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2007 Saints Golf Tournament the most successful ever!

What a fine day July 7th, 2007 turned out to be at the Maples of Ballantrae Golf and Country Club! The shotgun golf tournament organized by the Toronto Saints Alumni Association attracted the full quota of 148 golfers to play the 18-hole course. This was the best attendance ever in the 11– year history of this event.

We had a fantastic morning of golf with an opportunity for golfers to win a Dodge Jeep Nitro provided by Scarborough Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ltd, with a hole in one. Quest Auto Leasing and Sales covered insurance for Hole in One contest. There was no winner for the Hole in One but all participants took home at least one prize, thanks to the generosity of our many donors.

Behind every success there is always a great deal of hard work and this is particularly true of this fund-raising effort. Members of the Golf Committee started their planning meetings in January. This involved, among other things, getting in touch with donors for prizes to participants as well as for raffle prizes, sponsorships for all holes and attracting the full quota of golfers.

An essential part of the preparation was also planning the day's event with the Golf Course Coordinator attached to the Club. Volunteers were also sought for registration of participants, the sale of raffle tickets and a

50/50 draw, and a Putting Contest for which the prize was a magnificent LCD television set. Not least of all was the preparation of flyers, sponsorship letters and invitation letters to potential participants.

A wide range of prizes were given to the best performers. Apart from those given to the top four foursomes, others were given to the top two Men and Women golfers in the “long drive” and “closest to the pin” categories.

At the closing event, the Golf Committee expressed its appreciation to all those who participated and helped in every way. Special thanks go out to the lady volunteers: Anne Castanheiro and Jackie Bryce at Registration, Ave and Sarah Bradford at the Putting Contest and Lara Veerasammy for Photography.

Thanks once again to all those who showed up to make the day a most rewarding and enjoyable one. We are thrilled to report that, thanks to your generous support, we were able to raise over \$12, 000 which will go towards the support of our Alma Mater.

See you all around the same time next year and for any newcomer interested in attending next year, we ask that you register early to avoid any disappointment.

Godfrey Whyte



Terry Angoy (centre) representing Quest Auto Leasing Services receiving a Certificate of Recognition from Joe Castanheiro (left), Golf Committee member and Bernard Arokium (right), Chairman of the Saints Golf Committee



Lance Hanson (centre), GM - Scarborough Chrysler Dodge Jeep dealership receiving a Plaque of Recognition from Joe Castanheiro (left), Golf Committee member and Bernard Arokium (right), Chairman of the Saints Golf Committee

Memories of a Classmate :

Packy of the Top Five

Hilary De Cambra

It isn't easy learning of the death of a classmate. School-days are the most profound experience in a teenager's life, when lasting friendships are born out of daily association with school 'chums' your age. You develop a close relationship, particularly with your classmates. You visited each other's homes where you were welcomed as a friend of the family because of that relationship.

In the generation of the '40s and '50s in Br. Guiana, we sometimes even called each other's parents, Aunt and Uncle, out of respect, if the families were exceptionally close, particularly in small-town communities where we all belonged to the same faith, attended the same church, Sunday School, served as altar boys, often met at the same social functions, and spent our holidays playing cricket or football, or just "hanging out" at each other's homes.

It was 1949. I was only fourteen-and-a-half-years old, but had the distinction of having just acquired a Junior Cambridge Certificate, embarrassing as it was to have achieved such honour having attended the Ursuline Convent in New Amsterdam. Thereafter, I attended St. Stanislaus College. Fr. Smith, ('Smithy'), the then principal, wasn't sure where I would fit in. Some subjects in my new curriculum, like Latin, Physics, and Chemistry, were new to me. He compromised by placing me in Form 3B as a trial. In spite of my handicap, I placed first at my first term exams and was promptly promoted to Form 3A.

