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# **CLASS OF 1968 PARAISO HIGH SCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION HELD IN PANAMA FROM FEBRUARY 2 TO 10, 2018**



# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This CyberNews Special Edition features a report of the Class of 1968 Paraíso High School 50th Anniversary Reunion (of which I am a member). We celebrated an enjoyable week of activities from February 2 to 10, 2018. Organized **class reunions** trace their history to the early 1800s. High school class reunions are nostalgic events that provide a chance to reunite and network with old friends, classmates and alumni. If your class is planning a reunion, we encourage you to support the efforts of the organizing committee for the success of the scheduled activities. **CLG (Carm)**



## PARAISO HIGH SCHOOL, FORMER CANAL ZONE

OUR HOST HOTEL WAS HOTEL TORRES DE ALBA:



[www.torresdealba.com.pa](http://www.torresdealba.com.pa)

RESERVATIONS WERE HANDLED BY DEREK LASHLEY

There were two activities leading up to our reunion, which were not officially a part of our celebration, but they were enjoyed by many of our classmates and their relatives:

**Friday, February 2 at 10 a.m.** – A Partial Transit of the Panama Canal which included lunch. (photos below). Hosted by Classmate Carmela Lowe Gobern

**Friday, February 2 at 8 p.m.** - Party Bus “Chiva Fiestas Panamá” Nighttime City Tour (photos below). Hosted by Classmate Carmen Grimes Eccles

### PARTIAL TRANSIT OF THE CANAL–FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 AT 11:30 A.M.:



**The following enjoyed the transit:**

Roberto and Veronica Graham  
 Xenia Spencer Fareaux  
 Albert and Vilma Poyser  
 Rafael Evering  
 Ernesto and Alcira Charles  
 Carlos and Kwame Gibb  
 Angel Kirton and Beverly Oglivie  
 Patrick and Melvina Barnette

### PARTY BUS “CHIVA FIESTAS PANAMA” – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – 8 P.M.

Chiva Fiestas Panamá, Friday, February 2, 2018. Bus arrived on time for 16 attendees.



Classmates present were **Marcia Smith, Mercedes Douglas, Yolanda Ogarra, Rafael Evering, Rogelio Sandoval and Carmen Eccles.** Our route took us to the outer banks of Cinta Costera, Casco Antiguo, Chorrillo, Avenida Balboa, and part of Amador Causeway where we had tapas of plantains, chicken, sausage, and patties. Music was on point so we "chipped" as the bus took care to keep speed minimal. Drinks kept everyone hydrated. The sights were startling with bright lights illuminating the environs. 11:00 p.m. back at the starting point.



Carolyn Mickle, Marcia Smith Williams and Deborah Romney

## PERSONALIZED WELCOME PACKETS (In a variety of 5 colors)



On Friday, February 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. we met in the Aldan Room of the Hotel Torres de Alba and handed out our Welcome Packets to classmates and visiting friends. It was an exciting time of meeting, greeting, laughter and sharing childhood anecdotes.

**View the following links with videos and photographs of our reunion  
By Photographer Allan Hawkins:**

<https://youtu.be/kRjmfRWGdhA>

<https://youtu.be/1N1i7uUnlpk>

<https://youtu.be/pJG1QCLp0oA>

<https://youtu.be/kPfbBGljGwk>

**THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS INCLUDED ON A CARD  
IN EACH WELCOME PACKET:**

**WELCOME FROM THE CLASS OF 1968 PARAISO HIGH SCHOOL**

This Welcome Packet has been prepared for you with lots of love.

We trust that you will enjoy and utilize it as an  
Informational, Educational and Cultural Tool in celebrating with us  
our 50th Anniversary Reunion here in Panama.

