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A Blessed Easter to You and Your Family On February 22,2016 at approximately 2.30 p.m., we proudly launched our internet website: www.ichsaatoronto.com.

Over the past year, it became apparent to the executive committee that they needed a better way of communicating, attracting and connecting with fellow alumnae. We also found that there was reduce attendance to our main fund raising events due to schedule conflicts for one reason or the other. There was a need to communicate in a better way, which meant joining Social Media. It was now time to tweet, join

Facebook, and of course establish an informative website.

The communication committee under the leadership of Heather Bubb-Clarke brainstormed and gathered the necessary material to create such a website. After much deliberation and contemplating, Heather decided she would try her hand at creating it. Equipped and enthusiastic, here is what was developed:-

The site provides the names of the Executive and floor members; email addresses for the association, it's president and treasurer.

Information on why and how the chapter was established along with it's mandate and objectives.

Membership and the ability to pay your fees online using PayPal.

The chapter's current project "The Food and Nutrition Labs needs a Makeover" has a downloadable donation form which will assist you to give back to this worthy cause. "One, one coco full basket."

There are postings of upcoming events for the Toronto Chapter and others.

Newsletters from 2007 to present.

Scholarships we provide for Canadian students.

There is a tab called "Student life" which provides the names of students who have won scholarships with your contributions

There are links to our Alma Mater -Immaculate Conception High School website, as well as other Chapters and our brothers' alumni -STGC Old Boys.

There is information on the ICHS Hall of Fame and it's inductees. You have the ability to download the nomination form enabling you to nominate a fellow ICHS old girl who has contributed greatly to her school and community at large.

You may find yourself in our gallery which shows the photos of the various events we held over the past year.

That is not all, we have the ability to see how many people have visited our site. This tool will enable us to see if we have your interest and what categories appeal to you .

Periodically, there will be updates and material of interest added. We invite you to visit our website and let us know your comments and what you would like us to include in the near future. Write to us by going to the "Contact Us" tab, scroll down and type your comments, then send. We will love to hear from vou. Ladies, remember you may also visit our Facebook page and tweet us as well.

"Together we can achieve greatness for all by giving back to others."



## PAGE 2 President's Message



Dear Fellow Alumnae, The year 2015 was filled with deep sorrow, many challenges and much joy for your Toronto chapter executive committee family. Broken hearted, we prayed and watched helplessly as Jackie and

Derrick Lue battled then lost their daughter Carolyn. We pray that God will continue to comfort them as only He can.

The September 27th brunch was sold out 3 weeks before the event. The food and nutrition lab makeover project was launched at the brunch and raised the most funds at a single event in recent history. This was a big thrill for all of us. Heather Bubb-Clarke retired after almost 40 years of dedicated service to Scotiabank and transitioned into developing our

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social media and marketing material tickets for the annual dinner/ for all communication from the Toronto chapter.

Wedding bells filled the air as Alicia Martin married Matthew Gilmore.

God sent more babies to fill our homes with joy, as Paul and Joanne Haddad were blessed with their first grandchild, EMMA JULIETTE HAD-DAD, DAUGHTER OF SON CRAIG AND HIS WIFE CATALINA. Katy and Tony Sani welcomed granddaughter Elise Esmeralda Sani and Tony and I welcomed grandson Cole Emmanuel Kace Bethel.

Thank God for the hard work and dedication of this team as we share our life journey in His grace.

ICHS, since its inception in January 1858, provided students with excellent education as evidenced by the international success of many of our graduates. ICHS Alumnae and friends are crucial partners in providing financial assistance and support to the school and its faculty for the success of qualified students regardless of their financial means. Working together can make dreams a reality. Engagement of ICHS, its Alumnae and friends, has been our priority.

