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## ANOTHER OUTSIDE VIEW OF GUYANA

Experiencing Guyana as a volunteer is a great way to spend a year. Based in Georgetown (GT), I was well-placed for exploring Guyana with plenty of things to do compared with being based in the regions. I lived at Queens College in the teacher accommodation at the back overlooking the sports-field. I shared with another volunteer, and our neighbors were a group of Chinese PE teachers.

GT is a rather busy, noisy, dirty town, and my teaching experience was much closer to a 'western' experience than a 'developing world' one. We had frequent guests because our house was much in demand from volunteers based in the regions who were visiting GT or passing through and needed a place to stay for a night or two. GT traffic is daunting (drivers don't give way to pedestrians or cyclists) so I did not purchase a bike, and managed on foot and by minibus which is very cheap. Even taxis are quite cheap, but the cost soon mounts if you use them too regularly. The distances (in the heat) to the school and to the market (Bourda) were over a mile, so perhaps I should have bought a bike.

The food was great when I made the effort to shop at Bourda Market, especially the fruit. I got diarrhea only a few times and the reason was usually clear: for example, reheating the remains of a Chinese takeout. I had water delivered for drinking but I cleaned teeth using tap water and never had a problem.

I taught Mathematics at Saints, mostly 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> form (equivalent to grades 11 and 12), a lot more advanced teaching than most volunteers will do and comparable with teaching in a USA school but with more challenges. Getting to know the students was extremely rewarding. I started a chess club which meets Tuesdays after school, and one of the students (Ron Motilall) has promised to keep things going. In the final couple of months, I taught 4<sup>th</sup> form and 2<sup>nd</sup> form to keep me busy due to the very low attendance of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> form! I was fortunate with my workload, having usually less than 20 periods a week which was very comfortable – several other volunteers were overworked. Major discipline issues aren't a problem at Saints; I found the students were better behaved than the USA. The problems I had with teaching were the appalling lack of attendance (in the last term in particular), the noise of other students and traffic, and the heat. With frequent power outages ('blackouts') and with fans not working, I was often sweating profusely and losing the battle to motivate lethargic students.

The teachers at Saints are friendly and conscientious. Sometimes they are over-friendly - I often got hugs and neck rubs and had my hair ruffled, things which you could sue for in USA but are normal here and mean nothing. There was much hugging between teachers and students of either sex, but I never saw anything that was not wholesome. In Guyana as a whole, there is a major problem of lack of teacher attendance but not really at Saints. However, several teachers were studying for degrees so their energies for teaching were compromised.

Mr. Chris Fernandes, the Chairman of the School Board, was an important person to have batting for me. He gave me a lot of support and invited me to a few parties and also to his retreat, an hour south of GT with a black water swimming pool and a nature trail. Nigel Hughes, President of the local Alumni Association and who is also on the Board, also invited me to some events. Mr. Baksh is a senior teacher and, in his off-time, he preaches Islam, even having his own TV program Saturday mornings. He 'adopted' me and took me on a few of his preaching trips, which I much enjoyed. I met many in his large family, and he was a good source of information about living healthily in Guyana.

During the year, I got to see some of the beauty of the country, visiting Iwokrama, Lethem, Bartica and Marshall Falls, Arrowpoint, Kaieteur Falls, Berbice and Surinam, Maruca, Mabaruma, and other places. I enjoyed the spectacular birds and wildlife. Unfortunately, it was not quite like the TV nature documentaries where there seems to be a spectacular creature around every corner; the one exception was an early morning visit to Mahaicony, east of Georgetown, where there were dozens of Can-jie Pheasants (the national bird) lining the river.