In addition to the tickets for each activity and the Polo Sweater,

The following items are included in this packet:

- Brochure with the schedule of reunion activities
- Writing pad and a Panamanian souvenir pen
- Brochure/Touristic Map on Panama
- Panama Canal Brochure
- Tourism Magazine: Focus on Panama
- Flyer announcing the 2018 Panama Calendar
- Informational Flyer on Hotel Torres de Alba
- Flyer from Martha Productions (announcing Feb. 11 Red Top Dance)
- Brochure on our West Indian Museum and SAMAAP'S Annual Fair (Feb. 10 and 11)

**We trust that your stay will be a safe and enjoyable one.**

**ALL ACTIVITIES WERE OPEN TO FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018**

**7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Meet-and-Greet “Noche Típica at the Marriott Hotel, Area Bancaria.** Typical Panamanian attire and buffet. We had over 200 persons in attendance, most persons dressed with a Panamanian flavor. Classmate **Ana Todd de Catón** served as MC and a rich Panamanian buffet was provided by the Marriott Hotel. The Folkloric show (with live music) which followed was by the Panamanian Folkloric group **“Bailes y Alegorias Panameñas”** under the direction of **Aris Acosta**. There was a photographic session following the performance.



Alfred Ford, Carmela Gobern and Gregor Alfred

**The repertoire of dances specially selected for our audience were as follows:**

**CALYPSO  
MAYPOLE DANCE**

**QUADRILLE  
DANCE**

**CONGO  
DANCE**

**PANAMANIAN  
FOLKORIC  
DANCES**



Bailes y Alegorias Panameñas



Elpidia Sanchez Archibold and Xenia Spencer Fareaux

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018**

**10 a.m. - Thanksgiving Worship Service at St. Luke's Episcopal Cathedral in Ancon. Abdiel Goddard was the organist. We were honored to have Bishop Julio Murray deliver the sermon. The Crystals sang *Thank You Lord*. The Bishop asked classmates to stand and he offered a prayer for the members of our class. Our guest of honor at that worship service was our former school music supervisor Emily Butcher. Classmate Carmela Gobern shared a few words about Miss Butcher and she received a standing ovation from the entire congregation.**



Bishop Julio Murray



The Crystals



Emily Butcher and Carmela Gobern

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018 (continued)**

**1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Luncheon at Wyndham Hotel in Albrook.** Following the worship service, our celebration on that day continued with a luncheon at the Wyndham Hotel located at Albrook Mall. There were 215 persons in attendance. A delicious buffet lunch was provided by the hotel. Classmate **Gwendolyn Salkey** served as hostess and we enjoyed musical entertainment by **Antonio Robateau** during the entire luncheon.

**THE CLASS HAD A PHOTOGRAPHIC SESSION FOLLOWING THE LUNCHEON**



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018 – A FREE DAY**

Monday, February 5 was a free day and classmates took the opportunity to use the day for various activities:

- Renew of cédulas
- Renewal of passports
- Visit with relatives and friends
- Shopping
- Tour Panama
- Chill out!



**Vilma Nesfield Poyser and her husband Albert** (far left) did a mini tour of Panama City. The above photo was taken at Amador Causeway.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018 – A FREE DAY (continued)

**Classmate Carmen Grimes Eccles, her husband Wentworth Eccles and her sister Vilma Grimes Godbolt toured different sites in Panama and visited with relatives**



Classmates Carmen Grimes Eccles, her husband Wentworth and sister Vilma Grimes-Godbolt (South Carolina), enjoyed Chiva Fiesta Panama, the noche típica, visit to friends in Brisas del Golf, Taboga Island, Casco Antiguo, the West Indian Museum, Maternal Grandmother's home in Calidonia. Also had a paternal family reunion with cousin Samuel Peter Grimes III (of V) on his birthday. Sammy spent the day as we drove our rental car through Balboa, Ancon, Gorgas, Ciudad del Saber, and Pedro Miguel especially to find the Memorial to Samuel Whyte, and drive on Tobago and Trinidad Streets in Pedro Miguel. Of course, the highlight of coming to Panama was to put our feet all the way back to the beginning: Paraíso; onward to Summit, Gamboa, the rain forests on the way to Grimes property in Chilibre and to see Madden Dam. We linked up with maternal cousins Carlitos and Tony and 2 generations after in Pedregal and Brisas. Daytime Metro Experience, All-White Party at Paradise Banquet Hall, Gala Dance, church service and 43rd wedding anniversary blessings at Iglesia del Carmen, then on to ATLAPA for the feria. While at COPA's departure counter at Tocumen Airport, news of our 43rd Wedding Anniversary caused an eruption of cheers and applause.

