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Msgr. Gladstone Wilson Award Banquet

The 2007 Monsignor Gladstone Wilson Award Banquet will be held on 2007 September 29 at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel in Kingston Jamaica.

The Award Banquet honours the memory of Monsignor Gladstone Wilson who attended St. George's College from 1918 – 1922. Monsignor Gladstone Wilson was originally not a catholic, but while a student at St. George's College he converted to Roman Catholicism. He went to Urbana College in Rome and was ordained a priest on December 24, 1931.

Monsignor Gladstone Wilson spoke several languages fluently including French, Spanish, Italian, German, Portuguese, Latin, Greek and Hebrew. He was considered the seventh most learned person in the world and was the foremost expert on Ecclesiastics matters in the Roman Catholic Church. He died on Dec. 1, 1974.



Msgr. Gladstone Wilson

This year's award will be made to two old boys who have distinguished themselves in their chosen profession, and have worked tirelessly and contributed tremendously to the growth of St. George's College and the Old Boys Association; Senator Dwight Nelson and Dr. Louis Knight.

Senator Dwight Augustus Nelson, OD, CD, was born on July 22, 1950 and was the only child for Clarence Nelson, building contractor and Lillian Nelson, nee Walters.

He attended St. Aloysius Boys School and then St. George's College where he graduated in 1965. Dwight, being the scholastic he was skipped second form and was top elocutionist at the school.

After completing the University of the West Indies, he taught for awhile before entering the trade union movement, then joined the Bustamante Industrial Trade Union.



Senator Dwight Nelson

He served on the School Board for over twenty three years and has served in the Jamaican Senate since 1992. He negotiated the first Government of Jamaica/Trade Union Movement Memorandum of Understanding which saved 15,000 public sector jobs. In 2004, he was elected President of the Jamaica Confederation of Trade Unions, a position which he still holds.

Louis Upton Knight was born on November 4, 1934 to parents, Cecil St. George Knight and Ena May Knight, nee Munroe. He attended Collegiate Preparatory School and St. George's College from 1946 to 1953. While at St. George's College, Louis was the captain of the track team which came second at the Boys' Athletic Championship. In 1953, Louis was awarded a track scholarship to Manhattan College in New York where he distinguished himself at track and field and was inducted in the Manhattan College Hall of Fame in 2000. After completing Manhattan College, he went to Howard University where he completed his dental training.



Dr. Louis Knight

Louis has served as dental surgeon to numerous organizations in Jamaica, most notable being the Alpha Schools and the Jamaica Defence Force and was also a vice president of the St. George's College Old Boys' Association.

Courtney Currie

Just My Views



Neil Dalhouse

Congratulations "Tweetie!!" it couldn't have happened to a nicer guy. This year, former classmate of mine **Senator Dwight "Tweetie" Nelson**, will be the recipient of the *Monsignor Gladstone Wilson Award* for 2007. Let me be quite clear though, the "nicer guy" comment is strictly mine, as I am sure that during the many years of his labour and political background, he most certainly jerked the last nerve left in many of his associates on many occasions.

He was dubbed "Tweetie" by his classmates almost on the first day he was dragged by his mother through the North Street gates of StGC Why the nickname? Because he was so skinny, he looked like a little tweetie bird. He seemed shy to many of us at first, but we later found out one day, that he had a fierce shrill in his voice while seen backing up against the wall and screaming Na, Na Na, Na as three or four boys approached, attempting to give him his first "bumming" treatment (a prank that played havoc with your spine if you were

ever "bummed")

To this day, "Tweets" always walks with a large smile on his face, but if his chin and bottom lip starts to quiver during one of his big "Kingston to Spanish Town" smiles, be assured the smile is hiding a bit of embarrassment, caused by something embarrassing that was just said by him or you. Yes, I know this segment of his body language very well, as we have thrown many a jab at each other over the years, and the quiver appears each time. And I know many of his other quirks too. He is going to have to offer me oodles of money not to mention any of them in the next My Views article.



Neil Dalhouse & Schoolmate Dwight Nelson during Toronto chapter visit August 2005

"Tweets" was very active at school. He was a Prefect, member of the Student Council, president of the Debating Society, Literary Editor of the year book, Salutatorian at graduation, and played

cricket and football, how, in God's name I don't know, as his legs were like matchsticks. He has since outgrown his bird-like demeanor, but still carries that trademark smile. Appointed Senator in 1983, "Tweetie has racked up many an award since then, including the prestigious *Jamaica Order of Distinction (O.D.)*. The Senator has certainly done a lot for his country over the years. God bless you "Tweetie." Make sure there is no quiver in your face when they call you up to receive your award.

When the invisible man married the invisible woman, their kids were nothing to look at.

