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What A Year ...

ICHSAA 30th anniversary

By *Suzanne Read*

Where were YOU on Sunday June 22? Over 150 old girls and friends gathered at Hilton Suites/Toronto Markham hotel to dine and be entertained, as we celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Toronto Chapter of ICHSAA. The affair was ably emceed by Donna Ruddy, with the assistance of founding member Ina Williams, who was watching the time like a hawk. Jilian Saweczko, who was the PC candidate in her riding, brought greetings of congratulations from Prime Minister Stephen Harper. President Kati Sani read a letter of greeting and congratulations from current Principal Sr. Angella Harris who apologized for not sending her remarks in time to be included in the programme.

The entertainment was an artful blend of our own talented old girls or their offspring. Heather Bubb-Clarke presented a slide show of people

Celebration

Possibles

Losses

Lue Tam presented two dances, choreographed by mom Karen. In between, we caught up with old friends, and sold raffle tickets by the arm length, as always generously supported by the wallets and loooong arms of the honorary "old boys". Raffle prizes were generously donated by SuperClubs.

Among the honoured attendees was Eula Millingen of Bracebridge, who enthralled the audience with remembrances of her school days, when the school was housed at Duke Street, just prior to the move to Constant

Spring. She is our oldest living alumna, having graduated in 1934. Past presidents of the association received gifts of pearl bracelets, , in the form of
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and events in the life of ICHSAA. The Nash Girls - Kati, Dawn Marie, and Carol and their mom Norma LaHaye sang together a lovely rendition of 'No Man is An Island'. Paula dePass and her group 'Muzic N' Motion' stunned the crowd with traditional Jamaican pieces. Stephanie Williams performed a short play, which she had written. Sabrina and Tiffany





Celebrating 150 years

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President's Message



My Dear Fellow Alumnae,

I hope that this message finds you well and that you had an enjoyable the summer. This year, 2008, has gone by much too quickly for most of us and for some reason we all seem to have had an extremely busy year. Nevertheless, the association has had a number of activities.

On June 22, 2008 we celebrated our 30th Anniversary "Pearls of Time" at the Hilton Suites Toronto/Markham with good food, fantastic company and wonderful entertainment.

Thanks to everyone that attended and worked tirelessly to make the event the success that it was.

In July I was overjoyed to have attended the main event of the ICHS and ICPS 150th Anniversary celebrations - Homecoming Week. It was an amazing feeling to be "back at school". I experienced a gamut of emotions especially during the opening mass on Sunday and at graduation that evening. It was surprising to see that no matter how much ICHS had changed over the years there was so much that had indeed re-

mained the same. I was particularly struck when I saw the young ladies lining up for their procession - it took me back forty years to my own graduation when we worked unceasingly to ensure that our graduation day was flawless. While lost in my thoughts and perusing the line up I was a little shock when I noticed that someone missed the scrutiny of the final check and had the back of her hem almost touching the ground. I felt a slight panic as I could see the effect that it had on the overall appearance of the graduates. Then I remembered - two safety pins in my purse and sprung into actions to ensure that the perfection of the line was not ruined by a sagging hem. Having done my good deed for the day, I sat back and relaxed to enjoy the rest of the graduation which I might add proceeded in fine "Immaculate" form. The rest of Homecoming week was equally enjoyable ending with the elegant Ball at the Pegasus on Friday night and the funfare on the grounds surrounding the Summer House on Saturday. What a week! Our picnic in August, though not so well attended, was a lot of fun, thanks to the perfect summer day that we were blessed with, and food and company second to none. In September, our es-

teemed panel selected our 2008 Scholarship recipient, David Collins, son of Diane Collins (Berry class of 1974). We are looking forward to meeting David at our potluck on December 7th.

October was uneventful but November 1, 2008 saw the saddest event that I can recall in the recent history of our beloved alma mater, the tragic death of head girl, Pia Phillips. We pray for our school community and the family of Pia Phillips that God will give them strength to endure this tragedy.

Please mark your calendars - December 7th, 2008 our Annual "Feast of the Immaculate Conception" Mass and potluck. Looking forward to seeing many of you there.

As this year of celebration draws to a close, I wish you and your families a very safe, happy and Holy Christmas and all the best in 2009.

Sincerely yours

Cathrine (Katy) Sani
President

P.S. (Save the date February 7, 2009 to Lyme and Linger to the sound of the 70's and more).