The key achievements of the ICHSAA (Toronto chapter) in 2015 are as follows:

COMMUNICATION AND MEMBER **ENGAGEMENT:** 

The Toronto chapter has worked diligently on improving communication. Heather Bubb-Clarke took on the challenge and developed and launched the amazing new ICHSAA (Toronto chapter) website and Facebook. This in addition to her design and production of our newsletter, new save the date cards, flyers and

dance, joint picnic, brunch and feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass and potluck lunch.

The Communications team of Alicia (Martin) Gilmore and Kim Morgan e-mail our general membership and friends scheduling 3 blasts per event. PROJECT 2015: Launch of ICHS Food and Nutrition lab makeover spearheaded by the Toronto Chapter has resulted in much excitement and communication between ICHSAA Chapters in Jamaica, Florida, Washington, New York, Europe and the international chapter. We anticipate that the success of a project of this magnitude will depend on close communication and united work of all chapters.

#### UPDATING OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY:

We finally have an "office". The purchase of a new computer and software has improved efficiency in accessing, compiling and updating financial and membership data, the procedures manual, and creating events checklists.

The procedures manual review is underway by Dianne Collins, Ina Williams and Sadie Wong. The new ICHSAA (Toronto Chapter) PO box mailing address eliminates the use of executive committee personal addresses for mail.

#### MEMBERSHIP IN AJAA:

Our chapter is now a member of the Alliance of Jamaican Alumni Associations, which will issue tax deductible receipts

for charitable donations made to ICHSAA Toronto Chapter. We also have access to reduced cost of liability Insurance for social events.

#### SISTER MAUREEN CLARE'S MESSAGE



May you experience within you-- the new life of the Risen Christ, the joy of His Resurrection and the Light of the One who is the Way! May you be filled with the Easter Peace that Christ gives to all who believe in Him!

Thank you for inviting me to send a message in your Easter Newsletter. It is good to be able to be in touch with you, our past students even in a small way. We all can be grateful to God that, for the most part, all of us continue to strive to pass on, **by our way of living**, the **Gospel values** learned at our Alma Mater. At this time it is difficult, because of the many secular influences that bear pressure on us from every side. With faith in the goodness of God and using our patron, Mary, our Immaculate Mother, as our role model, we will achieve our goal.

During this Year of Mercy, let us, more than ever, continue to be 'sisters' to each other in our Immaculate family, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNGER ONES, and at the same time, extend this kind of relationship to those with whom we interact in any way.

## AD ASTRA PER ASPERA. Love and blessings – Sister Maureen Clare Hall, O.S.F.



President's Message continued SOCIAL EVENTS: The team consisting of **Yvonne, Annette, Tanya, Joanne and Jan** did a fabulous job organizing the Annual dinner Dance in April , Joint Alpha, St GC picnic in August, an outstanding fun filled Brunch at Mongolian grill on Sept 27, 2015, and the December Mass and potluck lunch.

#### FINANCIAL ISSUES:

Katy Sani and Yvonne Lyew continue to work diligently and closely with ICHS faculty on providing scholarships, Food and nutrition lab project, Power of one and managing the finances of your Toronto chapter. ( Read the reports on these projects in this newsletter) Currently, the details are being worked out in establishing The G. Raymond Chang Food and Nutrition scholarship for \$1000. CAD, donated by Donette Chin Loy Chang.

