

Class of 1969



Pallotti High School



Saint Catherine Academy



Saint John's College

Looking Back After 50 Years

June 2019, Belize City



This reunion memento is the brainchild of Jennison Núñez and Andrew Hulse of SJC. Juanita Beeke of PHS wrote the introduction; Francis Gegg of SJC wrote tributes to our departed classmates, reunion organizers, and SJC teachers. Judith Bodden of PHS and Carli Scott of SCA collaborated with Jennison and Andrew on the dedication. Juanita, Francis, and Rosilia Ordóñez of SCA provided notes of thanks on the behalf of the Class of 1969 from each of the three high schools.

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Thoughts for Our 50th Class Reunion

We couldn't wait to leave high school; now we so look forward to getting back together...

Meeting after many years but feels like being away a couple of weeks...

Partaking discussions with smiles and laughter, no more cliques, pettiness, just pure joy...

Didn't think so then, but how proud we are of the Class of 1969. We are the best!!!

Delighting at great memories and rekindling special bonds...

Paying tribute, recollecting those who have passed on...

Putting our bodies through those special dance moves fifty years on; still can do the same
(just as good too)...

We all thought we were so mature back then; now we really are!!!

My favourite: Standing at the corner watching all the boys/girls go by...

— *Juanita Beeke 10.10.18*

Amazing growing old when realisation kicks in and our classmates don't even recognize us now we're old, grey, fat, and bald. It is during our high school years we have become critical in moulding who we are and the reason why getting together like this makes the Class of '69 so unique. What fun that we've reached the stage in our lives when we can equate with each other, when not a soul cares what you do for a living, where you live, and most definitely, what college or school you went to. All we care about is hearing your life stories, sharing in your sorrows as well as your joys, and simply, simply reminiscing.

*God Bless the Class of 1969 from
St. John's College, St. Catherine Academy, and Pallotti High School of BELIZE.*

In Memoriam

In fond memory of the departed
members of the Class of 1969 and former classmates...

Pallotti High School

Minerva Jones, *née* Leiva
Iola Ellis, *née* Nicholas
Melissa Speer
Josephine Frazier, *née* Velásquez
Leonora Young, *née* Wade

Saint Catherine Academy

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Audrey Burkes, *née* Castillo
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Cordia Espat
Dorothy Jex
Margaret Ozaeta, *née* Marin
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Jared Fitzgibbon
Javier Hernández
Justin Hulse
Stephen Hyde
John Morey
Glenford Quallo
Marsden Skeen
Anthony (Mario) Vernon
José Elmer (Panta) Villanueva

As we celebrate our Graduation's 50th Anniversary, it is important that we take time to stop and reflect over the years which seem to have so rapidly flown by. Many who started on this journey with us are no longer present in the physical plane, but transitioned ahead of us to other lives. Let us then with gentle fondness remember our fallen brothers and sisters. They were and will always be vital parts of our lives as fellow travelers with whom all of us interacted and shared what we now come to understand and realize was precious time together. Each of us have individual and unique memories of our fallen friends and as our own lives progress towards the same destination as theirs, we are still blessed to wake up every day to another gift of life.

— *Francis M. J. Gegg*

Dedication



This souvenir magazine is dedicated to Derick Gongora, SJC Class of 1969. From the very first joint class reunion, Derick was a driving force among the organizers. He worked tirelessly from the earliest planning discussion through the final reunion event, always with a smile on his face and maintaining his good nature—even when things didn't go as smoothly as hoped.

In addition to helping with plans and arrangements and keeping his SJC classmates informed, Derick made time to work with the other members of the California Reunion Committee to raise funds for T-shirts and other reunion expenses. He often hosted the Committee members at his own house, but despite the best intentions, these proposed working meetings turned into relaxed get-togethers where reunion business was rarely even mentioned.

After all his hard work, Derick thoroughly enjoyed himself at the reunions. At each dinner-dance, he was the life of the party. When he wasn't joking and laughing with classmates, eating, or dancing, he was making the rounds, stopping by each table to chat and to make sure that everyone was having as good a time as he was.

During the evening, Derick orchestrated the program, generally taking the microphone himself to thank the other reunion organizers, describing each person's efforts in detail, while modestly omitting his own contributions.





Dancing into the wee hours of the morning did not deter Derick from joining the excursion the next day. On the boat to the caye, he'd have time to catch up on his sleep so that he could arrive refreshed enough to enjoy the sea, sun, sand, good food, and good company. (To this day, no one is quite sure how Derick's underwear got into the beach bag of one of the PHS ladies at Caye Caulker and then ended up at Glover's Reef...)



Derek made the most of each reunion. Of course the main draw was the fun of spending time with school friends, reminiscing about old times, and making new memories. But we can't overlook the added bonus of international travel between Los Angeles and Belize—the opportunity to buy whiskey in bond!

Class Reunions

In the summer of 1994, the Class of 1969 from the three Catholic High Schools in Belize City—Pallotti High School, Saint Catherine Academy, and Saint John’s College—each held a reunion to celebrate the 25th anniversary of their graduation. Afterward, when various alumni heard about the other schools’ reunions, they were disappointed to have missed seeing elementary-school classmates who had attended different high schools. And so an idea was born...if we have *joint* reunions, we can see more of the friends we grew up with!

Since then, the Class of 1969 from the three schools have had joint reunions every five years, celebrating:

- 30 years: 23 – 25 July, 1999
- 35 years: 2 – 4 July, 2004
- 40 years: 10 – 12 July, 2009
- 45 years: 20 – 22 June, 2014
- 50 years: 31 May – 2 June, 2019

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Scenes from Past Joint Reunions



Before joint 30-year reunion Mass, 1999



Decorating for joint 30-year reunion, 1999



Classmates share thoughts during dinner-dance at joint 30-year reunion, 1999



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Returning from caye trip for joint 30-year reunion, 1999



Friends chat before dinner-dance at joint 35-year reunion, 2004



Dancing at joint 35-year reunion, 2004



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PHS group at joint 35-year reunion, 2004



SCA group at joint 35-year reunion, 2004



SJC group at joint 35-year reunion, 2004



Decorating for joint 40-year reunion, 2009



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On day trip to Bacab Eco Park for joint 40-year reunion, 2009



Friends reunite at joint 45-year reunion, 2014



Father Stochl celebrates joint 45-year reunion Mass, 2014



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Organizers

Judith Bodden *née* Usher has been the primary reunion organizer for Pallotti High School Class of 1969, starting with their 25-year reunion. Juanita Beeke *née* Rudon assisted Judith with many of the reunions.

Eloisa Bradley suggested a 25-year class reunion for Saint Catherine Academy. She and Carli Scott organized that reunion and were the SCA organizers for the first two joint reunions. For subsequent reunions, Carli was assisted by Joyce Perdomo, *née* Gough; María Scott, *née* Villanueva; and Joy Tatum-Haylock. María, Joyce, and Marta Woods, *née* Ordóñez, hosted the SCA Girl's Night Out at the various reunions. Veronica Jones, *née* Usher assisted organizers of several reunions, suggesting fun ways to liven up reunion activities and making arrangements for the SCA-hosted reunion Mass.

Adrian Roe has been the primary reunion organizer for Saint John's College, with Derek Gongora as a strong second-in-command, taking over when Adrian needed a break from organizing. At the earlier reunions, Anthony Mario Vernon (deceased) and Louis Robateau assisted Adrian. For the 50-year reunion, Jay Cruz, Jennison Núñez, Andrew Hulse, and Francis Gegg have pitched in.

Judith and Derick were also members of the California Reunion Committee, along with PHS classmates Betty Castro; Vincent Neal, *née* Gill; Victoria Codd, *née* Day; and Ruth Garbutt-Tillett; and SJC classmates Ronald Curling, Francis Lino, and Stanislaus Martínez. The Committee held fund-raisers to pay for souvenirs at past joint reunions.

For all reunions, classmates too numerous to mention from all three schools helped to provide the organizers with contact information for "missing" alumni, to spread the word about upcoming reunions, and to encourage others to attend.



Organizers Carli, Judith, Eloisa
at joint 35-year reunion, 2004



Joint 40-year reunion organizers, 2009: Carli, Derick, Judith, Adrian,
Juanita, María

As the clock of life ticks on, let us remember all who have made this latest Class of '69 Reunion possible. None of us know what tomorrow holds, but with each fleeting day, we will have all together cast an indelible sculpture of brotherly and sisterly love which we will all hold dear and near to our hearts as every day of life brings us closer to our final destiny and transition to the great unknown.

Saint Catherine Academy Class of '69



Tiny Token of Thanks

*It's hard to believe it has been fifty years,
As once again reunion time nears.
We will gather once more for some time in the sun
As we pause to celebrate, give thanks, and have fun.*

*Before very long we'll be packing to go,
But one thing's for sure and this we all know:
Carli, you're special and one in a few,
So we're letting you know we appreciate you.*

*Thank you for endless energy and effort
You have somehow managed to forever put forth,
Volunteering your time and talents with joy
That when we do meet we'll all get to enjoy.*

*We express our thanks to you today
For all the nice letters coming our way.
Your sincerity shows from beginning to end
And always you're ready to give and to lend.*

*You've stepped up once more, hoping that we
Can show you how prompt we can and will be.
We realize what work this project entails,
So sorry some of us carry on like snails.*

*Because of all you have done with such ease
We've always enjoyed our time in Belize.
We've made such wonderful memories to share
With all those we love and for whom we care.*

*Carli, It may not have seemed like we took note,
But rest assured you have every vote.
With gratitude, appreciation, hugs, and much love,
You're wished bountiful blessings from above.*

*From the bottom of our hearts
Class of 1969, S C A*

Saint John's College Class of '69

None of our previous and present reunions would have been possible without the tireless dedication, coordination and selfless sacrifice of Adrian Roe, who from the very first reunion, thirty years ago and through every one since, has been the backbone and the dedicated and fervent anchor and cornerstone pushing and driving as many as he could into helping in some way or the other.

Adrian was involved in planning, coordinating with others in the Diaspora, making arrangements for venues, collecting and disbursing payments, providing flowers for



decorations, helping to locate lost members who had become disconnected. Without his dedicated, diligent and selfless contributions, none of our seven Class Reunions would have been possible.

Therefore, with extreme gratitude and appreciation, we thank Adrian for making our Class Reunions possible and the successes which they were. His acts of Love and Sacrifice, which enabled our coming together to codify who we once were, and who we have become and now are, will forever be recorded in the annals of time as a vital and key cornerstone of dedication to serving a greater cause than himself. For this we are all truly grateful.

From the bottom of our hearts, we the SJC Class of '69 all say, "Thank You, Adrian!!!" Words may be fleeting, but these special moments will be etched in our memories and our hearts for all eternity, as will our gratitude be a permanent part of our being.

Pallottii High School Class of '69

Dear Judy,

How extremely pleased and touched we are by your effort, contributions, and dedication towards this 50th and past reunions, and for making it such a huge success.

We have all admitted that this was an occasion furthest from our thoughts until you stepped in, and somehow convinced and influenced us on what a splendid, funny, and happy event, to all meet up and become the old students of 1969. What a fantastic idea you said, if we can recall those days of unforgettable joys, some happy with best friends, some with typical friends, and some like "not got the time for miserable friends". Every five years since our 25th anniversary when your idea was born, we are reminded and looked forward to this wonderful event, where we meet up, laugh and reminisce, regardless of what type of friends we were and show our grown-up side. Must admit though, some of us just refuse to grow up and am sure you can name them, lol.

Now in all these in-between years since parting ways, you Judy are a stable force. You followed us far afield in every which way and turn as you continue your search for those missing classmates you befriended those long ago days. You didn't have to do that, **but you did**. You did not have to give up so much of your time, **but you did**. You did not have to put yourself out for us, **but you did**, and when we did not expect you to, **you did what no one else could**. You gave your all and held us together like glue, when nothing else could.

Everyone in life needs "someone" who is reliable and true, and we are eternally grateful that **you** are our "someone". As the saying goes, the beauty of "true friends" is that they grow separately but never apart. You have shown us that PHS Class of 1969 are true friends.

Thanks, Judith, for everything but, most importantly, for keeping us together and being our friend. Thank you for being so thoughtful.