Carmen and Wentworth celebrated their 43rd Wedding Anniversary

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6-THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018

We departed for the all-inclusive Royal Decameron Beach Resort, province of Coclé, where we enjoyed the facilities for three days and two nights. We rehearsed our Alma Mater song while at Decameron.



## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018 – A FREE DAY - REHEARSAL DAY

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. - We had a rehearsal at the Hotel Riu.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018

8 p.m. - **Gala Buffet Dinner and Dance at the Hotel Riu.** DJ Ray from New York and Orquesta Femenina Vivencias. Dress is Semi-Formal.

### THE PROGRAM:

Introductory Song – **“50 Years Ago”**  
Sung (behind the scenes) by  
**Jamal Lee from Breasia Productions**  
<https://youtu.be/qlup44jUC1g>



### Lyrics for the song: **“FIFTY YEARS AGO”**

It's been a long time since I walked  
through this old town.

But oh how the memories start to flow;  
and there's the old movie house,  
they finally closed it down;

You could find me there every Friday night  
**Fifty years ago.**

I worked the counter at the  
clubhouse down the street;  
but nobody's left there I would know.

On Saturday mornings that's where  
all my friends would meet;

You'd be surprised to know what a dime would buy  
**Fifty years ago.**

All my memories from those days  
come gather round me.

What I'd give if they could take me back in time.

It almost seems like yesterday  
Where do the good times go?

Life was so much easier  
**Fifty years ago.**

I guess I should stop by  
Mr. Johnson's hardware store;  
his only son was my friend Joe.  
But he joined the army back in 1964.

How could we know he  
would never come back  
**Fifty years ago.**

Class of 1968 Paraiso High School  
50th Anniversary Gold Carpet Gala Dance  
Saturday, February 10, 2018 - 8 p.m., Hotel Riu, Panama City  
(Please remain seated during the ceremony so the visibilities of our attendees and the cameras projecting on our screens are not affected.)

*Programa - Program*

1. Canción-Introductory Song: "50 Years Ago" (View the Screen)  
Behind-the-Scene Singer Jamal Lee, Breasia Productions
2. La Bienvenida - Welcoming Remarks by Host and Hostess: Classmates  
*Lorenzo Jones and Carmela Lowe Gobern*
3. Entrada - Entrance of Class Queen Sheila McIntyre followed by  
Gold Carpet Entrance of Classmates (Please hold applause until all have entered)  
(Photographic Moment)
4. Invocación Religiosa-Invocation **Omar Góliz**
5. Mention of Non-Participating Classmates **Gwendolyn Salkey**
6. Singing of the Alma Mater Song **Directed by Ana Todd Catón**  
(After which classmates will return to their tables)
7. Remembering our Departed Classmates **Marcia Smith Williams**  
(Family members/friends are asked to stand when the name of their departed relative is mentioned.)
8. Presentación Musical/Special Musical Rendition **The Crystals**  
Classmates Marcia Smith, Lois Bushell, Hyacinthia Woodcock & Yolanda Ogarra
9. Our theme "50 Years and Still United" **Lorenzo Jones**
10. Artista Invitada/Guest Artist **Milagros Corrales**
11. Palabras de Agradecimiento/Vote of Thanks **Eustace Mathews**

*Cena Buffet - Buffet Dinner*  
(Following the blessing, guests will be guided to the buffet table by teachers' names.)

