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Back row, L-R: Richard Saunders, Ray Chang, Andre Gregory, Gary Thompson, Milton Hart, Omari Spence, Howard Shearer.
Front row, L-R: Danny Ho Lung, Tariq Wright, Pat Garell, Fred Kennedy, Benito Palomino, John Flynn

Congratulations to the new Board, and a thank you to the membership for electing a new set of Directors for 2012-2014 on Sunday, March 25th.

I was running around in the few weeks prior to March 25, making calls, holding meetings, copying papers, and reflected on the efforts of all the people over the years- who have given selflessly to the organization, and paused for a minute to think about what might be our motivations.

Countless hours of dedication over 27 years of service, reaching deep into our pockets, calling members, soliciting ads, running auctions, organizing golf tournaments, sports days, putting on lavish spreads, cooking food - all this is certainly not for profit or personal gain.

STGC OBA (ONTARIO) 2012-2014 EXECUTIVE

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Director at Large	Ray Lodenquai
Director at Large	Howard Shearer

Family Mass/Brunch, Sun. May 27, 2012, Jezeel Martin, Head boy, special guest.

President's message (contd.)



It's based on more fundamental values of loyalty to and love of our *alma mater*

It has also to do with philanthropy, the good feeling that one gets to willingly give back of our time and resources.

It also has to do with camaraderie, of wanting to belong to a group of friends, of family, of sharing common values with others who have similar backgrounds.

Our involvement with the Association satisfies fundamental needs, the desire to help others and to belong to a social group, motivations born from a fundamental loyalty to our school.

The Association started in 1985 as a social boys' club with a group of young Georgians getting together on weekends to play soccer in Scarborough. With the dedication of hundreds of members and twelve Boards of Directors over 27 years, it has grown to be a dynamic organization which organizes activities and raises money for StGC.

A challenge as we grow bigger is the time pressure on individual members. We are all volunteers. As a Board, we serve both the governance and the operational sides of management. In addition to planning long term strategic goals, we are also selling tickets, soliciting sponsorship, doing clerical and secretarial work. One way to deal with these demands is to spread the

workload, to involve our stakeholders more, to depend on working committees of volunteers outside of the Board. And for this, we will have to depend on the generosity of the general membership.

The same principles of operation apply to us as they would to any professional organization. We need to maintain and strive for the highest level of professionalism and performance. These include accountability, a clear vision and purpose of our mission and improved communication with our stakeholders.

As we go forward, we will continue the work of strategic planning begun with Milton Hart, and work towards growing our membership, of aligning our goals with the fiscal and social needs of the school. We will do this by collaborating more closely with our fellow Georgians of the Florida and Kingston Chapters.

I am thrilled about the challenges ahead and by the steps we have already taken to include younger members on the Board of Directors. This transition is going to be vital to the survival and growth of the Association. We also have the wonderful addition this year of the position of Spiritual Director, filled by Deacon Peter Rickards (the Association's first President) and Fr. Michael Davidson, S.J..

I am sure I speak on behalf of each of our Directors that we pledge to do our utmost to continue in the tradition of the founding members of the Ontario Chapter to help with the improvement of our *alma mater* and the welfare of our alumni.

Fred Kennedy, President.

On right, we welcome new Board members, who were absent from AGM and not in group photo. Also absent, Tyrone Hollbrooke, re-elected as Regional Vice-President.



FR. MICHAEL DAVIDSON S.J.



JOEL FRECKELTON



RAYMOND LODENQUAI



REV. PETER RICKARDS



TYRONE HOLLBROOKE

Principal's Message

Greetings Old Boys and friends of St. George's College,

The end of another busy term!

This term we again recorded improvements in academics over the last academic year. In our Lower School Awards Ceremony held on March 27, 2012, 406 first, second and third form students eagerly collected their 615 gold, silver and bronze awards for averages over 80% in their subjects, with their proud parents in the audience. Noteworthy among the students was Tyandre Tavraes, whom you may recall fell paralyzed from an undiagnosed condition and was therefore out of school for 2 ½ months. He returned to us in January 2012 in a wheelchair and modifications were made to allow wheelchair access to the lower school. He received three medals in the ceremony. In addition, we are happy to report that Tyandre has started to walk again with the assistance of a walker.

We congratulate STGC student Andre Harrison who placed 3rd in the island in Electrical and Electronic Technology and was awarded recently for that achievement by the Jamaica Association of Principals of Secondary Schools. We are also very proud of Jodesi Thompson whose CSEC Art piece titled "Decay", placed first in the region.

In January, our Manning Cup Team proudly collected their awards at the ISSA ceremony in honour of all the winners in the football competition. We once again congratulate our team for their triple victory, the Manning and Walker Cups, and Olivier Shield. We are also proud of our rugby team which placed second in their competition, table tennis team, basketball team and badminton squad which have all done very well this year.

We were once again in the news in March 2012, this time regrettably when one of our second form students was badly injured when he was struck repeatedly in the head by students from Kingston College, in a pre-Champs confrontation. The student is recovering well at home, having undergone surgery. This brings into stark reality the attitude of violence being inculcated in our young people. Let this stir us to working even harder to combat the negative influences on them, with the light of Jesus and the power of education. The leaders of both institutions have been working together with the police to bring resolution to the attack.

The Archbishop Burke S.J. Building is moving along well and is scheduled for completion by May 2012. We are quite excited! Please continue to contribute toward the construction.



