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Editorial

## FACT OR FICTION? TRUTH OR MISINFORMATION?

One of the major banes in today's society is the relentless spread of misinformation and disinformation. Note that misinformation is false or inaccurate information i.e. getting the facts wrong, while disinformation is false information which is deliberately intended to mislead i.e. intentionally making the misstating facts or intentionally telling a lie.

This activity is not new but has existed from time immemorial, but it is more noticeable today because of the improvement to and the ease of the spread of communications widely. Consider what we read in **Matthew 7:15-20** from the New Testament of the Douay-Rheims Bible.

*15 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in the clothing of sheep, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.*

*16 By their fruits you shall know them. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?*

*17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit, and the evil tree bringeth forth evil fruit.*

*18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can an evil tree bring forth good fruit.*

*19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, shall be cut down, and shall be cast into the fire.*

*20 Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them.*

This was part of Jesus Christ's teaching, known as the Sermon on the Mount, when He had to go up a mountain in order to address the multitude of people who had been following Him to hear His instructions for a better life. Not only did He warn the people about misinformation and disinformation but He also used an allegory to advise them on how to recognise it.

The doctrine expounded in the Sermon of the Mount instructs how to lead a good life, including how to react in adverse situations, and is considered to be religious instruction. However, misinformation and disinformation occur as well in the secular arena, and the directions from the Sermon can be used as a guide to identify such an occurrence. Again going to the New Testament, we read in **Luke 20: 22-25,**

*...the chief priests and the scribes....sent spies.... And they asked Him, saying....*

*22 Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar, or no?*

*23 But He considering their guile, said to them: Why tempt you Me?*

*24 shew Me a penny. Whose image and inscription hath it? They answering, said to him, Caesar's.*

*25 And He said to them: Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's: and to God the things that are God's.*

Here, we are instructed to obey temporal authority. We are

not only allowed, but commanded to obey the authority of the state, and to pay such taxes, etc. as are due; for the authority of the state is ordained by God to protect the lives and property of subjects. If there were no temporal authority, disorder, robbery, murder, etc. would be rampant; and, therefore, as the authority of the state exists for the good of subjects, it is the duty of these last to pay those taxes, etc. without which it cannot be kept up.

The issue here is: do we blindly obey the authority of the state or other figures of authority? This conundrum was forefront and centre at the Nuremberg trials where the Nazi leaders and followers were charged with crimes against humanity. It also continues to be raised today in similar circumstances. The defence put forward is usually: "I was only following orders."

It takes a person of great courage, strong will, and high moral integrity to refuse an order, which he considers to be immoral, at the risk of not only his employment but perhaps his freedom and even his life! Nevertheless, the result of following the order – the fruit of the tree – must be examined carefully before any decision is made to follow blindly, with a clear understanding of the result of accepting or rejecting the order.

We have discussed misinformation and disinformation coming from leaders, but there also are other sources. As a practical example, we need only to consider the recent COVID pandemic. Governments throughout the world had declared the COVID virus to be a serious threat to the health of mankind, and the world has seen many deaths from it. Therefore, the world Governments took steps to mitigate the spread and effects of the virus.

In response to Government actions, there have been various groups which have made various statements with regard to the virus itself and to the actions which were taken to combat the virus.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Re: Fr. Malcolm Rodrigues****March 2023 Issue**

Hi Bunty,

Thanks for the fine job you do getting out *News & Views*.

Reading it dramatically brings home the fact of how geographically dispersed the postwar, pre-independence alumni have been, are. A history in itself, just waiting to be written were one so inclined!

I found the retelling of Malcolm Rodrigues' gift of a life, moving. An unsung hero. (One is heartened to observe one or two similar, unlikely, persons emerging that promise to contribute their own unselfconscious integrity for the betterment of society).

I didn't ever meet Malcolm but know I would have found it memorable. As a closer cohort of his, you may have been fortunate to have had that enduring memory.