It was there and then that I met college Titans, the 'cream of the crop', so to speak. Names, such as Compton Meerabux, Louis Campagne, Jerry De Freitas, and David Martins, attest to this, for anyone familiar with that period at Saints. Compton became a priest; Louis a lawyer; Jerry a Guyana Scholar and Professor at the University of Guyana. Not only were some of my classmates top ranking scholars but also athletic icons. Packy was brilliant at both scholarly pursuits and sports.

On our annual Sports Day at the G.C.C., it was amazing to see him flash down the 100-yards track, outdistancing his competitors. His heavily muscled thighs worked like a motor that swiftly changed into top gear in under as few seconds as a school-boy's record required. His cricketing skills soon earned him a place on the College Eleven. In later years I'm told, he won selection to represent Br. Guiana at cricket.

But what I remember most was our competing against each other at term exams for the coveted 4th place in

class. Neither of us could touch the top three, but took comfort and pride in always being among the 'Top Five'. It was that way throughout our College career as classmates, until we all graduated.



August 1951: Packy Martins winning the Saints 100 Yds.

Our school years were full of fond memories, particularly of frequent dance parties with a steady group of Ursuline Convent girls, on Friday nights. So much so that the Convent's Head Mistress, or so it was rumoured, once conferred with our Principal, Fr. Scannell, hoping that he would use his authority to influence better parental control of our extra-curricular activities. At that he failed. We all had steady girl-friends and kept up our weekend fetes.

As our College days ended, we all went our separate ways. But even the passage of time could not erase the lasting friendships of one's youth. It is always exciting to meet long lost friends again, anywhere and everywhere, in later years, where we would reminisce about the 'glory days' at Saints. The death of a cherished friend, as deeply disturbing as it is, will never erase fond remembrances of one's teenage years as classmates, particularly the Top Five.



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LAST LAP LIME! WHY ARE TICKETS \$10 BEFORE THE LIME AND \$20 AT THE GATE?

A. Rupert De Castro, Budget Chief, Last Lap Lime

Before one dime is collected from the sale of a ticket or food, we would have spent \$60,000.00 in “out of pocket” expenses to hold the Lime. AND this does not include the cost of food, drinks, beer, liquor, entertainers, etc., much of which are NON-REFUNDABLE. THINK ABOUT IT: we would have contracted over \$100,000.00 in goods and expenses before the Lime begins. THE RISKS ARE ENORMOUS. For this reason, we price the tickets at \$10 prior to the Lime and \$20 at the gate. We want our patrons to buy \$10 tickets. This allows us to PLAN better and EXECUTE according to PLAN.

We advertise both prices, \$10 and \$20, in the Caribbean media, on our Last Lap Lime website, on the five high school Alumni Associations websites, on thousands of flyers distributed through the mail and local Caribbean restaurants and businesses. WE DO NOT WANT OUR PATRONS TO PAY \$20 AT THE GATE. The main PURPOSE of the \$20 ticket is to encourage patrons to buy \$10 tickets before hand.

We even pay each of the five high schools a “commission” on the sale of a \$10 ticket in an effort to get these \$10 tickets in to your hands before the Lime. In addition, each Alumni Association guarantees to buy 500 tickets at \$10 each whether they sell them or not; all this to alleviate the \$100,000.00 in “upfront” costs we are risking.

IMAGINE ordering food (just one item) for 5000 people

and only 1000 patrons showing up. I am sure you can appreciate the risks.

As it so happened, this year, over 4000 of you bought your tickets before hand for \$10. We sincerely thank you. We would encourage those who did not buy \$10 tickets to do so next year. Surely, if you or someone for whom you bought tickets cannot make it, you can pass the ticket on to someone else.

For our out-of-town Limers, we have not forgotten you. You too can buy your tickets beforehand at \$10 each. Just send your cheque to our address and we will even mail you the tickets or arrange somewhere for you to pick up your tickets before the Lime.

PLEASE, NEXT YEAR BUY \$10 TICKETS BEFOREHAND. DON'T PAY \$20. YOU DON'T NEED TO.

