



# QCOSA NEWS

The Queen's College Old Students' Association Newsletter

~The Guyana Chapter~

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Dear Old Student,

We are overwhelmed by the many congratulatory messages we received concerning the first issue of "QCOSA News". These expressions of goodwill have fortified our resolve to make this newsletter a regular monthly feature.

We would like to believe that those of you who did not take the trouble to communicate with us chose to express your satisfaction through such silence. We reject George Bernard Shaw's cynical observation that "silence is the most perfect example of scorn".

We repeat our request for the submission of the names and e-mail addresses of any other old students you may know to facilitate the expansion of our database.

We will also be delighted to receive for publication your letters on the achievements of old students and to assist you in tracing that long lost high school friend.

Help us to make this a vibrant newsletter: Submit your views on the burning issues of the day and let us debate them in these columns.

A cautionary word – we reserve the right to edit submissions on the grounds of prolixity, good taste and any possible copyright infringement. But then again, we, who have walked the corridors of Queen's College, will never be guilty of such infractions!



The Editor

- **NEW CHAPTER**

QCOSA extends congratulations and best wishes to the old students in the South Florida area of the United States who will be launching a new Chapter shortly, on June 01, 2002.

We look forward to a close working relationship and will be pleased to publish any information you may submit to us concerning your activities.

- **PRESENTATION**

The London Chapter of QCOSA recently donated 18 microscopes to Queen's College. These items valued at approximately 4,500 pounds sterling, were handed over by President of the Guyana Chapter, Mr. Laurie Lewis, to Headmistress, Mrs. Wendel Roberts at the General Morning Assembly on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2002.

Jolly good, London!

- **MONTHLY MEETINGS**

The statutory meetings of our Chapter are held at 5 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at Queen's College. ALL QC Old Students are welcome to attend these meetings.

Attendance is not limited to old students residing in Guyana and in fact, we recommend to overseas based old students who may be visiting Guyana that they slot into their plans a visit to us at these meetings or otherwise.

Follow the lead of Mr. David Richards who was visiting from New Jersey, U.S.A. and attended our last statutory meeting.

- **SOCIAL EVENTS**

QCOSA was infected with the fever spawned by the current tour of the Indian Cricket Team to the Caribbean and organized a softball cricket match on April 27 last at the school's cricket ground.

The Editor is making strenuous efforts to retrieve the scorebook, which was 'spirited' away by an Executive member of QCOSA, whose only contribution to the match was his presence! 😊

Details of the scorecard will be carried in a future issue of this newsletter.

Old students who are interested in selection for other matches planned for the summer holidays are asked to submit their names to us as early as possible.

On Friday May 10, 2002, members of our Chapter met at the "QCOSA Games Night" at the Police Officer's Mess, Eve Leary. This event was organized by QCOSA's Sports Co-ordinator, Mr Wayne Narain and commenced at 8:00 p.m. Old students participated in badminton, table-tennis, cards and dominoes matches.

The evening was capped by a pleasant Friday night drink at the comfortable Police Bar.

We plan to make this a regular feature: get in touch with us for further information.

- **HOUSEFEED 2002**

***"Housefeed - Thirst Park – Saturday June 22 from 6:00 p.m."***

That's all we have to tell the nation! QCOSA Housefeed is now a national institution and advertises itself. It is without doubt the biggest social event in Guyana!

For the benefit of ET's who may beam this newsletter up, we will tell you what to expect.

A wide variety of tasty foods will be available. The food stalls include Chinese, Indian, Creole, Caribbean, Latin American, South-American, Bar-B-Que, hot dogs, hamburgers, kebabs, wild-meat, seafood, vegetarian, ice-cream and more.

Drinks – alcoholic and non-alcoholic – will be on sale and in addition there will be game stalls and a face painting booth for the kids and for those young at heart!

Musical entertainment will be supplied by the fabulous Sheriff Deputies.

Security arrangements will be in place on the ground and in the parking areas outside.

Tickets will be available from members of the Executive, at the usual ticket outlets and at the gate.

AND, the best thing about Housefeed..... You meet the nicest people there!! See you at Housefeed 2002!

- **REHABILITATION WORKS**

QCOSA shares your anxiety to have the construction works at Queen's College expedited so that our alma mater can recapture its former structural glory.

To date, the contractors are working towards the completion of Phase 1 – the East Wing! We are also informed that the plans as regards the auditorium have been adjusted to now accommodate 1,000 persons as opposed to the prior plans of 760 persons! QCOSA looks forward eagerly to the final product!

- **ICQC REUNION**

We wish to remind you that the International Committee of the Queen's College of Guyana will be hosting the 2002 Reunion in Washington DC, U.S.A. during June 28 – 30 this year. QCOSA News urges you to work this Reunion into your summer vacation plans - and you do not have much time to do so! It will be another glorious opportunity to meet long, lost friends since it is expected that old students from all corners of the globe will converge in Washington.

The programme submitted to us by the Washington Chapter is as follows: -

- Friday, June 28 : Welcome Reception at the campus of Howard University, 7PM - 10PM
- Saturday, June 29 : ICQC Meeting, Howard University Campus, 9AM - 1PM
  - Washington DC Carnival, 2PM - 6PM
  - Formal Event: A Midnight Cruise in the Baltimore Harbor. Boarding time will be 11:30PM, with sailing from 11:30 until ..... Cost: US\$60 per person.
- Sunday, June 30 : Caribbean Comedy Festival, featuring comedians from all over the Caribbean at Crampton Auditorium on Howard Campus from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at a cost of \$25 per person.

The Washington Chapter also indicated that they will be reserving a block of rooms at the Ramada Inn and Conf. Ctr. Lanham Md. for \$55 per night. Please call Dr. Wilton Nedd at 301-390-8129 to make those reservations as soon as possible.

Visit the QC Alumni Website at <http://www.kaieteur.com/qcsite/> for more details.

- **CONDOLENCES**

QCOSA News extends heartfelt sympathy to Executive member, Ms. Sharon Singh at the recent passing of her father.

