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From the president's desk

Message from the President Dr. Herold Duroseau



The Holiday season is fast approaching. The CCH-FSCAA joyfully takes the opportunity to convey warm greetings to all of you, supporters, friends and alumni. Unanimously, we join our voices to wish you Happiness, Peace, Prosperity and Love. May all of us be blessed with Wisdom, Tolerance and Compassion.

It is also the appropriate time for us to manifest our faith in God by praising Him and being thankful for the gift of health, love and life itself. In addition, we must also remember to share. We can do so by extending these same blessings to our friends, family members and very importantly by exercising generosity to the less fortunate ones.

This year was a very fruitful one for our organization in many ways including the success achieved during our two major annual events: our annual Fund-Raising Gala in May 2011 was an exceptional ceremony and the General Assembly in October was unparalleled. In both occasions, your participation proved to be invaluable as usual. Images can be viewed on our website. We kindly invite you to do so. As a result, we were fortunate to have raised close to \$25,000.00 so far. Around \$15,000 have been disbursed for different programs. Major challenges are anticipated. Consequently, we are determined to face them head on in order to achieve our objectives. Our immediate mission is to participate in the reconstruction of the schools by raising ONE MILLION /\$1,000,000.00.

Once again, we want to reiterate our most sincere wishes: Have a Happy Christmas season and the most Joyous New Year 2012! Happiness, Peace, Prosperity, Longevity
May God bless us all.

La saison des fêtes approche. La CCH-FS-CAA saisit cette opportunité pour souhaiter à vous tous, membres, amis et supporters, Amour, Paix, Prospérité et Bonheur. Que la Sagesse, la Tolérance et la Compassion soient votre boussole.

C'est un moment propice pour manifester notre foi en Dieu, le louer et le remercier pour la santé dont nous jouissons et l'amour qui nous entoure. Nous devons également partager ces bénédictions avec les membres de notre famille, nos amis, et d'être généreux les uns envers les autres, spécialement envers les moins fortunés d'entre nous.

Cette année a été très productive et fructueuse pour l'association : notre gala annuel de Mai 2011 et notre assemblée d'Octobre 2011 ont été très réussis, grâce à votre support. Les images capturées durant l'assemblée peuvent être vues sur notre website. Nous avons été assez heureux de lever des fonds pour environ \$25,000 cette année. Près de \$15,000 ont déjà été déboursés pour différents programmes. Cependant, nous faisons face à d'énormes défis, et c'est avec beaucoup de courage et de détermination que nous voulons les affronter et atteindre nos objectifs. Notre participation à la reconstruction des écoles détruites est un devoir, et à cette fin nous comptons lever la somme d'UN MILLION DE DOLLARS. Nous attendons votre réponse.

Nous vous réitérons nos souhaits les plus sincères de Joyeux Noel et de Bonne Année.

Paix, Prospérité et Longévit.

Que Dieu nous bénisse tous!

General Assembly 2011

By Ronald Cesar

“Service is the lifeblood of any organization. It feeds the needs and objectives. Customer Service is not a department, however it is an attitude.”

To that end, the number of people in attendance at our annual assembly was a testimony to the actual service provided by the CCH-FS-CAA. This lovely and fruitful evening will have a long lasting effect on the association and will open up new avenues, in terms of the successful path being followed. This was an evening reflecting the strong commitment of our members and friends for this endeavor.

Our President, Dr. Herold Duroseau, in his welcoming speech, reiterated our mission, our goals and accomplishments. He spoke at great length about the schools reconstruction, the necessity to recruit more members and the need for greater involvement in this journey.

