



SENIOR GUYANESE FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

- by Joan McLean

GREETINGS AND PEACE TO ALL OF YOU!

As I sit here in front of my computer, it is quiet all around me. It is a nice time to reflect on life, its joys and its sorrows. Why not grab a beverage of your choice, pull up a chair and join me? How are you?

It is January 2009, freezing cold out there but we have a newsletter that is worth the wait. We hope you enjoy the "news" as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

2008 has been a remarkable year – our 35th year of existence. There are few organizations who could boast such longevity. The events we staged or participated in are well documented in the reports of the VP, Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator of Activities, VP Public Relations and the hosts of the Christmas dinner.

The year in review proved to be a hectic one not without its challenges. We had our annual Family brunch, Parent Day Party, Pot Luck dinner, Camp SAGOE, Bazaar and Craft Sale and the Christmas Dinner/Dance and each one in its own right was successful.

Everyone reading this newsletter knows what it takes to plan and implement all of these functions with voluntary service. We seek your suggestions and assistance in an effort to keep the association vibrant and to render it more effective.

We need to work in partnership with you to build a strong association. In my opinion, the priority of this group is

Membership and how to increase it. While I agree that the SGFA is not the only priority in our lives, I encourage all of you to find time for greater participation and involvement. Come out on Saturdays to meetings; take part in the choir; sign up for day trips; get involved in group discussions. Let us hold true to our objectives.

We offer a special welcome to all new members. We are looking forward to serving and working with you and to your contributions in terms of enthusiasm and expertise.

We extend greetings and warm wishes to our membership who could no longer join us for weekly events but they reach out to us and are in touch on a regular basis.

I would like to thank all members of the SGFA. Thanks to members of the Executive and Auxiliary Committees for their hard work and dedication. Thank you to our many volunteers whether they are serving, delivering flowers, playing music, selling tickets at our fundraisers or just being there supporting whatever the initiative.

Finally, thanks to all of you for allowing me the privilege of serving as President these past two years. I offer a special thank you to all of you, to family and to friends for your support.

God bless!

2010 TRIP TO GUYANA

Some members of our Organization have expressed a keen interest in a group visit to our Native Land Guyana. The Executive Committee has begun to make initial enquiries with a view to carrying out this venture in 2010.

Please come to the Annual General Meeting prepared to have a short discussion on Our Trip to Guyana.

Planning arrangements will commence only on the basis of the enthusiasm and commitment of members, their families and friends.



CAMPING AT BARK LAKE - 2008

-by Doreen (Fern) Bovell

The date was Friday, August 24, 2008. Barack Obama, having defeated Hilary Clinton in the 2008 USA election primaries, was very close to revealing the name of his Vice President. I would have liked to be at home to see this event unravel on TV, but going to camp with members of the Senior Guyanese Friendship Association was more important and exciting.

This was the Association's second trip to the Bark Lake Leadership Centre in Haliburton. My belief is that unless a special event is coated in chaos and confusion, that event will not leave a lasting impression. Well, on the morning of August 24th there was no lack of chaos, confusion, surprises and impatience. The bus was supposed to make its first pick-up at the Flemingdon Resource Centre by 8:30 a.m. However, through some sort of miscommunication, the driver went instead to the second pick-up location in Pickering where pick-up time was scheduled for 9:00 a.m. He therefore had to make a mad dash to the Flemingdon Centre, pick up the pondering campers (who were surprised at the sight of the "Baby Doll" bus) then make another mad dash to the Pickering Town Centre to pick up the remaining campers. Everyone arrived safely at the camp, although a bit late, and enjoyed the lovely lunch that was prepared and waiting for us.



At the Welcome Reception, we met our Camp Director, Bonnie and Camp Leader, Laurel. This was followed by information handouts and room allocations. As the hours and days went by, we participated in the following events:

