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## President's Report

Once again, greetings to all Q.C. Alumni Association members wherever you may be in April 2005. May we continue to be strong, communicative and supportive of each other in our future activities.

Our past year has been a busy one for us, but we have had a successful year due to the untiring and admirable efforts of the various members of our executive committee. Apart from the Last Lap Line, I am pleased to report that most of our endeavours during the past year were highly satisfactory.

In June/04 we hosted our Annual **Father's Day Brunch** at Burrows Hall which was well attended, providing a social outing with good food and an afternoon of music and great entertainment for our audience.

In August/04 we participated in the **Last Lap Lime** event held at the Shangri-la Grounds, Markham, along with our partners (Bishop's, St. Rose's, St Joseph's, Saints). On the day, the attendance was the highest ever and the income was the best ever. However, contrary to our expectations, our profit per school, in the final analysis, **turned out to be the lowest ever**. This was due to the fact that **our expenses were uncontrollably**, the highest ever. We expect to remedy this situation in 2005. We have a new working LLL committee, a new chairman, Neville Gordon, and he has recently signed an agreement with the administration of Woodbridge Fair Grounds as the new venue for this event.

In September/04 Conrad Griffith successfully assembled and delivered a new **P.A. System** to the Alma Mater in Georgetown Guyana in time for Speech Day. This was considered a major

achievement, since the school was without a P.A. system for a good number of years. Conrad is currently working on a second project to acquire a "**DRUM Set**" for the school for delivery in the near future.

**Recruitment of younger members** into the organization to carry on the work started by the older heads, in the future has not progressed as expected, but we will try to do this in 2005.

**Paid up Membership Dues:** Compared to our other brother/sister schools, our paid-up membership is still considered very low, despite efforts from our executive to improve this situation. We ask members who will receive the Scribbler to both pay up their yearly dues (\$25), and to come out and participate in our upcoming Annual General Meeting on April 24/05.

**The regular publication of the Newsletter:** Our beloved **SCRIBBLER** is now back on track due to the diligence and commendable efforts of Patrick Chan and Harry Singh. One issue was published in Jan/05 and another publication is expected to be out in mid-April/05 just before the next AGM (April 24/05).

**Charitable Status:** Haroon Gafur, our Treasurer, has re-started work towards obtaining our Charitable Status and this will continue during 2005.

On October 15/16, 2005; Eden Gajraj, Gerald Alleyne and myself attended the **ICQC meeting** held in London, England, hosted by the UK Chapter. The major topic at this meeting was the future objectives of the ICQC, with an attempt being made to ratify the amended Constitution. The meeting was well attended by various members from the other chapters.

Whoever attended the Ball in downtown London had a wonderful experience.

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## Editorial

We have a special Nostalgia Newsletter in the works, but we are sending out this abbreviated version to meet the AGM deadline.

We are in dire need of volunteers for the Scribbler. If you are interested in the Association, and have skills in writing, layout design, or use of word processing, please contact the VP Communications to volunteer. The Scribbler is critical to the Association, so please give some time to keep it going.

Also please come out to the **Annual General Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2005** at Burrows Hall, 1081 Progress Avenue (near Sheppard).

## President's Report Cont'd

In the first week of January, in partnership with Bishop's, we hosted another highly successful **12th Night Dance** at the Peter & Paul Hall, both from the aspects of attendance and our profit per school. All who attended had a memorable and enjoyable evening, and for the first time, were treated to a floor show by a Sammy Davis Jr. Imitation Entertainer performing three songs during the evening as an added attraction to the dance.

**In January/05 unprecedented high levels of flooding** occurred in some areas of Guyana. We responded by sending financial help to the Alma Mater to alleviate the trauma and suffering experienced by Q.C.'s students and teachers alike. We also gave some financial aid to the Guyana's Red Cross Society.

**Highlights of Upcoming Events in 2005** will include a Cultural evening, Father's Day Brunch, A day at the races (we need 50 people to attend), a Games Night

(we need twenty people to attend), Last Lap Lime, a family picnic in association with Bishop's, ICQC Business Meeting in New York and a Halloween Dance - a Q.C. Fundraiser.

Please peg these dates and feel free to come out and support us

Thank you

**LET US KEEP WORKING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE OUR OBJECTIVES**

**Q.C. FOREVER – Valeté !**

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## Calling all Golfers

Our next golf tournament jointly with the St. Stanislaus Alumni Association will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2005 at Bushwood Golf Club, Markham.

We need volunteers to help. Please contact Patrick Chan or Harry Singh.

## Last Lap Lime

The venue this year will be at the Woodbridge Fairgrounds, 100 Porter Avenue, Woodbridge, (Kipling and Hwy #7) on Monday 1st August 2005 from 10:00am to 9:00pm. Pre-purchased tickets are available for \$10; at the gate it will be \$15.

## Father's Day Brunch

Tickets are now available from the members of the Executive. The Brunch will be held on June 12<sup>th</sup> at Burrows Hall Community Centre, 1081 Progress Avenue (at Sheppard).

## A Day at the Races

Reserve your place among the lucky 50 for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July at Woodbine Race Track. by calling Joe Permaul at (416)490-9193.

## Sir John Carter

### A Tribute by Robert Moore

In that time of Guyanese awakening – the late 1940s and my riper teens -- when the world around me demanded to be updated, the name of John Carter surfaced frequently as a role model for young adults seeking a “new deal”. And with his name went certain epithets: dynamic, balanced, nimble in mind, urbane in manner. He revealed, as one newspaper declared, in putting new wine into old bottles.