— *Your classmates of 1969*



Pallotti High School

Class of 1969 and Former Classmates



(Order is alphabetical by maiden name)

PHS 25-Year Reunion, 1994



María Aguilar



Maricela Cooper, née Alfaro



At PHS 25-year reunion, 1994



Dorothy Ramclam, née Arnold



At PHS 25-year reunion, 1994



Helen Austin



Yolanda Sosa, née Bautista



Marjorie Rivers, née Bernard



2018

I am presently retired after enjoying many years as a preschool teacher. My interest in languages has pointed me to the much-needed American Sign Language (ASL), which I studied and became qualified in. For those who are not aware, ASL is the main language of those who are deaf or hard of hearing, using the hands combined with facial expressions and postures of the body. This moment in time I am presently using these skills interpreting for a deaf student at Nazarene High School.

One of my greatest achievable moments is having tutored another student from 1st Form to 4th Form who graduated with honors.

I am the proud grandmother of a grandson and granddaughter.

My thoughts: "I am sexy and getting younger."



Carmelita Burnes

(No photos available)

I have been married forty-nine years and have two boys. I worked in Special Education Services at a high school, and now I'm retired.

Betty Castro



At joint 45-year reunion, 2014

I'm a P.G. girl of Guatemala and Galicia, Spain grandparents. I visited Castro, Spain to learn more of my birth name. I was delighted to learn that it's an old family name from the word *castrum*, meaning fortress. What a wonder I collect porcelain castles.

I left Punta Gorda in 1965.

I lived in Belize City until 1969.

I'm now living in California. I'm a retired medical assistant in the Orthotic and Prosthetic field. I'm also a sixteen-year cancer survivor.



45-Year Joint Reunion, 2014



Barbara Cattouse



At PHS 25-year reunion, 1994



Sandra Clare



At PHS 25-year reunion, 1994

1970–1971: Employed by Customs and Excise Department, BELIZE
 1971–2000: Resided in CHICAGO, Illinois
 Married with two children (daughter and son)
 Grandmother to twin girls
 Employed by The National State Board of Nursing, working with the Blind
 2000–2014: Moved to LITHONIA, Georgia
 Worked for a Rehabilitation Facility for people with traumatic brain injury
 2016: Retired.
 Currently: Living in BELIZE



Marie Banner, née Coleman



With husband Vernon and granddaughter Alexis, 2018

I migrated to New York in 1974 after completing Belize Teacher’s College.
 I was attracted to the teaching profession by my love for working with children. I taught for thirty-two years in Elementary Education. I was employed by Saint Ann School, a parochial school situated in New York City and known for its focus on academics. As a fourth-grade teacher, I oversaw language arts and mathematics instruction.
 The recipient of a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from York College and the holder of an additional thirty credits from CUNY Brooklyn College.

Worked with the Pallotti Alumni of New York and Saint Jude Children Research Hospital to organize fund raisers.

I am married and the proud mother of one daughter and two grandchildren, Ajay and Alexis.

Currently retired and share my time between Punta Gorda, Belize, and New York, continuing my work with the Pallotti Alumni of New York.



Agnelia (Sally) Constantino



2017

Having graduated from Pallotti High School in 1969, I worked for the Government of Belize as a Clerk for one year. Thereafter I worked in the private sector as a Legal Secretary/clerk for over ten years. I accepted a position as secretary at the USAID Belize office and remained there until it closed its doors. In 1996 I joined the staff of UNICEF Belize, where I retired in 2012 as a Senior Operations Assistant.
 I have six wonderful children (three girls and three boys) and eight beautiful grandchildren (four boys and four girls). I travel quite often to visit my children who live abroad and their families.



Ina Crucet

(No photos available; also attended SCA)

Victoria Codd, *née* Day



2019

Upon graduating from PHS in June of 1969, I applied and was accepted at Belize School of Nursing, where I began the Registered Nursing Program. In 1972, I relocated to Los Angeles, California. While in California, I worked in Nursing and over twenty years in the Legal Field. In 2008, I once again relocated to Surprise, Arizona, where I currently reside. I am presently enrolled in college and will be obtaining my AA degree in Psychology in the fall of 2019. I am also an active member of the NAACP Arizona Chapter. On occasions I visit my classmates in Los Angeles, where we meet at Derrick Gongora's home and share food and fond memories from school days, which I enjoy immensely.



Therese Casey, *née* Engelton



2018



At joint 40-year reunion, 2009

I was born on June 1st, 1950 in Belize City and attended St. Catherine Elementary School. My academic diploma was received from Pallotti High School on graduation in 1969.

In January 1980, I attended a workshop in Child Development and Early Childhood Stimulation, an area that piqued an interest in starting a preschool to accommodate children who were not eligible to be in Infant One at the Infant School.

In 1983, I ventured on a faith move, took one year leave without pay to start a preschool, as I believe this was a

calling from God. The school intake began to increase and the building was no longer able to accommodate students at its current location. With the help of parents, and guided by Mrs. Yvonne Hyde, a committee was formed to make a proposal for the school to construct a building. During the time of waiting, the school, now called the Belmopan Community Preschool, in 1984 was renting the back-building of the Evangelical Bible Church. The school entered its new building on 27th October, 1987 and, to date, is still very instrumental in meeting the needs of the community.

This accomplishment propelled me to attend basic training in Early Childhood Education, in Early Childhood Integrated Curriculum, Discipline Workshop, and several C.D.P. Workshops.

In 1995 I received an Award in the area of Education from Reconstruction and Development Corporation on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of Belmopan. Again in 2013, I received a meritorious award from His Excellency, Sir Colville Young in recognition of my contribution to education Belize.



Ana Fonts

(No photos available)

Ruth Garbutt-Tillett



At joint 30-year reunion, 1999

Ruth migrated to the United States in 1971 and has been living in Los Angeles, California since. She got married in 1972. She worked in Medical Staff for various hospitals and retired in 2017. Ruth presently enjoys traveling with friends and family.



Margaret Arnold, *née* Gentle



2018

Since Pallotti High and graduating from Belize Technical College with high honors, I worked for the Government assisting the Honourable Cattouse, Silva, and Sylvestre. I was then transferred to the Courts and then to Belmopan, but my dear mom said no to the latter. I decided then to move to the U.S. (New York) and further my studies, as you ladies know at that time we did not have the University.

While working on 5th Avenue in New York as a junior accounting and later in the World Trade Center, and attending Pace University, I decided to attend the Barbizon School of Modeling. I did not attend to be a model, but to learn fashion. After all, I had to get the “tom boy” kinks out of me.

When my parents relocated from New York to Belize, I moved to Los Angeles. It was there that I started my career in banking. I am still employed but with the intention of relocating to Belize when I retire, which should have been two years ago, but due to being a caretaker to my youngest brother who is schizophrenic, that move is either moot or up in the air.

I was married when I lived in New York, but got divorced. I remarried when I moved to Los Angeles.

Vincent Neal, *née* Gill



2018



With husband Marvin, 2018

Vincent Ivoanne Neal graduated from Pallotti High School in 1969 and worked at the Police Training School and Ministry of Education in Belize. She migrated to the United States from Belize in 1973.

She holds a BA degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Cal State University Dominguez Hills, California; an Associate degree in Liberal Arts from Southwest College, CA; and a certificate in Business from Sawyers Business College, Westwood, CA. She was certified Administrator for Senior Living facilities.

She worked at the American Red Cross and Behavioral Neuroscience Research Department at MLK hospital in California. She taught Sunday school at Church of the Holy Communion, Gardena, CA; was a Soccer Coach who took her team to First Place at Jessie Owens Park, County of Los Angeles; tutored at several inner-city middle schools in Los Angeles, CA; and was a member of The Black Women’s Reading Circle, Los Angeles. She also is a leader of a Discipleship group focusing on The Commands of Christ.



Vincent is currently retired; she is married to Marvin A. Neal, former teacher at SJC from 1965 to 1973. She is in the process of writing a book on the joys of parenting her two children, Demis and Sherese. She enjoys spending time with her two granddaughters, GiAnna and Giselle. Her hobbies are reading, writing, and swimming.

Manuela Scott, *née* Hernández



Manuela with husband Patrick and children, 2018

Born on September 17, 1950 to two most unique and humble parents, Dactless and Francisco, who will always be loved. Later in life, I met three wonderful family members who continued to raise me until age twenty, Leonora, Isaiah, and Saïdy, who ensured that I was granted a loving environment and educational opportunities.

In 1969, I graduated from Pallotti High School and was modeled with core competencies and values. That same year, I competed in a popularity contest and won Ms. Pomona, and later a beauty contest for Miss Stann Creek. Then went on to represent the district in the Miss Independence Pageant and placed 3rd overall.



My first job was a Secretary for the Plant Manager at The Citrus Company of Belize in Pomona. I then pursued my favourite dream to teach at St. Joseph Primary School in Belize City. An opportunity arose in my home town at Austin High School (now defunct) in Dangriga Town, Stann Creek District, which I accepted.

I was then fortunate to meet my loving and caring husband, Patrick Scott Sr., with whom I continue to share our love through any situation that faces us. Our love started at Lynam Agricultural College (now defunct), which was also our first home as a married couple.

During our marriage, I became a housewife when my first baby Patrice was born. God called her home after only nine months of life with us. Immediately, I started working again at St. Ignatius Parish Rectory as a Secretary until my second baby arrived.

We then moved to La Democracia Village in the Belize District. There I was granted the opportunity to start a Primary School for Infants to Standard Two, with the responsibilities of being the Principal/teacher for several years at St. Patrick R.C. School in the Belize District, now known as La Democracia Primary School.

We moved once again to Belmopan with our three loving bundles of joy. At this time, I was back on as a full-fledged housewife. This would not be for long, however, as I was given the opportunity to go into the classroom on a part-time basis, replacing teachers who went on maternity or long leave. I also got to supervise overseas exams for the High Schools in Belmopan.

My husband took another job at Hummingbird Hershey on the Hummingbird Highway, so I went back to being a housewife once more, but was given another part-time job as Manager for a workers' Credit Union (now defunct) at Hummingbird Hershey.

As I journeyed with my family across the country of Belize, this time deep down south towards the Toledo District, with my children all grown up, I took on another job as Administrative Secretary for a USAID project name TAMP/VITA. When TAMP/VITA closed down, I was asked to help out at St. Peter Claver Primary School part-time.

My family and I then returned back to the Cayo District, where we took up residence at our farm along the Hummingbird Highway. I went back into the classroom and taught at Belmopan Preschool for two years, then retired from the teaching profession.

I took a part-time job at the Catholic Mission/Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish as Secretary/Bookkeeper until my retirement.

My children and I then went on several trips abroad (namely U.S.A. and Barbados) with my husband as he pursued his professional career.

I served as the “heart” of the family and ensured that we were all balanced with earthly and spiritual activities. My family continues to be my life, my joy and love, as we reside on our little farm (named PRIMITAS FARM) in Ringtail Village, mile 40½ Hummingbird Highway, Cayo District.

I have three lovely children, (Pam, Patrick Jr., Marie) who are all married. Several adopted sons and daughters including Lecia Bevans, Sophia Higinio, Vincent Petillo, Andre Vernon, Roger Woodye, among many more numerous to count.

So far, my biological children have granted me eight outstanding and adorable grandchildren (Louise Rodriguez; Patrick Julian, Dominique, Samrin, and Alexander Scott; Gilroy Jr., Roydell, and Monica Young) who my husband and I love and cherish so dearly. We also love and cherish our adopted grandchildren too, whether they are near or far.

My entire family and community means the world to us, parents, brothers, sisters, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and community members. The gift of lives from God will always be cherished in my life and that of my family!

Jennifer Rook, *née* Hertular



2018

Jennifer Hertular is from the graduating class of 1969 and strives to live a life guided by Pallotti’s motto *Virtus Nobilitat*. Jennifer started out as a teacher in training and enjoyed interacting with colleagues, students and their parents.

In 1971, Jennifer married her military husband and emigrated to the U.K. They spent three worthwhile years in Berlin, during which time their daughter Candy was born.

Jennifer’s love for cookery was developed in Sister Lydia’s Home Economics Classes and during the family’s tour of duty in Northern Ireland, the skills Jennifer acquired resulted in her winning two first prizes in bread and cake making, respectively, at the Northern Ireland Bakery Show.

Following her husband’s death, Jennifer remarried and studied Business

Administration at her local College, gaining distinctions in all subjects. Jennifer utilized her skills to work as a PA to a computer scientist at a U.K. University. During her thirty years there, she received many special awards for outstanding service.

Since retiring, she has concentrated on family life, visiting a wide range of performing arts and traveling extensively. She has visited the Holy Land, met Popes John Paul II and Francis, walked on The Great Wall of China, climbed Machu Picchu, and enjoyed the splendour of The Taj Mahal—the ultimate symbol of love.