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the rosary, to commemorate the occasion and in recognition of their leadership to the association. Adrienne Aarons was recognized for her contribution to leadership, although she was not a past president, and the late Juliette Young was fondly remembered, represented as always by widower Phil and his wife Marjorie (Chang), a past ICHS student also. For myself, this year has been one full of anniversaries, those temporal milestones of happy events that we recognize as particularly important. For example, 2008 is the year of my 25th wedding anniversary and my parents' 50th. It is very traditional to celebrate the "hatchings, matchings and dispatchings" of friends and family, but how wonderful it is to gather with old girls, friends and family to celebrate a common bond of shared faith, education and upbringing. I thoroughly enjoyed the event, as I am sure did many others.

"Long ago" friends I saw this time were Rosemarie (Scott) Chen with whom I went to school and have not spoken in 32 years, Natalie McLeod, Michelle (Turok), and (Auntie) June Chong. Other notable guests were Ann Marie (Reid) Bonner, Consul General of Jamaica and herself ICHS alum and Most Hon. Glynne Manley, widow of former PM Michael Manley.

Kudos and congratulations to Kati Sani, Yvonne Lyew, Ina Williams and the many other old girls in the organizing committee for a wonderful and beautifully executed anniversary bash. I'm looking forward to the next do.....



Former ICHS Head Girl (1990-2008)

Katy Sani wrote to Sister Angella.... It is with a heavy heart that I send you this message from the Toronto Chapter of the ICHS Alumnae Association.



Pia Phillips

We are deeply saddened by the death of your head girl,

Pia Phillips, and are extremely distressed by the events surrounding her untimely death. We are praying for her family and ask that you extend our heartfelt condolences to them. What a dreadful loss. To the teachers, students and entire ICHS community, we, your extended family here in Canada, know that there are no words that can comfort you in this time of great loss but we hope and pray that God will strengthen you to come to terms with this tragedy.

ICHS AA TORONTO CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP GRANT RECIPIENT DAVID COLLINS

David Collins, son of Dianne Berry from the 1978 graduating class of ICHS, is 18 years old and currently living in Waterloo, Ontario where he attends the University of Waterloo full time in the new Bachelor of Knowledge Integration program. With his Bachelor of Knowledge Integration degree, (an arts and sciences program specifically designed by the university to accommodate students that have little idea what



they would like to do with their future but have a wide range of interests and skills to work with) David hopes to one day channel one of his

many varying interests in history, architecture, science, sports, technology, cooking, and people, into a career. David enjoys spending time with family and friends and will never say no to a plate of green banana with ackee and saltfish.





Upcoming Events



*Immaculate Conception High School Alumnae Association
Toronto Chapter*

Please join us as we celebrate the
Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the congregation

Sunday December 7th, 2008 at Noon

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
14 Highgate Drive, Markham, Ontario
(off Steele Avenue, North at Birchmount)

Our pot-luck Luncheon follows immediately in the Church Hall

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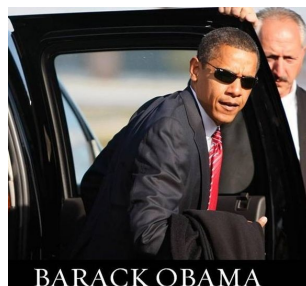
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Our 30th Anniversary Luncheon





SCHOLARSHIP GRANT FROM THE TORONTO CHAPTER

Applications are sought from children and grandchildren of dues paying members of the ICHS AA Toronto Chapter who will be, or are, currently attending a tertiary institution in Canada.

Consideration will be given to persons who are well rounded – in athletics, academics and community involvement.

The award will be granted to a person who the panel of judges feels will make a meaningful contribution to society.

All applications are reviewed by an independent selection committee.

Applications, which may be downloaded from our website, are available from any of our Committee members. You may also request a copy by contacting us at our Email address: ichsaatoronto@gmail.com



Gloria & Eddie Ho Shue at ICHS Latin Fever Dance Feb 3, 2007



A special Remembrance

Eddie Ho Shue

1933 – 2008

By *Ina Williams*

On May 13, 2008 we bade a final farewell to one of our honorary old boys, Eddie Ho Shue. No, he did not attend ICHS, but he was smart enough to marry an ICHS grad, Committee member, Gloria Ho Shue.