- **Nature Walks:** Camp Leader Laurel conducted a treasure hunt and provided educational insights on some of the plants and flowers, including poison ivy. One walk took us to a lovely beach with a number of female sunbathers.
- **Boat Cruise on MV Macuria:** Camp Director Bonnie navigated us around the lake where we observed other resorts and people having fun. All campers had to wear life jackets before boarding the pontoon. The vast span of water, wedged in between beaches and trees that displayed an array of Fall colours, was a scenery worth capturing on canvas.
- **Exercise Sessions** were conducted by our own Joan Pollard who had her hands full trying to get the kinks out of some campers...especially me.
- **Church Service:** As usual, Sunday morning fellowship was conducted by Sherma Mitchell, with the assistance of Bernice Davis.
- **Painting/Art:** As was expected, Mandy Brewster used her charm and patience to successfully get campers to produce creative and spectacular paintings. E-Bay here we come.
- **Games:** Added to the regular card and dominoes indoor activities, campers enjoyed outdoor sessions of horse shoe throwing, water balloon tossing, cricket, and tug-o-war. Of course, our noise and jubilation attracted spectators from the camp.
- **Campfire/Sing-a-long:** In addition to our regular sing-a-long and story telling sessions, Joan Pollard, Bernice Davis and Fern Bovell presented their version of "The View". Did you know that fire under a glass can cure Narah...and a finger ring on a piece of string can predict the sex of an unborn baby? Warning: once you "tek in" you are not expected to survive.
- **Discussions, Reflections, Reminiscing:** These events drew lots of information and ideas from participants.
- **Camp Social:** Good music, dirty dancing and lots of edibles and drinks made this night a success.

We all had a great time and were happy to return to Toronto on Monday evening, August 24th in our 23 seater Datton Business Tours "Baby Doll" bus.

Yes, when Maxey Bullen and his lovely wife Myrna arrived for our camp social, they informed us that President Obama had identified Joe Biden as his Vice President.



Obituaries



Oswald Bentham
Eugenie Gardner
Ruby Headley
Sybil Husbands
Yvonne Hector
Doris McDonald
Vera Roberts
Dorothy Williams

May they rest in Peace

NAILS IN THE FENCE

There was once a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the fence.

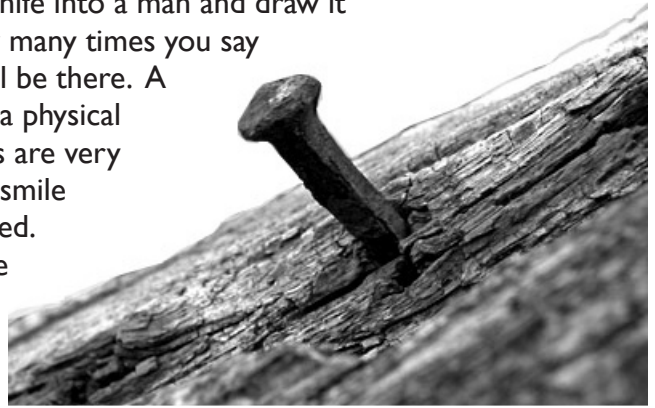
The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learnt to control his anger the number of nails hammered daily, gradually dwindled.

He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone.

The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, 'you have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife into a man and draw it

out but it won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry the wound will still be there. A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one. Remember that friends are very rare jewels. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed.

They lend an ear, they share words of praise and they always want to open their hearts to us.



Information on the "Shut-Ins"

The Executive and members have been keeping in touch with those members who can no longer come out to meetings and events.

Still in good spirits, Mrs. Bateman is now wheelchair bound.

Mrs. Paul is doing well.

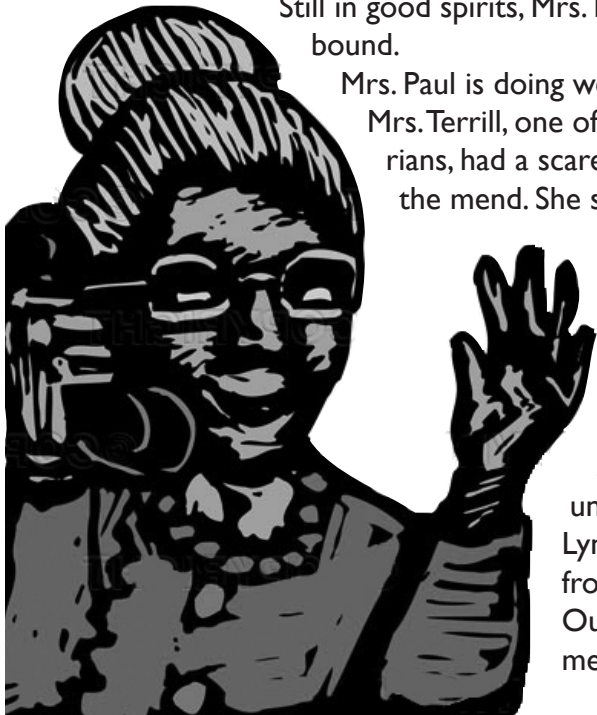
Mrs. Terrill, one of our many treasures and historians, had a scare earlier in 2008 and is now on the mend. She still talks of coming out to meetings in 2009.

