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Toronto Chapter Launches Own Website

Submitted by Kemahl (A.R.K.) Khan

On February 28 last the local chapter of the QCAA established an independent domain and website. Having recognized several years ago that being an appendage to the New York chapter's website did not provide the most suitable medium for meeting its specific needs, the Toronto chapter decided to have a free-standing site in its own domain. It was perceived then that such an arrangement would give the Chapter the capacity, capabilities and versatility to manage and maintain more efficiently and effectively an updated site that would enhance the Chapter's image both within the ICQC and locally as well as generate continuing interest among its members in the affairs and work programmes of their association. However, for one reason or another, no positive action was taken to implement the decision.

This new site affords members of the Chapter interactive line participation in the conduct of its business through important and relevant feedback via its e-mail addresses for specific matters. The site's homepage includes features such as "School History", "Newsletter", "Messages", "Archives" to name a few, along with background material on the Chapter's founding and work throughout the years contributions made so far to our Alma Mater under the heading "About Us". The school's history and presentations of assistance are highlighted photographs. The site has conceived, inter alia, as a vehicle for stimulating interest among the Chapter's existing members, but, more particularly, among potential members

in an effort to expand our membership base. To this end a "Membership" heading has been created to facilitate online registration. Easy access to other chapters' websites. those of various alumni associations. and information about using Guyana is gained by "Links" feature.

Members, their friends, and other interested persons are invited to take advantage of and make full use of our new website and, by so doing, support and promote the Toronto Chapter as a viable and vibrant part of the ICQC of Guyana.

While many features have already been installed, the site is still undergoing construction, but, even when fully completed, will allow for modifications that may become necessary from time to time. Therefore the Chapter welcomes whether comments. favourable or otherwise, about the site anyone may wish to make and/or any relevant material he or she may wish to contribute by going to www.qcalumnitoronto.com and addressing such matters to info@qcalumnitoronto or by directly emailing the respective Chapter's executive members named on its site.

The Toronto Chapter takes this opportunity to acknowledge with gratitude the assistance and support given to it by the New York Chapter for accommodating us on their website in the past. Thank you, New York.

A section of the new QCAA home page menu is shown below.



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Editorial

Starting with this issue, the Scribbler will be available on the new QCAA (Toronto) website at qcalumnitoronto.com. Future issues will be delivered separately to members only by email.

Alumni are urged to visit the website to register and update their contact information to receive future distributions and alerts by email.

The Scribbler thanks Kemahl Khan for spearheading the effort to bring the website to fruition. We also welcome and thank our Webmaster, Colin Rowe for his excellent work and advice on making the website a reality.

We also wish once again to thank Conrad Griffith for his work to make the latest drum set gift a reality (see story on page 4).

Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendars to attend the Annual General Meeting on 30th April 2006. at Tall Pines Community Centre, 65 Rylander Boulevard, from 1:30 - 5:00 pm

Bring out your fellow alumni to elect a new Executive, review the past year, and air your ideas. (See agenda on page 11)

Calling all Golfers

Our last golf tournament held jointly with the St. Stanislaus Alumni Association was held at Bushwood Golf Club in July last year. A full field got off to an 8am shotgun start, after driving range practice, for what turned out to be

a most enjoyable day, capped by barbecue lunch and prize giving Many thanks from QCAA to the players, sponsors and golf committee for their support.

This year, the tournament is managed by Tournament Director, Vivian Wong, and it will again be held at Bushwood on 8th July. Check the flyer on page 11 and the QCAA website, and book your foursomes early.

ICOC 2006 Reunion

The Reunion and ICQC business meeting will be hosted by the Toronto Chapter this year, on the Caribana weekend **August 4-7**. We have planned a cruise (see page 10) on lake Ontario on Friday 4th, in addition to the Caribana and LLL events. The business meeting will take place on Sunday 6th. Visit the QCAA website for further details.

Last Lap Lime

The annual LLL event will be held on **7**th **August** at Woodbridge Fairgrounds again this year. (See re-organisation article on page 6).