A Munro College alumnus, active sportsman and social butterfly, Eddie is deserving of our acknowledgement because of all the tremendous help he gave to our Toronto Chapter over 28 years, and additionally, for the pleasant manner and willing heart with which he helped. He was at all our functions helping to set up, clean up, tend bar, picking up beer, selling tickets and was always a seating host at our dances.

From the first time that Gloria volunteered him to help, he never stopped! Even when Gloria was not a sitting member of the Management Committee, he helped. When his health deteriorated, he brought along his son, Darryl, to help. Eddie also loved to dance. Whenever I wanted the lowdown on a community dance there were only two couples I knew I could call – Eddie and Gloria was one. Eddie, thanks for the support, the helping hand, the quiet smiles, the memories. May you live on in the Light of Christ forever. Our sincere sympathies and prayers to Gloria and the family.

Dr. Herbert Ho Ping Kong Honoured

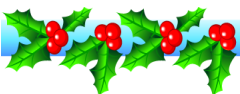
In September the Jamaican Chinese community in Toronto once again honoured one of their own with the 'You Make Us Proud Award'. This year's recipient is Dr. Herbert Ho Ping Kong, (husband of Dr. Barbara (Lee) Ho Ping Kong) an ICHS alumna. About 300 people including friends, colleagues in the medical profession and family attended. Dr. 'Herbie' was celebrated as an innovative, creative medical trailblazer and for his ground-breaking achievements in sickle cell anaemia, renal and heart failure and other aspects of internal medicine.

A graduate of St. George's College and the University of the West Indies, it is estimated that Dr. Ho Ping Kong has trained and taught approximately 6,000 doctors.....some from the Caribbean and most from Canada.

ICHS joins in with the community to say.....Dr. Ho Ping Kong you make us proud also



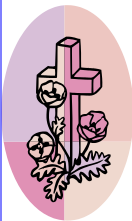
Dr(s). Barbara & Herbie Ho Ping Kong



Prayers and Condolence are extended

Announcements

to the families of ...



Simm-DeGazon, Kieron – son of alumna Jacqueline Simm
Kieron had decided to move on to a better place. He passed away peacefully on October 7th, 2008 amongst his family. He was diagnosed with A-T at 8 years old, (see www.atcp.org for more info).

Wong Loy, Allan—Passed away peacefully on May 10, 2008—Father-in-law of Sadie and father of Trevor Wong; daughters Marlene Dunphy (Seattle), and Sheila Chin Lenn (Florida). He also leaves behind other children to mourn their loss.

ALEXANDER, Phyllis - Phyllis, aged 88, died peacefully on October 18, 2008 at Centenary Hospital after a lengthy illness. Beloved mother of Beverly Valentine and Mary Ann Alexander. Grandmother of Deborah, Christopher and Mark and eight great-grandchildren. Phyllis was the Administrative Secretary of St. George's College in Kingston, Jamaica for 35 years before coming to Canada.

Lopes, Whylic - Jamaican Music Icon - Pianist of jazz fame passed away yesterday (Sunday November 9/08) in Cayman Islands where he has lived for the past years. Mr. Lopez was 96 years old. He leaves behind wife Edna; son 'Chunky' Lopez of Caymans Golf Club, step daughter Deanna (Webster) Burke, is an ICHS alumni and friends.

Skipton: John Pierre, nephew, of Bev McLeod (Skipton), died on Tuesday, November 18, 2008. Our prayers go out to John Pierre's family and friends



Births -

Welcome to: Delan Martini Wong - grandson of Trevor and Sadie Wong came into the world on June 21, 2008 and his doing fine.



Congratulations!!



Andrew McAdam Wong of Nox Martial Arts Club in Markham, grandson of Trevor and Sadie Wong, gold medalist in the Canadian National Assn. Black Belt Championship in St. John, New Brunswick in July and bronze Medalist in the Pan American Youth Karate Championship in Santiago, Chili, in September. In October Andrew received an award from Frank Sharpetti, Mayor of Markham for his achievements .

Congratulations to Robbie Vernon (STGC Class of 1959) a past president of the STGC (Ontario Chapter) on his induction into the school's Hall of Fame in October. The citation read: "He is a founding Member in 1984 of the St. George's College Old Boys Association (Ontario Chapter), and a distinguished President from 2004 to 2006, he has worked tirelessly to promote and bring glory to the school. An inspiring contributor to Canadian community development, he has brought distinction to the Georgian tradition of service to others across Canadian communities." Well done Robbie.



Dr Yolanda Chan & Sir Kenneth Hall, Governor General of Jamaica



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