



## MEET YOUR STGC ONTARIO DIRECTORS

**Peter  
HITCHINS**  
President

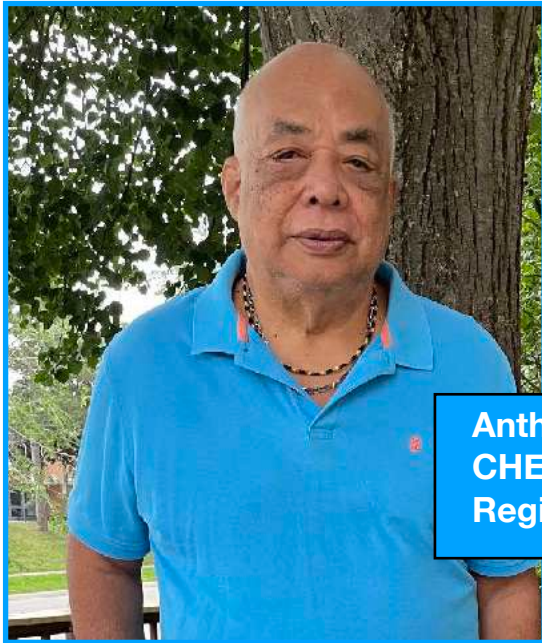


*Five years after graduating from the University of the West Indies, I migrated to Canada with my young family, settling in Brampton, Ontario. In 1979, I joined Mack Trucks Canada as an Internal Auditor and progressed through the ranks to the position of Chief Financial Officer and Company Director. 1994 saw me moving to Calgary, Alberta where I held the positions of CFO/CEO at several manufacturing companies. Returning to the Greater Toronto Area in 2004, I started my software and financial consulting company which is now in its 20<sup>th</sup>. year. I have served the STGC Ontario Chapter in many capacities over the years prior to undertaking the presidency in September 2023.*

**Shaun  
WILSON**  
Vice-president  
President-elect

*I graduated STGC 1987 and came to Canada the following year with my mother and little sister, Michell. We lived in Toronto where I worked at various jobs in the fast-food industries and banking before deciding to go back to school. I attended both Community College and University where I met my wife. I then moved to Kitchener, Ontario where I worked both in industry as an accountant and then at the University of Guelph. I am married to Laura, I have two daughters, Jocelyn, and Tyrah, and one granddaughter, Khaliya. Most of my free time is spent working out, reading, attending men's groups, walking my dog, Lou, and travelling with my wife. My foundation in life was because of the skills and educational training at St. Georges College. I am happy to be a part of the STGC board again. I would love to give back to my alma mater as best as I can.*





**Anthony  
CHEN  
Regional Vice-President**

*In December 2005, I migrated to Canada through a self-sponsored Master's Degree program. I worked as a cost accountant until retiring in 2017. Presently, I serve as the Vice President of the Edenwood Seniors Village Board in Mississauga, Ontario, and volunteer with the Region of Peel on housing solutions for senior citizens. I have been married to my wife, Jeanne, for 48 years, and we're blessed with our daughter, Kimberly. I am in my second term with the STGC board, and I'm excited to contribute to revitalizing awareness of the association.*

*I migrated to Canada in June 1998 and was introduced to Ontario Chapter of the OBA later that year when my wife met Robbie Vernon at a work event at Royal Bank of Canada. I immediately got involved and held several positions on the Board, becoming President from 2008 -2010. I migrated to the U.S. in 2013, and in December 2020, learnt of the demise of the Association due to the pandemic. I investigated the possibility of taking the reins remotely from my home in Texas. I was appointed President in March 2021 and resurrected the Association, spearheading the financing of the restoration of the O'Hare Building, reconnecting with members via newsletters and emails. As a member of the Class of 1976, I helped launch the Class of 1976 Scholarship Program in honor of John T Rupley to offer scholarships in perpetuity to a qualifying 3rd former. As Immediate Past President, I participate in monthly first Friday Zoom meetings open to Georgians, and with 76ers, meet virtually for prayers every Saturday morning.*