Jennifer has one teenage grandson who gives her great pleasure as she watches his achievements at school and listens to his dreams for the future.

Jennifer continues to maintain a close link with her family and friends in Belize. She aims to pursue her many interests: visiting historical and stately buildings, learning new styles of cooking, and supporting her charities.



Minerva Jones, née Leiva



(Deceased)



Minerva with her daughters, 1996

Front: Zandalee

Back: Virginia, Minerva, Krystal, Stephanie, and Heather

Ruth Eggleton, née López



2018

I migrated from Belize to Ft. Wayne, Texas in 1980 then on to Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada, where I currently reside.

Having decided to continue my education in Social Care, I am the recipient of a Social Service Certificate and started working with Developmental Disability Individuals.

During my career years I was also employed as manager for a group home for twenty-five years.

I am the proud mother of four children and grandmother to three, two boys and one girl.

When my soulmate passed away, I decided to retire, but still enjoy part-time work with the same company, doing Home Share.



Linda McCarthy-Remkes



2018



At joint 30-year reunion, 1999

I currently reside in Fairfax, Virginia, where I have lived since 1994. After I left Belize, I moved to New Orleans, Louisiana and then relocated to Austin, Texas, where I met my husband, David, to whom I have been married for thirty-one years. We then moved to Lyon, France for a few years. Living there provided us the opportunity to travel throughout Europe and experience many different cultures. Finally we landed in Fairfax, a suburb of Washington, DC. We enjoy spending time with our family, including our daughter Eva, and friends who live in the area and throughout the U.S.A.

I have a degree in business and pursued a career in hotel management. I am now semi-retired. At present, I am a tutor for Kindergarteners at an elementary school near our home.



My interests include traveling, gardening, and reading. We expect to remain in Virginia until David retires, at which time we will relocate somewhere with a warmer climate. Belize has always been in my heart and I look forward to continued visits!

Olga Barber, née McFadzen



2017

Education after graduation from Pallotti:
 1969–1971: St. John’s Junior College
 1995–1997: University of Belize, Bachelor’s in Business Administration.
 Worked at Social Security for seventeen Years and Unicomer Belize until my retirement in 2016.
 Married to Sydney Barber, Jr. for forty years until his death eight years ago.
 Mother of two daughters and one son, grandmother of two.
 Enjoying my retirement by spending time with my family in beautiful Belize.



Isola Miller Roland



2017

In 1972, I immigrated to New York to join my parents. Four years later, in 1976, I joined the United States Army and was stationed in Alabama, Texas, and finally in South Korea, where I was honorably discharged in 1980.
 I returned to New York and enrolled at City College of New York. I graduated in 1984 with a BA degree in Sociology. I was then employed by New York City Department of Probation as a Probation Officer. In 2014, after thirty years of exemplary service, I retired with the title of Senior Supervisor.
 I currently reside in Queens County, New York with my husband of thirty-six years. I have one daughter and one grandson.



Ninfa Codd, née Morales



Iola Ellis, née Nicholas



At joint 30-year reunion, 1999

(Deceased)



Winniemay A. Nicholas-Young



2018

Born in Double Head Cabbage, Belize District, Belize.

Schools. Holy Redeemer Primary, Pallotti High School (1969), New York Technical College, Baruch College. Associate and Bachelor's degrees in Accounting.

Employment. Teacher (St. Joseph Primary School), Belize City Treasury Department, Celebrity Inc. (Accounts Payable Clerk) for five years, Paper Enterprises (Bookkeeper) for fifteen years, and Hunton & Williams Law Firm (Accounting Coordinator) for 16 years.



Migrated to New York City in August 1978.

Proud mother of two sons, grandmother of two, and great grandmother of two.

Retired two years ago. Enjoying my retirement!

María Christina Clark, née Ozaeta



2018

After I dropped out of Pallotti High School, I was very lucky to gain a hair-dressing course in Guatemala City, which I completed in December 1967. (I was fifteen yrs old!)

After returning to Belize, I met my English husband in February 1968 and we were married in the December of the same year.

Our first son was born in Belize, December 1969; our second son was born in England, February 1971.

We spent the following eighteen years between the U.K. and Germany with my husband's career; during that time I managed to work in Germany in a salon, where learning to speak German was a necessity.

Our last posting was to Colchester, England; we then decided to settle in Colchester. Hard Work, sacrifice and with God's Blessing, I managed to own

three salons from 1983 until 1989.

In 1989 our decision to try a project in Belize with family members did not work out for us, to our dismay.

Our next adventure was to go to the United States; to our amazement, we achieved great jobs working as managers for some of America's wealthiest families. Achieving our U.S. citizenship was a challenge.

Our adventure took us from Chicago, Illinois to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and finally we decided to settle in Texas in 2005.

I decided to go back to my original career—making people beautiful! For me to be able to achieve that meant going back to school for my cosmetology license.

Not satisfied with working in salons, my ambition was to teach the trade I love so much. Back again to school in 2006 for my cosmetology instructor's license. I found teaching to be challenging and very fulfilling.

During our time living in the United States, I graduated High School, something I was unable to achieve in Belize.

In 2013 we decided to retire and, after a great length of research, we eventually decided on Ecuador. We have designed and built our own house, a very rewarding and satisfying venture. Cotacachi Ecuador is our home at present—Unless the wander bug hits us again.



María Perdomo Turton



2019

Lived in Canada and the U.S. since 1972.

Happily married for forty-eight years. Three children and three grandchildren.

Sold Real Estate in Toronto, New Jersey, and Fort Lauderdale.

Graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology in 2013.



Lydia Piaz



At PHS 25-year reunion, 1994



Iva Pook Jones



2019

I am a proud mother of six children and grandmother to eleven.

I retired from Belize Telemedia Limited after serving thirty-three years.

I'm currently enjoying retirement and spending quality time with grandkids.



Juanita Williams, *née* Rodríguez



2018

After Pallotti, I was not able to further my education because my parents could not afford it and they needed me to find a job right away. Fortunately, with some influence from “people in society” (smile), I got a job at Brodies. I then moved to Royal Bank of Canada and then found the job of my dreams at Scotiabank (Belize) Ltd., where I worked for thirty-two years.

During that time I got married and had three beautiful girls. I also had some ups and downs in my life but, with the grace of the Almighty, I came through okay and I am enjoying my retirement with my family and my hobbies, such as gardening, reading, and crocheting, to name a few.



I am not a granny but I am crossing my fingers it might be this year.

Life gives us brief moments with another...but sometimes in those brief moments we get memories that last a lifetime...

Ulrica (Fritz) Vásquez, née Romero



2018

Shortly after I graduated from high school, I found a job at Bowen and Bowen Ltd., where I worked for twenty-two years before I had the luxury of early retirement.

I am married to Hipolito Vásquez and have a son and daughter. I now volunteer at the Sister Cecilia Home two days out of the week and assist in whatever I can to help them.

I am very excited as anytime soon I will become a grandmother.



Juanita Beeke, née Rudon



2018

Married to Trevor. Reside in the United Kingdom for forty-six years. Proud Mom of two boys, Grandma to three girls and one boy.

Worked for British Forces Germany and Gibraltar in Administration field 1976–1989. Business Advisor for Scottish Government 1990–1996. Worked for U.K. Government MOD Glasgow 1996–2005. Retired.

Composed five patriotic songs: *Belize Our Home Sweet Home*; *Prayer for My Country*; *The Red White and Blue*; *Calling Me*; and *A Land So Free*.

Winner of National Press Poetry competition 'OUR GLORIOUS MONARCH' in the U.K. on the occasion of Her Majesty's ninety-second birthday.

Publisher of two books: *Bittersweet (Poems of Reflection)*; *Belize then 'n' now*. A third, *Bittersweet 2*, is presently in the production line.



PHS 25-Year Reunion, 1994



Melanie Magaña, née Speer



Melissa Speer

(Deceased)



Francisca Pook, *née* Sutherland



At joint 45-year reunion,
2014

I have had a very interesting life since graduating. Throughout the years, I have found employment firstly at Saint Ignatius Rectory as Secretary. I excelled myself in accountancy at school, so decided to seek further employment in that field, where I managed successfully to work as a Stock Controller at Pyreffette Brothers. Finally, I found myself at Bowen & Bowen, where my duties entailed stock controlling, cashiering, and dealing with payroll. All are established businesses in Belize. After years of racking my brains, I have been lucky to retire in 2008, and give the cells a well-earned rest.

I'm married with three children and a proud grandmother of eight.

I now enjoy this opportunity of having lots of time with my family, traveling, and sharing with my grandchildren my hobbies, which are cooking, baking, fishing, and swimming.



Eloica (Eloise) Irma Tillett Smith



2017



With husband Glen, 2017

Profile

Retired from Dade County Federal Credit Union, (DCFCU) January 13th, 2017 as Senior Vice President Compliance, Bank Secrecy and Administrations.

Worked for DCFCU for thirty-seven years and contributed to the growth and development of the company. Former Senior Vice President of Operations, which included Fraud and Security.



Current Activities

World traveler

Board member, Financial Institutions Security Association

Adopted stray cat, which drives my husband crazy

Zumba lover; keeps that spark and zest to past dance love life

Book lover of all things romantic

Professed Secular Franciscan – Queen of Peace Fraternity

Married with no children to Glen L. Smith

Life Story/Skills

Former Analyst for Allstate Insurance, Skokie, Illinois

Analyst for General Electric, Miami, Florida

Teacher at St. Catherine Elementary and Holy Redeemer, Belize City

Member of Bob Reneau Dance company – Toured with company to Mexico, Kentucky, Cincinnati, and Washington DC (Summer in the Parks annual program).

Accept each day with enthusiasm, and close each evening with a prayer for family and friends.

Rosalinda Torres

(No photos available)

Rosalind Tzul

(No photos available)

Judith Bodden, née Usher



2018



With husband Willis, 2018

My first job after graduating from Pallotti was working with Lamont Enterprise, one of the first resorts on Glover’s Reef. While working there, I was fortunate to meet President Pierre Trudeau from Canada.

In 1970, I moved back home to Stann Creek, where I worked with the Citrus Company of Belize. My experience there was invaluable. In 1982, I relocated to California with my family. I enrolled and graduated from Watterson Business College. In 1983, I was hired at Kaiser Permanente as a Secretary in the Assistant Regional Controller’s office. In 1986, I transferred to the Legal Department as a Legal Secretary. During this

time, I was enrolled in Citrus College. My boss encouraged me to further my career and become a paralegal. I enrolled and completed my paralegal studies at California State University, Los Angeles. After becoming a paralegal, I was fortunate that a position became available in the department and I was promoted. I was later promoted to Risk Liability Claims Assistant and then Claims Examiner. My duties included the handling of Small Claims matters, which included working up the cases and defending Kaiser at Court. I also handled dental injury claims, slip and fall, liaison with the auditors, and supervising the Summer Interns.

In October 2016, I retired from Kaiser after thirty-three years. Since retirement, I live between Belize and California.

I am married to Willis, my husband of forty-eight years; together we have four children, thirteen grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, and several adopted children.



35-Year Joint Reunion, 2004



Josephine Fraser, née Velásquez



At joint 35-year reunion, 2004
(Deceased)



Theodora Cawich, née Villanueva



Leonora Young, *née* Wade

(Deceased; no photos available)

Shirley Card, *née* Waller



At joint 45-year reunion, 2014

I was born in the beautiful seashore village of Sarteneja, in the Corozal District, the seventh of nine children. I was seven years old when my parents moved to Belize City and enrolled me at Saint Ignatius Primary School. After that, I attended Pallotti High School and graduated.

I went to work as a secretary at Jim Blake Franchise on North Front Street. While working there, I went on to further my studies at St. John's Evening School. After receiving my Associate Degree in Business Administration, I began working full time as a Public Officer in the Government Service, where I worked for thirty-five years until my retirement. My last place of employment was in the Ministry of Lands and Survey.

After marrying the late Arthur Bryan Card, Sr., we had four children (one boy, three girls) and five wonderful grandchildren. I am now enjoying my retirement and spending more time with my children and grandchildren.



PHS classmates posing with class banner are joined by Pallotti Mother Superior, Sister Consuelo (left) and current PHS Principal, Sister Clara (right) following joint 45-year reunion Mass, 2014

Saint Catherine Academy

Class of 1969 and Former Classmates



(Order is alphabetical by maiden name)

35-Year Joint Reunion, 2004



Ann Wiltshire, *née* Alpuche



At joint 30-year reunion, 1999



Gloria Saldano, *née* Atkins



At joint 30-year reunion, 1999



Grace Pate, *née* Balderamos



2019

I live in Houston, Texas! I have three wonderful children, ten grandchildren, two great-grand and another on the way! Family is everything to me! They are my strength and weakness. I give them the greatest gift of love.

