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From the president's desk

Dear Friends,

It is with immense joy that I am expressing my gratitude on behalf of the Executive Committee of the CCH-FSCAA for your devoted support for the 2011 Fund-Raising Gala. Your participation, once again, has made the event a major and unforgettable success. For us it was more than that, it was a testimony of your understanding and a strong pledge of your engagement to our humble and noble cause.

This year we will be able to extend our contribution to more students and to participate in other projects where additional help is needed. We have already donated some musical instruments to the school. We plan to do the same in the Sports area. Hopefully, soon we will go further in involving ourselves in the reconstruction of the school following the catastrophe caused by the natural tragedy of January 2010. For such a task, more help will be necessary. Our immediate objective is to reach out to 2,500 new members/alumni to donate 2 to 5 dollars monthly, an ambitious but so simple undertaking. Together we can accomplish this.

Finally, we would like to remind and invite you to join us in our next General Assembly in October 2011. Ample details of our accomplishments and future activities will be discussed. Once again, thank you for your anticipated support and generosity.

Cordially yours,

Herold Duroseau, President
CCH-FSCAA, New York Chapter

Chers amis,

C'est avec une joie immense que j'exprime ma gratitude et celle du Comité Exécutif de la CCH-FSCAA, pour votre support lors de notre gala de l'année 2011. Votre participation a contribué à faire de cette soirée un succès inoubliable, et constitue un témoignage indéniable de votre soutien à notre humble et noble cause.

Grâce à vous, cette année nous avons la possibilité d'aider beaucoup plus d'étudiants et d'apporter un appui financier dans d'autres domaines également importants. Nous avons déjà honoré une requête du Département de musique en leur envoyant différents instruments de musique. Nous voulons en faire de même pour les activités sportives. Nous espérons pouvoir apporter très bientôt notre concours dans la reconstruction des écoles, après la catastrophe du 12 Janvier 2010. A cette fin, beaucoup plus de support et d'aide seront nécessaires. Notre objectif immédiat est de recruter 2,500 nouveaux membres, anciens des Frères du Sacré-Coeur ou pas, s'engageant à contribuer mensuellement \$2.00 ou \$5.00. Ensemble, nous pouvons le faire.

Finalement, nous prenons plaisir à vous inviter à notre prochaine Assemblée Générale en Octobre. Les détails de nos réalisations et activités futures y seront discutés.

Merci d'avance pour votre support et générosité.

Hérol Duroseau, Président
CCH-FSCAA, New York

THE 2011 FUND-RAISING GALA

By Mario Deller

Once again, keeping up with tradition, the CCH-FSCAA held its 7th Fund-Raising Dinner Dance, on May 28, 2011. This annual event constitutes an excellent opportunity to reunite with old friends, relive the memories, and renew our bonds of fellowship. On top of that, it generates much-needed funds for the schools and the students in Haiti. As expected, the gala was a total success. A crowd of about 400 guests and supporters of our cause honored us with their presence, including alumni from many parts of the world such as Puerto Rico and from as far away as Spain.

In his eloquent speech, the new President of the CCH-FSCAA, Dr. Herold Duroseau, thanked all the attendees and stressed the importance and the necessity for everyone not to remain passive on the sidelines but to be more proactive in their involvement with the association. Most importantly, he announced a drive to recruit 2,500 new members (Alumni or otherwise), committing themselves to donate \$2.00 a month (watch your mailbox). When you do the math, you realize that the total is \$60,000.00 a year, an easily achievable goal, and the donors would not even feel any pain. The President reiterated his belief that the presence of so many sophisticated people was symbolic of their concern and interest in a prosperous future for Haiti. As a result, this important financial success of the gala came about. After taking care of all the necessary expenses associated with the soiree, the CCH-FSCAA emerged with a healthy profit of about \$20,000.00.

For several years, with your contribution and support, we have provided thousands of dollars that have fulfilled the needs in such areas as scholarship funds, equipment for the schools and personal assistance for students facing financial hardships. Thanks to you, we have made significant progress and the best is yet to come with our strong commitment to help. We are proud to announce that this year, for the first time, we are going to

reach out to the Sacred Heart Novitiate Institution (*Juvenat*) by allocating a \$1,500.00 scholarship fund, in addition to the amount we usually send to the other schools. We will also attempt to make a positive financial impact on other projects submitted to the association. The checks will start going out soon for the new 2011-2012 academic year.