Day at the Races

Following last year's resounding success (see page 3), the date for this year is set for **27**th **August.**

Twelfth Night Dance

Visit the new QCAA website for further updates on the next joint QCAA/BHSAA Twelfth Night dance to be held on **January 6**, **2007** at the Thornhill Community Centre, Bayview & John. Pictures of this year's Sparkling Twelfth Night dance are on page 5.

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Back on Track

Submitted by Kemahl (A.R.K.) Khan

After a six-year hiatus, our Chapter's "Day-at-the-Races" event was back on track on July 10, 2005. The venue was the same as in previous years-the Woodbine racetrack in Rexdale, but on this occasion the event was held in the new and remodelled Woodbine complex which provided our guests with the opportunity to try their luck both during and after the races at the slot machines in the casino located on the ground floor.

It was an ideal day for horseracing-hot weather, sunny and clear conditions, a fast track and the inclusion in the programme of a few highly competitive stake races. The event attracted a group of 43 persons made up of Q.C. alumni, their relatives and friends, and a few from other alumni associations. Billed as a fun-raiser and not a fund-raiser, everyone in attendance experienced just that.

Comfortably seated at tables (equipped with television monitors) on the lower level of the Post Parade lounge that facilitated a panoramic view of the entire track, our guests had fun, excitement, their fill of the sumptuous all-you-can-eat buffet, and, of course, great camaraderie.

Easily accessible ensuite betting windows in the lounge itself was taken advantage of by both seasoned and rookie "punters", the latter group having been schooled earlier by a charming hostess in the basics of wagering while handing out the how-to-bet booklet.

As before, the event provided a most enjoyable social outing for all and, judging from the happy and satisfied look of some at its conclusion, a financially rewarding experience also.

The event was resuscitated at the urging of our president, Albert Ramprasad, and materialized through the efforts of Joe Permaul and A.R. K. Khan. The opportunity is taken here to record Association's gratitude and appreciation to Joe whose brainchild it was to have this type of activity included in our annual calendar of events. He single-handedly and successfully organized our first "Day-at-the-Races" which was held on Sunday, September 22, 1996 and he repeated the effort, again with success, in the summer of 1998, on Sunday August 23rd to be exact. It is believed to have been the first event of its kind undertaken by an alumni association. Good job,

Interestingly, just a week before last year's event, a horse carrying the name "Queen's College" won a rich stakes race at Woodbine. Just imagine what the drama, excitement and loud cheering among our group would have been, if that race was held on our day!!!!. It

would have made the occasion a more memorable one. This is not a fabrication - check the records. The 2006 "Day-at-the-Races" is scheduled for Sunday, August 27, for which arrangements with Woodbine have already been finalized.

!!!!HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!!

OCAA Archives

Submitted by Seville Farley

"Grandad, is this the bug-house you used to wear back then in the 1950s ...?"

"This is what the Q.C. Magazine used to look like when the school used to be in Brickdam ...!"

"Are these the ties you guys used to wear to school, but used to discard when you went to parties and to functions at the Town Hall...? And what were the names? ... Pilgrim ... and Austin ... and Moulder ...? Just who was Moulder? Did it have something to do with that white thing that we see on bread?... And what about Nobbs? ... Is that part of a door which we turn to enter a building ...?

Welcome to the Queen's College Archives in the next century (when we would be celebrating our 300th anniversary). Students then would be gazing in awe at the various artifacts which had been handed down by those who happened to pass through the hallowed halls of Queen's over the ages. Ties, caps, notebooks, School Reports, photographs ... these are articles of inestimable value to those who would be filling our shoes in the years to come.

Since I proposed the idea of establishing an Archive for the Q.C. Alumni Association some two years ago, I have been receiving an encouraging response from members.

Housed in a space in his home, generously donated to us by Audrick Chung, our Archives now boast several memorabilia given to us by alumni here in Canada and overseas.

This is an excellent start, but it behoves other members and friends to give us anything of sentimental value relating to our Alma Mater. Whether it is newspaper clippings or letters or badges or photographs (especially photographs!) ... anything relating to Queen's ... we would be happy to have for our collection.

If you or your friends have any item which you think would be of interest to us, please contact me or any member of our organization and we would be only too happy to arrange for your contribution to be added to our Archives.

