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*Editorial*

## Why be a paid-up member of your Alumni Association?

The St. Stanislaus College Alumni Association Toronto (SSCAAT) was formed not just to enable alumni to maintain contact with each other but specifically to provide support to the College. It does this by hosting events in order to raise much-needed funds which go towards defraying the costs of improving the education environment and facilities of the College in Georgetown.

SSCAAT is registered as a Canadian not-for-profit organization, and is run on a totally volunteer basis, with none of the Executive of the Association receiving any payment for services rendered. The members of the Executive even have to pay to attend the events at which they volunteer their services. We encourage you to visit our web-site, [www.torontosaints.com](http://www.torontosaints.com), for more details about the Association.

However, it takes not only time but also money to run any organization. There are normal administrative costs involved (including preparing and distributing this newsletter), and we would rather not use money from our fund-raising events to satisfy this need. Such funds should be directed towards the reason why they were collected, namely to the support of the College. Therefore, we need to have another source of funds for administrative costs, and this is the alumni membership fees.

Some of the alumni whom we have contacted have expressed the opinion that the College today is not the same school which they had attended some (20/30/40/50) years ago, and that they do not feel any connection to the present institution so would rather not be a part of the current support organization. Of course, they are right in that nothing ever stays the same! This makes it even more important to support the College today. These alumni have benefited from a period of extraordinary teachers, international support, and relative stability when they were students. They are successful today mainly because of the high quality of education they had received at the College. Do not today's students deserve to have access to the same quality of education as these fortunate alumni had received? Are today's students any less deserving just because these alumni no longer live in or have any connections to Guyana? The Alumni Association is helping to improve the educational environment so that these less-privileged students can have the same opportunities as past students had. Shame on those alumni who refuse to acknowledge their connection to their past and who will not give back in thanks for what they have received!

For those alumni who are open to our appeal, the annual fee has remained at \$25 (Can) ever since the formation of SSCAAT about seventeen years ago, in spite of inflation affecting our expenses. We feel that this amount is affordable to the alumni, yet reasonable for us as we try to minimize the costs of running the Association. However, it is reasonable only if the alumni participate, and that is where each one of you must play an essential role.

If you have not done so yet, we encourage each one of you to become a formal member of the Association. Cheques should be made payable to "St. Stanislaus College Alumni Association Toronto", and sent to our address at 4544 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M1S 1V2. Also enclose a filled-out membership form which can be found on the last page of this newsletter. Please be assured that all information provided to us will be treated as confidential and will be used by us only for Alumni Association purposes. We do not sell or distribute in any way your personal information to any other person or organization. Also, do not forget to let us know when any of your information changes e.g. a new e-mail address, so that we can continue to keep you informed of events of mutual interest.

## Paper vs. Electronic Formats

In another article in this issue (on paid-up membership), we discussed reducing our administrative costs. You can help us in this area. If you received this newsletter in paper form and have an e-mail address, please provide us with your e-mail address so that we can send you the newsletter electronically in the future. This will enable us to save the costs of printing and postage, and you will receive the newsletter faster (and in colour).



***“We want to value what God values. We want to conform our heart and mind to the heart and mind of God”.***

Excerpt from the core values of Cross International.

I first heard of Cross International last year (2006) when it donated a shipment of desks to Saints. That furniture, it turns out, was just the latest of several shipments of goods that Cross had shipped to help in refurbishing of the school. It was made, thanks to the efforts of alumnus Vic Gonsalves, Manager of Goods in Kind at Cross. I wondered at that time where the furniture came from, and how it was that an organization could make such a sizeable donation to Saints. Cross was located in Florida, that much I knew, but an understanding of the organization I put on the back burner, filed away along with all the other items in my “I wish I knew” folder.

In early March, I spent a week with my family in the Miami area in an effort to escape the rigours of winter that I dread each year. At the suggestion of another member of the Toronto Association, I contacted ‘old boy’ Vic Gonsalves who agreed to meet with me at the Cross Headquarters in Pompano Beach, and introduce me to the organization and some of the people there. I am grateful to Vic for the opportunity to learn about Cross and to share what I learned with others who might not be aware of its work.

