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TORONTO ASSOCIATION FORMS CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

The St. Stanislaus College Alumni Association Toronto was incorporated as a Canadian not-for-profit organization. This format allows the Association to raise funds to help the College without having to pay taxes on the funds raised. Thus, once expenses have been satisfied, all income can be used to help the College without any being diverted to the Canadian government.

While being such a corporation is obviously useful, there are limits to the fund-raising activities which can be undertaken by a not-for-profit corporation. For instance, such an organization cannot run the two major fund-raising activities of raffles and lotteries. As well, it cannot issue receipts for donations or sponsorships, which receipts can be used by the donors to reduce their income taxes (even for non-Canadians, provided that their governments have a reciprocal tax agreement with the Canadian government). Only corporations registered as Canadian charities have these rights.

Obtaining status as a charitable organization is no trivial undertaking. The Canadian government is concerned with the possible laundering of illegally-obtained funds through bogus charities, or with the charities being merely fronts for raising funds to support "terrorist" activities both within and outside of Canada, or the use of charities by their founders for personal monetary gain rather than for pure charitable purposes. The government has set much stricter rules for granting charitable status than for granting not-for-profit status, and it monitors charities much more closely than it does for not-for-profit organizations.

About eight years ago, the Association attempted to obtain charitable status but was unsuccessful, mainly due to obtaining poor advice on the application process. Another attempt was started last year and, in December 2010, the Association was successful in obtaining charitable status for a new corporation.

After carefully reviewing the rules for applying for charitable status, the Association concluded that it would be easier and wiser if an application were to be made for a new charitable corporation, separate from the existing Alumni Association. Therefore, a new organization, called the **St. Stanislaus College (Guyana) Society**, has been incorporated as a charity, to be run in parallel with but separate from the current Toronto Alumni Association. The two corporations will work together to determine the division

of their fund-raising responsibilities and their support activities. It is important to maintain the two separate entities as there are certain things which one can do but the other cannot. For instance, the charitable Society cannot provide support to the school farm as this organization is not a formal part of the school, is owned by the Guyana Alumni Association, and is a profit-making venture which makes it ineligible by Canadian government rules for receiving assistance from a charity. However, there is no regulation to prevent the not-for-profit Toronto Alumni Association from providing aid to the farm.

In its application, the Society had to state clearly its Objects (aims) in order to qualify as a charity. The government approved the following four Objects for the Society :

- (a) To provide to St. Stanislaus College, Guyana, educational equipment, furnishings, learning materials, and teaching aids which provide writing, reading, and other career learning skills to the students attending the school.
- (b) To provide scholarships or bursaries to the students and staff of the College.
- (c) To provide monetary living subsidies to staff and students of the college in cases where students may otherwise be forced to drop out in order to support their families, or where teachers would otherwise need to have a second job due to insufficient wages.
- (d) To assist immigrant Alumni of the College in adapting to Canadian life by hosting, on a systematic basis, seminars, conferences, workshops, and lectures on such issues as are of critical civic importance. Among them will be included: human rights and freedom, workplace safety, Canadian citizenship, law enforcement, the Canadian Constitution, and the Charter of Rights.

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Bernard Darke, Saints, and Aeterna Non Caduca

They say you know you are “getting on in years” when you remember the long past better than you remember things that happened yesterday. On the other hand, the celebrated Colombian Nobel Laureate Gabriel Garcia Marquez has written, “Life is not what you have lived, but what you remember of it and how you remember it in order to recount it”.

With these cautions, I offer a few of my own recollections of “Saints”. Chris Cho-Young, one of a small but gradually growing Internet contact group of those of us who entered the gates of St. Stanislaus for the first time in 1956, recently sent the group a full class list of all 399 students at Saints in 1961. It included 4 James brothers (Michael—Form 6, Gregory - Form 4, Dennis - Form 3 and Lester Jonathan - Form 2), just one striking example of the impact of Saints on Guyanese families.

September '56 takes me back to the first day across the Saints bridge to the cycle rack, skirting the office where Stanley Marques (and later Fr. Sydney Boase) would await us with those high piles of new text books on sale to meet Secondary School needs. Not that I needed many. The unchanged Latin, French, Algebra, and Geometry books I needed for First Form were all hand-me-downs from previous generations of cousins in consecutive years at Saints (Leslie James to Gordon Forte, to John Forte, to Richard James, to me, and then on to my younger brothers).