Musical Success Revisited

Submitted by Conrad (C.J.) Griffith

In this era of computer education and higher academic learning which we are all having the good fortune of experiencing, it is my greatest pleasure to be one of the guiding QC Toronto Alumni, providing the opportunity to present-day QC students in Guyana, to exercise their God given musical talent.

This ability of a selected few in the world, is not a gift we humans are all born with; it is rather an unwritten DNA code which is bestowed on a small minority of mortals who use this talent for the enjoyment of the majority.

With this in mind, I entered the QC Toronto Alumni Association 10 years ago, sponsored by my classmate Roland (Cabby) Carryl and soon grasped every opportunity to introduce music into the well educated and well rounded atmosphere of the QC overseas alumni.

In 2000, thanks to financing by the QCAA Toronto, the 1st shipment of musical equipment- a Kawai piano, Korg synthesizer, bass and rhythm guitars, stereo (Ghettoblaster), 13 violins and classical history of music books, was shipped to QC Guyana.

A few years later- 2003, a gift of Teach Yourself Courses by the US School of Music –Saxophone, guitar, violin, piano and trumpet was donated to the QC Library.

In 2004, the 3rd and so far the most important donation,- a state of the art, 4 Speaker, 500 watt Stereo Wireless public address audio system, financed by the Toronto QCAA, was assembled, tested and installed by this writer in the Guyana QC Auditorium in time for the Sept. term.

Our 4th and latest achievement is the purchase of a complete drum set which will be used to accompany the QC student steel band at concerts. This item was shipped to Guyana last month and delivered early in April.

It is my pledge to remain in the musical field for as long as my abilities can be shared and enjoyed by the QC family, and I will use every opportunity to further enhance the musical education and careers of all budding musicians of QC Guyana.



Retrospective 2004 – Conrad displays the \$16,000 audio system donated by the Toronto Chapter for the opening of the new auditorium.



Retrospective 2004 – Conrad at the school to supervise the installation and commissioning of the audio and public address system. L to R: Mr. Garnett (maintenance & PA service), Mr. McDonald (Music Director), Paul Cort (Music Teacher), Conrad Griffith and Jim Holder (Administrator).

2006: QCAA Toronto Donates Drum Set



Behind the drum set (left to right): P. Chan, A. Henery, J. Permaul, R. Carryl, S. Rayman, V. Wong, A. Bacchus, H. Gafur, C. Raghu, H. Singh, A. Ramprasad, S. Farley, L. Muss, R. Wharton, E. Gajraj, L. Mann, D. Singh, A. Khan, G. Alleyne and C. Griffith

Quiz Collage

Submitted by Seville Farley

- 1. What was in the Q.C. compound area in Thomas Lands before the school was built?
- 2. Where was Queen's housed immediately before it occupied the building on Brickdam?
- 3. Who was the Principal of Queen's during WWI?
- 4. During WW2 it was difficult to get supplies of text-books from England. One of our masters came to the rescue by publishing his own text-books. Who was he?
- 5. Our last expatriate principal was also the principal of a school in which African country before he came to Oueen's?
- 6. Who was Guyana's first, and so far only Rhodes Scholar?
- 7. Do you know that in 1957 Q.C. had 700 odd students? Were you one of them?
- 8. The spelling of "Corentyne" was changed from "Courentyne" in what year?
- 9. It is said that Haiti was the first country in the Western hemisphere to throw off the shackles of colonialism. Sorry, but Guyana beat them by some fifty years. Where in Guyana was this first independent state established?
- 10. What was the first commodity that drew European settlers to Guyana? No, it wasn't sugar.

History of Queen's College

We propose to re-publish the *History of Queen's College* written by N.E. Cameron, and would like to contact Joan Cameron in this regard. If you have any relevant contact information, please send it by email to patchanmail@sympatico.ca.

We have already prepared the text and written an appendix giving an overview of life at the school after 1951 - which is the where the original history ended. This appendix, which includes a 1963 article and pictorial spread from the Illustrated London News, can now be accessed at the new QCAA website at www.qcalumnitoronto.com.

Sparkling Twelfth Night Dance

The pictures below show our supporters celebrating the holiday season in fine style at another outstanding BHSAA/QCAA Twelfth Night dance.









