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Charitable Donations

Most of us struggle to earn a decent amount, spend a reasonable amount, and save and invest a prudent amount. Unless we plan, charitable giving can get short shrift. I recently read an article that quoted the medieval philosopher, Moses Maimonides, who identified eight grades of Charity:

1. To give reluctantly;
2. To give cheerfully, but not adequately;
3. To give cheerfully and adequately, but only after being asked;
4. To give cheerfully, adequately, and of your own free will, but to put it in the recipient's hand in such a way as to make him feel lesser;
5. To let the recipient know who the donor is, but not the reverse;
6. To know who is receiving your charity but to remain anonymous to him;
7. To have neither the donor nor the recipient be aware of the other's identity;

To dispense with charity altogether, by enabling your fellow humans to have the wherewithal to earn their own living.

I believe the most relevant question is: "How to get

started, and when?"

One strategy that we've seen which addresses the "how" is using life insurance to fund charitable bequests at death. Many people use the gifting of life insurance proceeds as part of their tax and estate planning since proper structuring can allow them to claim the life insurance premium or the resulting death benefit as a tax deduction.

As the Government gets more and more reluctant to issue charitable status to organizations which do not meet all their requirements, we'll find people going beyond the tax structure incentives and just use life insurance as a gift to non-charities.

Organizations like ours, SSCAAT, are registered as not-for-profit organizations. Unfortunately, we do not as yet have Canadian charitable status since 100% of our mandate is to support the old school in Guyana by raising funds in Canada. However, it does not preclude anyone from naming the SSCAAT as a beneficiary or partial beneficiary of a life insurance policy. Please consult your life insurance agent or financial advisor for further details.

Des Jardine

Editor's Note :

The foregoing article by a past President of the Association raises an important though a very sensitive point. None of us likes to look ahead and think about our death and yet, as Benjamin Franklin said : "*In this world, nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.*" We personally do not benefit by our death; on the contrary, we are ultimately diminished, physically and mortally, by it. Moreover, in his funeral oration, Mark Anthony says that "...*The evil that men do lives after them, the good is oft interred with their bones...*" (*Julius Caesar*, William Shakespeare).

In spite of this negativism, we can still feel better about ourselves before we "shuffle off this mortal coil" (*Hamlet*, William Shakespeare) and even leave behind a highly regarded reputation. An old Chinese proverb (so we're told) says that "*If you want peace for an hour, take a nap; if you want peace for a day, go fishing; if you want peace for a week, take a trip; if you want peace for a year, inherit some money; if you want peace for life, serve others.*" You can feel better and gain both peace of mind and a good name by serving others through your final legacy to the Association. If done correctly, there may also be some benefit to your estate which would also be of an advantage to your personal beneficiaries. As mentioned above, please contact your life insurance agent or financial advisor.

2008 Golf Tournament

Despite a three-hour delay due to very thick fog, July 12th, 2008, turned out to be a pleasant day at the Ballantrae Golf and Country Club! The shotgun golf tournament organized by the Toronto Saints Alumni Association attracted the full quota of 144 golfers to play the 18-hole course.

We had a fantastic morning of golf with an opportunity for golfers to win a Dodge vehicle, donated by Scarborough Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ltd., with a hole in one. No one won it, but all participants took home at least an umbrella and a loot bag, thanks to the generosity of Scarborough Chrysler and other donors. Most won a wide range of prizes. The Club provided the help to get everyone's clubs to the carts where their names and rules of the tournament were listed.

Full marks to the Golf Committee which brought off a very successful event with its usual high standard. Most of them were looking very smart in their new Saints Golf shirts, now currently on sale. An essential part of the preparation was also planning the day's event with the Golf Course Coordinator attached to the Club. Volunteers were

also sought for registration of participants, the sale of raffle tickets, a 50/50 draw, and a Putting Contest. Not least of all was the preparation of flyers, sponsorship letters, and invitation letters to potential participants.

A wide range of prizes were given to the best performers. Apart from those given to the top three foursomes, others were given to the top two Men and Women golfers in the "long drive" and "closest to the pin" categories.

At the closing ceremonies, the Golf Committee expressed its appreciation to all those who participated and helped in every way. We are thrilled to report that, thanks to your generous support, we were able to raise just over \$13,000 which will go towards the support of our Alma Mater.

Thanks once again to all those who showed up to make the day a most rewarding and enjoyable one and gave us most encouraging feedback. See you all around the same time next year when we hope that the Tournament will be bigger in more ways than one. Book early to avoid disappointment!