I confess to being one of the pious lot in my class which also included Monty (Geoffrey) Williams of the three “Jughead” Williams brothers, who went on to become a Jesuit Priest. I wasn't quite as pious as Gerry (Pascal) Jordan (of the Jordan Saints clan), now a Benedictine monk, who confirms the memory of our class in Lower 4A being filled with moral outrage and ripping to shreds a borrowed copy of D.H. Lawrence's *Lady Chatterley's Lover* which Monty was reading under his raised desktop to “improve his budding literary skills”.

Jesuit integrity, commitment, and example led me to join the College Our Lady Sodality group (led at the time by Malcolm Rodrigues, now Fr. Malcolm) and, later on at Fr. Herb Feeny's invitation, to join that handpicked band of Saints boys invited to serve as acolytes at Mass at the Ursuline Convent (and, incidentally, become well placed to make initial contact with the St. Rose's girls for other later more pleasant invitations to garden parties, fetes, graduations, and more).

Our Maths teacher, Fr. Thomas Lynch (Jiggo), introduced us as Sixth Formers to contract bridge during free periods with the excuse that it was an excellent way to develop skills in calculating probabilities, and led me to do quite well in Maths, the only subject I enjoyed at Saints, and also encouraged me to use my lanky height to my one reason-

able sports endeavour at Saints, the high jump.

Given the environment of service, discipline, and commitment set by the Jesuits at Saints, I surprised no one when I applied to join the Jesuits and duly completed novitiate and philosophy in the UK, at same time that two other former Saints, Ken Khan and Compton Meerabux, were studying Theology there.



Following a degree at UWI Mona (Special Maths was the logical choice), a year back in Guyana 1971 saw me teaching Maths at Saints to a new generation. One sign of changing times remains strongly in my memory of a difference with then principal Fr. John Hopkinson over my role to accompany singing on my guitar at the traditional Friday Benediction or Mass for St. Stanislaus students at the Cathedral. Observing that compulsory attendance at these services did not make for lusty voluntary signing, I suggested that making the services voluntary for all students would help towards greater participation and impact on those who freely chose to attend. “Hoppy” disagreed with me, there ending my budding career as the Saints guitar accompanist. Nevertheless, our friendship continued as did my admiration for him, dating back to his tireless creativity with the famous Pantomimes and plays (*Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Tons of Money*, etc.) that nurtured so much talent with generations of Saints students from '59 onwards.

Bernard Darke, Saints, and Aeterna Non Caduca*(continued from page 2)*

Theology and Social Anthropology studies followed in Mexico during which I met Maria, a final year Sociology Student and former religious sister. On my return to Guyana, we decided to get married in 1976. I parted company with the Jesuit Order, but we both continued on the closest of terms with the Jesuits, Fr. Lynch, and former Saints Winston Campayne among those concelebrating at our wedding.

JUSTICE



The Struggle
For Democracy In Guyana
1952-1992

Fr Andrew Morrison, SJ

I began writing a weekly column in the *Catholic Standard* under then editor Fr. Compton Meerabux and then, as the human rights situation worsened under President Burnham's increasingly authoritarian rule, joined the new Editor, Fr. Andy Morrison, as the Assistant Editor of the *Catholic Standard* paper.

One of the saddest of those dark days in Guyana was Saturday, 14 July, 1978, when I interrupted *Catholic Standard*

part-time photographer, Fr. Bernard Darke, who, as head of the lower school at Saints under Head Master Fr. Ken Khan, was diligently finalizing report cards from the results of all the lower school exams completed just the previous week.

There was, I told him, a large crowd gathering outside the nearby High Street magistrate's court to witness what was expected to be the freeing of political activist, Dr. Walter Rodney, after an arson case brought against him by the regime had collapsed. Bernard interrupted his marking, rushed over, took some photos of crowd, and returned to his marking job while I covered the case for the paper in court. As Walter was about to be taken over from the court to the nearby Brickdam Police station for final processing before release, I again rushed over to the busy Bernard Darke to call him out to take a few pictures for the *Standard* of a jubilant crowd of supporters marching past the school to await Rodney's release. Bernard grabbed his camera, joined Maria and me on the parapet between Saints and the Ministry of Home Affairs, and began clicking away.

Two minutes later he was lying there, just opposite that samaan tree where so many generations of Saints Second Formers went through the rites of initiation and were "bumped" and thrown into the separating hibiscus hedge. Bernard had been stabbed by a bayonet carried by a House of Israel supporter after his camera shots had distracted another knife wielding attacker who had given me a misdirected cut on the forehead. Bernard died three hours later in the operating room at the Catholic Hospital.