Cross International is an alliance of Christian charities established to channel aid to the Third World poor through local churches and faith based organizations. It deals directly with the local organizations, and is therefore able to deliver aid directly to the needy, instead of having to deal with an intermediate organization. Cross places the emphasis on helping the poor out of the conditions of poverty in which they find themselves, instead of simply attempting to sustain people living in poverty.

Last year, Cross shipped 193 million dollars (US!) worth of goods from the U.S. to various parts of the Third World. It operates several warehouses in the US, and maintains headquarters in Boca Raton, Florida. For this level of aid and service to be sustainable, the organization needs a steady flow of goods in kind and cash, to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars annually. Vic had mentioned that Cross depends on donations to keep its program going; still, I found it incredible that an operation of this magnitude is supported entirely by donations. The bulk of donations comes from corporations in the form of clothes, medicine, and household goods, but it is not just the corporate donors that support Cross. The day before I met Vic, his daughter Rhonda, also on staff at Cross, had



At Cross International: President Jim Cavnar (left) and alumnus Vic Gonsalves (right), Manager of Goods in Kind, supervise the loading of a container.

taken part in a radio appeal. That one day on the air brought in more than \$100,000.00 (US)! The sheer magnitude of the donations pledged reminded me that

***Americans are very generous people.***

Cross is a Christ-centered organization. The day begins with a prayer in the Conference Room and, among its core values, Cross declares:

***“We seek to help the poor in Jesus’ name and for the glory of God”***

I could not help reflecting on the fact that one of our Saints alumni who spent his youthful years constantly reminded that his actions must be AMDG (to the greater glory of God) is, in his later years, working full time “for the glory of God”.

Good management and accountability are central to the success of Cross in continuing to attract donations. Donors are invited to browse through a Project Catalog and to select a project they wish to support. They will then receive a report on just how their donations have been used. Through good management, Cross has been able to deliver \$0.85 worth of aid for every dollar donated. They accomplish this through:

- Carefully picking the projects they support. Cross

responds to appeals for help from local organizations in the recipient countries, and relies on the local organization to oversee the project. Very often, the appeal comes from a missionary organization.

- Employing to the maximum extent possible, labour, materials, and organizations local to the project. The use of local organizations greatly enhances the value of donations received. The poorer the country, the greater the potential value of donated aid from North America.
- Bulk purchasing of material, and container shipping to maximize the value of donations.
- Supervising projects sufficiently to ensure that funds and material are not wasted, and that money and material can be accounted for. Again, by dealing directly with the local organization involved in the project, project aid is matched closely to the needs of the project.
- Keeping tight control over administrative costs. Concern over the amount lost in “administration” is a major reason some are reluctant to donate to a large organization. At the moment, administration costs are about 0.8% of the budget, and fundraising is about 1.16%. As a result, 98% of donations reach recipient projects.

- Scrupulous book-keeping. Cross International is an American 501 C3 organization. This means that it is regularly audited, and its finances are in the public domain.

There are many Christian agencies that help the Third World poor. Cross stands out in the way it is dedicated to accountability to its donors, keeping administrative costs to rock bottom levels, and supervising projects sufficiently to guard against wastage, but without incurring excessive costs. But these are just means to an end. What is the end? What is the purpose of the whole exercise? The Cross website, [www.crossinternational.org](http://www.crossinternational.org), provides the answer. First and foremost in their Strategic Plan,

***Cross International is committed to working itself out of existence.***

Because its purpose is to help the poor of the Third World to break out of the cycle of poverty, Cross is actually working to make itself redundant! But until that comes to pass, Cross will continue sending aid overseas, and work to hasten the day when it is no longer needed.

