



Cathedral Fundraiser



Archbishop Lawrence Burke S.J., D.D. & guests at cathedral fundraiser

Much to the delight of many, a Holy Trinity Cathedral Fund raising dinner was held on October 27, 2006 at the Pegasus Hotel in Kingston.

It is estimated that slightly over 1,000 people paid Ja. \$5,000 to attend and had a wonderful evening.

Aggrey Irons was his usual entertaining self as Master of Ceremonies, bless him. If you have ever heard him MC, you will agree that following his act is tough on any performer.

For history buffs that aren't aware, the Holy Trinity Church was first built on the corner of Duke & Sutton Streets in 1811. Forty three years later it burned to the ground, was rebuilt, but met its demise again in the big earthquake of 1907. Archbishop, the **Rt. Reverend John Collins S.J.**, had a dream to build something more solid than just a small church, and asked local Kingstonians, "Why not a Cathedral?" So after much pleading and beseeching, he got them to donate 30,000 British pounds (a tidy sum of money back then) to build this wonderful place of worship. Architect Raymond Admiral of New York, designed the structure. It was eventually built over a two-year period by the Walker-Fyche Construction Company of Montreal, Canada. The building was opened to the general public on February 5, 1911.

Unfortunately, time has taken a toll on this once handsome building that still remains an unforgettable landmark of Kingston. City fathers have been paying attention to other city problems, and have allowed it to slowly deteriorate over the past 25 years. It now needs hundreds of thousands of US dollars to restore it to its splendour, and the funds raised at the dinner will help, but much more is needed in the immediate future.

Aggrey called upon **Velia Espeut**, **DeMario McDowell**, and **Dennis Rushton** to sing. Veteran entertainer **Keith Lyn** also performed. The Most Rev. **Lawrence Burke**, Archbishop of Kingston, the **Rev. Kenneth**

Richards, Ms. May-Lowe, Chair of the Cathedral Committee, **Verica Bennett, Joy Hall, Stephanie Khan, Cynthia Lyew, Olive Lyn, Errol MooYoung, Colleen Vendryes**, and **Joyce Wright** to name a small few who were present. It was nice to hear that Air Jamaica and BWIA were also involved as sponsors.

All in all, the evening was a great success, but several more events like this are needed to help raise funds for the Cathedral's restoration. Many of us were baptized in it, made first communion in it, got married in it. It's part of our life. So, next time some one approaches you and asks for your help in organizing one of these evenings, or for a donation, don't even think about it, just do it. If the structure is to remain standing, then please help to restore it to a thing of beauty, and not leave it to rot like the ruins of an old 18th century Great House. The good Lord will bless you if you donate.

Just My Views



Neil Dalhouse

In my view, our newsletters seem to improve with every issue, don't you agree? Many have no idea of how much work goes into the creation of each issue.

As the editor, **Robbie Vernon** has the responsibility of collecting and editing all the articles and photos submitted by a variety of people. When a decision has been made on what will be in the newsletter, in most cases he will have to call each writer to discuss certain areas of their articles, mainly to ensure that their message will be easy to understand, morally acceptable to our members, and in keeping with the values we set for our StGC family newsletter.

When this is done, he submits electronically all the articles and photos and from then on will have umpteen meetings with **Patrick Lee** (both face to face and on the phone) to discuss and create the layout of the newsletter. There is also another aspect of production that is taken for granted - the photos. First, they have to be collected. There were 99 photographs selected for use by Robbie from over 210 submitted in the last issue before Christmas. These have to be scanned, re-sized and touched up.

This is done by **Patrick Lee** for the newsletter format and then by **Michael (Buski) Charley**, for the web, where they appear in full colour. No big deal, right? Wrong!!! You try scanning, re-sizing and touching up 99 photos, and see how long it will take you to do. After printing, Buski has to liaise with the webmaster to ensure that the newsletter is posted on the StGC website satisfactorily. Hundreds of hours go into the newsletter's production, three times per year.