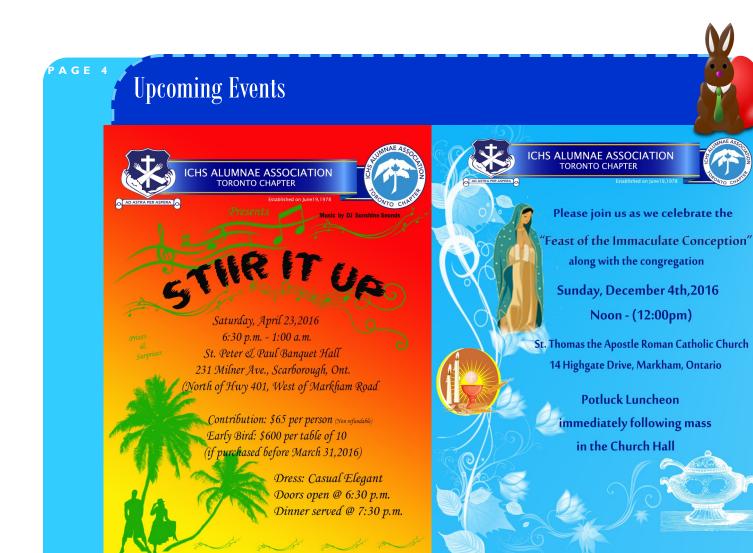
In closing, when I reflect on the challenges of past year with its key achievements, technological strides and ambitious launching of the F/N lab makeover project, I am in awe of this small team of talented, dedicated women who work together as your executive committee to support ICHS and its faculty for student success. They model the school motto of AD ASTRA PER ASPERA.

Carol Case



Donette Chin Loy and Carol Case







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Proceeds to support Scholarships and Food & Nutrition Lab Project

## Jamaica Dental Mission: A Project of Caring and Sharing By Dr. Justin Lyn PAGE 5



The Jamaica Dental Mission (JDM) is an annual dental mission trip based out of Montego Bay. JDM was founded in 2000 by Dr. Dwight McLeod, a Jamaican dentist who graduated from Howard University and is a professor at Southern Illinois University. Every year in July,

a group of volunteers consisting of dentists, pharmacists, and students set up clinics in the underserved communities of Kew Park, Cambridge, and Flankers. Dental services provided include extractions, cleanings, fillings, root canals, sealants, and denture repairs.

This was my 4th consecutive year attending JDM. I started in 2012 as a dental student, and this year I accepted the responsibility of overseeing the Cambridge clinic as a lead dentist. This year, a total of 38 students, 14 dentists, 3 dental hygienists, 3 pharmacists, and 14 other volunteers all contributed to the mission being a great success, as we were able to treat 1,138 patients in the 4 days of clinic operations. It gives me a great sense of pride to not only help guide the students in their training, but also to provide service to so many Jamaicans who would not have access to dental care otherwise.

Over the years, JDM has seen a growing trend of performing more fillings and cleanings instead of extractions, with a particular focus on helping young children keep their new permanent teeth. This trend is due to the introduction of several high speed drills and ultrasonic cleaning devices at each clinic. This is an important trend which I hope to continue in the years to come.

One long-term goal of JDM is to build a new clinic in Kew Park (where JDM originated) in order to give the Jamaican people year-round access to dental care, rather than just the 4 days a year we are there. This is a lofty goal which will require a significant amount of time, effort, and resources. If you would like to help support this cause, please visit our official fundraising website at www.gofundme.com/ jamaicadentalmission. All funds raised will go towards the construction of this new clinic, as well as supplies needed for the clinics to function during our mission trip each year.

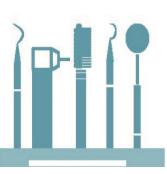
#### About the author:

Dr. Justin Lyn is a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation dentist who graduated from Howard University College of Dentistry in 2013. He currently works alongside his father and mother, Dr. Herman Lyn Jr. and Diane Lyn (ICHS class of '65), in his hometown of Toronto, Ontario. Justin's grandfather and uncle, Dr. Herman Lyn Sr. and Dr. Gerard Lyn, were also dentists. His aunt, Marguerite Chinn (class of '67), also regularly participates in JDM. Justin is the grandnephew of Sister Jean Francis.