Plans are underway for our St. George's Day celebrations on April 25, 2012 under the theme "Examples of Excellence". The day will begin with a service at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity followed by a road march back to the campus, flag raising ceremony and a day of displays and competitions. Please feel welcome to join us if you happen to be in Jamaica on that date.

Thank you all for your support. Our needs are great. Please continue to support us in any way that you are able: student welfare, scholarships, contributions towards sports, the renovation of our science labs and other maintenance projects. We rely always on your prayers as we work together to shape the future of our Jamaican youth. May God's peace be with you.

Margaret Campbell
Principal-St. George's College



"Decay", 1st place by Jodesi Thompson

In the news...



RAY CHANG received Lifetime Achievement Award from the Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Association (ACCE), April 14, 2012, held at Hilton Suites Hotel. Keynote speaker at the event was Hon Phillip Lee, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba. The 2011 Lifetime Achievement awardee was The Right Hon. Adrienne Clarkson. Congrats, Ray.

<http://www.acce.ca/>

HOWARD LINCOLN SHEARER, Director-at-large, STGC Ontario Board, received Luminary Award at UWI Toronto Benefit Gala 2012. Howard is President and CEO of Hitachi Canada Ltd. He holds BSc (Electrical Engineering), McMaster University, serves on several Boards including Principal's Advisory Council and Governing Council, University of Toronto. He is the recipient of UT's Toronto Arbor Award for outstanding voluntary service in 2003. Congratulations, Howard.



<http://www.uwitorontogala.com/page10.html>



Kenty Chen (Thread); Winston Millwood (Milli); Ronald Young (Ronnie); Paul Bitter (Bits); Trevor Campbell (TC); Dr. Hector Tenn Yuk (Benny); Errol Huie ; Willard Pinnock; & Clovis Metcalfe (Mettie).

Class of '61 seen here on the occasion of the Monsignor Gladstone Wilson Awards held in Kingston, October 2011. Spearheaded by **PAUL BITTER**, the class raised one million dollars (JMD) in support of the Archbishop Larry Burke Burke Building. Presentation of cheque for \$500,000 was made to Principal, Margaret Campbell. Function was a huge success with over 300 persons attending to honour awardees. Congratulations to the class of 1961 in making this huge contribution to the school in celebration of their 50th year anniversary.

GUSI PRIZE INTERNATIONAL LAUREATE

REV. FR. RICHARD HO LUNG, M.O.P.

JAMAICA is Founder & Superior General, Missionaries of the Poor, Kingston; he has established apostolic projects serving the poor in Jamaica, India, Philippines, Haiti, & Uganda, Africa for International Humanitarianism, Social Services & Spiritual Leadership. Congratulations, Fr. Ho Lung.



TONY HAYNES

(wife, Claire) were gifted with grandson, Carson Anthony Mininch, 8 lbs. 6 oz., born December 23, 2011. Parents are Mark and Natalie Mininch.

Congratulations, Grandpa!

In the news...



PACO KENNEDY receives CCRP Award

February 08, 2012, the Caribbean Community of Retired Persons (CCRP), in observation of the Golden Jubilee of Jamaica's Independence, recognized 62 Jamaicans whose contribution to nation-building has made them 'LivingLegends'. They are trail blazers, dynamic movers, forward thinkers and world class achievers. They continue to build Jamaica through outstanding contributions in just about every field of endeavour. Among those receiving awards from Governor General were Georgians, **George Carter, Prof. Emeritus Anthony Chen, Rev. Fr. Richard Ho Lung, Francis Kennedy, Dr. Henry Lowe and Ferdinand Mahfood,**

DANIEL WILSON, STGC, class of 2005, was elected President of the University of the West Indies, Mona Guild of Students. Daniel has a B.Sc. in Tourism Management (Hons) and is pursuing a MSc degree in Government, Public Sector. Management. Congrats, Daniel.



JASON ALLIMAN, STGC class of 2006, was elected President of the Normal Manley Law School Students' Association, UWI. Jason is pursuing his Certificate in Legal Education at the University of the West Indies. Congrats, Jason.



ROBBIE VERNON visited **John Chavannes**, one of our dynamic past presidents at his beautiful home in Palm Coast. John and Regina live a quiet retirement lifestyle in a North Florida coastal community. We hope to see

Johnny at our Summer ball. Robbie also made contact with former Ontario Board Directors, **Roy McCatty** and **Winston Cooke**.

ANDRE ISAACS, STGC, class of 1998, who defended his PhD dissertation in January 2012, UPenn, has been offered the post of Assistant Professor of Chemistry at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass. Congrats, Andre.



YULETIDE @

Robbie Vernon, Dominique Nash and Tariq Wright

Charmaine Chin and Annette Flynn



Peta-Gaye Nash, Francis Cooke and John Flynn

Hon. George Ramocan, Jamaican Consul General with Danny Ho Lung

The Georgian family celebrates

Ray Chang and Donette Chin Loy hosted the Directors, their wives and special guests at their home for a sumptuous Christmas dinner 2011. Fun session in which everyone was asked to sing the Jamaican National Anthem. Dominique Nash was one of the winners, taking home a Grand Jamaica Homecoming souvenir t-shirt.

RAY'S & DONETTE'S



Just a tad too much dessert



Milton Hart, Tariq Wright, Gary Thompson, Donette Chin Loy, Danny Ho Lung and Pat Garel



Consul General and wife, Dr. Lola Ramocan greeting Gary and Catherine Thompson



Stellar performance, Dominique!

from Kingston Chapter

Warm greetings go out to our brothers in the Toronto Chapter and the new executive led by our own Fred Kennedy. The executive of the St. Georges College Old Boys Association (STGCOBA) congratulates the new administration and wishes success in all your endeavours for the ensuing year.