Love my homeland and visit as often as I can!

Lydia Balderamos Loskot



Son Jiri, Lydia, grandson Jevan, daughter Davina, 2018

Lydia Balderamos Loskot continues to live in Kon Tiki, San Ignacio with grandson, Jevan Loskot. Jevan turned twelve on December 15, 2018, just in time to qualify for the annual Scout Color Fest at Camp Oakley, Burrell Boom. Jevan takes karate classes and won his orange belt in November.

Lydia has been teaching Advanced Composition and Technical Writing at Galen University, Central Farm, for the past ten years. She has embraced the challenge of teaching online several evenings a week and sometimes on Saturday mornings, depending on semester assignments.

She sends love and gratitude to friends who supported her when she lost her eldest son, John David Loskot, exactly two years ago on January 2, 2017. Her daughter, Davina, lives in Atlanta, Georgia, where she teaches orchestra strings at Richardson Middle School. Her youngest, Jiri, who is Jevan's dad, works as an Entertainment Host for Carnival Cruise Line.



SCA Gathering at 30-Year Joint Reunion, 1999



Therese Balderamos

(Deceased)



Kim Bevans

(No photos available)

Ina Retreage, née Boyd



At joint 45-year reunion, 2014



Eloisa Bradley



2018

After graduating fifty years ago from SCA, I still reside in Belize City.

I am blessed to have two sons and a daughter, six grandchildren, and will be a great-grandmother in March 2019.

I have a catering business, which is still operating and I enjoy doing.



Jennifer Escobar, *née* Bradley



Jennifer Neal, *née* Brown



With husband Leroy, 2018

Jennifer Neal retired five years ago after twenty-five years of employment as a civilian Human Resources professional with the United States Air Force. She has knowledge in all aspects of Human Resources, including Social Security, Medicare Program, Retirement Benefits, Pre-Retirement Counseling, Health and Life Insurance, and Investment.

Jennifer is actively involved in her community. She is a volunteer board member of the Camelot Volunteer Fire Department. She provides administrative support and writes grants requesting funding for projects and fire equipment.

Jennifer and her family are long-time members of Maranatha Bible Church where she enjoys volunteering weekly as an office assistant. One of her favorite verses comes from Psalm 121:1–2, “I will lift my eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.”

Jennifer and her husband Leroy, who retired from the United States Army, reside in San Antonio, Texas. They have been married for forty-plus years and have two daughters and five grandchildren. Jennifer and Leroy enjoy traveling and spending time with family and friends.



María Antonieta Cardona Martínez



2018



Top: Grandson Gabriel David Riviera

Bottom: Daughter María Karina, María Antonieta
2018

Graduated in 1969 and got married 1972 to Enrique David Martínez, Sr.

I am widow for eight years now.

Gave birth to four kids, two girls and two boys, and raised four grandsons from babies until they all grew up and left home to start their own families. This year June the last one I raised, and the only one who was still living at home with me, graduated and being an American by birth, also left and is now living in New Orleans.

Lived and grew up in Belize City until 1993, when I had to retire from work due health issues and went to live in Benque Viejo Town, Cayo District, where I am still living up to now, since my husband was from Benque Viejo.



After marriage I got involved with church activities, which were Legion of Mary since 1977 and a Spanish Liturgy group, which was in charge of the Spanish Mass at Holy Redeemer.

Was an active legionary until 2008, when I became an auxiliary member since I could no longer attend meetings due to nursing my husband who had ALS Disease and was handicapped until his death in 2010.

Since then I have been traveling to and from New Orleans every year, spending six months with one of my daughters and her family.

Margaret Carrillo



2018

I've had a wonderful life, thanks in no small part to my education at Saint Catherine Academy.

After high school graduation I moved to Puerto Rico, where I attended university and majored in biology and chemistry. I was also a research assistant in entomology at the medical school, and that got me interested in medicine. My undergraduate degree was completed in Chicago, where I continued friendships with Belizeans I had known in high school. That's also where I met my future husband, Herb Engelsberg, on a blind date; his best friend was dating my best friend, and we all went out together.

At age twenty-three I started medical school in Boston, and lived there for the next twelve years. Boston is a lovely, interesting city and that's where I was married and my two sons, Daniel and Benjamin, were born. However, raising kids with no backup family was difficult, and so we moved to Philadelphia, Herb's hometown, to be with his family. By then my own siblings were scattered across the U.S., in California, Miami, and Texas.

Thirty-two years after moving to Philadelphia, we're still here. Herb is an architectural photographer and still engrossed in his work. I have really enjoyed my work in medicine, though it is a hard profession due to long hours and the inherent difficulty of working with sick and dying people. I'm still working almost full time and have no plans to stop any time soon; just enjoy it too much.

My two sons are now settled in their professions, Daniel as an emergency-room nurse in Denver, and Benjamin as a Spanish and Portuguese interpreter in Washington, DC. My first grandchild, a girl, will be born May of 2019.



Audrey Burkes, née Castillo

(Deceased)



Genevieve (Jenny) Lizama, née Castillo



With husband Arquel, 2018

My, where have the years flown? I can't believe that fifty years have passed since graduating in 1969!

My first job after graduation was with the Chamber of Commerce. After a couple of years, I was hired by The Royal Bank of Canada (now Belize Bank Ltd.) as secretary to the Accountant. I met my husband, Arquel Lizama, while working at the bank. Shortly after our marriage, Arquel was transferred to Orange Walk Town as Manager of the Branch. We spent fourteen years in Orange Walk, raising three beautiful children: Malcolm, Angela, and Anya. Most of my years in Orange Walk were spent working alongside Arquel in the Rotary Club, helping people in need and learning to play Bridge.



We were transferred to Belize City, where Arquel became the Manager and Vice President of the Belize Bank Ltd. In Belize City, I got involved with different charitable organizations as well as improving my Bridge skills, winning trophies from the International Shell Tournaments. I got involved with my parish and became part of the choir. I also helped my father manage his Pest Control company.

Before long, it was time for our children to go to university. With hard work and dedication, Malcolm became a Marine Biologist; Angela, a PhD in Microbiology and Immunology; and Anya, a Master's in Nursing Administration. We couldn't be more proud of them.

Malcolm and Angela both got jobs in Prince Edward Island (PEI), Canada (home of Anne of Green Gables). After Arquel retired from the Belize Bank, we decided to join them in PEI. A new life started for us as we got involved with our grandchildren, taking them back and forth to school, attending school trips, school plays, and freezing ice rinks. Who said retirement was easy!

Arquel and I became involved in our parish. I joined the Canadian Women's League and Arquel joined the Knights of Columbus. We continue to do charitable works, as well as singing in the church choir. I even got to sing for Prince Charles when he visited PEI.

I have developed a passion for quilt making, as I enjoy the creativity of sewing small pieces of fabric together creating a beautiful piece of art. I enjoy crafts as a whole from jewelry making to creating cards, knitting, and crocheting.

We are a family of nine here in beautiful PEI: Malcolm, Heather, Ean, and Nina Lizama; Angela, Enrique, Enrique Jr, Christianne, and Alyana Riveroll. In San Antonio, Texas, we have Anya, Frank, Matthew, and Daniel Kuylen. God has blessed us with a lovely family and we can't thank him enough for the many gifts he has given us.

I send best wishes to all my classmates from SCA, friends from Pallotti High School and SJC.

Ysela Sharp, née Castillo



2018

Two years ago, I retired from teaching kindergarten and first- through third-grade students. Since then, I have been busy volunteering with many non-profit organizations. My favorite is working at Brother Bennos Thrift store and homeless kitchen. Most of the people are recovering addicts and are treated with dignity and kindness. They are committed to change and willingly attend AA meetings, etc.

I am now a grandmother of six beautiful little angels. The oldest is twelve and the youngest nine months. I am always in trouble because I tend to spoiled them!! But that is what grandparents are allowed to do!!

Traveling is part of my life! 2018 took my husband and me to Chile, Argentina, and Easter Island. In September, we traveled to the

Canadian Rockies and experienced some snow!! Traveling is a wonderful, educational experience and I am grateful and blessed to be able to do so. God is good.

May the Lord bless all my SCA classmates with good health, joy, and happiness. You are in my thoughts!



30-Year Joint Reunion, 1999



Ina Crucet

(No photos available; also attended Pallotti)

Cynthia Ellis-Topsey



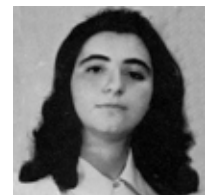
At joint 40-year reunion, 2009

Anita Espat

(Deceased)

Cordia Espat

(Deceased; no photos available)



Camila Valencia, née Espejo



At joint 30-year reunion, 1999



Lillian Burgos, née Fonseca



With husband Rick, 2018

I moved to Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands in 1972 to work at CIBC Bank and remain in the banking industry to date.

Grand Cayman has been my home for the past 46 years. I have been married for 26 years to Rick Burgos of Belize City (SJC '64). I am the Mum of two children, Rafael and Ileana, and two grandchildren, Ariel and Zach.

I am currently working part time, since 2016, as an Assistant Manager at Altajir Bank, where I have been working for the last 34 years.

Gardening, water aerobics, visiting the elderly, cooking, and entertaining our friends are my favorite activities! Of course visiting my son and grandchildren currently living in Orlando is the best!

Come visit us! You will love the island life!



40-Year Joint Reunion, 2009



Rosalie Casey, née Gardiner

(No photos available)

Ligia Alpuche, née Gómez



At joint 30-year reunion, 1999



Minerva Gordillo de Maldonado



With husband Guillermo, 2018

Upon graduation from SCA, I continued on to University for four years in San Antonio, Texas. In 1973, I obtained my BA in Business Administration and Economics from the University of the Incarnate Word. That summer I returned to Mexico City and started working as Business Consultant with Sociedad de Asesores, S.A. (SAESA). In November of '73, I was sent by SAESA to INTERFER (an international trade fair) in Guatemala City to represent several companies we had under contract for export promotion. This was quite an experience, for I was the only woman expositor in the Mexican Pavilion. Here I became acquainted with several large Mexican firms and in 1974 I was hired away by Square D de Mexico (a subsidiary of Square D Company in Chicago), to work in their brand-new export department as their Export Manager. Life became exciting for me because of all the travel involved—Central and South America.



During 1978, I set up import-export systems for the new Square D companies that were opened in San Jose, Costa Rica; Latacunga, Ecuador; and São Paulo, Brazil. During this time I also studied Portuguese, in which I became very fluent because of all the time I spent in Brazil. Later when I became the General Import-Export Manager for all of Mexico, I also traveled to the various factories in the U.S., coordinating trade systems with our Latin American operations. In 1983, I resigned and decided to pick up languages, at which time I started learning French and German. Things changed then and my trips took me to Europe; principally to England, Germany, Spain, Italy, Japan and Hong Kong.

Guillermo Maldonado (Bill) and I were married in January 1989, during which travel became even more intense because of his position as President and General Manager of Square D Mexico and Latin America. We went to Australia, the U.S., and several times to Europe. That same year in November of '89, my son Giovanni Carlo was born! In '90 including baby and all, we went to Thailand, Singapore, Taiwan, and to the Soccer World cup in Italy. In 1984 my second son Gregory Francis was born!

We continued traveling and taking advantage of long holidays when the boys were out of school. This period was very fulfilling because we were very active in the German school my boys were attending and made many lifelong friends. Both my sons have their degrees from University, so now we have a lot of time on our hands. Since my eldest, Giovanni Carlo lives and works in Berlin, Germany, we go there often. Also, we own a little hotel in Playa del Carmen (near Cancún), which keeps us busy too.

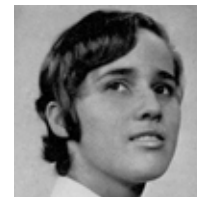
I feel I have been blessed with a beautiful and happy life!

Joyce Perdomo, née Gough



Front: son Jonathan, sister Flor (SCA Class of 1956), Joyce
Back: son-in-law Eros, daughter Kelsey
In Houston, September 2018, celebrating Flor's 80th birthday

Still living in Belize and still love it.
Have two children, six grandchildren—five boys and one lovely girl.
Have done a bit of travel, but don't really have the travel bug; enjoy familiar places and family.