*Música para Cenar y Bailable - Music for Dining and Dancing -*  
**Orquesta Femenina Vivencias and DJ Ray (from New York)**

## Gala Buffet Dinner and Dance at the Hotel Riu – Saturday, February 10

We had 600 guests in attendance.

Host and Hostess for the Evening:  
Classmates Lorenzo Jones and Carmela Gobern



Queen of the Class Sheila McIntyre  
and Classmates made their entrance on a Gold Carpet:

Following the singing of our Alma Mater Song,  
directed by Classmate **Ana Todd Catón**,  
we had the following music for the photographic moment:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OjG-KKkBQZY>

# Gala Buffet Dinner and Dance at the Hotel Riu – Saturday, February 10

## Performances by

The Crystals:

and

Milagros Corrales



Marcia Smith, Lois Bushell  
Hyacinthia Woodcock and Yolanda Ogarra



Invited Guest Artist Milagros Corrales

Closing Remarks and Words of Appreciation were offered by Classmate **Eustace Mathews**.

The two elementary school professors who attended our gala dance received a corsage: **Mavis McNichols and Joycelyn Gooden**. Guests were called to the buffet table by teachers' names.



Berna Everett and  
Lorene Mathews

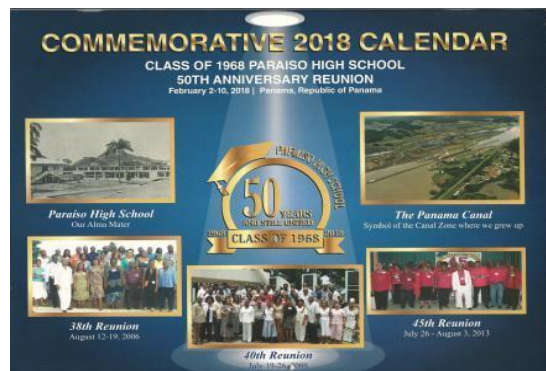
A Plaque was given to **Jamal and Nailah Lee from Breasia Productions** in appreciation for their contributions in enhancing our gala dance.

**Lorene Mathews**, spouse of Eustace Mathews, played a significant role in the organizing of our reunion and her efforts were recognized.

Special Recognitions were made to **Derek Lashley (Hotel Torres de Alba) and Berna Everett (Liberty Gold Fruit Company and H. Tzanetatos, Inc.)** for assisting us with obtaining sponsorship for the publication of our **Class Commemorative Calendar**. Each person who attended our gala dance received a complimentary copy of our calendar.



Derek Lashley



**FROM OUR E-MAILBOX:** (Messages are shared in the order received)**Thanks to all those of you who have written."****CLG (Carm)**

**Buen día Carmela:** Since I already thanked Jehovah for our reunion I want to thank you and our committee members up close and personal for such a memorable **banquet of true friendship**. (Proverbs 17:17). You have done very well. Now is time to take your ease and reflect what you have accomplished. May it bring you great joy to know that all your work was not in vain. There is more happiness in **giving** that there is in receiving. (Acts 20:35) Saludos  
**Ray Adams**

Carm/Eustace: I pray all is well with you and your family. I am back home as of midnight, last night. As the saying goes, "there's no place like home" but I miss Panama also. I had the time of my life!!!! All the hard work paid off as was evidenced at each event. I can't thank you all enough for the good times and the souvenirs. My buddies, Deb and Carol are bragging about our beautiful country and can't wait to return. As for the hugs, the kisses, and the photos, there was plenty going around with lots to spare. What a time, what a time... I will miss our coordinating chats but let's continue to stay in touch. I hope you are getting much needed rest and relaxation. Both of you are gems in my eyes. **Abrazos y besos,**  
**Marcia Smith Williams**

Dear Carm: What a beautiful and very well organized event but then again, what do I expect if you were the head honcho. I loved the "floral arrangement lights" on the centerpieces and the lovely favors where the calendars were concerned. The color coordination and gold emphasis with the classmates attire...just flawless. **¡Amiga, muy buen trabajo!** Blessings,  
**Angela Mayers**

GM Carm: The feedback was positive. Everyone had a great time. Music was great. Place was packed but beautiful affair. You got a lot of credit for the turnout. Lorenzo got credit for the music. People loved the big screen concept.  
**Carlos Roberts**

I had a great time. Thank you!