We wish Camille DeRamos well as she has been in and out of hospital.

After spending some time in hospital, Mrs. Foderingham is at home recovering. She is still unable to attend events.

Lynette Philadelphia is recovering from knee surgery.

Our best wishes go out to these members.



A PRAYER FOR CHANGE

-by Agatha Schroeder

This is a wonderful season to change our life style;

To ask our Almighty to look down on us at this season and bless us

With everlasting blessing that will last for many years.

Dear God help us to live each day with new hope, new faith, peace and love. With God's help we will be able to overcome all obstacles that face us. This can also help us to establish a dynamic relationship with Him. Dear God teach us your way, and lead us on a level path, supply our every need according to how much you want us to have. Please watch over us day and night, and help us to believe in your abiding love.

Amen

COORDINATORS' REPORT

-by Joyce Tadege and Brnice Davis

Our year did not end with a 'Bang' as far as club activities went. We had one day- trip because we never seemed to have a quorum. We went to the Fort Erie races where Members enjoyed a tasty buffet lunch and played the horses and later, the slot machines. Most of them had never played the horses, but through trial and error came away with small profits. It was the same on the slots. Using the old adage 'you only live once' we decided to throw caution to the wind and enjoy ourselves.

*The Parents Day tea party was well attended. There were lots to eat. The Executive and volunteers served, it being a sit down affair. We thank Beverly Jones and Jennifer St. Aubyn for donating door prizes, which were handed out to members. We also thank Ingrid King for volunteering and assisting with the Queh-Queh cultural event. Una Valladares, Vice President

did an excellent job coordinating the party.

*As usual the 'Bring and Buy Sale,' organized by members who attend Saturday meetings, was a huge success.

*There were two speakers. On May 24, Julian Austin spoke on seniors' issues and members were enthusiastic and offered many questions. On June 14 we hosted a guest speaker from Canada Revenue Agency, Lyn Feeny, who gave a very interesting talk on pensions.

*The Saturday meetings are always enjoyable – with impromptu discussions, birthday celebrations, dominoes other games, crafts and exercise program.

We thank all members who participated in activities in 2008 and encourage more members to come out and meet in 2009.

Laughter is the best medicine

WE GUYANESE AIN'T STUPID

Their last meal

Three prisoners are waiting to be executed and they are asked what they wish to have for their last meal.

The Trinidadian responds, "A chicken roti"

They warden serves him his roti and then escorts him to his execution.

The Jamaican requests Jerk Pork. The warden serves him his jerk pork and then escorts him to his execution.

The Guyanese requests a bag of plums. The warden asks: "Plums???"

"Yes, plums" says the Guyanese. The warden replies, "but them outa season!"

"So?" replies the Guyanese. "I gwine wait...."



SENIORS

Everyone thinks seniors are senile.

An elderly couple was celebrating their sixtieth anniversary. The couple had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighborhood after they retired. Holding hands they walked back to their old school. It was not locked, so they entered, and found the old desk they had shared, where Andy had carved "I love you Sally"

On the way home, a bag of money fell out of an armored car, practically landing at their feet.

Sally quickly picked it up, but not sure what to do with it they took it home. There, she counted the money – fifty thousand dollars.

Andy said, "We've got to give it back"

Sally said, "finders keepers" She put the money back in the bag and hid it in their attic. The next day two FBI agents were canvassing the neighbourhood looking for the money and knocked on the couple's door.

