

Fun, Fashion and Flair

The Class of '64 chose Guyana as the venue for its 2013 Mini-Reunion. Celebration of friendship and sisterhood was the hallmark of the reunion of the alumnae from Toronto, New York and Guyana. The opportunity to recognize a significant birthday with peers, relatives and former teachers was truly appreciated.



The Reunionites decided to include seniors in their celebration. They invited them to participate in a fun activity which would titillate their senses.

The invitation provoked several seniors to inquire, "Who are members of the Class of '64? Why are they inviting me?" The answer, "Margaret Lawrence", quickly put those seniors at ease. Thus it was that on Sunday, June 30, several seniors arrived at the home Donna Ramsammy-James to be feted in style.

The Reunionites collaborated with Donna Ramsammy-James/Shape 2000 to add a creative touch to their celebration. Donna enlisted support from her willing models to stimulate the imagination of those gathered. As usual, she coordinated her team's sassy display of worn art, provoking oohs and aahs from the onlookers. No doubt, some of the seniors reflected on those days when they too sashayed around in the



fashion of the day, some being trendsetters!

The Reunionites also wanted to show their appreciation in another way. Those from New York, Lorraine Phillipe and Gail Nunes, distributed tote bags containing goodies to seniors and former teachers, much to their pleasure.



What Love Means to a Child

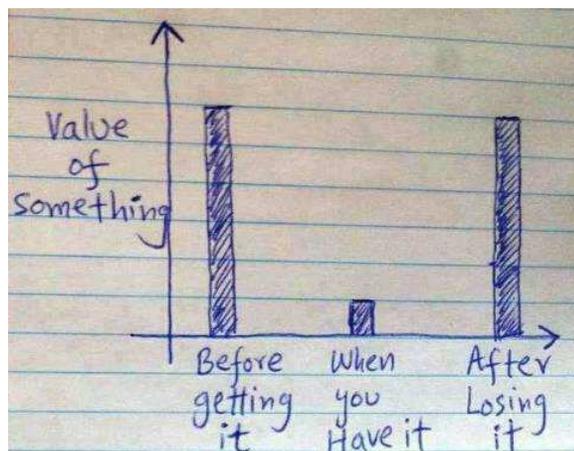
- 'When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.' Rebecca - age 8
- 'Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other.' Karl - age 5
- 'Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.' Terri - age 4
- 'Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mommy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss.' Emily - age 8
- 'Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.' Bobby - age 7
- 'If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.' Nikka - age 6
- 'Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.' Tommy - age 6
- 'I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.' Lauren - age 4
- 'When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.' Karen - age 7

Origin of 10 Foods

FDD	SDURCE	FDD	SDURCE	FDD	SDURCE
Worcester Sauce	Bengal, India	Chili con carne	USA	Cheesecake	Ancient Greece
Pasta	China	Garlic Bread	Asia, USA	French Fries	Belgium
Lasagna	Greece	Noodle Chop Suey	USA	Frajita	Texas, USA
Vindaloo	Portugal				

Reality Check!

When I was young I was scared of the dark. Now when I see my electricity bill I am scared of the lights.



Meet the Seniors

Margarita Harewood née Gordon

Margarita Harewood née Gordon, fondly known as Maggie, entered the Bishops' High School in 1933 at age 10. Maggie was one of six girls who entered the Third Form that year, the others being Winnie Agard, Gwen Morgan, sisters Edith and Winnie Grannum and Noel Burgan. She was placed in Victoria House.

Ms. Wearn was the Headmistress during her stay at Bishops'. The Oswald Parry Hall was built during that time. The girls attended General Assembly in the Hall and sat demurely in their chairs. Each week, a Sixth Former would be selected to play the music at Assembly.

Maggie reminisced about the years that she spent at Bishops. She enjoyed every moment and even played a few pranks. She remembered the times when she pelted the mangoes from the tree which still stands on the northern side of the grounds. She hid the mangoes in the bloomers which were a part of the uniform. Jokingly, Maggie said that that stunt was never tried with tangerines for obvious reasons. She had other talents. She was an athlete, participating in high jump and specializing in the 100 yard dash.

