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GHS Retirement Gala — 1 December 2016. (Read more on pg. 4)



From the Pen of...

Every good project requires not only vision and courage, but its sustainability depends heavily on patience, lots of it, to traverse the doldrums which can set in, between bouts of energy and excitement. I report to you that the journey on which the Glenmuir Task-Force has embarked is alive and well, despite the moments of introspection and uncertainties.

We remain grateful for the support and assistance we received from past students, sponsors and well-wishers for another successful Brunch in March of this year.

Our goal is to make the transition to a formalised Past Students Association but to do so successfully, we need more of our past students to join with us and to support the registration process and the membership drive. Our school needs us and the Task-Force needs your help!

Glenmuir continues in its tradition of excellence in academic and extra-curricular performance. Nevertheless, like other institutions in this country, it too is impacted by the many challenges in society. We are called upon to bolster the Principal and her team and the Task Force is committed to doing so. We ask you to join us in this effort!

With every good wish for the Christmas Season and the coming year, for you and your loved ones!

Flagrans Veritatis Studio!

~ Omar Davies

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ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Legal Luminaries of Glenmuir

Glenmuir High School past students make their mark in every professional endeavour. The law is no exception. In addition to a large number of lawyers who give exemplary service in both the private and public sectors, we salute Her Honour Paula Blake-Powell, the first to be appointed as a Resident Magistrate. She is now the Senior Parish Judge in the Family Court and a Vice President of The Caribbean Association of Women Judges.

We are also proud to note that currently Glenmuir boasts three other Parish Judges, formerly known as Resident Magistrates, one of whom, Her Honour Stephanie Jackson-Haisley was, this year, appointed to act as a Puisne Judge in the High Court.

Other Glenmuir Past Students on the Bench include Mrs. Andrea English-Myers, who is the Children's Court Judge with responsibility for The Southern Region. This consist of the parishes of Clarendon, Manchester and Saint Elizabeth. Miss Maxine Ellis is a Parish judge in the Drug Court of Kingston and Saint Andrew. We continue to wish them well in their endeavours.



The King of Hardware—Baron Stewart, CD



Stewart's Hardware has become synonymous with quality in products and excellence in service. The Glenmuir family is proud that Baron's contribution to industry and to the larger society was recognised by a grateful nation with his induction into the Order of Distinction, Commander Class in 2016.

He received this National Honour "in recognition of his dedicated service to building the local economy through entrepreneurship and community development"

Baron is a member of the Class of 1968. He also studied at the College of Arts Science and Technology (C.A.S.T.) and the University of Phoenix

He is the founder and Managing Director of Stewart's Hardware Group of Companies. He started this venture with one hardware store on Manchester Avenue in May Pen, shortly after leaving Glenmuir in the early 1970's and has overseen its growth into a large business enterprise with a number of hardware stores scattered throughout the parish of Clarendon.

Baron's contribution to his community extends beyond providing service through his business enterprises. He is currently the Chairman of the Treadlight Primary School Board and the Vere Technical High School Board. Nationally, he served on the Board of the Urban Development Corporation and the National Water Commission. He is a Justice of the Peace for Clarendon.

We extend to him our heartiest congratulations and wish him continued success.



JUDGE JENNES RETIRES

In this issue, we pay tribute to Her Honour Ms. Jennes Anderson, member of the class of 73, who put aside her garb and paraphernalia as a Resident Magistrate in January 2016, to join the ranks of the liberated, aka retirees. Her life story has been one of demonstrating that she does indeed 'burn with the zeal for truth' – *Flagrans veritatis studio!*

Jennes is the last in line of the venerable Anderson family from May Pen Clarendon, whose other members include a medical doctor, an internal auditor/chartered accountant and a nurse, all of whom had their secondary education at Glenmuir High School, under the tutelage of Dr. Sydney H. Scott.

Jennes has made her mark across several sectors of the Jamaican society with professional engagements in librarianship; teaching - part-time tutor and lecturer at C.A.S.T. (now UTECH), UWI and the Norman Manley Law School, administration, journalism and the practice of the law. In her long and distinguished career, and prior to being appointed to the Bench, Ms. Anderson acquired extensive knowledge of the Jamaican workplace and society through her stints with the Jamaica Library Service, the Planning Institute of Jamaica, the Scientific Research Council, the Land Administration Division



of the Ministry of Agriculture, the Gleaner Company Limited and in private law chambers. There is no doubt that these experiences contributed to the admirable grasp she has of issues which affect our society at all levels and have heightened her sensitivity to finding ways to help address them.