Boy, the English Language is something else, isn't it? It's sometimes very difficult to understand for many a foreigner. For instance; how can a "slim" chance and a "fat" chance be the same, while a wise guy and a wise man be the opposite? There is such lunacy in the language when your house can burn up as it burns down, and the alarm goes off by going on. Here is a real good one; if you have a bunch of odds and ends, and you get rid of all of them except one, what are you left with?

If the rich could hire other people to die for them, the poor could make a wonderful living, couldn't they??

Even in his teenage years, this fellow had a strong belief in God. He was however, a shy, quiet lad when I met him at StGC's boarding school back in 1958. He only gave you a one word answer to many of your questions. "How's it going?" --- "Good" was the answer. -- "Like the movie we saw today?" --- "Yeah" was the reply. But he was well behaved kid, and I don't think he ever got a demerit during his school years. How do I know this? Because I was always in detention and never saw him there once. He was also a kind chap, and would give you his last shilling if he knew you needed it badly. A quiet character like that is hard to befriend, but **Chester Chin** and I had an invisible friendship that continued till the day he died. Chester battled cancer for years, and all through it, whenever I was with him, he showed tremendous courage. The disease would have taken him out long ago, were it not for his strong will to beat it. His wife **Elaine**, showed even more confidence in her husband's quest to win the battle, and was truly the secret ingredient in the extended years of life. Although there were times we never saw each other for years, he would hug me with a lot of feeling whenever we met, a hug that confirmed our friendship. There is no pain where you are today Chester, we miss you dearly. Sincere condolences to Elaine and his family. -

Two antennas met on a roof one day, fell in love, then got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

*Here are 6 little tid-bits of information for you. -- Did you know that **Mrs. Helena Saulter**, longtime secretary to many a Headmaster at StGC was born in Kingstown, St. Vincent and had 5 children of her own?*

The first ever StGC Old Boys Association came into being Dec. 22, 1903.

On March 7, 1984, six old boys held an inaugural meeting to discuss the creation of the Toronto Old Boys Chapter.

*The Roper Cup is named after **Fr. Clarence A. Roper**, who died July 1963.*

In 1957, 90 of 96 StGC students who sat for it passed their Senior Cambridge Exams.

***Victor Best** played on the 1935, 1936, 1937 StGC teams that won the manning Cup all three years in a row.*

I walked into an army surplus store the other day to buy a pair of camouflage trousers. I couldn't find them anywhere.

Well now, in my view that JS Royal Cruise offered by JC old boy **Willoughby Edwards** in November 2007 looks like a great one (see the ad in this issue). Willoughby, who will be personally escorting the group from Toronto, told me he is in the process of arranging a special "reception treatment" for his guests with each Caribbean port of call stop. Call him for more details or to purchase a cabin on this Fab

Cruise.

A student, sitting at a bar next to an elderly gentleman who was quietly nursing a scotch, said to the gentleman in a loud tone for everyone close to hear, "You grew up in a different world, an almost primitive one. We of today, have grown up with TV, jet planes, space travel, moon walking, nuclear energy, hydrogen cars, computers, and light-speed processing," as he stopped to take a gulp of his beer. Grasping the opportunity, the older gentleman shot back, "You are right son; We didn't have any of those things when we were young, so we invented them. Now then, you arrogant little bastard, what are you doing for the next generation??"

Speaking of Fab, **Jay Douglas** and his 9 piece AllStar band will be playing along with the **Fab 5 band** at this year's Summer Ball. Toronto's own **Tanya Mullings** will be the special vocal performer that evening as well. You won't be disappointed. Book your table or tickets now. (see details in this issue as well)– Congratulations to the StGC Old Boys Chapter in Florida for having a successful Annual dance last month. I just have to attend next year. Who knows? I might be lucky and get to see my good friend **Michael Foreman** after all these many years .

Sadly, I mention the passing of **Richard Chang**, former Treasurer of our Chapter here in Toronto, who served on the Executive from 1986-1988 while I was president. He did a magnificent job for the Association, and he too will be sadly missed. Sincere Condolences to his family as well.



Carl Chang presenting Lorna Bell with CD
Chinese national anthem for China tour.

Lorna Bell, (wife of **Jackie**) is spearheading a group of Jamaican athletes who will be going to the *Special Olympics at the World Summer Games in Shanghai, China*, during October 2-11, 2007. She has been working hard at collecting donations for this massive task. Any assistance you can offer would be greatly appreciated. Call her at her Special Olympics office in Jamaica at : 1 876 906 0752

I leave you with the story of a friend who sent his sick buddy in hospital ten puns in the hopes that they cheer him up, would make him laugh and feel much better. No pun in ten did!!

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