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## THE 59ERS REUNION IN GUYANA (SEPTEMBER 2009)

At the time of our first (and hugely successful) reunion in Collingwood, Ontario, in the summer of '07, we decided to try for a reunion in Guyana in two years' time. Thus it was that on the night of Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2009, we "outsiders" met at the Georgetown Club with our former Saints classmates who live in Guyana, to renew acquaintances, firm up the week's programme and officially begin the reunion. We call ourselves the 59ers, those who entered Saints in the year 1959. The noisy group of Saints alumni that evening were: Johnny Carpenter, Karyl Arthur, Joe Vieira, Bobby Fernandes, Billy Fernandes, Romeo Pereira, Peter St. Aubyn, Cyril Da Silva, Aubrey Kellawan, Paul Chester, and Mark McWatt. The wives of seven of these were also there, plus a couple other Saints alumni who were not 59ers (I remember seeing Andy Carto) and at least one who was not a Saints alumnus, though very welcome among us: Cyril's nephew Busta Da Silva.

The following day was a trip to Kaieteur. Several of us who gone before opted to skip that trip, but those who did go had a great time at the Falls.

All of us outsiders went the following day to #63 beach on the Courantyne. It was a wonderful, sunny day and we started out early with Bobby Fernandes driving a little white mini-bus belonging to the Ursuline convent. The drive along the East Coast stirred distant memories for us as we



*Group at Nippy's house, Cove and John. Standing, L-R: Nippy, Bobby Fernandes, Johnny Carpenter, Paul Chester, Mark McWatt, Cy Da Silva. Squatting/sitting, L-R: Aubrey Kellawan, Romeo Pereira, Brenda Da Silva, Barb Kellawan.*

became aware of the familiar as well as the much changed scenery we passed through. We stopped at Cove and John at the house of Norman Ng-a-Qui ("Nippy"). It was good to see him, easily recognizable despite the years. We raided his downs tree before going into the house for a drink and to gape at some of the wonderful art pieces in his wife's collection. Unfortunately he could not accompany us to the Courantyne, so we said our goodbyes and resumed our journey.

There was endless chat on the little mini-bus as we made our way to the Berbice river: about the landscape, about a village where the sandy soil was perfect for growing shallot (and we saw all the patches of it growing in front-yards and along the sides of houses), about the bright colours of some of the shops and houses, about the time Aubrey Kellawan scraped all the skin off his chest climbing down a coconut tree as a youngster... For my own part, I saw the sad state of the house we used to live in at Fort Wellington when my old man was posted there in the 50s. We commented on the ubiquitous livestock straying on the road and pointed out dangerous bends where there had been serious accidents in the past. The trip itself was an education (or re-education) as we caught up with the changes in the countryside.

Then, quite suddenly (it seemed to me), we were at the new Berbice River bridge: a long, flat floating structure, not unlike the one across the Demerara, but newer (and meaner, in the sense that there was no pedestrian walkway - vehicular traffic only).



*Horses at the sea's edge on #63 beach, Courantyne*

It was good, though, not to have to wait in endless lines to cross on a ferry; we sped across in a few minutes and (somewhat sadly for me) by-passed New Amsterdam entirely and headed for the Courantyne. Stopping briefly outside some kind of bar or night-spot (closed in the morning), we were amused to see a sign which said: "No guns, No drugs, No disorderly behaviour" - a sign of the times in the new Guyana. Yet the place was also hauntingly familiar: the sight of the flat coastal landscape, the fresh wind off the sea mitigating the fierce heat of the sun, the whitish smoke and the smell of burning vegetation that occasionally wafted across the road, the typical roadside shop where we stopped to buy something to drink, the teeming roadside market at Port Morant, where we also stopped to buy fruit and pastries.



**THE 59ERS REUNION IN GUYANA (SEPTEMBER 2009)** *(continued from page 2)*

Eventually we turned off the main Road and onto the beach, that wide expanse of hard grey sand, with the brown waves lapping its seaward edge and the strong wind whipping across it. I was surprised that it was so empty; perhaps one other vehicle came during the time we were there. It was a beautiful desolation that afforded time and space for thought and memory, for letting the actual physical reality replace the dreamy landscape of memory. Down the beach, in the distance, was a magnificent group of horses near the sea, not a soul near them as they seemed to revel in the breeze and the sunlight and the hard sand.

