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# MHS RUNNINGS

OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2020

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*Merry Christmas*

*Happy New Year*



### My Introductory Comments

My Dear Friends, Colleagues, Babies, And Other Lovey Dovey Names.

I am so sad that I have not been able to produce our monthly newsletter over the last months. A little explanation, I was involved in the recent elections both at the Federal level and the local level. ALL my candidates won.

But, here I am playing '*Ketchup*'. Hope you love it. If you have seen this information already. It's a review. Not stale news. And if you did not see this info before, well, it's *NEWS!* to you.

Enjoy as usual. See you end of January on schedule.

**Nuff Nuff Love. I mean it from the bottom of my heart.**

### A message from your Florida Chapter.

Hello My Dear Fellow MHS Family Members,

Happy New Year to you all. My hope is that you all enjoyed the yuletide season. 2020 was a very challenging year. Many of us experienced unfortunate and even tragic situations with the loss of loved ones and close friends. Covid-19 certainly aided in our grief. Please stay safe and adhere to the recommendations of the scientific community.

As MHS family, we have shared that we were forced to adopt "new normal" rules which, although, deemed necessary, were sometimes restrictive and obstructive. However, we have made it this far and can see the light at the end of the tunnel getting brighter. There is **HOPE!**

I often think of the "packed school" of 600 -700 students who could all fit into the Top Hall for devotions each morning - in the early '70s. Although some of us complained about the cramped accommodations, we were blessed. We could return to our classrooms and dive into (I wish) the day's work. Many things have changed. Many students are now 'attending classes' from home - and those are the fortunate ones. Some,

living in the more "urban parts of town" have WIFI, but those living in the more "rural" settings are not so fortunate. It is my understanding that some have access to computers while others work on tablets, while others go to MHS to pick up the work, once or twice a week. It is tantamount to self-teaching. What can we do to help? The various MHS Chapters have been raising funds, purchasing computers and tablets for this cause – supply of laptops to needy students. There are many. The student population is now at 1,830. Yes. You read that right. By this medium, I am that those of you who can, please make a contribution, however small or however large.

I would like to wish each and every one of you a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2021.

Now onto good and necessary things.

### SIC LUCEAT LUX

Sincerely  
Ed Robinson, President, MHS Florida Chapter  
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*Nuff Love and Warm regards.*

*This is what's been happening while Covid sorts itself out*



★ *1965 Graduation Class had a splendid meet-up on October 31.*

This was organised by Pauline Muschette Brown with assistance from Jackie Sibblies Drury and Pat Hall Sibblies (Jackie's mom) Dr. Judith Leiba and Launa McTaggart Corbin made contributions on a healthy lifestyle and the COVID-19 pandemic respectively. Others contributing to the success were Sandra Smith Blair, Gene Marshall, Patrick Peart with Danielle Lord providing a musical tribute with a rendition of The Prayer. **KUDOS TEAM!!**  
**Thanks, Marguerite, for this update. Much appreciated.**

★ **ATLANTA CHAPTER** also hosted a Zoom Party - Saturday July 18. DJ Meely at the controls. As usual funds were raised for school projects. **WELL DONE!!**

★ **NEW YORK CHAPTER** – Chesta Zoom Boom - was held on Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup>. A 'hat' event. Raised funds for the laptop and tablet program. **MI LUV DAT!!**

★ **TORONTO CHAPTER** held its event on Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>. It was a blast. And the bonus --- they raised funds for the current school project - Laptops and Tablets for virtual schooling – the in thing now until further notice. **WELL DONE TO**

★ **CLASS OF 1978 REUNION** - Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup>. yeah mon. goody goody show up. Music tunnnn huppp! **GOOD GOING**

**Tablets. Laptops. Fundraising drive by classes of 78, 83, 87, 88. Success.**

**MANCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL**  
*"Let your Light So Shine"*  
 Dear Alumni  
 Mission Accomplished!  
 We collected over \$12,000 and purchased 50 new chromebooks.  
 Thanks to Class of '78, '83, '87, '88 and all those who contributed.  
 Special Thanks to Tropic Isle Living and Lois Reid-Hines for supporting our efforts.  
 Please include your Name, Grad Class and Contact Information  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION**  
 For more information please contact MHS Grad Class '88 at mhsjaclass1988@gmail.com

Many thanks to Hope Greaves Johnson and her team for organizing this very successful drive. 52 laptops were shipped late November early December and have arrived in the island. The shipment will be delivered to the school the first week of January.



