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GREETINGS ST. IGNATIUS ALUMNI! 2015 IS WELL UNDERWAY!

Greetings St. Ignatius Alumni! I hope the first part of the year has treated you all well as we zoom into May! Thanks to all those who supported the Fish Fry nights in February-March... we certainly had huge crowds this year! Thanks also to those who attended the Spring Fling in February, as well as the Easter Masses at St. Ignatius Church.

On this page you will find the sixteenth edition of "Where are they now???", featuring Kelly Sun (Class of 2008)! Let me know if you want to volunteer to be featured in the next edition! We also congratulate alumnus Tonie Chisholm on being crowned Miss Cayman! We hope you will also get involved in many of the upcoming activities, including the Tea Party this Saturday! Please see the following pages for all the dates and details!

This is our third edition of "**THE IG-FORMER**" for this school year, (our eighteenth edition overall). To view previous editions, please visit the ALUMNI section of the school website, www.st-ignatius.com. Remember this is YOUR newsletter! Please get involved by sending in newsworthy items, reflections on the past, old photos, etc. Remember you can also submit **FREE** classified ads. The deadline for the next edition will be in late June. Please contact our e-mail address: sicaymanalumni@gmail.com with your suggestions or comments.

PAST ST. IGNATIUS STUDENTS ... WHERE ARE THEY NOW???

Kelly Sun attended St. Ignatius Catholic School 2000 until her graduation in 2008. After leaving Cayman, Kelly headed off to attend University at Penn State, where she also worked as a program assistant in the area of Biotechnology.

She completed an internship in Philadelphia this semester, working at a co-op with Janssen, a company of Johnson & Johnson. Kelly performed scale-up activities for HIV vaccines and assisted in tech transfer for Phase II and Phase III clinical trials. The upstream process allowed her to get hands-on experience in growing up to 80+ million cells/ml in single-use bioreactors. As the bioreactors ran, Kelly ensured that the cells were healthy by using high-tech instruments, such as the BGA for pH, CO₂, and O₂ and the Nova FLEX for checking metabolite levels.

During this experience, Kelly stated, "I'm happy to know I'm applying the skills I learned in my biotechnology classes. The people I'm working with are very encouraging and knowledgeable and so far my experience has been very rewarding, opening my eyes to different opportunities available in the biotechnology industry."

Kelly graduates from Penn State this weekend with a Degree in Biotechnology and Microbiology, with a Minor in Biology. She now plans to go to medical school and she is in the midst of the application process.

Kelly is the daughter of Ken and Doris Sun. Her twin brother Michael attend St. Ignatius at the same time as Kelly and he is graduating from Emory University in Georgia this weekend with a degree in Biology and Physics.



Kelly enjoyed all of her time as a Nittany Lion at Penn State.

TONIE IS MISS CAYMAN!

St. Ignatius graduate **Tonie Chisholm** (Class of 2004) was crowned Miss Cayman on January 31st! Just a few months into her reign Tonie has enjoyed visiting schools and interacting with the children. During a recent interview for *What's Hot*, she was asked what makes someone beautiful? Tonie replied, "For me, what makes someone beautiful is happiness. It's not something that comes naturally to us; we work hard to be this every day. And the chance is that if you are happy, you will make others happy too. Spreading light is something I think people can forget to do in such a fast paced world."



GOLF SCRAMBLE — BIRDIE BLITZ FOR ‘DON’T RORY, BE HAPPY’

The sixth annual St. Ignatius Church and School Golf Scramble took place on Friday, March 27th at the North Sound Golf Club. Twenty-four teams enjoyed the warm afternoon, and there was some hot competition on the links.

The winning team was ‘Don’t Rory, Be Happy’ with a net score of 48.8: Conor O’Dea Sr., Conor O’Dea Jr., Neil Clements and Simon Donoghue. Second place was KPMG with a net score of 51.7: Joel Dodson, Matt Walker, Dan Allard and Stewart Reed. Third place was International Financial Planning with a net score of 52.1: Conor MacHugh, Conor Jennings, Ronan Guilfoyle and James Gilbert. All three teams won gift vouchers from the pro shop.

Closest to the pin winners were Wally Clark on hole nine and Jason Lovelock on hole eleven. Longest drive winners were Isabel Mendes for the ladies on hole ten and Ian Lomas for the men on hole two. All received gift cards courtesy of Kirk Freeport. Dan Anderson won the putting contest, leaving his 70 foot putt just 9.25 inches from the hole.

