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Quick 2017 Recap

St. Georges College Old Boys' Association, ON, Canada

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Well deserved Sir Danny!

The Ontario Chapter congratulates our very own Danny Ho Lung on being the recipient of The Monsignor Gladstone Award 2017. As an STGC alumnus, Danny has given outstanding service to the school, the Old Boys' Association of Ontario, and the Caribbean communities in Toronto, Canada over a period of three decades. Danny served 15 years as Director of the St. George's College Old Boys' Association of Ontario, which he joined in 2000, initially filling the position of Youth Director. He became President of the Association (2006-2008) at which time he



assumed Chair of the STGC Annual Fundraiser Ball Committee for 7 years (2007-2014), The STGC Fundraiser Ball in Toronto is a signature Caribbean event of the highest calibre, attracting 800-900 guests each year. In recognition and in appreciation of his outstanding service and dedication to the STGC Ontario Chapter, Danny received the Robbie Vernon Award in 2013. Danny worked closely with the late Ray Chang as a key member of special fundraising committees to support the STGC Endowment Fund, the restoration of the O'Hare Building and construction of the Archbishop Burke Building. In addition to these services, he has very generously made personal contributions to the

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Youth BBQ Link up at El Dorado Park, Brampton, July 22 2017

The weather wasn't ideal, but the vibes and camaraderie of those who attended made up for it. The main aim of this social was to bring together the more junior of our old boys in a casual and laid back setting and we found that it resonated well with the guys. Every one eventually came together at around by 12pm. Our Social Director Omari Spence spearheaded this event, seasoning the chicken and whipping out the Jamaican style Jerk pan, which was a huge hit. He definitely earned some chef points for the well

smoked chicken - which when paired with hard dough bread took us right back to the island. It was not without a few hiccups though. It seemed we all forgot our island heritage a bit when we had a difficult time lighting the coal grill. After numerous failed attempts, Sean Wilson came to the rescue and got us up and running. A few kickabouts with a soccer ball, lots of chicken and even more good conversation made for a quite fulfilling day.

This was one of many similar informal youth linkups that we organised thoughout the year. Stay tuned or feel free to reach out to us for information of the next social.





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school. Over the years, Danny has been a prime motivator behind organizing reunions for his Class of 1973, making contacts and staying in touch with most of his classmates. His philanthropy extends to his mentorship of dozens of Georgians over the years in helping individuals and families make cultural and financial adjustments to life in Canada. Please join us in honoring a stalwart not just for STGC but to the Jamaican Chinese and Canadian community in general. Cheers Danny!

ST. GEORGE'S COLLEGE

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION
(ONTARIO CHAPTER)

STGC/ ICHS/ ALPHA Old Fashion Picnic

It was another amazingly coordinated day out in this our annual Family picnic. Ignoring the overnight weather forecast, the ladies of ICHS and ALPHA set out set out a lovely spread with food, drinks and desserts. Not to be outdone Georges boys pitched in with organising games and doing what we could with food - food and desserts as well. As luck would have it, mother nature proved the weather forecasters wrong, with the day turning out to being one of the better days of the summer. It was a day of tricks and skills, with adults and kids together enjoying a few laughs, falls and spills. A day when the youngsters finally bested their more senior counterparts in dominoes and maintained bragging rights until the next time.

The picnic was held at our usual venue Milner Conservation Park in Markham. Big thank you to all the family and friends who joined us.

> STGC Pres. Andre Gregory with ICHS Pres. Carol Case

RUNNING

STGC Fundraiser Summer Dinner Cruise, August 11 2018

See Page 10 for details. Get you tickets early! Only 400 tickets will be sold!

STGC LUNCHEON GROUP- WED Oct 18th Niceys

Fantastic photo taken by Norma Smith at one of the frequent midweek luncheons this time at Niceys Restaurant in Markham.

Imagine it- 5 past Presidents of our Ontario Chapter in photo-Bobby Wills, Fred Kennedy, Robbie Vernon, Derrick Potopsingh and Danny HoLung. Nice get together guys & ladiesgreat camaraderie and Norma Smith, Heather Vernon and Carmelita Wills added spice to the group.