Justin's proud parents Dr. Herman Lyn Jr. and Diane Lyn (ICHS class of '65)



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## Asian-Caribbean Fusion

**By Tanya Hugh** Vice President

Brunch at the Mongolian Grill was a fabulous event and was a great success in raising funds to save the food and nutrition labs....East meets West!!! It was a full house, sold-out event. The food was tasty and plentiful...there was something to satisfy everyone's

palate. Our President Carol Case did a great job as MC. The afternoon flew by with steel band music entertainment by Pappy-one man band, skit performed by Marcia Brown, fashions from Melanie Lyne, modeled by our own committee members and singing by Larry



and Pat Chung. Thanks for putting together a great entertainment lineup Annette Wong. I'll say...they sure modeled like super models. Many headed to Melanie Lynn after the event to make their fashion purchases. The feedback was all great and all agreed that the venue was central and there was excellent company to labrish the afternoon away. The Toonie Toss lead by our ICHS men Tony Case and Mike Martin was a big hit. Katy Sani announced the kick-off to our campaign of raising donations to fund the refurbishing of the ICHS Food and Nutrition labs in Jamaica. What a kickoff it was... it was an amazing kickoff to start off our long road ahead of us. Big thanks to Tony Sani who made a substantial donation to kick off our campaign. Many familiar faces were to be seen and some new ones as well. Lots of catching up was to be had and tons of laughter filled the room and lots of photo opportunities. Many thanks to the entire committee team members, you all did an excellent job. A big thanks to all our supporters and donors , we look forward to seeing you all at this year's event.





Sister Maureen Clare Hall, O.S.F. A Photography Journal on Our Blessed Principal and Mentor



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## PROJECT 2014 AND BEYOND.... SAVE THE FOOD AND NUTRITION LABS



"How important is the FN programme at ICHS? Your little sisters who just began their high school life this September would already have met the FN labs. It is a compulsory subject for students in grades 7 and 9 (first and third

forms). At the barest minimum they learn the importance of nutrition and the need to make healthy choices." Sr. Angella.

We have been working diligently to get this project off the ground but like a young bird learning to fly we have been off to a slow start and like that young bird, with your help, we will eventually soar.

Since we first heard of the need for the upgrade of the Food and Nutrition Labs at ICHS in 2013 the condition of the labs continue to deteriorate - More cupboard doors are missing, more Formica is lifted, more tiles are cracked, fewer sinks are working. Nonetheless the students continue to produce excellent work with what they have... what an amazing life lesson... Well why doesn't the Government help we ask... because ICHS is an elite school and there are many schools with far greater needs than the updating of the food and nutrition labs so we need to help...

#### Progress update

Through one of the members of our executive we were able to contact an alumna in Jamaica, Architect Guila Bernal who has kindly accepted the challenge of designing a new Food and Nutrition Lab. The original blue prints for the current labs have been located and are now in Guila's capable hands. We anticipate receiving the design in due course. Once we have the design, we will then need to consult a quantity surveyor to give us an estimate of the overall cost which will become our target.

IN THE MEANTIME WE WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT MONEY as the needs are many that include, stainless steel counters, handwashing stations, stoves, refrigerators, pots and pan, utensils a large monitor/TV and the list goes on.

#### **Our Campaign**

Since our last newsletter, we have had the official launch of the Save the Labs Campaign at The Mongolian Grill Luncheon in September 2015. A wonderful afternoon was had by all and we feel that it was a resounding success as the event raised in excess of \$3000.

To date our Campaign has raised over **\$ 16,000 through** donations:





#### Joseph and Norma LaHaye (Jervis 1942) donated \$1000.00

Tax Receipts were issued for donations over \$20.00 through the Association of Jamaican Alumnae Associations. Whereas we need more Gold and silver donors we are truly appreciative of every coco received.

To Alumnae and friends that contributed, thank you for making the ICHS Food and Nutrition Labs one of your charities for 2015.....

To Alumnae that have not yet contributed we have started a new year and we ask that you consider the Labs for your 2016 Charity. The fund now has approximately \$19,000 in it so you can see that we still have a long way to go. With your help we can do it.