Note:

Last Lap Lime is an incorporated Not for Profit entity that is controlled by the 5 Alumni Associations involved. One member from each association sits on the Broad of Directors which makes policy decisions and oversees the process. The Last Lap Lime name and logo are REGISTERED TRADEMARKS.

The Board appoints a Project Manager (PM) annually, whose duty is to prepare, plan and execute a successful LIME within the policy guidelines set by the Board. The PM gathers his/her Team together and the work begins.

See www.lastlaplime.com for details.

Our readers write

24 June, 2007

Hello Bunty,

It is a sad day indeed when Saints' Alumni do not recognize that things change, that nostalgia should not inhibit affirmative action as regards SAINTS. They should be wise enough to know that we are not the same person from one day to the next...the Americans have the saying, all too true, “...that stuff happens”. In any event, what ever happened to lending a helping hand to a cause that is of great importance...service to those from all levels of society who can benefit from a decent education?

Regards,

Stanley Greaves...a VERY proud graduate of SAINTS. Barbados

24 June, 2007

Dear Bunty,

Those among us who think that \$25 (Can) is too much to pay because the old school is not what it was are the losers. We can complain and do nothing, or we can put our shoulder to the wheel and hopefully do a little to leave the world a little better along the way. I really enjoy reading the newsletter and I was saddened to hear of Dr Thompson's death. He taught me also, and he was a great human being and teacher. Thanks, Vibert, for giving us such a great short history of his life.

Keep up the good work. Your efforts to keep the newsletter going is surely appreciated.

Have a great day.

Peter Fernandes, Florida.

Alumnus awarded poetry prize

In a Poetry Competition, sponsored by Guyana *Journal* (New York, NY) in collaboration with the Association of Artists & Writers, Inc., well-known alumnus, **Hilary de Cambra**, was awarded second place in the Adult section of the competition. He has submitted the following article on his aspirations to be a poet and has kindly given us his permission to reprint his award-winning poem.

Aspiring to be a Poet

by Hilary de Cambra

Poetry has been to me an exceeding great reward; it has soothed my affliction; it has multiplied and refined my enjoyments; it has endeared my solitude; and it has given me the habit of wishing to discover the good and the beautiful in all that meets and surrounds me.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Indelibly imprinted on my mind are the words of Benjamin Franklin, "Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise". I am an early riser. By day's end, I'm consumed with tiredness so, most appropriately, I retire early. Reading inspirational poetry at first light creates unparalleled serenity and reflective moments, unchallenged by distraction.

If asked how I spend my day, I simply say I'm busy with matters of no significance that allow me time to do whatever I feel I must do. But, if the truth were known, I indulge in reading and writing poetry that serves to nourish my humanness, uplift my spirit and soothe my soul. P. B. Shelley, in his *Defence of Poetry*, wrote, "A poet is a nightingale who sits in darkness and sings to cheer its own solitude with sweet sounds". Well, a nightingale I'm not, and to sing is a mere fantasy, but solitude is quiet comfort.

Wordsworth referred to poetry as, "Emotions recollected in tranquility". Such emotion can lift the spirit to lofty heights, like an eagle gliding in unencumbered skies. I savour the emotive discourse of poetry, experiencing spiritual uplifting in unhurried moments, transcending all dimensions of time and space. Everything else ceases to be for the moment.

"I have reared a monument more enduring than bronze and loftier than the royal pyramids, one that no wasting rain, no unavailing north wind can de-

stroy; no, not even the unending years nor the flight of time itself. I shall not wholly die. The greater part of me shall escape oblivion", said Horace, immortalizing himself and his work. I dare not profess such arrogance, for fear of offending the Gods with my mediocrity.