Titan Development was voted best dressed team, with ‘Fore-bidden Fruit’ and Island Supply getting honourable mention from the judges. ‘Fore-bidden Fruit’ was an all-alumni team, featuring former students **Alex** and **Thomas Cowan**, **Trent Christie**, and **Harrison Foster**. They finished 24th with the highest score of the day, earning each player a free round of golf courtesy of the North Sound Golf Club!

Richard Sykes and James O’Brien split the jackpot for correctly guessing that 23 golf balls would end up in the water at the thirteenth hole. Nitti Howe, Henrico DuPlessis, Alvin Sluchinski, John Fitzgibbons, and James Rawcliffe split the jackpot for being the nearest to predict the winning team score on the day. All five all guessed 49.0, just missing the actual score of 48.8.

Following the competition the golfers received a number of awards, 25 raffle prizes, and a buffet stir-fry dinner catered by Signature Events.

St. Ignatius would like to thank all of the sponsors: Island Heritage Insurance (major sponsor), Grant Thornton, BCQS Property Management, Mr. Terry Carson, RUBIS, Deanna Look Loy, and the Bertran Family.

Thanks also go out to the prize donors: Kirk Freeport (major donor), The North Sound Golf Club, The Brasserie, The Wharf, LUCA, Copper Falls Steakhouse, Island Cleaners, Godfrey’s Enterprises, John and Pat Gray, Gordon Hewitt, Lezma Ebanks and Mariasol Danziger.

Final thanks go out to the North Sound Golf Club, all of the corporate teams, prize donors, and the volunteers who gave up their Friday afternoon to ensure that everything ran smoothly. Nearly \$7700 was raised for the school and church development fund. The annual scramble will take place again on March 18th, 2016.



Top: The winning team this year included Year 13 student Conor O’Dea Jr., Conor O’Dea Sr., along with teachers Neil Clements, and Simon Donoghue.

Above: The first time ever an all alumni team has participated! Thomas Cowan, Harrison Foster, Trent Christie and Alex Cowan finished in last place, winning a free round of golf!

ROAD SAFETY IN THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

During the past month we have seen several tragedies on our roads. A young woman was killed in a high speed accident in North Side, a cyclist was killed by a hit and run driver on the Linford Pierson Highway, and a jogger was killed in South Sound. Sixteen year old visitor Harrison Zierenberg was also very seriously injured when he was hit by a vehicle while crossing the main road near the Marriott Hotel. For recent updates on Harrison's progress, please see the St. Ignatius Parish Facebook page.



The Cayman Islands Ministers Association issued a statement regarding the recent incidents on the roads. To read the statement, please visit: <http://www.caymin.ky/cmastatementroaduse.html>.

Each year there are over 1000 road accidents in Cayman. Several of these result in fatalities or serious injuries, but even the less serious ones involve traffic delays for motorists, response from emergency vehicles, property damage, and dealing with insurance companies. At least ten former St. Ignatius students have died on our roads or have been driving vehicles involved in fatal collisions. **WE CAN DO BETTER, AND WE MUST DO BETTER!**

What can we do?

As a School, Parish, and Alumni Association we can do many things!

- Please pray for all those families who have suffered the loss of a loved one and pray that Harrison continues to recover.
- All those who work at hotels/condos can encourage all visitors to take precautions on the roads, whether driving, cycling or walking.
- Parents can ensure that their children are fully educated on all aspects of road safety.
- We can encourage public education campaigns by giving suggestions to organizations and leaders in the community.
- We can all work to improve our own driving habits and pass those on to family members and co-workers.
- We can demonstrate common courtesy in all situations!
- Our Alumni Association can be a proactive voice in the community! Perhaps it would be a great way to remember all those former students who have tragically died on the roads?

Practical safety tips for road users:

Pedestrians/Joggers:

If you are walking or exercising on the roads, always walk/run against the traffic flow. Wear bright, reflective clothing, especially at night. When crossing the road, take extra care, use designated cross walks where possible, and always ensure cars have stopped in both directions before entering a cross walk. Never walk or jog while listening to headphones.