We spent a couple hours on the beach, drinking beer and chatting and walking barefoot on the sand and in the shallow surf, before piling back into the bus and heading for New Amsterdam where we would have lunch. We retraced our steps to the bridge where we met Peter St. Aubyn and his wife and a couple friends waiting for us under a tree - Peter had had another appointment in the morning, so was now catching up with us. We made our way into New Amsterdam, with the dark smoke of a cane-fire at Albion Estate blowing across the road at one point. We crossed the Canje bridge and soon found a restaurant, where we had a good lunch before getting into the bus again for a brief tour around the town. We all lamented at the sad sight of the derelict old NA hospital, a proud and magnificent Castellani-designed building now falling into ruins. After a slow circuit of the town, passing the old ferry wharf, we made our way back to the bridge and began our journey to Georgetown. It was a day of camaraderie and humour and nostalgia as we became re-acquainted with the physical reality of home - an experience we will long remember.

We had a free day on Sunday to relax and recover from the Courantyne trip and to attend Mass. On Monday evening, we had a meeting in the auditorium at Saints. Although it looks quite different from the Saints of our day, it was good to be back. We visited the Wall of Fame where some of us saw the plaques with our names on them.

In the Assembly Hall, there was a display of class photos of the 59ers and other photos from the school magazines during our years there. There was a podium for the scheduled speeches, and we also met more class-mates as a few who did not make it to the Georgetown Club the first night turned up on this occasion: Brian Sucre, Lennox Benjamin, and James Fitzpatrick. It was good to welcome them to our reunion group. Also present was Fr. Malcolm Rodrigues S.J. who was in the upper forms when we were first formers at Saints, and whom we all remembered for his prowess in Athletics and in the Sciences. It was a privilege to have him address us and, in fact, by the time the event was over, I think we all had had our say at the podium about our days at Saints and our lives subsequently. It was a great way of catching up with everybody.

The next reunion event was a trip to Bounty Farms at Timehri, the Fernandes' property which has a great facility right at the back: a long thatched shed with tables and chairs and bar and kitchen facilities, plus changing rooms for the large swimming pool that is adjacent. It is a black water pool, fed by the Madewini creek system of the area - cool and refreshing. There we had lunch and swam, but the highlight for me was a walk along a forest trail behind the facility. We were guided by David Fernandes who is very knowledgeable about forest flora and fauna.



*Old NA hospital, falling into ruin*



*L-R: Mark McWatt, Peter St. Aubyn, Cyril Da Silva, Lennox Benjamin (hidden behind Da Silva), Joe Vieira, Johnny Carpenter (partly hidden), Billy Fernandes, Brian Sucre, Bobby Fernandes, Aubry Kellawan, Norman Ng-a-Qui, Karyl Arthur, Paul Chester, James Fitzpatrick, and Romeo Pereira.*

## MEMBERSHIP

The following is the list of alumni who are currently paid-up members in 2010. The names in *italics* are alumni who have paid since the last issue of the newsletter was published.