We must take heart from the work of others, like Chris Fernandes, who have assumed a heavy burden to see that the values of the pre-takeover generations live on. Not just in the diaspora, but in the young women and men who have attended the college since. A debt that cannot be measured, and one of which we are all proud to be witnesses.

Keep well, enjoy the first "post-covid" summer. I hope we get a chance to cross paths sooner rather than later.

Please review my email address above. The one I had for decades has become captive of my son's career!

If ever you transit Niagara, I'm in Fonthill. Call ahead, and we can meet over coffee.

Warm regards,

Rick daCosta.

*Editor's Reply**Rick: Thank you for your kind words. We miss you here in Toronto when you contributed at our monthly meetings. I certainly shall look you up if I am in your area.***Re: Editorial – Planning in Today's Environment****March 2023 Issue**

Dear Editor

It's been a few years since I read the Saints Newsletter, so imagine my sadness that you remain stunningly unaware of what's transpired over the past 3.5 years. I recall communicating with you in 2020 in what was obviously a futile effort to disabuse you of your Mainstream Media-influenced (MSM) (a kind way of saying brainwashed) belief about Covid 19.

Incredible the level of commitment to the blatantly false narrative painted by criminally irresponsible media paid to fool the masses into somniferously wondering (*sic*) through life totally unaware of what's occurring around them.

There was no pandemic but, rather, a Plandemic.

SARS Cov2 has never been isolated using Koch's Postulates and won't ever be.

There has been a huge increase in ALL CAUSE Mortality since the rollout of the Gene Therapy inoculations as they meant to further a Genocide of mankind and ARE Crimes Against Humanity.

Almost nothing you wrote in the Editorial is accurate as it's predicated on a fictional belief not based on reality.

Investigate independent of MSM and learn how millions have been deceived.

Awaken to Reality. Choose the red pill now. Try [www.plandemicseries.com](http://www.plandemicseries.com) as a starting point to your Awakening.

Cheers,

D. D'Oliveira

*Editor's Reply**Dave: Thank you for expressing your opinions about COVID 19. You have advised us to do further research, and we wish to ask you to do the same with an open mind, not one obsessed with conspiracy theories.**"...your Mainstream Media-influenced belief about Covid 19"**Your attack against the MSM is totally illogical. The MSM is simply the transmission media and does not make up the news; it simply reports on it. You will argue that it is under control of certain individuals or groups who pay it to publish misinformation. However, the same can be said about your sources of "information". So, who is right?**You speak of the MSM as if it is a single homogeneous entity, but it is not so constructed. Within it are many, many different entities which report on different opinions held by various people or organizations which create the news.**Some may support one side of an opinion while others may support the opposite side e.g. some newspapers have been labelled as being politically left-wing while others are seen as being right-wing. However, where science is concerned, there normally is a consensus as they all bow to those who have been trained and have experience in their appropriate areas of expertise. This is what has happened in the case of COVID 19. Thus, we are not influenced by the beliefs of the MSM but by the science as proclaimed by the science experts and reported in the MSM. Also, the medical scientists working with COVID are unanimous about their findings about this virus, whereas the medical scientists within the conspiracy groups, to which you subscribe, have all been discredited by the scientific community as having made false or misleading comments about the virus.**"...using Koch's Postulates"**Koch's postulates are four criteria designed to establish a causal relationship between a microbe and a disease. The postulates were formulated by Robert Koch and Friedrich Loeffler in 1884. They were developed before there was clear knowledge of what caused diseases and of bacteria and viruses. Indeed, Koch himself later recanted on the postulates. These postulates are incorrect and out-dated and are no longer used in current medical science. You might want to do some research on this.**"...a huge increase in ALL CAUSE Mortality"**Please provide (or point us to the way to find) the reliable and incontrovertible statistics which backup this statement.*

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OBITUARIES

**Alumnus (69–74) Basil A Dathorne** recently passed away in St. Lucia after spending his life working in Anguilla.



As an Engineer, he tackled project after project on behalf of the Government of Anguilla and other local private companies, and executed to the highest standard, leaving a trail of good workmanship, coupled with great skill, dedication, and integrity. Most of the work on upgrading roads constructed between the late 90s and early 2000 was executed under his supervision, including the Jeremiah Gumbs Highway and the road from the Airport roundabout to South Hill.