SHIFTING SANDS AND SEAWALL

by Hilary de Cambra

| | |
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| <i>For tired old eyes</i> | <i>Colourful blend of six races</i> |
| <i>and fading memory,</i> | <i>undeniably,</i> |
| <i>reinforced concrete</i> | <i>"How's rat?" and 'high-fives'</i> |
| <i>beach, Atlantic sea</i> | <i>in boisterous revelry,</i> |
| <i>Irreplaceable, irretrievable</i> | <i>kites at Easter</i> |
| <i>irreversible decrees</i> | <i>3-speed tickers'</i> |
| <i>Yesterday's memories</i> | <i>cruising constantly,</i> |
| <i>invaluable to me.</i> | <i>beautiful girls</i> |
| | <i>sitting on wall for all to see.</i> |
| <i>Of sunfilled place</i> | |
| <i>and dry crystal sand</i> | <i>B. G. or 'haji'</i> |
| <i>where mud and silt now cover the</i> | <i>whichever you choose</i> |
| <i>land</i> | <i>is your to discover</i> |
| <i>youthful days</i> | <i>mine to prove,</i> |
| <i>all cherished memories</i> | <i>God's Little Acre</i> |
| <i>of football and cricket in friendly</i> | <i>so much still untold</i> |
| <i>rivalry.</i> | <i>Land of Many Waters</i> |
| | <i>bauxite and gold.</i> |
| <i>A place in the sun</i> | |
| <i>between sports grounds and sea</i> | <i>"What place is this?" you keep</i> |
| <i>seawall, a concrete defining bound-</i> | <i>asking me</i> |
| <i>ary</i> | <i>El Dorado, a city? Sir Wal-</i> |
| <i>tennis ball 'windpence'</i> | <i>ter Raleigh?,"</i> |
| <i>poor quality sports gear</i> | <i>Still undiscovered</i> |
| <i>everyone would play</i> | <i>clothed in mythology,</i> |
| <i>whoever was there.</i> | <i>my home</i> |
| | <i>my native land</i> |
| | <i>olden B. G. *</i> |
| | <i>* British Guiana</i> |

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COLLEGE

Roger Devers

This year, your Association has made significant contributions to the College by providing funds, equipment, and personnel to assist in the overall improvement. We provided an initial \$3,400.00 to the local association for them to purchase twenty Pentium 4 computers for the school. In addition, another \$12,351.41 was spent in purchasing another forty Pentium 4 computers, monitors, Gold, Silver, and Bronze Saint's medals and Sports equipment. These items were included in a shipment to Guyana of donated laboratory supplies, printers and other computer supplies, library books, and a significant supply of tools for use in the Industrial Technology Department. The cost to ship the items to Guyana was in excess of \$2,000.00.

The response to my appeal for tools for the college was most gratifying. Not only did several of our members empty their garages of tools they were seldom using, but they even went out of their way to purchase new equipment or contacted associates to obtain the items that were requested. On behalf of the students, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for the generous donations.

The reason for our existence is to assist in making St. Stanislaus College the premier high school in Guyana. We owe it to our members to ensure that the funds we raise are spent wisely. Having the Board of Governors under the leadership of Chris Fernandes has provided us with assurance that any requested funds would be well spent. Earlier this year, Chris requested that we provide funding for the purpose of purchasing reference books for the College. He also made subsequent requests for the purchase of chemicals for the laboratories and to provide funding to make up the shortfall in Security costs that were incurred. A total of U.S \$12,000.00 was provided. An appeal by Chris for a mathematics teacher to volunteer to teach at the College was taken up by John Choy. I am sure that Chris was totally surprised that he did get a response. Your Association undertook to provide John's transportation costs as well as providing him with a laptop computer for his use in Guyana.

We are proud of the individual and collective efforts of our members in making a difference to the improvement of our alma mater.