As the CCH-FSCAA's Fund-Raising Gala tradition goes, a moment was reserved for some recognition. Selected individuals are honored not only for their personal achievements but more importantly for the positive altruistic impact of those achievements. This year, we had the pleasure to introduce: **Eddy Garnier**, poet, writer, storyteller, **Theodore Beaubrun Jr.** aka "Lolo", actor, musician, **Bertrand Gervais "The Mentor Guy"**, young and dynamic motivational speaker and our very own **Harry Bloncourt**, current vice-president of the CCH-FSCAA. Moreover, the defining and quite moving moment of the gala revealed itself, on stage, via the special testimony of young **Yvens Janvier**. Yvens is a recent graduate from *Canado-Haitian Secondary School* and one of the beneficiaries of the scholarship program. He thanked the association and acknowledged the fact that without its help, he might not have been able to finish school. He went on to urge everyone to keep supporting the CCH-FSCAA for the positive difference it makes in the lives of a lot of people. This is what it's all about, ladies and gentlemen.

On behalf of all the beneficiaries, the Board of Directors of the CCH-FSCAA, Inc. wholeheartedly thanks you for your generosity. Your steadfast support keeps the association alive, well and able to fulfill its noble mission to **inspire, educate, share and facilitate**.

Thank you!

GREAT REUNION OF THE CLASS OF 1986 (CCH) IN MIAMI

By Jean Ronald Cesar

**"Canado-Haitian Secondary School –
Higher, Stronger, Further"**

Such was the slogan echoed at that sensational event on Friday July 1, 2011. That 25th year celebration (Class of 1986) brought about many alumni from various parts of the world. **Gerald Jean** and I made the trip to the event as special envoys of CCH-FSCAA. What we experienced there was an uplifting atmosphere energized by a vibrant, perspicacious and truly committed group. The attendance included luminaries such as: **Prof. Wesner Emmanuel** aka "Maitre Manno", characterized as the professor of all generations, **Brother Augustin Nelson S.C.**, the new principal at Canado-Haitian Secondary School, **Mr. Jean Saint-Vil**, Haitian writer and activist from *Ottawa, Canada*, **Mr. Charlot Lucien**, writer, storyteller, caricaturist from Boston and certainly our Florida-based colleague, **Mr. Ney Belancourt** who is always at the forefront of every association endeavor. Maitre Manno, in his eloquent speech, reiterated the urgency for all of us to consolidate our efforts and work under one umbrella in order to achieve greater ends. This message was well conveyed, well received and all in attendance, once more, committed to maintain strong ties with CCH-FSCAA. Furthermore, Brother Augustin Nelson S.C., during his slide pre-

sentation, touched on the same impetus and demonstrated a strong and enthusiastic willingness to cooperate. As for Gerald Jean, while stressing the importance for all of us to travel the same path in unity, he accentuated the matter with the following key words:

"Together Everyone Achieves More."

Remarkable that night was the intergenerational connectedness among alumni of the Brothers of Sacred Heart. It is evident that we are moved by the same emotions and express the same sentiments as we aim toward the same goals. In addition, it is worth mentioning that, besides 1986, many attendees were from diverse class years, namely 1981, 1982, 1984 etc. Special appreciation goes to **Yvon Jean Edouard** (Class of 1975) who was instrumental in collecting addresses and phone numbers at every table.

To **Luc Daniel Jean-Francois** and the entire **Class of 1986** we, at CCH-FSCAA, are expressing our sincere thanks and felicitations for a job well done. We heartily welcome and value our newly developed solidarity. Hopefully, our working relationship can also be congenial and harmonious.

Le 30ème Anniversaire De La Promotion 1981 Du Collège Canado-Haïtien

La promotion 81 du Collège Canado-Haïtien a eu sa reunion de 30ème anniversaire en Floride du 29 au 31 juillet 2011. Les festivités avaient débuté avec une rencontre préluce le vendredi à Casa Chanpet Restaurant & Bar sise à Pembroke Pine où une vingtaine de personnes avaient eu le plaisir de se retrouver.

