



# SAINTS NEWS & VIEWS

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the St. Stanislaus College (Guyana) Alumni Society was held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2022, at which members were elected to the positions shown below.

### Board of Directors

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| Alfred Carr        | <b>Chairman</b>      |
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Michael Persaud

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| <b>President</b>           | Alfred Carr    |
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| <b>Assistant Treasurer</b> | Paul Hazlewood |

### Editorial

## THE YEAR THAT WAS

The Society's financial year is from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> August. Therefore, we have just had a financial year-end, and we held the Annual General Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> September to report on the year and to elect the Board of Directors for the next year. The elected Board of Directors is shown in a separate article in this issue. A quick review of the high-lights of the last year would be appropriate here.

The major influence in the last year (and the two before that) continued to be the effect of the COVID virus. We were unable to do anything in the 20-21 year, and the 21-22 year started out with the promise of no change. However, by early 2022, because of the steady increase in people receiving vaccinations, the epidemic seemed to be becoming under control so much so that, by the end of February, the City and Provincial governments produced plans for the preparation of the lifting of the restrictions which were imposed to stop the spread of the virus.

This allowed us to hold two fund-raising events before the end of the financial year: the Spring Dance in April and the Golf Tournament in July. Caribjam falls within this window, but we were unable to hold it as we had not planned ahead because of the virus and were unable, at such short notice, to obtain an appropriate site on the required date on which to hold it. We were able to hold the Spring Dance as we had an outstanding reservation for the site due to the last planned one having to be postponed due to the virus. We had held the Golf Tournament in the previous year as this is an outdoor event with a gathering of only 4 people at a time, which did not contravene the imposed epidemic restrictions.

Our revenues for the year also included two minor fund-raising events – bus trips to the casino in Niagara Falls. After also including individual donations, membership fees, and investment income, the total revenue for the year was \$77,997.09.

Our expenses for the year fell into four broad categories: fund-raising costs, operations expenses, re-investment of investment income, and aid to the College. The total expense was \$83,889.92 of which 63.4% (\$53,184.00) was

aid to the College. The operating expense was 4.15% (\$3,478.00) of the total.

Our aid to the College falls into two categories: requests from the College, and the creating and funding of bursaries and scholarships for the students. The breakdown of the aid to the College is as follows.

|                                    |                         |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Computers to College</i>        | <i>15,091.35</i>        |
| <i>Books for College</i>           | <i>1,826.30</i>         |
| <i>Student Participation Award</i> | <i>527.40</i>           |
| <i>College Graduate Awards</i>     | <i>3,203.25</i>         |
| <i>College Scholarship Fund</i>    | <i>16,960.50</i>        |
| <i>Student Bursaries</i>           | <i>2,652.20</i>         |
| <i>Teachers' Bonus</i>             | <i>12,923.00</i>        |
| <b><i>TOTAL COLLEGE AID</i></b>    | <b><i>53,184.00</i></b> |

We incurred a small Income Loss (-5,892.83) for the year, but this was quite manageable due to the large Income Gain of the previous year.

For the coming year, we expect to be able to hold six of our current seven fund-raising events: New Year's Eve Gala,

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Spring Dance, two Bus Trips, Golf Tournament, and Caribjam. The missing event is the Fall dance which would have been held in October 2022, but we decided to defer this for this year only and concentrate on the NYE Gala.

We thank you for your past participation in our events and hope that you will continue to support our efforts to produce outstanding students fit and ready to take on the hur-

dles they will face in the adult world.

We hope to see and welcome back our alumni and friends at our events at which we will guarantee that you will have a good time as you have had in the past.

In the meanwhile, keep well and still take any appropriate precautions to avoid any virus in circulation.

**THREE-FINGER GUITARIST***By Alumnus (46-51) Dave Martins*

I'm going back here many, many years to when my family was living in Vreed-en-Hoop, West Demerara, and I was attending St. Stanislaus College in Georgetown on a scholarship (my father, a Pomeroon farmer, couldn't afford the fees, but the Catholic nuns running the Sacred Heart High School in Georgetown had pulled some strings and got me the scholarship).