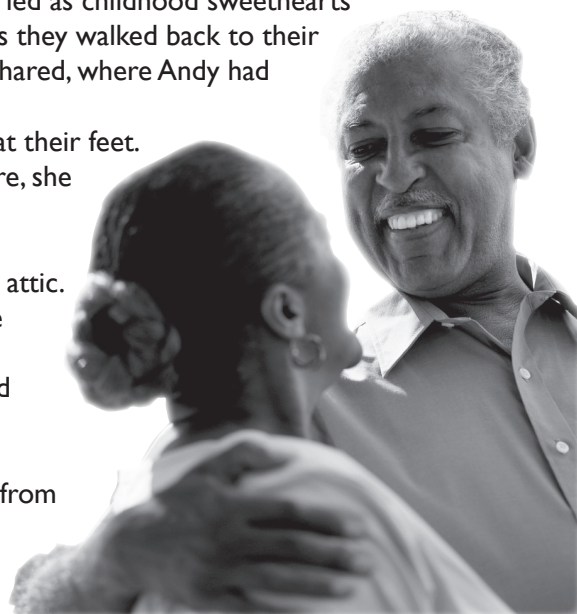
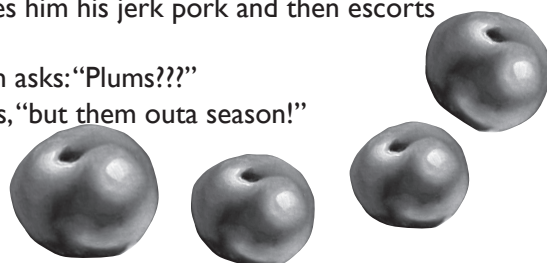
"Pardon me, but did either of you find a bag of money that fell out of an armored car yesterday?" Sally said, "no." Andy said, "She's lying. She hid it in the attic."

Sally said, "Don't believe him, he's in the beginning stages of Alzheimer's"

The agents turn to Andy and began to question him. One says, "Tell us the story from the beginning"

Andy said, "Well, when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday."

The first FBI guy turns to his partner and says, "We're outta here."



CHRISTMAS DINNER

The 2008 Christmas Dinner in celebration of our 35th was well attended; attendance was greater than at the 2007 dinner. The Executive welcomed members and guests and greeted them with a small gift. There was carol singing before dinner and everyone participated. Among the guests were special invitees, who brought greetings: The Honorary Consul General of Guyana Mr. Danny Doobay, Scarborough M.P.P., Mr. Bas Balkissoon, President of the Alliance of Guyanese Canadian Organizations Mr. John O'Dell and the Patron of the AGCO Mr. Frank Fernandes.

Mr. Doobay presented the Association with a Plaque to commemorate the occasion. He praised the founding members and Executive for their perseverance and dedication. Song-writer and performer Deidrey Francois and her singing partner entertained guests with melodious tunes, and Co-Mc Pluto Martindale brought peals of laughter with his funny anecdotes. The Treasurer, Jim Bovell presented the winners of the dominoes tournament with their trophies and Mrs. Sheila Gittens with the congeniality award. After dinner the President, Mrs. Joan McLean thanked guests and members for making the night so enjoyable. She expressed the hope that the Association would continue to function for many years. Then there was dancing – music provided by the One Man Band and DJ.



DOMINOES/GAMES AFTERNOON 2008

As always the seniors welcome the opportunity to indulge in friendly competition with their friends and associates. It gives them a chance to match their skills, practice their sportsmanship and have some fun and excitement. This year the organization's annual "Games Day" was held on August 12 at the Flemington Resource Centre, and again it was an afternoon of fun and enthusiasm.

Dominoes Tournament

This year 12 players both men and women participated in the exciting tournament, completing 2 rounds of play. The competition was as in the past, friendly and exciting, and in the end when the count was tallied there were 2 players in first place with 17 points and 2 players in second place with 15 points.

We therefore decided to award trophies to these 4 talented players:

James Bovell Sr	<i>1st place</i>
Carmen Brewster	<i>1st place</i>
Sybil Cumberbatch	<i>2nd place</i>
Barbara Wong	<i>2nd place</i>



A special thank you to the stewards – Maxey Bullen and George Mclean – who did a splendid job officiating at the tournament

BINGO

As in the past years there was no shortage of players for this year's games. Those who did not participate in the dominoes competition again tried their luck with the numbers and many came away as winners, as evidenced by the thrilling exclamations of "Bingo" as the number of the winning ball was called. They had a fantastic time

Let us again look forward to a year of good fun and sportsmanship.



Mrs. Nichols Turns 100 November 14th

Congratulations go out to Mrs. Clarabel Nichols who celebrated her 100th birthday on November 14, 2008. A party in honour of the grand occasion was held by the family and some of Mrs. Nichols friends from the SGFA attended.

In the Kitchen

Shortbread Cookies

-by Una Valladares

- 1 cup icing sugar
- 2 ½ cups flour
- 1 lb. Butter
- ½ cup cornstarch
- ½ cup rice flour
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 egg yolk



- Cream butter until light
- Add vanilla and egg yolk
- Sift all dry ingredients together and add to butter mixture
- Blend until smooth
- Place in 9x12 pan and bake at 300 for 20 to 30 minutes until edges are lightly browned or top is a little firm.