Patricia Marsden, née Griffith



Ellen Maud Collins, née Gullap



With family, 2003

Born 8 June 1952 in Belize City, Belize (formerly British Honduras). Resided at #1 Cemetery Road, Belize City, Belize and attended Holy Redeemer School until the devastation of Hurricane Hattie in 1961. Daughter of Rita Gullap and Robert Howard, deceased; sister of Wilhelm Gullap, also deceased. Also sister of Jeffery Ali and Marion Ali of Belize City.

Education and Work

1956–1961: Attended Holy Redeemer School
Represented Holy Redeemer at the 1961 National Spelling Bee contest at Palace Theatre, Belize City
1961–1962: Attended St. Francis Xavier School in Corozal Town, Belize

- 1962–1965: Attended Holy Redeemer School
- 1965–1969: Attended St. Catherine Academy; Member of the Glee Club and Dance Class
- 1969–1977: Worked at Emory King Insurance, Regent Street, Belize City, Belize
- 1977–1978: Worked at Catholic Presbytery, North Front Street, Belize City, Belize and briefly with Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) Belize
- 1978–1980: Worked at UNICEF (United Nations), Supply Division



- 1980–2000: Worked at UNICEF, Budget Section
- 2000–2012: Worked at UNICEF, Programme Division
- June 2012: Retired from UNICEF

Personal

- April 2, 1978: Met future husband, also from Belize
- April 23, 1983: Married Lewin Bernard Collins in New York, U.S.A.
- August 1983: Birth of first son, Lewin Alvin Bernard Collins, III
- September 1984: Birth of second son, Emory Richard Guy Collins
- September 1989: Birth of daughter, Sheena Tiana Collins
- July 2013: Birth of first grandchild, Ebony Tiana Schumaker
- 2015–present: Babysitter to Rae Nixon, baby genius
- July–2018: Birth of second grandchild, Penelope Elizabeth Collins

Mildred Haughton

(No photos available)

Ester Heusner, née Hernández



With husband Francis, 2006

Congratulations, Class of '69 on Fifty wonderful years.

I have been retired for the past three and a half years and married to Francis for forty-three years.

Our daughter, Kathryn Heusner Kertz is an Occupational Therapist at the VA hospital in Houston. She lives in Pearland, Texas with her husband and three-and-a-half-year-old twin sons, Owen and Ian. Since I retired, I have been full time Nana to the boys. They keep me young (I think).

My permanent home is St. Rose, Louisiana. I get to go home frequently to party with my Belizean friends.



- 1969: Bank of Nova Scotia, Belize
- 1976: Moved to Metairie, Louisiana
- 1984–2015: First Metropolitan Bank: Customer Service Representative
Hibernia National Bank: Personal Banker, Branch Operations specialist, Branch Assistant Manager
Capital One Bank, International Department: Senior Operations Product Coordinator, international wire and foreign currency

Other interests:

- 1990: Board member of the Belize Association of Louisiana
Coordinator for the Miss Belize contestant in the Annual Unidad Hispano America pageant

Christine Heusner Robinson



2019

I was born in Belize City, Central American to a family with the first native-born medical doctor in the country. My family's thirst of knowledge has driven my career endeavors to include: obtainment of RN license, Midwifery Certification, Psychiatric Certification, BSN, and MSN. These various degrees and certifications have afforded me many opportunities from bedside nursing, nursing management, and teaching/education. Of all the career options I have held, the most prized position has been teaching, as teaching and higher education fuels my goal to make a difference to those who seek knowledge and betterment of themselves and those we serve.

I am honored to say that I am an Instructor at Bethune Cookman University, School of Nursing.

I have been married to Dr. Irving Robinson, supporter, friend, and father, for thirty-five years. Together we have a sum total of 100 years of medical/nursing experience. Additionally, we are the proud parents of five children, who have, to our astonishment, dedicated themselves to continuing our passion of educating others through service and teaching. When others ask me what drives me, I can easily say that my upbringing of understanding that "to whom much is given, much is expected" is the force behind my drive and commitment on this planet.



Jessie Hoare



2018

At SCA 25-year reunion, 1994

I became a Jehovah Witness in 1970 and proceeded to the ranks of full-time ministers in 1972. Since 1974, I've been dubbed a special volunteer minister. As such, I've had the privilege of serving with Jehovah Witness congregations in Belize, Cayo, and Stann Creek districts.

Having sustained injuries to my ankle in recent years with the onset of arthritis, my activities are now somewhat limited but I continue to do the best I can.



SCA Gathering at 30-Year Joint Reunion, 1999



Daphne Mena, née Hoy



At joint 45-year reunion, 2014



Cynthia (Jenny) Humphreys-Magnus



2018

The time that I spent attending SCA with the graduating class of 1969 has always been a memory I cherished, so, I'm thrilled to be included in this year's souvenir yearbook. Since that time, I lived with my parents and siblings in many different countries of the world, through my father's employment with the UN/WHO, and graduated high school from The America International School of Kabul, in Kabul, Afghanistan.

When my parents were in Sudan, Africa, I returned to Belize, where I attended Saint John's College Sixth Form. After graduation from Sixth Form, I taught at SCA for a few years, then worked with the Belize government at Central Bank, Belize. During that time I got married to Robert "Bobby" Bouloy (now deceased). We had two children, Tanya and Micah Bouloy, who are now successful young adults and the joys of my heart. Tanya, who is finishing up her post-grad studies at the University

of Miami, is a county administrator with the city of Hollywood here in Florida, and Micah, who lives with his wife and children in Sacramento, California, completed his studies at Florida Atlantic University and is a commercial broker with Farmers. I'm also the proud "Nana" of three adorable grand-babies, with another one due early next year!

After living in Belize for a number of years, I emigrated to the U.S. After living for a brief time in New Orleans, I moved to Florida where I now reside. I returned to college at Florida International University, where I earned a Master of Science in Psycho-Education, specializing in brain science and cognition. Shortly after completing my degree, I met and married my husband, Gary, a wonderful man who is my forever friend. I worked for The Florida Diagnosis & Learning Systems, South/Miami-Dade County Public Schools for twenty-seven years, and as an adjunct professor at Barry University for the last nine years of my career.

Eight years ago, as much as I enjoyed my career, I decided I'd had enough of the workaday treadmill, so, I retired! My husband, also retired, and I are living our dream life of traveling and enjoying, as much as is possible, the "unencumbered" life!

And there it is...fifty years in the tiniest of nutshells!

Dorothy Jex

(Deceased; no photos available)

Ivy Leslie-Blease



2017

After graduating from high school, worked at Barclays Bank from June 1969 to February 1974. Migrated to Bronx, New York February 1974.

Lived and worked in New York until I moved to South-East Coast of Florida February 1983. Worked in Property Management from 1983 to 1986.

Graduated from Miami Dade College 1989.

Worked at the University of Miami in AIDS Research from 1986 to 1999.

Graduated from University of Miami in 1999.

Worked in Central Nervous System Research from 1999 until I retired in October 2015.

After retiring, moved to the West Coast of Florida, St. Petersburg, and am now enjoying and loving my retirement.



SCA 25-Year Reunion, 1994



Roselia Jameson, *née* Lozano



Margaret Ozaeta, *née* Marin

(Deceased)



Egzine McFoy



At SCA 25-year reunion, 1994



Glenda Lamb, *née* Medina



Yvonne Hartshorn, *née* Meighn

(No photos available)

Elena van Leer, *née* Mendoza



With husband Bob, 2018

Retired after thirty-three years of part-time with United, formerly Continental, Airlines.

Traveling and loving retirement.



35-Year Joint Reunion, 2004



Ann Miguel



Sherilyn Moffett

(No photos available)

Antonia Noguera



At joint 35-year reunion, 2004



Marta Woods, née Ordóñez



2018

Shortly after graduation, Marta started working at Barclays Bank, with the intention of continued studies after a year or two. A few months after starting, a client walked into the bank to open an account. That client was John Woods, and after the first date and a whirlwind courtship, Marta's plans changed. She and John got married and moved to Maskall Village, where they managed an allspice farm and later expanded to fruits and crops.

They welcomed four children during that time, Francis (Cisco), Carolyn, William (Billy) and Samantha.



In 1983 they moved to Belize City to expand on construction work that they had started a few years before. This included road construction, pipe laying for water and sewerage projects, bridges, and heavy machinery works.

In 1989 their fifth and last child, Madelyn, joined their large family. She was a happy and welcome addition.

In 1993 the family suffered the loss of twenty-year-old Carolyn in a car accident. It was a most difficult time for all.

Fifteen months later, their eldest son Cisco was in a horrific airplane crash. Miraculously he survived. Marta's husband said, "where there is life, there is hope". Cisco's long and painful recovery took over a year. Marta and John's strong faith in God and love and strength of family and friends helped them get through this time.

They carried on and continued with the expansion of the company, developing a citrus farm on the Hummingbird. Following some years later, Old Belize was born, a tourist destination that featured a beach and the sea, and was a short drive from the city. A museum exhibit on site showcases to students the old industries of a long-ago Belize.



With entire family, 2015

In August, 2018, Marta's beloved soulmate passed away. Memories of almost fifty years together are treasured, and the huge family they now are keep John's memory in daily conversations. Their family has grown from two to over two dozen...children, grandchildren, spouses, great-grandchildren.

Inecita Gatton, *née* Pasos



Olivia Coleman, *née* Quan



2018

I left Belize in 1970 to come to England to get married. I had met my spouse when he was in the British Armed Forces stationed in Belize City Garrison. We got married on 9th August 1970 in Chippenham, Wiltshire, England. We had four beautiful children, two boys and two girls, in that order. We were married for twenty years when my marriage broke up and we later got divorce on January 12th 1993.

I met my current husband Iain Coleman after my first marriage had ended. We courted only six months when Iain asked me to marry him. This wonderful event took place on 3rd April 1993. We have been married now for over twenty-five years. He is a good man and we have a lovely and beautiful marriage. Unfortunately we never had any children between us, but it wasn't for the lack of trying.

Since then I have studied being a professional hair dresser, I studied computer technology, and ran a joint business venture with my daughter in the Cake and Sugarcraft industry, where we were extremely successful. We decided to close the business because my daughter Leandra needed eye surgeries and she needed my support to see her through the times ahead.

All my children are now married and they each own their own homes. My youngest son Andrew is married to Nicky and they have two lovely and beautiful girls whose names are Sophie and Neve. My oldest son and his wife Mai, originally from Thailand, have one daughter Elena, now three years old. I spent a lot of time looking after her from birth, so we have bonded very well and she is absolutely gorgeous and I love her tremendously. My two daughters did not have any children.

I am now retired but my husband is still working full time. We have a lovely home and I can say that my life hasn't been an easy road to walk but I feel very blessed to have come this far and achieved so much. I learned to be humble, patient, compassionate, loving, kind, grateful, honest, tolerant, and many more attributes along the way that life has to teach us all. I feel a better person for the knowledge life has taught me. I follow my Saviour Jesus Christ's gospel and try to live the life he wishes me to live through obedience to his commandments and, even though I may fail at times, I know that I must always continue to try and stay on that path that can lead me back to my Heavenly Father one day. Praise be to God Almighty and I thank Him every day for all the blessings He has given me and I say this in Jesus Christ's name, Amen.



30-Year Joint Reunion, 1999



Patricia Reid



At joint 35-year reunion, 2004

Joan Overly, *née* Rivero



At SCA 25-year reunion, 1994

Yvonne Helmsley, *née* Sánchez



Carli Scott



With husband Tom, 2018

After graduating from SCA, I got a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from the College of William and Mary in Virginia. Then, in search of a warmer climate, I moved to California, where I got a Master's degree from Stanford University. I settled in Palo Alto, California—it was an exciting time and place to be in the software industry.

Thirty years ago, when I married by husband, Tom Rindfleisch, my new family included three teenagers: sons Tim and Greg, and daughter Kristin. We now have three grandchildren; all kids and grandkids live in California.

I am currently enjoying retirement, keeping busy with projects related to family, community...and high-school reunions! In addition to being a fun time to see school friends, our reunions are a welcome opportunity for me to reconnect with the country, culture, language, and life of Belize.

Marjorie Ramnarace, née Smith



Joy Tatum-Haylock



After graduating from SCA, I immediately went to work for the Government of Belize. I migrated to Brooklyn, New York in 1970 where I was employed by Esquire Magazine until 1976, when I relocated to Los Angeles, California. I met and married my husband, Ludwick Haylock. We have two adult children, Travis and Hagen. I worked for California Supply from 1976 until I retired in 2008 and moved to Florida to be near my grandson, Jonathan. I am presently living between Florida and Belize. I give my heavenly Father praise and thanks for the life He has blessed me with. He's given me so many loving family members, and wonderful friends to love and cherish.

