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President's Message



Robbie Vernon

My, how the years have slipped by so quickly and I find myself at the end of my two-year term as President and am taking the opportunity, in this my last President's message in the newsletter, to thank in a very public way the Executive and, too, their spouses for the backing and support that enabled the carrying out of my mandate.

It has been a tremendous privilege to serve in this capacity for a truly amazing group of Old boys; their families and the school that served us so well.

As I further reflect on my four trips abroad and many other St. George's related activities and engagements, I can't thank enough my wife Heather who not only allowed this departure from precious family time but accompanied me on all the trips and saw to it, as only women can, that seemingly minor details were not overlooked and the best foot was always put forward on behalf of the association.

I could not have done it without her.

What has made the task easier as well was the vision and zeal of my successor 1st VP and President-Elect Daniel HoLung. What a man to have at your side.

Together we have worked with this powerful executive to increase the profile of our association, to better enable us to do all the things we want for the school.

Closer ties have been forged with Fred Kennedy and the school itself, Dennis Barnett and the Florida Georgians, Bruce deSousa with the Jamaica Old Boys, and as well our sister school alumni associations in Toronto; Alpha and Immaculate - just look at our joint annual picnic.

Danny is indeed the man with the Plans and one of the biggest satisfactions of my departure is the knowledge that the person taking over is poised and capable of taking us to great heights and he comes armed to boot with an equally energetic and determined wife Josie (JoJo) who has put her own stamp on as President of our sister school, Alpha.

What a team we have promoting our causes.

So the way forward is very positive.

We have as our special guests on April 1st at our Mass and Family Dinner, Bruce deSousa, President of the Jamaica OBA and Dr. Fred Kennedy, Principal.

Come hear of the exciting things happening at the school and the challenges faced.

Come out and support our major fundraiser, the Summer ball on Aug 4th, which takes on a fresh face at a

new location, The Mississauga Convention Centre, and will have featured during the Dinner hour, David Rudder, the foremost soca/calypso player in the Caribbean, and also a guest appearance by Jay Douglas; Toronto's top R&B/ Souls Singer. The Fab 5 will as usual provide the non stop dancing entertainment.

The Ball Committee and executive are pushing ahead promoting this, but we need all to be 100 % behind us and aggressively selling tables.

Our fundraising efforts, including the great push in the Endowment Fund drive, spearheaded by Ray Chang, are geared at providing a solid support base for the school.

This is vital if St. George's is to continue to provide the quality education that we were fortunate to benefit from.

Some wonderful news for our Ontario chapter coming from Jamaica. Just heard from The St. George's College Hall of Fame committee that five people have been selected to be inducted into the schools Hall of Fame at the special banquet to be held at the Hilton hotel in Kingston Jamaica on Saturday, October 7th.

Included in this group is our own Ray Chang, class of 1964 in the category of Business & Philanthropy. The school has now honoured two high achievers from our Ontario chapter as Ray now joins Dr. Herbert Ho Ping Kong, class of 1956, who was inducted in 2000.

Others to be inducted this year are from the Jesuits: Fr. Leo Quinlan and Fr. Frank Ryan; Claude McMorris Class of 1941 - Sports, and Ralph Thompson - Class of 1944 - Business & Education.

Plans are afoot for a big reunion around the October 7th event, with other activities planned to attract a sizeable overseas contingent particularly from the Florida and Ontario Chapters.

Let's make a big do of it this year

As this newsletter reaches out to over 700 households in Canada, the States and Jamaica, I would use this media to encourage support for all the initiatives put out by the other OBA Chapters in Florida and Jamaica. This is all for the good of the school.

See Events Part 2.

May God's richest blessings go with you all and your families for the New Year. AMDG

Robbie Vernon

In The News

Greetings Fellow Georgians and Friends.

Since we last spoke, we have had to say goodbye to another set of Georgians and friends.