He also contributed immensely to the development of the island in his own sphere. He was a socialite and a religious man, a fellow Roman Catholic who was dedicated to the needs and services of St. Gerard’s Parish on so many levels.

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of *Loretta Ann Gonsalves (nee Jardine)* in Ajax, Ontario, who passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by her family, after a courageous 5-year battle with pancreatic cancer, on 7 June, 2023, at the age of 73.

She was predeceased by her parents, Basil and Gertrude Jardine. She is survived by Anthony, her husband of over 53 years, and by her children Ryan, Lisa, Daimon, Supansa, and grand-children Aaden, and Everly. She also leaves behind her siblings **Saints alumnus (62-67) and member of the SSCGAS Executive Desmond**, Desiree, Janet, Terry, Trevor, and Debbi Jardine, and her aunts, Linda, Agnes, Rita, and Jean.

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of **Alumna Natasha Insanally** who was among the first batch of young ladies to be enrolled at the College in the early 80s.



**Alumnus (65-71) Philip Richard Rodrigues** passed away on Wednesday 3 August, 2022, in Barrie, Ontario, at the age of 68. He was born on 17 December, 1953, to Sylvina and Walter Rodrigues, both deceased. He was predeceased by his sister Mary and brother Edward, but leaves behind his three sisters Joan Anne, Margaret, and Lucy who all reside in England. He also leaves behind his wife Deborah, and three children Erica, Olivia, and Susanna.

Deborah (née Gonsalves) is also from Guyana (LBI sugar estate) and attended Sacred Heart RC Primary School and St. Joseph’s High School, but left for Canada with her family when she was only 12 years old. Her grandfather, A. T. Gonsalves, and grandmother had a shop on First and Cummings Street. She met Philip here in Toronto, and they were married for almost 45 years.



Philip was a soccer player, playing at GFC, and he spoke a lot about Bobby Fernandes as a fellow team mate at that club. He also played on the Toronto Reunion team. He was good friends with alumni Pascal Vieira and David Far-  
ia.

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“...Gene Therapy inoculations as they meant to further a Genocide of mankind”

*We are completely mystified by this statement. The Oxford English Dictionary defines “genocide” as “the annihilation of a race” (the prefix “geno” is taken from the Greek word meaning “race”). It is used correctly when we note that the Nazis followed a plan of genocide against the Jews of the world. Here, you have used the word in conjunction with “mankind”, so the correct word to use here is “homicide” (the prefix “homo” is taken from the Latin word meaning “man”).*

*This raises questions of - who exactly is “they”? – and – why do they want to wipe out all mankind? We are aware of only one person who has suggested such an approach with a reason. A “scientist” has declared that, as mankind is the primary culprit in causing global warming, the only solution is to remove all mankind from the face of the*

*earth!*

*Obviously, there would be some resistance in trying to execute such a plan, and using inoculations would seem to be a most inefficient and, most probably, a non-fulfilling approach. Try nuclear bombs!*

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*We are not sure whether you are against vaccination against COVID or against all vaccinations or against vaccinations using gene therapy.*

*Regardless of which one, we have to point out that vaccinations, regardless of how they are created, have been a great benefit to mankind, sparing it from pandemics as have occurred in ancient times. In Canada, children can receive a single vaccination for immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, and rubella. Further, there are vaccinations available against other past-widespread diseases like polio, smallpox, chickenpox, tuberculosis, etc.*

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## SSCGAS EVENTS IN 2023

Will COVID-19 ever leave us?

