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The President's Message:

Our Executive keeps asking me to write articles on the Wall of Fame. This article will be short and hopefully sweet.

THIS IS THE WALL



A final coat of paint is applied as The Wall and security fence nears completion. More pictures on page 7.

Thousands have passed through the portals of our glorious Alma Mater and only 100 have contributed. Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself"

THINK ABOUT IT!

DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

ADD YOUR NAME TO THOSE WHO ARE PROUD TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR SAINT STANISLAUS

Check out our website www.torontosaints.com for more information.

- A. Rupert De Castro CMA, President

Inaugural Meeting in Toronto

In the last issue of the News & Views , we mentioned that plans were in place for the holding of an inaugural summit meeting of the alumni associations of Guyana, Barbados, New York and Toronto. Plans have now been finalized and we can confirm that the meeting will be held as previously planned, on Sunday, August 1, at the Tam Heather Curling & Tennis Club in Toronto. The objectives of the meeting are as follows :

- Investigate the creation of an “umbrella” organization which will coordinate the activities of the individual international Alumni Associations in their efforts to assist the College;
- Develop the rules and guidelines under which any new organization will operate;
- Identify the current most pressing needs of the College;
- Determine the measures and efforts to satisfy these immediate needs.

All alumni are invited to attend and participate in this important event. Those planning to attend should inform any member of the Toronto Executive or by writing to admin@torontosaints.com on our web-site (www.torontosaints.com), so that all the necessary arrangements can be made for the meeting.

AGENDA FOR INAUGURAL MEETING OF SSCAA CHAPTERS

Date: Sun. 1 Aug., 2004,

Time: from 10:00 A.M. to 04:45 P.M.

Place: Tam Heather Curling & Tennis Club, 730 Military Trail, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada.

10:00 A.M.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome by Meeting Facilitator – quick review of logistics and Agenda

Welcome by Rupert De Castro, President, SSCAA – Toronto

Introduction of Official Representatives from each Chapter

Opening Statements from each Chapter

10:30 A.M.

DEFINE/CONFIRM OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

Agree on formation of “umbrella” organization

Develop general objectives/guidelines for new organization

Define operating procedures for new organization

Select members for task force to develop constitution and rules of new organization

Set timeframe for completion of work by task force

12:30 P.M. – 01:30 P.M.

LUNCH

01:30 P.M.

IDENTIFY CURRENT PRESSING NEEDS OF COLLEGE

School Infrastructure (buildings, grounds, etc.)

School Facilities (lab equipment and supplies, computer equipment and supplies, books, etc.)

Student Assistance (scholarships, bursaries, awards, etc.)

Instruction and Leadership (standards of teaching, teacher knowledge, etc.)

Cultural Growth (student non-academic extra-curricular activities, awards, etc.)

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03:00 P.M.

DETERMINE JOINT EFFORTS TO SATISFY NEEDS

Prioritize needs, and select how many to be addressed immediately

Determine joint efforts for addressing selected needs

Select members to coordinate efforts of each task force

Set timeframe for completion of work of each task force

04:30 P.M.

WRAP-UP OF MEETING

Summary of meeting

Outstanding work

Next meeting

Upcoming Events

CARIBJAM

Date : **Friday 30 July, 2004** (Ontario August Monday holiday week-end)

Time : 08:00 p.m. to 02:00 a.m.

Place : Thornhill Community Centre, 7755 Bayview Ave., Thornhill, Ontario

Dress : Casual Elegance

Donation : \$25.00 per person

Dancing to Triple Play and D.J. "Bakes" Pereira.

Food Bar available.

This event is sold out every year, so order your tickets early!

FALL DANCE

Date : **Saturday 23 October, 2004**

Time : 08:00 p.m. to 02:00 a.m.

Place : Thornhill Community Centre, 7755 Bayview Ave., Thornhill, Ontario

Donation : tba

Music : tba

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER & DANCE

Date : **Friday 31 December, 2004**

Time : 07:00 p.m. to 02:00 a.m.

Place : Thornhill Community Centre, 7755 Bayview Ave., Thornhill, Ontario

Dress : Formal Dress

Donation : \$100.00 per person (ALL INCLUSIVE)

Dancing to Triple Play and D.J. "Bakes" Pereira.

Donation includes 5-course dinner, wine with dinner, table service, ALL drinks (alcoholic, soft, or water), champagne for toasting in the New Year, and party favours.

