

BUXTON-FRIENDSHIP EXPRESS

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- *Some residents of Buxton-Friendship cemeteries are not resting in peace.*

GUYANA VOTES NOVEMBER 28, 2011

Voters in Guyana will go to the polls next month to elect a new President, members of the 65-seat Legislature and representatives for the country's ten geographic districts. According to a Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) release, there are 475,496 eligible voters for this year's General and Regional elections, with youths (18—35) making up 46% of the electorate.

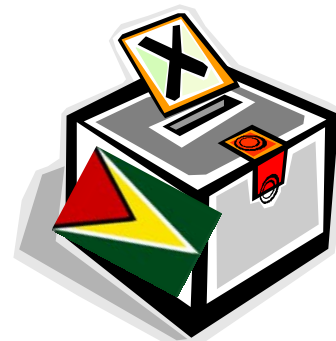
The current President, Mr. Bharrat Jagdeo is not eligible for re-election. His **People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C)** presidential candidate is 61-year old Donald Ramotar, a UG graduate in Economics. He is also the PPP's General Secretary. His prime ministerial running mate is Mr. Samuel Hinds, who has held that position since 1992 when the PPP/C came to power.

The other major contenders are:

- ♦ **A Partnership for National Unity (APNU)**—

This is a coalition of the People's National Congress Reform (PNCR), Working People's Alliance (WPA), Guyana Action Party (GAP), Justice For All Party (JFAP), GNC, GPP, NDF and NFA. The group's Presidential candidate is 66-year old retired commander of the Guyana Defence Force and national security advisor, Brigadier David Granger. Mr. Granger is also a graduate of the Universities of Guyana, West Indies and Maryland. The group's PM candidate is Dr. Rupert Roopnarine, a former UG lecturer.

- ♦ **The Alliance For Change (AFC)**—Its presidential candidate is 51-year old Mr. Khemraj Ramjattan, Attorney-at-Law. The prime ministerial candidate is 45-year old Mr. Rafael Trotman, who is also an Attorney-at-law.



Gecom's
List of
Registered
Voters
Online

<http://www.gecom.org.gy/OLE2011.html>

Buxton-Friendship is in District (Region) 4, and its list of eligible voters (electors) begins on page 8085 and ends on 8189.

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2006 FINAL VOTE COUNT

NATIONAL RESULTS

| PARTY | GENERAL ELECTIONS TOTAL VOTES | PERCENT- AGE | SEATS AWARDED | REGIONAL ELECTIONS TOTAL VOTES | PERCENTAGE | SEATS AWARDED | TOTAL SEATS |
|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|------------------|----------------|
| PPP/C | 183,867 | 54.6% | 21 | 182,156 | 54.0% | 15 | 36 |
| PNCR/1G | 114,608 | 34.1% | 13 | 114,283 | 34.0% | 9 | 22 |
| AFC | 28,366 | 8.4% | 4 | 27,397 | 8.1% | 1 | 5 |
| GAP/ROAR | 4,249 | 1.2% | 1 | 4,588 | 1.3% | — | 1 |
| TUF | 2,694 | 0.8% | 1 | 2,903 | 0.87% | — | 1 |
| JFAP | 2,571 | 0.76% | — | 3,436 | 1.0% | — | — |
| LD | | | | 172 | 0.05% | — | — |
| GNC | | | | 154 | 0.05% | — | — |
| PRP | | | | 132 | 0.04% | — | — |
| NDF | | | | 25 | 0.01% | — | — |
| TOTAL | 336,355 | | 40 | 335,246 | | 25 | 65 |

Number of Eligible Voters: 492,369

Voter Turnout: 68%

REGION 4 (DEMERARA-MAHAICA) RESULTS

| PARTY | GENERAL ELECTIONS | PERCENTAGE | REGIONAL ELECTIONS | PERCENTAGE |
|--------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| PNCR/1G | 68,112 | 46.45% | 67,726 | 46.31% |
| PPP/C | 62,386 | 42.55% | 61,896 | 42.32% |
| AFC | 13,876 | 9.46% | 13,566 | 9.28% |
| JFAP | 1,582 | 1.08% | 2,107 | 1.44% |
| TUF | 339 | 0.23% | 340 | 0.23% |
| GAP/ROAR | 335 | 0.23% | 359 | 0.25% |
| LD | — | | 137 | 0.09% |
| GNC | — | | 123 | 0.08% |
| TOTAL | 146,630 | 100.00% | 146,254 | 100.00% |

Source: Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM)—Elections 2006 Official Results

THE IMPORTANCE OF TEACHERS

“The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates.