For us in Jamaica, the STGCOBA in February had its AGM and elected me as its new President and a reinvigorated executive body. The new administration is grateful to the contributions that the past executives have made to the STGCOBA in fulfilling its obligations to our alma mater, St. Georges College. While seeking to build on the legacy of all our brothers who worked tirelessly for and continue to avail themselves to the institution that made us who we are today, the AGM charged the new administration to further expand our contribution to our School.

Focused on our new mandate, we engaged old boys in a retreat on Mar 10th informed by responses from a questionnaire sent to old boys young and old, here and abroad. Using the Balance Scorecard methodology, we developed a 3-year strategy map with a vision statement – **“We provide a forum for fellowship, the sharing of ideas and the coordination of activities for OLD BOYS with a commitment, TO ASSIST ST. GEORGE’S COLLEGE in preparing students for their highest level of achievement in all areas of school life.”**

Armed with the 2012 action plan to reach out to all old boys, group of old boys, classes of old boys, chapters of old boys, and soon-to-be old boys, we seek to be the facilitators, supporters and developers of ideas, plans and initiatives from old boys (wherever they may be in the world) for the benefit of St. Georges College and the greater glory of God.

In practice, we have already had successes.

1. An old boy, our own Deacon Clive Chambers recognized the need for the school to have a new PA system and in supporting the initiative, Deacon Clive and the STGCOBA were instrumental in appealing to several old boys and the Jamaica National Foundation to contribute a new PA system to the School.
2. Our annual communion breakfast on March 25th was not only a success for spiritual fortification but was also a success in creating a fellowship opportunity for old boys to share ideas of how we can further assist our School. All such occasions will capitalize on this fellowship opportunity.

3. Our annual golf tournament to be held on Sunday, April 22nd has incorporated a new initiative to reach out to graduating classes as Hole sponsors in the tournament. We have already received confirmations from 10 classes. We hope that through our ongoing outreach to classes, we will connect with old boys wherever they live and engage them in matching their initiatives with the needs of the School.

Looking forward over the next few months, we anticipate further successes.

- We have an agreement with the new Sports Council of how the STGCOBA will assist the development of our common objectives.
- On April 25th, when we celebrate St. Georges Day, the STGCOBA will not only participate in promoting the contribution of old boys of the past (including Monsignor Gladstone Wilson and Carl Chang) but also to be physically present and available to students and soon-to-be old boys on the day.
- We have endorsed and are assisting in developing an initiative of a group of old boys – Danny Chin, Basil Lue and Michael Chuck named, “Georges Win Champs in 2016”. More anon.
- We have proposed to the OBA Chapters to join with us in instituting a President’s Council (OBA Presidents) where Presidents will meet monthly and discuss the ideas and initiatives of old boys that we can support as an OBA. An inaugural meeting is imminent later this month.

We recognize that more than other group, the STGCOBA is comparatively the only group that is positioned to be big brothers to the current students and bearing this responsibility, our mentorship programme will therefore be the flagship of the STGCOBA’s activities over the next few years. Our role and responsibilities are now better defined and the new administration is committed to realizing our vision. We invite all old boys to join us in helping to make our alma mater and our students the best that they can be.

Wayne Wray

President, St. Georges College Old Boys’ Association

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 Wong, Anthony
 "Count" Franklin,
 Ian Telfer, Dwayne
 Goodison, Vince
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Directors of the St. George's College Old Boys' Association (Kingston Chapter), 2012

2013 Class Reunion

Joint Celebration of Class of 1973 (40 years) and Class of 1978 (35 years)

Proposed Schedule:

Thursday, 18 July 2013.

**Reunion Mass at Stella Maris Church
 6:00pm.**

Celebrant and graduate, Fr. Howard Thompson with other STGC Priests and Deacons

Friday, 19 July 2013.

**Official Link Up at the 'Deck'
 7:30 pm.**

Saturday 20 July 2013

Clash of the Titans, Reunion Trophy 2013, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

The Gallant Knights of '73 vs. the Supreme Lords of '78 in Football, Table Tennis, Cricket and Dominoes.

**Official Reunion Banquet, Abe Issa Auditorium
 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm**

Organizing Committees of 1973 and 1978 Graduates in Jamaica, Florida and Canada to coordinate to meet to fill in details and organize the function.

First Organizing Committee meeting in Jamaica to be held,
Sunday, April 29, 4:00 P.M. at Liguanea Club.

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from Florida Chapter



Rudy Kameka, President



Horace McHugh, Treasurer



Jermaine McCarthy,



Basil Billings, Vice-president

At its December 2011 annual meeting, the members of the St. George's College Old Boys Association of Florida, Inc (the "Florida Chapter" or "Association") elected a new executive committee to lead the Association for the next two years. The newly elected executive committee consists of:

- President - Rudy Kameka, Class of 1978
- Treasurer – Horace McHugh, Class of 1978
- Secretary – Jermaine McCarthy, Class of 2000
- Vice President – Basil Billings, Class of 1984

The following is a brief resume on each of the new executive committee members:

- Rudy is a Certified Public Accountant with an extensive background of providing auditing, consultation and tax services to the real estate and hospitality industries.
- Horace has over 21 years in leadership positions at various local government agencies and is currently the Assistant City Manager for the City of Oakland Park, Florida.
- Jermaine is currently a Senior Software Engineer for Kaplan Technology, a subsidiary of the Washington Post. He has lead successful and innovative teams including a team that created Kaplan University's first iPad app where students of the university are able to conduct their full online education through the use of an app on their iPad.
- Basil is a certified financial planner with over 14 years of experience. He is currently with Cambridge Financial Partners, LLC.