*John Yip*

## Membership

Some alumni have asked about instituting a more “efficient” way of submitting their annual dues to the Association rather than having to mail in a cheque. We have looked into the situation and have talked to our Bank Manager about it. There are several possible options :

1. We could let everyone know our Bank Branch Transit Number and Account Number so that renewing alumni could ask for a deposit to be made directly to us. This has two major problems. First, in Canada where the majority of our paid-up members live, the Government has instituted regulations for the banks to follow for potential third-party depositors in order to avoid scams, money-laundering, and other criminal activities. The banks must insist on deposits in person, with the depositor having to produce formal identification on who he/she is and his/her relationship to the account before they will allow the deposit to be made. Secondly, the more people made aware of our account information, the greater the chance of this information falling into the “wrong” hands and of the Association being robbed through fraud. This second problem could be minimized by using a second account for only membership fees, but it would not overcome the first problem.
2. We could accept credit cards but, unfortunately, the banks will not allow us to follow this route. We also would have had to pay an administrative fee for such privileges.
3. We could use other facilities, such as “Paypal”, but we would also have to pay a fee for this thought it would be free for the “payers”. Also, this is available only to those with computer access, and is also subject to security breach (even though small).
4. It would be relatively safe to reveal only our Bank Branch Transit Number and provide the name of the Branch Manager, and have the alumni request that the deposits be sent (via inter-office mail) to the Branch Manager who has kindly offered to make the actual deposits when she receives them. Not only is this cumbersome but it now introduces another party into the transaction, one who may change in the future and may not be willing to continue with the agreement.

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## Membership (continued from page 3)

Generally, there is no simple solution other than the present process of alumni mailing (or delivering) their cheques to us. Thus, we ask you to bear with us and to continue to mail in your cheques.

Some alumni (especially those outside of Canada) have found it to be inconvenient to have to transmit such a small amount on an annual basis. Therefore, we are proposing the following alternative for all alumni, effective immediately. If you send us \$100 (Can) to cover membership for four years into the future, we shall credit you with a fifth year at no further charge ("Buy five for the price of four!"). Starting with this issue of the newsletter, we shall be noting the names of not only those who have paid for the current year but also those who have paid for future years so that you can know when next you have to pay.

So far this year, the following alumni have committed to paid-up membership. The names in *italics* indicate those from whom payment was received since the last issue of the newsletter was published. Of these 120, 93 are renewals from last year.