On week-days, I would ride my Rudge bike to the ferryboat to Georgetown in the morning, ride to school, and then ride back to catch the early afternoon ferry around 4 p.m. On the ferryboat, I would park the bike downstairs, find a spot upstairs on the passenger deck, and collect my bike when the ship docked. Pertinent to the story is that, on my left hand, I wore a small gold ring which I had been given as a birthday gift. On the ferry, while I was standing on the stairs, waiting for the passengers to exit, I often would be holding onto the deck while I waited. On this day, I did what I usually did, waited for the crowd to go and then, instead of walking down the stairway, I simply let go of the deck, landing about four feet below on the metal floor below. I had done this several times without incident. However, I had not noticed that the wood lining this stairway was held in place by heavy brass screws and, on this occasion as I let go of the framing, the gold ring on my left hand became caught on one of the screw heads and, as I let go to descend, my gold ring caught on one of the screw heads, and all of my bodyweight came to bear on the gold ring, mutilating most of the flesh on that finger, and breaking off a piece of the bone. I didn't know what had happened, but I felt this powerful pull on my hand and, as I looked down at my hand, I saw the mauling I had taken. I was about 14 years old at the time and obviously I went into shock at what had happened. God knows how I remained silent, but God must have been with me, as I turned away on the stelling and headed for the road leading to home.

I was in total shock, but some spirit must have been guiding me, as this 14-year-old boy simply got on his bike and rode to the dispensary, in the middle of the village, run by Mr. Small who put a small cloth over my hand and told me that I had to get to a hospital, the nearest one being at Leonora, some six miles away. He called a taxi for me and, to cut a long story short, I was soon at the Leonora Estate hospital where they determined I had to get to a hospital in Georgetown. I hooked up with my cousin, Anthony Vieira (who ran my aunt's grocery store at Hague), who had a car

and who, I knew, was travelling to Georgetown that same morning. It ended up that Anthony took me to town on the next ferry and on to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in town.

I'm not sure about this bit, but I think my mother must have come with me on that hospital part; they bandaged my mashed-up hand, and I was admitted for surgery the following day. How I didn't break down through all this I will never know, but my mother, Zepherina, played a huge role, not even making a sound when she first saw my injury, and managing to remain calm - no tears, no alarm - for the rest of the day and into the following morning when the surgery repair work was started and when I was admitted as a full-time patient in Mercy Hospital in Georgetown.

I look back on this episode some 55-plus years ago and I have no explanation as to why I, just a young schoolboy, did not collapse or pass out from the trauma. I suppose the answer is that I must have gone into shock but, essentially, I don't know. We see traumas far worse than mine landing on people and, somehow, the Almighty imbues us with the resolve and protection essentially to rise above the trauma, giving us the resolve we need. In all of this, grief and fear did not overcome me; I did not lose consciousness and I don't recall even being sedated; I may have been, I simply don't recall it. Either that, or I was truly in shock.

To look back on this episode, as I have done many times, is to come no closer to understanding why I did not keel over, or burst into tears. If someone had told me then that ahead for me in my life was a career as a musician playing my songs in such legendary venues as Carnegie Hall, Madison Square Garden, and Trinidad Carnival, I would have dismissed that as pure fantasy.

In reality, I had a skin graft done on my damaged finger, and I learned to play an instrument which requires all the digits working properly to play music professionally and to compose and record my own work. I honestly do not know whence came the resolve and the attitude which allowed me to be in a horrific situation and not be crippled or mauled by it. Finally, in all this travail, I have been blessed to have so many people who have contributed greatly to my not being overcome by the circumstances.

Perhaps some higher power in the universe has been in play in my story of the boy on the ferryboat with a simple gold ring on one finger that could easily have left him crippled for life, instead of being lifted up by a "joyful noise", as the prayer goes.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA GREAT NEWS...WE'RE BACK!

It's been two years, and we've missed you. Two long years of isolation, of masks, and vaccinations, and social distancing. Two years of waiting for the danger to pass so that we, as a society, can return to some semblance of normalcy. Well, the wait is finally over! Our famous New Year's Eve Gala is back.