Our dedicated and engaging colleague, Mr. Ney Belancourt, was quite explicit in his delivery. He succinctly expressed a larger vision of what Education has been and the transformation actually taking place. His proposal to raise US \$1,000,000 (one million) for the reconstruction effort was largely acclaimed by the audience. Ney, from his younger days, as a fellow student, has always been at the forefront of socio-cultural activities. He constantly looks at the bigger picture and often comes up with many detailed and sound ideas. Upon introducing our keynote speaker, Brother Nelson Augustin, Principal of the College Canado-Haitien, the audience was surprised to discover how young he was. In his eloquent speech, Brother Nelson gave an extensive history of “ Les Frères du Sacré-Coeur en Haïti “. He touched on their number of years of total dedication to

education and their major social impact at various levels since 1943. He shared with the audience, through a slide presentation, the difficult conditions under which the schools are functioning, due to their total or partial collapse after the earthquake of January 2010. He also illustrated the enormous disaster and the plan to rebuild much stronger buildings in the future. He went on to discuss the goals and objectives of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart and strongly recommended the involvement of the alumni in the reconstruction project.

During the Q&A session, some members of the audience voiced many well-received viewpoints and asked some pertinent questions. Brother Nelson exuded great confidence in providing relevant information about the actual situation. Towards the end, he extended his sincere thanks to CCH-FSCAA and stated his great hope for continued communication and dedication in order to fulfill our noble mission.

Congratulations to all attendees for making the assembly a success. We were particularly touched by the presence of Abel Peltro, who made the trip to attend straight from Philadelphia. As a small token of our appreciation, we presented a plaque to Charles Agnant, a staunch supporter of the association since we started.

Special words to the ladies of CCH-FSCAA, namely Florence Comeau, Carlette Dormesy, Regine Bernadel, Carline E. Legros, and Gardith Duroseau. They are pillars of strength in the association.

Bravo to all my colleagues who continue to light the fire for a bright Haiti. Your sacrifices over the last 8 years are well appreciated.

YOUR MONEY AT WORK

By Mario Deller

As many of you know, our 8th General Assembly meeting took place on October 22, 2011. This is an annual event, whose main purpose is to inform our members, friends and supporters, about the state of the association. It is a perfect forum, where comments can be shared and suggestions offered.

This year, our keynote speaker was Brother Augustin Nelson, Principal of the Canado Secondary school. He did a masterful job in laying out, through a slide presentation, the challenges facing the College Canado and the other schools of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. Challenges that have been multiplied since the devastating earthquake of January 12, 2010.

Besides the scholarship and other kinds of assistance we regularly provide, we now face the urgent need to help in the reconstruction of the many schools that were destroyed. That is why we announced a major drive to raise US \$1,000,000 (one million) toward this endeavor. Ideally we would have liked to have one thousand committed people donate or pledge \$1,000.00 to make

it simple and fast. But we are also aware of the difficult economic times we are currently living in. We leave it up to you to give whatever amount is comfortable for you. You even have the luxury of designing your own plan (schedule) to make it as painless as possible. For example, if you pledge \$1,000.00 for the year, you can let us know that you are going to give \$100.00 each month for 10 months or \$250.00 every 3 months for a year. But once you make up your mind, you have to keep honoring your engagement.

We spent close to \$3,000.00 to make it an agreeable evening for you at The Vault Café, mostly as a way of thanking you for your continuous support. And, we must tell you that we were very pleased with the audience response. Aside from the donation and membership renewal dues (around \$1,700.00), about 8 people have pledged to donate \$500.00 toward the reconstruction effort. We expect more people to follow this noble example.

We need your help more than ever before. And, yes , together, we can make a positive difference.

Season's Greetings

*May the Lord
continue to shower
His blessings upon
you during 2012.*

*Merry Christmas 2011
&
Happy New Year 2012*



CCH-FSCAA: THE MARCH TOWARDS GROWTH

By Ney Belancourt / Translated by Jean-Claude Bailey

I will begin my presentation by citing this famous arabic quote: "Amadou is leaving, Mamadou is coming, Mamamoudou is still here." What does this mean exactly? The Executive Committee led by Dr. Karl Dormesy stepped in the background, the Executive Committee led by Dr. Herold Duroseau has arrived and the CCH-FSCAA remains as strong as ever.

Why? Because this association is composed of volunteers - ladies and gentlemen who diligently offer their devotion, their time and their contributions on behalf of proper education for Haitian youth. And, they proceed to do so with a remarkable sense of altruism.