<b>CANADA (97)</b>	Rupert DeCastro	Gerry Gouveia	Tony O'Dowd	<i>Anthony Bollers</i>
Bernard Arokium	Thomas DeCastro	<i>Alfred Goveia</i>	Malcolm Pequeneza	Fr. Andrew Chan-a-sue
Leonard Arokium	Alvaro DeFreitas	<i>Orlando Goveia</i>	<i>Leslie Pereira</i>	Brian Chin
Michael Barrington	<i>Peter DeFreitas</i>	<i>Ken Hahnfeld</i>	<i>Desmond Perreira</i>	Vincent Correia <sup>1</sup>
David Bourne	Frank Delph	Hugh Hazlewood	Bunty Phillips	Brian Devers
Teddy Boyce	<i>Andre Depeana</i>	Paul Hazlewood	<i>Carl Ramalho</i>	<i>Peter Fernandes</i> <sup>1</sup>
Paul Camacho	<i>Vyvyan Deryck</i>	<i>Jocelyn Heydorn</i>	Romeo Resaul	<i>Cecil Glasgow</i>
<i>Errol Campbell</i>	Clive Devers	<i>Richard James</i>	Raphael Rodrigues	Vic Gonsalves
Wilfred Carr <sup>1</sup>	Roger Devers <sup>1</sup>	Des Jardine	Ramon Rego	Edward Gouveia
Joseph Castanheiro	Terrence Devers	Clayton Jeffrey	<i>Joe Reis</i>	<i>Guy Goveia</i> <sup>1</sup>
Antony Chapman	Neville Devonish	<i>Anthony Jekir</i>	<i>Joseph Schuler</i>	Kenneth Jordan
Errol Chapman	Frederick Dias	<i>Aubrey Kellawan</i>	Cecil Seymour	Peter Rodrigues
<i>Victor Charan</i>	<i>Jerome D'Oliveira</i>	<i>Greg Kellawan</i>	<i>Walter Tiam-fook</i>	<i>Keith Seaforth</i> <sup>3</sup>
<i>Vernon Chaves</i>	Ronald D'Ornellas	John King	Arthur Veerasammy	John Sparrock
Bob Chee-a-tow	<i>Paul Duarte</i>	Vibert Lampkin	Warner Veerasammy	
<i>Tony Chee-a-tow</i>	Carlton Faria	<i>Dereck Mahanger</i>	Vibert Vieira	<b>INTERNATIONAL (9)</b>
Ivan Choo	Paul Farnum	Gerard Martins	<i>John Vincent</i>	Philip Cheong-leen
Malcolm Cole	Frank Fernandes	Herman McCowan	Howard Welshman	<i>Christopher Cho-Young</i> <sup>3</sup>
<i>Paul Crum-Ewing</i>	Raymond Fernandes	Michael Mendes de Franca	Godfrey Whyte	Richard DeCaires
Ken Cumberbatch	Julian Fisher	<i>Vincent Mendes de Franca</i>	David Wong	Stephen DeCastro
Eddie Da Silva	Sonny Francis	<i>Aubrey Miller</i>	<i>Brian Yhap</i> <sup>1</sup>	Tony Gomes
<i>Ivor Da Silva</i>	Gerard Gomes	<i>Richard Miller</i>	John Yip	Leyland Grant
Tyrone DeAbreu	Trevor Gomes	<i>Dennis Ngui-Yen</i>	<i>Angus Zitman</i>	John Jardim
<i>Dennis DeCambra</i>	<i>Mark Gonsalves</i>	Stan Niccols		Neville Jordan <sup>2</sup>
Hilary DeCambra	Neil Gonsalves	Clarence Nichols	<b>U.S.A. (14)</b>	Lennox Yhap

### Notes :

1. These (6) alumni have paid in advance through 2008.
2. These (1) alumni have paid in advance through 2009.
3. These (2) alumni have paid in advance through 2010, so will be credited with an extra year (to 2011).

**Obituary****DOUGLAS THOMPSON**

Douglas Anthony St. Clair Thompson has been my friend for close to sixty years. We first met in September 1944 at St. Stanislaus College in Georgetown. We were both new boys at the College. He was 14 years old and was transferring from another High School. I was 11 years old and was entering direct from Primary School. He went into the middle school while I was a second former.



As Douglas progressed through the school, he became a prefect. He was always reasonable and did not lord it over the younger ones. When Douglas graduated from the sixth form in 1948 with exemptions from the Intermediate B.A. of the University of London, he was invited to teach English and Elementary Mathematics to the lower and middle forms at St. Stanislaus.

Our contact became closer in 1949 when I reached the sixth form. I myself was a prefect and later Deputy Head Prefect, and had the opportunity to intermingle socially with the teachers and, in particular, with the younger teachers.

In 1951, I myself was invited to join the staff of St. Stanislaus College to teach Latin and Elementary Mathematics to the lower and middle forms. It was at that time that the friendship between us really grew and was cemented. He took me under his wing, so to speak. We rode home together practically every mid-day and every afternoon. Although we enjoyed teaching, we both knew that it was not to be our life's profession. Together with Claude Vieira, we looked upon ourselves as a triumvirate and, every Friday afternoon, we three would go to the Brown Betty on Hincks Street where we would consume enormous amounts of hamburgers and malted milk shakes.