In her legal career, she found a most direct way of making that contribution, a field she first entered in 1987, with employment in private chambers in Kingston, Jamaica and then in Manchester, England. These stints were followed by employment as Legal Officer to the Ministry of Agriculture, Legal Advisor to the Gleaner Company Limited, finally crowning her service with her appointment to the Bench in 2005, retiring in 2016.

Jennes is a committed member of the Glenmuir Task-Force and that means all members of her family are similarly 'co-opted' to assist its fund-raising activities. She is married and the mother of three daughters. We wish Jennes many more years of good health and well-being and look forward to her continued support of Glenmuir.

REMEMBER EISTEDDFOD?

Anyone remembers? It is back! The dictionary describes Eisteddfod as an annual festival of music, song and dance. But for Glenmuir, ours could not be called a simple festival – we could only stage Eisteddfod!

If any of our past students participated in Eisteddfod (and can remember!), pleausably or not, please share the memory with us at glenmuiralumnija@gmail.com. We look forward to filling our memory bank as we prepare for Glenmuir's 60th anniversary in 2018.



ALUMNI SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOL

Emerging Global Leadership Programme (EGLP) 2016

The Emerging Global Leadership Programme which convened annually in Toronto, Canada, in past years, had its equivalent in Jamaica, with the initial offering taking place at Knox College in July this year. The Toronto Alumni Group sponsored a student from Glenmuir, La Wayne Williams, who was accompanied to the Launch by Faculty Advisor, Mrs. Yvonne Lewis.

Task Force Welcomes Honour Students to Kingston

In what has now become a welcome tradition of taking top-performing students — members of the Principal's Honour Roll — on a trip to the nation's capital, some forty (40) students journeyed to Kingston on 18th October to spend time at the National Gallery and then at Usain Bolt's Tracks and Record. As has become the norm, they were welcomed by a representative of the GHS Past Students Task-Force, this time around Mrs. Prudence Simpson, who congratulated them and encouraged them to maintain the habit of excellence in all their activities, in and out of school.



GLENMUIR TRIVIA

1. Name of the Custos from whom the property was acquired to establish the School?
2. One of the symbol on the School's Crest that is associated with the property before it become a school?
3. What was the property across the road used for before it became teachers' cottages?
4. Name of the only two GHS Rhodes Scholar?
5. Name of Glenmuir school bus owned and operated by the Willis family of Western Bakery fame?
6. Which Glenmuir student won the Ms. Jamaica title in 1968?



ODE TO OUR RETIREES

On Thursday 1st December 2016, members of the Past Students Association joined other members of the Glenmuir family at a Retirement Gala at the school. The event was used to pay tribute to 26 staff members - academic, administrative, and ancillary - who have determined that it is time to be done with marking books, writing lesson plans, taking care of student records and the facilities, as they embrace the joys of retirement.

We thank them profusely and wish them well in this new stage of their lives!

What's in a name? EVERYTHING!

We remember our friends and classmates for many things, not the least of which are the beautiful and unusual names they boast. See how many of these names you can remember:

Jukie, Deiwght, Sandra, Djenne, Jafiquerah, Ixesroy, Zuleika, Sinolia, Morfia, Volta, Velda, Samwayne, Volae, Stevonne, Solay, Jerohma, Guyan, Chillean, Mahlon, Shadae, Nichelle, Lichelle, Oneeph, Monacia, Aminda, Monefah, Owenee, Kisha, Alwayne, Camay, Sapphire

Email us at glenmuiralumnija@gmail.com if you'd like to have yours or a friend's name included in the next issue of SEMPER FLAGRANS.



S.T.E.A.M.ING AHEAD? NOT YET...

We will be needing your help to do so! The Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.) project is a long-term vision for the development of the school into a world-class institution which will enable it to keep up with the changing needs of society. We are reminded that 'the journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step' and so we ask you to share the vision and walk, run, pray and join with us as we take each step of this long journey to reality.

SOLAR PROJECT UPDATE

In our last issue, we informed of the Solar Project which is underway at Glenmuir. Below is an update on its progress:

Award of contracts: In total, the projects will see 4 contracts being awarded: (1) Training of staff and students in energy conservation methods; (2) supervising engineer consultant for the project (3) rewiring of school and retrofitting and (4) installation and commissioning of the PV (solar) system.

(1) Contract has been awarded for the Training of staff and students in energy conservation and related activities are underway.

(2) Contract has been awarded for the appointment of Supervising Engineer for the overall project and the chosen firm has started working.

(3) Retrofitting and Rewiring of Campus: Invitations to tender have been issued for this as a sub-project, with a preference for local firms. The selection of the firm should be completed by the end of the year. This sub-project is critical as it seems that the school's electrical infrastructure was expanded in an ad hoc manner. The electrical engineers are concerned that the system, as it is at present, would not meet accepted standards, especially if the solar system were added.