Last Lap Lime Reorganisation

Submitted by Patrick Chan

On 29th November 2005, the five Presidents of the LLL Alumni Associations (SRAA, SJAA, BHSAA, SSAA and QCAA) approved a **Corporate Charter** for the Last Lap Lime, and appointed five Directors to the voting positions of the Board of a newly registered LLL Corporation. The approved Charter establishes the framework for conducting LLL business, including the scope and objectives of LLL, the roles and responsibilities of the five owner Associations and the Board, and the key governance processes to be followed. The Charter is established to facilitate improved management, organisation, planning and control.

The work started in September 2005, when a Charter Requirements survey prepared by QCAA was reviewed and finalized by a group comprising one representative from each of the five LLL Alumni Associations, with Patrick Chan as Facilitator. The resulting requirements were circulated to the Associations and formally agreed as the basis for proceeding. The Alumni Associations then appointed five representatives to produce the Corporate Charter in keeping with those requirements, and to register LLL as a non-profit corporation. The name 'Last Lap Lime' and the LLL Logo were also registered as trademarks.

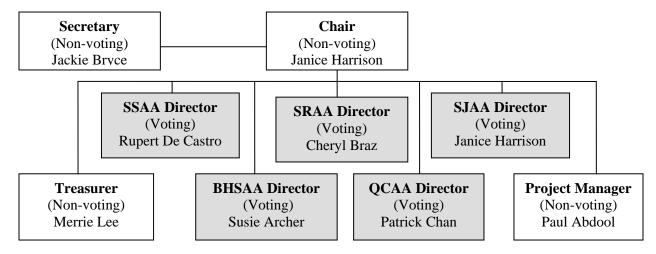
The Mission Statement established in the Corporate Charter is:

To provide an engaging environment of value to our supporters, and enhance the ability of the Alumni Associations to promote educational excellence and other charitable works.

The corporation is equally owned by the five Alumni Associations, and was registered under the name 'Last Lap Lime Alumni Association', with the following objects:

- Advancement of education by enhancing the ability of the Alumni Associations to provide scholarships and bursaries, and create an environment to support educational achievement;
- *Promoting the mutual interests of its members;*
- Such other complementary purposes not inconsistent with these objects.

The **LLL Board** is depicted in the diagram below. The Directors appoint the non-voting positions to the Board, including the Chair, who must be one of the Directors. Directors cannot serve as Project Manager or Treasurer.



The Corporate Charter stipulates that the Board (among other things)

- Conducts LLL business in accordance with the Corporate Charter;
- Approves significant changes to the concept or format of LLL deliveries;
- Initiates planning for each year's LLL deliveries;
- Reviews and oversees the operation and progress of LLL delivery activities;
- Reviews and approves LLL plans and budgets and significant changes to the plans and budgets;
- Approves major contract and expenditure items and all such single items over \$1,000;
- Resolves issues escalated by the LLL Delivery Team;
- Evaluates performance of LLL activities.

The Corporate Charter also stipulates that:

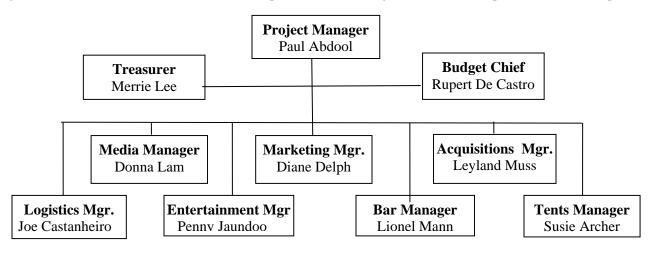
- "LLL shall develop an Operational Charter to provide a framework for managing LLL delivery activities"
- "The scope of each LLL event shall be elaborated in terms of concrete deliverables, as part of the upfront planning for the event, and the requirement to plan and catalogue the deliverables must be respected as essential".

In accordance with the Corporate Charter, at the start of this year, the Board appointed a Project Manager, to be responsible for delivering this year's LLL event according to plans and budget to be approved by the Board.