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## TO: ICHS Alumni (Canada Chapter) FROM: HERONA THOMPSON

I would whole-heartedly like to thank God and thank the Alumni for selecting me as the recipient of the St. James Vincent Award in 2011 at the Immaculate Conception High Prize Giving. It was an exciting three years as a student of the University of the West Indies who has now graduated with First Class Honours majoring in Geology and minoring in Environmental Chemistry. I enjoyed my three years not only as an academic, but also as the Public Relations Officer of the UWI Geological Society and as a multi-portfolio member of the UWI Geographical Society, the Vice President of the Bethel Baptist Youth Chorale, as well as other things.



Receiving the Sr. James Vincent Award in 2011

The scholarship I was awarded has done a lot for me and others. It allowed me to pursue my studies and motivated me to strive for excellence, which resulted in me receiving other scholarships. It has also allowed me to giving back, as I used some of the money to create the *Herona Thompson Award for Excellence* at Immaculate Conception High School for a high achieving, interactive student, which is now in its third



Second recipient of the Herona Thompson Award – Selena Salmon















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SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Our annual scholarships and awards totaling \$2400.00 have been funded by proceeds from our dance There were no applicants for the Canadian Scholarship of \$1000.

#### ICHS Graduation/Prize Giving 2015 :

Loveena Steadman	(correction)
Jheanelle Owens & Dayna	Palmer
Imani Hemmings	(correction)

- The Sr. James Vincent Scholarship- \$10- The Lisa Narcisse Award- \$2- The Sr. James Vincent Award- \$2

Currently I am working with the Petroleum

and may God continue to bless you

and what the Alumni

Herona Thompson

continues to do for

Immaculate girls.

Corporation of Jamaica as a Core Logger (Geologist)

and just want to say again thank you for everything

- \$1000.00 - \$ 200.00 - \$ 200.00

We have not yet disbursed funding for students that need our help with school and exam fees for the current academic year as we are waiting for the Bursar to send us required information.

Respectfully submitted by Cathrine (Katy) Sani Treasurer

(Please note correction - amendment bolded)

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Feast of the Immaculate Conception –Dec, 2015



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## SCHOLARSHIP GRANT FOR CANADIANS

### SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

Applications are sought from children and grandchildren of dues paying members of the ICHS AA Toronto Chapter who are Canadian residents and are / or will be attending a college or university in Canada.

Consideration will be given to candidates who are well rounded in athletics, academics and community involvement not only candidates with the highest grades.

The Scholarship Grant will be awarded to the individual who the selection committee decides will make a meaningful contribution to society. All applications will be reviewed by an independent selection committee.

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

Deadline - June 30, 2016



### 2008 ICHS Scholarship Recipient – David Collins

David graduated with honours from the University of Waterloo in 2014, majoring in Knowledge Integration, and with a minor in Classics. He was the elected President of the Federation of Students at the University of Waterloo for a one year period from 2013 to 2014 - an amazing full time opportunity that provided significant experience in managing a business. David has been working as a Business Technology Analyst at Deloitte Canada since June 2015. He is very appreciative to the ICHS Alumnae Association Toronto Chapter for the Scholarship funds that allowed him to purchase additional educational resources during his first two years in university

**David Collins** 



Simone Ostrowski



**Gabrielle Chen** 

### 2012 ICHS Scholarship Recipient – Simone Ostrowski

Simone Ostrowski is an associate with Koldorf Stam LLP, a law firm downtown Toronto. She practices labour, employment, human rights and occupational health and safety law. Simone obtained her Juris Doctor from Queen's University in 2013. In law school, Simone was awarded the David Sabbath course prize in Human Rights Law, and was on the Dean's List for the academic years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. Upon graduation, Simone received the Law Society of Upper Canada Award for Outstanding Achievement in Legal Studies, awarded to the top 15 graduating students from each law school in Ontario.