Through all of this, Douglas did not neglect his studies. In 1952, he completed his Bachelor of Arts Degree of the University of London as an external student. For those unfamiliar with the system at the time, many students in Guyana, and indeed in the Caribbean and other parts of the Commonwealth which did not have a University of its own, obtained their degrees as external students of the University of London. It meant that you obtained the syllabus, bought the books, studied privately, and sat the same examinations as the students attending University. The difference was that external students did not have the benefit of the Professors and Lecturers at the University. This generally meant that external students had to work harder. Douglas was a hard worker and received his degree with second-class honours, which would have been the equivalent of first class honours as an internal student.

By 1954, I had settled on a legal career and left St. Stanislaus at the end of July. Law was cheaper and less demanding than a medical career that Douglas was bent on pursuing. By 1954, there were also other interests in our lives. We had both by that time settled on the girls that we would marry.

Douglas continued to teach until 1957 when he proceeded to Dublin to enter medical school. Berl joined him in 1961, and they were married that year. Lisa was born in 1962. He graduated from medical school in 1963 and, immediately thereafter, the family migrated to Canada. He completed his internship in Toronto. Kim was born in 1964. With two babies in the home, he embarked upon a course of specialization and, in 1969, he was one of the first Canadians to be qualified as a Specialist in Internal Medicine. He was now a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (Canada) - F.R.C.P. (C). In every respect, he was a first class Doctor – some felt he was too thorough and spent too much time with his patients. But his first concern was their good health – not how many he could see in a day.

This chronology may lead you to believe that Doug was all work and study and no play. That would be a mistake. He was a good middle distance runner at St. Stanislaus. For years while we lived within blocks of each other in Toronto, we went jogging for miles every morning through Edwards Gardens and Sunnybrook Park. But let me go back. He taught himself to swim at the seawall in Georgetown and at the Georgetown Football Club swimming pool. Later, he enjoyed a daily swim in his home pool in Don Mills. And, I don't know how many of you know this, he never missed his Friday night boxing. He, Percy Anderson, and Maurice Charles were a regular trio on Friday night to watch the fights. And, Lord O' Lord, how he loved to dance! For more than 25 years, the Old Year's Night Party at 'The Thompsons' was a standard when he would move and groove with the best of them. Even the debilitating effects of a stroke in later years could not hold him back.

Douglas also loved to sing. For decades, we have gathered in our home at Christmas time to belt out all the old familiar carols. Douglas was always one of the most enthusiastic singers. Sometimes the "St. Stanislaus Trio" – Douglas, Tony Crum-Ewing, and I – would use the opportunity to sneak in the 'Ode to St. Stanislaus' (which really has nothing to do with Christmas, but which gave us the opportunity to shine), as well as 'O Come All Ye Faithful' sung entirely in Latin – just to fill us with nostalgia.

Now when it came to the ladies, not one of us could even come close to Douglas for composing and delivering eloquent compliments. Ladies, you're going to miss that.

If anything could be said about Douglas Thompson, it was that he was stubborn and had a stick-to-itiveness that few of us possess. When he was struck down five years ago with a life threatening illness, he refused to give up the fight when many of us would have done so. He even returned to practice in a consulting capacity.

That was my friend Douglas Thompson.

I would like to mention two e-mails which I received. The first was forwarded to me by Bunty Phillips, Assistant Treasurer of the St. Stanislaus College Alumni Association. Vic Gonsalves of The Troubadours Band sent it to him. Both Bunty and Vic were students of Douglas and me at St. Stanislaus. It is as follows:

"Dear Bunty,

Thank you for the news of Dr. Thompson.

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He was a good man indeed. God alone knows what we all put him through as youngsters growing up.

Unknowingly, as always, I said a prayer on Monday for all those who will not make it through the night. Now I know that prayer was for Dougie. How short life is, and how precious. I wish I were there to be present. Please convey my sympathy to all; and a special 'hello' to Mr. Lampkin, another favourite of mine from the old Saints days.

Be well, Bunty.

Vic”.

