

SAINZ'S NEWS &

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From the President

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Incomplete Projects

The President is pleased with the progress being made on the three remaining incomplete projects he spoke about in the previous issue of *Saints News & Views* namely the Website, the Wall of Fame, and Succession Planning.

While there are still many hurdles to clear, he has reiterated his determination to complete these projects this year. Plans which have been implemented for the Web Site and the Wall of Fame are progressing on schedule.

He is currently drafting proposals for Succession Planning, which he hopes to introduce soon.

We are anxiously looking forward to the completion of the Wall of Fame. Later this year, we hope to visit Guyana for the dedication ceremony, sometime in August or September.

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The Barbadian Connection

St. Stanislaus College Alumni Association - Toronto welcomed Guyanese-born Dr. Kenneth M. Khan, Educational Consultant, to Toronto over the Christmas/New Year holiday season. Ken is not only a graduate of SAINTS, but taught at the College as a Graduate Mathematics Teacher from 1964 to 1966. He was also Games Master and Saints Scout Troop Leader. He was the Principal of the College from 1972 to 1980. He is a founding member of the Guyana Association of Head Teachers of Secondary Schools (GAHSS). In July 1978, he was elected 1st Vice-President of the Caribbean Association of Principals of Secondary Schools (CAPSS). He left Guyana in 1981 to take up permanent residence in Barbados.

He extended an already distinguished career in Education by immediately joining the Ministry of Education in Bridgetown. He taught at Harrison College, sat on the Board of Management for the past 20 years, became a member of the Caribbean Examinations Council Examiners and, since 1998, has been involved in the preparation of test questions and marking CXC and CAPE papers. Ken is decidedly the most active member of the Barbados Chapter, as he was of Guyana's. He travels frequently to Guyana and Toronto, sharing his knowledge and news of the various Chapters. He is a dynamo, a roving, tireless ambassador for SAINTS. He said he will be returning to Toronto for another visit in March.

The Barbados Chapter, though small, is very active in its own community. The Association was founded in 1995. A twinning arrangement between Harrison College and SAINTS is currently being formed. Harrison hosted the SAINTS Scout Troop in 1996, and the Harrison College Scout Troop was hosted in return by SAINTS in July 1999. The Association has made a substantial donation to the Wall of Fame fund, and will be pleased to hear of the progress being made in erecting the Wall this year.

A large Caribbean/Guyanese community in the Big Apple is currently initiating a new Chapter. Knowing Ken, he will be working tirelessly to see the yet-to-be New York Chapter established this year. This is exciting, as together we three (Toronto, Barbados and New York) can make even greater things happen for the SAINTS students back home. And the American "greenback" can help us achieve those things faster.

Ken presently serves on the Board of the St. Stanislaus College Association (Barbados) as its Secretary. The other current Executive members of the Board are: Stanley Greaves (President), Gavin Ferreira (Vice-President), Marcia James (Assistant Secretary), and Jeane Forde (Treasurer).

The Written Word

"The chief glory of every people arises from its authors." ~ SAMUEL JOHNSON

As someone once said, "The pen is mightier than the sword," thus sending

As I See It

the written word into battle in indeterminable minds. Like all writers, I am inspired by this concept, with an overwhelming desire to transfer my every thought onto paper. Not that I believe that I have even remotely mastered any degree of eloquence, or flatter myself into thinking that my writing will be a lasting testimony to my life. However, while verbal discourse has social significance, like the wind it quickly fades away like a misplaced memory.

Spoken words have a short life-span, inevitably put to rest in total obscurity. The written word in comparison lingers on to be widely read, though only if it resonates with truth, and appeals to one's sensitivities. I have found that language is a source of great joy, creating a certain indefinable excitement and exercise that enriches the mind. It is my dream that somehow my words, let out of their sheath like a sword, will pierce the armour of rejection by frivolous, unaccommodating minds that tend to deny the obvious or otherwise believe that the truth lies in their own perception of it.

I try not to inject any bias in my writing. Not that I'm really mindful of a hostile response to anything I write. No, not even condemnation that I am an idiot whose words, filled with sound and fury signify nothing. There is little purpose to my writing other than the personal pleasure I derive from it. If, per chance, it stimulates some other mind into positive action, it will have served a greater purpose.

That would please me even more.

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Words of Wisdom . . .

"That there should one man die ignorant who had capacity for knowledge, this I call tragedy."

~ THOMAS CARLYLE (1795-1881)

GEETA Ad.

Membership Renewal

While the Association is still hoping for more membership renewals, the President has expressed his appreciation for the favourable response to date.

He suggested that the re-appearance of *Saints News & Views* might have influenced some members to pay up their dues. He is hopeful that those members who have not yet renewed will reconsider doing so.