Gone from our midst is **Dr. Garth Taylor**, ophthalmologist and humanitarian and a prominent Cornwall College Old boy and at the same time regular supporter of the St George's College Summer Ball. He was ORBIS' most active medical volunteer having participated in over 110 ORBIS sight-saving programs



Chris Chin

over a period of over 20 years.

For his contribution to international ophthalmology, Dr. Taylor received many awards and distinctions including the Meritorious Service Cross of Canada, the Paul Harris Fellow Medal from Rotary International, the Harry Jerome Award from the Black Business and Professional Association of Toronto, the Jackie Robinson Award from the Montreal Association of Black Business Persons and Professionals, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Academy of Ophthalmic Education. Most notably, Dr. Taylor was named at the top of Maclean's magazine Honor Role in 2004 and was awarded the prestigious Order of Jamaica.

Dr. Taylor is survived by his wife Beverley, and his children Leanne and Gregory.



Dr. Garth Taylor
at our last Summer Ball

Wife of our 1st Vice President and President of the Alpha Alumnae Association, **Jo Jo Ho Lung** also lost two uncles ... **Hubert Charlie Lee**, whose son, **Roxan 'Lucky' Lee** attended St. George's, and **Glen Fung**, also an old boy.

Barbara HoPingKong, wife of **Herbert**, also lost her mother and **George Chang** in Tecumseh, his wife **Marjorie**.

Celli Mahwingkee has died, so also has **Alty Lawton**, arguably our oldest old boy here in Canada, in his 97th year.



Alty Lawton
being honoured at
a recent Family dinner.

Alty, an avid supporter of St. George's College and its fundraising efforts was a constant presence at our functions despite his senior years and living in Guelph. What a committed Georgian!

President **Robbie Vernon**, joined by other members of the executive, **Ray Chang**, **Neil Dalhouse** and **Michael Charley** represented us at the funeral in Quelph.

Peter Lindo from the class of '76, had a damper put on the Christmas Holidays with the loss of his father.

In Jamaica we saw the passing of **Christopher Yap** and **Paul Chin Loy** and **Gregory**, son of **John Marzouca** and **Dr. Keith Lowe's** mother in Atlanta; also **Mr. Christopher Tonks**, father in law of **Cecile Tonks** (Alpha) and as well the mother of **Hon. Mary Anne Chambers** (ICHS) Minister of Children & Youth Services. Both families were strong community supporters and frequented our Summer Balls.

The executive mourned with our First V.P./President Elect **Danny HoLung** the loss of his beloved mom. Danny and family, we are solidly behind you at this sad time.

May their souls Rest in Peace.

Our prayers go out for **Patrick Smith's** (Skedron) mom who is in hospital.

Some Good News

Recovering well from recent surgery are **Frank Watkins** in Florida and in Toronto **Max Charley**.



Mona Hugh
Mother of Danny Ho Lung

Herbie Phillips is in 7th heaven with the birth of his first grandson **Massimo Alonso Phillips-El-Refaie**, who was born on Tuesday February 7th to his daughter **Chantel** and **Tarek El-Refaie**.

Wolmers' Luncheon Concert Dec. 4th

This was a gala affair with over 400 in attendance.

Our President, **Robbie Vernon** congratulated Wolmers on its over 275 year existence and the significant contributions its Alumni had made in Jamaica and overseas. Accompanying him at this function was Membership Director, **Charles Young** who also did us proud with a rendition of the Canadian National Anthem.



Pres. Robbie Vernon
congratulates Wolmers

A major prize draw at the function was two tickets (valued at \$180) for our August 4th Summer ball

Way to go guys, well done!

Final 2005 Executive Get Together December 10th

The Executives, their wives and special guests had a good wrap up to the year's activities at what has become a traditional end of year social at Ray Chang's.

This was not a business meeting, but took the form of a social and thank you to the better halves for support of the men in their lives so involved with the StGC cause.

