

# SEMPER FLAGRANS!

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## FROM THE PEN OF:

 It is said that "three's a charm". So it appears that the third staging of the Past Students' Association Brunch has solidified this activity on the calendar of such activities. The Taskforce is grateful to each guest, sponsor, donor and alumnus, for the important support which we received, in so many ways, leading to the success of the event. We highlight the partnership struck with JN Bank, our premium sponsor, whose significant support was a major boost to our efforts. In this edition, we share highlights of Brunch 2017. We look forward to seeing you all next year, on the first Sunday in March.

Next year will mark a significant milestone in the life of Glenmuir High School - the Diamond (sixtieth) anniversary of the founding of the institution. We anticipate your support and assistance as we plan and implement a programme of action worthy of the occasion. Please contact us at [glenmuiralumnija@gmail.com](mailto:glenmuiralumnija@gmail.com) to share ideas and to register your year-group.

Our work to support the school continues on a number of fronts. We remain proud of the standards of excellence which are maintained by the administration and student body. At the same time, continuing in this tradition, our alumni do us proud in their various spheres of operation. In this edition, we turn the spotlight on a few of those schoolmates and trust that you too will be inspired to continue to "burn with the zeal for truth". *Flagrans veritatis studio!*

- Omar Davies  
Chairman, GHSPSA Taskforce

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## Diamond Anniversary Celebration - Glenmuir at 60 in 2018!

Calling all past students, teachers and others associated with Glenmuir High School!



As we look ahead to 2018, please sharpen your interest as we plan to celebrate this significant milestone next year. Let us know where to find you and be generous in offering your time, ideas, energy and other resources to our activities: [glenmuiralumnija@gmail.com](mailto:glenmuiralumnija@gmail.com)

### Class Which Started in 1958 - Where are you?

If you know anyone from that first class of students, please direct them to us. We would like to include them in the celebrations next year.

# "Alumnus Extraordinaire"



*OD at 70!*

**D**o we mean overdrive at 70! It is arguable that as he enters his seventh decade of life, our Dr. D is into overdrive where Glenmuir is concerned. His passion for and loyalty to the school, ignited when he first entered the institution in short pants has not dimmed one bit. He is the first among cheerleaders and the support and tangible assistance he has provided over the decades are near incalculable.

He has mentored the School Choir for many years and the members are indebted to him for the consistency of his presence in and support of their development.

The Taskforce is grateful to him for his leadership of the Team. As one of few individuals from the pioneer class of 1958, we thank him for the model of service he exemplifies. Representing the past students community on the Board, his advice and contribution are highly valued. His commitment and dedication to Taskforce activities, and indeed to the School, provide rich testimony of one who burns with the zeal for truth - always!

*Happy*

*#HBD*

The Davies family expresses its profound appreciation to the Task Force, the Glenmuir Choir, the School and all the members of the Glenmuir family for the tribute to OD - *Simply The Best* - held on Sunday May 28, 2017. The family is deeply touched by the many expressions of love and admiration on the occasion.

[Click here for a Sneak Peek](#)



*In this edition, we feature below two of our pioneers, from the early years of Glenmuir – Dr. Irvin Anderson and Dr. Henry. G. Godfrey, and pay tribute to them for their sterling contributions to humanity in their chosen professions. Their achievements are particularly noteworthy as they were able to gain acceptance to the medical faculty of UWI, despite the absence of a science department at Glenmuir.*



**Dr. Irvin Anderson** was a student at Glenmuir from 1959 – 1965. Following studies in medicine at the University of the West Indies, he completed an internship at Kings County Medical Centre, followed by Residencies in General Surgery at Kings County Medical Centre and the Lutheran Medical Centre in New York and in Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery at the University of Ottawa Cardiac Institute

He was the recipient of a Fellowship in Cardiac Surgery from the University of Ottawa Cardiac Institute in 1983, and in Paediatric Cardiac Surgery from the Mayo Graduate School in Minnesota in 1984.

Since 1985 and to the present, he has been serving as Director of the Maple Medical Immediate Care Centre in Brooklyn, New York. During that period, his professional experience has included service as Attending Physician at the Emergency Department from 1989 to 2004 and at the Neurosurgery Department 2006 to 2007, both at the Kings County Hospital Centre in Brooklyn, New York.