L-R: Carmelita
Wills, Melvin
Cooke, Ivanhoe Yee,
Danny HoLung Back
L-R: BoB Wills, Patrick Smith, Fred Kennedy, Robbie &
Heather
Vernon, Lloyd
Chung, Derrick Potopsingh, Larry Morris.

Drop us a note if you if you are interested in joining up at the next one and we will be happy to coordinate with head organiser Robbie Vernon.

Georgians making waves in telecom sector

STEPHEN PRICE, STGC Class 1990- Managing Director of Cable and Wireless Jamaica Limited

Stephen has a wealth of experience in the telecom market. He started with the Digicel Corporation in 2009 where he was the Head of Group Procurement, assigned to ensure that efficient and economic procurement systems were in place and maintained for the Digicel group.

He joined LIME in 2010 where he was the VP of Retail, Sales and Distribution. His performance was outstanding and so it was no surprise when he was appointed the Managing Director for Cable and Wireless Jamaica Limited in June 2017.

A husband and father, he is married to Imani Duncan Price. He is the younger brother of Andrew Price, another corporate giant.



JUSTIN MORIN, STGC Class 1992 is the newly appointed CEO of Digicel.

Justin has a wealth of experience with his last job being with Saudi Telecom in the Middle East, where he was the Director of Corporate Strategy.

He has 17 years of high level corporate experience in telecom, finance and manufacturing. He worked with Grace Kennedy for 7 years before joining the international consultancy firm Delta Partners as a senior principal.

Annual Mass and Brunch, April 2017

For this year's Mass & Brunch we were blessed to have the illustrious, Dr. Herbert Ho Ping Kong as guest speaker. Speaking with the usual great humour and wit, he entertained and educated us with his experience and knowledge. It was great to hear him speak about how St. George's College built values in him, and the principles he learned after. He was also on hand to personally autograph somewhere around 15 copies of his book, The Art of Medicine - all donated to the Association for sale to lucky patrons.

Our new president Andre Gregory kicked off brunch on time and in style, with his presence as exuberant as it gets.

It is always pleasing to see dedication and devotion rewarded and this years' recipient of the Robbie Vernon award embodies this in every sense. Patrick Garel is one of our longest serving board members and is always on hand to pitch in when needed.

The Old Boys' Association in Ontario continues to strive in making a difference in the lives of our members and extended family members. Our scholarship recipient this year was Shana Flynn who received a scholarship of fifteen hundred Canadian Dollars towards her education. Shana is the granddaughter of John Flynn, another phenomenal individual who currently assists the Association with all matters relating to Culinary expertise. Our thanks to our Scholarship Committee: Dr Herbert Ho Ping Kong, Lloyd Pinnock & Herbie Phillipps

Please see page 5 for a profile of Shana. It was indeed an afternoon of excellence, filled with fun, and the usual surprises and prizes. We hope to see you next year.





Members of the audience hurried to get their book signed by Author and Guest Speaker Dr. Ho Ping Kong.



Patrick Garel receives the Robbie Vernon Award from the man himself



You can't have a brunch without the food.



New Executive Bruce Pinnock & spouse Yanique , Dwayne Redwood, Andre Gregory.



Omari Spence, Joel Freckleton , Brian Mitchell & kids

PROFILE OF SHANA FLYNN, The recipient of the 2017 STGC OBA Ontario Chapter Scholarship



Shana is the grand daughter of John Flynn. She has attended many STGC brunches and picnics and even watched her dad play soccer on the STGC OBA team. Maybe this was the inspiration that has propelled her to her stellar achievements in soccer.

Shana could be considered a prodigy having amassed numerous accolades in the sport even at such tender age. From very young Shana showed great promise and even at the age of 11 had sights of representing Canada's national team. Two years later after being invited to train with the Jamaica's national U15 team her grandpa asked her if she was willing to play for Jamaica she said "if the Canadian team does not accept me"

In that same year at 13 years old she became the starting striker for the Canadian U15 soccer team and scored the winning goal in the CON-CACAF finals to help the team to a gold medal. She has since then represented Canada in many tournaments. In 2016 while just 15 years old she became the youngest player to ever play for Canada on the FIFA U20 soccer team. In that tournament she was player of the game against Guatemala. In that same tournament she made the headlines in the Jamaica Observer as she scored the winning goal in a 8 to 1 win against Jamaica.