<b>CANADA (139)</b>	Peter De Freitas	Des Jardine <sup>2</sup>	Romeo Resaul <sup>4</sup>	<b>MEXICO (1)</b>
Lance Alexander	Andre De Peana	Douglas Jardine	Bryan Rodrigues	Frank Mandal <sup>1</sup>
Terry Angoy <sup>2</sup>	Frank Delph <sup>2</sup>	Clayton Jeffrey <sup>4</sup>	Phillip Rodrigues <sup>4</sup>	
Paul Archer	Vyvyan Deryck	Aubrey Kellawan	Raphael Rodrigues	<b>TRIN. &amp; TOB. (1)</b>
Bernard Austin <sup>2</sup>	Clive Devers	John King	Jeffrey Rogers <sup>1</sup>	John Jardim
Arnold Bayley <sup>1</sup>	Roger Devers <sup>3</sup>	William Lall	Dereck Rupnarine	
Gerard Bayley <sup>2</sup>	Terry Devers <sup>3</sup>	Vibert Lampkin <sup>7</sup>	Brian Sadler	<b>U.K. (4)</b>
Rene Bayley <sup>3</sup>	<i>Neville Devonish<sup>4</sup></i>	John Lopes <sup>3</sup>	Peter St. Aubyn	Christopher Cho-
Teddy Boyce	Frederick Dias <sup>2</sup>	Geoffrey Luck <sup>1</sup>	<i>Maurice Serrao</i>	Young <sup>1</sup>
Ian Camacho <sup>5</sup>	Ronald Dias	Fr. Ken Macaulay <sup>1</sup>	Cecil Seymour	Richard DeCaires <sup>2</sup>
Paul Camacho <sup>2</sup>	Jerome D'Oliveira	Dereck Mahangar	Desmond Singh	<i>Tony Gomes</i>
Ronald Camacho <sup>1</sup>	Ronald D'Ornellas <sup>1</sup>	Gerard Martins	Albert Smith <sup>3</sup>	Neville Jordan <sup>4</sup>
Wilfred Carr <sup>1</sup>	Terry D'Ornellas	Herman McCowan <sup>1</sup>	Winston Sparrock <sup>4</sup>	
Joseph Castanheiro	Paul Duarte	Michael Mendes de	<i>Albert Sweetnam<sup>4</sup></i>	<b>U.S.A. (19)</b>
Antony Chapman	<i>Mark Dummett</i>	Franca <sup>3</sup>	Michael Teixeira <sup>2</sup>	Anthony Bollers <sup>2</sup>
Errol Chapman	Carlton Faria <sup>2</sup>	Vincent Mendes de	<i>Walter Tiam-fook</i>	Fr. Andrew Chan-a-
Vernon Chaves <sup>3</sup>	David Faria	Franca <sup>2</sup>	Beverly Vandeyar	sue <sup>2</sup>
Bob Chee-a-tow	Joe Faria <sup>8</sup>	Richard Miller <sup>4</sup>	Arthur Veerasammy <sup>4</sup>	Ronald Chanderbhan <sup>2</sup>
Sydney Chin	Frank Fernandes <sup>1</sup>	Perry Mittelholzer <sup>4</sup>	Ivan Vieira	Brian Chin <sup>4</sup>
Ivan Choo	Raymond Fernandes <sup>4</sup>	Babita Naraine	Vibert Vieira <sup>3</sup>	Godfrey Chin
John Choy <sup>1</sup>	<i>Mark Fisher</i>	Shevin Naraine	John Vincent <sup>3</sup>	Lawrence Correia <sup>3</sup>
Diane Christie	<i>Nigel Fisher</i>	Stan Niccols	Howard Welshman <sup>4</sup>	Peter Fernandes <sup>3</sup>
Tony Clarke <sup>4</sup>	Keith Fletcher <sup>2</sup>	Colin Nurse <sup>1</sup>	Godfrey Whyte	Bernard Friemann <sup>2</sup>
Paul Crum-Ewing <sup>2</sup>	Sonny Francis <sup>2</sup>	Anthony O'Dowd <sup>4</sup>	David Wong <sup>2</sup>	Vic Gonsalves <sup>2</sup>
Vivian D'Andrade <sup>2</sup>	Leslie Fung <sup>4</sup>	Malcolm Pequenezza <sup>2</sup>	Raymond Wong <sup>4</sup>	Guy Goveia <sup>4</sup>
Clive Da Silva	Richard Gomes <sup>2</sup>	Leslie Pereira <sup>2</sup>	Gerry Yaw	Edward Gouveia <sup>3</sup>
Eddie Da Silva	Trevor Gomes	Desmond Perreira	Brian Yhap <sup>3</sup>	Michael Heydon <sup>4</sup>
Ivor Da Silva <sup>2</sup>	Neil Gonsalves <sup>4</sup>	<i>Michael Persaud<sup>4</sup></i>	John Yip	Kenneth Jordan <sup>6</sup>
Jerry Da Silva	Alfred Goveia	Renuka Persaud		Carl Marx <sup>1</sup>
Terry De Abreu <sup>3</sup>	Orlando Goveia	Bunty Phillips <sup>2</sup>	<b>AUSTRALIA (1)</b>	Hugh Rodrigues <sup>1</sup>
Tyrone De Abreu <sup>2</sup>	Ken Hahnfeld <sup>2</sup>	<i>Carl Ramalho</i>	Lennox Yhap	Keith Seaforth <sup>1</sup>
Dennis De Cambra	Albert Hamilton <sup>3</sup>	Marcelline Ramcharan		Leyland Thomas <sup>1</sup>
Hilary De Cambra	Hugh Hazlewood <sup>3</sup>	Harold Rampersaud <sup>2</sup>	<b>BARBADOS (1)</b>	John Van Sluytman
<i>Benedict De Castro</i>	Paul Hazlewood	Cecil Ramraj	Geoff De Caires <sup>3</sup>	George Wooming
Gabriel De Castro <sup>3</sup>	Jocelyn Heydorn	Mary Rayman		
Gregory De Castro <sup>2</sup>	Desmond Hill <sup>2</sup>	Paul Reed	<b>BRAZIL (1)</b>	<b>VENEZUELA (1)</b>
Rupert De Castro <sup>2</sup>	Andrew Insanally <sup>4</sup>	Ramon Rego	Stephen De Castro <sup>2</sup>	Michael Chin-a-loy <sup>2</sup>
Thomas De Castro	Richard James <sup>2</sup>	Joe Reis <sup>3</sup>		