Dr. Anderson is Board Certified and Licensed by the American Board of Surgery in General Surgery (1985), by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery (1984), and licensed to practice in New York State (1979).

He is a member of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.



After graduating 6<sup>th</sup> form at Glenmuir and thereafter from the University of the West Indies, **Dr. Henry Godfrey** completed his internship at the Kingston Public Hospital (1973-74), following which he migrated to New York. There he continued his professional career, with a distinguished record of service in Surgical Residency Training & Fellowship at the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Columbia University (Harlem Hospital Centre); Surgical Residency (1973-1979); and Clinical Fellowship in GI Endoscopy (1979-81). He was rotated for specialized training at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (Breast Cancer) and the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center (transplant service).

Dr. Godfrey is Board Certified in General Surgery; a Fellow of the American College of Physicians & Surgeons; a Member of New York State & County Medical Society; and Member of the American Society of Breast Surgeons. Since 1982, and to the present, he has served as Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine.

Among the prominent positions Dr. Godfrey has held, are: attending Surgeon North General Hospital (1981 – 2010); Director of Surgery at North General Hospital (1989 – 1997); Associate Director of Surgery North General Hospital (1999-2010); Attending Surgeon at Harlem Hospital's Cancer Control Center and Emergency room (1979); and Attending Surgeon at St. Luke's/Mt. Sinai Medical Center from 2010 to present.

# BRUNCH 2017

- highlights -

Brunch 2017 was dedicated to the decade of the 70s and among our special guests were teachers who served the institution during that period. We were very pleased to welcome Mrs. Vera Gooden and Mrs. Marjorie Henry (in photo), Mr. Clement Radcliffe and Mrs. Karen Radcliffe.



Brunch 2017 acknowledged the invaluable contribution of Ms. Fae Ellington, compere extraordinaire, to all the staging of the event as Master of Ceremonies. As a Clarendonian, Fae shares our vision of helping the community and of each person doing his or her part to make this world a better place.



Our own Pat Samuels (Barrett) alumna of GHS and proprietor of Signatures Boutique, has been a steady supporter of each Brunch. Making an exception for her alma mater, the Fashion Parade under Pat's expert guidance demonstrates the excellence she takes to her craft and her commitment to high standards in the fashion industry.



The always faithful Jeanette Rose-McKenzie and Dinsmore Campbell, representatives of the Toronto and New Yew York Past Students Association respectively, helping out at Brunch 2017, as they did in previous staging.



This year we launched the **Year-Group Competition** to see how many past students in a particular year could be encouraged to participate. Kudos to Class of '83 which took home the prize. We hope that there will be stiffer competition from other year-groups next time around! (Photo of winning group)



# ocus on our Alumni!



## Dr. Gerald Grant (Class of '73): *Talking IT*



Dr. Gerald Grant, a proud GHS Alumnus, is Director of the Centre for Information Technology, Organizations, and People (CITOP) and Associate Professor at the Sprott School of Business, Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada. He recently co-authored a book which explores the strategic alignment between business and information technology.

In February 2017 he visited Jamaica as guest speaker at the Jamaica Computer Society. He used the opportunity to visit with staff and children at Glenmuir, sharing with them the benefit of his experience and expertise and having a chance to see the utility to which the Computer lab is being put. The lab was a donation of his year group.

The '73 Year-Group meets annually, and seeks to find ways to support the School. Thank you Class of 73!

## Beverley Hunter (Class of '76): *Bringing JOY to young people*



"There is never a moment that she is without a smile or not trying to impact the lives of youth in the area of education." So states an article in All Woman of the Jamaica Observer of January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017. Beverley Hunter, née Nelson, a Glenmuir alumna of the Class of '76, is

credited with founding in 2011, the Joy of Youth (JOY) Foundation to reach out to children in State care, particularly the Jamaica National Children's Home, and teach them how to play musical instruments. The programme uses trained musicians and lecturers to teach the children.

She currently serves as administrative officer in the Office of the Board for Undergraduate Studies at the UWI Regional Headquarters.