When you are doing work for your school, you dress in school colours. Dropping off shipment at the Food for the Poor warehouse in Coconut Creek, Florida. Thanks, Ed, for the ride and photo.

**Next box project in the works for shipping end of January. Want to help. Contact Editor**

## KEEPING UP WITH OUR ALUMNI



**LENNOX A. PARKINS**

**Class of 1978**

**MADE A FELLOW**

**OF**

**CPA ONTARIO**

Jamaican Lennox Parkins was recently conferred with the honour of FCPA, Fellow of the Chartered Professional Accountants Ontario, Canada (CPA Canada). Chartered Professional Accountant or Certified Public Accountant is the title of qualified accountants in numerous countries in the English-speaking world, and is generally equivalent to the title of Chartered Accountant in other English-speaking countries.

The FCPA designation, according to the CPA Ontario site, represents the mark of a true leader, in the business world and beyond. "Fellows embody the values that drive collaboration, innovation and progress – at times when we need them most." The organization said in its citation

Parkins said he will "seize the magnitude of the honour and the responsibility that goes with it" and would continue to strive to be worthy such designation.

Parkins studied Accounting and Management Studies at The University of the West Indies Mona Campus, where he won the Leonard DeCordova medal in Management in 1978 for graduating at the top of his class at the former Department of Management Studies. His professional career began with PriceWaterhouseCoopers in his homeland, Jamaica as a part-time auditor, even as he was in the process of completing his B.Sc. degree

*A Personal Note: Our family (Myself, Rosie, Richard and numerous cousins who are alumni) is extremely proud of the accomplishments of Lennox. Keep soaring and shining.*

*Happy New Year Greetings*

The Board Members of Manchester High School Alumni Association New York Inc would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and all the best for 2021. We thank you for all your support over the past years and look forward to your continued support this year.

**Exciting New Year Update!** - Once again, we want to say thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to our Virtual Zoom Boom Fundraiser held in November 2020. The funds raised were used to secure 30 tablets for MHS Students which are currently being shipped to Jamaica. We will have a presentation ceremony at the school to officially hand over the tablets once they arrive...pics and videos to come.

in Management Studies and Accounting.

He was to later obtain an MBA from Western University, Ontario and holds designations of a PMP (Project Management Professional) a CPA and a CMA.

Lennox has spent approximately 35 years in the accounting profession working with various corporations, mainly in the manufacturing sector in the Caribbean, USA and Canada. He currently holds the title of Group Controller for Atlantic Packaging Products Ltd, a major Toronto-based paper and packaging manufacturing company. In addition to being Group Controller at Atlantic, he has provided financial leadership to support the strategic decision-making process and the operational systems of the company.

Lennox volunteers with CPA Ontario in various capacities, especially in the accounting mentorship program for CPA students and young professionals. Recently, he participated in a Career Development session hosted by the Mona School of Business and Management at the UWI, under the theme "Differentiating Your Personal Brand"

Lennox was also a volunteer member of the advisory board of Food for the Poor Canada, working on sustainable projects, for example, the building of early childhood schools and providing healthcare and economic support to various Caribbean countries.

Lennox is currently doing a two-year research project on the topic, "Building High Performance Finance and Accounting Teams", slated for publication in March 2021.

**Big Congratulations. SIC LUCEAT LUX**



## “Grand Alumna”



Danielle Grey-Stewart  
Daughter of Alumnus  
Roy Grey-Stewart

Jamaican American Danielle Grey-Stewart is one of two students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to receive a Rhodes Scholarship for 2021, and one of only 32 students from the United States to do so. She was selected for the scholarship after an intense round of interviews conducted via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She said her selection left her speechless, honored, and excited about the opportunity.

Grey-Stewart’s father Roy migrated to the United States in 1982 from Jamaica; her mother Denise is from the US. Both of her parents were students at City University of New York, and her father served as president of the Caribbean Students’ Association at Baruch College in New York.

