



### ANNUAL BRUNCH

The Annual Brunch took place this year at the Rembrandt Banquet Hall in Scarborough on Sunday, September 20, 2015. The Opening prayer was said by **Phyllis (Lewis) Henery**. **Jennifer (Dummett) Welshman** emceed and welcomed alumni, family and friends, especially our overseas alumni.

The Serviam Choir led the gathering with the singing of "Serviam".

**Cecelia (Dolphin) Upton** reported on the newly formed Outreach Program—the **St. Rose's Circle of Friends** and **Margaret (Man-Son-Hing) Levy** spoke about her visit at the St. Rose's Alumni Association 6th International Reunion in Guyana, held this past summer in Georgetown.

Jennifer introduced the new Executive Committee for the year 2015-2016, and the traditional collection for the orphanages in Georgetown was taken up by **Lorraine (Lackanlall) Cornelius** in the amount of \$420.00.

Victor Shim, solo saxophonist and vocalist, entertained us with popular tunes which everyone enjoyed.

### INTERIM PRESIDENT

Newly elected **Patsy Russell** stepped down as President of our Alumni Association to relocate to Guyana for one year due to a family situation. This position will be temporarily held by Jennifer Welshman. We send Patsy well wishes during this time.

### PRE-CHRISTMAS DANCE



The 2015 Pre-Christmas Dance will take place on November 21 at Sts. Peter & Paul Banquet Hall, 231 Milner Avenue. This event is always very well attended and sold out, so we urge you to buy your tickets now to avoid any disappointment. Tickets are available from any of our Committee Members.

See flyer on Page #5 for details and where you may purchase tickets.

Come celebrate the upcoming festive season and enjoy the merriment!

### 2015 UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Pre Christmas Dance**, Nov. 21, Sts. Peter & Paul Banquet Hall.
- **Casino Trip to Rama**, December 1, 2015

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### LAST LAP LIME

A big Thank You to our chair on the LLL Board, **Shaaron (Rohlehr) Pollard** and her committee, for all their hard work and efforts to make the 20th Anniversary of Last Lap Lime, held on Monday, August 3, 2015, a success.

*"Laughter is the medicine of Life."*

*"To have Joy, one must share it."*



### ***From the Editor's Desk:***

A visit to the interior, to the North Rupununi in Guyana is worth mentioning and highly recommended. The beauty of the pristine tropical rainforest, the wide-spread savannahs, and the exotic wild life are authentic and an eco-tourist's dream, and I had the pleasure of going there last summer while attending the 6th International Reunion of St. Rose's Alumni Association. From either Ogle or Timehri airports, in an Islander nine seater or Cessna thirteen seater propeller aircraft, it is just over one and half hours to get to the Annai or Fairview airstrips where you disembark and are driven to the eco lodges that are now part of Guyana's eco adventure attractions. *Iwokrama River Lodge, Atta Rainforest Lodge, Rockview and Arrow Point* offer splendid accommodations and sightseeing nearby. It was the first time that I had to be weighed, along with my small piece of restricted luggage, to board the plane! I must say that if you are apprehensive about flying, there is an alternate way to get there. It will take you seven to eight hours approximately from Georgetown by land, crossing the Kurukupari landing on the Essequibo River, on the way to Lethem. Don't expect paved roads and signposts and Tim Horton's! It is unpaved, red dirt with muddy tracks formed by transport trucks, especially rough and bumpy after the rainy season. If you leave around 4:00 am, you may be lucky to spot a jaguar or other wild animal.

From Georgetown you can also fly to Kaieteur National Park, about a one hour journey. Seeing the majestic and spectacular Kaieteur Falls, the highest single drop waterfall in the world leaves you breathless and in admiration of this natural wonder of the world. It is a photographer's delight to capture this area with the Potaro river and the Pakaraima Mountains in the background. You learn about the lover's leaps, and of the mystic Amerindian spirit of Kaie, one of the great Patamona chiefs who, according to folklore, dwells in the caves of the gorge above the Potaro River; and see the beautiful giant bromeliads which are native to South America, and the endemic Kaieteur golden frog. Wear comfortable walking shoes, take water, and an umbrella to shelter you from the equatorial sun.

Eco tourism has grown in the past decades and worth visiting are the Iwokrama Canopy Walk; the look-out point at Turtle Valley Mountain which affords the visitor a panoramic view of the Essequibo Valley; the Amerindian village of Annai where many of the inhabitants are from the Macushi people; Karanambu Lodge where Diane McTurk has dedicated her life to saving the Giant Otters that live in the Rupununi River; and sighting the Black Caiman (crocodile) in the Yukupari Village which no doubt the late Steve Irwin of Crocodile Hunter fame would have known about. If you are a lover of birds, there is a lot to see, the elusive Cock of the Rock among the over 700 species, and the howler monkeys lingering in the trees. I discovered the achiote tree and annatto, widely used as a condiment and food colouring, made from the seeds, and took time to look at the beautiful flowers that grow in this area, and learnt how cashew nuts are roasted and cashew butter is made from the cashew tree, native to South America.