Saints Carib Jam

On Friday, August 03, 2007 we held our annual Carib Jam at the Thornhill Community Centre. We boarded the soca train at about 10.00 p.m. powered by the very popular **Roy Cape All Stars** band, and took off waving our rags and blowing our whistles courtesy of MoneyGram. The band was pumping, and we were jumping and waving till 2.00 a.m. Of course we had to make a few stops along the way so we could do a little grooving, and the change of pace was beautifully provided by **DJ Paul**. We had a full house, and everyone was having a fantastic time. Alas, all too soon it was time to head home, tired but happy. We are already looking forward to next year's Jam. If you didn't get a ticket this year, I'm telling you, make sure you don't miss out next year.

August 01, 2008, mark it on your calendars.

Jackie Bryce



At the 2007 Carib Jam - Jumping to Roy Cape All Stars



VSO Canada Update

Roger Devers

On 18th July, 2007, a “Memorandum of Understanding” (MOU) between the Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO) Canada and St. Stanislaus College Alumni Association Toronto (SSCAAT) was signed in Ottawa. I signed on behalf of our president, Art Veerasammy, who was unable to attend, and Mary Stuart, their Executive Director, signed on behalf of VSO Canada.

The goal of VSO Canada is to support international development efforts that link diaspora communities to their countries of origin through strategic volunteer placements and learning opportunities. St. Stanislaus College Alumni Association Toronto was selected by VSO Canada because of our efforts in supporting the College in Guyana over the years and the contacts we had established. As a result, both organizations agreed to work in partnership to support each other’s programs and projects as they pertain to the school in Guyana, building on the Saints projects in the IT laboratory and the Agricultural complex, by providing students and non-students opportunities for learning and improving their livelihoods or chances for employment.

The primary strategy by which these objectives would be achieved would be mainly through mobilization of diaspora volunteers and training of SSCAAT members to develop their own screening and selection procedures for their own volunteers. VSO Canada agreed to pay for SSCAAT members to attend training sessions in Ottawa and Toronto, and also to pay the cost of transportation and accommodation and a salary of (G) \$45,000.00 per month for a volunteer to go to Guyana for a two to four month term to establish the IT and/or the Farm projects.

Subsequent to the signing of the MOU, Bunty Phillips attended a VSO Assessment Day on 19th July, 2007, in Ottawa as an observer. The aim of the assessment day was to observe how VSO Canada establishes an applicant’s suitability as a volunteer overseas and to identify personal and job-related factors to accurately match individuals to situations and jobs overseas. Bunty reported that he had never observed such an interview process and was most impressed with the procedure.

On 22nd and 23rd July, 2007, both Godfrey Whyte and Frank Delph attended a two day Volunteer Management System Workshop in Toronto. The workshop provided information on setting up the Volunteer Management System. This included Motivation, Needs Analysis, Defining the role of Volunteers in the organization, Job Description, Recruitment and Marketing, Volunteer Selection and Matching, Induction and Orientation of the volunteers and, last but not least, Support, Supervision, Recognition and retention. Again, both Godfrey and Frank were impressed with the training and the experience that VSO Canada was able to provide on working with volunteers.

A three day training session on “Preparing for Change” (Pre-departure training) was held in Ottawa from 24th to 27th August, 2007. Errol Chapman attended this course as an observer to see the precautions taken to ensure the security, health, and well being of the volunteer, procedures to follow in emergencies, and dealing with conflicts should they arise. Errol also was impressed with the training.

Ken Cumberbatch attended the “Skills for Working in Development” (Preparing for Change) from 24th to 27th August, 2007, in Ottawa. Although Ken was supposed to merely observe how the training was conducted, the Facilitators and Volunteers included him in all discussions, role playing, and research. The course explored a range of aspects implicit to the volunteer successful adaptation to new work and living environments overseas. Through a learner-centered approach, volunteers consider aspects of personal health and wellness and the role of and behaviours in intercultural settings and how political and economic constraints affect people’s lives. Ken thoroughly enjoyed attending the course.

Our thanks go out to all those who took time out of their busy schedule, especially at the height of the summer holidays, to attend the various training sessions.