Although the experts are telling us that we have weathered the worst of the pandemic, we still intend to approach our 2022 Gala with some measure of caution. Your safety is of primary importance to us. With this in mind, we are limiting our 2022 function to only 300 guests. Unlike past attendance of 450 guests, we feel that limiting attendance to 150 couples (300 guests) will allow you to establish distances you are comfortable with, whether it be on the dance floor, mingling during the cocktail hour, standing at the bar, or moving between tables during dinner in the spacious ballroom of the Scarborough Convention Centre.

Our cautious approach does come with a price however. Imagine the demand with just 300 tickets available! We fully expect our Gala to be sold out very early, and urge you to reserve your tickets as soon as you can to avoid disappointment.

Our careful approach to this year's function will in no way diminish the quality you have become accustomed to over the years. The non-alcoholic cocktails and hors d'oeuvres during our cocktail hour, your four-course dinner with indi-

vidual choice of entrée, champagne at midnight, two bottles of wine per table, sweet table at 12:30 a.m., party favours, reserved seating, tax deductible receipts for your tickets, and live entertainment by the Fuh Fun Band and DJ Tee Cee, all remain a part of this wonderful evening.

Further details on how to reserve your tables/tickets and guarantee your attendance are available from any of the following New Year's Eve team members.

**Paul Abdool –**  
guybanna@hotmail.com 416-297-7585

**Alfred Carr –**  
acarr888@gmail.com 416-441-1720

**Rupert DeCastro –**  
rupertdecastro@gmail.com 416-817-7604

**Des Jardine –**  
des.jardine@td.com 905-665-8551

Avoid disappointment and guarantee your attendance to the event of the year. Call now to reserve your table. We will be sold out!

Looking forward to seeing you on New Year's Eve

*Paul Abdool for the NYE Team*

## FUTURE FUND-RAISING EVENTS

We hope that the attendees at our functions do have a good time, enough that they will return again and again! However, many may not realize how much planning and work is involved in holding these events. This is an attempt to explain what is involved and why we have not held a full year of activity in 2022.

First, the main influence on our planning this year was COVID! Even now, when the city is more open than it has been over the last two years, people are still being cautious about mingling in large groups (in spite of the crowds at the Toronto Carnival in August). We realized this and tried to cater to this fear when we held this year's Spring Dance (the first such activity in two years). We limited the attendance to a much smaller number than usual, but still did not sell out as it probably was held too soon after the City had removed the major restrictions to large gatherings. We will continue to follow this approach with the NYE Gala and hope that it will sell out as it will be about nine months since the lifting of the restrictions.

We hold almost all of our events at city-owned sites, but these were unavailable during the COVID shut-down. We had pre-paid for the Spring event two years ago and, when unable to hold the event for the next two years, we asked for the payment to be held for future rent instead of receiving a refund. Thus, we had a firm commitment for 2022. However, we had no pre-payments for other events, and we were unable to obtain appropriate sites for them, but there

also were other obstacles to holding these events.

Music is a major part of our events. If we use a disc jockey (DJ), we would need to reserve the DJ well in advance to ensure availability. It is usually difficult to obtain a DJ at short notice, so this affected our choice. Further, if we need a band, the same problem would occur, but COVID also had a further effect. During the two years of COVID lock-down, not only could bands not play professionally but the members of the bands could not even get together for practice. In fact, some of the bands lost members and new ones had to be found and integrated into the existing band. For the NYE Gala, there has been enough time since the raising of the restrictions for bands to recover their past performance.

We have alcoholic beverages available at our events, and the liquor licencing laws insist that food also must be served. However, after two years of no contracts, many of our regular food providers were no longer in business, and we had to search for existing and unproven ones who came at much higher prices!

We hope that these problems are unique to 2022. We hope that, in 2023, everything will be back (or near) to the normalcy of pre-COVID, and we shall plan, based on this expectation. We will have our usual full slate of events and will keep everyone informed as we go along.

In the meantime, keep well and safe from infections so that you can attend our future events.

**OBITUARIES**

Joseph Neil Castanheiro (1963-2022) passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, at the age of 59 on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2022, at Lakeridge Health Oshawa Hospital.



He was the loving husband of Rosemarie (together for almost 34 years), the beloved father of Melina, and the eldest son of **Alumnus (50-55) Joseph** and the late Joan. He will be greatly missed by his brothers Graham (Patricia) and Rolf (Monika), his nephews Alexander, Christian, Aidan, and Nathan, and his extended family and friends.