Other athletic accomplishments include:

- Brampton Citizens Award 2013
- Middle School Athlete of the year 2013

This very bright young lady not only excels in sports. Here are a few of her other achievements while attending Mayfield Secondary School:

- Honour roll for all 3 years of high school
- 92% academic average
- 1380 SAT score in first attempt while in grade 11
- Recipient of the Principals award (2015)
- She is a dance major in the regional arts program
- On the track team
- On the cross country team
- Volunteers at the Tiny Steps Childcare Center

Shana received scholarship offers from more than 40 schools including, Harvard, Northwestern, Vanderbilt and Columbia University but eventually decided to accept an athletic scholarship to attend the University of California, Los Angeles in 2018

Her goals are to become a professional soccer player, represent Canada on the senior team and to pursue a career as a Chemical Engineer.

Great work Shana and congratulations!





In the News...Fred Kennedy is new Chair

Congrats to another of the Ontario chapters very own Fred Kennedy on the new venture. Here is a post in the Jamaica observer that chronicles a few of Fred's credentials and achievements over the years.

GraceKennedy Ltd on recently announced the appointment of Dr Fred William Kennedy to the chair of the GraceKennedy Foundation. He replaces Professor Elsa Leo-Rhynie who was Chairperson from 2008 to 2017. "We are pleased that Fred is able to lend his considerable experience in education, community and youth development as we continue our work of improving Jamaica through the GraceKennedy Foundation's support for education and the environment," said Don Wehby, GraceKennedy Ltd's Group CEO.

Dr Kennedy's career of more than three decades has been spent in the service of education in both Jamaica and Canada. In Jamaica, he taught at York Castle High School in St Ann and Trench Town Comprehensive High School in Kingston, and served as principal of St George's College in 2004. He has served as president of the St Georges College Old Boy's Association (Ontario), Chair of the Endowment Fundraiser Committee and was inducted into the St George's College Hall of Fame in 2016. He taught at several Canadian secondary schools and was a school administrator within the Toronto District School Board, and was a member of several professional organisations, including the Ontario Principals' Council, the Ontario College of Teachers and the Writers' Union of Canada. Dr Kennedy has been active in the Jamaican community through the Jamaican Diaspora Canada Foundation and as the Jamaican liaison to the board of the Project for the Advancement of Early Childhood Education.



"The GraceKennedy Foundation is a true embodiment of the values of its parent company — honesty, integrity and trust. I look forward to working with the board to continue and expand the good works of the foundation in service to Jamaica," Dr Kennedy said.

An alumnus of The University of the West Indies, Mona campus, he attained a BA and postgraduate diploma in education before completing both masters and doctoral degrees in education at the University of Toronto. The GraceKennedy Foundation was established in 1982 to mark the 60th anniversary of GraceKennedy & Company Limited.

Credit: The Jamaica Observer



HONOURING TWO GREAT GEORGIANS THAT LEFT US IN 2017

Pokar Chandiram



Pokar Chandiram

Based in Jamaica, his influence transcended borders and boundaries to having a profound impact on the association here in Toronto. Many of us know Pokar personally, while others know him through his strong support of the association - particularly our fundraising activities. Pokar recognised the work we do for the School and the community and was always eager to support. He has for many years been a main sponsor of our summer balls and

regularly contributes in kind gifts used in our auctions and raffles. A true measure of the man he was is that we never had to request support, Pokar would call us up asking where to send the sponsorship funds or who would be down to collect the many items he had on hand to donate.

Back in Jamaica, he a constant donor and contributed institutions such as the Salvation Army, Campion College, The Law Street Training Center, Mustard Seed, Missionary of The Poor and many others. He was a giant in many spheres. A successful businessman, he gleaned from early that he had a real responsibility to give back and that he did.

His special love for his alma mater, St.



George's College, was always at the forefront. As we have seen in all great Georgians, the values instilled through the Jesuit education influences their approach to life - that was being men for others. That value system was important to Pokar and he was quite vocal in his advocacy for a continuation of that Jesuit tradition in the school. He was also instrumental in the recent refurbishing of the school chapel and in getting equipment for the chemistry lab through the Food For The Poor, an institution in which he was a founding member. For his strong and continued contribution and influence on the school and professionally to the business community, he was inducted to the St. George's College Hall Of Fame in 2014.