**Christopher  
CHIN  
Immediate  
Past-president**



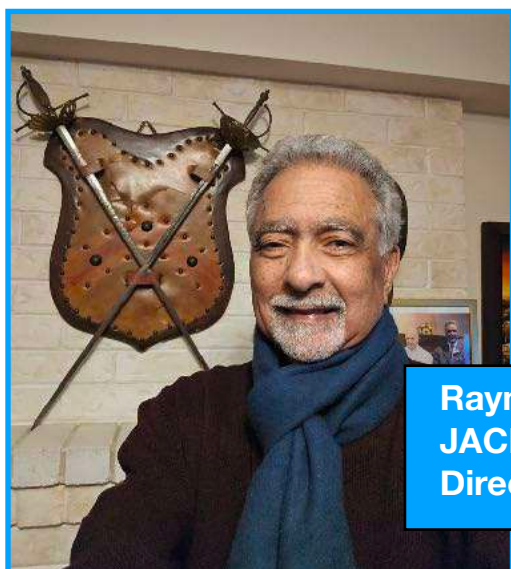
**Andre  
GREGORY  
Secretary**

*In 2002, I migrated to Canada and got married a few years later. Initially, I worked in IT doing network and help-desk support for companies such as Rogers Cable and Barrick Gold. After a few years, I decided to start my own business in the Window Covers/Blinds Industry. I have been in business for the last 10 years specializing in both residential and commercial properties. I was introduced to the STGC OBA Association by Fr. Michael Davidson S.J. (originally my 2nd Form Religion teacher at St George's College) and decided to join the Board under Fred Kennedy's presidency. I have served on the Board in various positions, including President. I look forward to continuing to support both my alma mater and the Ontario Chapter.*

*I am a former member of both the Jamaican and Canadian armies. My fifteen-year military career culminated with holding the rank of Lieutenant and position of Platoon Commander in the Canadian military. I am an Olympian and former member of the vaunted Jamaican bobsled team. After the 1992 Olympics in Albertville, France, I migrated to Canada and continued my track and field career as a student at York University in Toronto, where I won the titles of Most Valuable Athlete and Mayor's Exemplary Athlete of the year. I still enjoy Track and Field and currently hold the title of Canadian 100-meter Masters champion (Canadian Masters Championship in British Columbia, August 2023). I am now a candidate for the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame. I am Vice Principal in the York Region District School Board and Professor of English at Seneca College. I currently serve my alma mater as Sports Director of the STGC Ontario OBA Association.*



**Milton  
HART**  
Sports Director



**Raymond  
JACKSON**  
Director-at-large

*I graduated STGC 1957—ran the third leg at Champs 4 x 110 class 11 relay at Sabina Park in 1956, along with DaCosta and FenChang, enabling our Bobby March to leave KC's "bullet" Ventura in the dust, winning the gold, "to raughted". I became Cadet Under Officer under the dignified Captain Hall and represented Jamaica in Fencing in all three weapons: foil, sabre and epee in two Commonwealth Games and two Pan American Games. I'm a founding member of our STGC Ontario Association, Knight Of St George, Past-president of The Kingston Jaycees in 1973 and Past-president of the Rotary Club Of Oakville Trafalgar in 2012. I have been awarded four Rotary Paul Harris Fellows. I married Nolia Skipton in 1967 and we have three boys.*

*In 1976, I migrated to Canada as a young man, just married, and about to start a family. After a lot of trial and error (including fast food delivery jobs), I landed a permanent position with Toronto District School Board as a teacher and later, administrator. Served a couple years as Principal of our alma mater and have worked with the STGC OBA Ontario in many capacities, including that of president. In my retirement, I turned to authoring books, and now hold the position of Chairman of GraceKennedy Foundation. I'm glad to be on the STGC board once again to assist with promoting the good work of our fellow Georgians in Canada and of the college in Kingston, Jamaica. My wife, Georgianne, our three daughters, and seven grandchildren are a great blessing in my life.*