He has asked the editor to include the Membership Renewal form in this issue for those members who perhaps, because of the recent hectic Christmas Season, overlooked renewing or simply misplaced the form.

To those members who have already renewed, he extends his apology should they receive a second Renewal form with this copy of the newsletter.

Dis Printin and Advatizin Ting by Creole Johnny

Ah went to de lass meetin, an one ah de impotunt discussshuns was bout how much it koss to print de nuzeletta, and how bess we kood pay fuh it. Ah had tuh tell de Prez dat he dreemin wen he sey dat he hopin dat sumbadee wood do de printin fuh free. He shood no by now dat dey en gat no such ting as a free lunch. But de man is won ah dem peepke who beleeve in de good naychur of he fella man. He still hopin dat sumbadee reedin dis kallum wood mek an offa he kann refuze.

He still kann see no offa from nobadee, so it lookin like we hav to depend pun advurtissments to pay fuh de nuzelleta. Yuh see al dem advurtissment in dis nuzelleta, is who yuh tink get dem? If it wuzzent fuh de editta an annoda bannerman kall Rupurt, who duz sell house fuh ah livin, dey woodent ah get nun. Yuh see de won fuh **Geeta** at de tap ah dis page? Is who yuh tink dezine de add, an get de Eire man Rick's to pay he monee up front fuh puttin it in? Is de editta, dat's who. An yuh see de odda won fuh **MSB Sports** store at de bottum ah dis page, dat tu.

But talkin bout dis, yuh gat to chek out de store at 91 Rylander Blvd. It aff ah Kingstun Rode. As soon as yuh pass ova Port Yuneyun Rode goin eace, yuh turn pun Rylander. Lawd, if yuh see al dem nise sport klodin and footware in de store, yuh bound fuh buy sumting before yuh walk out de door. De owner Malkum even sey he gun match any price frum any odda store, so doan frade fuh spen yuh monee deh, kauze ah know de owner en gun rip yuh aff.

I doan no if yuh no how much deze advurtissment duz koss, but ah gun tell yuh anyway. It koss \$150 a yare fuh puttin won add in six issu ah de nuzelleta. Ting doan kum cheep no mo yuh no. Annoda ting badderin Creole is dat de editta still prayin dat membuz wood submit artickles fuh de nuzelleta. Yuh dident reed de artickle "Get Wid de Pro-gram" in de preevious issu? Wha yuh gun tell me, yuh doan know fuh rite. If Creole Johnny, who drap outta school a lang time ago kood rite in de nuzelleta, wha stoppin yuh frum doin de same? Wid al dat fancy edukayshun sum ah yuh gat, yuh wooda tink dat yuh kood help out de editta by ritein a lil ting fuh he tuh publish nuh. Like me gran-mudda uze to sey, "Taalk is cheep."

Like de editta pramiss in de lass nuzelleta he now gat won ah dem eemail adress, so anybadee kood sen in sumting now over de intersumting or adda. Ah notice de adress in dis nuzelleta plenty time. Man, how Creole wish dat he kooda afforde al deze nue invenshun like de kumpueta an how yuh kood sen male true de telephone line. Creole gat fuh rite an uze de poce affice hey in Jarjetung tuh sen in he artickles de ole fasshun way, but dat stil en gun stap Creole frum ritein in de nuzelleta, yuh betta beleeve dat. Ah even notiss in dis issu, dat dey en gat nuttin in de Mailbag kallum. Ah gessin dat nobadee en rite to de editta eeda. Al evrybadee wan do is reed de nuzelleta wen it kum out an dey duz tell me how dey duz enjai reedin it wen dey kum home frum wuk an relaxin wid ah Banks.

So, ah hopin yuh reedin dis now. Fuh as won ah me frens sey, even badmoutin de nuzelleta is good, kauze dis meen dat de membuz reedin it, an dat is de impotant ting. It doan matta to dem dat it kassin a lat a monee to poce to al de membuz al ova de wurl evry odda munt. Dey muss be dun fuhget dat befoar dis nue editta tek ova, dat dey only uze to get de nuzelleta wance in a wile, ah lang wile.

Dis is al Creole Johnny gat to sey fuh now.

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Date: Saturday, April 13, 2002

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Place: West Rouge Community Centre
270 Rouge Hill Drive,
Scarborough

(Lawrence Avenue, east of Port Union
Road, runs into Rouge Hill Drive)

Dress: Casual Elegance

Admission: \$20 per person



Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m.

Lots of door prizes to be won

For tickets contact the Executive Committee

Events Calendar

The upcoming **Spring Dance** takes place on Saturday, **April 13, 2002** at **West Rouge Community Centre, 270 Rouge Hill Drive, Scarborough.**

The **Golf Tournament** will be held tentatively at **Rolling Hills Golf Club** in **June, 2002.** Watch this spot in future issues of *Saints News & Views* for more information regarding this event.