Of the **168** paid-up members, **133** are renewals from last year.

## Notes :

1. These (17) alumni have paid in advance through 2011.
2. These (35) alumni have paid in advance through 2012.
3. These (19) alumni have paid in advance through 2013.
4. These (22) alumni have paid in advance through 2014.
5. This (1) alumnus has paid in advance through 2017.
6. This (1) alumnus has paid in advance through 2018.
7. This (1) alumnus has paid in advance through 2019.
8. This (1) alumnus has paid in advance through 2022.



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We crossed rickety bridges over forest creeks and saw some of the flowers and birds and insects of the region. For me, it was a long time since I'd walked through a tropical forest and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience which

*Leaving Charity in a speed-boat*

awakened all kinds of memories and made me realize how much I miss this kind of thing, living on the "tamed" coral island of Barbados! When we'd returned from the walk and had a swim in the pool, six of us were interviewed on camera about our memories of the time at Saints. It was another enjoyable day and we got home well after dark.

On the Friday of the week, we had our last big event, the day trip to the Pomeroun. We left Georgetown early in the morning, drove across the Demerara Harbour Bridge along the coast to Parika, then south to Roed-en-Rust where Cyril's big brother, Captain Cleo Da Silva, has his home and wharf and boatyard. Again, for me, there was the stirring of memories and associations with this great river. The river was like glass in the early morning sunlight when we boarded Cleo's boat, "Essequibo Lady", for the crossing. Of course, it was a very smooth crossing to Supernaam where we boarded a couple of mini-buses for Charity. The entire Essequibo coast is under rice these days, the former sugar estates being mere memories and ruins. Those of us who had known Charity in the old days, passing through en route to scout camps in the Moruka or the North-West, were surprised at how much it had changed: no longer a desolate outpost with half a dozen wooden buildings on either side of the road but with bright shops and restaurants; and the old Purple Heart hotel, the setting of one of my short stories, was no longer a simple wooden building but an elaborate structure with a covered patio area in front with a restaurant.