For their helpfulness and contributions to our chapter during the year, special presentations by President Robbie were made to **Donnette Chin Loy, Tony Sani** and **Milton Hart**.



at Ray's - Tony Sani, Danny Ho Lung, Pat Lee & Lloyd Chung

Supporting ICHS



At ICHS Mass & Brunch -
President Elect Danny Ho Lung with
ICHS President Yvonne Lyew and
Alpha President Josie Ho Lung

1stVP/PresElect Danny HoLung headed the list of Georgians out in support of our sister school at their annual mass and pot-luck Brunch at St. Thomas the Apostle Church on December 11th. Here he is captured with **Yvonne Lyew**, President of ICHS and **Josie (JoJo) HoLung**, President of Alpha.

Volunteerism alive and well

Five hundred students from St. George's College signed up for the National Registry of Volunteers. Operated by the Council of Voluntary Social Services, the registry places interested persons with appropriate voluntary organizations and has a database of nearly 5000 volunteers island-wide, which makes St. George's the largest group of volunteers.

Voluntary service is, in fact, a compulsory service for fifth and sixth formers, who must do at least 15 hours of community service per year; others choose to do 150 hours, towards gaining international scholarships. Still others develop a relationship with the organization they are placed with and commit their time further.

Students are placed at organizations such as Catholic Missionaries, primary schools, home for the aged or assisting a nun or priest within a given community.

Good job guys!

School's Challenge Quiz

In a keenly contested match, St.GC defeated Mannings School in TVJ's Schools' Challenge Quiz on January 25th.

St. George's won the match with 48 points while Mannings ended the match on 36 points.

St. George's was captained by **Michael Duncan** who was ably assisted by **Michael Clarke, Orrin Carr** and **Ronald Emmanuel**. Great job fellows.

Making his way in Toronto

Young **Dominique Nash**, newer member to our association attended our January Executive Board meeting and was presented with a CD "The Present" in encouragement and recognition of his promotion at Atlas Tire.

Dominique represents the future of our Ontario chapter.

Partnership of International Jesuit Alumni/ae (PIJA).

On January 12th, **Fr Winston Wry, SJ**, put on at the Canadian Jesuit centre on Bay street) a special talk on Jesuit Spirituality for the PIJA.

The speaker was **Fr. Philip Chircop, SJ**, originally from Malta, who has been giving retreats at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre in Pickering, Ontario for the past few years. All his retreats are full well in advance and he has developed quite a reputation as a speaker.

It was a very meaningful presentation with a question and answer session after.

Representing our chapter at the function was President **Robbie Vernon** and **Charles Young**.

Fr. Chircop knows Jamaica, StGC and **Fr. Jim Webb**, and has given retreats there.

Retired at 35



Mark Chung

US Major League Soccer original **Mark Chung**, son of Georgian **Dennis Chung** (Director OBA Florida) and **Patsy Chung**, recently announced his retirement from the sport, bringing to a close a long, successful career.

The veteran midfielder, ended his career with the San Jose Earthquakes and spent time with four different clubs in the league, and represented the US national team many times.

Mark, who was born in Toronto, moved to Florida with the family at the age of 12 and thus commenced an outstanding soccer career. He was one of the most consistent performers in MLS League history, steadily piling up 61 career goals and 76 career assists, sitting just outside the top 10 all-time in the former category and eight all-time in the latter.

He is also among the all-time league leaders in games played, minutes played, shots, shots on goal and game-winning goals and was also selected for the Leagues Best X1 in 1997, 2002 and 2003 and the All-Star Game in 1997, 1999, 2000, 2002 and 2003.

Mark was a constant threat to opposing defences, possessing impressive ball skills and passing ability and will be remembered as a wily and dangerous winger.

While well known for his rare combination of offensive skills, one characteristic set him apart from his MLS counterpart (I call it the Georgian inherited factor), and that was an unflappable demeanor. He was many times named the League's Fair Play Award winner and this award is for the best sportsman on the pitch. Most amazing has been his refusal to retaliate despite being the most-fouled player in most seasons. This is remarkable for a player who has logged the second most games and minutes in MLS History.