So, let's give credit where credit is due. The next time you see **Patrick Lee, Buski** and/or **Robbie**, thank them for all their hard work on the newsletter issues over the years. Personally, I don't think they get enough thanks from us for their work in this area.





Distinguished old boy justice Ian Forte & other old boys enjoying Toronto newsletter during break in AGM Jamaica old boys. (Photo courtesy Carl Chang.)

My golf game wasn't bad this year as I thought I was hitting the woods pretty good, but I certainly had a hard time getting out of them.

History books say the origin of cricket is unknown, but it is felt children actually were the ones who concocted it initially, not men as most think. Historians believe that it was created somewhere in south east England. First records of the game date back to that area in the later 1500s, to a court case in a dispute over a plot of land claimed by a school for playing the game.

In the late 18th century, it was introduced to the West Indies by colonists, and to India by the East India Company mariners. The game did face a real crisis during the culminating period of the Napoleonic Wars due to a shortage of players and investment. But it made a strong comeback later, and the history books point out that the first international game was played between USA and Canada on September 24 and 25, 1844 at St. George's Cricket Club grounds, Manhattan, New York (ironic, the name of the club, eh?) Over 20,000 people attended as Canada won by 23 runs.

Why mention this? Well, Jamaica will soon be on the world stage again, as in a few weeks, it will host a portion of the World Cup of Cricket, and I want you guys to know some history.

Heck! What if there's money involved man? Who will dare challenge me on this question? What's more than infinity?? Infinity plus shipping and handling!!!

Here's a little tid-bit for you. The Maroons were a people of many African tribes. One group that spoke the Kromanti language sometimes named their children after days of the week. Did you know that prominent warriors Cudjoe, Cuffee and Quashie were named after days in the week? Cudjoe was Monday, Cuffee Friday and Quashie was Sunday. Wonder what day of the week my buddy "Buski" is named after? (I heard he was marooned on Lime Quay one week-end years ago, with some ladies who spoke the Immaculata and Alphami language.) And from the time we were little, we all knew we would be offended if someone called us a Cuffee or a Quashie. Have no fear though, as no one will ever call any of us, a "Buski.

OK!! Support Bacteria. It's the only culture some people have!!

I disagree with those who said that in the last issue, the photo of **Errol Ziadie** made him look like Fred Flinstone with a goatee. Nonsense! You are much better looking than that, Errol. That photo makes you look more like a movie star, like Abbot's friend Lou Costello, or Vincent Pastore of the Sopranos.

Three guys die in a car accident. St. Peter says to the first one, "What do you want people to say about you on earth now that you have left them?" The guy replies, "He was a great Doctor and family man." The second man said, "He was a wonderful husband and school teacher, and he did wonders for our children." The third guy said he hoped they would say, "Oh Look! He's moving."

We are in the process of putting together this year's Summer Ball. However, I must stress again that we can't do it without you. It is our only real source of revenue for the school. It only happens once per year! So please, when the tickets go on sale, round up four couples and your other half, then book a table, please. You'll have a great time. The money goes to help many in need. As a reminder, the event will be at The Pearson Convention Centre, 2638 Steeles Ave, Brampton this year, and not the Mississauga Convention Centre.

He who laughs last...thinks the slowest.

I think **Tony Wong** should be in the next Oil of Olay commercial. Why? Haven't you noticed? He has no wrinkles in his face at all. Amazing! Some guys wear well when they get older, while others look like prunes.

For death is no more than a turning of us over from time to eternity. William Penn.

Stop reading for a moment, and ask the Good Lord to bless those old boys who passed away recently.

I still find each day too short for all the thoughts I want to think, all the walks I want to take, all the books I want to read, and all the friends I want to see. John Burroughs.

Ah, the Manning Cup! Those days were great, weren't they? We won three times in a row in 1927, 1928 & 1929 and we thought we were badder than bad when we won the Cup in '55, '56, & '57. However, do you guys know that the longest winning streak was made by JC? They won the Cup 1914 through to 1919 - 6 years in a row. Then StGC broke up their winning streak in 1920, and JC won again in '21 & '22. Wolmers won it 4 years in a row from '23 to '26. We weren't the baddest, just the prettiest.