Saints turned out in full force at his funeral (that time outside school hours and completely voluntarily) at Brickdam Cathedral, led by Head Master Ken Khan. Alfred Bhulai and the legendary Saints Scout Troop provided the guard of honour at the spot in front of Saints where Bernard Darke had fallen. A modest stone, plaque, and cross marks the spot to this day, where our "Saints Martyr" gave his life for truth and justice in Guyana in powerful reminder witness to the Saints Motto, *Aeterna non Caduca*, (Eternal things, not things that perish).

The ever living beauty and truth of that motto for me and for so many Saints students over the generations are never more real for me that when I reflect that I, and no one associated with Saints, has ever had the slightest regret that Bernard Darke was called that fateful Saturday morning from marking Third Form year-end test papers to witness to the incomparable value of eternal things, truth, love, justice, and solidarity over the things that perish.

Mike James (1956-63)

MEMBERSHIP

The following is the list of alumni who are currently paid-up members in 2011.

CANADA (104)	Rupert De Castro ¹	Amanda King	Jeffrey Rogers	Frank Mandal
Paul Abdool	Frank Delph ¹	Vibert Lampkin ⁷	Albert Smith ²	
Lance Alexander	Roger Devers ²	John Lopes ²	Winston Sparrock ³	U.K. (3)
Terry Angoy ¹	Terry Devers ²	Geoffrey Luck	Albert Sweetnam ³	Christopher Cho-Young
Paul Archer	Neville Devonish ³	Fr. Ken Macaulay	Michael Teixeira ¹	Richard DeCaires ¹
Glenmore Armogan	Frederick Dias ¹	Herman McCowan	Walter Tiam-fook	Neville Jordan ³
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Gregory Badley	Ronald D'Ornellas	Vincent Mendes de Franca ¹	Arthur Veerasammy ³	U.S.A. (18)
Malcolm Barrington ⁴	Edward Driver	Richard Miller ³	Vibert Vieira ²	Anthony Bollers ¹
Arnold Bayley	Paul Duarte	Perry Mittelholzer ³	John Vincent ²	Fr. Andrew Chan-a-sue ¹
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Joseph Castanheiro ¹	Richard Gomes ¹	Bunty Phillips ¹	Michael Wight	Edward Gouveia ²
Errol Chapman	Trevor Gomes ¹	Linden Ramdeholl ⁴	BARBADOS (1)	John Grenardo ³
Vernon Chaves ²	Neil Gonsalves ³	Harold Rampersaud ¹	Geoff De Caires ²	Michael Heydon ³
John Choy	Ken Hahnfeld ¹	Cecil Ramraj	BERMUDA (1)	Kenneth Jordan ⁶
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Paul Crum-Ewing ¹	Hugh Hazlewood ²	Raymond Rebeiro	BRAZIL (1)	Hugh Rodrigues
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Ivor Da Silva ¹	Ivan Holder	Ramon Rego	MEXICO (1)	John Sparrock ²
Terry De Abreu ²	Andrew Insanally ³	Herman Reid ⁴	VENEZUELA (1)	Leyland Thomas
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Hilary De Cambra	Des Jardine ¹	Romeo Resaul ³		
Gabriel De Castro ²	Clayton Jeffrey ³	Phillip Rodrigues ³		
Gregory De Castro ¹	Aubrey Kellawan			

Of the 131 paid-up members, 118 are renewals from last year.

Notes to Membership List :

1. These (37) alumni have paid in advance through 2012.
2. These (20) alumni have paid in advance through 2013.
3. These (24) alumni have paid in advance through 2014.
4. These (5) alumni have paid in advance through 2015.
5. This (1) alumnus has paid in advance through 2017.
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Bunty,
Many thanks.

I reminisced somewhat, on reading the *(last)* newsletter. I recall a cricket match, around 1963 in Oxford, in which Winston Campayne and I played - he played on the Heythrop team and I played on the St. Ignatius College team, visiting from London. Please convey my greetings to him.

I attach a picture of my Saints' class (sometime between 1957 and 1960). You may wish to publish it.

I remember most of the names. Can you and colleagues complete the others?