The Corporate Charter stipulates that the Project Manager (among other things):

- Prepares LLL plans and budgets;
- Manages the delivery organisation, monitors and controls its activities, resolves project issues, conducts regular project reviews (normally fortnightly) and milestone reviews etc.;
- Provides status updates at regular Board meetings on delivery activities, highlighting significant changes in deliverable progress, assignments, decisions, outstanding items, risks and issues;
- Arranges and conducts milestone reviews by the Board of delivery activities;
- Reports to the Board.

The following management organization with roles and responsibilities for this year's delivery, was prepared and approved by the Board (including changes by the Project Manager), as part of the operational plan. These managers may expand their teams or add staff positions as required, while maintaining their approved roles and responsibilities. The Board's Treasurer must also serve as Treasurer of the Project Manager's delivery organisation. The Board also outlined an example of the remaining contents of the Operational Charter (plan).



One can envision a future, in which the LLL organization becomes conversant with the Corporate Charter, institutes its provisions, writes and approves the remainder of the operational plan, and then works according to plan. Perhaps this might help to improve the management of LLL activities.

Quotable Quote

"Monks, ignorance is the leader in the attainment of unskillful qualities, followed by lack of conscience and lack of concern. In an unknowledgeable person, immersed in ignorance, wrong view arises. In one of wrong view, wrong resolve arises. In one of wrong resolve, wrong speech... In one of wrong speech, wrong action... In one of wrong effort... In one of wrong effort, wrong mindfulness... In one of wrong mindfulness, wrong concentration arises.

"Clear knowing is the leader in the attainment of skillful qualities, followed by conscience and concern. In a knowledgeable person, immersed in clear knowing, right view arises. In one of right view, right resolve arises. In one of right resolve, right speech... In one of right action... In one of right livelihood, right effort... In one of right effort, right mindfulness... In one of right mindfulness, right concentration arises." - Siddhartha

Appreciation Awards - 2005 Father's Day Brunch

An Appreciation award was presented to Noel Denny, who introduced the concept that survives today as the Last Lap Lime. Two new honorary members, Joan Muss and Marjorie Henery, were inducted and presented appreciation awards in recognition of their outstanding contributions and support over the years. Appreciation Awards were presented to Patrick Chan, Audrick Chung, and Lester Fernandes for their valued contributions to the Association. Pictured below, QCAA President, Albert Ramprasad presents the awards ...

...



... to Noel Denny



... to Patrick Chan



... to Arthur Henery, on behalf of his wife, Marjorie



... to Joan Muss



... to Lester Fernandes



... to Audrick Chung

From the First Day of the Hunt

Short Story by Ataur Bacchus

It was not really necessary for the little girl's mother to wake her up. She was so excited to be going at last on a hunt with her father that she was awake before darkness had cleared from the branches outside her window, and she was sure she heard the first pigs squeal for that day, and the first geese clear their noses out in the village somewhere.

She took her father's machete and one of her two little cups that he had made from evaporated-milk tins, and she walked to the edge of the cool amber canal that ran through the village. Every morning from a particular bush she deftly cut a stick the length of two fingers and a little thicker than her thumb, chewed the end into a brush, and scrubbed each of her teeth in turn, front and back. She washed her mouth and face and hands with water from the canal, enjoying as always its coolness on her skin at the beginning of the day.

Back in the house her mother already had her plate and cup beside a low stool on the floor of sealed earth. The meal was everything she liked. On the plate were two halves of a loaf of bread spread thick with red salt butter, one of the staples her mother brought home every few days from the general store in the next village. Beside the bread was an egg fried with onions and red and green vegetables chopped really fine. Her father ate just a little, but would have the rest of his breakfast on the way; she had seen him a few times easily chew on a fat wrapped sandwich and paddle his canoe at the same time without missing by much a beat on either task. Right now he was getting his shotgun and a box of cartridges ready; then he would have to get his canoe from its little mooring inlet by the side of the house and work it by the tow-rope out into the main canal which would take them into the open marshlands in about an hour, before the sun got really hot.

