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President's Message



Christopher Chin

Wow, where is 2009 going? Seems like just yesterday we were welcoming the New Year and now we are closing in on the end already. Perhaps, our schedules have been so full and hectic, we haven't noticed.

Our Summer Ball was another huge success. Thanks to you for supporting it and of course, thanks to the hardworking team that worked behind the scenes to make it happen. And if you weren't there, you are missing out **BIG TIME!** Lovely ambiance, good food, great company and fantastic music by our own **Aggrey Irons** and the Fifty50 Band.

The joint Picnic with Alpha and Immaculate was also very well attended and special thanks to **Richard Saunders** for coordinating this year's event in the absence of Social Director, **John Flynn**. The picnic saw the younger ones out in their numbers having a grand time with the activities and how could we forget the ice cream treat provided this year by Danny in Ray's absence. I think some of the attendees come just for the ice cream these days and why not ... rum and raisin, lychee, and grapenut!!!

Back in Jamaica, our Liaison Director, **Carl Chang** has been pulling double (at least) duty to coordinate the renovation of our landmark O'Hare Building. The building was overcome with termite infestation and was a disaster waiting to happen. Renovation began as soon as classes ended for the summer break and had to be completed in time for the new school year in September. **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!** Kudos to Carl, what would we have done without him? But all is not done yet ... we still need to pay for the work done and need your continued support on this. (**See Part 2 for details** on how you can make a tax deductible contribution). Every contribution will make a difference, come on guys ... we can do this together.

On the fundraising side a special thanks as well to our Ontario executive and members who rallied behind the Ontario Building Fund drive after our Treasurer **Ray Chang's** emotional plea at our Family Brunch on March 29th. Our newsletters mailed to over 550 Georgian families highlighted the massive urgent need and how to donate. Flyers were sent out as well and individual executives and members targeted their own focus groups. Ray reports to October 30th from this initiative we have collected **C\$19,705** and **US\$4,915** from over 66 Georgians in the USA and Canada. Also with the huge success of our Summer Ball we were able to send **C\$20,000** this year to help with the school deficit and a further **C\$5000** to the Building Fund. These are tough economic times and we appreciate the effort made by so many. God bless you all for your support. To those who have not given as yet- don't be left out. The funds are still needed. We still have a long way to go.

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Archbishop Burke S.J.,D.D. (right) receiving the Order of Jamaica from His Excellency the Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen, ON, GCMG, CD, Governor General of Jamaica.

The Order of Jamaica was this week (October 19th) bestowed upon the **Most Reverend Archbishop Lawrence Burke S.J., D.D.** by the Government of Jamaica for his tremendous contribution to Religion and Education. Our personal congratulations to Archbishop Burke.

We say a sad farewell to outgoing Consul General **Ms. Anne Marie Bonner**, who has been a beacon in the Jamaican community (see **Part 2**) and welcome incoming Consul General **Mr. Seth George Ramocan** and his wife **Lola**.

Another outstanding Georgian and Hall of Famer **Dr Herbert Ho Ping Kong** was also honoured on October 17th in an imposing affair at the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Centre, downtown Toronto. (see **article Part 2 for details**)

Congratulations to our soccer team for recapturing the Roper Cup (Toronto), defeating Kingston College by 9 goals to 3. Well done Milton and team. More congrats too to our Manning Cup team in Jamaica who are continuing their winning ways in this year's event. Keep up the fantastic work.

Since this is the final newsletter of the year, we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Finally, if you missed our inaugural New Year's Eve Dance last year, don't be left out this year. Bookings are now being taken; contact any member of the executive.. See you there!

Chris Chin

News Flash: StGC wins Manning Cup!

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Happenings



Robbie Vernon

Sadly a number of deaths to report since our last newsletter.

In July we lost **Fouad Khouri**, one of our first Ontario members and guest speaker at an earlier Family dinner. Ran into **Francis Lopez** at the funeral.

In August our Director, **Francis Cooke**, lost his brother **Raymond**. Deacon **Peter Rickards** participated in the funeral service at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Brampton. Got a telephone call from **Roy McCatty** in August alerting Good & True of the death of **Wes Taylor's** mum in The States. Heard also from **Devon Lecky**, former Head boy, telling of the death of his Dad in Jamaica. Also passing on in Jamaica, **Wilmon Wallen-Bryan's**

mum, **Susan**. We sadly report as well on the death of Auntie **Mae Phillipps**, beloved kin of our Treasurer **Ray Chang**, **Herbie Phillipps Jr.**, **Jo Jo HoLung (Danny)**. Ray also just lost his uncle **Rufus Chang**, one of the pioneers of the Jamaican Baking industry. Our sincere condolences go out to **Neville Prendergast** who lost both parents in a tragic multi-vehicle accident in central Florida on March 12th. They were both passengers in a friend's car when the accident happened. God go with you Neville through this rough time. **Fen Chang** lost his older brother **Ernest** in Florida. **Mike Provost** also passed on in July in Miami.