Neil was known to be an incredibly kind and respectful man. He spent his early life and childhood in the Caribbean before venturing up to Canada with his family to start a new life. It was through their decision to come to Canada that he met his wife Rosemarie at RBC, and the two started life with their only daughter Melina. He developed a passion for music and film, which he has shared with many of his family and friends, and a significant passion for photography and videography. Whenever there would be a special event, you could always spot Neil standing behind his camera, capturing every silly, loving, and tear-jerking moment.

**Alumnus (61 – 68) Dr. Leslie Anthony Simpson** passed away on Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> Aug., 2022, a day short of his 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday. He was a product of Mr. Homer’s school, and attended St. Stanislaus College with (among others) Godfrey Nurse, Charles Ramson, Peter Cummings, and Michael Fung.

He was the holder of a Bachelor of Science (Hons.) in Agriculture (UWI – St Augustine, 1972), Master of Science in Agriculture (UWI - 1979), and Doctor of Philosophy in Agriculture (UWI - 1985). He served as a Senior Lecturer at UWI, later joined the Caribbean Agricultural Research & Development Institute in Trinidad, and then became the Guyana Representative in Jamaica.



His wife, Anne, predeceased him in 2021, and he leaves his two daughters, Leslie Anne and Candace, and their children, and other loved ones to mourn his loss.

**IN MEMORIAM - THE QUEEN  
1926 - 2022**



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II had no close relationship to St. Stanislaus College, so there may be a question of why this article is included here.

This is not to raise a discussion of the pro and con reasons for the existence of a monarchy in today’s environment or of why an independent democratic country like Canada should have or not have a monarch of another country as its Head of State.

However, the Queen was the constitutional Head of State of Canada. Also, the monarch of the U.K. was the Head of State of British Guiana, even after it gained independence in 1966 as Guyana, until 1970 when Guyana proclaimed itself as a Cooperative Republic. Further, the Queen was the symbolic Head of the Commonwealth of Nations in which both Canada and Guyana are members. Therefore, the Queen remains as a valid topic to be addressed here by an alumnus in an alumnus publication.



Many expansive tributes have been paid to the Queen over the 10 days of mourning from her death to her funeral, so there can be very little new to express here. Nevertheless, we still need to express our condolences and our appreciation of her work and responsibilities as a monarch, a mother, a grand-mother, and a great grand-mother. Here, we have a woman who had toiled unceasingly for 70 years with great dignity in full public view and without making any (or very few, if any) missteps, and had stated no desire or plan ever to retire! She died “in harness” a short two days after her last official work appointment. Who among us could say that we have either the desire or the need or the responsibility to emulate the Queen in a similar way? I would guess safely that the answer would be none!

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**In Memoriam—The Queen***(continued from page 4)*

The Queen never took herself seriously. She was known to indulge gleefully in mimicry in private surroundings. She even made fun of herself in public when she declared 1992 as her “*annus horribilis*”! However, she took her job and responsibilities very seriously. She was not only very in-

telligent and discreet but also very knowledgeable, in spite of never having attended school, having been given private lessons at home. She may have been just a figurehead in government, but her experience was invaluable in giving advice to her Prime Ministers. We shall never see her likes again!

*May these souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen*

**MEMBERSHIP**

The following is the list of alumni who are currently paid-up members in 2022. Membership is based on the calendar year.

**CANADA (95)**

Paul Abdool<sup>2</sup>  
Lance Alexander  
Howard Amo<sup>2</sup>  
Alwyn Appiah<sup>3</sup>  
Bernard Austin<sup>2</sup>  
Gregory Badley  
Malcolm Barrington<sup>1</sup>  
Michael Barrington<sup>4</sup>  
Gerard Bayley<sup>1</sup>  
John Rene Bayley<sup>2</sup>  
Teddy Boyce<sup>4</sup>  
Ian Camacho<sup>3</sup>  
Paul Camacho<sup>1</sup>  
Alfred Carr<sup>7</sup>  
Wilfred Carr<sup>1</sup>  
Joseph Castanheiro  
Bob Chee-a-tow  
Sydney Chin  
Gerry Chin-sam<sup>3</sup>  
Ivan Choo<sup>2</sup>  
Tony Clarke<sup>7</sup>  
Paul Crum-ewing<sup>4</sup>  
Richard DaCosta<sup>4</sup>  
Edward DaSilva<sup>2</sup>  
Terry DeAbreu<sup>2</sup>  
Tyrone DeAbreu<sup>1</sup>  
Gregory DeCastro<sup>2</sup>  
Rupert DeCastro  
Andre DePeana<sup>3</sup>  
Clive Devers  
Roger Devers  
Terence Devers