It has been almost four years since the virus made its presence known to the world, but it feels like it has always been here. It certainly has had an effect on holding our annual events. In 2022, we were able to hold only two of our regularly scheduled events.

**2023**

Spring Dance

We had started planning in late 2022 for the Spring Dance, and budgeted for a pre-pandemic attendance. However, we had only about two-thirds of this amount in attendance, but everyone had a good time, and we did make a profit this year.

Golf Event

We were almost unable to hold this event again this year at the **Lebovic Golf Club (14020 Leslie St, Aurora, ON L4G 7C2, W. of Hwy 404 and N. of Bloomington Road)**. However, after much pleading, we were given a date, though not one which we would have chosen. The date is **Friday, 7 July**.

Like last year, **it is NOT a shot-gun start**. Rather, players must choose a quarter-hour start between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Currently, we are at about 85% capacity so, if you have not yet registered to play, please contact Paul Hazlewood at **hazelwood1295@rogers.com** as soon as possible.

The cost is **\$250** which includes an extra round of golf on another day, 2 meals (breakfast and lunch, or lunch and dinner), snacks at 3 holes, and 3 drinks.

Caribjam

Unfortunately, we shall be unable to hold this ever-popular

event this year as we were unable to obtain a site for it. Look for it again next year!

Fall Dance

Once more, we shall continue to hold this annual event at the “usual” site, **West Rouge Community Centre, 270 Rouge Hill Drive, Toronto (Hwy 401/Hwy 2/Port Union Road)**. Further details will be provided when we firm up our plans.

Honouring the College and its Patron Saint (\*\*NEW\*\*)

This is a new (non-fund-raising) event, requested by some alumni.

The Feast Day of St. Stanislaus Kostka, after whom the College is named, is 13<sup>th</sup> November, and alumni in other countries have held celebratory events on this date. We shall follow suit and honour St. Stanislaus and the College, but on **Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> November** as the 13<sup>th</sup> is a Monday this year.

It will start with a **Mass at 1:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church on Sheppard Ave. E. (just West of Bayview)**, followed by a “meet and greet” session with refreshments in the Church Hall immediately afterwards. Spouses are welcomed to attend, but we need to know how many people will attend. Please send your intention to attend, as soon as possible, to **Bunty Phillips at [lpPhillips@st-stanislaus-gy.com](mailto:lpPhillips@st-stanislaus-gy.com)**.

New Year's Eve Gala

This event will be held on **Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> December**, at the **Scarborough Convention Centre, 20 Torham Place, Scarborough**, and will cater to the full pre-pandemic attendance. Further details will be published at a later date.

**FACT OR FICTION? TRUTH OR MISINFORMATION?**

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These statements include the following (which is not a complete list).

- There was no virus. There was a secret underlying agenda to fool the people.
- The virus was being developed as weapon for chemical warfare but escaped from the development lab.
- The virus was spread deliberately by a source country.
- Various home remedies or existing medicines or chemicals could protect against the virus.
- The pharmaceutical companies were responsible and were making a huge profit from creating vaccines.
- The spread of the virus could be stopped by the use of certain appliances.

How true were the claims? We need only to look at the “fruits” of the claims i.e. what would we expect if the claims were true?

Medical scientists throughout the world investigated and identified the virus and its properties, and agreed that there was a virus. It should be noted that, in logic, a negative assertion cannot be proved. Further, the World Health Organization has estimated that, to date world-wide, there have been 700 million+ confirmed cases of the virus (a person getting the virus twice counts as two cases), includ-

ing almost 7 million deaths attributed to the virus. The virus does exist.

It is still yet unclear how the virus started, but the best educated guess is that it originated in animals and was spread to humans through the food chain. The structure of the virus was unknown by anyone until after it had affected mankind, so it is unlikely to have been “developed” in a lab which would have taken steps to isolate it and to develop a vaccine in case it escaped outside the lab. The spread was an accident.