Many Georgians were also out comforting ICHS **Heather Bubb-Clarke** on the death of her beloved mum.

May all the deceased rest in peace and our prayers go out to their families left behind.

Good to hear **Senator Dwight Nelson** is back in office after a recent medical scare causing a hasty Miami check up.

We wish a speedy recovery for **Pat Garel's** Mother in law **Thorelle Ford (Janice's mum)** who recently underwent triple bypass surgery .

Finally some great news on past President **Derrick Potopsingh**, who just received a successful kidney transplant (3rd try). It's been a long time for him on dialysis. Derrick says this gift is better than winning the lottery. You bet it is! We are all so happy for him.

This was an active summer for weddings in our community.



Certainly an event of the year was the wedding of beautiful **Christina (Tina) Lee**, daughter of **Patrick** and **Lorraine Lee** to **Ian James Tennant**. The exchange of vows took place at the enchanting Eaton Hall mansion in King City, and the wedding party included many in kilts including the bride's brother.

Ian & Tina Tennant

Earlier in the season **Aaron Sani**, son Of Tony and ICHS president **Katy Sani** and the stunning **Luarne Shillingford** were married in Jamaica with a follow up event in Toronto with many of the Georgian family in attendance. Another wonderful couple linked together on the journey of life.



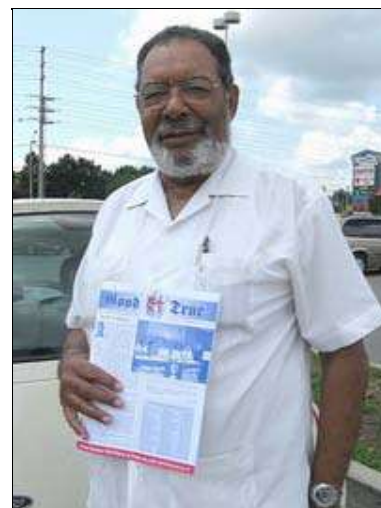
Luarne & Aaron Sani

Some good news out of Jamaica with the announcement on July 13th by the **Prime minister Bruce Golding** of the appointment of **Marlene Malahoo Forte** as Senator and Minister of State in the ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade. Malahoo Forte is a judge at the Corporate Area Civil Courts in Kingston and lecturer of Criminal Practice and Procedure at the Norman Manley Law School, UWI Mona Campus. She is a Commonwealth Scholar who holds a Masters of Law Degree, with merit, from the University of London, King's College; a Bachelor of Laws Degree, with honors, from UWI Barbados and a Certificate of Legal Education from the Norman Manley Law School, Jamaica. She is a former head girl of Manning's [High] School, in Savanna la Mar, Westmoreland. She is the wife of distinguished Georgian legal luminary justice **Ian Forte**.

Caught up with **Norman Hill Q.C.**, who was in town visiting family in August. Had a long chat on August 12th over lunch. Sadly he couldn't stay for our picnic with Alpha & ICHS. He said he also had a chance to chat with fellow legal luminary **Peter Rickards**, our founding president.

Norman has enjoyed our picnics before and as well reading our newsletters and catching up on Georgians worldwide. He talked about retiring soon but didn't reveal where he would eventually settle.

God go with you my friend.



Norman Hill with his StGC newsletter



Ray Lodenquai with admiring M.Sc. students in China

Our own **Ray Lodenquai**, Regional Technical Director Asia-Pacific at McCormick China for the past several years and residing in Shanghai, China shared this celebration picture with us of the graduating class of M.Sc. students that he taught. What a happy bunch and look at our erudite guru. Ray, it is long overdue and we are looking for you to share your great leadership ability on our Board when you return to Toronto. That's as blunt as I can put it.



Ziggy Marley at the White House with the American First family

Not many realize that **Ziggy Marley**, **Bob Marley's** son went to St. George's College and played on the Manning team in the mid 80's. Bob probably never thought that a photo like this would ever be taken in the United States. Music does indeed open many doors.

Our President **Chris Chin** took off in early August for a time out and much needed break with the family after the hectic fundraising Summer Ball activities and guess where he surfaced? New York- on the set of the Regis & Kelly show and had a picture taken with Kelly.



Chris Chin with Kelly

Well known Georgian, **Francis Tulloch**, was among six men from the diocese of Montego Bay, ordained on Nov. 7, 09 to the Permanent diaconate at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Montego Bay. They had all just concluded four years of spiritual formation preceded by a year of discernment. Francis will be using his cricketing bowling skill; off-breaks and googlies for the Lord.

President Chris, on his New York tour, met up with another Georgian whom he had not seen for over 25 years. **Zach Morris**, class of 1976.