Coffee Filters

-by Amy Thompson

If you only use your coffee filters in your coffee maker you are missing out on their almost unlimited potential. You can buy 1,000 at the dollar store for almost nothing so why not try them all over the house?

1. Cover bowls or dishes when cooking in the microwave.
2. Clean windows and mirrors. Coffee filters are lint free so they'll leave windows sparkling.
3. Protect china. Separate your good dishes by putting a coffee filter between.
4. Filter broken cork from wine. If you break the cork when opening a wine bottle, filter the wine through a coffee filter.
5. Protect a cast iron skillet. Place a coffee filter in the skillet to absorb moisture and prevent rust.
6. Apply shoe polish.
7. Recycle frying oil. After frying, strain oil through a sieve lined with a coffee filter.
8. Hold tacos. Coffee filters make convenient wrappers for messy foods.
9. Stop the soil from leaking out of a plant pot. Line a plant pot with a coffee filter to prevent the soil from going through the drainage holes.
10. Do you think we used expensive strips to wax eyebrows? Use strips of coffee filters.
11. Put a few in a plate to soak up grease from fried foods.
12. Keep in the bathroom. They make great "razor nick fixers"

**OH YEAH THEY ARE GREAT TO USE IN
YOUR COFFEE MAKERS**

My Guyana Quiz

Answers on page 8

1. The first railway, on the South American Continent, from Georgetown to Plaisance was built in _____ by the British.
2. In what year was the Georgetown tramways Company and the British Guiana Light and Power Companies bought by The Demerara Electric Company?
3. Who built the wide streets in Georgetown with canals down the middle?
4. The _____ covered those canals with promenades.
5. The Georgetown Tramways closed at the end of _____ after 29 years of operation.
6. The Rupununi uprising took place in _____.

Activity Calendar 2009

Meeting Place • Flemingdon Resource Center • 29 St. Denis Drive, Toronto • 2nd. Floor

- March 21 - Annual general Meeting/gym
- March 28 - Opening day (Saturdays) to November 21
- May 9 - Parents Day Tea Party/gym
- June 20 - Seniors Bring and Buy Sale/gym
- July 25 - Pot Luck Dinner/gym
- Aug. 8 - Family Picnic
Aug. 8 or 22

- Aug. 15 - Games Afternoon/
Dominoes tournament/gym
- Sept. 26 - Annual Bazaar and Bake
Sale/gym

Special Events

- Apr. 26 - Annual family brunch
Rembrandt Banquet Hall
930 Progress Ave.

- Oct. 24 - Annual Fall dance
Flippers Fish house
- Dec. 5 - Annual Christmas Dinner
Rembrandt Banquet Hall
930 Progress Ave.

Members are asked to attend at least 3 events per year.

MY FOOT ON THE ESSEQUIBO – Letters from a visit to Guyana

May 27, 2008

Dear Sis, I'm in the beautiful land of Guyana. Girl, it is so beautiful and some smells remind me of Africa. Tell Mom the highway that leads to town is all nice and smooth. Bathurst Street holds nothing to it. So far I've seen the new Cricket Stadium, houses on stilts, beautiful new homes and cows.

May 28, 2008

Mom emailed me the words to 'O Beautiful Guyana' and I read it aloud at the internet café and everyone recited it with me.

Today I saw the house mom lived in on Middle Street. It's now a lovely white two-storey house with a balcony on the top floor. DaSilva is still beside it and the Empire Cinema is across from it except it's not a cinema anymore.

Earlier today I went to Twins Drug Store and had a nice chat with the folks there. Then, we

A GUYANA HISTORY

In 1848 the British built a railroad, 5 miles long, from Georgetown to Plaisance, which was the first railroad on the South American continent. The British later extended the line 60 miles and built another railroad west from Vreed-en-Hoop, on the other side of the Demerara River.

A street railway began carrying passengers in Georgetown in 1877. The line was acquired by Georgetown Tramways Company in 1880 and used vehicles built by John Stephenson Company in New York.