The second e-mail was from Dr. Robert Moore who encapsulates the qualities of Douglas Thompson much better than I have been able to do:

“Vibert and Lorna,

I am very saddened by Doug’s death. He belonged to a generation of Guyanese men who understand what it means to be a gentleman, and he lived that vocation to the full. That combination of dignity, integrity, urbanity, empathy, and humour springs from the fusion of what is best in Anglo-Saxon culture and what is most appealing in our Guyanese way of life and thought. They relish the strong Guyanese sense of community, both in its festive and its supportive aspects. Some of them are serenely religious and appreciate why people are moved by different faiths. Even when they are not noticeably religious, they can revere the

ultimate mystery of life and preserve a sense of wonder about things we do not understand. In their accomplishments, they often deserve the epithet “Renaissance” for their curiosity is not easily contained, and a gentle sense of irony is one of their most attractive attributes. Doug embodied these characteristics magnificently. It is hard to know that he has passed from our time.

Please give Berl my deepest sympathy.

Bobby”.

I shall miss my friend.

*The play is done; the curtain drops,*

*Slow falling to the prompter’s bell:*

*A moment yet the actor stops,*

*And looks around to say farewell.*

*The approving audience gives him cheer,*

*He bows to them and says his say:*

*Yet down his cheek there falls a tear –*

*For him ‘tis the ending of his day.*

(*The End of the Play* - William Makepeace Thackeray)

He fought the good fight. He has kept the faith.

*Requiescat in pace.*

*Vibert Lampkin*

**Mrs. Philomena "Olga" DeCastro**

It is with great sadness that we note the death of **Mrs. Philomena "Olga" DeCastro** on Friday, 25 May, 2007, at the Carmel Heights Seniors Residence, Mississauga. She was 92 years old and the wife of the late Albert DeCastro for 65 years. She was the mother of Stephen, Rupert, Compton, and Thomas (all Saints’ alumni) and Bernadette, Bridget (St Joseph’s alumni), and the late Martin.

**Lloyd Cunha, David Martins, Barbara Denny**

At the time of going to press, we also learnt of the deaths of alumni, **Lloyd Cunha** and **David (“Paki”) Martins**, and **Barbara Denny**, the sister of former Executive member, Noel Denny. We shall try to provide more information in the next issue.

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Please join with us in offering your deepest sympathies to all the families, and in remembering them in your prayers.

**Membership Appreciation Social**

*Frank Delph*

On Sunday 6 May, 2007, the Association held a successful Membership Appreciation Social to say “Hello” and “Thanks” to the alumni who live in the Greater Toronto Area. Admission was free to each paid-up member with one guest, and about fifty people took the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and enjoy the fellowship with good food and liquid refreshments. A greeting table, run by Frank Delph, Tony Chapman and his wife, collected five new membership fees plus a handsome return on the sale of T-shirts, caps, and pins.

This was the first time at holding such an event, and the Executive plans improvements to make it even better in the future. The next social will coincide with the Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday, 30 September, 2007, at the same location, St. John the Divine church hall, 885 Scarborough Golf Club Road, Scarborough.



*Attendees at the Social are seen enjoying refreshments and each other’s company.*

### Partnering with VSO Canada in Guyana

VSO Canada is part of the Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) organization, an international development agency which was founded in the United Kingdom in 1958. It promotes volunteering to fight global poverty and to help build a fairer world through personal commitment and practical action. In more than 30 countries throughout Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, and the Pacific, there are more than 30,000 volunteers who support the communities in which they volunteer by sharing their skills, creativity, and learning. These volunteers contribute to the local development goals in Education, HIV and AIDS, Disability, Health and Social Well-being, Secure Livelihoods, and Participation and Governance.

VSO Canada contributes to VSO's vision, purpose, and values by recruiting, training, and matching volunteers from North America to placements that meet the requests of its overseas partners. VSO Canada also contributes to innovative volunteering initiatives such as Youth Volunteering, National Volunteering, and Business Partnerships. In North America, it works with its network of returned volunteers and local groups to build awareness and understanding of international cooperation.