Godfrey Whyte

CaribJam 2008

Another Successful Saints Fundraiser

Four hundred and thirty five patrons attended the successful 2008 Saints Caribjam Party held at the Thornhill Community Centre on August 1st. to kick off the Caribana weekend festivities.

For the second year in a row, Roy Cape All Stars headlined the entertainment with their soca-style rhythms causing a melee of shuffling feet and ecstatic jumping up and down by all and sundry in attendance. Backing up the Roy Cape band was a new duo – DJ K-man and DJ Get Busy (www.pepperpotradio.com), and did they get busy in no uncertain terms with their mix of calypso, chutney, and soca featuring, among other artists, the music of our own Dave Martins and the Tradewinds.

Among the patrons were many overseas alumni and guests, including some from other Canadian provinces - some for the first time as well as quite a few repeat attendees. This year's Caribana festivities offered a vast array of events to whet the appetite of the revellers including family reunions, other school alumni reunions, and web based organizations such as GT Lime Reunions.

Bar sales lived up to expectations, and good food fare was provided by Olga's Catering, served up by chef Paula and her crew. Needless to say, Saints Caribjam suffered a somewhat loss in attendance but in no way did this dampen the "spirits" of those who showed up from having a grand time.

Arthur Veerasammy

OBITUARIES

We regret to announce the deaths of the following relatives of some of our alumni :

Norma Gobin (12 Aug.), aunt of **Paul Camacho**, member of the Toronto Association Executive;

Agnes Da Silva (19 July), mother of alumni **Terry** (Florida) and **Desmond** (Toronto);

Leonora Glasgow (13 July), wife of alumnus **Cecil** (Maryland);

Gwen Menezes (30 July), mother of alumni **Gilbert** (Brampton), **David** (Oxford), **Douglas** (Oakville), **Christopher** (Newmarket), and **Terence** (Toronto).

We offer our alumni our deepest sympathies for their losses, and ask you to remember them all in your prayers.

Requiescant in Pace.

Scenes from the 2008 Golf Tournament



Registering in the fog



Waiting for the fog to lift



Wagons roll!



Ladies were welcomed also!



OK! What do we do next?



We didn't win the car!



The putting contest



Who's the lucky guy?



Executive members relaxing?



Playing the 19th. hole!



How do we share this prize?



You mean this is all I win?

Last Lap Lime 2008

You can and will be able to read a multitude of articles/opinions on this year's VERY SUCCESSFUL Last Lap Lime. I shall present it from my view point as the Budget Chief.

The Last Lap Lime is "all for naught" if it does not make money. Sure, it's a great show; patrons have a wonderful time, enjoy the food, and meet friends they have not seen for years; and Artists/Artistes get maximum exposure of their talents. But the bottom line is: the five high school alumni associations that run the Lime NEED THE FUNDS to help their individual *alma maters*.

A successful venture starts with a vision and needs a competent champion to execute a plan based on that vision.

WHAT A TEAM! Assembled by our tireless, hardworking, competent Project Manager, P. Alfred Thomas Abdool (I won't say what the 'P' stands for – SMILE), we met in groups of 3, 4, 5, 12, etc., dozens and dozens of times during the year starting back in January. (I personally spent over 100 hours just at meetings – at \$8.00 per hour that's an \$800 contribution – SMILE). We listen, contemplated, discussed, planned, and EXECUTED with business-like precision. It was the VERY BEST Last Lap Lime TEAM I have ever worked with.

The Last Lap Lime has seen good times and bad. 2008 saw its 14th iteration and, which ever way you look at it, this was the VERY BEST. We planned for a net profit of about \$100,000; although the final figures are not yet in, I will bravely venture that we have exceeded that goal.

While you contemplate the net profit, consider the risk: on the day of the Lime, we were blessed with a beautiful, sunny day; on the day after (clean-up day), the rain poured from 4:00 p.m. onwards. Consider the risk: we commit over \$100,000 in operating expenses, food and drink costs even BEFORE the Lime begins. Compare our prices with other Caribana venues, and the nice, safe, clean, fun environment of the day. Was it not worth it?

The challenge for 2009 is to outperform this year's success.