Neville Devonish  
Raymond Dias<sup>4</sup>  
Ron Dias  
Jerome D'Oliveira  
Paul Duarte  
Joe Faria<sup>5</sup>  
Raymond Fernandes  
Keith Fletcher<sup>3</sup>  
Andre Fredricks<sup>5</sup>  
Darwin Fung<sup>1</sup>  
James Fung<sup>3</sup>  
Richard Gomes<sup>4</sup>  
J. Neil Gonsalves<sup>1</sup>  
Ken Hahnfeld<sup>2</sup>  
Brian Hall-Stevenson  
Albert Hamilton<sup>3</sup>  
Hugh Hazlewood<sup>1</sup>  
Paul Hazlewood<sup>2</sup>  
Monty Henson<sup>3</sup>  
Desmond Hill<sup>1</sup>  
Andrew Insanally<sup>2</sup>  
Richard James<sup>4</sup>  
Desmond Jardine<sup>1</sup>  
Clayton Jeffery<sup>2</sup>  
Anthony Jekir  
Amanda King  
Gregory Kellawan<sup>1</sup>  
Vibert Lampkin<sup>2</sup>  
John Lopes<sup>3</sup>  
Geoffrey Luck  
Michael Mendes de Franca<sup>1</sup>

Colin Nurse<sup>3</sup>  
Anthony O'Dowd<sup>2</sup>  
Michael Persaud<sup>2</sup>  
Renuka Persaud<sup>1</sup>  
Compton Pestano<sup>3</sup>  
L. A. Phillips  
Carl Ramalho  
Marcelline Ramcharan  
Linden Ramdeholl<sup>2</sup>  
Alexander Rego  
Romeo Resaul<sup>1</sup>  
Bryan Rodrigues  
Peter St. Aubyn  
Savitri Seenauth<sup>2</sup>  
Robin Shaw<sup>2</sup>  
Asoka Robin Singh  
Michael Singh<sup>1</sup>  
Albert Smith<sup>4</sup>  
Vanita Soman<sup>1</sup>  
Akisha Somrah<sup>1</sup>  
Cecil Subryan<sup>4</sup>  
Albert Sweetnam<sup>2</sup>  
Michael Texeira<sup>3</sup>  
Arthur Veerasammy<sup>1</sup>  
Vibert Vieira<sup>1</sup>  
Paul Vincent<sup>2</sup>  
Howard Welshman<sup>1</sup>  
Godfrey Whyte  
David Wong<sup>1</sup>  
Brian Yhap<sup>3</sup>  
John Yip<sup>2</sup>  
Angus Zitman<sup>3</sup>

**AUSTRALIA (1)**

Lennox Yhap<sup>2</sup>

**BRAZIL (1)**

Stephen DeCastro<sup>1</sup>

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (1)**

Deep Ford<sup>3</sup>

**GUYANA (1)**

Fitzgerald Yaw Jr.

**TRINIDAD (2)**

Richard Harford<sup>1</sup>

Ronald Harford<sup>1</sup>

**U.K. (7)**

John DaCosta<sup>3</sup>  
Julio Faria<sup>3</sup>  
Tony Gomes  
Leyland Grant<sup>3</sup>  
Neville Jordan<sup>2</sup>  
Charles Kennard<sup>2</sup>  
Raymond Pancham<sup>3</sup>