Colin Bobb-Semple



Back row, left to right:

1. D. Abraham 2. B. Moniz 3. ? 4. R. Yip? 5. P. Johnson 6. ? 7. Ivan Carter 8. Colin Babb 9. P. Nezamoodeen 10. Robert Naraine 11. Colin Nurse 12. Nicholas Kum;

Middle row, left to right:

1. A. Carr 2. Errol Harry 3. W. Jack 4. Dason Hazlewood 5. L. Grainger 6. G. Chan-A-Sue 7. Stephen Camacho 8. A. Mekdeci 9. Colin Bobb-Semple, 10. A. Campbell 11. R. Lee;

Front row, left to right:

1. Stephen Gaskin 2. G. MacDonald 3. C. Jeffrey, 4. ? 5. J. Ali 6. Mr. G. Jekir 7. R. Fernandes 8. Bernard Camacho 9. Paul Da Silva 10. Larry Texeira 11. L. De Caires.

Editor's Note :

The class list for Form 3A, taken from the 1958 School Magazine, gives the following as members of that class :

D. Abraham, J. Ali, C. Babb, C. Bobb-Semple, B. Camacho, G. Camacho, A. Campbell, A. Carr, I. Carter, G. Chan-a-Sue, K. Cholmondeley, P. Da Silva, B. De Abreu, G. De Caires, R. Fernandes, S. Gaskin, L. Granger, E. Harry, A. Hazlewood, B. Heydorn, A. Hutchinson, W. Jack, C. Jeffrey, P. Johnson, F. Kum, J. Lee, R. Lee, G. McDonald, A. Mekdeci, B. Moniz, R. Naraine, P. Nezamoodeen, C. Nurse, L. Teixeira, R. Yip.

Colin or other members of this class can fill in the missing names or make any corrections to the list provided by Colin. Alumni should note that some of the older College Magazines, including the class lists of the year, are available on the school web-site, www.st-stanislaus-gy.com. Select "School Magazines" from the list on the left-hand side of the home page, and then click on the year of interest.

OBITUARIES

Alumnus **Dr. Oswald S. John** MB BS MD passed away suddenly on 22 Aug., 2010, in Jamaica, W.I. He is survived by his wife Beverly, his children Carolyn and Robert, grandchildren Jordan and Aleksander, and his brother and sisters Arnold, Enid, Sylvia, and Vil (predeceased by brother Reginald). Oswald attended Saints from 1948 to 1952, leaving after 5th Form to attend Queens College to complete 6th Form science in preparation for studying medicine at the University College of the West Indies from which he graduated in the early 1960s. He later immigrated to Canada where he served the West Hill community of Scarborough (Toronto) as a family physician for 40 years during which time he was also a staff member of the Centenary Hospital in Scarborough.



Alumnus **William Ramdeholl** died on Wed. 6 Jan., 2011, at Scarborough General Hospital at the age of 66. He attended Saints from 1956 to 1963, completing his 5th Form "O" levels in 1961, and his 6th Form "A" levels in 1963. He was a Prefect, a member of Galton House, and the holder of the school Shot Put record for many years. He was the husband of Lynette, father of Anthony (Melanie), Christian, and grandfather of Tyreah and Olivia. He also was the brother of the late Cecil Anthony, Jane, Carolyn, Pamela, Jacqueline, and alumnus **Linden** who also attended Saints from 1966 to 1972 and who also was in Galton House, the School Librarian, and a member of the school Sodality.

Cecil Michael Seymour died peacefully on Wednesday, 12 Jan., 2011, at North York General Hospital in his 95th year. He was the husband for 49 years of the late May (DaSilva), father of alumnus **Paul** (Mary), Ann Marie, and Jennifer, grandfather of Louise Della-Fortuna (Joseph), and great-grandfather of Alessandro and Evie May. He is also survived by his sister Mary (Fernandes) of Guyana. Even though he did not attend Saints, he was an ardent supporter of the College and continued to be a paid-up member of the Toronto Alumni Association until his death.

Erratum

In the previous issue of the newsletter, an alumnus in the photograph on page 3 within the article, *Rendezvous at Timehri*, was identified incorrectly. The photo with the correct names is shown below. We offer our apologies for this error.



*Where shall we meet again in 50 years?
Left to Right : Greg De Castro, Michael Mendes de Franca, Richard James, Monty Henson, Orlando Goveia, Les Choo-Wing*

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The constitution/by-laws of the Society are currently being finalised and, when completed, will be published on the current Saints web-site (www.torontosaints.com). Until the first Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Society is held later in 2011, the Society will be run by the following :

Board of Directors

Bunty Phillips (Chair), Errol Chapman (Vice-Chair), Ken Cumberbatch, Rupert De Castro, Frank Delph, Des Jardine, and Vibert Lampkin.