The great teacher inspires.”

William Arthur Ward.

In this first article of the series entitled The Importance of Teachers, the writer seeks to provide some answers to the question: “Why Teach?” The article targets the new teachers who are responsible for unlocking and developing the vast potentials of our children.

The Oxford English Dictionary defines the word “teach” simply as to “show,” or “to impart knowledge of or skill in something.” In addition, it states that the derivative of the word teach is teaching. Therefore, it may be difficult to write about “**why teach and who are teachers**” without reference to Teaching. In answering the first part of the question, the writer will share some of his reasons for teaching.

Why Teach? I teach because I love to work with people. I have a strong interest in helping people to improve themselves and realize their true potential. Teaching is the only profession that enables one to positively intervene in the lives of people. It gives them hope

that they too can become productive citizens and perform beyond their perceived limitations.

Why Teach? I teach because teaching provides the opportunity for me to reverse the ignorance of students. It gives me great pleasure to experience the “**the light-bulb or aha aha moment,**” when students seem to “**get it or understand a concept,**” particularly when teaching mathematics. As a mathematics teacher, I seek to dismantle the dreadful fear that students have for the subject. Students who fear mathematics shy away from taking courses at the undergraduate level at college. This behavior robs them and society of people who may have great potentials to function as scientists, mathematicians or engineers.

Why Teach? Teaching gives me a sense of commitment to succeeding generations. I teach because I want to perpetuate the culture of my community. The wealth of knowledge contemporary students have should not be taken for granted. Many of them have all the latest multimedia gadgets, yet we find that they do not know many fundamental things of their culture. As a teacher I always seek to close this gap in knowledge.

Why Teach? I teach because I am a professional

life-long learner. In order to positively impart knowledge and skills to students and make learning fun, one must always retool himself and be at the cutting-edge of knowledge and mastery in his area of specialization and general education. Therefore, as a teacher, I always seek to expand my knowledge by attending workshops, conferences and taking advance college courses. Teachers should be natural learners and keep up-to-date with the ever-changing best practices in the classroom. Life-long learning keeps the brain dynamic, sprouting axons and dendrites, and strengthening neurons.

Why Teach? I teach to act as a positive role model for children. A teacher plays a critical role in helping students acquire and develop the self-esteem and confidence required to accomplish their dreams. Our students are fragile and vulnerable particularly during their adolescent/teenage years. Therefore, any negative school experience can result in life-long emotional damage to them. Parents may be too busy and have just a smattering of education to serve as the models their children need to develop strong self-esteem, self-confidence, and self-will.

Why Teach? I teach to help break the cycle of poverty that exists in our community. Research has

By Rennie Parris

shown that there is a positive correlation between a quality education and earning power. But high quality education is usually not provided to students in rural communities. As a teacher, I always inform my students that education is a powerful vehicle that can take them from poverty to power. Through education their earning potential can increase exponentially and give them a real chance to exit generational poverty.

Why Teach? Finally, I teach because of the many rewards and virtues that may be derived from teaching. Firstly, the success of my students brings joy, fulfillment and a great sense of accomplishment. Next, teaching gives positive energy. It enables me to develop excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and a sense of justice, achievement, teamwork, compassion, vision, and kindness. I teach because I believe that education has the power to improve the lives of people.



92 YEARS & COUNTING



David Nathaniel (Ernest) Abrams

Born July 23, 1919

Photo taken by Rollo Younge

OCTOBER

is

**Month of the
Elderly**

*Shower them with
Love & Kindness*

David Nathaniel (Ernest) Abrams was born in Buxton on 23rd July, 1919, but grew up in the eastern neighbouring village of Vigilance.

Mr. Abrams commenced his formal education at St. Augustine's Anglican School, Friend-

ship, under the headship of Mr. C.F. La Rose. He later transferred to Buxton Congregational School, then under the renowned leadership of Headmaster Fitzgerald A. Pollard.