A truly remarkable young man!

Dennis and Patsy, we know how proud you are of him and we share in your joy.

Toronto beware, we may well come up against Mark in our next encounter with the Florida Georgians,



Dominic Nash

now that he has retired.

Another 35 years



Heather & Robbie Vernon

Celebrating their 35th Wedding Anniversary on February 12th was none other than our hard-working President, Robbie Vernon and his lovely wife, Heather. Congratulations Robbie and Heather. We wish you many, many more!

New Regional Superior of the Jesuits in Jamaica

Fr. Peter McIsaac was recently appointed as the new Regional Superior of the Jesuits in Jamaica by **Fr. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, SJ**, the Superior General of the Society of the Jesuits. Fr. McIsaac succeeds **Fr. Jim Webb** and will take up his position on June 1, 2006.



Fr. Peter McIsaac

Fr. McIsaac was born in Winnipeg and spent his formative years in Winnipeg, Toronto and Bermuda. After receiving an MA in Philosophy from the University of Toronto, he entered the Society of Jesus in Canada in 1989. After first studies in Chicago, he worked for two years at St. Peter Claver Church in Kingston, before continuing studies in theology in Nairobi and Toronto. He was ordained to the priesthood in Toronto in May, 1998. Fr. McIsaac returned to Jamaica in 1999 and for the past five years has been the Pastor of St. Anne's Church in Hannah Town.

Our man Ray in the news again

Caught this bit of news up from the Daily gleaner of Jan25, 2006.

Ray Chang (left) of G. Raymond Chang Foundation, and **Parris A. Lyew-Ayee**, general manager of the Jamaica Bauxite Institute discuss the growth of a batch of seedlings at the handing-over ceremony for the \$1.7 million seedling nursery, given by G. Raymond Chang to the JBI to assist farmers working on reclaimed bauxite lands. The function was held at the JBI's Old Hope offices in St. Andrew last year. -



Ray Chang & Parris Lyew-Ayee examining pepper seedlings

Professor Robert Hill in Toronto:



Skedron, Robbie Vernon, Bobby Hill, Michael Charley

Dr Robert Hill, Associate Professor of History at UCLA was in town for a series of Lectures at the History Department, University of Toronto on Feb 15 & 16th. Attending in support were **Michael (Buski) Charley, Robbie Vernon** and **Patrick Smith (Skedron)** and after the Feb 16th lecture the four trotted off to a nearby eatery for some fellowship and reminiscing on former times.

Bobby will be remembered as part of the famous debating teams at St. George's, which included **Trevor Munroe, Peter Rickards** and **Ronnie Thwaites**.

There was a lot of catching up as talk drifted from the school summer camps at Chetwood in Montego Bay, the debating competitions to recollections of other old boys.

Skedron was as usual armed with his album collection of his favourite old boys and spent time sharing these and stories on each with our honoured guest.

Class of '76 REUNION



Mini-reunion

Back Row, L-R: Patrick Wong Shue, Larry Lue Sang,
Robert Holmes, Fred Russell and Steven Day.
Front Row L-R: David Chong Yen, Chris Chin and Kevin Chen.

The class of '76 will be having their 30th Anniversary Reunion in Ft. Lauderdale April 27-30, 2006. The Reunion will culminate with their participation in Florida Chapter's Fundraising Dance on the 29th. The reunion is open to graduates of the class of 1976 and Georgians who would have graduated in 1976 but left early for various reasons. So far, 24 graduates' have confirmed their attendance, in addition to 2 teachers.

Some of the 1976 class from the Toronto area got together on Feb. 18th for a mini reunion to plan for the Florida trip.

Those wishing to join up may contact Christopher Chin at chrischin2@hotmail.com or call 905 873-6659 for details.

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