From the structure of the virus, the medical scientists determined that a unique vaccine would have to be developed to combat it. Therefore, existing medicines or chemicals or appliances were ineffective in combatting the virus in a human body.

It must be noted that all this work was done by experts in medical science, across all countries in the world, so that there was consensus in their work which would be accepted by all world governments.

Misinformation and disinformation are usually raised by groups not qualified to make the claims. In deciding whether or not a claim is misinformation or disinformation, the source of the claim also needs to be identified to check the authority of the source.

## MEMBERSHIP

The following is the list of alumni who are currently paid-up members in 2023. Membership is based on the calendar year.

**CANADA (87)**

Paul Abdool<sup>1</sup>  
Howard Amo<sup>1</sup>  
Alwyn Appiah<sup>2</sup>  
Glen Armogan<sup>4</sup>  
Bernard Austin<sup>1</sup>  
Malcolm Barrington  
Michael Barrington<sup>3</sup>  
Gerard Bayley (*dec*)  
John Rene Bayley<sup>1</sup>  
Teddy Boyce<sup>3</sup>  
Ian Camacho<sup>2</sup>  
Paul Camacho  
Alfred Carr<sup>7</sup>  
Wilfred Carr  
Joseph Castanheiro<sup>4</sup>  
Bob Chee-a-tow  
Sydney Chin  
Gerry Chin-sam<sup>2</sup>  
Ivan Choo<sup>1</sup>  
Tony Clarke<sup>7</sup>  
Paul Crum-ewing<sup>3</sup>  
Richard DaCosta<sup>3</sup>  
Edward DaSilva<sup>1</sup>  
Derek D'Andrade<sup>4</sup>  
Russell D'Abreu  
Terry DeAbreu<sup>1</sup>  
Tyrone DeAbreu  
Gregory DeCastro<sup>1</sup>  
Rupert DeCastro<sup>4</sup>  
Andre DePeana<sup>2</sup>

Raymond Dias<sup>3</sup>  
Jerome D'Oliveira  
Paul Duarte  
Joe Faria<sup>4</sup>  
Raymond Fernandes<sup>1</sup>  
Keith Fletcher<sup>2</sup>  
Andre Fredricks<sup>4</sup>  
Darwin Fung<sup>5</sup>  
James Fung<sup>2</sup>  
Mike Gomes  
Richard Gomes<sup>3</sup>  
Harold Gonsalves<sup>1</sup>  
J. Neil Gonsalves  
Ken Hahnfeld<sup>1</sup>  
Albert Hamilton<sup>2</sup>  
Hugh Hazlewood  
Paul Hazlewood<sup>1</sup>  
Monty Henson<sup>2</sup>  
Desmond Hill  
Andrew Insanally<sup>1</sup>  
Richard James<sup>3</sup>  
Desmond Jardine  
Clayton Jeffery<sup>1</sup>  
Anthony Jekir  
Gregory Kellawan  
Vibert Lampkin<sup>1</sup>  
John Lopes<sup>2</sup>  
Michael Mendes de Franca  
Colin Nurse<sup>2</sup>  
Anthony O'Dowd<sup>1</sup>

Michael Persaud<sup>1</sup>  
Renuka Persaud  
Compton Pestano<sup>2</sup>  
L. A. Phillips<sup>4</sup>  
Linden Ramdeholl<sup>1</sup>  
Romeo Resaul  
Bryan Rodrigues  
Savitri Seenauth<sup>1</sup>  
Maurice Serrao<sup>1</sup>  
Robin Shaw<sup>1</sup>  
Michael Singh  
Albert Smith<sup>3</sup>  
Vanita Soman  
Akisha Somrah  
Peter St. Aubyn<sup>4</sup>  
Cecil Subryan<sup>3</sup>  
Albert Sweetnam<sup>1</sup>  
Michael Texeira<sup>2</sup>  
Arthur Veerasammy  
Vibert Vieira  
Paul Vincent<sup>1</sup>  
Howard Welshman  
Godfrey Whyte  
David Wong  
Brian Yhap<sup>2</sup>  
John Yip<sup>6</sup>  
Angus Zitman<sup>2</sup>

