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The Quarterly Newsletter  
of The College Canado-Haitien & Frères du Sacré-Coeur Alumni Association, Inc.  
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*From the president's desk*

### Sounds from our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration

Dear friends,

Ten years already! We continue religiously to hold our promises. We continue to sponsor, pay the tuition on behalf of an ever-growing number of students attending the Brothers of the Sacred Heart schools network in Haiti. During my last trip in Haiti in June, I, of course, visited the Canado-Haitian College which is temporarily located in the Babirole area. This was an unforgettable experience. Upon learning which organization I was there to represent, the students bestowed upon me the warmest welcome. This truly went beyond my expectations. They were happy and animated by the same spirit that once guided my own generation being thirsty for knowledge, actively cultivating friendship, comradeship and also being avid Sports fans.

On the other hand, the Brothers displayed tremendous enthusiasm and appreciation for our work and our contribution from here. It goes without saying that this was a natural invitation to do more. Therefore, I am seizing this opportunity to transfer to you their thanks and their gratitude. Nevertheless, they await a lot more from us. Many projects are still at the project stage simply because funds are not yet available. In addition to the regular academic agenda, assistance is needed in Sports, athletics and other social activities.

I also want to take this present opportunity to urge you to stay engaged on behalf of the association, your association. Your participation not only is appreciated and desired but also it is essential. So many people depend on us.

Chers amis,

Dix ans déjà, et nous continuons religieusement de tenir nos promesses. Nous continuons de sponsoriser, de payer l'écolage pour un nombre sans cesse croissant d'étudiants fréquentant les institutions du réseau des Frères du Sacré-Coeur en Haïti. Durant mon dernier voyage en Haïti, en Juin, j'ai visité, pas besoin de le dire, le Collège Canado-Haïtien pour constater de mes yeux les efforts consentis et les progrès réalisés. Le collège est situé temporairement à Babirole. Ce fut une expérience inoubliable. L'accueil reçu des étudiants, après avoir appris ce que je représentais, a dépassé tout ce à quoi je m'attendais. Ils étaient contents, et animés du même esprit qui guidait ma génération. Ils ont soif d'apprendre, ils cultivent l'amitié, la camaraderie, et aiment le sport.

Les Frères ont montré beaucoup d'enthousiasme et d'appréciation pour notre travail et contribution. Cela va sans dire que c'était une invitation naturelle à faire davantage. Je saisis l'opportunité pour vous transmettre leur gratitude et leurs remerciements. Cependant, ils attendent beaucoup plus de nous. De nombreux projets sont encore à l'état embryonnaire puisque les fonds ne sont pas encore disponibles. En plus de l'agenda académique régulier, l'aide est nécessaire dans les domaines sportifs, athlétiques, et d'autres activités sociales.

Je veux profiter de l'occasion pour vous exhorter à continuer votre engagement envers l'association, votre association. Votre participation est non seulement appréciée et désirée, elle est essentielle. Tant de personnes dépendent de nous.

Le gala de cette année, célébration de notre dixième anniversaire, a été l'un pour l'histoire. Nous n'avions jamais reçu autant de compliments des participants. Comme d'habitude, nous chérissons, nous attendons vos commentaires, vos critiques. Vous êtes notre inspiration, et nous comptons sur votre support et votre générosité.

Ensemble nous pouvons aller loin, plus haut et pour plus longtemps.

Merci  
Herold Duroseau

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## 2013 FUND-RAISING GALA

By Mario Deller

### Honorees and Presentations

On May 25, 2013, the CCH-FSCAA held its 9th Fund-Raising Dinner Dance. Actually, because this year was special (we were celebrating our 10th anniversary), we did something equally special by having a double night of celebration. First, on Friday May 24, from 7:00 to 11:00 P.M. at the Hilton Hotel in Melville, Long Island, we had a Reunion Night (Soirée de Retrouvailles), with refreshment and entertainment. This was a cultural night. The musical entertainment was provided by Chardavoine, Yvon Camille in a solo performance with his saxophone and attendees who volunteered to tell jokes while reminiscing about their years at one of the schools in the Brothers of the Sacred Heart network in Haiti. Good camaraderie was much in evidence.