Each girl had a covered desk in which she kept her books. No home economics was taught in those days but the school had an excellent choir. For Maggie, those were such enjoyable days!

Maggie proudly reported that her stepdaughter, Joy Pilgrim née Harewood, and her daughter, Eleanor Thomas née Harewood, also attended the Bishops' High School.

Maggie sat the Junior Cambridge Exam in the Fifth Form. On leaving school in 1938, she began working with the Daily Chronicle newspapers. There she functioned like an 'archivist', as she made clippings of different articles and filed them away in envelopes.

In November, 1940, Maggie married Hilton Harewood and moved to Public Road, Kitty where she still resides. She gave up her job after marriage to care for her growing family of three stepchildren and three children of her own. She now has 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren, a fact which gives her great pleasure.

The location of her home enables Maggie to enjoy the fresh seawall breeze. It also allowed her to witness the construction of the Seawall Road and the installation of street lights there.

After the death of her husband, Maggie worked at the Public Free Library. At that time, Sir Frank Mc David was the Chair of the Board and Ms. Ruby Franker was the Chief Librarian. Among her areas of responsibility were checking to see that persons did not destroy the books by removing sections, monitoring the code of dress of the users of the library and ensuring that persons were not chewing gum. Maggie worked at the Library for 35 years, retiring as the Senior Assistant Librarian of the Adult Department.

Apart from her professional career with the Library, she was very active as a Councillor with the Mayor and City Council of Georgetown, Chair of the Old Age Pension Board and a member of the Dorcas Club of James-the-Less Anglican Church.

Although, Maggie does not get out much these days, she still remains an ardent cricket lover, even when the West Indies team is not doing well. She listens to the radio and is always ready to stay up late to follow a cricket match.



Violet Melissa James née Bourne

Born in 1919, Melissa Bourne completed her primary school education at St Stephen's Scots School. She received the Blair Scholarship which enabled her to attend the Bishops' High School from age 14 years to 18 years. She followed her sister, Clarice Beryl Fletcher née Bourne to BHS and was subsequently followed by her niece Desiree Leitch née Fletcher and great-niece Carol Fletcher Collins.

Melissa's years at BHS gave her many opportunities to develop her talents. Not only did she excel academically but also in the sports arena. She was able to showcase her skills in athletics, winning many prizes at the annual competition. She copped prizes in high jump, 100 yards and 220 yards races among others. She also played netball for Mary House and lawn tennis.

During her school days, Melissa rode her bicycle from her home in Forshaw Street and later Almond Street, returning to school in the afternoons to participate in the required games. Having a bicycle gave her the freedom to join her friends for a ride to different parts of the city, including the seawall which continued to be a favourite venue for many BHS students in ensuing years.

The headmistress at the time was Ms. Wearn. Other teachers on staff included Ms. Gerling and Ms. Key. Melissa's classmates included Doris Bowling, Cicely Chan Choong, Elaine Stephenson née Dolphin, Joyce Low and Marion K. Potter née Small. She enjoyed Marion's company on the tennis courts of the Demerara Cricket Club which was close to her home. Her friendship with Marion was so strong that whenever Marion visited New York, she spent a few nights with Melissa.

Upon leaving school, Melissa worked at the Post Office until she got married to Cedric London. She travelled with husband to the United States of America where she attended Howard University. She opted to study dentistry since she could obtain a student visa to pursue that course. Although she intended to return to the then British Guiana to serve, that was not to be.

After graduation from Howard University in 1951, Melissa worked as dentist in New York City for 40 years. Her practice centred around children's dentistry; because of her success in working with children, many parents and grandparents became her clients. She eventually broadened her scope to work with many seniors as well.

Melissa kept her link with Howard University by attending functions and serving as well. Her two sons are also Howard alumni.

Melissa has always had a deep interest in studying and reading. Now that her mobility is limited, she continues to keep informed via television programmes. She currently resides in New Jersey, USA.