The goal of the association could not be anything else other than the success of Education which opens all doors. To illustrate this point: when Dr. Dormesy was graduating from High School in 1973 and Dr. Duroseau was achieving likewise in 1974, our guest of honor and current principal of Canado Secondary School, Brother Augustin Nelson FSC, was not yet born.

Ladies and gentlemen, the association is at the dawn of a new journey. Let us examine how it needs to undertake the actions that will lead towards its growth. But first, let us consider the lessons that we might draw from our own progression in life.

Phase number one: Birth, which is when we utter our first frightful cry as we inherit the responsibility to ensure the survival of Planet Earth. Phase number two: School, which is the time associated with the anxiety that we might not be able to adequately capture the wonders of Education and preparedness in order to manage life accordingly. Yet another phase presents itself when we are to separate from our parents to become ourselves parents. These phases are obligatory rites of passage: we simply must overcome challenges in order to grow. This is the golden rule of growth resting on the following 4 pillars:

1- The resilience of CCH-FSCAA - The pioneers at the helm of the association deserve titles of nobility as much for their courage as for their strength of character which in turn have helped them overcome obstacles such as distance, language, generational gap etc.

2. The leadership -The association's positive leadership is evident due to the fact that the organization has become a point of reference for all the classes desiring a credible anchor for all groups of Brothers of Sacred Heart alumni. Moreover, the relationship between the Executive Committee and the leadership of the Brothers of Sacred Heart schools allows for a moral authority that reflects well in the

committee's actions towards the objectives to be reached, whether these are aimed at:

For Canado :

- The Academic Section.
- The Technical Section.

For all Sacred Heart schools :

- The improvement of the qualifying process to recruit teachers and the enhancement of their quality of life.
- The integration of environmental matters within the educational curriculum.

3. The Spirit of Community- Without the integration of the new generations and without the contribution of the younger elements, our efforts are useless. It is in the name of solidarity that the CCH-FSCAA continues to solemnly appeal to all classes and schools so that they become autonomous chapters in the network of Canado and the Brothers of Sacred Heart alumni associations.

4. The Roots of CCH-FSCAA - We would like to borrow words from the great hero of our History Toussaint Louverture, in order to highlight how deep are the roots of this organization. In each of its members transpires the very essence of the association which manifests itself very well in the relationships with Haiti, the families and the Alma Mater. From this sense of togetherness has emerged the special engagement taken by the alumni to raise an amount of A MILLION OF DOLLARS to benefit the Brothers of Sacred Heart schools that have been destroyed by the earthquake of January 12, 2010.

To close on the thoughts that I expressed at the beginning of this presentation, I will follow up with these words from the Book of Wisdom: "A generation is moving away, a new one is emerging and Planet Earth still survives. The sun rises and the sun sets; it goes to sleep at the very location where it will again rise.

Carpe Diem! Seize the moment! May the Canado motto manifest itself within all of you: "**HIGHER** (with the guidance of quality leaders, instructors and students); **FURTHER** (moving forward with the alumni and alumnae everywhere lending their support); **STRONGER** (so we can all contribute to the reconstruction).

May God enlighten and bless us all!

CCH-FSCAA : LA MARCHÉ VERS LA CROISSANCE

Par Ney Belancourt

Je commencerai mon propos en citant ce fameux proverbe arabe: " Amadou s'en va, Mamadou s'en vient, Mamamoudou est toujours là". Qu'est-ce que cela veut dire ? Le comité exécutif ayant à sa tête le docteur Karl Dormesy s'en va, le comité exécutif ayant à sa tête le docteur Hérold Duroseau s'en vient, et l'Association des Anciens Elèves des Frères du Sacré-Cœur et du Collège Canado-Haïtien demeure toujours forte.

Pourquoi ? Parce que cette Association est un corps de volontaires, femmes et hommes, qui offrent leur dévouement et leurs contributions pour la réussite de l'éducation des jeunes Haïtiens, dans le plus total désinté-

sement.