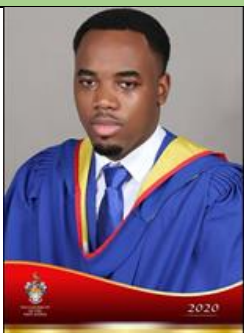
Grey-Stewart, who was raised in Hicksville, New York, and graduated from Hicksville High School in 2017, has always been interested in science. She is currently a senior at MIT majoring in materials science and engineering. Under the Rhodes Scholar program, she will pursue a two-year MPhil degree in nature, society, and environmental governance at the School of Geography and the Environment at Oxford. The degree program will allow her to study how environmental policy is constructed from how people view society and nature. In the future, she plans to become a leader in the area of science policy and hopes to open new pathways for her fellow scientists of color. She will graduate from MIT in February 2021.

Grey-Stewart received two grants from the National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates program and the Horace A. Lubin Award for Outstanding Service to the DMSE Community. She is the chair of the MIT Undergraduate Association Committee on COVID-19 and has written articles addressing the impact of COVID-19 on sustainability for the Environmental Solutions Initiative Rapid Response Group at MIT. She belongs to the Student Advisory Group for Engineering and the MIT School of Engineering Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. Grey-Stewart has also taught STEM classes to students in France through MIT’s Global Teaching Labs, and she is an outreach assistant with the Priscilla King Gray Public Service Center. She was chosen to visit the Navajo Nation to support links between MIT and its Navajo community partners.

According to a news release from MIT, Grey-Stewart will begin her fully funded postgraduate studies at Oxford University in the United Kingdom in the fall of 2021.

At MIT, she is researching functionalized nanothread synthesis in the laboratory of Professor Julia Ortony at MIT’s Department of Materials Science and Engineering (DSME). She also worked in the laboratory of Professor Mounji Bawendi in the Chemistry Department, synthesizing photo initialized nanoparticles and with Professor Oxman in the Mediated Matter group at the MIT Media Lab, where she worked on biodegradable architectural materials.

## One of our babies on the move



Janoi Reid, former Head boy, is now employed to Sagicor and aspires to be an Actuary. Has a B.Sc., First Class Honors from University of the West Indies. He was shortlisted as a candidate for the 2020 Rhodes Scholarship.

Better luck next time Janoi.

Excel where you are planted.

If people knew how hard I had to work to gain my mastery, it would not seem so wonderful at all. – Michelangelo

## SCHOOL MEMORIES

I have many fond memories of school and was fortunate to have had Mr. Raymond German as our headmaster. Coming from a Welsh coal mining family and aware of social disadvantages, he encouraged us to learn about Jamaican history and be proud of our heritage. He also taught us to believe that we could achieve our dreams in life if we put our minds to it and worked hard. He belonged to that rare breed of fine human beings that we were fortunate to meet and learn from.

At the beginning of each term, we would go to school a day early with our books to see which classroom we had been allotted to. We would choose our desks that would be ours for the rest of the term. We were expected to have our own textbooks for each subject, which could mean an expensive outlay, but which was mitigated by the sale of second-hand textbooks that were priced by the teacher depending on their condition. School started at 8am. On the sound of the bell, we would line up in our classrooms ready to go into the main hall for daily assembly led by our form prefect or teacher. The younger students went in first and sat at the front, followed by the older students. The most senior classes sat upstairs in the gallery at the back of the hall. The teachers sat below the gallery in their special area. When we were all in our places the headmaster Mr. German (referred to between ourselves as Gerry) would enter and the whole school would rise. There would be a morning prayer, followed by Mr. German giving a summary of relevant news and current affairs which always included sporting events. Occasionally we had a guest speaker, usually a local church member or someone prominent in the town such as the Chief of Police. We were expected to be on our best behavior and if anyone misbehaved or interrupted, Mr. German would stop the proceedings. The hall would fall silent so that one could hear a pin drop, and he would stare in the direction of the offender. We all knew that someone was in trouble. At the end of the assembly the offender would be asked to come to his office, and as Mr. German left the hall, we would all stand. The teachers would then leave, followed by the senior pupils from the gallery. All the children would return to their classrooms

ready for the first lesson of the day. Most subjects were taught in our own classroom that teachers would come to in turn, whilst Art, Arts and Crafts, Drama and Chemistry classes were held in dedicated classrooms, with Music lessons held in the hall where the piano was. We each had a timetable that indicated where we were expected to be ready for each lesson. Each lesson lasting around  $\frac{3}{4}$  hr. - 1 hr. There was a break between the four morning lessons during which we could buy snacks from the tuck shop run by Mrs. German that was situated behind the tennis court.