That night was followed by our traditional Gala, the icing on the cake, on Saturday May 25, held at the same location. As the guests were arriving, they were greeted by Chardavoine and friends, who gave selflessly of themselves and whose music warmed up the audience. The diva, Danielle Thermidor, our other special musical guest along with Chardavoine, interpreted two great songs, to prepare the crowd for what was to come later.

Our MCs Gerald Jean and Marie Evangeline Rousel, and the President of the association, Dr. Herold Duroseau, welcomed the guests and stressed the importance of everyone remaining committed to this noble cause. The awarding of plaques to our honorees was itself a spectacular event, which could have well deserved a special night dedicated just for that. The three heavyweights chosen for that night were:

1 – Regine Saurel Bernadel, executive secretary of

the Board of Directors of the CCH-FSCAA. She was introduced by Evangeline. However, she could not be with us due to family-related reasons.

2 – Dr. Daniel Mathurin, scientist and eminent researcher. This plaque was awarded posthumously, because of his tragic and premature passing. His wife and colleague, Ginette Perodin Mathurin, introduced very elegantly by Dr. Jean-Mary Desrosiers, received the honors on his behalf and delivered some passionate and stirring words in her thank-you speech.

3 – Dany (Windsor K.) Laferrière, the famous writer, introduced with great eloquence by Yves Debrosse, proceeded to divide life in three parts during his speech: what he did before, during and after attending the College Canado. He did it with simplicity, humor and a lot of wit. Of course, he conquered the audience.

We also had the honor of receiving kind and encouraging words from Michaele Solages, the first Haitian-American New York State Assemblywoman (Nassau County). Subsequently, we were treated in the same fashion by yet another young Haitian-American, Rodney Bichotte who is Brooklyn 42nd District Leader. She is currently running for State Assemblywoman.

To follow, our versatile fellow board member Jean-Claude Bailey presented a slide show, a montage celebrating honorees and keynote speakers of all the past general assemblies and fund-raising galas held to this date by the CCH-FSCAA. The presentation ended with a video clip featuring Dr. Mathurin, arguing passionately as he described aspects of his researches during an interview.

When the Skah-Shah of Loubert, Zouzoule, Ti Frè

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### Sounds from our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration

In this year's fund-raising gala event, we celebrated our history making tenth anniversary. We were the happy recipients of a tremendous amount of compliments from the participants. As usual, we appreciate and expect your critique and comments. You are our inspiration and we count on your support and your generosity.

Together we will go farther, higher and for a long time.

Thank You

Herold Duroseau, M.D.  
President CCH-FSCAA, New York

etc.... took the stage, the first notes quickly reminded everyone why they have earned the nicknames #1 and "orchestre des amoureux". The feedback we got from our sophisticated crowd, members, friends and supporters, indicated that this one was one of the best soirées in which they have ever participated and organized by the CCH-FSCAA. Even though we had worked tirelessly as usual to make this event a success, we honestly believe that the congratulations belong to you, our members, friends and supporters.

The most important thing is that, thanks to you, we will be able to continue our scholarship program, thereby helping students and making a positive financial impact on other worthwhile projects. Thank you for your generosity and commitment.

## An Attitude of Gratitude for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

By Anthony Cherubin

Translated by Jean-Claude Bailey

In the spirit of continuing the commemoration of its tenth anniversary, the CCH-FSCAA had a Mass of Thanksgiving performed at the Sacred Heart Church in Cambria Heights, Queens, New York. This event had two principal objectives:

1.- To thank the Almighty for His kind deeds during the association's first decade of existence and to implore Him for His blessing and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in the years to come.

2.- To integrate itself further in the Haitian community of the parish, which explained the choice for the 12:45pm mass.

Before holding its meetings in Freeport, Long Island, the association used to do so in a community room of the presbytery. In fact, quite a few of its past general assemblies took place in the auditorium of this parish.