After leaving school, he joined his father in the tailoring and carpentry occupations. They both became specialists in making windows. From his father, he also learned to build boats. He takes credit for having constructed many of the boats that once plied the Company Canal.

In 1959 he took up employment at the "Sea Defense" projects on both the East Coast and West Coast. He worked there for about 28 years. He remembers, as a child in Buxton, that there was no sea wall, just a beach.

Sunday afternoons, after Sunday school, many looked forward to being on that beach.

On 1st January, 1955, David Abrams married Vida Aleatha Willis. He fathered nine children—six girls and three boys. In 1986, Vida passed away, leaving him a widower. He subsequently married Sylvania Elfreda Moore. For the next 18 years, the couple shared a loving relationship and, during which time, he was able to visit both the United States of America and England.

At 92, Ernest Abrams continues to be an active member of St. Augustine's Anglican Church.

...by Rollo Younge

LAUDATE PAUL

LAUDATE PAUL, former resident of Buxton, Guyana and Brooklyn, New York, was called home on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, one month shy of her 63rd birthday. She was born on 7th November, 1948 to Mr. Samuel Paul & Mrs. Mabel Paul (now deceased).

Laudate leaves to mourn, her daughter, Adunni Paul and grandson, Akil Paul.

Also mourning her loss are her **brothers**--John Sylvester

Moore and Kenrick Paul; **sisters**--Doreen, Juliet and Faye. (She was predeceased by Maylene.); **nephews**--Kwesi Moore, Javan Paul, Trion Paul, Jermaine Gilkes, Mark Adams, and others; **nieces**--Michelle Moore, Samantha Paul, Cimorene Paul-John, Abidemi Hope-Thompson, Anika Giles, Claire Adams and others; **aunts**--Mavis Adams and Pauline Adams; **cousins**--Hazel Johnson, Patricia Aams,

Compton Jackson; Sandrene Escourse; Jean Roberts; Elaine Scott; Joan Broomes; Aubrey Azore; Barbara Hunte; Megan Moses, and others.

Funeral services for the late Laudate Paul were held in Brooklyn, New York at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church and, in Buxton, Guyana, at St. Augustine's Anglican Church. Her body was interred at the St. Augustine's churchyard on 17th October, 2011. RIP!



HEALTHY MIND, BODY & SPIRIT

Charles Llewelyn (Edmund) Forde was born on 8th June, 1920. He grew up on Company Road next to his brother's house. The property had belonged to the mother of one Simon James. He attended "Infant" school on Company Road where the Headmistress was Ms. Doris Glasgow. Around the community, Mr. Forde is well respected for his store of historical information concerning the village and which he is always willing and eager to share with his much younger villagers.

He believes that the then Village Chairman was John Gomes and the Overseer was Jacob D. Younge. He recounted that, in those days, the Company Canal was the community's main source for clean water. The water was black since it flowed from the Conservancy. He also remembers the "New (Public) Road" being built and the New Found Out Shop, which served as a landmark for many years.

But his fondest memory appears to be a famous court case centered around one of Buxton's

landmark waterways. The case, he recalled, was argued before then British Guiana Supreme Court. It was brought by Enmore Estates, Ltd. against the Buxton-Friendship Village Council for not allowing the estate's punts free passage along the trench known as the "Right of Way" (Right Away). This was circa 1952, when the imposed toll for each punt, full or empty, was eight (8) cents. The Village Council was represented by attorneys, Linden Forbes Sampson Burnham and Ashton Chase, while the sugar estate was represented by Van B. Stafford, QC and one Mr. Elliot. Although the case was won by the plaintiff—Enmore Estates, Ltd.—the estate was made to pay an annual fee of \$500 to the village authority for its use of the waterway.

Mr. Forde resides on the street which was recently named in his honour, and is surrounded by a host of caring children and grandchildren.

...by Rollo Younge



Charles Llewelyn (Edmund) Forde
Born June 8, 1920

Photo taken this month by Rollo Younge at Mr. Forde's residence on the Buxton Street named after him.

"At 91 Mr. Forde is still fit and agile and he credits his longevity to a healthy and stress-free lifestyle, as he promptly pointed out that he does not drink alcohol or smoke and is a vegetarian."