**Fred  
KENNEDY**  
Communications Director



**Benito  
PALOMINO**  
Treasurer

*I am a dual licensed lawyer [Ontario & Jamaica] with over 32 years' experience in law and banking, and a partner at Palomino Gordon Law where my multi-jurisdictional firm focuses on the areas of real estate; estates; investment banking and corporate/commercial law. I have a Master's Degree in Accounting and am a licensed mortgage agent. My upbringing instilled in me a sense of community and social justice—resulting in my giving back in many roles: Board Member & Audit Committee Chair of Mayberry Investments Ltd, Jamaica; President-elect of the Rotary Club of New Kingston, Jamaica; member of Consulate General of Jamaica (Toronto) Panel for Tertiary Institutional Development; Board Member of the Community Legal Clinic York Region; and*

*Director of the Black Legal Aid Clinic (BLAC). I am a board member of Directors of the Jamaican Canadian Association and of the Steering Committee of the Pan African Credit Union. My alma mater, which my sons also attended, is particularly close to my heart: I have served as member of the St. George's Board of Management and as Vice President and President of the STGCOBA Ontario Chapter, and now as Treasurer.*

*I am STGC class of 1959 and graduated UWI in 1965. I was married to Diana in 1966, obtained LLB University of London and called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn 1969, and admitted to practice, Jamaica in the same year. I served as JLP Senator, 1972-1974, and as Resident Magistrate Half-Way-Tree, 1974-1977.*

*After immigrating to Canada in 1977, I was admitted as Barrister and Solicitor, 1983—retiring in 2021. I was ordained Permanent Deacon at St. Michael's Cathedral in 2000. I served as First President of STGC Old Boys' Association in Ontario and now as Spiritual Director.*

**Rev. Peter  
RICKARDS**  
Spiritual Director



**Richard  
SAUNDERS**  
Regional Vice-president

*STGC Class of '87—I migrated to Canada in December of that year. Had my first experience of winter and wanted to return to Jamaica but with all my immediate family migrating, I had no choice but to adjust. After graduating from the Hospitality program at Humber College, I joined Red Lobster Canada as a team member. I have been employed with Red Lobster for 33 years and currently am the General Manager at the Mississauga location. I spend my spare time in the gym training and developing young aspiring basketball players. Currently I am the head coach of a U12 boys basketball team. I have been a member of the STGC OBA Ontario chapter for over 20 years. My current position is Regional VP. It gives me immense pleasure to serve my alma mater as I was the recipient of many good deeds from past old boys.*

*I migrated to Canada in 1971. I am a graduate of McMaster University (BEng. EE) and of University of Toronto (LLM). I have worked with Hitachi Canada since 1984 in senior capacities including CEO Hitachi Canadian Ltd, Chairman Hitachi Power Systems Ltd., and now Chief Executive, Canada. I am a strong believer in community service, currently serving in many organizations in Ontario such as North York Police ICSAC, McMaster Engineering Advisory Board, B'nai B'rith Advisory Council to the League of Human Rights, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (Board member), Energy Council Of Canada (Board Chair), Japan Society (Board member) and on STGC Board of Directors, (Ontario Association) since 2010—continuing to offer my services as director-at-large in giving back to my alma mater. My passions are exploring the application of technology solutions to advance humanity's quality of life; the law which provides governance on the application of such technologies; and golf.*



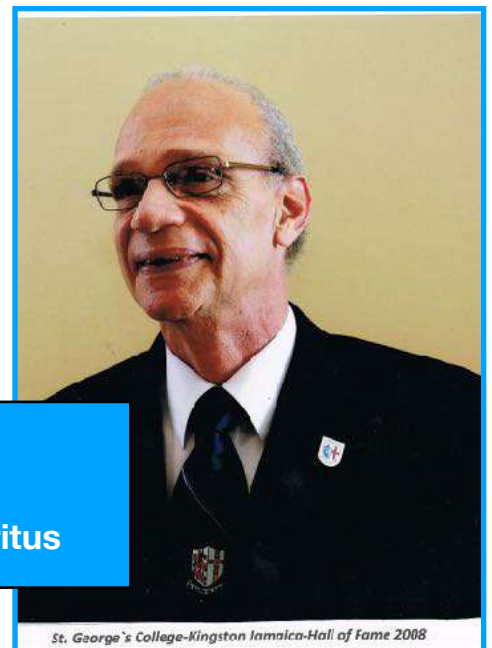
**Howard  
SHEARER**  
Director-at-large