The Amerindian people are so friendly, honest and unassuming, and would give you the shirt off their backs. I am impressed at how incredibly beautiful, natural and unique this part of Guyana is, where values are different, where you can get away from the hustle and bustle of a metropolitan life, and where you can recapture the memories of being born in this land of rivers and plains.

*Margaret (Man-Son-Hing) Levy*

### **CASINO TRIP**

**Anne (Dummett) Castanheiro** who organized the recent Casino trip reported that "*another successful Casino trip was made on September 24<sup>th</sup> to Fallsview, Niagara Falls. Many people who wanted to go could not make it as it was a work day. However, we got others to fill in and made almost as good a profit as the previous trip. From our positive feedback, it appeared that everyone had a good time. They commented that they enjoyed the jokes and the music on the bus and, at the end, they were also enquiring about when the next trip would be.*

*As a result, another trip will take place on December 1st to Casino Rama this time. If you are interested in joining us, please call Anne Castanheiro at 416-286-1956. The cost is \$20.00 which includes entry in a Draw for 2 prizes of \$50.00 each and also a Christmas Luncheon, starting at 2 p.m. We hope you will arrange to join us."*



## SERVIAM RINGS

We have had some requests to purchase **Serviam Rings**. Please contact Joseph (Joey) Lopes, JAMS Jewellery, 275 Route 4 West, Booth 11, Paramus, New Jersey, NJ 07652, U.S.A. Tel. 201 487 5400

—Email: joejams11@optonline.net. Cost will vary with market gold prices.

## ERRATUM

In the last newsletter it was stated that Sister Julie Matthews who attended the Opening Ceremony of the International Reunion in Georgetown was an Ursuline nun (O.S.U.). This was incorrect. Sister Julie Matthews R.S.M. is President of the Sisters of Mercy, Caribbean, Central, South American Community (CCASA). She resides in Georgetown.

## ST. ROSE'S HIGH SCHOOL NEW BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Elected to the Board of Governors for 2015 are Mr. Kenrick Thomas, Chair; Mr. Russel Lancaster, Deputy Chairman; Ms. Bonita Hunter, Secretary; Ms. Elizabeth Harper, Treasurer; Mr. Robert Forrester, Deputy Treasurer; and Mr. Enrico Woolford, Public Relations Officer. Committee members are Ms. Shonta Noel, Student Representative; Mr. Matthew Moonsammy, Student Representative; and Ms. Kemi Williams. The Toronto Chapter congratulates the new Board and are looking forward to working with them in the best interests of our alma mater.

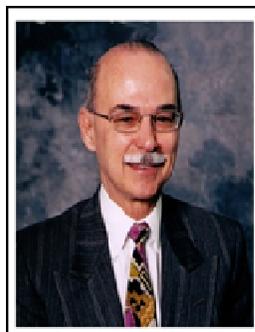
## ST. ROSE'S NEWS

- Congratulations to St. Rose's student, **Shonta Noel** who attained six Grade Ones and one Grade Two at this year's Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE), and was named CAPE's Best Business Student in the Caribbean. Shonta was also elected to the SRHS Board of Governors as a Student Representative.
- The new girls' bathrooms are now installed and functioning. They are located south of the bio lab.

## URSULINE CONVENT, ST. FRANCIS BUILDING FUND

Donations to this notable cause are still welcome. Please refer to the last newsletter for more information.

*"I believe in the spirit of innocence, the wonder that shapes us and leads us to dream. I believe that life is a gift to be unwrapped everyday and given freely to those in need. I believe that even in our darkest hour we can take a deep breath and start all over again. Most of all, I believe in the power of Love and that in the end it will heal us all."*—**Jim Tarrant**



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**Your 2015—2016****Executive Committee**

- Jennifer (Dummett) Welshman, Interim President
- Sheila (Georges) DeGannes Past President
- Beverly (Rowe) Jones, Secretary
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**It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see.**

*Henry David Thoreau*

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**ST. ROSE'S CIRCLE OF FRIENDS (Message from Cecelia Upton, Coordinator)**

We are looking for 'Friends' to join our Circle.

We believe that there are members of our community who are housebound due to the vagaries of the aging process. We believe that among these, there are some who would welcome a regular phone call or visit from the still fit of limb and sprite members of our association.

There truly is nothing as energizing and healthful, as the human connection.

This is a plea for those of you who are able to participate, to call me with your information. I plan on making every effort to match each member who is able to commit to making regular contact with an older alumni, with one who lives in your area.