Excerpt from Guyana Chronicle (2011-06-10) on Mr. Forde's celebration of his 91st birthday

ROLLEX (TERRY) THOMAS

ROLLEX ANTHONY THOMAS, also known as Terry, Squash and Uncle Punter, aged 45, of Lot 86 Friendship, East Coast Demerara, died at the Georgetown Hospital on Tuesday, 11th October 2011, after a brief illness.

He was the father of Kurcel, and youngest son of Mr. Edwin Thomas (Buddy Wawa) and Mrs. Pauline Barnwell-Thomas (Aunty P).

He was also the brother of Barbara

Thomas-Holder, Rudolph Thomas (Walk-about), Yonette (Sharon) Thomas of England, Nicholette (Shelly) Thomas of Kurupung; and the late Michelle (Tchaiko) Thomas-Phillips, John (Clive) Thomas, and Elroy Thomas.

The life of Rollex Anthony (Terry) Thomas was celebrated on 22nd October, 2011, after which his body was laid to rest at the Buxton Cemetery.

Sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.



REMEMBERING DAMON

by Rollo Younge

The Damon Monument is located in Anna Regina on the Essequibo Coast, and honors an African laborer called Damon, who was executed October 13, 1834 for his role during a protest against the system of apprenticeship. The bronze sculpture was created by Ivor Thom and erected July 31 1988.

On the Essequibo coast workers protested the apprenticeship scheme and there were sporadic stoppages of work throughout the week starting Sunday, August 3, 1834.

On that Sunday, Charles Bean, proprietor of Plantation Richmond, joined with other planters to kill sixty-five pigs belonging to his workers. They slaughtered the animals because they claimed the pigs destroyed the roots of the young canes. But the real reason was to cut off any alternative livelihood for their workers so that the apprentices would remain bound to estate labor.

On Saturday, August 9, 1834 the labor situation worsened dramatically on the Essequibo Coast. About seven hundred workers (ex-slaves) on the plantations between Richmond and Devonshire Castle stopped work and gathered in the Trinity Churchyard at La Belle Alliance.

Planters called for troops, and about forty armed soldiers of the West India Regiment under Captain Groves arrived from Capoey and took up their positions

around the churchyard. In the meantime, a Richmond laborer, Damon, who by now was one of the leaders of the workers, ran up a "flag" on a pole as a sign of their freedom and independence from the planters.

When the minister of the church appealed to the crowd to disperse, they argued that since they were free they did not wish to return to the plantations to be forced to work. They stated that they were taking refuge in the churchyard which belonged to the King.

Charles Bean next tried to address the workers on behalf of the planters, but he only succeeded in inflaming them further by his threats and display of arrogance. He ordered two rural constables who were present to arrest two of the "ringleaders" (Damon was not one of them), but the two were immediately rescued by their friends. Bean and his fellow planters then called upon the soldiers to open fire on this unarmed crowd. Captain Groves, showing good control, declared that he would take no such action and would await the Governor's arrival.

The soldiers also did not act because they recognized that this was no mob, but just a crowd of peaceful workers gathered under their make-shift flag in order to show they were free people.



Bronze Sculpture of Damon, created by Ivor Thom

Thanks to Ken Robertson for contributing some of the information used in this article.

Governor Smyth arrived on Monday August 11, 1834 and the crowd quickly and peacefully obeyed his orders to end the seizure of the churchyard. Damon's "flag" which flew proudly for a few days in the churchyard was pulled down.

The Governor addressed the workers the next day at Plantation Richmond. He explained the Apprenticeship period which was in force, arrested the leaders of the demonstration, and ordered the rest back to work. Damon, by this time, was being referred to as the "Captain" and hence leader of the unrest.

He and a number of others were taken to Georgetown, tried and found guilty of rebellion. None of these men had threatened a single planter or his property and had not attacked anyone. They had simply stopped working for a few days and assembled under their own flag. Four of them were sentenced to terms of imprisonment and severe floggings while two were sentenced to transportation (to New South Wales, Australia). Damon was sentenced to be hanged. (There were actually four (4) of Damon's

compatriots – Fothergill, Frederick, Bob, William – who were sentenced to be transported to New South Wales. While awaiting the time to be shipped, they were held in the prison ships (Hulks) in London, England). Bob died primarily from the rigors of the 1834 winter. Fothergill, Frederick and William were pardoned and sent back to Demerara arriving on October 13, 1835.