SAINTS vs Queen's: These old rivals will be meeting once again in a friendly **soccer** match in **July, 2002.** Further details will be announced later.

Central vs SAINTS: August, 2002. This **cricket** match will be held in Guelph. More information later.

Queen's vs SAINTS: A lot of pride is involved in this **cricket** match between these two teams for Seniors'

cricketing supremacy in **September, 2002.** Come out and see some famous "old timers" doing their thing, as they struggle for bragging rights

Caribjam ~ Is there any place else you'd rather be on Friday, **August 2, 2002** than at **Thornhill Community Centre, 7577 Bayview Avenue, Thornhill, for Caribjam?**

Last Lap Lime will, as usual, be held at the famous **Tam-Heather Country Club, 730 Military Trail, Scarborough** on Monday **August 5, 2002.** The entrance fee is \$5 for everyone 13 years of age and older. Musical entertainment and parking are free.

The **Fall Dance** will be held at **Thornhill Community Centre, 7577 Bayview Avenue, Thornhill** on Saturday, **October 19, 2002.** Further details will be announced in future issues of *Saints News & Views.*

Guyana Quiz

Flags were always a means of cultural, and national identity and communication. **Do you know . . .**

1. When was the Co-operative Republic of Guyana's flag adopted?
2. What does the red colour in the flag of Guyana represent?
3. What does the black colour in the flag of Guyana represent?
4. What does the "golden arrowhead" in the flag of Guyana represent?
5. What does the white colour in the flag of Guyana represent?
6. What does the green colour in the flag of Guyana represent?
7. What is the name of the SAINTS' Guyana Chapter?
8. What is the name of the President of the 2002 Executive Board of the SAINTS Guyana Chapter?
9. What is the name of the current Principal of St. Stanislaus College in Guyana?
10. Which SAINTS "Old Boy" is President of the SAINTS Barbados Chapter?

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8. Rajendra Singh

Students' Association

7. St. Stanislaus College Old

6. Green forests and fields

5. Guyana's water resources

Guyana's mineral wealth

4. A "golden future" from

3. Perseverance

2. Zeal and sacrifice

1. May 20, 1966

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Photo Contest



Photo submitted by Leslie Choo-Wing

How many of these young faces can you identify by name? The member who submits the greatest number of correct names will win **2** tickets to the Spring dance, to be held on April 13, 2002. The closing date for entries is March 14, 2002. The winner will be announced in the next issue of *Saints News & Views*.

CAMDEC REAL ESTATE Ad.

We Need Your Help!

The Association is looking for a new venue for its 2002 New Year's Eve dance to accommodate 350 patrons. Due to the lack of space, many people were disappointed at not getting tickets for our last dance. That location is licensed for only 200 persons. Should you know of any available location that can accommodate 350 patrons, kindly contact any of the following Executive members: Mr. Bob Chee-a-tow, Mr. Maurice Serrao, Mr. Paul Abdool. (See page 4 for the list of Executive members with their telephone numbers and E-mail addresses).

Random Thoughts About . . . Our Photographers' Faux Pas

Shall We Survive

A sonnet

The night that looms ahead, should it be dark
Would we survive, my country, you and I?
Or, caught between the races' violent spark
Be consumed in our innocence without a cry?
Bad deeds ahead their shadows throw behind
Serving as guides to ready an escape
And when stark terror stalks your kind
To acquiesce to murder, theft and rape
Would mean one's conscience is corrupt as well;
Though struggle 'gainst the blackest Tyranny
Is to remove oneself within the cell
Of hopelessness, despair and self-pity.
And should this coming night appear not bright
Perhaps, somehow, we too would seek a light.

~ *Evadne D'Oliveira*

Our two amateur photographers, whose names we won't mention, are quite embarrassed and apologize to all those people they so rudely interrupted at their tables and while they were dancing at our New Year's Eve dance, to take their pictures.

After making a thorough nuisance of themselves, the "senior" photographer finally decided to check to see how many pictures they had taken. To his dismay he then realized that the film had never advanced to another frame as it was supposed to do automatically.

It was our Editor's wish to have a centrefold of all the beautiful people enjoying themselves to the rhythms of the Ramblers for publication in this issue of *Saints News & Views*. Our roving photographers really proved their amateur status by messing up, BIG TIME!

We haven't seen either of them since, but word on the street has it that they would like to try again at the upcoming Spring Dance, but are afraid the patrons wouldn't be as receptive.

Anyway, they asked the Editor to convey their apologies for any inconvenience caused at our New Year's Eve dance.

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