**U.S.A. (31)**

Clydewyn Anthony<sup>4</sup>  
Mark Anthony<sup>4</sup>  
Mark E. Anthony<sup>4</sup>  
Wayne Austin<sup>4</sup>  
Lloyd Barker<sup>4</sup>  
Satyanand Bhagrat-

tee<sup>1</sup>  
Stephen Budhu<sup>4</sup>  
Rev. Andrew Chan-a-sue<sup>3</sup>  
Ronald Chanderbhan<sup>2</sup>  
Dalip Etwaroo<sup>2</sup>  
Bernard Friemann<sup>2</sup>  
Trevor Gibbs<sup>4</sup>  
Edward Gouveia<sup>2</sup>  
Philip Greathead<sup>2</sup>  
Leyland Hazlewood<sup>4</sup>  
Michael Heydon<sup>3</sup>  
Edward Isaacs<sup>4</sup>  
Edwin Jack  
Wilfred Jack<sup>3</sup>  
Kenneth Jordan  
Jolyon King<sup>6</sup>  
Joey Lopes  
Nevrindra Mangru<sup>4</sup>  
Christopher Martin<sup>4</sup>  
Carlyle Moore<sup>4</sup>  
Godfrey Nurse<sup>3</sup>  
Hugh Christopher Patrick<sup>4</sup>  
Horace Persaud<sup>3</sup>  
Peter Rodrigues  
John Sparrock  
Jolyon Williams<sup>4</sup>

**VENEZUELA (1)**

Michael Chin-a-loy<sup>4</sup>

There are 140 paid-up members.

**Notes :**

1. These (25) alumni have paid in advance through 2023.
2. These (29) alumni have paid in advance through 2024.
3. These (24) alumni have paid in advance through 2025.

4. These (24) alumni have paid in advance through 2026.
5. These (2) alumni have paid in advance through 2027.
6. This (1) alumnus have paid in advance through 2028.
7. These (2) alumni have paid in advance through 2029.

**SOME TEACHINGS OF BUDDHA**

Three things to remind yourself every single day.

1. Not all storms come to destroy your life. Some come to clear your path.
2. Never be a prisoner of your past. It's just a lesson, not

a life sentence.

3. Forgive people. When you forgive, you become free and, when you let go, you will start to grow.

**VISITORS TO TORONTO**

**EXECUTIVE WELCOMES HEADMISTRESS**

Ms. Rebecca Persaud, Headmistress of the College, decided to spend a few weeks of her vacation visiting Toronto. This gave the Executive of the Toronto Alumni Society a chance to invite her to dinner and to exchange thoughts about the Toronto support of the College.

*From left to right:  
Rupert DeCastro, Paul Abdool,  
Bunty Phillips, Rebecca Persaud,  
Des Jardine, Alfred Carr,  
Malcolm Barrington, Hugh Hazlewood,  
Arthur Veerasammy*



**REUNION OF CLASSMATES**

During his wanderings, the peripatetic alumnus, Neil Pereira, decided to drop in to Toronto during Carnival week, and he caught up with some of his classmates who took him out for lunch at a trendy Unionville restaurant.

*From left to right:  
Desmond Kawall, Wilfred Carr,  
Arthur Veerasammy, Errol Chapman,  
Eddie DaSilva, Neil Pereira*

**MONTHLY FIRST-FRIDAY BREAKFAST GROUP WELCOMES RENOWNED ECONOMIST**

Over the last several years, a group (about 15 - 25) of alumni (and some friends) has been meeting on the first Friday of the month for breakfast and conversation. COVID put a stop to this over the last two years, but the meeting resumed in March of this year.

At the August breakfast, the group was honoured by the presence of alumnus (63-70) **Dr. Desmond Thomas.**

Desmond earned his BSocSc in Economics at UG, his Master's degree from the University of Manchester (UK), and his PhD from McGill University in Montreal, Quebec.

He has taught Economics as an Assistant Professor at UWI (Mona, Jamaica), Adjunct Professor at Ryerson University (Toronto, Ontario), and Adjunct Professor at Trent University (Peterborough, Ontario).

He has been an Acting Economic Advisor to the President of Guyana, and Lead Economic Specialist at the Inter-



*Left to right: Ron Lee, Owen Bunbury (in background), Howard Roberts, Cecil Subryan, Jimmy Fung (in the blue cap behind Cecil), Derek D'Andrade, Des Jardine, Mike Teixeira, Robin Shaw, Desmond Thomas, Johnny D'Andrade (just off the photo on the right)*

American Development Bank in Washington DC. He has published widely in books, journals, and periodicals on relevant social and economic issues. His most recent book (2019), *Electoral System Reform for a Diverse Nation, The Case of Guyana*, puts forward a case for electoral reform in Guyana as a means of the country realizing its full development potential.