**Mykka Richardson**

My daughter and I had a great time. Was glad to see all of my classmates, especially those who were there for the first time. Memories, memories, fun, fun, fun. **Quito mi sombrero a todos ustedes que se botaron para que fuese exitoso! Que Dios los bendiga!**  
**Carmen Wade Walrond**

Carmela: The celebration of the Class of 1968 50th anniversary was very nicely put together. You guys did a wonderful job. My girlfriend Nidia Robinson Abrego was very happy to meet her school mates and have exchanged address and telephone number to keep in touch. I know it takes a lot of months, and hard work to put the whole package together but your expertise and dedication have paid off every well. Congratulation to your organizing committee.  
**Diana Nurse**

Hi Carmela: The program was a little lengthy, but everything else was amazingly organized.

**Loraine Palmer**

**Parte de mi familia que me acompañó al Baile de los 50 Años de Graduación te envía un agradecimiento por el buen trabajo y yo también.** My sister Nina (Class of 67), my two nieces, my daughter Thalía, my husband, son-in law and my brother-in-law, were all very impressed with the dance and meeting some of my schoolmates.  
**Elpidia Sánchez Archibold**

Hi Carmela: I enjoyed the Welcome / Meet and Greet. Congrats to the PHS Class of 1968. Take care.  
**Martha Olton**

## FROM OUR E-MAILBOX: (continued)



Carmela, good morning: I need to let you know that me and the Daniel family are very pleased to have been at our 50th anniversary dance. It was the best, everything was so well organized and all went as planned. We are so proud of our organizing group. You did your 100 percent. Thank for a job well done.

**Gilberto "Gillie" Daniel**

We received nothing but positive feedback. People are saying it was the best class reunion they have attended. These are people that I know very well and are very critical and would not hesitate to call you on anything. The most highly kudos we received was that it was very well organized and about the school song. It was the BEST they have ever heard sung and that's no lie. Great comments are continuing to come in.

**Gwendolyn Salkey**

Dear Carmela and team: Just wanted to thank you for helping to organize such a wonderful reunion. God bless you and continue to do the great work that you do. It was my pleasure and honor to have been a part of it. Hope that you are getting some needed rest. Much love.

**Eleanor Millett Coney**

I just want to thank you and your team for working so hard to make all the activities such a success. It was a massive undertaking with great attention to details, not an easy task.

**GRACIAS!**

**Lois Bushell Motley**

I want to congratulate u for such a wonderful Gala Dinner Dance. Your professionalism and dedication were beyond words. I thank you for your involvement in making the event a success. Yesterday, I was able to meet with some classmates and we were able brainstorm some ideas for our reunion next year. Lastly, I want to thank you for placing my invitation in the CyberNews, which was a news media platform to start the conversation for celebration in 2019.

**Bendiciones.**

**Alban Bailey**

Hola Carmela: I and my guests had a really good time. **La noche de gala** was very nice. Overall whatever glitches occurred, pale in comparison to the years of planning and all that was done to make the reunion a success. It was really nice to see friends that I was very close to in school after years apart.

**Xenia Ellis McFarlane**

Hi Carmela: I must let you know that my family and I enjoyed all events. Everything was well worth it. Thanks.

**Alfred "Forky" Ford**

I'm glad I was in attendance of PHS 68 gala. We all had a great time.

**Delano Steele**

Hi Carmela: Thank you much for including us in your celebration. We really enjoyed the gala dance. Good food, excellent entertainment and the opportunity to meet some very nice people. Winston loved spending time with Gwen and her daughters. It had been way too long since they'd seen each other. And I thoroughly enjoyed meeting them. The parents of a friend of ours were also there and we got to meet them too. It's such a small world. Thanks again!