Fr. Larry O'Toole S.J. & Francis

Not many of the Jamaica Jesuits left at Weston outside Boston, but **Fr. Larry O'Toole S.J.** is very much there and welcomes visits from Georgians he taught. **Dr. Francis Wong** did just that, while vacationing upstate he made a special trip to Boston and shared this picture with a priest who he said influenced him greatly. Francis had lunch with Fr. O'Toole and also met briefly with Archbishop Burke S.J. who was in Boston at the time.



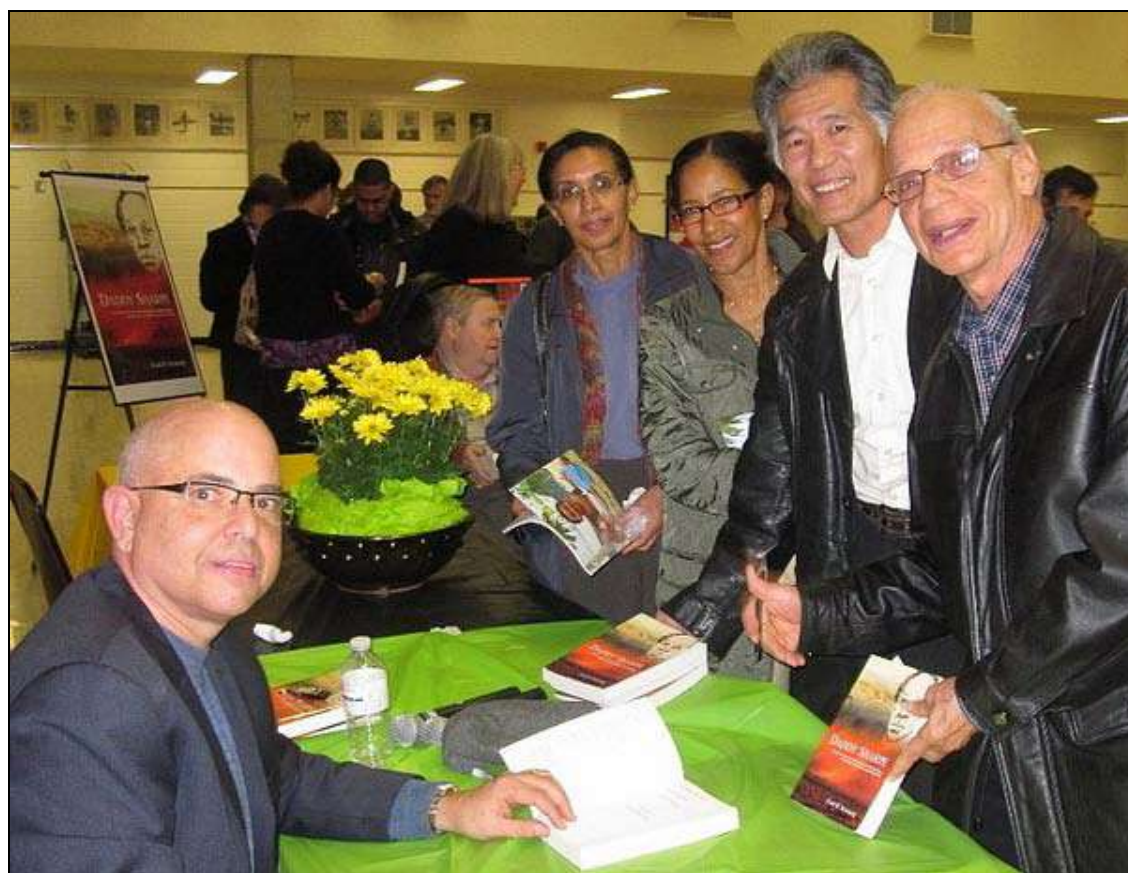
Lloydie Chung, our former Liaison Director, captured audiences with a stunning vocal and acting performance in the Heritage Singers presentation of an original home-grown Canadian pantomime "Old Tyme Country Wedding."

Grace Lyons, leader and musical director of the Heritage Singers showcased the rich culture of Jamaica as she wove the love triangle story between Toronto and rural Jamaica, culminating in a traditional country wedding with all the wit and humour of real Jamaica country folk. Lloydie ran the local "Chiney" shop, dispensing wrath and tenderness to his various customers, most of whom were on credit ("trust"). The show ran to sold-out audiences at the P.C. Ho Theatre for the Performing Arts in Scarborough. Scriptwriters included **Orville Green** and **Valerie Taylor**. Lloydie your performance was truly outstanding- you gave it your all- but that's what Georgians do.