When she and her mother came out of the house, her father was bailing the canoe with a half-gourd he kept in it. She gave her mother a quick hug and climbed in. It was the rainy season and the water came in places to within a few inches of the top of the bank. When they had left the last straggling lines of houses behind and were into the open wetlands, it looked like a wide lake with marshy islands, some large enough to hold several houses if anyone was going to put houses on them, the very small ones just a few feet across. Most of these islands had young trees, even though some of these would be taller than her father even if he stood on his own shoulder. The

old fat trees were now mossy-skinned stumps, because the loggers had been through. All this had happened before she was born, but her father still talked about it. At other times she had heard her father say that the wet season was good for hunting small animals, because they were confined to high ground; on the other hand in the dry season the water was down or gone from most streams and large wading birds stuck to the main streams where they in turn could be hunted with no difficulty.

They pushed further into the marsh. She was surprised that her father knew all these braided streams and seemed to have a map in his head, from which he would say "Not this one, but the next" or "let me try this way first". The sun became hot very quickly and a thick sickly-sweet bush smell seemed to flood everything in soft waves. In some short stretches the taller trees formed an arch over them, the leaves throwing lace patterns on the surface of the water. Ahead of them, under the arch, flew flocks of wild Muscovy ducks, sometimes descending to break the surface of the water for an instant. Large butterflies, their orange and yellow wings vivid even in the shade, winged lazily among overhanging branches, so slow they might have been dipped in rich syrup first thing that morning. Once in a while, in between reeds, she could make out the noses and eyes of small alligators. She smiled as she thought about these animals. Her grandmother had told her that their family and the alligators shared the same soul. When she told that to the nuns, they hit her across the knuckles. The nuns were good though, especially the one with the rawest, reddest face of all, who gave her milk every afternoon. Sometimes there were small pieces of string from the jute bags in which the milk powder came to the school, but it always tasted good in the afternoon, just before they were dismissed for the day. The nuns did not always smell good though.

Her thoughts were interrupted by her father abruptly turning the canoe into a small finger of the stream; then he put his finger to his lips. She knew that he had seen something; she grabbed her own paddle which she had let fall to the floor of the canoe, and dug in. They paddled fast for a minute now turning left, now turning right, before she made out the shape of the animal. It was an old deer, looking worn and wet, aware that they were following him but barely able to trundle along in trying to lose them. He was close enough to them for her to notice that he seemed to limp on one rear leg. He was managing fair progress on the drier ground of the little islands, but when he had to cross water, his swimming grew weaker and weaker. They began to gain on the deer; her father was loading his shotgun even as he was trying to keep up with the paddling. Just as the deer reached one high spot, her father fired both barrels. The deer seem surprised and absolutely still for a few seconds. He took two or three deliberate, slow steps and then he crumbled and sprawled over a low stump with his muzzle in the mud. He had been an old but still beautiful animal, and as she now saw him, ugly and spread-eagled on the stump, she didn't know whether she still felt sorry for him, or hated him a little because he had died so ugly.

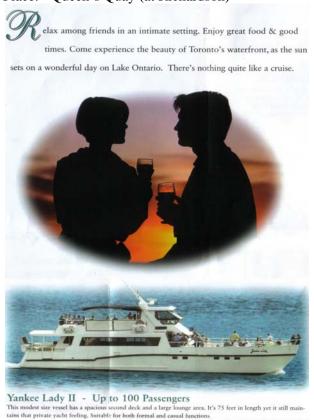
Late that evening her mother and father sat on low stools next to the stream working on the carcass. She sat some distance with her trousers rolled up to her knees and her legs dangling in the water up to her shins. Once or twice her mother asked her whether she would like to help cut the meat into strips for drying and smoking, but she said she was tired and might join them after a while. She still did not know exactly how she felt about the deer. For some time she would pull up and drop clods of earth into the water and make dull black splatters. But presently the sun had sunk into a red and purple bowl on the horizon and the first fat stars had started to slip out of folds in the sky. She splashed their reflections in the water with her feet and the bursts and sprinkles of light seemed to chase more and more of her heavy thoughts away, the more forcefully and the more playfully she hit the surface.