Thank you, entire SCA Class of 1969. Love you all.

2018



Leonella Tescum



Shelley Ann Trifone, née Tewes



With grandson Alexander,
2014

Shelley Ann Tewes Trifone attended St. Catherine Elementary in Belize. When her widowed Mom remarried an American Diplomat, the first Director of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Belize, and later the first Peace Corps Director in Honduras in 1965, she left Belize and attended the American School in Tegucigalpa for the first year of high school. Shelley was blessed with the opportunity to attend one of the best high schools in the southern U.S. and she chose to attend the Academy of the Holy Names, a Catholic boarding school in Tampa, Florida, graduating in 1969. She then attended Soule Business College in New Orleans, Louisiana and received an Associate's degree in Business Administration.

In 1971 she married and moved to Boston, Massachusetts, where she worked as a Medical Transcriber for four years. In 1972 she gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, whom she named Stefanie. She divorced in 1975, and worked as an Administrative Assistant with Arthur Young & Co. for seven years in Honduras and Denver, Colorado.

Shelley returned to Belize in 1982 and worked as a contractor Secretary/Administrative Assistant to the Mission Director for USAID. She was subsequently hired as a Direct Hire Executive Assistant to the Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean and later as Executive Assistant in the Office of the Executive Secretariat of USAID at the Department of State in Washington D.C. She also served overseas as Executive Assistant to USAID Mission Directors, five years in Costa Rica, and two in Honduras, with short-term stints in Nicaragua and Panama. The highlight of her career was receiving the runner-up Delavan award for exemplary performance from the American Foreign Service Association (at the time there were a total of twenty-seven U.S. Foreign Service Executive Assistants in the world).



Shelley again returned to Belize in 1997 and attended the University College of Belize (UCB), determined to complete her college degree. She graduated at the top of her class in 2000 with a Major in English and a Minor in Education. She taught Middle School English Grammar and Literature three years in public and private schools in Florida.

Shelley is now retired and enjoying her golden years in the company of her eleven-year-old grandson and her daughter, a mental-health therapist and manager of two programs for a psychotherapeutic company in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. She enjoys reading, writing, gardening, swimming, and has taken up sewing classes in her spare time.

35-Year Joint Reunion, 2004



Dorla Tucker



Anita Eck, *née* Turton



At joint 40-year reunion, 2009

Estella Usher

(Deceased)



Veronica Jones, *née* Usher



With husband Glenford, 2018

I was born on 2nd February, 1951 to Matilda Scott-Usher, housewife, and Theophilus Usher, plant operator for the Belize Electricity Board. Two week after birth, I was baptized at St. Ignatius (of Loyola) Church, where I started my spiritual growth. I later entered St. Ignatius Primary School, where my educational development started under the tutorship of Religious Sisters of Mercy and Jesuits priests.

My educational journey continued at St. Catherine Academy, Belize College of Arts Science and Technology (Belcast) Teacher's College, and Loyola University through its affiliation with St. John's Junior

College, where I discerned and focused on my ministry praxis as a pastoral worker at St. Martin De Porres Paris.



During my life journey I encountered many challenges, but was able to overcome these hurdles by being a true servant. As I reflect on my life, I feel happy and satisfied to know I am able to share and serve many people.

I am married to Glenford Jones, retired British Forces, Medical Drive. We have five children: Carla, Caren (RIP), Dr. Glenford Jones MD, Rashida, and Rhondine; and we were blessed with seven grandchildren. One grandson died from drowning three years ago.

After high school, I took time to bond with my family. It was very rewarding and I had wonderful adventurous times with my siblings, which I cherish and which enabled me to discern and start my teaching career as a primary school teacher at the newly founded St. Martin De Porres School in Prisoner Creek, now Lake Independence Area. As a teacher, I became a voluntary community worker. I became a trained teacher after attending Belcast Teacher's College (now University of Belize).

I also became active in many different organizations: Secretary of Belize Volunteer Blood Donor Service, member of Belize Girl Guide Association as Guider, Religious Coordinator, Belize National Teacher's Union School Representative, member of 4-H, Facilitator Belize Junior Red Cross, Secretary of Center for Community Resource Development, Secretary Belize-Michigan Partners Association, UBAD Educational Foundation Summer School Director, Small Community Development, Mattie Roter Women Outreach Organization (visiting Prison and working together for a Transition House for Incarcerated females), Belize Chemotherapy Organization of New York. After retirement, I now focus on my service as a Lay Minister.

Today I believe I have reached the stage of Spiritual maturity. I serve as facilitator for RICA/RCIC (Rites for Initiation of Christian Adults/Children) by preparing them for transition and homebound to the next life and committals for deceased to their final resting places. These are rewarding experiences that I never believed I would have done.

I have developed a great sense of humor by creating positive situations out of negative ones. This sense of humor inspires me in my service to others in my community, especially at the annual St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Dinner for the Elderly, where I entertain the elders as MC.

My learning experiences made me wiser to understand myself and the importance of this special quote: "The union of friendship lies in LOVE and FORGIVENESS, which are the gateway to true happiness and peace in my life of service."

Arminda Rodríguez, née Valencia



Ruby Vásquez



With grandchildren Noah, Ellis, and Carmelo, 2018

Dear friends, thank you for the gift of friendship we've shared through the years.

I'm retired, live in Chicago, and enjoy spending time with friends, family, and especially my three grandchildren.



Rosilia Ordóñez, née Vega



2017



With husband Orlando at joint 45-year reunion, 2014

Teaneck, New Jersey, has been home for the last forty-five years since leaving Belize. Here is where my dear husband Orlando and I raised our five lovely children. These days we relish in the joy of watching our garden of adorable grandkids blossom. Boys outnumber the girls, four to three—all so precious. We share ourselves between Utah, where one daughter resides with her family, and Chicago, with another daughter and her family. Our other kids are in New Jersey. We're always ready to tag along wherever and almost whenever someone asks. It's always fun. Some travels do end up in Belize, of course!



Full time work in the nephrology/internal medicine practice, where I've worked for fifteen years, is still interesting and I'm not ready to quit just yet. Most patients who cross my path each day are quite lovely people, including a sizable geriatric population—my favorite. Our eldest is now 107 years old with runner-up at 105. Some people are on kidney-transplant list and some others are on dialysis. Then there are those with a host of other illnesses that will result in some form and varying degrees of kidney failure. A happy day is when someone has had a successful kidney transplant. An extra special day is when a twenty-five-year-old young man comes in for an evaluation because he has decided to donate a kidney to his dad. Some days do present a few challenges, but everyday is very interesting. I'm fortunate and feel blessed to have been surrounded now and in previous jobs by wonderful doctors who've always given me the opportunity to assist them and appreciated my every effort in dealing patiently with even the most challenging people in every circumstance. It's also very nice that the patients show me their love and gratitude in so many ways.

Even though I'm loving my job as much as I do, nothing brings me more joy than sharing special moments with my beautiful family. These days grandkids are the order of the day, with all the surprises and excitement. I'm thankful to God for it all.

Margeli Villanueva



María Scott, née Villanueva



2018

After SCA, worked with Bowen & Bowen for about a year, then left to live in England. Worked with Lloyd's of London for almost ten years, after which I returned home in 1984. Since my return, I was employed by several organizations including the U.S. Embassy, working as Administrative Assistant with the Voice of America.

Met Alex Scott in 1986 and we married eight years later.

Currently working with Business Computer Systems in Ladyville as our Belize City office burnt down in 2014 (the day Carli and Tom were heading back home from our 45th Reunion).

Looking forward to seeing our friends at our 50th High School Reunion!



Joy McKinnes, *née* Yorke



At joint 40-year reunion, 2009



Jennifer Young



2018



With husband Cliff, 2018



45-Year Joint Reunion, 2014



Rita Stuart, née Young



With husband, 2018



With family, 2018



I am a Licensed Vocational Nurse for eighteen years. My husband was in the U.S. military and I have traveled around to different states, including Hawaii.

I have three boys and two daughters-in-law and seven grandchildren. My youngest Chris is having a baby in June and my oldest Shayne is having a baby in September.

Life has had its ups and downs, but I have been blessed with an awesome life and family that I am proud of.

Agnes Ysaguirre

(Deceased)



Sister Mary Sarita, R.S.M., Principal



At joint 45-year reunion, 2014



1968

Saint John's College

Class of 1969 and Former Classmates



Ricardo Aguilar

(Deceased)



David J. Alamina



David J. Alamina moved to New York in 1970, where he worked in the retail business for sixteen years. Married his beautiful wife María Leyda Villanueva in 1970 and had three sons, born in Long Island, New York.

David and family relocated to City of Winter Springs, the Great State of Florida in July of 1986 and reside there to date.



Seated: Daughter-in-law Idalis with grandson Ezekiel, wife María Leyda, daughter-in-law Suzanne with granddaughter Aaliyah

Standing: 2nd son Adrian N., David J., 1st son David A., 3rd son Daniel R.

2018

Francisco Allen



At 30-year joint reunion, 1999



30-Year Joint Reunion, 1999



Aaron Arnold



Emilio Awe



Kenneth Barber



Francis Barnett

(Deceased)



James Bevis



Jim with wife Marguerite, 3 of their 4 children, and 5 of their 9 grandchildren

Glenn Blease



Daughter Georgia, Glenn, granddaughter Maya, daughters Emily and Stephanie, 2018



30-Year Joint Reunion, 1999



Gowayne Bradley



At 30-year joint reunion, 1999



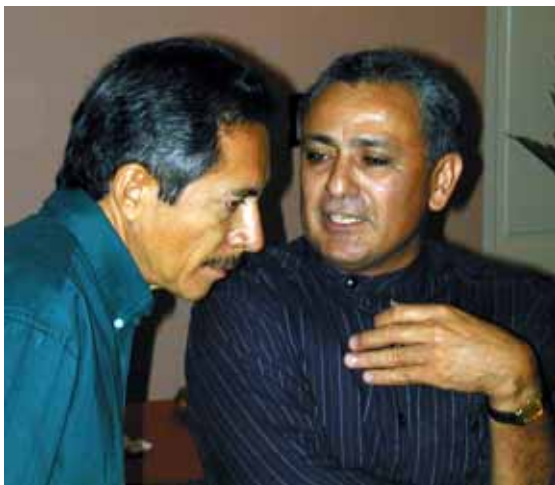
Austin Burgess



Jorge Campo



Franz (Canto) Feldmeier



30-Year Joint Reunion, 1999



Armando Cardena

(Deceased)



Raul Castillo



At 35-year joint reunion, 2004



Thomas Chanona



Tommy, his wife Marilyn, and their grandsons, Nicholas, Josh, and Nathaniel

Thomas Chanona, known to friends and colleagues at Tommy, resides in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, and is married to Marilyn Chanona. The couple celebrated their 41st Wedding Anniversary in May 2018. He is the father of three, now grown adults: Giselle Chanona-Pierre, an Engineer, living in the U.S.A.; Ryan Chanona, a Veterinary Doctor, living in Jamaica; and Christopher Chanona, a Civil Engineer, who works in the same company with his father.

Tommy entered into the field of Construction as a young man straight out of pursuing studies at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad, where he read for a degree in Civil Engineering. He joined the local firm Fred Chin Lee & Associates in 1975 and after twelve years, in 1987 in the height of an economic depression in Trinidad, Tommy took over the assets of the Company

together with most of the staff, when that Company went into voluntary liquidation due to the downturn in the Construction Industry in Trinidad and Tobago, and re-branded the company as Kee-Chanona Ltd (KCL). Thirty years later, he is still there.

Tommy is also the Honorary Consul for Belize in Trinidad and Tobago for the past seventeen years, a portfolio he manages alongside his Directorship role at Kee-Chanona Limited. Outside of work, Tommy is an active member of the Rotary Club of Central Port-of-Spain and enjoys spending time with his four grandchildren (all boys), who are the light of his life.



Michael Clark



Juventino Cruz



December, 2017

Semi-retired Banker, currently working for the Texas Workforce Commission as an Employment Specialist in Austin Texas.

Born in Sarteneja, Corozal District on February 12, 1950.

Lived in Ottawa, Canada for seven years and the United States for forty-three years.

I am married to Blanka DaCosta-Cruz and I am the proud father of David Michael and Teresa Maria Cruz.

I plan to fully retire when I am seventy years old.