So I kept my eye on him but never really met him until 1965 when he was Pro-Chancellor of the unsteady University of Guyana and I was on its faculty. I owed him the scholarship that led me to Sussex University and my doctorate. And the University owed him its first taste of stability and an inclusive, rather than a Marxist, orientation. It was then that I discovered the sheer pleasure of working with him: his style was mellow, his touch smooth, and his handling of nettlesome situations both resourceful and judicious.

I came to know him very well when I joined Guyana’s Foreign Service in 1974. By that time he was already a legend in diplomatic circles, renowned for effectively, and creatively, representing a government rapidly going radical with a mandarin’s perspicacity, an old world graciousness, and a new world vision. His characteristic elegance was all Guyanese and in this, as in so many other ways, Sarah Lou was his heaven-sent complement. What I particularly admired was his comfort with people at all levels of society. He never forgot his village roots in Kitty nor the debt he owed to his primary school teachers and to his Queen’s College immersion. In many ways he was the Guyanese equivalent of that other urbane and silken mandarin, Chou En Lai.

Wisdom was the gift we all associated with him, and it was both personal and political. I remember the advice he pointedly gave to those intellectually towering but inexperienced managers whose human relations fell short of their high-powered responsibilities. “Learn” Sir John said “ to lose a few arguments and you will make quite a few allies”. I also remember how skillfully he could disagree with the wielders of state power without ruffling their feathers or raising their hackles. On such occasions he chose his words and his timing with a delicacy that was uniquely Carterian. It was very often to him that I turned for advice when I was new to my posting in Ottawa. To this day I marvel at his knack of turning experience into pertinent guidance, and his warmth and wit in giving it.

Sir John was tremendous fun to be with. Gregarious by nature, he knew how to make a party zing and he had a immense repertoire of funny stories about the great, the good, and the not-so-good, always enriched by his narrative talent. As became a Queen’s College old boy of the 1930s, he loved to quote Shakespeare and English poets of the 18th and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. The grandees of the British Foreign Office were often surprised and delighted by his familiarity with the highways and byways of English literature. But he also knew Martin Carter’s defiant poems by heart and could match verse with verse in the company of young Guyanese radicals. Also he liked to say that A.J. Seymour helped him to see Guyana more clearly and to love it more dearly.

The quality that caught my fancy and retained my admiration was his inspired moderation. He was a passionate middle-of-the-roader. Not for him the exclusions and rigidities of ideology, either of the right or the left. In short, he long ago sensed what the experience of the 20<sup>th</sup> century so abundantly teaches us: Thinking in “both and” terms is much safer for the world than seeing life as a matter of “either or.”

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## A Las Vegas Twelfth Night Dance 2005



A few scenes from one of the most enjoyable 12<sup>th</sup> Night Dances by BHSAA & QCAA



## Calendar of Events

Day and Date	Event	Location
To be announced	Cultural Evening and Appreciation Awards	To be announced
Sunday June 12, 2005	Father's Day Brunch	Burrows Hall Community Centre, 1081 Progress Avenue (at Sheppard)
Saturday July 9, 2005	Golf Tournament	Bushwood Golf Club, Markham
Sunday July 10, 2005	Day at the Races	Woodbine Race Track
Monday August 1, 2005	Last Lap Lime	Woodbridge Fair grounds
Sunday August 14, 2005	Family Picnic	Milliken Park, Steeles Ave, East
Friday September 2 -Monday September 5, 2005	ICQC Meeting	New York, USA
Saturday October 22, 2005	Halloween Dance	To be announced

## Membership Application Form

Please update your email address as necessary

### Membership Application & Information Update Form

Membership dues \$25 per year – Feb 1 – Jan 31 (\$12.50 for Student Members)

- Renew my membership   
  Enroll me as a member   
  Update my file   
  Accept my Donation  
 Full Member   
  Student Member   
  Associate Member   
  Honorary Member

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Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_ House: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Volunteer for:  Newsletter   
  Website   
  Literary Evening   
  Last Lap Lime   
  12<sup>th</sup> Night Dance  
 Father's Day Brunch   
  Reunion   
  Cricket   
  Soccer   
  Golf   
  Tennis   
  Debating

Special Interests \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form with your donation and/or \$25 cheque (\$12.50 for Student Members) to  
 Queen's College of Guyana Alumni Association (Toronto) Inc., P.O. Box 312 West Hill, Ontario M1E 4R8

## Annual General Meeting – 24 April 2005

Notice is hereby given that the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Queen's College of Guyana Alumni Association (Toronto) Inc. will be held at 2:00pm on April 24<sup>th</sup> 2005 at BURROWS HALL, 1081 Progress Avenue (East of Markham, South of Sheppard). Light refreshments will be served.

### AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. President's Address
5. Adoption of Statement of Accounts for the year ended January 31<sup>st</sup> 2004
6. Election of Office Bearers for 2005 / 2006
7. Appointment of an Auditor
8. Notice of Motions
9. Any other Business
10. Adjournment

By order of the Executive Committee

Ataur Bacchus, Secretary

Note:

1. Notice of Motion must reach the Secretary forty eight (48) hours before the meeting
2. Members who are unable to attend the meeting in person are requested to date and sign the enclosed proxy form.
3. A member may execute a maximum of three (3) proxy votes, except the Secretary, who may receive mailed proxies.
4. Contact the President, Albert Ramprasad, to request additional items for the agenda.

#### QUEEN'S COLLEGE OF GUYANA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (TORONTO) INC.

We the undersigned, being members in good standing, hereby nominate and second the following person(s) for the under-mentioned position(s).

President \_\_\_\_\_

Vice Presidents (3) \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Asst. Secretary/Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Directors (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

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Name in full

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Name in full

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Date

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Date