Le grand évènement était prévu pour le samedi à Signature Grand, une grande maison de reception située à Davie dans le comté de Broward. 82 personnes avaient répondu à l'appel du comité parmi lesquelles **Wesner Emmanuel**, ancien professeur d'Histoire d'Haïti, **Enedlan Jabouin**, avocat

et professeur de philosophie, tous deux au Collège Canado-Haïtien, **Luc-Daniel Jean-François**, (Promotion 86), ancien professeur d'Informatique au Canado Technique, **Yvon Jean Edouard** (Promotion 75) et **Ney Bélancourt** (Promotion 73), membre d'honneur de l'Association des anciens des Frères du Sacré-Coeur (CCH-FSCAA). 60 étudiants de la promotion 81 avaient pris part à cette rencontre.

La fête avait continué le dimanche 31 juillet, à Miami, chez les époux **Francillon** où une trentaine de personnes étaient venues conclure cette expérience inoubliable.

Selon **Muguette T. Francillon**, membre de la promotion, "C'était un ensemble de rencontres très émouvantes. Se retrouver après tant d'années et conserver la même franche amitié est une chose très importante et certains membres de la promotion manifestent déjà le désir de la renouveler dans un an en Floride et dans deux ans directement en Haïti."

La CCH-FSCAA félicite le comité d'organisation composé de : **Fleming Jean-Louis, Kerby Alcindor, Franck Flavien, Annie Villard Rousseau, Ninon Rodney, Patrick Wagnac, Henri Pélissier et Myrna Laurenceau.**

Frère Anthony Mésidor S.C.

Par Frère Jacques Anthony Germeil S.C.



Le **Frère Anthony Mésidor** est né à *Duval, Pétion-Ville*, le 12 juin 1937. Après avoir obtenu son Certificat d'Etudes Primaires, il entra au *Juvénat de Carrefour*; il y fit ses classes secondaires et s'inscrivit par la suite à l'*Ecole Normale d'Instituteurs*. Sa carrière d'enseignant le conduisit tour à tour à *Miragoâne, aux Cayes, à Dame-Marie et Trou du Nord*. Il a passé près d'une vingtaine d'années au Juvénat, comme administrateur et professeur d'espagnol. Il a également étudié en *Espagne*.

En 1992, on le retrouva à l'*Ecole St-Joseph de Port-Salut*. En 1996, il est nommé Directeur de l'*Ecole Sacré-Coeur des Cayes*. Sa versatilité lui

permit de collaborer avec les curés de la paroisse du Sacré-Coeur en offrant ses services comme organiste. En 2003, il retourna à *Port-au-Prince*, comme Econome provincial et responsable des Relations Publiques au niveau de la province. Il occupa ce poste jusqu'à sa mort, le 15 avril 2011. Le Frère Mésidor était plutôt de tempérament cool. Il était très jovial et faisait la joie de ses confrères. Je peux en témoigner pour avoir vécu à deux reprises avec lui, à *Port-Salut* et *aux Cayes*.

Il souffrait d'un cancer à la prostate, découvert depuis tantôt cinq ans. Il a subi des interventions chirurgicales au Canada et y a été à maintes reprises pour les suivis nécessaires. Son dernier

voyage remonta à l'automne dernier, et en fin de compte il a rendu l'âme le 15 avril 2011, à l'âge de 74 ans.

Une messe a été chantée pour le repos de l'âme de Frère Anthony Mésidor. Cette célébration a été organisée par **Jean-Robert Gabriel**, ancien du Juvénat Collège du Sacré-Coeur et du Canado Technique, de concert avec le « Fellowship » de la paroisse de Sainte Thérèse. Elle a eu lieu le dimanche 12 juin 2011, à 11:45 AM à l'Eglise Sainte Thérèse de Lisieux, sise au 4402 Avenue D (Corner Troy & D), Brooklyn NY 11203. Des rafraîchissements ont été servis à l'issue de la messe au Gymnasium de l'Eglise.

Brother Anthony Mésidor S.C.

By Brother Jacques Anthony Germeil S.C.