**AUSTRALIA (1)**

Lennox Yhap<sup>1</sup>

**BRAZIL (1)**

Stephen DeCastro

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (1)**

Deep Ford<sup>2</sup>

**TRINIDAD (3)**

Richard Harford  
Ronald Harford  
P. I. Gomes<sup>4</sup>

**U.K. (6)**

John DaCosta<sup>2</sup>  
Julio Faria<sup>2</sup>  
Leyland Grant<sup>2</sup>  
Neville Jordan<sup>6</sup>  
Charles Kennard<sup>1</sup>  
Raymond Pan-cham<sup>2</sup> (*dec*)

**U.S.A. (32)**

Clydewyn Anthony<sup>3</sup>  
Mark Anthony<sup>3</sup>  
Mark E. Anthony<sup>3</sup>  
Wayne Austin<sup>3</sup>  
Lloyd Barker<sup>3</sup>  
Satynanand Bhagrat-tee  
Stephen Budhu<sup>3</sup>  
Rev. Andrew Chan-a-

sue<sup>2</sup>  
Ronald Chanderbhan<sup>1</sup>  
Dalip Etwaroo<sup>1</sup>  
Bernard Friemann<sup>1</sup>  
Trevor Gibbs<sup>3</sup>  
Edward Gouveia<sup>1</sup>  
Philip Greatehead<sup>1</sup>  
Leyland Hazlewood<sup>3</sup>  
Michael Heydon<sup>2</sup> (*dec*)  
Lloyd Houston<sup>4</sup>  
Edward Isaacs<sup>3</sup>  
Wilfred Jack<sup>2</sup>  
Jolyon King<sup>5</sup>  
Nevrindra Mangru<sup>3</sup>  
Christopher Martin<sup>3</sup>  
Carlyle Moore<sup>2</sup>  
Godfrey Nurse<sup>2</sup>  
Hugh Christopher Patrick<sup>3</sup>  
Horace Persaud<sup>3</sup>  
Hugh Rodrigues<sup>4</sup>  
Peter Rodrigues<sup>4</sup>  
Richard F. Rodrigues<sup>4</sup>  
John Sparrock  
Leyland Thomas<sup>4</sup>  
Jolyon Williams<sup>3</sup>

**VENEZUELA (1)**

Michael Chin-a-loy<sup>3</sup>

There are 132 paid-up members. (*dec* - deceased)

**Notes :**

1. These (29) alumni have paid in advance through 2024.
2. These (24) alumni have paid in advance through 2025.
3. These (24) alumni have paid in advance through 2026.

4. These (14) alumni have paid in advance through 2027.
5. These (2) alumni have paid in advance through 2028.
6. These (4) alumni have paid in advance through 2029.

**Letters to the Editor**

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*Vaccines, along with improved general health care and diet, have extended the lifetime of the average person to double what was normal in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. We are awake. You should try it.*

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**SPECIAL NOTICE ON MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is paid by calendar year i.e. January to December. Therefore, membership up to 2022 expired on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022. If your name no longer appears in the above list, please submit your membership fees as soon as possible. See page 8 for the membership form and address, or pay electronically at [www.torontosaints.com](http://www.torontosaints.com).

We remind you that the fee is \$25 (Can) per year but, if you pay \$100 (Can) for 4 years, you will receive an extra year for no further charge. Selecting the multiple year membership will mean that you will not need to worry about having to remember to pay the fees for the next five years.

## COLLEGE NOTES

### NEW PRINCIPAL INSTALLED AT COLLEGE

The Guyana Ministry of Education (MOE) has a rule whereby a teacher in any primary and secondary school must retire on reaching the age of 55. The College's Board of Governors (BOG) were aware of this rule and the fact that Mrs. Rebecca Persaud, the current most valued Headmistress, would reach this milestone in August 2023.