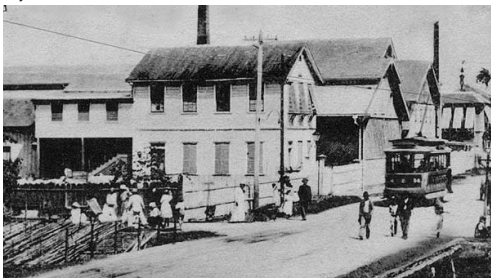
In 1899 a group of Canadian Industrialists, who had just built the electric tramway in Kingston, Jamaica, founded Demerara Electric Company and the British Electric Light & Power Company. Demerara Electric inaugurated its new tramway in Georgetown on 25 February 1901.

The Dutch laid wide streets in Georgetown with canals in the center, a la cities in the Netherlands. The British covered the canals with promenades and there was plenty of room for tram tracks on the side.

The Georgetown tramway closed at the end of February 1930, after 29 years of operation. It was one of the earliest abandonments of a major electric tramway in the Americas.

"Tramways of Georgetown British Guiana"

-by Allen Morrison



A tram shown on Lombard Street looking North, Georgetown, Demerara

went to tea.

We went to Bourda market and Bookers. I got some great pictures of the amazing Brickdam Cathedral and bought a green calabash with a hummingbird carved on it. Later, we had some coconut water by the sea wall.

Delicious fruit. You should taste the mangoes, papaya, okra, avocado, this huge grapefruit like fruit. The salt fish with wholewheat bakes are to die for. You should taste the curry chicken and dalpouri. Mmmm... sapodilla... pineapple, mango achar... mangos.

May 29, 2008

On Thursday I went for a walk in the neighbourhood and in two turns I was lost. I found this tire store Terry and I had gone to and called Uncle Courtney. After some confusion they found Terry who came to pick me up. Auntie Joy was worried.

We went to the National Gallery. It is nice. Just a little dusty. It was nice seeing the work by artists like Stanley Greaves.

Today I confirmed a trip to Kaiteur Falls. I'm going tomorrow. We went to Kingalee where Gran is from. It was dark when we arrived. The houses here are developed a bit (there are some really beautiful homes in Guyana). We met a neighbour who Mom and Auntie Joy went tripping with ten years ago. He's cool. He was living in NY and came back to grow rice – feed/save the world and make some money. He invited us to return and spend some time with him and he would show us the "real Guyana".

We got back to Georgetown and sat on the seawall again and ate veggie burgers. I took some pictures on the rocks and tried to get some of lovers chilling by the seawall.

Tomorrow morning at 8am I leave for The Falls. I'll go for a walk at 5:00AM if it isn't raining. When it rains here, it rains hard. Fortunately, it has been raining during the night, which makes for a cooler morning and a glorious sun-filled day.

May 30th, 2008

I got up, showered and was picked up at around 8:15 for my trip to Kaiteur and Orinduik Falls. At the airport we boarded a tiny plane with five other folks and flew over the falls. I took beautiful pics.

Amazing. Not only the plane ride with the dips and the realization of how small we were in that big sky. It was so beautiful. Guyana is so beautiful. The land is mostly dense areas of trees that look like broccoli from above. I could see the sections where rice is grown, the slim lines of rivers and the mountainous areas from the sky. It is a great way to see the country.

When we arrived at Kaiteur, I was shocked! Kaiteur is immense I couldn't believe it.



Everyone on the trip was snapping like crazy from the plane as we flew around it. We landed somewhere in the interior where we met the tour leader, Gibson. He told us about the plants, flowers, trees, little gold glowing frogs that live in plants making loud sounds, and carry a narcotic stronger than cocaine. In the jungle there are carnivorous plants they suck in flying insects and turn them into sand. We walked a while then we were brought to a spot where we could see the Thunderous falls. We stayed admiring, chatting.

We went back to the plane, then flew to Orinduik falls where we walked out to these slippery stones and sat in the falls letting the water fall on us, in our hair...sigh...sigh. Then back to Georgetown.

June 3, 2008

Flying in the morning.

As I sit here I feel like the mosquitoes are feasting. I leave for home tomorrow and I am so glad I came. Guyana is an amazingly beautiful place.

Today we went to the Heritage Museum. I learned so much about Guyana including its original name being Caribana and how it used to be Spanish and Portuguese Guiana. This museum is located in the home of a Guyanese man who had been living in England for seventeen years and returned home to establish this museum. He has collected so much stuff. It's also a bed and breakfast or a 'short term' place... ha!