## Deiwght Peters (Class of '85): *Making a Difference in the Fashion Industry!*



It is said that one is not truly successful until one has taught others to be. That being the case, Deiwght Peters, renowned alumnus and CEO of Saint International, has been true to the Glenmuir spirit in making a difference in the lives of many young people. With his keen eye and expert knowledge of the industry, and impelled by the desire to create success for others, he has been unearthing talent after talent to place potential models on the international fashion stage. With each discovery, he not only solidifies his own place in the industry, but is creating a path for others to follow, while giving back to his alma mater and others.

The Deiwght Peters Show is another great achievement and as we faithfully watch TVJ on Friday evenings, we extend best wishes for its continued success.

Deiwght, we are proud of you. Continue to burn with the zeal for truth!

## Karen Boothe-Barton (Class of '72)

In 2014, GHS Alumna Karen Boothe-Barton, was appointed Director General of the Jamaica Library Service (JLS). This well-deserved elevation came after a career path in Librarianship, a field with which she fell in love at the May Pen Library.

Under her stewardship, the JLS has been making leaps and bounds in embracing information technology. A recent report in the Sunday Gleaner of 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 informs that the 119 public libraries in Jamaica have been transformed with the implementation of more than 1,000 state-of-the-art ICT resources, including laptops and tablets outfitted with the latest Microsoft applications.

We are proud of the mark she is making in the important field of information. Another of our schoolmates burning with the zeal for truth.



## Latest Notable Achievements



### Glenmuir Tops National Spelling Bee Competition

Twelve year-old Deneiro Hines of Glenmuir High School became the 58th national spelling Bee Champion in February of this year. Flagrans congratulates him and his coach Errol Campbell on this noteworthy success. Deneiro's national success led him to participate in the recently concluded 2017 Scripps Spelling Bee in Washington where he acquitted himself well. He continues to make Glenmuir proud. (In photo, Deneiro and his coach, speaking with Dahlia Harris on Smile Jamaica).



The netball team was justifiably proud after having excelled at the Florida Netball Classic. All are grateful to the alumni groups of New York and South Florida, for their invaluable support to the team.



With an admirable spirit of determination, a team of 2 teachers and 7 students made their way to Washington DC in early May. They visited the Embassy of Jamaica (in photo with staff) as well as the Library of Congress.



### Spotlight on the South Florida Past Students Association



For over 25 years, Fitzroy Benjamin (Class of '78) and his wife Yvette, an honorary alumna, have hosted the annual fundraising Dinner/Dance in South Florida each September, followed by a day-long Brunch at their home. This signature event has attracted alumni presence from all over the world, and is a fixed and must-do activity for Glenmuirites.

Funds raised have been donated to the school to support various activities. The event has also been used to recognise former teachers of the institution.

We pay tribute to Fitzroy, Yvette and their team for the dedicated and long-standing support of Glenmuir and for the spirit of generosity with which they carry out these activities year after year. May you continue to burn with the zeal for truth!





# Sneak Peek: "Simply The Best" - Tribute to Dr. Omar Davies

Held on Sunday 28 May 2017 @ the Courtleigh Auditorium





### TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. Who won Jamaica's first gold medal in a women's event in Olympics?
2. What do you call that pleasant smell that occurs soon after it rains, following a period of dryness?
3. What do you call the space between both eyebrows?
4. What is the name given, when your second toe is longer than your big toe?
5. How many hearts does an octopus have?
6. How many ants are there to every human on Earth?
7. Name the parish and its capital in Jamaica that was the first to be lit by electricity in 1893.
8. What is the name of the Jamaican whose significant contribution made lung transplants possible and what is the name of the procedure?

*The GHSPSA Task Force is a group of past students of Glenmuir High School which meets monthly in Kingston and more frequently in the lead-up to any activity.*

*We need your continued support to maintain our beloved alma mater as the high school of choice for generations to come.*



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7. Black River in St. Elizabeth | 8. Dr. Kenneth Richards, born in Jamaica in 1913. The Richards Procedure

### CONTACT US, YOUR PAST STUDENT ASSOCIATION!

We'd love for you to join us! Please let us have your name (current and as a student), your year group and any special memories you have of Glenmuir High School. Let us fill the memory bank for posterity.



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