While VSO works through individual volunteers in the field, it does not recruit these individuals but forms partnerships with suitable organizations which are responsible for finding the qualified volunteers. It will provide the financial support for any necessary training before the assignment, and will cover the costs of the assignments which can vary in length from a week to a year or two, depending on the circumstances and the volunteer. Further, the partner organizations can work with VSO in raising funds in specific support of the volunteer projects and, since VSO Canada is a Canadian-registered charitable organization, tax receipts can be issued by VSO for these funds.

VSO Canada approached Toronto Saints Alumni Association to sound out the feasibility of working together on pro-

jects in Guyana. While we are constrained by our Constitution to work solely for the benefit of the College, we believe that there is some common ground to be found.

At the suggestion of the Saints' Executive, the College is considering setting up a state-of-the-art Information Technology (IT) centre within the school which will be used not only for student IT education in the daytime but also for adult IT education (for teachers from other schools or the general community) in the evening, with the evening classes earning much-welcomed revenues for the College.

A similar opportunity also exists for the College Farm which already serves the education not only of the College students but also of adults from the Caribbean area. The College Farm currently operates at a profit which accrues to the College through the local Alumni Association which owns the Farm.

VSO Canada and the Toronto Saints Alumni Association are working towards signing a partnership document by the end of June 2007 for a joint project structure with respect to the opportunities outlined above, including agreed objectives, activities, requirements, support that each organization will provide, and an associated budget. Saints will pursue getting the commitment from the School Board and the local Association, and validating the needs and project assumptions for both IT and Farm projects.

Once all are in agreement, Saints will develop and implement a volunteering program whereby alumni and/or associates will volunteer their time (with all expenses paid) for specific assignments in Guyana over varying periods of time.

While it is slightly premature right now, nevertheless we would welcome inquiries from anyone who might be interested in this challenge and opportunity to give back to the school. Please feel free to contact any member of the Toronto Executive to receive further information.



L. to R. at the Membership Social: Tony Chapman, Eddie DaSiva, Art Veerasammy, Errol Chapman, John Yip, Carl Ramalho, Dennis DeCambra



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St. Stanislaus College Alumni Association Toronto, founded in 1993, is devoted to making St. Stanislaus College the best educational institution in Guyana. It provides financial aid and other aid to the college, which was founded by Fr. Langton S. J. in 1866. Formerly run by the Jesuit Order of Catholic Priests, the school was taken over by the Government in 1976, with Government-appointed teachers replacing the clergy in 1980.

Saints News & Views publishes four issues each year. The articles published represent the opinions of the authors, and do not necessarily reflect those of the publisher.

Saints News & Views welcomes contributing articles from its membership. The publisher reserves the right to edit or publish all submissions solely at its discretion.

**Erratum**

Our apologies to Desmond Burchsmith whose name was spelt incorrectly in a picture caption of our December issue.

**Contact Us**

The Association welcomes your feedback. Please direct your comments, enquiries, or articles you would like published to :

*The Secretary, St. Stanislaus College Alumni Association (Toronto), 4544 Sheppard Avenue East, Ontario, M1S 1V2.*

You may contact the Secretary, Roger Devers, by phone at home at 905-277-3226, or at work at 905-270-2811. You may also contact us by email at *admin@torontosaints.com*.

**Coming Events**

Date	Event	Location	Cost
Sat. 7 July	Golf Tournament	Bushwood Golf Club	\$115 (all inclusive)
Fri. 3 Aug.	Caribjam	Thornhill Community Centre	\$40
Mon. 6 Aug.	Last Lap Lime	Woodbridge Fairgrounds	\$10 early/\$20 on day
Sun. 30 Sept.	Annual General Meeting	St. John the Divine church hall, 885 Scarborough Golf Club Road, Scar.	Free. Refreshments served.
Mon. 31 Dec.	New Year's Eve Dance	Thornhill Community Centre	tba

**Alumni Association Membership Form**

*Please complete this portion and return it with a cheque for \$25.00 (Cdn) payable to:*  
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