L'Association ne saurait avoir d'autres buts que l'éducation, qui ouvre toutes les portes. La preuve : en 1973, quand Dormesy achevait la Philo et en 1974 quand Duroseau bouclait les études secondaires, le Frère Augustin Nelson SC, notre invité d'honneur à l'assemblée du 22 Octobre 2011, actuel Directeur du Collège Canado Haïtien n'était pas encore né.

Mesdames, Messieurs, l'association est à l'aurore d'une nouvelle journée. Juste avant d'examiner les actions à entreprendre pour diriger sa croissance, considérons les leçons à tirer de notre propre développement.

CCH-FSCAA : LA MARCHE VERS LA CROISSANCE (Suite)

Première étape, la naissance : c'est notre premier cri d'effroi face à la responsabilité d'être un héritier responsable de la survie de la planète terre .
Deuxième étape, l'école : c'est l'angoisse de ne pouvoir saisir toutes ces merveilles de la formation et de l'instruction qui nous mettront aux commandes de la vie . Une autre étape : à l'heure de se séparer des parents pour devenir soi-même parents. Ces étapes sont des rites de passage obligatoires : on traverse les grandes épreuves pour grandir. C'est la règle d'or de la croissance, qui se fonde sur ces quatre (4) piliers :

1. La résilience de CCH-FSCAA.- Les pionniers qui conduisent l'association méritent des titres de noblesse, pour leur courage et leur force de caractère qui les aident à surmonter les difficultés : de distance, de langage, de génération, etc...

2. Le leadership- Le leadership de l'association est évident par le fait qu'elle est devenue un pôle de référence pour les promotions, à travers des célébrations d'anniversaire de 10-20-25-30-35 ans. Plus encore, les relations entre le Comité Exécutif et la Direction du Collège Canado-Haïtien confèrent une autorité morale qui transpire dans les actes du Comité pour consigner les objectifs à atteindre, soit :

En ce qui concerne le Canado :

- Objectifs pour la section classique ;
- Objectifs pour la section technique ;

En ce qui concerne toutes les écoles :

- Objectifs pour l'amélioration de la qualification des enseignants et de la qualité de la vie des professeurs ;
- Objectifs pour l'intégration des questions de l'environnement dans le curriculum d'éducation.

3 L'esprit communautaire- Sans l'intégration des nouvelles générations et

sans l'apport des jeunes notre travail est inutile. C'est au nom de la solidarité que la CCH-FSCAA continue de lancer un appel solennel à toutes les promotions de toutes les écoles des Frères du Sacré Coeur en Haïti pour qu'elles deviennent des chapitres autonomes du réseau des associations d'anciens élèves des Frères du Sacré Cœur et du Collège Canado Haïtien.

4. Les racines de CCH-FSCAA - Nous aimerions bien emprunter au grand héros de notre histoire Toussaint Louverture les mots pour dire combien profondes sont les racines de l'association. Aussi, dans chaque membre transpire l'essence même de l'association qui se manifeste dans les liens avec Haïti, avec les familles, avec l'Alma Mater. La preuve de cet attachement est l'engagement pris par les anciens élèves de réunir une contribution de UN MILLION DE DOLLARS pour la reconstruction des écoles des Frères du Sacré Cœur détruites par le séisme du 12 Janvier 2010.

Pour compléter la pensée que j'ai exprimée au début, j'enchaînerai avec ces paroles du Livre de la Sagesse : « Une génération s'en va, une autre vient, et la terre subsiste toujours. Le soleil se lève, le soleil se couche ; Il soupire après le lieu d'où il se lève de nouveau. »

Carpe Diem ! Saisissez le Moment ! Et qu'en vous se manifeste la devise du Canado, appliquée à toutes les écoles des Frères du Sacré Coeur : **PI WO**, avèk bon direksion, bon enseyan et bon elèv ; **PI LWEN**, avèk ansyen elèv ki ap bay jarèt ak rasin yo ki anpil pou fè nou mache ; **PI FO**, e Nou pral met tèt ansanm pou rebati yo.

Que Dieu nous éclaire et nous bénisse !



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