We boarded a speed-boat to take us upriver to a house and farm owned by Carpy and Gerry Goveia whose guests we would be for the day. And a great day it turned out to be, with a walking tour of the farm, a marvellous lunch of "curry crab" and, of course, lots of drink and "gaff" "under the bottom-house". When it was time to leave, I truly en-

vied Gerry Goveia who was staying on for the weekend. We pushed off from Carpy's dock at around three o'clock, just as the children from a school up-river were paddling home in their boats, most of them stern-first, perhaps the latest fad, the equivalent of the ridiculous dress-fashions of school children in other parts of the world! And so to Charity, back to Supernaam, back across the Essequibo, now roughed up by a strong afternoon breeze which made the ride wetter and harder on the pelvic bones as the boat slammed on the waves. But the trip was like a dream, a fitting ending to a good re-union, smaller than the one in Ontario but filled with the emotions of homecoming and re-discovery and the simultaneous pain and privilege that one feels in Guyana these days.

We had a final farewell dinner and get-together the following night at Joe Vieira's home at Houston on the East Bank; there were subdued goodbyes to classmates, some of whom we hadn't seen for the previous forty years.

Flying back to Barbados the next day on one of LIAT's little Dash-8s, I looked down on the Essequibo Islands we'd passed a couple days before as we crossed the river, now dwarfed by height and distance. They seemed so small and fragile and, yet, so much a part of who I am that my eyes misted (as always when I leave Guyana these days) with tears for this land that I will always love.

*Mark McWatt**Essequibo islands from the air...*

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## OBITUARIES

*Barbara Fleming (Chapman)* died in Guyana in July 2010. A month earlier, her sister, *Pamela Chapman*, also in Guyana, had died. They were the sisters of the Toronto Alumni Association President, **Errol Chapman**, and his alumnus brother **Antony**.

*Aubrey Francis Collins* passed away on 2 August, 2010, at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital at the age of 77. A very active Catholic of deep faith, Mr. Collins served the church in many areas, including being General Manager of the Catholic Standard. He was also a Director of the Guyana National Printers, former Member of the Guyana Electoral Reform Commission, and Personnel and Communications Manager of the Bauxite Industry Development Company Limited (BIDCO). He was the husband of Joan Cecelia (de Rushe), and father of Ian Collins, Alumnae **Andrea Collins-Fitzpatrick** and **Naomi Collins**, and Joanne Collins-Gonsalves, and brother of Justice Lindsay Collins, O'Donna Allsopp, the late Milton, and Carlton Collins.

Alumnus **Roger Berry King**, class of 1960 and a founder member of the Barbados Chapter, passed away after a protracted illness on 21 June, 2010, at the age of 69. He leaves behind his wife, Dorothy, with whom he was a regular attendee at the St. Dominic's R.C. Church since arriving in Barbados from Australia where they had lived for many years.

The mother of alumnus **Victor Ramraj** passed away in June 2010 in Guyana. Victor is currently a Professor in the Department of English at the University of Calgary, Canada.

*On behalf of all alumni, the Toronto Association offers its condolences and deepest sympathies to the families of all the above, and ask you to remember them in your prayers. Requiescant in Pace.*

## ALUMNI/AE IN THE NEWS

On the basis of rotation among the six regions of the African, Caribbean, and Pacific (ACP) Group of States, with Headquarters in Brussels, Guyana has been selected on behalf of the Caribbean to be President of the Council of Ministers and Chair of the Committee of Ambassadors for the period 1 August, 2010, to 31 January, 2011. Ambassador and Saints Alumnus **P.I. Gomes** will therefore chair the ACP Committee of Ambassadors in Brussels for that period.

The ACP Group of 79 Member States was established in 1975 by what is known as the Georgetown Agreement, and has as its core functions the management and implementation of the Cotonou Partnership Agreement with the 27 Member States of the European Union addressing trade and economic cooperation, poverty eradication, sustainable development, and political dialogue on regional and international affairs.