Translated by Jean-Claude Bailey, CCH-FSCAA



Brother Anthony Mésidor S.C. was born in *Duval, Pétion-Ville* on June 12, 1937. After earning his primary school certificate, he joined the Sacred Heart Novitiate (Juvénat) in *Carrefour* where he completed his secondary school studies. Following his option for a career in Education, he enlisted himself and completed his studies at the "*Ecole Normale d'Instituteurs*". Later, his educational path took him through a cycle of studies in Spain. Back in Haiti, he shared his knowledge and wisdom in cities such as *Miragoâne, Les Cayes, Dame-Marie* and *Trou du Nord*. Also, his considerable experience included a return to the Sacred Heart Novitiate where he spent about twenty years in the capacity of Administrator and Spanish Instructor.

Moreover, in 1992, he taught at St. Joseph

School in *Port-Salut*. In 1996, we find him in *Les Cayes* as the principal of the Sacred Heart School. His versatility allowed him to collaborate with the priests serving in the Sacred Heart parish by offering his services as the organist during masses. Thereafter, he returned to *Port-au-Prince* as Provincial Treasurer, responsible for Public Relations on behalf of the Province. He occupied that position until his death on April 15, 2011. Brother Mésidor had a rather cool disposition which made him quite approachable. From his colleagues' perspectives, his great sense of humor has been a key element making it a joy to be around him. I can readily attest to that for having served with him in two occasions, once in *Port-Salut* and in one other instance in *Les Cayes*.

Brother Mésidor suffered from prostate

cancer which was discovered about five years ago. He underwent a number of surgical procedures in **Canada** and returned there several times for the required follow ups. Last autumn, once more, he made that trip and finally passed away on April 15, 2011. He was 74 years old.

At the **St. Therese of Lisieux Church**, a requiem mass was celebrated in memory of Brother Mésidor on Sunday June 12, 2011 at 11:45am. That event was organized by **Jean-Robert Gabriel**, an alumnus of the Sacred Heart Novitiate and of the Canado-Technical School with the collaboration of the fellowship of the St. Therese parish. The church is located at 4402 Avenue D (Corner Troy and Avenue D), in Brooklyn, NY 11203. After the mass, refreshments were served inside the church's gymnasium.

A CALL TO THE SACRED HEART SCHOOLS ALUMNAE & THEIR FRIENDS

By *Regine Saurel Bernadel*

On a gorgeous fall afternoon, four years ago, I was dragged by a friend to some "meeting". "What a dreadful way it was to spend such a wonderful afternoon" I was thinking. Well, opportunities are never at rest and knock anytime. It turned out to be a moment that made a positive difference in my life. Actually, I found myself attending a meeting of **the CCH-FSCAA (Collège Canado-Haitien & Frères du Sacré-Coeur Alumni Association)**. That meeting was conducted by a special group of ladies and gentlemen. Some of them, at some point, have attended at least one institution belonging to **the Brothers of Sacred Heart** school network in **Haiti**. Others present were either spouses or friends who may have received their education from a different establishment but their participation and support were as strong and enthusiastic. Myself, I graduated from the *Canado-Haitian Secondary School* branch of this network, in 1978. *Canado*, this school of excellence, this school with amazing educators, this school who formed generations of great human beings and, this school who made me the person I am proud to be today. So many memories resurfaced instantly in my mind. Well, I decided to join the group. At that time, I also learned that

the so-called "group" was a few steps ahead in business for having already been incorporated in the state of New York as a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, with the noble aim to **inspire, educate, share and facilitate** the lives of the **deserving** but **underserved** students. I can easily say that what came after this encounter was history.

For four years, I have been impressed with the dedication with which this association conducts business. Such comportment can easily be summarized as consistent with a team-spirited hard work mentality and a tremendous sense of mutual respect in a friendly atmosphere. At least one Sunday a month, year round, this set of compassionate human beings pushes the Pause button on family matters and other personal affairs and Fast Forward to share some of their time laboring toward solving issues pertaining to the students still attending the alma mater: *Brothers of Sacred Heart schools and Canado*. At this point in time, generating money for rebuilding the schools is top priority but nothing is ignored... These musical instruments so much needed... This student who just lost a parent and can no longer afford the tuition...

The situations present themselves in various configurations. However, no issue is too small to be addressed.

I am part of this association now. I am one of the female members and an alumna. I am humbled by so much love and concern for others. Today, I am sending out a call to the feminine faction who has experienced any of the Sacred Heart institutions in the course of its education. *Ladies, would you reach out and join the association like I did? Would you make your voice heard too? Would you become a member?*

**Please Join!!!
We Definitely Need You!!!**

Blessings.

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