The Florida Chapter's primary fund raising events for 2012 include (i) the recently completed True Blue Weekend; (ii) a Dinner/Dance planned for September 01, 2012; (iii) a family fun day and (iv) a golf or soccer tournament.

The recently completed 8th Annual True Blue Weekend commemorates the legacy of Dennis Ziadie, Class of 1963, and was hosted by the alumni associations of St. George's College, Jamaica College and St. Andrews High School. The events took place over the weekend of March 16th to March 18th and included a dance, a soccer tournament between alumni of St. George's and Jamaica College and a Sunday brunch. There were two soccer games played to determine the winner of the tournament and Jamaica College came out winners based on a 5:4 goal aggregate. However, the true winners are the high schools we represent as the funds raised are donated to our alumni schools.

This year's Dinner/Dance should not be missed as we will celebrate Jamaica's 50th anniversary of independence and the 50th anniversary of the graduating class of 1962. We invite other graduating classes with milestone anniversaries (5, 10, 15 etc.) to join us as we are planning a special evening which will include entertainment by "The Sounds of Winchester Park", a band comprising of George's alumni such as Pluto Shervington, Wayne Armond and Desi Jones of Chalice, Derrick Barnett of Sagittarius and others. We look forward to seeing many of our Canadian brothers at the Dinner/Dance.



'a mixed bag of memories

Rev. Peter Rickards

Deacon's Diary



God gave us memory so we could have roses in December. So I remember when the chapel was the part of the O'Hare Building nearest to North Street and that there was time for Mass during the lunch break.

I remember that I didn't attend mid-day Mass that often, preferring instead to head right over to Mr. Yee for some bun and cheese or patty and hard dough bread.

Maybe it was because the Mass was in Latin. Today the Mass is in English or the language of the country where it is celebrated. It should be more meaningful and certainly as a Deacon I have a real sense of the sacred standing beside the celebrant priest during the consecration. Thank God that Latin was not a requirement for entry into the Diaconate.

I remember when there were more than 50 Jesuit priests and scholastics at St. George's. Among those priests and religious men there were some real gems, men who nurtured our minds and shaped our lives. Still there were others who cared more about the scholastic reputation of St. George's College and elevated that reputation above the needs of individual students and seemingly without regard for the sacrifices many parents made in order to send their boys to school.

Some of those memories are roses and others are thorns.

I remember when life was simple, when there were very clear moral codes. Something was either right or wrong. And there was the ever present fear of God. God was watching, just waiting for me to commit one of the mortal sins, especially one of the sexual ones to strike me dead and send me to hell. God was to be feared and could be appeased only through the screen of the confessional. That is not a pleasant memory.

The opposite of love is not hate. The opposite of love is fear, and fear is incompatible with a God who is pure and infinite love. God loved us into existence. Our purpose in life is solely to respond to that love. It is a free gift. We cannot earn it as we already possess it.

A mixed bag of memories, St. George's College. Ah yes, I remember it well.

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TRIPLE CROWN



L-R (Back)- Margaret Campbell, Cordell Irving, Najae Cameron, Richard Garvey, Mark Brown, Davion Kelly, Tavares Thompson, Jason Gregory, Daneil McGilvary, Neeko Campbell, Neville Bell.

L-R (Front) Oshane Boothe, Rashim Harrison, Jerondy Henry, Ricardo Henry, Kedon Anderson, Cardel Benbow,

Pictures, courtesy of Tony Wong (team) and Margaret Campbell (shield)



The 2nd leg of the Olivier Shield and the final schoolboy football match of the season between St. George's College and Rusea's High was anticipated to be a mouthwatering affair. December 12, 2011, STGC came into the match with a 1-0 advantage over their rivals knowing that they only needed a draw to secure the coveted title. STGC, however, was never going to settle with a draw and from the first whistle STGC made it known that they were out for a convincing victory.

In the early exchanges of the match, STGC dominated Rusea's High and

cut open their defensive line at will with influential midfielder Richard Garvey pulling many of the strings. STGC should have taken the early lead when Richard Garvey played a marvelous through ball to Davian Kelly who only had the keeper to beat, but the Rusea's goalkeeper, Richard Trench saved well. The team from North Street continued to outplay their rivals from Havnover and continued to create more chances that went begging. At times the match was a really scrappy encounter in the middle of the park as both midfield's battle for control of the game and both teams began to give the ball away carelessly. However, once STGC lost the ball, the opposing player with the ball was surrounded by a sea of light blue shirts who would quickly win back possession. Again the combination of Richard Garvey to Davian Kelly was seen as the former squared but Kelly's header was once again brilliantly saved by the Rusea's keeper. Rusea's finally had a chance of their own but STGC goalkeeper, Nico Campbell kept out the effort from close range. The half-time score was 0-0.