Congratulations to our sister school, Alpha Academy, on a most successful 30th Anniversary Dinner Dance on Nov 7 at La Gondola Banquet Hall. Great event! **President Chris Chin** led the Georgian support with former presidents **Danny Ho Lung**, **Robbie Vernon** and **Peter Hitchins** and Board members **Ray Chang** and **Tony McDowell**. As was expected with many Alpha Girls marrying Georgians, we were well represented. Spotted in the gathering **Dr. Herbert Ho Ping Kong**, **Dr Louis Lee**, **Keith Lowe**, **Patrick Lee**, **Lipton Wong**, **Adrian Lee**, **Charles & Frank Young**.



At Alpha Dinner. Seated - Keith Lowe & Peter Hitchins. Standing - Loraine & Patrick Lee.



At Book Launch: Fred Kennedy seated with L-R: Heather Vernon, Angela Bailey, Danny HoLung & Robbie Vernon

The winter chill was already here on Wednesday October 28th when a book launch was held at AY

Jackson Secondary School in Toronto for Georgian **Dr. Fred Kennedy's** book 'Daddy Sharpe'.

Published in 2008, the book is a "narrative of the life and adventures of Samuel Sharpe, one of Jamaica's National Heroes, a West Indian slave, written by himself."

Fred, former Principal of St. George's College, said the book is "a fictionalized account of Sam Sharpe's life,

He read excerpts from the book, just enough to stimulate the imagination and as he put it "If you want to hear what happened next, buy the book!"

Ms Rachel Manley, daughter of the late former **Prime Minister Michael Manley**, and acclaimed author herself praised Dr .Kennedy for creating a book that adds to "both our history and a growing body of Caribbean literature."

Ms Andrea Anglin Vice-Consul at the Jamaican Consulate General in Toronto attended. Also out in support were Board members and former Presidents of our Ontario Chapter **Daniel Ho Lung** and **Robbie Vernon**. From the brisk sales activity, we would say this was a most successful Ontario launch. 'Daddy Sharpe' has already been launched in Jamaica and London, England. The book available at Amazon.com is highly recommended reading for Jamaican history buffs.

Got this from **Lloydie Chung** on his Jamaica visit, when he went to see Mello Go Round "Ring Ding" on July 30th. This is a show put on by the Jamaica Cultural Development Commission showcasing winners in the annual festival competition for arts, music and culture. Up front, and stealing Lloydie's heart was the performance by St. George's student **Larmado Stevens**. Larmado was the Kingston & St. Andrew Eastern region Gold Finalist and his speech "Frustrated Child" was the clincher. He later won the all island trophy for his performance.



Larmado Stevens front left with fellow StGC top performers.

Congratulations to **Michael Davidson S.J.** who will be ordained to the priesthood at Holy Trinity cathedral in Kingston, Jamaica on Dec 30. Our June issue of the "Good & true carried his Toronto ordination to the diaconate. Michael was a former Dean of Discipline at StGC.

He is assigned at the multicultural and multilingual parish at St. Mary of the Angels in Roxbury, near Boston under the guidance of none other than **Fr. Ken Hughes** former headmaster StGC (1987- 1992). Are we looking at a future Headmaster? Hope so.



Michael Davidson S.J. & Fr. Ken Hughes S.J.

Michael will graduate on November 21 from the Jesuit Regis College at the University of Toronto with a Masters in Divinity and a Bachelors in Sacred Theology. **Fr. Jim Webb S.J.**, in addition to being Provincial Superior for the Jesuits in English Canada, is also Chancellor of Regis College. A tid-bit -Michael's nephew **Devon Williams** is captain of the STGC Manning team.

Our Liaison Director or **Carl Chang** reporting from Jamaica that during the 9 a.m. Mass at Stella Maris church on Sunday October 18th, **Archbishop Burke S.J.,D.D.** was made a Knight of St. George in front of a packed congregation by **Monsignor Michael Lewis**. Monsignor asked all Georgians in the congregation to rise and told them of the Order of Jamaica to be presented to Archbishop Burke on the following Monday morning. Archbishop Burke received a standing ovation.



Monsignor Michael Lewis & Archbishop Burke S.J.,D.D.

Canada hosts the 2010 Winter Olympics. This takes place on February 12-28th. in Canada's westernmost province, British Columbia; set between the Pacific Ocean in the west and the magnificent Rocky Mountains in the east. And Yes - There is a St. George's connection.

Kathryn (Foreman) Staten daughter of **Paul Foreman**, works for the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), co-sponsors of the games and is manager of the Olympic Torch Relay for RBC. The torch has been lit and is on the way.

Day 19 of the torch relay was Karen's birthday, and the Vancouver Olympic Committee, Coca-Cola and RBC, surprised her by having her run a leg of the relay in Nova Scotia.

Kathryn and hubby Anthony and daddy Paul were guests at our Summer Ball.

Congratulations Kathryn.



Kathryn (Foreman) Staten carrying Olympic Torch

Robbie Vernon

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