ICQC Reunion Cruise

Enjoy dinner and dancing with visiting alumni from the other QCAA chapters on beautiful lake Ontario. The DJ will play your favourite CDs, so bring them along ... and book early to secure your places. Contact Albert Ramprasad 416-822-8802 or Leyland Muss 905-666-0237. See further details at the QCAA website www.qcalumnitoronto.com.

Date: Friday 4th August 2006 Time: 8:00p.m. – 1:00a.m.

Place: Queen's Quay (at Richardson)



Guyana-Canada Forum

THE CANADA-GUYANA FORUM

INVITES YOU TO A PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION:

"Guyana in Crisis: Crime, Security and the Elections of 2006"

With Dr. Rupert Roopnaraine.

WHEN: Saturday 22nd April 2006.

WHERE: WEST END: From 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm at Connections (<u>www.connectionsiswe.com</u>)

5835 Dixie Rd. & Shawson. Directions: 1 Block North of HWY 401 Beside the Best Western.

AND

EAST END: From 3:30 PM to 5:30 pm at Scarborough Village Recreation Center & Arena, 3600 Kingston Rd. at Markham Rd intersection - For directions contact: 416-396 - 4048

If you are planning to attend the lunch meeting, please e-mail Derek Kowlessar (derek@humanitylink.org) or Alissa Trotz (da.trotz@utoronto.ca) – (light lunch can be purchased during discussions.)

For more information contact: Sr. Hazel Campayne (416-920-0132); Jai Parasram (416-289-1346); Alissa Trotz (416-978-8286)

PLEASE COME OUT AND JOIN US AT ONE OF THESE GATHERINGS FOR A LONG OVERDUE DISCUSSION!!

President's Message

Greetings to all QCAA Alumni and friends of the QCAA. As you may be aware, my two year term in office as president of the QCAA comes to an end on April 30/06 when we all convene at The Tall pines Community Centre for our Annual General Meeting to elect a new Executive Committee. I must tell you that the last two years has been a challenging and wonderful experience for me. I would like to thank all the members of the past executive who collaborated and supported me on the various projects and events we executed during this period.

The highlights of my last two years in office were most definitely the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Last Lap Lime 2005, which will remain a memorable occasion for me, and the two ICQC Business meetings which I attended and participated in with regards to the development of the ICQC constitution in London, England (October, 2004) and again in New York (August 2005).

My regards and best wishes to the members of the new Executive, who will be elected on April 30.2006.

Albert Ramprasad

Annual General Meeting Agenda – 30th April 2006

Notice is hereby given that the 14th Annual General Meeting of Queen's College of Guyana Alumni Association (Toronto) Inc. will be held at 1:30pm on April 30th 2006 at Tall Pines Community Centre, 65 Rylander Boulevard, Scarborough. Light refreshments will be served.

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Minutes of the 13th Annual General Meeting
- 3. Matters Arising
- 4. President's Address
- 5. Adoption of Statement of Accounts for the year ended January 31st 2006
- 6. Election of Office Bearers for 2006 / 2007
- 7. Appointment of an Auditor
- 8. Notice of Motions
- 9. Any other Business
- 10. Adjournment

By order of the Executive Committee.

Seville Farley, 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 proxy form on page 14.
- 3. A member may execute a maximum of three (3) proxy votes, except the Secretary, who may execute all proxies received.
- 4. Contact the President, Albert Ramprasad, to request additional items for the agenda.

Limbo Dance at the 2005 Father's Day Brunch



Answers to Quiz Collage

- 1. A Boy Scout pond.
- 2. On Carmichael Street where the Bishop's High School now stands.
- 3. Mr. Pope. He wore a monocle and was notoriously shy of the camera, with the consequence that we have very few photographs of him.
- 4. None other than Mr. N.E. Cameron. We are trying to get his book on the History of Queen's College published soon.
- 5. Mr. V.J. Sanger-Davies was principal of a High School in The Gambia before he came to Queen's.
- 6. Dr. H. Niamatali. Do you know that he is also a poet and playwright? Probably sometime we would get him at our Literary Evening.
- 7. Well ... were you? ... That's odd.
- 8. In 1961 five years before Guyana achieved independence.
- 9. At Plantation Magdalenenberg, on the Canje Creek.
- 10. It was Tobacco.



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