The second half started in the same way the first did, with STGC dominating the play and pressuring, probing for the goal that would seize the title. In this half, it appeared as if STGC did not want to score as,

similarly to the first half, the team wasted many opportunities. Kendon Anderson missed a glorious chance. In the 60th minute the tiring Davian Kelly was replaced by Mark Brown as Kelly was now looking tired. STGC continued to hold this game by the scruff of its neck and at times it seemed like beating the offside trap was the team's biggest obstacle. Chance after chance was created by STGC followed by miss after miss. But, in the 78th minute the breakthrough came. Flamboyant midfielder, Andre 'LA' Lewis calmly slotted home from inside the box with a well placed finish which sent the crowd into loud cheers and wild celebrations! STGC finally got the goal they deserved after completely controlling the match.

STGC finished off the match in an almost exhibition-like style of play and even gave the substitute goalkeeper Kevin 'Lilo' Hurd a brief run. He even got the last kick of the match as STGC were crowned the all island champions! This was nothing less than this team full of quality and talent deserved.

with kind permission of
John-Mark Chambers



SPORTS ACADEMY



FEBRUARY 04, 2012

Under a blue sky and visiting clouds, Neville Bell showed dignity and professionalism as he welcomed EU Diplomats and demonstrated his football skills to impress the young trainees. What a beautiful day for the Launch of the St Georges College Sports Academy.

Twenty boys took to the field as the Brazilian coaches put them through their paces. The football field at Winchester Park was in impeccable condition, begging to be untouched.

The time was about 8:30 A.M. when the EU Ambassador, Paola Amadi, and her husband and eight year old son arrived to register their young son. Not too long after the Brazilian coaches, Walter Gama and Alfredo Montesso showed their presence. With his own assistant coaches, Barry Brown, Simon Bennett, Duane Atkinson, and Marcell Gayle, Neville Bell rolled the balls onto the green field to signal the start, and the trainees joined in with them for two hours of exercise and controlled ball dribbling.

There were WATA breaks and good thing we had Wisynco and their team consisting of Keith Gayle, Tanisha and Serena.

The cool conditions made it all conducive for a session of fun and games. It was a successful morning and Neville deserves the praises great success of the inauguration.

The Academy is now being incorporated, The St Georges College Sports Academy Ltd. It will be under the umbrella of the Sports Council which is answerable to the School Board. It will manage all funds sourced from the Academy and make these available to all the sports teams after a process of review of respective budgets. To assist in this is Ms. Dianne Edwards, Attorney -at-Law with offices in Kingston. Of course we continue to welcome any donations to such a wonderful, innovative venture to help build the sports program at our **alma mater**.

adapted from blog by
Tony Wong

Uncle P retires



Uncle P receiving parting gift at AGM, March 25, 2012, of print of O'Hare Building from outgoing President, Milton Hart. Print of Acrylic on Canvas by Sarah Elise Kennedy.



[Founding Members] Steering Committee: (L-R) Roy McCatty, Mike (Mello) Lym, Patrick (Skedron) Smith, Neil Dalhouse, Peter Rickards, Robbie Vernon, Ray Jackson. [Archive Photo - 1984]

The editor held a casual conversation over lunch with Uncle P who kindly gave his permission for the interview to be recorded and published. The exchange gives a glimpse into the life of a great man who has given back so much to his *alma mater*.

April 11, 2012

It's good that you could come over, man."

The elderly gentleman closed the car door and showed me to the entrance of his favourite West Indian restaurant in Pickering. "This is where we hang out, me and the boys, every Friday lunch, for years now."

"I wouldn't have missed the opportunity for a moment, Uncle P. Yes, I wanted to see if we could do an interview because twenty-seven years marks a long time and I believe you are the only person who has served uninterrupted since the founding of the Association."

"Oh, yes, that is true."

"You want to tell me something about how the Old Boys' Association started? I heard it was a group of young Georgians who used to get together."

"Yes, man, Patrick Smith, Mikey Lym, Roy McCatty, Peter Rickards, he was the first President., Neil Dalhouse, Robbie Vernon, Ray Jackson. You know, I have a picture of that first group."

"Were they part of your social group? How did those guys first get together?"

"Patrick Smith was really the one, Mikey Lym and himself were really the ones who got the boys together. They got a bunch of guys together and said, 'Who is out there that we can find to bring a group together to form an association?' Eventually we started getting names and addresses and we put the telephone directory together, and we went from there. We started calling and inviting guys to come in, and eventually we started having meetings."

"And was this before Florida started up?"

"I think Florida had a group but it failed because of the distances of where the guys lived. We got off to a very strong start in Toronto."

"What do you think kept you going, Uncle P? Twenty-seven years is a long time to serve with any organization."

"I liked what I was doing. After some years, I took on the chair of the Care Committee, sending cards out for birthdays, sympathy cards, get-well cards. And then there's the camaraderie of the group, it gives you that group feeling, that togetherness, something that you would want to stay with, to keep the home fires burning."

"That's so important, it's not really all about raising money. Is it?"

"No, no, man, it's about staying together, and building. This is what I believe kept a lot of us around. I liked what I was doing, as I said, and what gave me a lot of gumption too was when I recommended that we amalgamate with Immaculate and Alpha for socials and picnics, to bring back the old schools together, you know we always supported one another in Jamaica."

"Yes, and that has stuck together all these years?"

"The family picnic? Oh yes, yes, it has."

"It was a natural grouping, wasn't it? So many Georgians married Alpha and Immaculate girls."

"Man? Yes, yes. What? In the old days back home, when the girls would come out to see the footballers at George's, you couldn't get on a tramcar on South Camp Road. No, man, serious thing." His laughter rose above the music and noise in the restaurant.