The mass was co-celebrated by the vicar of the

Sacred Heart Church, Rev. Father Hugues Berrette and Rev. Father Daniel Ache, a Cameroonian priest sent on a special mission in New York by his bishop George Nkuo. Rev. Father Daniel Ache originates from Kumbo, a city which is part of the English-speaking community situated between the countries of Cameroun and Nigeria.

Coincidentally, the Creole choir was celebrating, that same day, its 40th year of existence and an appropriate list of songs was chosen for the circumstance. Present to accompany the choir was the mini orchestra of Creole masses. The delivery was pleasant and lively. The assistance responded in kind by praising God while singing and... dancing.

After the mass, the association proceeded to distribute copies of its 10th anniversary book to allow the participants to have a better idea of the mission, objectives and activities of the group. The members of the association, as well, benefitted from a special blessing from the deacon François G. Cajoux.

We extend our thanks to Father Berrette, the deacons, the musicians, the members of the choir, the parish secretaries, Mrs. Elsie P. Kernizan and Mrs. Marlene Michel. Last but not least, we thank the assistance for the accolade received by the association since the inscription of the mass until its actual performance.

Thanks a million!

### 2013 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 19**

**FROM 6 TO 9 PM**

**SPECIAL GUEST:**

**BROTHER WILLIAM COLIN**

**Principal of the Canado-Haitian  
Secondary School**

**THE VAULT Café**

**481C Hempstead Turnpike  
Elmont, NY 11003**

## Des actions de grâce pour les 10 ans

By Anthony Cherubin

Pour continuer la commémoration de son dixième anniversaire, le CCH-FSCAA avait fait chanter une messe d'Actions de grâce à l'Eglise du Sacré-Coeur à Cambria Heights, à Queens, NY. Cet évènement avait deux objectifs principaux :

1.- Remercier le Tout-Puissant pour ses bienfaits pendant les dix premières années d'existence de l'association et l'implorer pour sa bénédiction et l'inspiration du Saint-Esprit dans les années à venir.

2.- S'intégrer davantage dans la communauté haïtienne de la paroisse, ce qui avait justifié le choix de la messe de 12 :45pm.

Avant d'aller à Freeport, Long Island, l'association avait l'habitude de tenir ses réunions dans une salle communautaire du presbytère et plusieurs de ses assemblées générales ont été organisées dans l'auditorium de cette pa-

roisse.

La messe a été concélébrée par le vicaire de l'Eglise du Sacré-Coeur, le Révérend Père Hugues Berrette et le Révérend Père Daniel Ache, un prêtre camerounais envoyé en mission à New York par son évêque George Nkwo. Le Révérend Père Daniel Ache est de Kumbo, une ville faisant partie de la communauté anglophone située entre le Caméroun et le Nigéria.

La chorale Créole fêtait ce jour-là ses quarante ans d'existence et une liste de chants bien appropriés a été choisie en la circonstance. La chorale était accompagnée par l'orchestre de la messe créole. L'animation était plaisante et toute l'assistance louait Dieu en chantant et ... en dansant.

Après la messe, l'Association dis-

tribua des copies du journal de son 10ème anniversaire pour permettre à l'assistance d'avoir une meilleure idée de la mission, des objectifs et activités du groupe. Les membres de l'association reçurent une bénédiction spéciale de la part du diacre François G. Cajoux.

Nos remerciements vont au Père Berrette, les diacres, les musiciens, les membres de la chorale, les secrétaires de la paroisse, Mme Elsie P. Kernizan et Mme Marlène Michel et à toute l'assistance pour l'accueil que l'association a reçu depuis l'inscription de la messe jusqu'à son exécution.

Mille mercis!



Quelques membres posant avec le Rév. Père Berrette après la célébration de la messe.



Rév. Père Berrette et le Diacre Cajoux pendant la consécration et le groupe musical de la messe créole .



La majorité des membres entourant le Diacre Cajoux.