#### 2013 ICHS Scholarship Recipient – Gabrielle Chen

Medicine has been my unwavering dream and passion since childhood. Since being a recipient of the Scholarship Grant from ICHS AA Toronto Chapter I have completed an Honors Specialization in Medical Sciences at the University of Western Ontario. This degree has confirmed science as my focal interest, expanded my knowledge and fortified my passion of becoming a physician.

During my time at Western I immediately got involved with my new community joining Pre-Medical Society, Caribbean Student Organization and Black Student Association. In Caribbean Student Organization I was able to participate in modelling and dancing to provide cultural awareness. I was also an Executive Member in the Teaching Awards Committee responsible for counting votes, evaluating professors' performances, presenting awards and honour rolls. Lastly I was a facilitator in The Violence Prevention Program where each semester I travelled to high schools in the Thames District Valley School Board and conducted interactive classroom presentations on violence prevention, mainly focusing on bullying and abusive relationships. I am a very passionate and active member of my community, as I take extreme pride and joy in knowing that I can connect with other community members and positively impact their lives. During the summers, I was part of the recreational team at The Woodhaven Long Term Care Residence running activities, such as bingo, for the elderly. At Partners In Health Clinic I job shadowed a physiotherapist. I also had the privilege of assisting in the 4th Annual Endoscopic Simulation Course run by The University of Toronto. Currently I am in my second semester at St. George's University School of Medicine working towards completion of a medical doctorate. The thought that dedicating my life as a physician can positively impact someone else's life and serve humanity in an intimate and impactful way, will continue to motivate me towards achieving my dream.

# Gone too Soon

## Prayers and Condolence are extended to the families of ...

**Carolyn Lue** passed away on August 4,2015 - Daughter of our Secretary Jackie and Derrick Lue, Sister of Craig and Melissa

Lucie Bourke passed away peaceful on Nov. 26,2015, She was the proud and loving wife of John for 67 years. Mother of Doreen (Solomons), Winsome (deMercado) and Nigel. Grandmother of Victoria, Kieran, Stephanie and Colin. Mother-in-law of Julian Solomons, Lionel deMercado and Renee Morin. Sister of Marguerite McDaniel, Mary Mitchell, Rosie Overton, Charlie Doran, Peter Doran and Egie Doran

**Carole Audrey Stephens** (nee Wright) Class of '55 passed on January 26, 2016 leaving family and friends.

Edward George Chang died on Oct.30.2015 leaving brother Eddie and sister-in-law Ina and other family member and friends

Kenrick Ho Tom (Karen Lue Tam's brother) passed away Sept.14,2015 after a short illness. May he rest in peace

# CONGRATULATIONS



Wedding bells filled the air as Alicia Martin married Matthew Gilmore.





**Beverly McLeod** (nee Skipton) Class of 54 Passed away on Nov. 12,2015 after a long illness. She is pre-deceased by her husband Aubrey and second daughter Natalie. Leaving daughters, Bridgit Parchment (Ronald) and Helena Pinnock (Roger) and other family members and friends

**Ray Chen**: The island of Jamaica and the Chinese Jamaican community in Toronto have lost one of their most notable photographers who passed away on Feb. 7,2016. He is survived by his beloved wife, Linette, son Rick, daughter Stephanie, son-in-law, Jerry, four grandchildren, brother, Roger and sister, Lilly as well as other relatives and extended family and friends. Rest in Peace Ray, you will be greatly missed.

Happy Easter

# Welcome little Ones

Congratulation to **Debbie and Wendell Chin** on the birth of their 1st grandchild on Nov 18,2015. Her name **Kaia Jade** 

Happy Easter!



Tony and Carol Case welcomed #3 Grandson Cole Emmanuel Kace Bethel





Katy and Tony Sani welcomed granddaughter Elise Esmeralda Sani



Remember to pay your Dues ... Only \$25 per year.

Please note: Effective January 1, 2017 — Membership fees will be \$30. Out of touch with class mates? Join Facebook



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