The CEO of the BOG recommended that Mrs. Donna Isles, Headmistress at South Ruimveldt Secondary School, should be considered as her replacement. Mrs. Isles is a highly experienced educator with a passion for learning and 33 years of dedicated service in the field of education. She has a strong background in teaching Home Economics, and a successful tenure as a Principal for over 12+ years.

A small committee of the BOG, made up of Zulficar Hussein, Timothy McIntosh, Shelley Anne Harris, and Chris Fernandes, interviewed Mrs. Isles and, on confirming her suitability for the challenge at hand, offered her the position which she accepted. Prior to her forthcoming retirement, Mrs. Persaud had accepted a job with the MOE with immediate effect, and so Mrs. Isles was installed immediately as the new Headmistress on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

The BOG and SSCGAS (on behalf of the alumni) offer Mrs. Isles a warm welcome to the College and our best wishes for a fruitful and successful career for the remaining 7 years she has before her scheduled retirement. We also wish to thank Mrs. Rebecca Persaud for her hard work in taking the College to new heights in the short time that she was there, and offer her our best wishes for her continuing success in her new career.

Mrs. Persaud has sent a special message of thanks to the College alumni, and the letter has been reprinted here.



*Dear Esteemed Members of the St Stanislaus College Alumni Association,*

*As I approach the conclusion of my journey at St Stanislaus College, I am taking a moment to reflect upon the last two years, and to express my heartfelt appreciation for your unwavering support and commitment during my tenure.*

*Your dedication as alumni to the college and its enduring values has been a source of strength and inspiration. The collective efforts of the alumni association have significantly enriched our institution and left an indelible mark on our community. Witnessing the positive influence and impact of your contributions has been a privilege, and it speaks volumes about the lasting bonds and commitment forged here at St Stanislaus College.*

*The confidence you placed in me, coupled with the opportunities for learning and growth that this role presented, has profoundly shaped my professional journey. I am grateful to have been part of a community that nurtures such a culture of respect, collaboration, and the pursuit of excellence.*

*As I prepare to pass on my responsibilities, I look back with a deep sense of pride and fulfillment at our shared accomplishments. I am confident that the future of our school is in good hands, with the continued support from our dedicated staff, volunteers, and you - the cherished members of our Alumni Association.*

*I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve St Stanislaus College and for the valuable experiences I have gained during this time. The honour of working alongside such an accomplished group will be a cherished memory, and I wish you all continued success.*

*Lastly, I am thrilled to announce that Ms. Donna Isles will be assuming my role. I am certain that her leadership will guide St Stanislaus College to even greater heights. I hope you will extend to her the same support and goodwill that you have shown me.*

*With warm regards,  
Rebecca Persaud*

### FIRST-FORMER WINS TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Guyana Table Tennis Association recently held the National Sports Commission 2023 Independence Table Tennis Championships which was played at the National Gymnasium. The final result was that national player Joel Alleyne and up-and-coming youngster **Jasmine Billings** were crowned senior male and female champions.

Jasmine, 12 years old and not yet a teen-ager, is a First Form student at St. Stanislaus College and was the dominant player in the female sector which was played on a round robin basis. Competing against some of the top young female players in the country, she played unbeaten after four games to take top honours in the senior female category.

She also won the U13 and U15 girls' titles, but her quest

for a clean sweep with the title in the U19 division was thwarted by her arch-rival and the reigning Caribbean Champion Samara Sukhai who was the runner-up in the senior female category. Sukhai won 3 games to 1, the scores being 7-11, 11-8, 11-9, 14-12.

Congratulations go out to Jasmine on her outstanding achievement, and we also offer our best wishes in her future endeavours.