Ronald Curling



2018

I was born in the beautiful seaside village of Placencia. Attended both Anglican and Catholic elementary schools. Proud to have attended SJC.

After graduation, I migrated to New York City. I worked hard and saved my money and decided to return home and become my own boss, and I opened a Welding Shop, which I am proud to say was very successful. Since I cannot stay in one place for long, I again moved, but this time to Toronto, Canada. I worked hard and was successful but, again, when my daughter was nine years old, I moved with my first wife and daughter, this time to Los Angeles. In 1980 I was employed with the City of Long Beach, and since I can't stay in one place for long, I decided to return home to Placencia and ventured into tourism. I started providing accommodations in cabanas to tourists, with a great lady friend of mine; the business was doing good, but four years later, my partner and friend succumbed to the dreaded cancer.

As you know, I can't stay still, I relocated back to Los Angeles where I remain today.

I love to travel and have traveled extensively in the Caribbean and also visited Anchorage, Alaska.

Married to my present wife and loving life in Retirement.

Asking jah jah for another 70.

Fernando Del Cid

(Deceased)



30-Year Joint Reunion, 1999



Gustavo Dubois



With granddaughters Ramona and Noura, 2018



Juan Espat



Wayne Espat



At 45-year joint reunion, 2014



James Evans



Eric Fairweather



35-Year Joint Reunion, 2004



Jared Fitzgibbon

(Deceased)



Alfredo Fonts

(No photos available)

Marcel Gabourel



Francis Gegg



At 45-year joint reunion, 2014

Favorite Saying: "The world walks on a great pilgrimage; which at its end will find all men equal – save in the nobility of their deeds. But then, none shall count but these. O noble soul of noble deeds." Everyman

Divorced with Three Children from two different marriages.

After graduating from Loyola University, New Orleans in 1975, with a BBA in Management and Marketing, I returned to join my father in the family business, the Vogue Ltd. My primary objectives were to increase sales and grow market share of existing product lines. As agents for Yamaha Outboards, our market share grew to a position of dominance. We also introduced John Deere farm equipment to supplement our product lines. I also started my own company providing tillage and harvesting services to Big Falls Ranch Ltd., covering 5000 acres annually. In the early eighties the sugar industry faced severe economic

downturns, which greatly challenged our business endeavors in this industry. At the same time Big Falls Ranch would go into Receivership leaving me with large unpaid receivables. My equipment, which was specially designed for large field operations, became idle. In an effort to mitigate the financial challenges brought about by these two unexpected and unforeseen events, I commenced prospecting operations in the Chiquibul Forest looking for gold. In December 1984, I discovered the first gold-bearing stream at Ceibo Chico River and in September 1985, I identified the first large commercial deposit of gold ever found in the country of Belize. My father and I would invest significant capital over the subsequent twelve years to bring our discovery into commercial production. I had received major funding from two large foreign companies to bring my discoveries into large scale production. Twice the Esquivel/Barrow administration would confiscate my discovery, causing the final collapse of our family business. Over the twelve years of my endeavors to bring my discovery into commercial productivity, I received training from several Geologists and Mining Engineers in the study of the earth as well as in the evaluation and winning of ores. Our Geology was considered by experts to be some of the best in the world, with vast ore bodies worth billions of dollars, bearing gold, silver and the platinum group of metals. During my four years in New Orleans I also worked part time and trained under the famous French Creole (Cajun) Chef, Paul Prudhomme. During the years when I was waiting for the renewal of my licenses, I would design and supervise the construction of the Hard Rock Café Belize, also developing a complete menu and becoming Manager and Executive Chef. By 1996 my discovery had been finally confiscated by the Belize Government. I managed a Sawmill, Corozal Timber Ltd., which owned 95,000 acres of private land. In 1997 I moved to the Corozal Free Zone to assist my cousin in a Start Up Company, Jema Ltd. Shortly after I would

become CEO of the Corozal Free Zone Management Agency. During my tenure there, Free Zone imports would in eighteen months grow from 3% to 18% of Belize's GDP. Employment would increase to 3000 persons with 250 new operating companies. Having been both a supporter of the UDP in 1984 and thereafter a supporter of the PUP in 1998, and having been severely victimized by both governments, in 2000 I started my own political movement We the People Reform Movement, with the objective of bringing honest, transparent, accountable governance to the Belizean people through meaningful political reform. I ran as a candidate in the Fort George Division against the seated Prime Minister (who I had helped elect in 1998) in the 2003 General Election. Over the last twenty-five years I have been a radio/television Talk Show Guest, Political Analyst/Election Forecaster of Belize's General Elections. In 2004 I merged our free zone company (Agents for Gatorade) with Pebco Belize Ltd., the local bottler of Pepsi Cola, and became the CEO. In 2006 I became the Manager of Olde River Estates, a boutique farm. I produced record-breaking yields of West Indies Red Habanero Peppers, having developed technology for the cultivation of crops named "Pranic Organic Naturopathic Biological Farming."



2018

After the confiscation of my Gold Discovery, I gave up the pursuit of physical wealth for the pursuit of spiritual wealth, stepping onto the spiritual path. I had the incomparable experience of studying in person under a great modern day Spiritual Guru, Grandmaster Choa Kok Sui. I took fifteen courses in the Esoteric Inner Sciences from Him. I have been an Advanced Pranic Healer and Arhatic Yogi for twenty-one years. During this period, I performed countless healings of mostly the poor of my community as a service to humanity. This would include the successful healing of a patient suffering with HIV/AIDS. I have also studied Tantric Yoga, Qi Gong, and Taoist Yoga under other Masters. I now offer Healing Services and also teach courses in Healing, Health & Longevity, Tantra, Sexual Alchemy, Multi-Orgasmic Man/Woman/Couple. I am also a self-trained Naturopath. I am an avid table tennis player.

30-Year Joint Reunion, 1999



Gilbert Gibson



Stanley Gibson



At 45-year joint reunion, 2014

Derick Gongora



2018



With grandson Aurelio and granddaughter Aurora, 2019



After I graduated, I worked for a few months with the Belize City Council (only a few months, take note, as I started getting the itch to visit the outside world). With this in mind, I found myself migrating to New York.

As you all know, this buddy of yours cannot keep his arse in one place, so I decided time for another move, hence San Francisco, here I come. Agen di eech tek me an mi fut di tell me, “Fut, weh yu mek fa? Mek we go sohnweh difrant.” So mi pak up agen. I found myself in Los Angeles; whilst there, I decided to do some serious thinking and found myself attending the University of Southern California. With head down and some hard studying, I obtained my Master’s Degree.

I held several prestigious positions until I retired in 2011.

I remain in Los Angeles to this day. The reason is on account of all dehn gyal frahn Pallotti who also moved and relocated to Los Angeles. All those old school jokes and memories we share when meeting up (and I tell you, some of them you don’t want to hear). You can understand why mi fut no di taak to me no moe and why I am still here.

I’m married and father to two girls and proud grandfather to two. I still love and miss my homeland, Belize, and every opportunity I get, I try to make it back home. Like the saying goes, “yu ku tek di gyal/bwai out a Bileez but yu kyaahn tek Bileez out a dehn.” I am one of those “bwai.”

This is my bio, but I will say I have to include all of you in it, for you guys always bring love and laughter when we meet and that is something that is foremost in my heart. Of course it comes after the wife and pikni dehn. But you all know that...

Gary González



2018

Born in Belize city of Belizean parents.

Married; have one son and a grandson.

Graduated from Florida International University.

Retired from United States Air Force reserve. Retired from County government in 2015. Returned to work in 2017.

Hobbies are music, soccer, and scuba diving.



SJC Happy Hour at 35-Year Joint Reunion, 2004



Israel González



At 35-year joint reunion, 2004



Hector Hecker



At 40-year joint reunion, 2009



Jaime Heredia



2018

Pedro Heredia



Javier Hernández

(Deceased)



Charles Heusner



At 35-year joint reunion, 2004



Andrew Hulse



At 45-year joint reunion, 2014

I was born in Orange Walk in 1952, spent my first seven years in Dangriga (my father was the District Commissioner), and then to the City. I worked for Barclays for five years after graduating and before being transferred to the Cayman Islands in 1974, where I continued working for Barclays (now CIBC First Caribbean International Bank) for another fifteen years. Whilst with Barclays, I also did a three-month period with their Anguilla branch and then two years in Bermuda (Bermuda Provident Bank). Then I joined the Butterfield Bank group in 1989 and worked for that bank for twenty-three years, before retiring in 2012. I still live in Cayman.

I have a daughter and a granddaughter, both living in Los Angeles, California, and recently I became the father of a wonderful eight-year-old boy, Jayden Hulse Bailey, where both he and his mother (from Jamaica) reside in Cayman.



Now that I am retired, except for the times when I am called back by the bank to do various projects (presently on a three-month contract until December 2018), I will do my gardening, as I love to be outdoors, tending to my yard and plants. I am still very active and I still cut my grass with a push lawnmower.

I continue to remain healthy and hope to spend the rest of my years in Cayman, watching my son grow to manhood.

Love you all, Class of '69.

45-Year Joint Reunion, 2014



Justin Hulse

(Deceased)



Stephen Hyde

(Deceased)



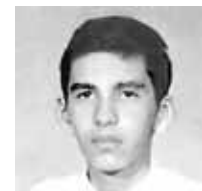
45-Year Joint Reunion, 2014



Alvaro Jackson



Sidley Lesley



Alfred Link



Francis Lino



With wife Sandra, 2018



Front: Wife Sandra
Back: Son Vernon, granddaughter Valencia, daughter Eugenia, Francis
2018



Francis Lino attended SJC in September of 1965 and graduated in June of 1969. Two weeks later, he was fortunate to join the staff of Bata Shoe Company, where he managed the Branch on New Road. In September of that same year, he was transfer to Corozal Town to manage another Branch there for two months. Business was booming at the time and, as such, plans were in the making to open up another Branch in either Dangriga or Orange Walk Town.

Since Francis was given the choice, he decided to go to Orange Walk Town, even though he didn't know anyone there. There he set up shop and stayed until 1980. He was recalled back to the main office to work in the Warehouse and later managed the main store in Belize City. Business start to decrease with the influx of Hindu competition, which contributed to a complete change in management. As a result, Francis then decided to migrate to the U.S. and in 1984 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. This venture was something he had wanted to do for some time. Francis had taken some correspondence course in Radio and TV Servicing that he studied while in Orange Walk Town. With this advance knowledge, he was able to excel in the field of electronics, repairing all facets of electronic equipment that needed to be repaired. Initially Francis was only supposed to fulfill a four-year enlistment; however, he enjoyed it so much that he made a career of it and retired after serving twenty years.

Presently, Francis is living with his beautiful wife Sandra in Palmdale, California. He has four sons, two daughters (all adults), three granddaughters and two grandsons. Life has been great, seen half of the world, what more can one ask for, but to know oneself.

Abel López



Luis Marín



Stanislaus Martínez



At 35-year joint reunion, 2004

Born in Dangriga on 26 February 1952, I left home at age thirteen in 1965 to attend St. John's College in Belize City and have been moving ever since. Fresh out of St. John's, I took a brief stint with a newly formed Belize insurance company as an insurance agent.

In September 1970, I migrated to Los Angeles, California, where I met and married my wife, Estella. I am blessed with four living children: Sharon 47, Amby 37, Gregory 35, and Christina 23. We lost Stan, Jr. in a fatal accident in 2000 at age 25. I am also blessed with ten grandchildren.

My work history with the world-renowned Harlem Globetrotters, Ice Capades, and an honourable stint with the U.S. government has afforded me my share of travel and adventure to last for a lifetime. I am now retired and have finally returned home to Dangriga, from where I am enjoying a new-found appreciation of the wonders of Belize.