The following is the list of alumni who are paid-up members in 2007.

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| CANADA (115) | Alvaro DeFreitas | Paul Hazlewood | Carl Ramalho | Vincent Correia ¹ |
| Bernard Arokium | Peter DeFreitas | Jocelyn Heydorn | <i>Harold Rampersaud</i> ⁴ | <i>Ronald DeAbreu</i> |
| Leonard Arokium | Frank Delph | Richard James | Ramon Rego | Brian Devers |
| Michael Barrington | Andre Depeana | Des Jardine | Joe Reis | Peter Fernandes ¹ |
| <i>Gerard Bayley</i> | Vyvyan Deryck | Clayton Jeffrey | Romeo Resaul | <i>Bernard Friemann</i> |
| David Bourne | Clive Devers | Anthony Jekir | <i>Phillip Rodrigues</i> | Cecil Glasgow |
| Teddy Boyce | Roger Devers ¹ | Aubrey Kellawan | Raphael Rodrigues | Vic Gonsalves |
| Paul Camacho | Terrence Devers | Greg Kellawan | <i>Jeffrey Rogers</i> ³ | Edward Gouveia |
| <i>Ronald Camacho</i> ³ | Neville Devonish | John King | Joseph Schuler | <i>Guy Goveia</i> ¹ |
| Errol Campbell | Frederick Dias | <i>William Lall</i> | Cecil Seymour | Kenneth Jordan |
| Wilfred Carr ¹ | Jerome D'Oliveira | Vibert Lampkin | <i>Desmond Singh</i> | <i>Frank Mandal</i> ³ |
| Joseph Castanheiro | Ronald D'Ornellas ³ | <i>Clive Lee</i> | <i>Winston Sparrock</i> | <i>Carl Marx</i> ³ |
| Antony Chapman | Paul Duarte | <i>Geoffrey Luck</i> ³ | <i>Michael Teixeira</i> | Peter Rodrigues |
| Errol Chapman | Carlton Faria ⁴ | <i>Fr. Ken Macaulay</i> ³ | Walter Tiam-fook | Keith Seaforth ³ |
| Victor Charan | <i>Joe Faria</i> | Dereck Mahanger | Arthur Veerasammy | John Sparrock |
| Vernon Chaves | Paul Farnum | <i>Sherlock Martin</i> | Warner Veerasammy | <i>Owen Weithers</i> ¹ |
| Bob Chee-a-tow | Frank Fernandes | Gerard Martins | Vibert Vieira | |
| Tony Chee-a-tow | Raymond Fernandes | Herman McCowan | John Vincent | INTERNATIONAL (9) |
| Ivan Choo | Julian Fisher ¹ | Michael Mendes de Franca | Howard Welshman | Philip Cheong-leen |
| <i>John Choy</i> ³ | Sonny Francis | Vincent Mendes de Franca | Godfrey Whyte | Christopher Cho-Young ³ |
| Malcolm Cole | Gerard Gomes | Aubrey Miller | David Wong | Richard DeCaires |
| Paul Crum-Ewing | <i>Richard Gomes</i> | Richard Miller | Brian Yhap ¹ | Stephen DeCastro |
| Ken Cumberbatch | Trevor Gomes | Dennis Ngui-Yen | John Yip | Tony Gomes ² |
| <i>Vivian D'Andrade</i> | <i>Harold Gonsalves</i> | Stan Niccols | Angus Zitman | Leyland Grant ² |
| Eddie DaSilva | Mark Gonsalves | Clarence Nichols | | John Jardim |
| Ivor DaSilva | Neil Gonsalves | Tony O'Dowd | U.S.A. (21) | Neville Jordan ² |
| Tyrone DeAbreu | Gerry Gouveia | Malcolm Pequeneza | Anthony Bollers | Lennox Yhap ² |
| Dennis DeCambra | Alfred Goveia | Leslie Pereira ⁴ | Fr. Andrew Chan-a-sue | |
| Hilary DeCambra | Orlando Goveia | Desmond Perreira | <i>Ronald Chanderbhan</i> | |
| Rupert DeCastro | Ken Hahnfeld | Bunty Phillips | <i>Paul Chester</i> | |
| Thomas DeCastro | Hugh Hazlewood | | Brian Chin | |