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I also saw a large variety of birds in my frequent visits to the Botanical Gardens in Georgetown and the seawall. Many volunteers from other organizations (e.g. VSO and Peace Corps) are based in GT so there was plenty of social life once I got into the right circles. I was lucky to be included in many VSO social events. Frisbee among the volunteers is Wednesdays at 5 p.m. in the National Park. Also, Wednesday is 'quiz night' at The Bistro, Middle Street. It starts at about 8 p.m. and raises money for charity. You pay G\$500 each, and your team of 2-7 people competes to answer various questions ranging from general knowledge to music to trivia. It is taken surprisingly seriously by the Guyanese and is great fun, but it can be a very long evening dragging on past 11 p.m. The Pegasus Hotel offered a great deal which I took advantage of for two months – the use of the swimming pool and gym for a month costs less than \$20. Movies were every Tuesday at Sidewalk Café, Middle Street, which also hosts regular live music events. From time to time, there were free movies which we only heard about by word-of-mouth.

I had wonderful year in an interesting, challenging, and unforgettable place.

*David Stevenson*

*(A welcome to David Stevenson was published in the Sept. 2009 issue of the newsletter.)*



## Wow! How quickly the years fly!

Seventeen years ago, as the first President of St. Stanislaus College Alumni Association Toronto, I presided over our first Fund Raising Dinner at the Golden Star restaurant on Friday, 28 May, 1993. The following was taken from notes made seventeen years ago.

Introduction of Executive/Founding members - my assessment of our team members was as follows:

**A. Rupert De Castro**, President : Was elected President because I provided the meeting place for the dozen+ meetings previously held and FREE coffee.

**Errol Campbell**, Vice-President : This is our "CASH" guy.

**Peter De Freitas**, Vice-President : Always willing to do what's necessary.

**Noel Denny**, Vice-President : Our resident "expert" on fund raising.

**Ken Cumberbatch**, Secretary : Takes his job seriously.

**Randy Bradford**, Treasurer : In contrast to Errol, this is our "cheque" guy; goes "by the book".

**Derek D'Oliveira**, Director : The legal brains in our midst.

Did all the legal work on our Alumni Association's Constitution.

**Stanley Gonsalves**, Director : If given a job to do, he will get it done.

**Paul Camacho**, Director : He crosses the "T's" and dots the "I's".

**Bob Chee-a-tow**, Founding Member : The religious one; was late for some of our meetings because he went to Mass every evening during Lent.

**Tony Chee-a-tow**, Founding Member : Doesn't say much, but helps when it's needed.

**Mike Gomes**, Founding Member : Helpful in resolving issues.

**Hugh Hazlewood**, Founding Member : Sits, thinks, then makes strong, profound statements which bring us back to reality.