(4) Installation and Commissioning of Solar System: This is the "heart" of the overall project. The supervising engineering consultants will have prime responsibility for developing the terms of reference, which will be the basis on which firms will be invited to tender. It is expected that the tender documents will be issued in March 2017 and the contract awarded in April. Ceteris paribus, the system should be up and running for the 2017/2018 school year.

There is an aspect of the overall project, (a 5th sub-project, as it were), which is of critical importance for the school. This is the sale of "excess" energy (that generated mainly on weekends and during holidays) to JPSCo. The revenues from this sale should exceed the cost of power purchased from JPS (mainly at nights). Dr. Omar Davies, who is anchoring the Solar Project with great dedication, in association with PetroCaribe, is working with the school to finalize this agreement with JPS.

However, this will need engineering and technical expertise to complete the task. Any alumni interest is welcomed!



DONATE NOW



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Director of Sales, The Jamaica Pegasus, 81
Knutsford Boulevard, Kingston 5, Jamaica



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you can do online banking via
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directly to our account.

The Excellence Continues at Glenmuir!



Members of the 2016-2017 Students' Council Executive. Seated from left to right are Christina Blake and Bianca Harrison, Vice-President and president respectively.

Glendon Taylor, head boy, was awarded the Top Male PATHE Achiever for CSEC for 2015-2016. He also topped the Region and Jamaica in CAPE UNIT 1 BMED.

Glenmuir earned 16 places in the Regional Top 10 Ranking for CSEC and CAPE subjects for 2016. Bianca Jones was ranked number one in the Region for Caribbean History, Glendon Taylor and Jourdan Dunkley were also ranked number one in CAPE Units 1 & 2 in BMED respectively.

Glenmuir was placed third in the 2016 Jamaican Mathematical Olympiad! Phillip Lloyd was selected once again to represent Jamaica.

Glenmuir's PTA was recently awarded the SchoolSMS' PTA of the Year Award at Jamaica Conference Centre.



IN MEMORIAM *Hedda-Kay McKenzie-Watson*

Hedda-Kaye attended GHS from 1978 to 1983 and returned to the school for a period as a teacher. She was a fun-loving and gregarious person and had a flair for fashion from her teenage years. Known for being direct, Hedda Kaye would always fearlessly speak her mind.

She loved her alma mater GHS passionately and kept a close bond with the institution even after she ended her teaching stint there. She was a valued member of the Task Force of the Past Students' Association.



She worked with the Ministry of Education as an Education Officer and later transferred to the Ministry of Transport and Works. She was dedicated to public service as a civil servant for most of her working life. Hedda, along with Dr. Omar Davies, spearheaded the ongoing solar project at the School

She is survived by her husband, Conroy, son, Courtney and other family members.

May her soul rest in peace!



PHOTO GALLERY

Annual Fundraising Brunch
6 March 2016





Looking Ahead to 2018 – 60th Anniversary of Glenmuir High School

Friends, colleagues, countrymen, classmates!!

Hear ye! Hear ye!

2018 will mark sixty (60) years since the establishment of our alma mater. Every birth-

day is special, but some are indeed more special than others.

If there is no other time for a celebration and thanksgiving, this milestone is. So mark your calendars, renew your social media contacts, pass the word along, get the ideas flowing and join us in marking this occasion with the pomp and pageantry it deserves.

Let us know what you think .

ANSWERS TO TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. Muirhead
2. Cowhorn (it was a Dairy farm)
3. Tobacco plantation
4. Michael Allen and Sherona Forester
5. Trailways
6. Karlene Waddell

The Glenmuir High School Past Students' Association Taskforce comprises a strong combination of past students based in Jamaica and overseas, who have voluntarily committed their involvement to achieving the core values of the Association. Key members include:

Dr. Omar Davies, M.P.
Ambassador Sheila Sealy Monteith
Resident Magistrate Jennes Anderson
Dr. Marsha Smalling (current Principal)
Candice Chensue
Deiwght Peters
Ewan Simpson
Fitzroy Benjamin
Jeffery Daley
Jennifer Mendes
Lavern Salmon
Marlene Hargitay
Nichelle Mighty
Nsombi Jaja
Paulet White
Prince Myers
Prudence Simpson
Radcliff Knibbs
Renee Mair
Saundra Boreland-Bailey
Shawna-Kay Bailey
Sherine Sybron
Stephen Charoo
Sydney Bartley



The GHS Task-Force Needs You!

The GHSPSA is an informal group of past students of Glenmuir High School which meets monthly in Kingston and more frequently in the lead-up to any activity. Please feel free to join us.

Save the Dates

Sunday, 5 March 2017

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BRUNCH

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