A. Rupert De Castro CMA, LLL Budget Chief

Some Alumni Attending 2008 Last Lap Lime



Beverly Vandeyar



Chris Cho-Young



Justice Vibert Lampkin



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CANADA (98)	Frank Delph ⁴	Geoffrey Luck ³	Vibert Vieira	U.S.A. (21)
Terry Angoy ⁴	Vyvyan Deryck	Fr. Ken Macaulay ³	John Vincent	Anthony Bollers ⁴
Lance Alexander	Roger Devers ¹	Gerard Martins	Howard Welshman	Fr. Andrew Chan-a-sue ⁴
Bernard Austin ⁴	Frederick Dias ⁴	Herman McCowan ²	Godfrey Whyte	Brian Chin
Malcolm Barrington	Jerome D'Oliveira	<i>Vincent Mendes de Franca</i> ⁴	<i>David Wong</i> ⁴	Godfrey Chin
Arnold Bayley ¹	Ronald D'Ornellas ³	Aubrey Miller	Raymond Wong	Christopher Chung-wee
<i>Teddy Boyce</i>	Edward Driver	Richard Miller ²	Brian Yhap ¹	Lawrence Correia ¹
Ian Camacho ⁴	Paul Duarte	Stan Niccols	John Yip	Vincent Correia ¹
Paul Camacho ⁴	Carlton Faria ⁴	Adrian Pahalan	Angus Zitman	Peter Fernandes ¹
Ronald Camacho ³	Joe Faria ⁴	Leslie Pereira ⁴	AUSTRALIA (1)	Bernard Friemann ⁴
Wilfred Carr ¹	Frank Fernandes	Desmond Perreira	Lennox Yhap ²	Vic Gonsalves ⁴
Joseph Castanheiro ¹	Raymond Fernandes ²	Bunty Phillips ⁴		Edward Gouveia
Neil Castanheiro	Keith Fletcher ⁴	<i>Carl Ramalho</i>	BRAZIL (1)	Guy Goveia ¹
Antony Chapman	Julian Fisher ¹	<i>Marcelline Ramcharan</i>	Stephen DeCastro ⁴	Michael Heydon ²
Errol Chapman	Sonny Francis ⁴	Linden Ramdeholl		Kenneth Jordan
Vernon Chaves	Neil Gonsalves	Harold Rampersaud ⁴	MEXICO (1)	Carl Marx ³
Bob Chee-a-tow	Gerry Gouveia	Ramon Rego	Frank Mandal ³	Ganga Ramdas
John Choy ³	Alfred Goveia	Joe Reis		Hugh Rodrigues ³
Malcolm Cole	Orlando Goveia	Romeo Resaul ²	TRIN. & TOB. (1)	Keith Seaforth ³
<i>Paul Crum-Ewing</i> ⁴	Hugh Hazlewood	Bryan Rodrigues	John Jardim	Leyland Thomas ³
<i>Eddie DaSilva</i>	Paul Hazlewood	Phillip Rodrigues		John Van Sluytman
Tyrone DeAbreu ⁴	Jocelyn Heydorn	Raphael Rodrigues	U.K. (6)	Owen Weithers ¹
Dennis DeCambra	Richard James ⁴	Jeffrey Rogers ³	Philip Cheong-leen	VENEZUELA (1)
Hilary DeCambra	Des Jardine ⁴	Peter St. Aubyn	Christopher Cho-Young ³	Michael Chin-a-loy ⁴
<i>Gregory DeCastro</i> ⁴	Anthony Jekir	Maurice Serrao	Richard DeCaires ⁴	
Rupert DeCastro ⁴	Aubrey Kellawan	Cecil Seymour	Tony Gomes ²	
Thomas DeCastro	John King	Michael Teixeira ⁴	Leyland Grant ²	
Alvaro DeFreitas	William Lall	Walter Tiam-fook	Neville Jordan ²	
Compton DeFreitas	Vibert Lampkin	<i>Beverly Vandeyar</i>		
Peter DeFreitas	John Lopes ⁵	Arthur Veerasammy		

Of the 130 paid-up members, 108 are renewals from last year.

Notes :

1. These (11) alumni paid in advance before 2008.
2. These (9) alumni have paid in advance through 2009.
3. These (12) alumni have paid in advance through 2010, so will be credited with an extra year (to 2011).
4. These (29) alumni have paid in advance through 2011, so will be credited with an extra year (to 2012).
5. This (1) alumnus has paid in advance through 2012, so will be credited with an extra year (to 2013).

Introducing....

DR. HAROLD RAMPERSAUD

Over the years, the members of the Toronto Association Executive have been known only as names to the alumni with whom we communicate. In an effort to make us better known, we are starting a series of articles which will introduce our Executive members, especially those who have joined us most recently.