At the trial one of the judges protested against the trial proceedings but Chief Justice Wray insisted on the death penalty for Damon. He ruled that the hoisting of a flag, though by persons unarmed, was an act of rebellion, and though all were equally guilty, under the Roman-Dutch law, some might be punished more and some less.

At noon, on Monday October 13, 1834, Damon was hanged on a scaffold specially erected in front of the new Public Buildings. The Public Buildings - which now house the Guyana National Assembly had earlier been declared open on 3 April 1834.

THE BITTER TRUTH

By Dr. Clayton Quintin Bacchus

Can you imagine there are still a few folks who are still green with envy because their need for fame was shattered? And, there are still those few folks who are still wallowing in guilt and shame because when they were invited to the table to seek remedy for an ailing Buxton they refused. Their refusal was a symptomatic pattern of opposing just for the sake of opposing so that they could stand out. This child's play, however, back fired. Now, they are badly wounded and are in serious distress. They are scrambling to capitalize from the sweat of those who pursued the course. Yes, these contrarians are now desperately eager to reap the fruits they have never sown - the same fruits they once despised.

Let the truth be told, those same folks who maligned the 170th Anniversary Celebration are now, clandestinely, trying to drum up support to do exactly what the 170th Anniversary Celebration Committees have already done. But, like I said in previous commentaries...some folks would say and do anything to be in control. Clearly, the individuals who are now calling for collaboration are trying to mask shame and guilt. They are like fish out of water trying to feed their pervasive desire for fame. They must have realized that the development of Buxton is going on, in spite of their hang-ups and their attempts to sabotage progress. They finally realized that they have become inconsequential to the progress of Buxton, and the deluded beliefs that they held the key to Buxton's success was a fairy tale.

Buxtonians are truly fed up with the lunacy that is being perpetuated by these fringe elements. Definitely, these folks have lost touch with reality, and are still stuck in the past.

We know that they can only function when they project that distorted reality onto others. A great case in point is the relentless effort by these control-freaks to use the 170th Celebration Committees as a scapegoat to deflect their own ineptitude. This is the only way they could come to grips with the failed agenda they have pursued for years. These are the folks who have always had an exaggerated estimate of their importance. Let's not forget, these are the same folks who have derailed and decried their "own" in the past, and were largely responsible for the mock in Buxton. Yes, these are the folks who cannot get over the fact that a few of their "own" were able to make quick progress on a task that eluded them for years. Of course, that "inflated self-importance" that they fetched around so conceitedly has been collapsed and exposed. Right now, they can only handle that new reality with the schizophrenic act of preaching unity and practicing disunity. What a weak and wicked way to carryout community service!

These people really thought their opinions are facts, and Buxtonians must seek their blessing on how to think and how to act. If you refuse to follow their diktats, these vindictive bullies will definitely assassinate your reputation, and make the assassination look like they are having an intelligent conversation. That kind of malicious vile may appeal to those who are easily fooled by a flawed ideology drenched in hypocrisy, but it would not fly with the majority of Buxtonians who are independent thinkers.

The truth may be bitter, but it must be told, Buxtonians are a perceptive group of people - they can spot the phonies from a distance. They know who really care about improving their quality of life. They know who are fixated on making political hay, and who are obsessed with seeking personal fame and financial fortune from their despair. In all honesty, Buxtonians have already ranked what the 170th Anniversary Celebration Committees have done in a few months against what the elite politicians and their adherents have failed to do in decades.



A MATTER OF GRAVE IMPORTANCE

By Lorna Campbell



Sections of St. Augustine's Anglican Church graveyard shown in pictures above and immediately below.



Photos by Rollo Younge

On November 2, Roman Catholics and Anglicans will observe All Souls' Day, also known as Day of the Dead. It is a special day on their Church Calendars for the commemoration of the departed faithful, and the tradition is marked with prayers and a visit to the cemetery by relatives and friends of deceased persons. Sadly, in many parts of the world, this is becoming a dying tradition. But in Buxton, were it not to suffer a natural death, the ghastly and despicable state of the cemeteries in the community (except St. Augustine's) would discourage the bravest living person from going to the gravesite of a departed

family member to pray for his or her soul.