Cyclists:

Always ride on the far left, in the same direction as traffic. Obey all traffic signs and signals, and indicate your turns. If riding at night, ensure your bicycle is equipped with lights and reflectors. Always wear a helmet and bright, reflective clothing when cycling. Never cycle while listening to headphones.

Cars/Motorbikes:

Obey the speed limits at all times and drive more slowly during periods of rain. Take extra precautions in school zones, school parking lots, and around school buses. Always use indicators so that other drivers know your intentions. Never drink and drive. Never tailgate. Always be on the lookout for pedestrians and cyclists, no matter what time of day or night. If you must use your phone while driving ensure that it is a hands free device. Never text while driving and never use a hand held phone (phones can be left in the glove compartment).

For further information on road safety in Cayman, please visit <https://www.facebook.comStreetskillCaymanIslands>

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS – GET INVOLVED!

- **Saturday, May 9th: Spring Tea Party**, 2:30-5:00 pm in the school courtyard. Afternoon tea, entertainment, and great prizes. Tickets only \$5! See page 6 for full details.
- **Sunday, May 31st: Fundraiser for Nepal**. The local Indian Community will have a food sale (\$10 to \$15) during the afternoon at St. Ignatius School, approximately 12:30-4:00 pm. See the local media for full details near the time. All proceeds will assist the victims of the devastating earthquake in Nepal.
- **Friday, June 26th: Year 10 students are going out on Work Experience for a week**. If any of you would like to host a student, please contact gareth.thacker@st-ignatius.com or bernadette.devlin@st-ignatius.com as soon as possible.

NEWS BRIEFS

Please contact our e-mail address: sicaymanalumni@gmail.com if you have any news briefs to share about yourself or another St. Ignatius former student!

FACEBOOK PAGES

Check out and “like” the St. Ignatius School Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/St.IgnatiusCayman>.

Check out and “like” the St. Ignatius Parish Facebook page:

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ANOTHER PHOTO – REMEMBERING THE OLD DAYS!

This is the 1J class (Ms. Jean Tomlinson) from the 1998-1999 school year.

These former students are now about 23-24 years old. How many do you recognize???



Front: Mitchell Forbes and Jason Solly
Second: Michael Forman, Thomas Cowan, Tessa Ryan, Samantha Rea, Rejonte Rivers, Rachele Rivers, Zach Wilson, Jordan Cacho.
Third: Brittany Schirn, Stephanie Lewis, Rory McDonough, Michael Lewis, ???
Fourth: Julius Hubbell, Sean Archie, Felicia Paddyfoote, Michael Delaney, Javiera Aguayo, Maria Aguayo, Joshua Watler.
Back: Jordan Forbes, Peter Stasiuk, Chelsea Martinez, Alek Rasinen, Terrence Choudhury, Naimh Doherty.
Teacher: Jean Tomlinson (nee Miller)

ALUMNI REGISTRATIONS HAVE INCREASED BUT MORE ARE OUT THERE!

We have over 175 past students who have registered for the Alumni Association. Please forward this newsletter to all of your old classmates, in fact anyone who ever attended St. Ignatius! Please don't assume that they have already registered!

There are still many former students out there so the next time you are in touch with one of your former classmates please ask them if they have registered yet! If not, please ask them to visit the **ALUMNI** section of the school website, www.st-ignatius.com, where they will find the registration form. Alternatively they can just e-mail me their details.

Please contact our e-mail address: sicaymanalumni@gmail.com if you have any questions regarding anything in this newsletter or the Alumni Association in general. I can also be reached at 928-6096 (cell) or 949-6797 (office).

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SPRING TEA PARTY

This Saturday, May 9th
2:30-5:00 pm
St. Ignatius Courtyard
Walkers Road
Tickets only \$5



Ticket includes afternoon tea (drink and finger foods), entertainment, and a chance to win some beautiful door prizes!



1st Prize: David Yurman Ladies Cable Watch \$1600

(Sterling Silver with 18k Gold)

2nd Prize: 88 Rue Du Rhone Ladies Watch \$990

(Stainless Steel and Rose Gold)

3rd Prize: 88 Rue Du Rhone Men's Watch \$700

(Stainless Steel Chronograph)

Plus many more prizes!

- Ticket holders need NOT be present to win.
- All proceeds to Church programmes and to help fund guest speakers.
- Tickets can be purchased from the St. Ignatius Church Office (949-6797)
- Please purchase tickets no later than Friday, May 8th!



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