**Dr. Jeffrey  
THOMPSON**  
Director-at-large

*I migrated to Canada with my wife and son in 1999. After the birth of our daughter in December 1999, I landed a permanent position with Apotex as an IT project manager in April 2000 and remained with the company for five years. Over the past twenty years, I worked as a project professional at Maple Leaf Foods, OLG, Canada Bread and TD Bank. I also volunteer with the Mary Immaculate Catholic Church and a few Black organizations like the York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities (YRAACC), Black Professional in Technology Network (BPTN), Canadian Association of Urban Financial Professionals (CAUFP) and the BlackNorth Initiative. Based on my doctoral studies, I continue to write about and present on the importance of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB), and anti-Black Racism. I joined the STGC OBA Ontario this year and look forward to working with my fellow Georgians and our alma mater.*

*In 1977, I migrated to Canada with my young family and continued my work career with the Royal Bank of Canada, retiring in 2005 as Risk Manager Ontario, after 42 years' service in senior positions in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. In Jamaica, I received several awards for community service. I was a member of the Jaycees and Lions Club and appointed by the government to the Board of the Mentally Handicapped in May Pen. In Canada, I was made an Honorary Life member of Etobicoke Youth Soccer Club for over 20 years' service as director and I served as secretary on the Board of Governing Metro Toronto Soccer Association. I was a founding member of the Royal Banks Black Diversity Committee, representing the bank at outreach activities in the Caribbean Community. For over 25 years, I have been an active member of the St. Vincent DePaul visiting Prison Chaplaincy programme. Most proud to be a founding member of STGC Ontario Chapter in 1984 and have sat on the Board in many capacities including that of president.*



**Robbie  
VERNON**  
Director Emeritus

St. George's College-Kingston Jamaica-Hall of Fame 2008



**Charles  
YOUNG  
Membership Director**

*My father was a Georgian in 4th form when around 1924 his father yanked him out to work in the shop, “You can read and write; that’s enough.” My mother could not read or write English. To their great credit their three sons got scholarships to American universities. Four years later I enjoyed a plane ride to Montego Bay where the Director of Tourism offered me the Assistant job. I chose Royal Bank instead where one of my training rotations put me under none other than Robbie Vernon! Fifty+ years of banking, training, communications, consulting, and real estate now sees me back in the Georgian community for a second stint in membership. In consort with the executive team I’m aiming that we expand ‘Membership’ beyond the traditional admin to a higher-value “Member Services.”*

*Merry  
Christmas*

On December 09, directors and their wives met at Howard Shearer’s home in Mississauga for a Christmas celebration—a fabulous evening of laughter, camaraderie and first class Caribbean food. Wonderful to be back together in fellowship after the COVID years.



Beat the winter blues!

Enter the Light Blues

**DOMINOES TOURNAMENT**

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SAVE THE DATE:

**February 10  
2024**

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Registration  
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2024  
STGC  
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EVENTS



L-R: Chevril Shaw, Peter Rickards, Georgianne Kennedy, Nolia and Ray Jackson, Diana Rickards, Stephen Shaw.



L-R: Benito Palomino, Howard Shearer (our host), Kathleen and Peter Hitchins, and Donna Walwyn.



L-R: Charles Young, Jeffrey Thompson, Heather Vernon, Laura and Shaun Wilson, Robbie Vernon, Maxine Palomino, Novelette and Milton Hart.

Unable to attend: Tony Chen, Chris Chin, Andre Gregory, Dwayne Redwood, Richard Saunders and their wives.

STGC Ontario members, support your *alma mater*, contribute (CAD 50) by interac: [stgcontariotreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:stgcontariotreasurer@gmail.com)