During the lunch break Mr. German would often play classical music in the hall and encouraged us to sit and listen, which was known as Music Appreciation. We had three lessons in the afternoon except for Wednesdays and Fridays when we had a double period of sports. All students were expected to participate and were only excused for medical reasons. The girls played netball and volley ball, the boys played football and cricket and we all took part in athletics. We were given homework every day.

It was forbidden to walk on two grass lawns that were edged with planted borders on either side of the hall that were known as 'Holy Ground'. As a punishment, misbehaving students were sometimes made to stand on the lawn to be seen by all who passed by. Students were allowed to play table tennis in the passage near the hall during the lunch break and after school. Boys who joined the cadets would practice after school in front of the building under the guidance Mr. Neita and Mr. Montague. There were also other after school activities such as a drama club and girl guides.

More to follow.....  
Winsome L. Carroll nee Thompson

***"New beginnings are in order, and you are bound to feel some level of excitement as new chances come your way." Auliq Ice***

**We remember our relatives, friends and colleagues - Gone too soon.  
We send our sincere condolences to our Alumni who have lost loved ones.**



Garth Randall on the loss of his wife, Julie (nee Beale) and to Archie, Carl, Jackie and Pansy on the loss of their sister-in-law;

To Joan Salmon Davis on the loss of her brother Paul and her Dad Beresford;

Noel Barrett on the loss of his 38 yr. old son;

Johnathan, Amorelle and Evadne Morrison, and Murdina Wright on the loss of a sister and Aunt, Olive Morrison;



To Pat, Keith, Donna and David and to Imani and Jossina and their families on the passing of their Dad, Dr. D.K. Duncan (predeceased by daughter Marina).

To the family of Sanjae Gayle.

To Laurie Spencer, Class of 1982 and his family, on the passing of his young daughter, Lori Ann. Also, to Lori's Aunts Cheryl Soltau, Maureen Spencer and Maxine Spencer Evans;



To Paul, Marie and Andrew Darby and their families on the passing of their Mom, Mrs. Amy Darby;

To Evon (tony) Wedderburn, John, David, Delroy, Donald, Cecil, Stephen and Barbara Wilson on the loss of their Mom, Mrs. Desmay Roomes;

To Deanne Chambers Robinson on the loss of her father-in-law;



To the family of Winston Tyndale (Mutt) of Porus;

To CHANTELE MCLENNON on the passing of her nephew, Dontae McLennon;

To Jennifer Lewis Deacon on the passing of her brother, Isaac Edward Lewis (alumnus - 1940s - 1950s);

To MARCIA BURTON STEWART, (formerly of Workers Bank) on the passing of her husband, Charles Stewart (formerly of Citibank Ja);

To Robert Dawkins, Class of 1983, on the sudden passing of Robert Dawkins Jr,



“So much potential!!! So much ambition!!!! So Humble!!! Only god know why they would take ur life... you were more than just a teammate u were as my little brother. R.I.P Anjelneil Campbell.... #keepballinInHeaven Phillip Johnson

**RIP ANJELNEIL.**

Thanks for representing the School so well in Basketball





Who are these cuties from the early 60's



I recognize Winsome Clarke, Blondel Lemon, Winsome Thompson

## *SCHOOL WORKS*

Members of our basketball Team in their 'gifts' from Superbowl XLIV held in Miami



Ruhi Sabaji gone to Penn State



Wayne Atkinson  
6<sup>th</sup> Form  
Basketball and Soccer



Tray Coley  
Deputy Head Boy  
2020 - 2021



Forgot the name of this Valuable Player. Sorry!

Many thanks Bev Davis Fagan

*"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day."*

*Edith Lovejoy Pierce*