When I was home in July for this year's Heritage Week festivities, the dire situation caught my attention during a visit to Buxton Secondary School for the Children's Heritage Camp. As a child, I spent five years attending primary school in that building, and this forced me to have visual contact with the Friendship cemeteries, which fall under the jurisdictions and separate care of the Village Council (now NDC), St. Anthony's R.C. Church and St. Augustine's Anglican Church. I remember all of them being properly demarcated, fenced and carrying sturdy gates with locks. I can also remember there being distinct pathways providing easy access to most parts of each ground and virtually no overgrowth of bush. In the Anglican graveyard, schoolchildren would sometimes steal across

there during recess to pick dunks and other fruits off the trees. To this day, this remains the only cemetery in the Village that presents a tidy spectacle of lush green grass and orderly rows of white tombs. Its residents also appear to be resting in peace.

Separated by just a fence, their neighbours in the NDC-managed ground must be turning over in their graves trying to stay dry amidst the surrounding swamps. There, any sign of the northern fence has since disappeared as tombs now lie beyond that boundary line, perilously close to the now paved access road from Friendship Middle Walk to St. Augustine's Anglican Church. This road also provides a link to the northern section of E.F. Fredericks Street. What is also quite noticeable is the absence of the main pathway which led from the gate (at the north). This is now buried beneath graves.

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Picture (left) was taken during upgrading of the access road from Friendship Middle Walk, and shows tombs erected alongside the roadway and outside the old boundary of the NDC cemetery.

At right is another part of this cemetery and some of its overgrown bush.



OF GRAVE IMPORTANCE

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I turned to Ras. Jerry Hope, who stood next to me, for an explanation. He surmised that bereaved relatives were possibly forced to utilize the higher plot of ground to avoid the swampy conditions which pervade much of the cemetery. Some areas are also populated with thick overgrown vegetation. Visitors hoping to reach their loved ones' gravesites located a few feet inside the ground may be forced to skip over tombs or wave through stagnant water and overgrown bush to get there.

I spoke to the Buxton-Foulis NDC Chairman, Mr. Randolph Blair, about the existing bad conditions at this cemetery. He said that the matter was engaging his attention and he had even consulted with another official on implementing a drainage system for the ground. He, however, indicated that the improvement cost may be more than the Council could afford, granting its revenue constraints.

In the adjoining St. Anthony's Roman Catholic ground, the situation does not seem to be much better. Worse yet, some of the older tombs may be sanctuaries for Africanized bees, also known as "Killer Bees". Swarms of these aggressive insects are also known to be dwelling in tombs in the Buxton Mid-

dle Walk Cemetery. This situation poses immense danger to the lives of humans and animals. Just recently, masons working on a tomb inside this cemetery were kept at bay for days by the bees. An unlucky horse which was tied and left to graze nearby was unable to make its escape when it came under their attack and was stung to death, while a dog fortunately managed to run away with its life.

A large part of the Buxton Burial Ground looks like a jungle with its share of thick overgrown bush. A villager who resides overseas related the difficulties she experienced in trying to get to her mother's gravesite that she is now very discouraged to go back.

Many of the courageous and generous men and women who sacrificed to purchase and develop Buxton-Friendship, their remains are buried in these cemeteries. It is a living shame that their final resting place is not a preserve worthy of the respect and dignity they deserve. The NDC should consider delegating management of the two cemeteries under its control to a special sub-committee. Alternatively, the Council should seek to encourage the other churches to assume responsibility and manage the upkeep of

these cemeteries since they are the final resting places for their former members, many of whom would have tithed considerable sums during their lifetime.

It is somewhat surprising that the local Catholic church has allowed its consecrated ground to disintegrate into an unsightly abode for the remains of village greats like E.F. Fredericks, Winifred Thierens-Gaskin and her father, Stanley Thierens, Fred Seaforth, Fred Roopchand and, of course, many other members who also served the church faithfully during their lifetime. I wish to see improvement here too.

St. Augustine's Anglican Church deserves much commendation for providing a dignified resting place for its faithful departed, including my dear grandmother, mother, sister, uncles, aunt, cousins and other relatives. Keep up the good work!

