proud of you!



Toronto Mayor David Miller, Charles Young and Councillor Gay Cowbourne. Charles, chair of the Board, accepted the award on behalf of The Caring Alliance and (right Picture) Charles with two former students of a Jesuit high school in Bombay (Mumbai) India at Jesuit get-together



Charles and President Robbie Vernon also represented us at the May 11th social gathering of the Partnership International Jesuit Alumni/ae at the Jesuits of Upper Canada offices on Bay Street. Here experiences, ideas were shared with past students of Jesuit institutions around the globe, who now reside in Toronto.

Tying the knot

Matthew Dalhouse, son of Liaison Director **Neil** tied the knot with **Christina** in February. The happy couple resides in Calgary. Matthew is an industrial refrigeration serviceman, and Christina is an interior decorator. Our best wishes to them!

Happy Birthday



Matthew &
Christina Dalhouse

Every Friday, lunch time, uncle P (Pat Ferguson) saunters into his favourite restaurant Angie's on Eglinton East in Scarborough, and usually with one or two Georgian cronies.

He swears it's the best mackerel & bananas in town and sure enough at 12:30 you will find him there salivating over this ever-popular Jamaican dish and nursing his favourite vodka drink.

Friday April 15th was a bit different.

"Rhatid" he exclaimed, as he ambled through the door and was met by a cacophony of sound from off key voices rendering "Happy Birthday to You, Happy Birthday to you."

Then he spied his brother **Allan**; a slew of his fellow St.G.C executive members, and some of his long time area cronies.

It was all joy from there on.



Uncle P seated with Danny HoLung & crouching behind, are Robbie Vernon & Michael Charley.
At back: Allan Ferguson, Norma & Patrick Smith, Joan (Angie's), Michael Brandon,
Peter Hitchins, Bobby Walker, Patrick Haddad, Tyrone Hollbrooke, Don Barnett, Ray Chang.

April 10th was Uncle P's 72nd birthday, and **Joan** at the restaurant had alerted **Skedron** about a surprise party on the upcoming Friday and asked him to round up the gang to celebrate.

Uncle P, now you know how much you are loved.

You who shower so much care to others in your role as our Care Committee Director are more than deserving of life's richest blessings. The show of appreciation from your band of St.G.C. brothers must have been spiritually uplifting.

Happy Birthday- may there be many more.

Supporting Missionaries of the Poor - Fr Holung's Isaiah

Charles Young, our membership Director, and a cohort of Ontario Georgians were out at a special mass celebrated by **Fr. Bryan Kerr** on Monday April 25th.

This was to support Fr. Kerr and the promotion of the Missionaries of the Poor and this year's presentation of Fr. Ho Lung's Isaiah.



Georgian's All: Front kneeling: L-R Patrick Smith, Lloyd Chung, Errol Williams.
Standing: L-R John Garel, Albert Garel Snr., Mike Chen, Fr. Brian Kerr,
Charles Young, Gregory Yapp

A reception followed in the church hall.

The show later debuted in Toronto on June 11th to great success.

Interesting thing about Fr Kerr. He attended St. George's College, where he was taught by fellow Georgian, **Fr. Richard Ho Lung**, founder of Missionaries of the Poor.

Fr. Kerr graduated in 1981, worked for a year with the Bank of Jamaica under another Georgian **Oswald Tai**, and then joined his mentor Fr. Ho Lung.

Next year will be the 25th anniversary of Missionaries of the Poor. See page 9 for reflections by Georgian Fr. Richard Ho Lung.

StGC OBA Florida Ball April 30th



Toronto & Fla. Georgians & supporters gathering for big OBA Florida Ball
left-right Richard Wong Sam, Jennifer Barnett, Dr. Fred Kennedy, Principal, Candace Miron,
Heather Vernon, Don Barnett, Fr. Jim Hosie, Dennis Barnett, Pres Fla. OBA,
Herb Phillipps Jr., Robbie Vernon, Pres. Ontario OBA

Held at the Signature Grand, with **Byron Lee** providing the music, this was a most successful event, with over 800 in attendance.

There were Georgians from all over including Toronto President **Robbie Vernon** and a number of Ontario Georgians including **Don Barnett, Herbie Phillipps Jr**, and **Skedron** who all went down in support.

Chris Chin

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