Credit: Lloyd Tenn

Neil Dalhouse

We tip our hats to one of the founding members of the Ontario Chapter. Our summary of his exploits here can never do justice to this giant of a man so instead please refer to our website for a more fulsome look at the life of Neil. In the words of Robbie Vernon, Neil Dalhouse stood out like a beacon in his contribution to the legacy of the Ontario Chapter, the Ontario Georgian Community and to his beloved Alma mater, St, Georges College.

Being one of the founding members of the Ontario Chapter in 1984, Neil went about his business with his renowned energy and enthusiasm. He oversaw the achievement of numerous Association milestones during 18 years on the Board and especially during his presidency from 1986 - 1988.

Neil shared his expertise, and joy for helping with not just his Georgian community. He was active in the Canadian Jamaican community as well. He was an instrumental influence in the formation of the Alumni Association of Jamaican Schools (the Alliance) in 1988 with then 22 Alumni Associations in Ontario. It was also Neil who started the annual soccer tournament in memory of Dennis Zaidie and Jackie Bell, which



later mushroomed to the now popular Soccerfest.

Neil was always steadfast in his commitment to whatever cause he undertook and was never shy in expressing his opinions on how he felt success can be achieved. We salute him for all he achieved and the strong legacy he has left us.

Winchester Park, North Street, Kingston, Jamaica, W.I.

Academically we have had a pass rate of 88.1% in CSEC (CXC) and are the 2nd rated all-boys school. The lower School Awards Ceremony on April 6, 2017 – celebrating academic excellent 436 out of 732 boys received prizes. Two students, Kiano Herbert (Physical education) and William Pendergast (Building Tech) received National Awards in CXC Examinations.

In Sports

- Three students, Odane Lalor (captain of National U-19 Rugby team), Samario Williams (Captain of National U-19 Basketball team) and Alex Marshall awarded by RJR Sports Foundation.
- Won U-19 Rugby Championship
- Won the Lacrosse competition.
- One student represented Jamaica at CARIFTA Championships.
- Reached the finals of the Grace Shield in Cricket.
 Lost to Papine.
- Three students, Kirk McKenzie, Geordae Seymour and Howard Lewin selected to National Age Group cricket teams Infrastructure.

Infrastructure:

- Biology Lab repaired at a cost of over \$2M (Ja).
- Physics Lab and Chapel to be repaired in the coming months.
- Industrial Arts Building partially repaired and new equipment installed in woodwork shop.

Name of students who received the **G Raymond Chang and Carl Chang 6th Form Scholarships**:

- Jovel Miles
- Jevaun Messam

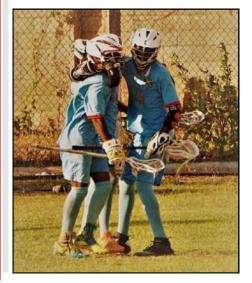
Administration:

 Two Jesuit novices, Brothers Chris and Melvin now working at STGC. Brother Chris teaches Biology and Brother Melvin assists with Systems Administration.









Young Georgian to watch...

It always refreshing to see thriving young talent...in this edition we put the spotlight on a talented Georgian Mr Matthew McHayle. Matthew was recently (Nov 2 2017) inducted to the Kingston & St. Andrew Municipal corporation (KSAC) Youth Council, which comprises the prospective Youth Mayor, Deputy Youth Mayor, Heady of Departments and other distinguished members.

Matthew is a multi-faceted youth who juggles academics with a well rounded co-curricular lifestyle. In addition to being the school's Student

Council president, he is the chairman of the Children's Advisory Panel of the Child Development Agency, now formally called the Child Protection and Family Services Agency (CPFSA). CPFSA is the chief organisation for

MATTHEW MCHAYLE
CHAIRMAN, CHILDREN'S ADVISORY PANEL (CAP)

Child Care and Protection in Jamaica.

Matthew is also a panelist on the popular local youth Advocacy television show, "Talk Up Yout". Matthew clearly has a passion and talent for social work and we see big things in this guy's future.