Only 400 tickets are available. A table of 8 in a choice location can be reserved NOW on a "first come, first served" basis with a deposit of \$300.

Call a member of the Executive now to reserve a table for the big New Year's Eve bash. Tickets are NOT available for sale at the door for any of our social events. They must be purchased in advance.

De Wall—one last time

Creole Johnny

Well, wha ah gun sey, ah have to gie credit whey credit due. Dem boys bill de wall. Afta all dat talk, dey finally, really bill it. Ah had to go an touch it to mek sure it wasn't jus meh imagination.

Afta ah see it was real, de nex ting ah start to tink bout, is if dey expek me to "eat crow" after all dem years mekkin fun 'bout "De Wall ah Shame" (sorry, "Fame"). Iz not to sey dat Creole does write anyting intellectual for all dem scholars. He sure dat de way he duz rite is not de literary plateau SAINTS' proud intelligensia get leff at, after all dem years ah purfect gramma, spelling and parsing dey learn from Scan-nell and de "Earle", if yuh know wha he sayin", eh? Johnny also sey, dat dey must be tinkin' he gun eat 'Carrior' crow, bekauze dat is de only kinda crow dey got in Guyana. Well, Creole mightn't be too smart, but he en stupidly either. De man does tek pride in wha he eat, and crow is not on he menu.

Anyhow, Creole still tink dat de wall look like dem prison wall yuh does see surrounding any peniten-tiary. As soon as yuh swing a right at Camp Street corner, iz de same kinda wall yuh see at Durban & Camp Street. An' yuh kno wha dat is, right? de jail where dey still hangin' people like in de ole days. Creole got to admit tho, at least SAINTS' "Wall ah Fame" mek outta concrete, instead ah galvanize. And it paint nice and wite, so it can't get rusty-lookin' like de jail fence. And he glad to see dat it look like dey movin' de entrance more central and wider, so dem students dont fall in de trench when dey huslin' to get out de prison, when dey done fuh de day.

Dey have to tank good ole SAINTS boys Bobby an Chris. I couldda tell dem dat dem two woulda get de job done, and done well. Ah don't kno why dey tek almost 9 years before dey get dem to bill de wall fuh dem. Now, wha ah would like to hear is dat dey gun write Creole classmate Hamie (he is de Mayor, eh. Yuh didn't tink Creole had frens in such high

places, eh?). Yes, man, Creole been to school wid de same Hamie, even dough Hamie mightn't rememba Creole. (Yuh see, Creole was a "Butler House" boy, a kinda nobody, whyle Hamie was a "Etheridge House" champion athlete, fuh so).

A few years ago Creole did even write de Mayor a personal letter askin' he to clean up Jargetown. (If yuh tink he lie, he still got de letta on file dat he could sen yuh a copy). Man, wuz Creole happy wen sumtime late lass year one ah he frens send he a clipping showin' how dey did get rid ah all dem hucksters from Water Street. De hole area (all down by whey Jaikaran Drug Store and J.P.Santos & Co. uze to be befo de big Black Friday fire bun down every-ting) get clean up. It lookin' so cleen an nice now, dat Creole had to do something special to show he appreciation. Ah look hard an fine me ole lime skin ah had from since before Hamie come frum QC, an ah had to tek it off to de Mayor. He in do bad at all—fuh a Etheridge boy!

But cummin back to de Wall, ah hope Hamie sen couple a he Municipal wurkers (if dey still got any) on a regular basis, with dey scythe or cutlass to cut de grass along de wall, so de grass don't grow tall and hide it, yuh kno wha ah sayin? After all, he is a SAINTS "Ole boy" like Creole, so he bound to feel good about how de ole school lookin'. Now if only he could cover up de trench, so it don't smell, ah sure dem students would appreciate de new, improve environment, because all dey can talk about now is de great Eco-tourism Industry "kickin duss" in Guyana hinter-land.

Regarless, Creole sey yu guys muss cum down to christen de wall wen it done, but he still en gon eat no carrion crow fuh nobody. He also sey dat one odda good ting to cum outta dis is dat he ent got to rite no more about "De Wall". God Bless!