"Now, can I take you back to George's? What year did you leave George's?"

Lloyd Chung, great grandson, Isaiah, grand daughter, Danielle, Uncle P, Robbie Vernon



"Would you believe I left George's in 1949? That's a long time ago."

"And if I take you back to those days, what is one of your finest memories of St. George's College?"

"The good treatment of Father Balou, he was a great guy, and Fr. Dennis Crutchley, they were two of the greatest. The teachings of the Jesuits, something you would could only get at home. For those boys who didn't get it at home, they got it there at school."

"When did you first come up to Canada?"

"1979."

"During the Manley period?"

"Yes, yes."

"Any regrets at all?"

"No, I wouldn't say regrets, but I miss the sunshine, man, and the sea. Man, when you say you're going to the beach here, it's a joke man, you're going to fresh water, we are accustomed to the ocean. I used to do fishing back home, but don't do that sort of thing here."

"And the greatest part about living in Canada?"

"There are so, so many opportunities here, especially for the youth, and my children. And for older folks too, who would never think of going back to school if they were in Jamaica, there are so many opportunities here. And health care in Canada is a huge benefit."

"And tell me a bit about your family."

"I have two girls and a boy, I have one girl here, and the other two children in Florida. And they have made their way, so far they're holding their own."

"And for younger Georgians coming up, what would be your message to them?"

"Get themselves active, get themselves a proper education. The most important thing in your life, education, and it is there for them to get, but you got to work hard for it. It won't come to you, you have to go for it. That's one of the main things, man, everything is here. And change, man, some people love change, I don't mind it, but sometimes it can be too much." Uncle P chuckled out loud with his contagious laughter.

"And the Association, what do you think lies ahead for it?"

"It has a future, if, if the boys continue to stay together and work together. It requires a lot of hard work. You can't do it individually, you got to work as a team. If you feel somebody falling, you give him a nudge, help to pick him up. And we also need to keep each other in line, and get each other to do what we are supposed to do."

"And that takes a lot of work to bring people together. Doesn't it?"

"It does, it does, but if you get the rhythm going, it should work, it should work."

"Well, thank you, Uncle P, I know that you are revered and loved by the group. When I saw that goodbye at the AGM, I was just astounded by the standing ovation you received."

"Yes, yes. And you know, anytime any of you boys need assistance, do not hesitate to pick up the phone. I will be more than willing to give a helping hand."

And with that came two heaping platefuls of jerk chicken and oxtail.

On leaving the restaurant, Uncle P turned to the waitress and said, "The food was good as usual, but tell me something, How they can serve oxtail without a helping of beans? I love my beans in oxtail. You must tell the chef that."

In addition to Robbie Vernon and Pat Ferguson, three other Directors retired from Board, 2012. See below



L-R: Francis Cooke, Lennie Chin, Lloyd & Celina Chung, Norma & Patrick Smith, Michael Brandon, Danielle (UncleP's Granddaughter, Heather & Robbie Vernon, Uncle P



Dominique Nash



Neville McDowell



Chris Chin



Remembrance for Carl Anthony Chang by the Hon Dwight A. Nelson

October 20, 2011, Stella Maris Catholic Church

There are some days when we feel very happy like we could take the world into our arms, days when we are filled with laughter and joy. Sometimes on these happy days suddenly everything changes, gloom and darkness set in. Our laughter becomes intense sadness and our joy becomes sorrow and desolation.

Tuesday October 11th was one such day.

We had taken our friend to the hospital after a tragic collapse at his home. We stood outside the emergency room, hopeful, waiting impatiently for positive news. The doctor soon emerged with a sad and foreboding look on his face; our hearts fluttered, our bodies quivered.

We barely heard him as he stated, "I am sorry he has passed, I am sorry he has passed."

Those fateful, final and irrevocable words were like daggers thrust into our hearts. Carl Anthony Chang (Carly) was suddenly taken away from us.

We lost a husband, a father, a grandfather, a brother, a nephew, a kind caring and compassionate employer, a scrupulously honest businessman, and a generous friend.

For me personally it was a terrible loss.

When I conveyed the news minutes later to his wife, Paula in Toronto, she was devastated.

If we all think, I am sure you will agree that there are only a handful of people who touch our lives in a dramatic and positive way. Some are just flickers of light in our lives and soon disappear, while others are consistent glows and remain in our lives for many years.

Carl was my consistent glow. He was the consistent glow of his family and a wide network of friends and associates. He was my best friend for over fifty years. His death was the end of a bond which started in second form at St. George's College and renewed every day until that tragic morning.

Who was Carl Anthony Chang?

He was born on the 21st of April, 1944. He was the fourth child to William and Edna (nee

Kong). He had three older sisters, Mavis, Barbara and Dorothy and two younger, Juliet and Angela.

He had the typical Chinese upbringing, immersed in the Chinese culture with his parents, sisters, aunts and uncles and extended family members.

Whenever we ate at Chinese restaurants which we did at least three times each week, he would boastfully translate the conversations of other diners who spoke the Chinese language. Of course, I had to accept his translation whether it was true or not because I didn't have a clue.

He attended Alvernia Preparatory School then on to Campion Hall, the precursor to Campion College and later, St George's College.

At St. George's College, he was well liked by his fellow students and Jesuit priests. He did not excel in any particular sport but was an aggressive supporter of all the teams. Until his death, he attended almost all of George's manning cup matches. He was always there for the team assisting with their needs. He completed the school's curriculum, graduating with the Cambridge School Certificate.