Big congrats to our Under 16 and Under 19 Schoolboy Football teams who performed fantastically in this years Colts and Manning cup competitions but narrowly missed out full honours. The under 16 team narrowly missed out to Jamaica College in the final, while the Under 19 Manning Cup team fell short on penalties in the playoffs to STATHS.

Well done boys. We will be bigger and better next season.

BACK WITH A BANG...







STGC Endowment, a New Beginning for our Alma Mater

"It's a wonderful feeling to contribute to something larger, that can have a profound benefit for so many, to give back for all that I have received from that great institution." Richard Lindo (Class of '76)

The Class of 1976 has donated a total of USD 40,000 and has pledged an additional USD 50,000 for 2018.

You can become a champion too by reaching out to your classmates to raise money for our school.

Thanks to the good will of hundreds of old boys in Jamaica, Canada and US, the STGC Endowment Fund has grown to a value of JMD 200M (CAD 2M) in total donations and pledges to date. The Fundraiser Committee is embarking on its second phase of campaign to raise an additional JMD 100M (CAD 1M) to bring the fund to a capital investment sum of JMD 300M (CAD 3M).



Thanks go out to The Ontario Chapter, which donated CAD 5000 in 2016, the Dalhouse family (with the help of **Francis Dalhouse** and **Buski Charley**) who raised CAD 11,000+ in honour of **Neil Dalhouse** and to the Class of '73, under the leadership of **Danny Ho Lung** and **John Flynn**, who contributed CAD 5000 this year.

The energy and generosity of old boys, family, and friends of STGC have been incredible.

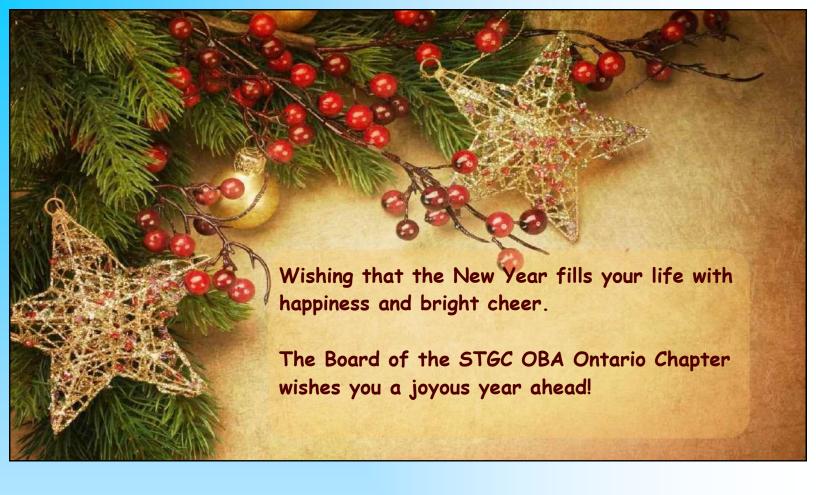
If you would like to donate or become involved in raising funds, please contact **Fred Kennedy** (Class of '65) at fredwkennedy@hotmail.com.

The fund is being professionally managed by GraceKennedy Capital, which forecasts significant growth of the investment over the next few years.

The STGC Endowment guarantees the financial solvency of our *alma mater* and puts earnings in the hands of the administrators to fund operational and capital projects.

Help us guarantee the education of generations of Georgians to come. You may donate directly online to: www.foodforthepoor.org/STGC

Fred Kennedy Chair, STGC Endowment Fundraiser Committee November 2017



Schedule of Events for 2018



Please check our website <u>www.stgctoronto.com</u> for updates and details:

AGM: Sunday March 11, 2018 (tentative) 1:30 pm @ St Aiden's Church Hall, 3501 Finch Avenue E, Scarborough

Mass/Brunch: April 29, 2018 12:00pm @ St. Thomas the Apostle Church Hall, 14 Highgate Drive, Markham

Summer Dinner Cruise: Saturday August 11 2018, 207 Queens Quay

West, Toronto

Alpha/ICHS/STGC Picnic: Sunday August 12, 2018, Milne Park, Markham

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