40-Year Joint Reunion, 2009



José Matus



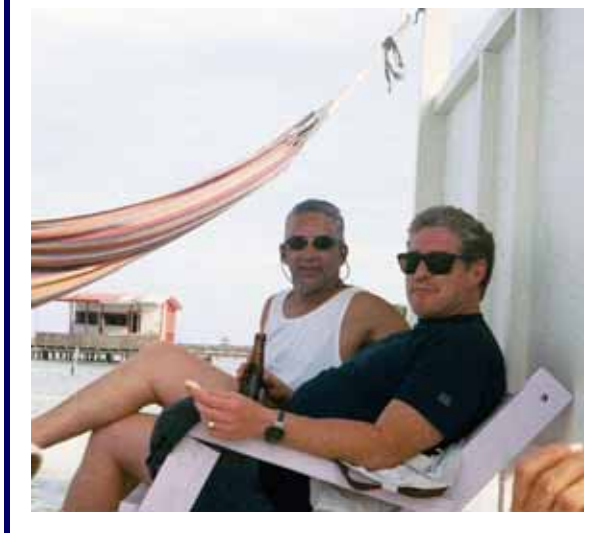
At SJC 25-year reunion, 1994



John Menzies



30-Year Joint Reunion, 1999



Derrick Moguel



John Morey

(Deceased)



Wayne Murillo



Jennison Núñez



2018

The Beginning. I was born in Punta Gorda Town (PG), Toledo District in December 1952. Moved to Belize City at the age of four and lived in Belize until 1961, when Hurricane Hattie devastated the Country. We moved to Orange Walk as our home on Mex Avenue was damaged, and lived there with my mom's brother from September 1961 to January 1962. My Dad was a Policeman and in January 1962, he was transferred to Mango Creek for a few months and then back to PG. Returned to Belize City in 1964 and finished Primary School at St. Joseph School in 1965. Started SJC in 1965 and graduated in the Class of '69.

Intermediate Years in the Financial Industry. Immediately after graduation, I started working at Barclays Bank, Albert Street, Belize.

In 1971, I was transferred to Orange Walk Town for a year. In 1972, I was transferred to Barracks Road Branch for a year and back to Albert Street Branch in 1973. In 1974, the bank transferred me to Barclays Bank International, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, where I worked from November 1974 to January 1979. I was transferred to Barclays Bank Regional Head Office in Barbados for a year and a half and re-transferred to Cayman in June 1980. Remained with Barclays Bank until June 1986.

I resigned from Barclays Bank after seventeen years and went to manage the Cayman Islands Civil Service Association Co-op Credit Union for two years. In 1988, I went to Manage the Banking Division of Cayman International Trust Company from 1988 to 1993.

I joined the Insurance Industry in 1993 and, except for a two-and-a-half-year stint from 2015 to 2017, when I was appointed Managing Director of Swiss Private Bank, I am still in the Insurance Industry.

Social Life and Conclusion. I got married to the lovely Alexis Webb in September 1981. We have a son, a daughter, one grandson, and two granddaughters. Andrew Hulse was my Best Man at my wedding.



With Alexis, 2018

I have been a Rotarian for thirty-two years. I am a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman Central and a Past President for the Rotary Year 1995/1996. I have served on a number of Government Statutory Boards, Companies and Commissions, including Prison Inspectorate, Cayman Islands Health Insurance Commissions (HIC), Cayman Islands National Insurance Company (CINICO), and being a Presiding Officer for four General Elections, a Referendum, and a Domestic Observer for the last General Election in 2017.

I was appointed a Justice of The Peace in 2008.

I have served as President of The Life Underwriters Association of Cayman, Vice President of The Cayman Islands Insurance Association, President Cayman AIDS Foundation, Chairman of the Board of the Pines Retirement Home, and Servant Leader of Missionaries of the Poor Associates – Cayman.

I worship at St. Ignatius Catholic Church and have served as a member of the Church Advisory Council, Finance Committee, and Eucharistic Minister.

I am looking forward to meeting some of my classmates from the class of 1969 at our 50th Reunion.

Robertino Palomo



At joint 45-year reunion, 2014



José Perera



With granddaughter Ceci and daughter Angie, 2017



With wife Eloisa, 2014



At work, 1977



Just after graduation, in October '69, I applied to Chamber of Commerce for a “composer” job at *The Reporter* newspaper. My application qualified and I was sent abroad to Mexico-IBM to train on operations of an IBM Selectric Composer, including some graphic arts. I am proud to say that di lee bwai frahn SJC made it to top-of-class. On returning to Belize one month later, the newspaper began printing in Belize. Previously, the weekly was printed at Star Press in Miami, Florida.

Work at the Press was for twelve years. In the course of employment there, I founded the youth movement—The Youth Popular Front in 1977. I organized and worked behind the scenes to offer youth a platform to voice national concerns of the particular time.

In 1982, I moved on to work at the Angelus Press in the pre-press department until resigning in December, 1996. A few days later, I had a heart attack on Christmas day. I recovered but was unable to work for a time. Eventually I traveled to the U.S. for further treatment. After a period of convalescence I chose self-employment, since I was high risk for any gainful employment. Today, thank God, I have been fairly healthy except that I have to be on heart medication for life. I also take Apple Cider vinegar as a daily regimen. (I advise this for everyone.)

“Yours truly” eventually married Eloisa Pariente in 1981 and had one girl child, María Angela, in 1983. Today I am proud grandfather of one granddaughter, Cecilia Iglesias.

Since 1999, my family and I have resided in the City of Belmopan. In 2000–2003, I became a City Commissioner of the Belmopan City Council. My wife Eloisa (retired from BTL) and I are together certified Pre-marriage Counselors at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Belmopan.

In my personal retirement years, I am on my second two-year term as Senior Executive Member of the Belize History Association, headquartered in Belmopan. I still do some graphic-art business from home base, however. My business name is “Alphabeta Industries”. Eloisa does food catering also located at home; I help in sales and marketing.

30-Year Joint Reunion, 1999



Glenford Quallo

(Deceased)



Gonzalo (Gush) Ramírez



At SJC 25-year reunion, 1994



Gustavo Ramírez



Norman Reneau



45-Year Joint Reunion, 2014



Louis Robateau



At 40-year joint reunion, 2009



Celso Rodríguez



At joint 45-year reunion, 2014



Roger (Rogie) Rodríguez



With wife Bonnie and their daughters, 2018

After graduation, went to crayfish fishing with my dad for one year.

Left Belize April 1970 and headed to Berkeley, California, in search for a different life.

Graduated 1973 with Associate's degree in Engineering Technology at Troy, New York.

Graduated 1975 from Buffalo State College with Bachelor of Engineering Technology.

Married in June 1975 and started my Professional career in Manufacturing Engineering in Troy, New York.



1979: Our first of two daughters arrived.

1981: Was recruited by a Virginia Company to start a new manufacturing friction material plant in Mexico. Stayed with this company the remainder of my career until retirement in 2015. My Engineering career specialty was machine, tool, and process design. Achieved an international patent of molded wear line in friction materials (Brake lining) for heavy vehicles (Tractor-trailers and off-highway). Countries and cities visited during my career included Canada (Toronto, Quebec, Ottawa), Brazil (Caxias de Sul, São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro), Columbia (Bogotá, Medellín), Italy (Milan, Rome), France (Paris), Spain (Barcelona), Germany (Hamburg), Austria (Vienna), Czech Republic (Prague, Kostelec), England (London), and Honduras. The last fifteen years of my career included Plant Management of plants in Mexico, South Carolina, and Virginia.

Throughout the last 50 years, I visited Belize often but mostly Caye Caulker and now retired with my wife of 43

years. We travel frequently and live between Virginia and Florida. My wife and I have two daughters, two grandsons, and two granddaughters. My wife and I are still relatively healthy and loving life with our daughters and grandchildren. Belize, the country I love but very disappointed in real progress made during the last 50 years.

Adrian Roe



At 40-year joint reunion, 2009

Graduated SJC in 1969.

1969–1971: Worked with TAN Airlines as Assistant Station Manager at the AIRPORT for a year and a half.

1971: Joined G. A. Roe & Sons to set up and head up their Pharmaceutical Import and Wholesale Distribution Company, Farm-I-ceuticals Ltd.

November 1977: The Group purchased controlling shares in Maestre's Industries Limited (MIL), later to become Caribbean Tobacco Company Limited (CTC).

Assisted in the turn-around of this company and headed it up from 1984 to the sale of all the brands to British American Tobacco in 2001.

THEN: Semi Retired but assisted /consulted with MADISCO, a Wholesale and Distributing Company dealing in Food and Beverage, and MIL, which has now become a substantial Property and Real Estate Company.



45-Year Joint Reunion, 2014



Dinsdale Sampson



Gregory Sánchez



At SJC 25-year reunion, 1994



Brenton Simpson



At SJC 25-year reunion, 1994



Marsden Skeen



(Deceased)

At 40-year joint
reunion, 2009



Michael Tewes



2018

I started SJC in '65 after graduating from Holy Redeemer Primary. I did two years at SJC and then went up to New Orleans, Holy Cross High School, and finished in '69. I returned to Belize and started St. John's Junior College but only did one semester, after which I got a scholarship to Zamorano, an Agriculture College in Honduras.

After receiving my degree as an Agronomist, I went on to New Mexico State University, where I earned my Bachelor's degree in 1973. I then returned to Belize and worked as District Agricultural Officer for three years, running the office of the Department of Agriculture in the Toledo and Stann Creek Districts.

I continued my education at Ontario Veterinary College, where I received my Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1984, and at the Royal School of Veterinary Medicine in Edinburgh, where I received my Master of Science in Tropical Veterinary Pathology in 1987.

I worked for a year as Veterinary Investigation Officer in Belize and for two years as Director of Veterinary Services for a private company in Guatemala. Back in Belize, I have operated a private veterinary clinic, worked with the Ministries of Agriculture and Fisheries, Health, and Works, worked with the Sugar Industry, and spent a year teaching Physiology, Embryology, and Medical Ethics at the American Global University's offshore School of Medicine in Belize.

I am still working in Orange Walk with the sugar industry and looking for something else to do when the project to create a sustainable sugarcane industry is finished.

I am married, have two kids, a boy and a girl, and now four grandsons who all live in Belize. I do love to keep in touch with the guys and look forward to the next reunion in Belize.

Clarence Usher



Hugo Vásquez



With wife Soly, 2018

One year after graduation, I slung my guitar on my back, boarded my dad's truck, *La Bonita*, and headed north, slightly reluctantly, to Corozal town to assist my dad with his soft drink and lumber agency. My initial hesitation to leave city life was replaced with joy when I met Soly, whom I won over and married. To me she was the prettiest and smartest girl in Corozal and this union bore us four sons. Decades have passed and we now have four grand kids, two boys and two long-awaited girls. They are the joy of our lives. We presently own a family business which, with God's blessings, keeps us busy and young at heart and we enjoy seaside walks by the Corozal Bay and, with the prowess of our sons, we still manage to occasionally travel abroad and visit relatives and friends. Our future lies in trusting God for His continued blessings.



Russel Vellos



Alfred Vernon



SJC 25-Year Reunion, 1994



35-Year Joint Reunion, 2004



Anthony (Mario) Vernon

(Deceased)



At SJC 25-year reunion,
1994



Vicente Vernon



At 30-year joint reunion, 1999



José Elmer (Panta) Villanueva

(Deceased)



On his 62nd birthday,
January 12, 2014



Clement Wade



2019



At 40-year joint reunion, 2009

Clement officially retired as General Manager of Catholic Schools in 2008. He now does adjunct lecturing for the University of Belize.

Clement now hangs out with Annie, who is the only one left at home. His four children have all flown the coop for quite a while now. The baby Andrew is 38 years old, so it is normal that children get far away from nagging parents at this time.



James Waight



With grandson JJ, 2019

Jim lives with his wife Kathy Sweetman in Orono, Minnesota. They were married in 1976.

He is an electrical engineer working in power systems at Siemens. He obtained a Master's in business from Marquette University and a Master's in Electrical Engineering from the University of Minnesota.

Jim and Kathy have two daughters, Caitrin and Maire, a grandson JJ, and a son-in-law, Mike.



Roy Young



At 40-year joint reunion, 2009

Moved to New York in 1970; worked there for eight years. Moved to San Jose, California; worked for Paul Masson winery as a bookkeeper till 1981. Joined the U.S. Army in 1981 and traveled all over the world until I retired in 1998 in Sierra Vista, Arizona. Became a school teacher and worked for a charter school in Sierra Vista until retirement in 2012.

Been traveling and taking care of my family, great life. Also volunteer for the Catholic church, lector.



José Zabaneh



At 35-year joint reunion, 2004



Ernie Zelaya



SJC Teachers at Joint Reunions

The four years spent at SJC were perhaps the most important of our, then, young lives. Retrospectively, we were all privileged and blessed to have had the education we did there, as it was unquestionably, even in today's world, as good as anywhere else on earth. So let us thank all of our teachers and those mentors who helped to shape us into the men that we would become. In particular, let us remember our beloved Father John Stochl who blessed us with presiding at Mass for our 20th reunion and the 45th joint reunion.

Fr. John Stochl, S. J., Headmaster



Celebrating Mass at joint 45-year reunion, 2014



1968

(Deceased)

Marvin Neal, Mathematics Teacher



At joint 45-year reunion, 2014



1968



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