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**All Saints' Day
November 1, 2011**



Pictures above and immediately below show parts of St. Anthony's R.C. Cemetery



Pictures immediately above and below show parts of the Buxton Cemetery located on Buxton Middle Walk. Swarms of Africanized bees dwell within tombs here.



SUPPORTING EDUCATION

In his continuing effort to give back to his community, Atlanta-based Buxtonian, Mr. Charles Liverpool made another donation, this month, to the 2011 successful Grade 6 Assessment students from Friendship Primary School to assist them with transportation expenses to and from their secondary schools. He was joined by local

community organizer, Rollo Younge, who contributed a similar sum to the students.

We would also like to acknowledge a donation of school supplies from Mrs. Enid Barnes of Brooklyn, NY. We wish to commend all of you for your generosity and thank you for your continued support to the educational endeavours of our young.



In the Rollo Younge photo above, in Front Row (left to right) are Messiah Mussenden and Kenduce Cooper, while in the Back Row (left to right) are Althea Charles, Roshaun Graham, Avery Phill and Yuon Armstrong posing with their envelopes.



OCTOBER

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Early detection saves lives.

Make sure you get regular Mammograms!

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A Musical Celebration of Gospel & Steel



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CHRONICLE ATLANTIC SYMPHONY STEEL & BRASS ORCHESTRA
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FROM 5:00 P.M.

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CIMBUX CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA

The Committee to Improve Buxton (CIMBUX) in Washington, DC—Maryland will stage a grand cultural show on Saturday, November 19, 2011, starting at 5:00 p.m., at the Margaret Schweinhaut Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901. The event will feature African drumming, Poetry, Story telling, Folk and

Liturgical dancing, and Gospel Music.

Tickets for the event are \$15 each and must be purchased in advance. Proceeds will fund the organization's educational and cultural programs in Guyana and the United States.

For more information, call:

240-381-5190

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CIMBUX CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA

MARGARET SCHWEINHAUT COMMUNITY CENTER
1000 Forest Glen Road (off Georgia Avenue), Silver Spring, MD, 20910
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2011 (5:00 PM)

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ADMISSION: \$15 (TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR)
All proceeds will fund educational and cultural programs in Guyana & the USA
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fundraising dance

MONDAY
DECEMBER 26

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2011 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

| DAY & DATE | EVENT | PLACE | DETAILS | PROMOTER(S) | CONTACT INFO |
|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| Saturday October 29 from 5:00 p.m. | A MUSICAL CELEBRATION <i>Gospel, Voice & Steel</i> | Catherine McAuley H.S. Auditorium 710 East 37th St Brooklyn, NY 11203 (corner of Foster Ave) | Chronicle Atlantic Steel & Brass Orchestra, Gospel Singing & More Adult—\$25 Child—\$20 | BESAC, INC. (Buxtonians for the Educational & Social Advancement of the Community) | 718-843-3690 347-228-6939 917-648-8383 718-284-0911 718-510-2687 |
| Saturday November 19 5:00 p.m. | <i>Cultural Extravaganza</i> | 1000 Forest Glen Road Silver Spring MD 20901 | Drumming Story Telling Poetry Folk Dancing | CIMBUX (Committee to Improve Buxton) | 240-381-5190 240-508-6388 240-988-4941 240-486-6341 |
| Sunday December 26 | Boxing Nite Dance | Toronto, Canada | DJ SOLID GOLD Ticket—\$20 | COTAB | 416-431-0273 905-791-3412 |

2012 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

| WHEN | WHAT | WHERE | HAPPENINGS | BY WHOM | MORE INFO |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|-----------------|
| Sunday 1st January New Year's Day from 4:00 p.m. | KWANZAA SOIREE | To be Announced | <i>"A Celebration of Family, Community & Culture"</i> African Libation, Music, Poetry, Art, Style & Food | Buxton-Friendship Heritage Group | To be Announced |
| Sun—Sat 8th April — 14th April | EASTER FEST | Buxton-Friendship GUYANA | Kite-flying Sightseeing Tour Children's Party Seniors' Banquet | Buxton-Friendship Restoration Group & Heritage Group | |

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