Notes :

Of the 145 paid-up members, 104 are renewals from last year. The superscripts above indicate alumni who have paid for membership beyond 2007 as follows:

1. These (8) alumni have paid in advance through 2008.
2. These (4) alumni have paid in advance through 2009.
3. These (10) alumni have paid in advance through 2010, so will be credited with an extra year (to 2011).
4. These (3) alumni have paid in advance through 2011, so will be credited with an extra year (to 2012).

Thank you all for showing your support by joining the Association.

Remember that you are all invited to attend our monthly meetings held on the second Thursday of every month at 4544 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto. We encourage you to attend and to get involved in the running of our Association.

The Rumfelters, Then and Now

By Alvaro De Freitas



To the Rumfelters, true wealth is good health!

To them, sickness is felt! But health, not at all! The sense of well-being is often with us when we are young but, then, it is not noticed and, by the time we are grown to consciousness, it comes less often. So without a doubt, true wealth is good health.

Good friends are like stars. You do not always see them, but you know they are always there. Frankly, one loyal friend is worth ten thousand relatives, and the only known way to have a friend is to be one!

Twenty years ago, the four founding members of the Rumfelters met to discuss how the huge Guyanese/Canadian population was coping, to barbecue beef, to drink, and to enjoy the hot very humid summer weather. Their talk then centred around the need to find ways and means to spread news more quickly and accurately, void of gossip, hearsay, or slander! Fundraising dances, bake sales, wakes/funerals, bingo halls, the many gambling casinos, the Donkey Woodbine Racetrack or Picov in Ajax, the Guyanese Last-Lap-Lime, and the yearly well known Toronto Caribana Festival....not all suitable venues for the dissemination of such types of juicy tidbits or whatever we care to label it.

Today, with all the modern electronic devices at our beck and call... Ma Ball, cell phones, laptops, computers, fax machines, televisions, videos, radios (both professional and amateur), information is injected into our lives like painless vaccines, which could be two pronged, either for good or evil.

Surprisingly, Rumfelters must present proof of having applied to the "Heavenly New Bodies Plan" for an entirely new body. Most of us live in hope, and die in despair! (laughs) Next rule, all attendees must be mobile and totally free of all encumbrances, real or imagined! Absolutely no seeing-eye dogs, no oxygen tanks, no dialysis machines, no defibrillators, no heart pacer, no scooters, no wheelchairs, walking sticks or crutches. And, more importantly, all must have completed a very special inter-course on "Effective Listening". We all tend to forget that only one jackass brays at any given time. It's sad but true, nobody listens any more!

This wonderful year, marks the 20th anniversary. 2007 is a practice year for their 25th year in 2012 when we will have to decide on a very much larger venue. Over these 20 years, we mourn the passing of four Rumfelters. We are receptive to the excellent gifted Doctors, Specialists, and skilful Surgeons who have extended our earthly existence by so much. Perhaps, we should honour all of them

by inviting all to our 25th celebrations. Good, agreed! Rumfelters never fail to bring their favourite brew. In fact, booze of all concoctions stock the Bar, with lots of ice and mixes. The three surviving founders still maintain the tradition of supplying all the tasty foods and snacks with nuts. Imagine, sipping Dutch-Gin and chewing well made Garlic-pork, in hot July, under a tent. Why, to me, it's Heavenly! For, at that very moment, my taste buds take flight and go straight to Heaven.