Executive Officers

Errol Chapman (President), Bunty Phillips (Vice-President), Paul Archer (Secretary), Art Veerasammy (Asst. Secretary), Beverly Vandeyar (Treasurer), Andrew Insanally (Asst. Treasurer), Godfrey Whyte (Public Relations Officer), Hugh Hazlewood (Executive-at-large), and Albert Smith (Executive-at-large).

At the first AGM of the Society, the members will vote to confirm the constitution/by-laws, and will elect a new slate of Directors and Executive Officers for the next year. The constitution is being framed so that all paid-up members of any legally constituted Saints Alumni Association anywhere are automatically members of the Society without any further payment of fees. If an alumnus is not a member of any Alumni Association, he/she can become a member of the Society by the payment of a fee (amount to be determined), but this fee will not entitle him/her to any rights of any individual Alumni Association.

There may be some confusion in this first year of operation of the Society, and we ask everyone to have some patience as we iron out all the kinks from running two separate yet relatively similar corporations. We also ask you to continue supporting both organizations as we try to improve the quality of education at our *alma mater*, and thank you sincerely for your past support.

L. A. (Bunty) Phillips

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Harvard-trained surgeon-scientist seeks donations

Dr. Anthony Nichols, the son of Saints alumnus **Clarence** and BHS alumna Audrey, is a clinician-scientist in otolaryngology (head and neck surgery) who joined the faculty at the London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) in October 2009 after completing a residency and a fellowship in his speciality at Harvard University. He earned an undergraduate degree in medical biophysics from McMaster University and a medical degree from the University of Toronto. Dr. Nichols says that there was a two-fold reason for his decision to return to Canada following his training in Boston. First, the Canadian health care model appealed to him and, secondly, it was clear that there were tremendous academic opportunities in London that would allow him to continue the research he began at Harvard.

Head and Neck cancer is a devastating disease as it affects some of the most personal aspects of life, including facial appearance and the ability to speak and eat. In the last five to 10 years, it has been shown that the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) is associated with cancers of the tonsil and tongue, with young patients who don't smoke or drink getting this type of tumour. Working with the team in Boston, Dr. Nichols' research demonstrated that, based on several tumour markers, some people were destined to fail chemotherapy and radiation treatment. His research showed that, with chemotherapy and radiation, patients with an HPV-related cancer and no Bcl-2 marker had close to 100 per cent survival rates, while those with a non-HPV-related cancer and the Bcl-2 marker all succumbed to the disease.

Dr. Nichols is working with Dr. Joe Mymryk, an expert in the field of tumour viruses and a senior scientist at the Lawson Cancer Research Laboratory of the London Regional Cancer Program (LRCP). Along with Mymryk and the team at the LRCP, he is continuing his research to find the optimal treatment for

each patient with head and neck cancer, based on the biology of his/her tumour. He eventually hopes his research will help create a more patient-focused and personalized treatment plan. When Dr. Nichols is not in the lab, he spends his time caring for patients and performing head and neck cancer surgeries along with Drs. John Yoo, Kevin Fung, and Jason Franklin.

Dr. Nichols and the surgery residents at the University of Western Ontario are trying to raise money for Head and Neck Cancer Research. More information can be found at the web-site,

www.headandneckcancer.kintera.org.

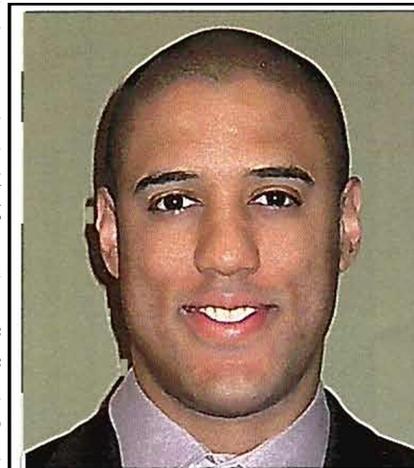
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COMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Cost
Sat. 9 Apr., 2011	Spring 2011 Dinner / Dance	West Rouge Community Centre	\$40, all inclusive
Sun. 15 May, 2011	5 Km. Walk-in-the-Park	Taylor Creek Park, Area 4	Refreshments
Sat. 9 Jul., 2011	Golf Tournament	Glen Eagle Golf Club, Hwy 50, Palgrave	\$120, all inclusive
Fri. 29 July, 2011	Caribjam	Thornhill Community Centre	\$40
Mon. 1 Aug., 2011	Last Lap Lime	Woodbridge Fairgrounds	\$15 pre-event \$25 on the day
Sat. 15 Oct., 2011	Fall Dance	West Rouge Community Centre	tba

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