



**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**  
**MET COLLEGE of Guyana ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MARCH 19, 2006**

In our fund-raising ventures over the last five years we have successfully staged dinner and entertainment evenings, food bazaars, bake sales and golf tournaments. Our biggest project so far – the MET College of Guyana Alumni Association's website was completed a couple of years ago. In keeping with the ideals of our Association, the profits from our fund-raising events have enabled us to make financial contributions to worthwhile causes locally and internationally. Despite all the hard work we have had a lot of fun doing this together. Memories of "shave ice and milk" at Honda Park and members nonchalantly strolling along the fairways and across putting greens at the Winchester golf course are still vivid. A profit of \$500 from a small summer food sale has now become anticipated revenues of \$3,000 from the 2006 golf tournament. The Board's proficiency in putting together any event must not be underestimated. If only they could have more support from our sizeable membership base!

In fiscal 2005, we raised \$2,743 from our only initiative – the golf tournament. Additionally, the Association contributed nearly \$1,000 to local and international charities. Despite these accomplishments however, this was our least productive year. Personal and family-related circumstances minimized the contributions of many of our Board members and certainly had an impact on our plans to stage at least one event bringing together as many alumni members as possible. We need to re-visit these plans again – and soon.

If you ever want to attain a new and different "high", daydream, as I do sometimes, of how much we can really achieve if we could get another 30 of our fellow MET College mates actively involved in the Association. There must be close to 150 of us in the Greater Toronto area. In my report to you last year, I suggested that our challenge was "to find creative measures to muster support from our large membership base and encourage their participation in the Association's activities." It remains our challenge for 2006 and beyond. The very survival of the Association depends on this. Amazingly though, the small team that started with the METC Alumni Association in January 2001 has stayed the course. You deserve the credit for, and must be proud of, everything that you have accomplished for the Association. Everyone connected with METC in even a most insignificant way thank you for your dedication and commitment.

My own gratitude to the membership body for allowing me the privilege to serve. Your Board members have grown together these last five years not only as a team serving the interests of the Alumni Association; we have become family. It is with regret therefore, after careful thought, that I ask you not to consider me for any elected position on the new Board during your deliberations today. Please take the time now, or very soon, to make plans for the continued growth of the Association and determine its usefulness to the members. I have had a great time in your service. Thanks once again. God bless us all.

Kenty Khan, President