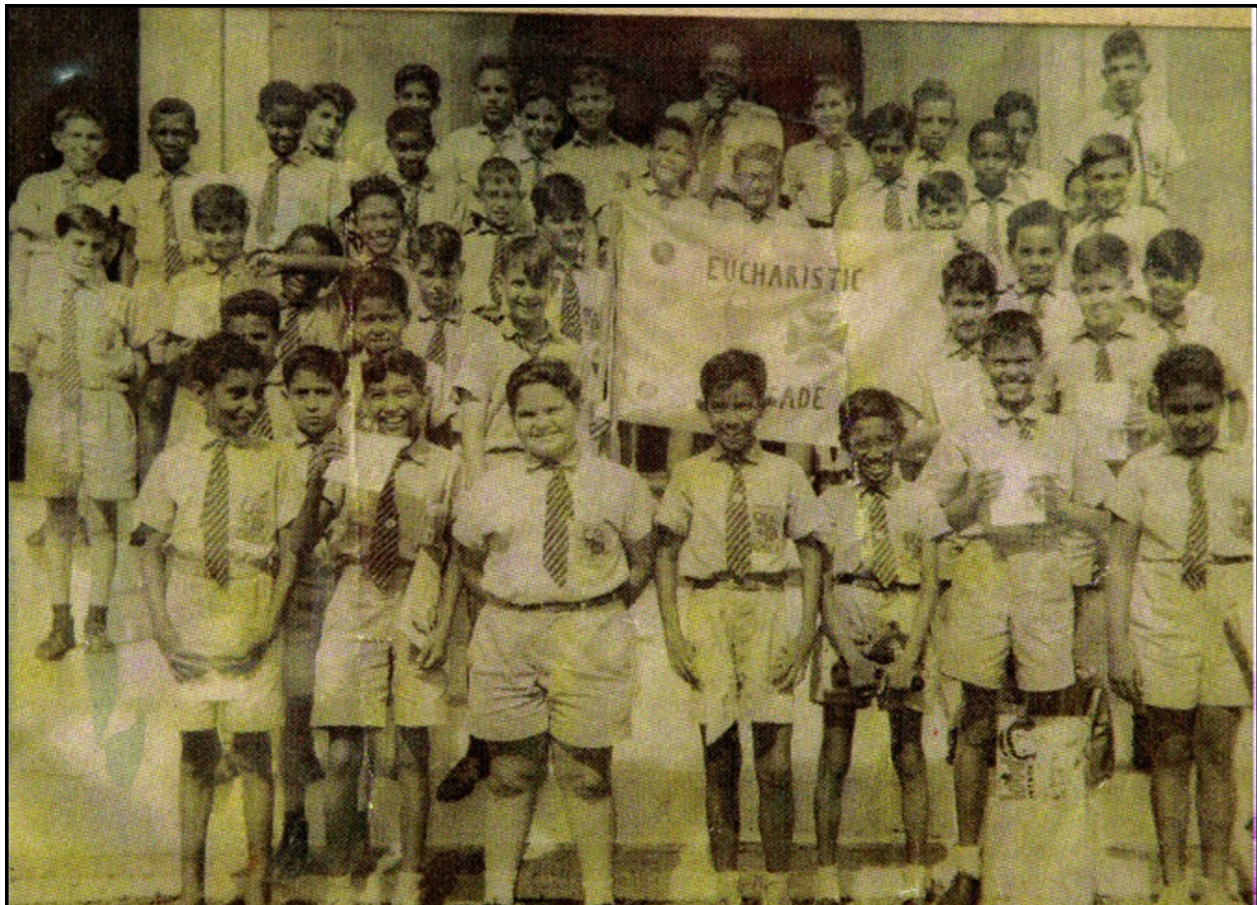
**Paul Hazelwood**, Founding Member : Very cooperative; always willing.

**John Henson**, Founding Member : Our roving TV Reporter. The video John is shooting now will be played later this evening on the TV.

*A. Rupert De Castro CMA*

## ARE YOU IN THIS PHOTOGRAPH?

We believe that the photograph below was of **Form 3A**, taken in **1961**. Are you in it, or can you identify all or some of the students in it? Please write and let us know. The Editor (Bunty Phillips) can be reached at [brickdam@eol.ca](mailto:brickdam@eol.ca).



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Sat. 16 Oct., 2010	Fall Dance	West Rouge Community Centre	tba
Sat. 9 Apr., 2011	Spring 2011 Dinner / Dance	West Rouge Community Centre	\$40, all inclusive
Sun. 15 May, 2011	5 Km. Walk-in-the-Park	Taylor Creek Park, Area 4	Refreshments
Sat. 9 Jul., 2011	Golf Tournament	Glen Eagle Golf Club, Hwy 50, Palgrave	\$120, all inclusive
Fri. 29 July, 2011	Caribjam	Thornhill Community Centre	\$40
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