**Alisa Speese**

My family and I would like to thank every classmate and their spouses for making this event a most enjoyable occasion. Especially the Gala Dance. It was a beautiful ending of activities, all from hard work, dedication and personal sacrifices. Please pass on to Lenka, Anida, Ana, Lorena, Olivia and Berna. Your hard work did not go unnoticed. God Bless you all

**Eunice V. Thorne-Johnson**

We are back home. We had the best time ever. It was a great event!!!! Was great seeing you and family, **especialmente** Nailah, Jamal and baby. **Yo los quiero mucho y ellos lo saben. Saludos a todos. Abrazos.**

**Aurelia Trotman Laird**

## FROM OUR E-MAILBOX: (continued)



Hi Carmela: The reunion has more than super seeded my expectations. It was great seeing and enjoying old friends company, sharing stories and life experiences. The committee's hard work and dedication has provided a most memorable experience. I believe this reunion has set the bar so high that others can only attempt to duplicate. Kudos for a job well done. The venue was great and execution of each event was smooth, well timed and coordinated. The dance was marvelous and the music was great (good food). Thanks for all you have done, can't wait to see what's next, get some well deserve rest (smile). Yours truly. **Ernesto Charles**

Carmela: First of all I want to thank you and the committee for everything. I want to let you know I had a great time seeing everyone again. **Rogelio Sandoval**

Again thanks to you and all my other classmates and family for the hospitality and the great time had by all. Great Work! This was my husband's first visit and he enjoyed every bit of the festivities. He made many friends among our classmates; they made him feel at home. Much Love to All – Peace.

**Vilma Nesfield Poyser**

Carmela & Committee: No words can excel for such an Extraordinary and Awesome Event. A job well done! Thanks to All.

**Anida Hinds Daniel, Family & Friends**

Hola Carmela: I just want to thank you and the entire team for the success of our 50th Class Reunion. It was well planned and executed. It was wonderful to see everyone. Glad I was able to be part of it. Well done!!! You guys did an excellent job. Thank you so much. **Xenia Spencer Fareaux**

It as been a wonderful time at our Class Reunion this year, meeting and greeting everyone for over 50 years. I So glad I have attended. My niece (Ingrid Jordan) had a great time. Thanks to everyone.

**Catalina Husband Stewart**

Hi Carmela: Here are two photos which include Xenia Ellis as we also consider her part of our group. I just want to let you that we had a wonderful time at the PHS Class of 68 Gala Event. What a job well done. Congrats to you and the planning team for the effort put into it. I was impressed with the amount of classmates that supported your 50th Reunion. We look forward to ours in July and also looking forward to a grand celebration. Thank you also for arranging the partial trip through the Canal of our visiting friends from the US, including the gift package. They all had a wonderful time. Congratulations my friend. I know not where your energy comes from to deal with so many things at one time, but you sure do it and do it well. Best regards.

**Cecele Hall**

We enjoyed our reunion and activities tremendously. The planning and execution of activities and programs was successful and displayed precision, eloquence, effectively showing our guest and families a grand gathering. Its heavenly to feel 5, 10, 15 years old among neighbors, family, friends and elders. I hugged folks I haven't seen since 64, 68 and was once again funny, jiving, "bassying," nickname-calling, joking and respecting and talking to my elders while reminiscing childhood days. Hotel Riu staff and amenities were first class. Classmates were as chippy as we were during school programs and rehearsals. Anna took charge then as she did now. Warm smile. Never knew I could truly love so many. Love you all and always did. Bless Familia.

**Frank and Madonna Sealey & Family**

Hi Carm: God bless! First of all congratulations on your Class Reunion. You guys outdid all previous classes and made it difficult for those of us to come. Great job!