After finishing this year's special get together, all of the Rumfelters should discuss plans for the 25th year of 2012. Perhaps, we should enlist the help of such Bigwigs as Mr. Rogers (who owns the large stadium), Mayor Miller (if he survives politically), Mr. Tory (Leader of the Tories here), and others. We can dream, can't we?

We now seize this rare opportunity, to extend our best and warmest wishes to all Guyanese/Canadians for continued good health and all success.

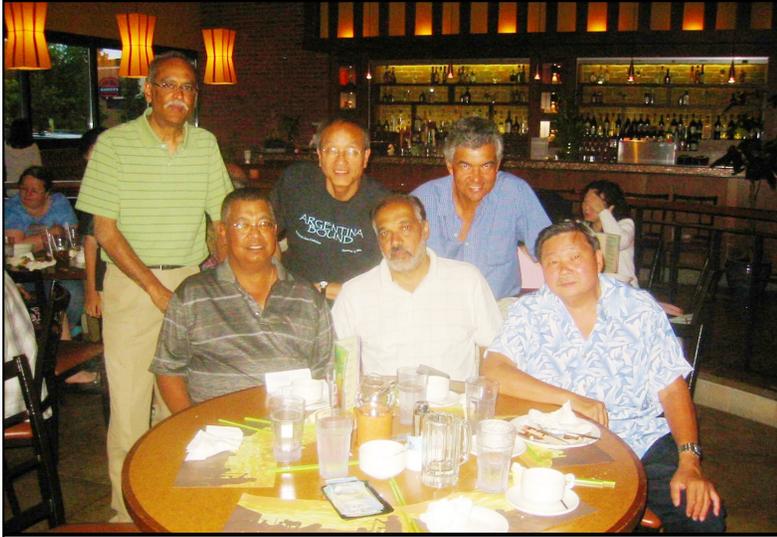


Rumfelters All, and Alumni All

Members of the group at a meeting hosted by Jerry Da Silva, one of the Founding Fathers.

Alumni from overseas visiting Toronto

Among visitors to Toronto recently, were alumni Steve De Castro from Brasilia, Brazil, Deep Ford from Rome, Italy, Evan Phillips from Arizona, USA, and from the London, England area, Tony Gomes and Eddie Leu. Alumni and friends in the Toronto area took advantage of the opportunity to meet and recall with them the experiences of that common thread we share – our days at St. Stanislaus. See pictures on Page 9.



Standing, L-R: Warner Veerasammy, Darwin Fung, Evan Phillips.
Seated, L-R: Bernard Arokium, Deep Ford, Dennis Ngui Yen.



L-R: Ken Hahnfeld, Carl Romalho, Edmund Leu, Dennis Da Cambra,
Tony Gomes, Kemahl Khan, Bunty Phillips, Ron Camacho.



Standing, L to R: Bunty Phillips, Joe Castanheiro, Carl Romalho, John Yip.
Seated, L to R: Malcolm Pequenezza, John Choy, Steve De Castro.

*Meaning is proportional to
words squared*

A poem by Dennis Rix

If twice zero

is zero

Then twice dying

is dead

Then twice successful

is success

Then twice certain

is certainty

Then twice possible

is possibility

Then twice understood

is understanding

Then twice unified

is unity

Then twice bewildered

is bewildering

Then twice confirmed

is confirmation

Then twice stupid is stupidity

Then in finishing

I'm finished

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| Sun. 30 Sept. | Annual General Meeting | St John the Divine church hall, 885 Scarborough Golf Club Road, Scarborough. | Free Refreshments served |
| Sat. 06 Oct. | Fall Dance | Burrows Hall Community Centre 1081 Progress Avenue, Scarborough. (South of Sheppard Ave. E., and East of Markham Road) | \$35 All Inclusive [Curry & Roti, drinks—no premium liquor or beer] |
| Sun. 31 Dec. | New Year's Eve Dance | Thornhill Community Centre 7755 Bayview Avenue, Thornhill. (Corner of Bayview and John) | \$40 Includes buffet dinner |