COLLEGE HYMN MUSICAL SCORE

In June of this year, we received an e-mail, via the web-site [torontosaints.com](http://torontosaints.com), from a person, Andy Cotino, in Guyana with the following request:

*“I would like to help a piano student of mine who is attending your college in Guyana with playing the hymn on keyboard. I only could find the lyrics (on) <http://torontosaints.com/st-stanislaus-hymn.html>, can you mail the sheetmusic of your hymn for me.”*

Since I had a copy of the sheet-music, supplied in about 2008 by alumnus Maurice Serrao, I replied with a copy of the sheet-music, and thus began a series of correspondence between Andy and me.

Andy is a Dutch citizen who has been in Guyana for about 8 months and plans to be there for another year or two. He attended the Royal Conservatory in The Hague, Holland, where he obtained a Bachelor degree in Classical Percussion. From the Rotterdam Conservatory, he also obtained a

Diploma in Applied Electronics with Percussion as the main subject.

Andy has had experience as a percussionist in symphonic orchestras, classical and world percussion ensembles, as well as in hard-rock bands. He also has worked in digitizing music transcriptions. Since 2005, he has been teaching in Suriname at the National Folk Music School, elementary and high schools, and at the Suriname Conservatory.

Andy worked at combining the music and lyrics of the College hymn, and used me as a “sounding board” to make sure that he had got it right. The final product is shown below. Students and alumni/ae are encouraged to take a copy of it and to use it whenever appropriate and required.

My memory of Fr. Feeny teaching us the hymn in the Brickdam cathedral on Friday afternoons is rather distant and dim so, if anyone identifies any errors in this copy, please contact me and I will get it corrected.

57 Saint of our youth (W.272)

Composer: Rev. J.E.Moore  
 Transcription: Andy W. Cotino  
 Proof reading: Bunty Phillips  
 Wednesday, June 29, 2022

**Allegretto**  
 ♩ = 108

1. Saint of our youth, thy heart to gain Earthspread her glitte-ring toys in vain, Thy  
 2. No dull de-lay thy fer-vor knew, But fast the bu-sy mo-ments flew; And  
 3. Teach us to find in faith-ful prayer, Like thee, our on-ly trea-sure there, Where  
 4. Make per-fect thus in li-ttle space God called thee to his long em-brace Be-  
 5. Teach us our pa-ssion to con-trol, In pa-tience to po-ssess our soul; And,

spi-rit turned from fa-ding things To seek and serve the King of Kings.  
 in the dawn of light a-ppears the wis-dom of de- cli-ning years.  
 deep-ly hi-dden from human eyes The Sa-cred Heart of Je-sus lies.  
 fore the mists of earth could throw A sha-dow on the robe of snow.  
 when de-lu-ding phan-toms rise, To close our ears and guard our eyes.

**Refrain**

9 Guide from thy throne of light a-bove, Our steps in faith and hope and love, That

13 we may tread as Thou hast trod, Brave-ly the nar-row way of God.



Andy Cotino

**COLLEGE NOTES**

**BURSARY IN MEMORY OF KAREN KING**

In our March issue this year, we reported the passing of alumna (82-88) **Karen King**. Her sister, **Amanda**, is also an alumna and, in memory of Karen, she has created a bursary, to be available every year, to be given to a student with any school expenses (books, a uniform, backpack, any back-to-school related expenses), or even for financial help with transportation to and from school, or for any other relevant financial need.

The Board of Governors requested the school Administrator, Mrs. Harris, to identify a suitable candidate for the bursary and, working with the Headmistress and other staff, she has identified, by unanimous selection, Ms. Africo

Blackman as the student in need. Africo is currently a Form 4 Science student who is working hard to pursue her dreams of, one day, becoming a Surgical Oncologist; she also is actively involved in the after-school hockey program.

In the past, she and her family are often beset with financial issues that have hampered her ability to meet her commitments and obligations to and at school.

The Toronto Alumni congratulates Africo on her selection and wishes her all the best and success in her studies towards her goal.