I spent my last two days speed boating on the Essequibo River. Yesterday, we stopped at Bartica then took another speedboat on the Mazaruni river to Marshall Falls, obviously not as full as Kaiteur but still beautiful. The idea was to sit in it and bathe but it was too strong.

Today we stopped at Good Hope and dived into some interesting fruit then some wicked curry chicken and roti. We drove to Charity Village where we walked through a market. Then we tackled some of the worst roads on the face of the earth to a place called Mainstay. It sits on the shore, little cabanas.

On the way back we had coconut water and awarra fruit. We got back to Good Hope and took the speedboat back to Parika, then finally back to Georgetown.

I've finished packing, and now I'm writing you.

- Mandy

Senior Guyanese Friendship Association

Annual General Meeting – March 15, 2008 at 29 St. Denis Dr., Toronto

MINUTES

Chair – President, Joan McLean

The meeting opened with prayer.

Motion to amend the agenda was moved by Lucille Charles and seconded by Yvonne Lopes. The motion passed.

Minutes of 2007 AGM

Motion to adopt the minutes was moved by Daphne Devonish and seconded by Lorna Bayley. The motion passed.

President's Address

In her address to members the President asked members to remember the Shut-ins and the sick. She thanked the volunteers and all members for their hard work and dedication to the Association, and Una Valladares for her work representing the Association on the Alliance of Canadian Guyanese Organization. She also thanked members for their support of the Alliance and especially Winnifred Alleyne and Natilda Holmes for their monetary donation to the building fund. She challenged members to make extra efforts to support and help raise funds for the Alliance's cause.

The President introduced Myrna Bullen, Yvonne Lopes and Mr. Forde as coordinators of the senior's choir and introduced Yvonne Lopes as being responsible for the calling lists.

She told members that the progress of the Association was their responsibility and hoped that they would continue to be loyal and supportive in 2008. She reminded members that the Association will be celebrating our 35th anniversary, and asked for suggestions for the celebration.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented members

with copies of his report. He thanked members for their prompt payment of membership dues and reminded errant members of the importance of paying their dues. He said that dues still owing amounted to \$1,065.00.

Mr. Forde questioned the need for short-term deposits and the Treasurer explained that they were part of the Association assets and the term deposits were set aside to be used, only, if and when the Association falls short of capital. Mrs. Forde wanted an explanation for charging members \$15.00 for the Christmas Dinner since she feels that was the only free thing she got from the Association. The Secretary explained that members have not paid for their dinner for over thirty years and that the Association subsidizes many activities. Because of rising costs and the unwillingness of the Executive to further burden members with more fund raising and also trying to keep from increasing the ticket cost for the Family Brunch and Christmas Dinner we decided to ask that members pay \$15.00 for the Dinner. Members should note that the donation for both members and guests do not compensate for the cost of the Christmas Dinner.

The Treasurer then moved that the report be accepted and Cecil Moore seconded the motion.

Coordinators' report

The Coordinator of Activities reported that a trip to the Strawberry Festival was being planned. She also reported that the Family Brunch tickets were available and urged members to make a special effort to sell tickets. She thanked members for their support in 2007. The motion to accept the coordinator's report was

moved by Stella George and seconded by Sherma Mitchell.

Discussion

Lorna Bayley suggested a concert for 2008 and Daphne Devonish suggested that members donate looney or tooney every Saturday to help with fund-raising. The President promised that these suggestions would be considered at the next Committee meeting.

Joan Pollard moved that the meeting be adjourned and was seconded by Joyce Tadege.

Refreshments were served.

Answers to Quiz

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1. 1848
2. 1899
3. The Dutch
4. The British
5. 1930
6. 1969



FINANCE

A Financial Statement showing the details of the activities for the year will be presented at the

Annual General Meeting scheduled for March 21, 2009

Membership dues of \$20.00 for the year 2009, should be paid by June 30, 2009.

Please note that outstanding dues from prior years are also payable.

Senior Guyanese Friendship Association Executive Committee:

Joan McLean - President, Una Valladares - V/P Public Relations, Joyce Tadege - V/P Coordinator of Activities, Bernice Davis - Asst/Coordinator of Activities, Jim Bovell - Treasurer, Edgar (Pluto) Martindale - Asst/Treasurer, Carmen Brewster - Secretary, Sherma Mitchell - Asst/Secretary, Doreen Moore - Special Projects, Aubrey Knight - Member at Large

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