The Grand Old Lady of Classic Brass

by hilary de cambra



This wrought iron structure that sits solidly on its reinforced concrete base was built in 1903 with public donations to commemorate the reign of Her Royal Highness, Queen Victoria. It became known simply as the Bandstand. Celebrating its centennial in 2003, this monument to peaceful times in Guyana still stands. Partly rusted through age and neglect, with its concrete skirt painted dark green, it is now protected by a fence of wooden slats that replaced an original metal chain along its perimeter on a minuscule patch of unkempt grass.

For one hundred years, buffeted by strong southeast trade winds blowing off the Atlantic ocean, and steeled against thundering tropical rainstorms and scorching 90-100 degrees Fahrenheit temperatures, it stood erect and indestructible. Exposed and unprotected in its nakedness, it still huddles against a concrete wall, five feet high, that runs along the northern shoreline. Standing like some sentinel at the foot of another famous landmark, the Seawall, it is situated slightly west and at the top of a once beautifully flowered avenue called Camp Street.

This grand old lady of Classic Brass was once home to a British militia band, housed at Eve Leary, a military complex within walking distance from where it stands. It will always be fondly remembered by an older generation of expatriate Guyanese for its open-air concerts. On Sunday afternoons, it attracted crowds of music lovers seated on the promenade's wooden benches, on the bare wall itself along the beach, or in vintage cars of the more affluent parked along the road within listening distance.

The military band, conducted by Major Henwood during World War II, freely entertained its audience with classical music of renowned composers, military marches and big-band music from the Glenn Miller era. The Bandstand still stands in its millennium solitude, like some ghostly caricature deserted by its audience of yesteryear. It will always haunt our social conscience as a favourite meeting place, where rich and poor alike socialized on many clear, cool, comfortable Sunday afternoons that are no more.

Membership

It is that time again when we remind members that last year's membership has now expired, and we ask for your continuing support and your help in encouraging others to join our Association. Our thanks to those listed below who have already extended their paid-up membership for another year. This list is up-to-date as of Tuesday, June 11, 2004.

If you are not now a member of our Association, you are invited to join, and be part of the ongoing effort to raise funds for your Alma Mater. Fill out the Membership Form from the back page of this issue, send it in with your dues, and join with us in helping the present day students at Saint Stanislaus.

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Saints loses out to Lions

Our present Assistant Secretary, Art Veerasammy, has been a stalwart member of our Association for several years. He not only carried out the duties of his elected position, but was always eager to help in other areas as the need arose.

Art has also been a member of the Wishing Well Lions Club for the past 20 years, and has represented the Lions organisation at international meetings on many occasions. At the recently held elections for club officers, the Wishing Well Lions for the second time,

elected Lion Arthur, President.

Sad to say, Art has had to resign his post with us to serve in this very demanding position. We are grateful for the service he has given our Association, and true to form he has promised to continue supporting us, and lend a hand whenever he can find the time in his busy schedule.

Congratulations Art, on your new position! We thank you for all you have given our Association, and we wish you continued success in your work for a very deserving cause.

Transition—The old fence is replaced by the new and THE WALL takes shape



End of the Old and Start of the New. The new wall starts where the original one ended and the hedge began



Hadfield Street and Manget Place—the old 'zinc' fence and the new one taking shape. Note the increased height of the new fence



Finished sections of Hadfield Street (Left) and Manget Place (Right)



The Wall extends on Brickdam from the main entrance to the end of the Hopkinson Wing, where it meets the security fence.



The new main entrance, wider and with new gates and a concrete driveway

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Saints CaribJays 2004 12th Anniversary



Featuring
"TRIPLE PLAY"
D.J. RAYMOND &
PEREIRA "BAKES"

Date: Friday July 30, 2004
Time: 8:00 P.M. - 2:00 A.M.
Place: Thornhill Community Centre
7755 Bayview Avenue
(NE Corner of Bayview Ave. & John
St.)

Dress: Casual Elegance
Contribution: \$25.00 Per Person

Food Bar Available
Limited # of tickets available

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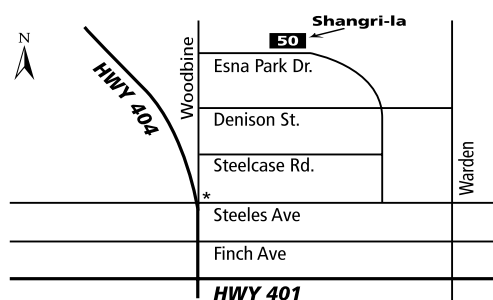
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