**COLLEGE NOTES**

**COLLEGE PARTICIPATES IN KAYAK COMPETITION**

On Sunday 30 April, 2023, an inter-schools kayak competition, sponsored mainly by SLB - Schlumberger Limited, an oilfield services company, was held at Linden (formerly Mackenzie) with participation from 11 schools - 7 from Linden, along with teams from Queens College, St. Joseph, St. Rose, and St. Stanislaus.

The organizers allowed two days on which they provided transportation for the Georgetown teams to travel to Linden to practice. The first one was just before test time in the previous academic term, so Saints was unable to attend, but the team went up on the second on Monday 24 April and had a practice.

ana Field Hockey team which went to Barbados, and Jabez Walter's, DeAndre Anderson, and Darion Pereira who placed third in the male relay race in which one person ran and pushed two persons in a double kayak.



Front row, left to right:  
 Kayra Scott, Shellon Corlette, Makayla Poole, Chelsea Bandu, and Amisha Hooper  
 Back row, left to right:  
 DeAndre Anderson, Micah Chichester, Darion Pereira, and Jabez Walter's

The three top performing schools were from Linden, and Saints placed fourth. Special mention must be made of Makayla Poole, a 13 year-old Grade 8 student who placed second in the individual female short-distance race and who also was on the Guy-

The successful individuals each received a medal, each student received a token for participating, and the College received a trophy.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS PLAY ON GUYANA NATIONAL U-21 HOCKEY TEAM**

The National Under-21 male team broke a 35-year-old record when they defeated Brazil to finish fifth at the 2023 Junior Pan American Championships in Barbados.

Guyana won 3-2 in the penalty shootout after the game ended in a 2-2 draw with Shaquan Favourite and Warren Williams being the Guyana goal scorers.

The win meant the team achieved its highest-ever placing at the championships, bettering the sixth place achieved in 1988 when Trinidad and Tobago hosted the event.

The team's management expressed elation with the performance given that, yet again, Guyana defeats top opponents despite not having an artificial surface to conduct training.

It was highlighted that, in the three group matches, Guyana conceded only eight goals – three against the USA and five against Canada – while they defeated the host 1-0.

“In the past, we would suffer some massive defeats, sometimes 15-1 and such score lines. It was very pleasing to see how we managed truly hold our own against the best”, the management staff expressed.

Meanwhile, the girls at their first outing had returns of 0-12 (vs Canada), 3-0 (vs Barbados), and 0-8 (vs Chile) while, in their fifth-place play-off on Tuesday, they went down 0-

14 to Uruguay. The championships served as a qualifier for the 2023 Junior World Cup to be held in Santiago, Chile, in December.



The members of Saints Hockey Club would like to express their gratitude to the Alumni Associations which were involved in the major monetary contribution towards them being able to participate in Championships. They express eternally gratefulness for this heart-warming gesture, and offer their thanks for believing in them. They will continue to make the College and the Alumni proud of them.

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### COMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Cost
Fri. 7 Jul., 2023	Golf Event	Lebovic Golf Club, 14020 Leslie St, Aurora, ON L4G 7C2 (W. of Hwy 404, N. of Bloomington Road)	\$250 per person (includes 2 course plays, 2 meals, 3 snacks on- course, and 3 drinks)
Fri. 29 Jul., 2023	Caribjam	<i>CANCELLED</i>	
Sat. 14 Oct., 2023	Fall Dance (Dinner: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)	West Rouge Community Centre 270 Rouge Hill Drive, Toronto (Hwy 401/Hwy 2/Port Union Road)	<i>tba</i>
Sat. 11 Nov., 2023 1:30 p.m.	Mass to honour St. Stanislaus Kostka and College, followed by meet-and- greet with refreshments	St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church 432 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto, ON (west of Bayview Ave.)	Not applicable
Sun. 31 Dec., 2023	New Year's Eve Gala	Scarborough Convention Centre 20 Torham Place, Scarborough	<i>tba</i>

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