Those of you who know of older alumni who might be interested in being matched with a friend, please call or e-mail me with their names and phone numbers. [ceceliu@gmail.com](mailto:ceceliu@gmail.com) ph: 416-262-3001

**ALUMNI NEWS**

Alumna **Ingrid Griffith** has written and performed in a one woman show on November 1st at the JC's Banquet Hall in Toronto, entitled "*Demerara Gold*"— which is a story of a 7 year old girl whose parents migrated to the States and left her in the care of her two grandmothers living in the Caribbean. This event was a Queen's College Alumni Association, Toronto Chapter fundraiser.

Alumna **Marilyne (Leung) Trotz**, former Chairman of the Board of Governors of St. Rose's, and a member of the Board of the "Step by Step Foundation" which has implemented a school for children with autism in Guyana, is appealing for help to benefit the quality of education for these students. Ways you can help are to sponsor a child, donate in cash or kind, or assist with a teacher's salary. For more information, refer to their website: [www.stepbystepguyana.org](http://www.stepbystepguyana.org)

**OUR SYMPATHIES GO OUT TO:**

—Alumnae **Brenda (Stevenson) Tubach, June (Stevenson) Veira, and Jill (Stevenson) Persaud** whose sister, Alumna **Barbara (Stevenson) Beharry** passed away on July 27, 2015, in New York, U.S.A.

—Alumna **Catherine (Cholmondeley) Hughes**, Director of Tourism in Guyana, and her husband, Nigel, Chairman of Alliance For Change in Guyana, on the tragic loss of Nigel's mother, Christobel Hughes, in a road accident on August 16, 2015, in Georgetown, Guyana.

—Alumnae **Joan Anne (Rodrigues) Chadirchi, Margaret (Rodrigues) Dahl and Lucy (Rodrigues) Hutt** whose sister, Alumna **Mary (Rodrigues) Thorn** passed away on August 23, 2015, in Germany.

—Alumna **Alison (Hunter) Camacho** on the passing of her husband, Stephen, on October 2, 2015, in Antigua. Stephen was the brother of Alumnae **Catherine (Camacho) Pangye** and **Christine (Camacho) Logan** and brother-in-law of Alumnae **Carolyn Hunter** and **Felicity (Hunter) Andre**. He played Shell Shield for Guyana and international cricket for the West Indies, and was the former West Indies Cricket Board Chief Executive Officer and West Indies Manager.

—Alumnae **Elizabeth (Chin-A-Loy) DosRamos** and **Donna (Chin-A-Loy) Greer** whose father, Percy Gordon Chin-A-Loy passed away in Toronto on September 3, 2015.

**CONDOLENCES OMISSION**

—Alumna **Sybil (Mathias) Boland**, on the passing of her husband of 58 years, Charles Malcolm Boland, on January 10, 2015, in Toronto, Ontario. We were remiss when printing our last newsletter and this announcement was omitted in error. Sybil is a long standing, always supportive, member of our Association and we extend our sympathies to her and the entire family. The family had requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations could be made to "QCAA Toronto". Cheques for donations should be mailed to: Queen's College Alumni Association of Guyana P.O. Box 312, West Hill, Ontario M1E 4R8, Canada.

**May Perpetual Light shine upon them, and may their souls rest in Peace. Amen.**

*"Forgive others, not because you want forgiveness, but because you deserve peace." - Anon*



# St. Rose's Alumni Association (Toronto) Pre-Christmas Dinner and Dance

*Sts. Peter & Paul Banquet Hall*

*231 Milner Avenue, Scarborough  
(off Markham Rd. N. of 401)*

**Saturday, November 21, 2015**

**7:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.**



**Dance to the music of**

***Fuh-Fun Band***

***and***

***D.J. Jones***

***Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. (sharp)***

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**\$55.00 per person**  
(inclusive of dinner)

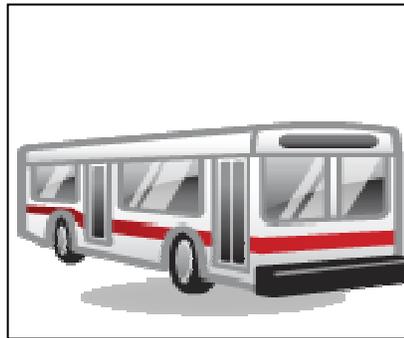
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## **ST. ROSE'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

# **BUS TRIP TO CASINO RAMA**



***Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015***

***Departs at 10:00 a.m. (Loads at 9:45a.m.)***

***From Centennial Arena, 1967 Ellesmere Rd. (just West of Markham Rd.)-South end of Parking Lot***

***Tickets are \$20.00 each (**includes entry in Draw for 2 prizes of \$50.00 each**)***

***Ticket also includes a **Christmas Luncheon** for our group at 2 p.m. in Couchiching Court Restaurant***

***Call Anne Castanheiro telephone #416-286-1956 a.s.a.p. to reserve your seat.***

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