Harold St. Clair Rampersaud was born on 14 Dec., 1933, and attended Sacred Heart Catholic Primary (Main St.) School from 1941 to 1948, successfully obtaining his School-leaving Certificate. He then moved on to St. Stanislaus College where he was active in sports, running the mile (though he could never beat his main rival, Maurice Phillipe) and playing the position of goalkeeper on the College and the Combined (with Queens) Colleges football teams. He also enjoyed learning the works of Shakespeare as taught by Fr. Earle S.J., and passed eight subjects at the GCE Ordinary Level in 1952.

Harold left Br. Guiana in 1953 to attend the Jesuit school of St. Louis University, Missouri, U.S.A., from which he graduated in 1957 with a B.Sc. degree, majoring in Philosophy. He then returned to St. Stanislaus College where he taught Biology for one year.

From 1958 to 1964, he attend the University College of the West Indies at the Mona campus in Jamaica, and successfully completed his medical studies, graduating with the M.B., B.S. (London) degrees. To complete his internship, he moved to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Bridgetown, Barbados, where he became the House Officer by 1966.

Deciding to expand his horizons, Harold joined the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Medical Services in 1966, from which he eventually retired in 2001. During the course of his stay in St. Vincent, he was involved as an Advisor on and the Administrator of Government health policies and other associated matters and, in these roles, has traveled extensively throughout the world, including the Caribbean, Europe, the Middle East, and the far East (including Hong Kong and Taiwan). He also has represented the Government at WHO and PAHO conferences in U.S.A., Switzerland, the Caribbean, and Guyana.

In local matters, Harold acted as the personal physician to the Prime Ministers of the country, as well as to the Judges of the State and Eastern Caribbean Circuit. In addition, he was appointed to attend to all the Caribbean Prime Ministers and Ministers of Health at a Caribbean Conference held at the famous villa complex of Canouan Beach Resort in the Grenadines. He also worked as the only medical doctor to attend, on request, to all visiting Hollywood and rock stars, including Mick Jagger, and administered medi-

cal services to many other well-known persons, including H.R.H. the late Princess Margaret of the U.K., who owned a villa on the island of Mustique. He was appointed Chief Medical Officer, a post he held from 1990 until his retirement in 2001.

Harold held the position of President of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Family Planning Association for four years, and also was the President of the Canadian Save the Children Fund (St. Vincent branch) for eight years. In recognition of all the valuable services which he had rendered to the public, he was awarded the O.B.E. in 1996.

Harold currently resides in Toronto and joined the Association (and was elected to the Executive) in September 2007 when he first heard about it from a former school-mate. He since has met or has been in contact with many of his colleagues from his Saints school days, but is still trying to contact Roy V. DeSouza, Michael Teesdale, and Cedric Hing. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of these alumni are asked to pass on this information to us.

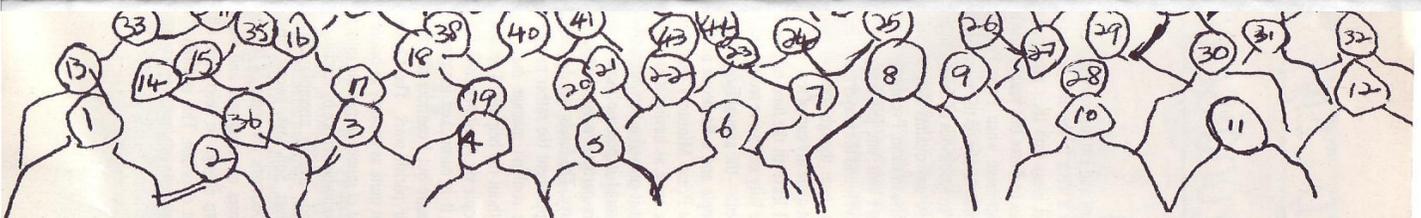
A belated WELCOME, Harold!

L. A. Phillips



JESUITS AT BRICKDAM (circa 1976)

The following photograph shows the Jesuits who were Guyana in 1976 when some of them were still teaching at the College. In honour of their 150th. anniversary in Guyana, we shall publish a series of biographies of those who taught at the College, as we receive the relevant information.



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Coming Events 2008

Date/Time	Event	Location	Cost
Sun. 28 September	Annual General Meeting (and membership social)	4544 Sheppard Avenue East Toronto (lower level)	N/A Refreshments will be served.
Sat. 4 October	Fall Dance	West Rouge Community Centre 270 Rouge Hills Dr., West Rouge Park	\$40 per person (Curry & roti, and all drinks included)
Tues. 31 December	New Years Eve Dance	Thornhill Community Centre 7755 Bayview Ave., Thornhill	\$40 per person (All drinks included, cash food bar available)

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