Success is the one unpardonable sin against our fellow man.

Who remembers what measurement Paul Foreman StGC made in his long jump win at Champs in '57? He jumped 22ft 3.5 inches. This was the year Mabricio Ventura from KC ran the 100 yds in a whopping 10.2 sec. KC won Champs with 68 points, Calabar with 52, and StGC came 3rd. with 44.5 points. This was one of the finer track years we had, and one of the closest we came to winning.

Winning isn't everything, and not playing at all is very unsportsmanlike.

Well guys, I wish you all the best for this year. I know that all of us who have been having bad luck for the past little while, will benefit from the good that 2007 will bring.

Munoz Bennett: *Dalhouse, go to the black board and show me exactly where America is on that map of the world. I did and returned to my seat.* Munoz: *Zaidie, who discovered America?*
Zaidie: *"Dalhouse sa!!"*

A Gaannnee.

Neil Dalhouse

Letters to the Editor

Dear Robbie, Buskie, Everybody:

Greetings and Happy New Year to all!

Thank you for the latest and greatest Newsletter. The photos are priceless, as always. Just before Christmas, I ran into a fellow Georgian here in southern California, Dr. Frank Newman, who is Head of Urology at Kaiser Permanente, the largest deliverer of health care in the state. I am going to forward your message to Frank. I know that it will warm his heart, for in a real sense, his spirit is still in Jamaica.

We had a quiet and enjoyable Holiday Season. I pray that you also had an enjoyable holiday.

Blessed Love,

Bobby Hill

Editor's note: *Robert Hill is Professor of History at the UCLA in California. Bobby, thank you for your kind comments. They certainly encourage us to keep on trying our best.*

Enclosed: (Recent Pilgrimage-Sharing with You). I wonder if it could be shared with the Old Boys in Toronto by means of the Good & True newsletter (if too long, abridge). I prayed for all at these "Holy ground Places".

All the best in the Lord.

Fr. Jim Hosie S.J.

Editor: *Fr. Jim, many thanks for sharing. Your continued interest and involvement in our chapter's welfare has been a source of great inspiration to us. We have published your article in this issue in its entirety.*

Special Request:

Richard Vendryes would like to contact, for fellowship, all old boys who graduated in the '40s, especially if you are in the Mississauga area. He can be reached at Tel: 905- 822-7208.

Editor's note: *Richard is usually at Fr. Rye's Jesuit alumnae/i get togethers (see story part 2). This is an excellent arena for meeting and establishing contact with other past students of Jesuit learning institutions worldwide.)*

EVENTS CALENDAR - 2007

March 31- Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Mass 5:00 p.m., Family Dinner 6:30 p.m.

St. Jerome's Roman Catholic Church

8530 Chinguacousy Road, Brampton, ON

From 401 Exit Mavis North

Chinguacousy Road is a continuation of Mavis Road,

North of Steeles

\$1,000 Scholarship Presentation

Special Guests:

Margaret Campbell, Principal, St. George's College and

Lennox Robinson, Director of Advancement for StGC

August 3 - Friday

(1st Day of Caribana Weekend) 7:00 p.m.

Annual Summer Ball

Pearson Convention Centre

2638 Steeles Ave. East. Brampton (at Airport Rd.)
Featuring: Special Guest J. Douglas
Music by The FABULOUS 5

August 12 - Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Family Picnic with Alpha & Immaculate

Milne Park, Lakeview B-Shelter Area

McCowan Road (East Side), South of Highway 7

Florida Chapter

May 26 - Saturday

Annual Dinner/Dance

Signature Grand Ballroom,

6900 State Rd. 84, Davie, Fla.

Music Fab 5

Cash Bar: 6:30 p.m. Dinner 8:00 p.m.

Special guest:: Margaret Campbell, Principal,

Jamaica Chapter

1. April 21- Saturday-

Annual StGC OBA Golf Tournament @ Constant Spring Golf Club

2- September 29 - Saturday-

Monsignor Gladstone Wilson

Award Banquet @ Jamaica Pegasus

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