## Reconstruction of the Canado-Haitian College Library

By Anthony Cherubin - Translated by Jean-Claude Bailey

Regarding the reconstruction project of the Canado-Haitian College and the School of St. John the Evangelist, The CCH-FSCAA has always maintained that its participation rests not at the level of the reconstruction of the physical buildings per se but rather in the restructuring of libraries plus computing and sciences laboratories. The resulting objective is to make this type of involvement a lasting one that encourages young people to invest much more time in their education.

Among the multiple projects presented to the association's board of directors by the management of the Canado-Haitian College, the construction of the new integrated library is the most attractive in terms of its importance to the student's life and in terms of its ongoing positive impact in the training of the individual. The cost associated to the project of library funding amounted to US\$ 50,000 based on the estimates that emerged from the management of the school itself. Detailed studies will be made on the part of the association to assess whether the project responds to the norms of the international standards set for the library of the 21st century, its management and its projection into the future. However, this work must begin with a review of the proposal presented by the leadership of the College.

Of the US\$ 50,000 requested by the directorate, the association has already secured US\$ 20,000, harvested from the seeds that had been

planted in the form of members' and friends' contributions as they responded to the call in the aftermath of the earthquake that took place on January 12, 2010. At this juncture, the objective is clearly defined and the time for realization has been targeted. Therefore, the CCH-FSCAA is counting on everyone's participation to make it all happen in reality. Further, the revision of the project and its adaptation to the requirements of the 21st century can potentially increase the costs. Nevertheless, this is a necessity if we are to provide a library worthy of the name to the college, the institutions of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in Haiti and to the country as a whole.

A marketing campaign is under study for the collection of the additional fund. Please do not wait for a reminder to be involved. As a fervent reader of "Ce Coin de Terre" (This Corner of the Earth), please route your checks (no matter what the amount) as quickly as possible to:

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The CCH-FSCAA is counting on your help and you will be happy to have helped because it is a noble cause.

# La reconstruction de la bibliothèque du Collège Canado-Haïtien

Par Anthony Chérubin

Le CCH-FSCAA a toujours soutenu que sa participation au projet de reconstruction du Collège Canado-Haïtien et de l'École St Jean L'Évangéliste se situe non au niveau de la reconstruction des bâtisses mais surtout dans la restructuration des bibliothèques et des laboratoires d'informatiques et de sciences. L'objectif est de faire de cette participation quelque chose de durable et qui encourage les jeunes à investir beaucoup plus de temps dans leur éducation.

Dans les multiples projets présentés par la direction du Collège Canado-Haïtien au Conseil Directeur de l'association, la construction de la nouvelle bibliothèque de l'école est celui le plus attrayant quant à son importance à la vie estudiantine et sa pérennité dans la formation de l'individu. Le projet de financement de la bibliothèque s'élève à US \$50.000 à partir des estimations faites par la direction de l'école elle-même. Des études approfondies seront faites de la part de l'association pour évaluer les réponses du projet aux normes internationales du bibliothécaire du 21ème siècle, sa gestion et sa projection dans le futur. Cependant, ce travail doit commencer avec une révision du document présenté par la direction du Collège.

Des US \$50.000 demandés par la direction, l'association dispose déjà de \$20.000 US, fruits de la contribution des membres et amis depuis l'appel lancé après le séisme du 12 Janvier 2010. Maintenant puisque l'objectif est clairement défini et le temps de

réalisation est fixé, le CCH-FSCAA compte sur le concours de tous pour la concrétisation de ce projet. Cependant la révision du projet et son adaptation aux exigences du 21ème siècle peuvent faire augmenter les coûts, toutefois, c'est une nécessité si nous voulons doter le collège, l'institution des frères du Sacré-Cœur en Haïti et le pays tout entier d'une bibliothèque digne de ce nom.

Une campagne de marketing est à l'étude pour la collecte de l'argent additionnel, de grâce, n'attendez pas d'être touché de près, comme un fervent lecteur du « Ce Coin de Terre », acheminez vos chèques (quelqu'en soit le montant) le plus vite possible à :

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Le CCH-FSCAA compte sur votre aide et vous serez heureux de l'avoir aidé parce que c'est pour une noble cause.



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