**2022 CSEC AND CAPE EXAM RESULTS 2022**

St. Stanislaus College is proud to laud the Class of 2022 for the excellent results at the CSEC and CAPE examinations in 2022.

The College's main aim is to produce well-rounded persons who can function at any level or forum in society. We salute our students and look forward to the continued high level of work from our educators and students. We shall

continue to rise, with *Aeterna Non Caduca* as our foundation.

On behalf of all the college's alumni/ae, St. Stanislaus College (Guyana) Alumni Society also extends its congratulations to the passing students and offers them its best wishes in their future endeavours.

**2022 CSEC EXAMS GRADES 1 - 3**

**2022 CAPE EXAMS GRADES 1 - 4**

|                          |      |                        |      |                           |      |                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|------------------------|------|---------------------------|------|--------------------------|------|
| Agricultural Science     | 100% | Office Administration  | 100% | Financial Accounting 1    | 100% | Cost Accounting 2        | 100% |
| Biology                  | 100% | Physical Education     | 100% | Agricultural Science 1    | 100% | Biology 2                | 100% |
| Caribbean History        | 100% | Principles of Business | 100% | Animation & Game Design 1 | 100% | Computer Science 2       | 100% |
| Economics                | 100% | Social Studies         | 100% | Computer Science 1        | 100% | Digital Media 2          | 100% |
| Electrical Technology    | 100% | Technical Drawing      | 100% | Digital Media 1           | 100% | Entrepreneurship 2       | 100% |
| E.D.P.M                  | 100% | Geography              | 98%  | Entrepreneurship 1        | 100% | Environmental Science 2  | 100% |
| English A                | 100% | Mathematics            | 98%  | Geography 1               | 100% | History 2                | 100% |
| Home Economics           | 100% | Information Technology | 97%  | History 1                 | 100% | Information Technology 2 | 100% |
| French                   | 100% | Principles of Accounts | 97%  | Literatures in English 1  | 100% | Sociology 2              | 100% |
| Human and Social Biology | 100% | English B              | 93%  | Sociology 1               | 100% | Tourism 2                | 100% |
| Integrated Science       | 100% | Physics                | 91%  | Tourism 1                 | 100% | Physics 2                | 99%  |
|                          |      |                        |      | Environmental Science 1   | 93%  | Chemistry 2              | 95%  |
|                          |      |                        |      | Caribbean Studies 1       | 90%  |                          |      |
|                          |      |                        |      | Integrated Math 1         | 90%  |                          |      |

**SAINTS GIRLS AND BOYS HOCKEY TEAMS PLACE SECOND**



The Saints Hockey Club Girls and Boys Teams both competed in the Under 20 category in the Lucozade Indoor Hockey Tournament, and both came second in their categories.

In addition, Clayza Bobb and Shakeem Fausette received the MVP awards in their categories.

Congratulations go out to the teams and the individuals for their sterling performances.

The Girls Team is shown in the photograph on the left.

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**COMING EVENTS**

| Date                                    | Event  | Location   | Cost   |
|---|--|--|--|
| Sat. 15 Oct., 2022                      | Fall Dance<br>(Dinner: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)                                     | <b>CANCELLED</b>   | <i>tba</i>   |
| Sat. 31 Dec., 2022                      | New Year's Eve Gala<br>(Complimentary cocktails : 6:30 p.m.<br>Dinner : 8:00 p.m.) | Scarborough Convention Centre<br>20 Torham Place, Scarborough  | \$125 per person<br>(Tax deductible receipt<br>of \$62.50 per ticket)                          |
| Sat. 22 Apr., 2023                      | Spring Dance   | West Rouge Community Centre<br>270 Rouge Hill Drive, Toronto<br>(Hwy 401/Hwy 2/Port Union Road)      | <i>tba</i>   |
| Sat. 8 Jul., 2023<br><i>(tentative)</i> | Golf Event   | Lebovic Golf Club,<br>14020 Leslie St, Aurora, ON L4G 7C2<br>(W. of Hwy 404, N. of Bloomington Road) | \$300 per person<br>(includes 3 course plays,<br>2 meals, a snack on-<br>course, and 3 drinks) |
| Fri. 4 Aug., 2022                       | Caribjam   | <i>tba</i>   | <i>tba</i>   |

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