His ambition was to be a biologist but he opted instead for the family business where he honed his business skills.

On February 25, 1968, he got married to Paula Ho Sang. It was a fruitful union producing three daughters, Jillian, Kerry-Anne, Tracy and son, Michael.

We mourn with Carl's family today.

He succeeded his father in business and built the company into a formidable one.

He has passed, Carl Chang is dead!

It is hardly likely that a national honour will be conferred on him posthumously; it is hardly likely that any roads or bridges will be named in his honour; no national monument will be erected in his name. But Carl Chang has left us a legacy of love, kindness, dedication, loyalty to friends family and company and generosity. These will be his monuments.

It is said that the first great gift we can bestow on others is a good example. He always told me that you can preach a better sermon with your life than with your lips and he was determined to do just that.

He had an abiding love for his family, his wife, Paula and his daughters and son. Those who work in his office will confirm that he made it very clear to everyone that his wife Paula was his best friend. He often told me that when he was in Jamaica away from his wife and children

he felt a certain emptiness and even though he found frequent traveling between Toronto and Kingston physically strenuous, he could not wait to be with them.

There were times when I would call him in Toronto only to be greeted with the happy statement, "I am playing with my grand children." His two grandsons, Jordan and James were his pride and joy (Totus & Mus Mus, were nick names given to them by him). They brought laughter to his face whenever he spoke about them. Carl thought that a happy family was but an earlier heaven.

He always had a passion for St. George's College, and anyone or anything associated with the school. I recall sitting in a restaurant with him one evening when he saw the head boy. He got excited, invited him to the table and was delighted with the discussions they both had.

I want to quote the head boy's words on his passing.

"R.I.P., Carl Chang, one of my mentors, a friend and strong and faithful old boy of St. George's College. A great man indeed he was, completely dedicated to the service of our great institution. This man has touched the lives and hearts of many locally and internationally. The contributions and sacrifices he made astound and are worthy of emulation. *Ad majorem dei gloriam.*"

At a remembrance Mass on Monday, Fr. McIsaac spoke to Carl's desire to give back. This is so true. We often spoke about this. He had no use for people who were ungrateful. He told me about asking an old boy for a donation and was told to come back when his children finished college. Carl never spoke to him again.

He could not do enough projects for St. George's. I remember in 1991 when the old boys embarked on a rebuilding project for Emmet Park. Under the chairmanship of Donovan Chen See, Carl was an integral part of the committee for redevelopment to raise \$600,000 for the project. When Father Rector thought the old boys' occupation of Emmet Park was a rum drinking exercise and banished the old boys allowing Emmet park to fall into disrepair, Carl Chang thought it was too important an institution, and with his own resources restored the change rooms and bathrooms, fitted new louver windows and blinds. He always remembered the days when as little George's boys we used to take inspiration from the old boys there; Ferdie Madden, Laurie Fogarty, Joe Kelly, Trevor Graham and others. Carl did not want those memories to die.

When he finished that project, we all thought that that was it for him. We were wrong! That



was only the end of the beginning. With the support of a number of old boys he then embarked on the reconstruction of the O'Hare building.

Every time I view the pictures taken by Dennis Charley, Tony Wong and Ray Chen of that aged and rotting building, and see the progress of reconstruction that makes it stand so proudly today, I can only shake my head in disbelief at the giant of a man called Carl Chang.

Again we all thought that this must be it! Again we were wrong! He became very fond of Archbishop Larry Burke. He was determined to erect a new classroom building in his honour. I remember us visiting the Archbishop at his residence. We knew that he was dying and Carl made a solemn promise to him that the building would start before he died.

He moved mountains to get architectural plans in place with KSAC's approval; he even assigned me the task to get the Ministry of Education's blessings and contributions. He mobilized St. George's college old boys and friends worldwide for this building. With Ray Chang, architect Arthur Lowe and engineers, Tommy Lyew and Eric Fong Yee he went full steam ahead. He felt satisfied that he accomplished the dedication of the building before the Archbishop died.

We can all remember that event; Carl remained unobtrusive, as Members of Parliament, Ministers and Prime Minister took the limelight. But that was Carl. He sought not the headlines but was satisfied with the knowledge that he contributed. I am told that he was invited to sit on the School Board but he politely declined. That was not his thing. He was a doer not a talker. He was a Jamaican; he was a human being.

I don't know if his daughter Tracy knows that we know but he told us of an occurrence one day in Toronto. He told us that he remembered when he was in Toronto one day when Tracy's friend called and he answered the phone. While Tracy was still talking, he heard her laughing, so he asked her what was wrong and she said that her friend said to her, "I thought you said your father was a *Chiney* man because he sounded like a real Black man. That was Carl, no airs, no pretenses, a real man.

He was a very private person wary and cautious; he only spoke freely to those he trusted. He believed in doing things and was never satisfied if people didn't respond accordingly. He knew how to serve but he was the servant of nobody. He believed in treating everyone with the respect they deserved. That the workers of the school and the plaza had a celebration of his life last night is testimony of their respect for him.

Even while he was finishing the O'Hare building and eyeing the Burke building, he remained on the lookout for other areas of interest at St. George's. I was bombarded and I am sure others were, with pictures of plaques in honour of old boys who served in WW11. When he tried to discuss them and I showed no interest he chided me sternly. "They were Georgians," he said, "and you should be proud even though they were there before you were born." When he later unearthed the metal arch of the original gate for the school, I made sure to show much interest.

Carl Chang had many other passions. He was charitable without boundaries.

Food for the poor, the special Olympians, the Christian Boys Home, the Consie Walters Cancer Care Hospice, the Police Heart Foundation programs, the Bar and Advocates Association, and Catholic primary and high schools were among the many institutions which benefited from his generosity.

To say he was passionate about plants, birds, fish dogs and other animals would be a mammoth understatement. He must have been the largest private collector of exotic pet fish in Jamaica. He imported plants from all

over the world. I used to warn him on the many occasions he would drive alone to the countryside to collect plants.

He had a passion for good food. He always said he was a master chef; we were yet to see the evidence. Now we will never prove that!

I want to close by repeating some of the words said by those who knew him:

"Carl Chang was a mover and shaker in the Jamaican society. His love for his fellow Jamaican and fellow Georgiana was unmatched."

"We have all been touched by your kindness, passion, love and tireless work. You have left a legacy that will never be forgotten."

"We shall miss you – your big heart, your kindness, your friendship, your passion for St. George's College and Grand Jamaica Homecoming, your love for Jamaica and your wonderful words of wisdom and acts of generosity. You were one of our best friends and we shall miss you."

To Paula, Jillian, Kerry-Anne, Tracey, Michael all his other relatives and friends, we share your grief. Your loss is our loss. We will never forget him.

Goodbye my friend. May you find everlasting peace in the bosom of Abraham.

by **Senator, the Hon. Dwight A. Nelson O.D., C.D., J.P.**



Members of Georgian community who have passed on



Carl Anthony Chang
1940-2011



Calvin Chong

Dec. 12, 1943 - Nov. 26, 2011



Douglas A. Lindo J.P.

July 01, 1940-January 15, 2012

L-R: Neville (Mello) Melvin, Michael (Buski) Charley, Neil Dalhouse, Robbie Vernon, Don Barnett, Patrick (Skedron) Smith, Lloyd Chung, Paddy Chung; Seated **L-R:** Derrick Da Costa, Neville DaCosta, Pat (Uncle P) Ferguson

BOWEN, George Rupert -passed suddenly on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, at the age of 71. Beloved husband of Rose and loving daughter Michelle, will be sadly missed by his family and many friends. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thestar/obituary.aspx?n=george-rupert-bowen&pid=154951311>

CHANG, Carl Anthony -member of our Board of Directors, passed on October 11, 2011 at the age of 67. Beloved husband and best friend of Paula, loving Dad to Jillian, Kerry-Anne (Warren Hoo Fung), Tracy, and Michael, proud grandfather of Jordan and James and brother of Mavis, Barbara, Dorothy, Juliet (Richard Jones), and Angela (Abraham Wong); Uncle Archie and Aunts Cecelia, Elsie and Barbara; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Sadly missed by his entire Georgian community.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thestar/obituary.aspx?n=carl-anthony-chang&pid=154414561>

CHONG, Calvin Ph.D. Agriculture, retired professor/ research scientist, McGill and University of Guelph, passed on Saturday, November 26, 2011 in Hamilton, Ontario. Beloved husband of Dorothy, father to Oliver and his wife Naoko, Glenn and his wife Anne, Joanne Gonsalves and her husband Trevor, grandfather to Taiyo, Hiromi, Samantha, Phillip, Cadence and Kalista. Dear brother to Amy, Icyline, Lera, Alton (deceased) and Albert. Obituary published in the *Toronto Star* <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thestar/obituary.aspx?n=calvin-chong&pid=154810287&fhid=12302>



DACOSTA, Derrick Clive Rodriguez - late of Ajas Ltd, died December 25 leaving Fiona, children Andrew, Stacy and Sabrina, brothers, sisters other relatives and friends. Derrick started at StGC 13 January 1953. Worked at Palisadoes Airport (Norman Manley Airport) for several years, ending his career at AJAS. Played outside right on the Manning Cup side in 1957, and also made the All Manning team that year. Derrick will be remembered for having scored with a corner kick in the last minute of his last game. His brother was Delroy DaCosta, one of our early directors and faithful supporters. Missed by entire Georgian community. <http://www.obitsjamaica.com/obituaries/view/28> Picture from *Good & True* #53 Nov. 2008

FONTAINE, Richard Co-founder, Chairman and President of one of Jamaica's oldest insurance brokerage houses, Fraser, Fontaine and Kong Ltd (FFK) died peacefully at home on Wednesday April 11 after a brief battle with prostate cancer. He was 75. Mr. Fontaine, who was born in Bridgetown, Barbados was a naturalized Jamaican and attended St. George's College, Class 1953, in Kingston, Jamaica. He was a founding father, Executive Director and lifetime member of the Insurance Association of the Caribbean. He also served as Chairman of the Prices Commission, Director/Acting Chairman, Things Jamaica Ltd and was Chairman and member of various Finance Committees. Fontaine is survived by five children, Nicole, Martine, Julian, Gerard, and stepson André, a grandson Joshua, three sisters and a brother.

LINDO, Douggie -class of '57, late of 5 Vermont Avenue, Bridgeport, St. Catherine, died on Sunday, January 15, 2012. leaving wife, Edna, children, Douglas, Theresa and Jody-Ann, grandchildren, other relatives and friends. Douggie was one of the survivors of the horrific Kendall train crash in which hundreds were killed <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/pages/history/story009.html>. These memories haunted him for many years.



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