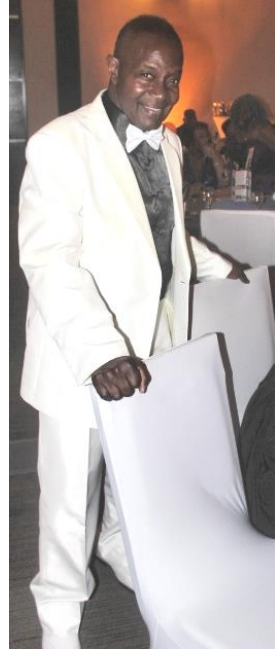
**Sheryl Sealey**

**THE FOLLOWING CLASSES WERE REPRESENTED AND SAT TOGETHER AT OUR GALA:**

**The Class of 1972 Paraíso High School**

**The Class of 1967 Paraíso High school**

**The Class of 1963 Paraíso High School**



Left to right: Carlos Philpotts, Verne Morrell, William Murrain, Sonya Thorne, Anthony Hinds, Benilda Holder, Ilsa Sullivan Amantine, Ellen Murdock Chandler, Basilio Wilkinson, Ronny Sealey, (white suit).

**The Class of 1968 Rainbow City High School**



Left to right: Luis Barker, Xenia Ellis McFarlane, Cecele Redman Hall, Courtney Thomas, and seated are Gloriela White Philpotts and her husband Carlos Philpotts.

**THERE WERE SEVERAL FAMILY REUNIONS WITHIN OUR REUNION:**

**CLASSMATE EUSTACE MATHEWS AND FAMILY:  
Eustace writes: "We are family; I had all my sisters with me"**



(Photo left) Left to right: Maritza, Christina, Eustace, Eneida and Mildred Mathews.

(Photo right) Left to right: Eustace, Lorene, Maritza, Eneida, Mildred, Christina and Mike Samuda.

**CLASSMATE EUNICE THORNE AND SISTERS:**



Left to right: Margaret Thorne-Henderson, Joanne Thorne-Amantine, Eunice Thorne- Johnson, Faye Thorne, and Sonya Thorne

## THERE WERE SEVERAL FAMILY REUNIONS WITHIN OUR REUNION (continued):

### The Edwards Family



The Edwards Family: Left to right: Margaret, Teresa, Pamela, Veronica and Alonso.  
Veronica is the spouse of Classmate Roberto "Pluto" Graham.  
Margaret and Alonso are the parents of our athlete Alonso Edwards.

### THE SANCHEZ FAMILY



Elpidia's sister Nina (Class of 67), her two nieces, Elpidia and daughter Thalía,

**THERE WERE SEVERAL FAMILY REUNIONS WITHIN OUR REUNION  
(continued):**

**Submitted by Classmate Carmela Lowe Govern**

The Lowe-Govern-Goodin Family



**Orchestra Femenina Vivencias and DJ Ray (from New York):**



**PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY CLASSMATES:**

**CLASSMATE ALFRED FORD WITH FELLOW CLASSMATES AND FAMILY**



**SUBMITTED BY CLASSMATE RAY ADAMS**



Alfred and Betty Ford and their daughter and son-in-law: Anastacia and Derek Jones taken at El Panama Hotel.

From left to right: Ray and Elaine Adams, Anesta and Franklin Pringle (Franklin is the son of the late Professor Evelina Pringle) and Classmate Rogelio Sandoval.

**PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY CLASSMATES:**

**SUBMITTED BY CLASSMATE CATALINA HUSBAND STEWART:**



Catalina Husband Stewart and niece Ingrid Jordan

**SUBMITTED BY CLASSMATE CARMEN WADE WALROND:**



Carmen Wade Walrond with Classmates Teresa Cherie and Elpidia Sanchez Archibold

**PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY CLASSMATES:**

**SUBMITTED BY CLASSMATE MARCIA SMITH WILLIAMS:**



Classmate **Marcia Smith Williams** and her two Army buds, who traveled for the reunion: **Deborah Romney** and **Carolyn Mickle**. Also **Marcia's sister Priscilla & brother in law Edmundo**  
Photo above taken at the gala dance and photo below taken touring Panama.

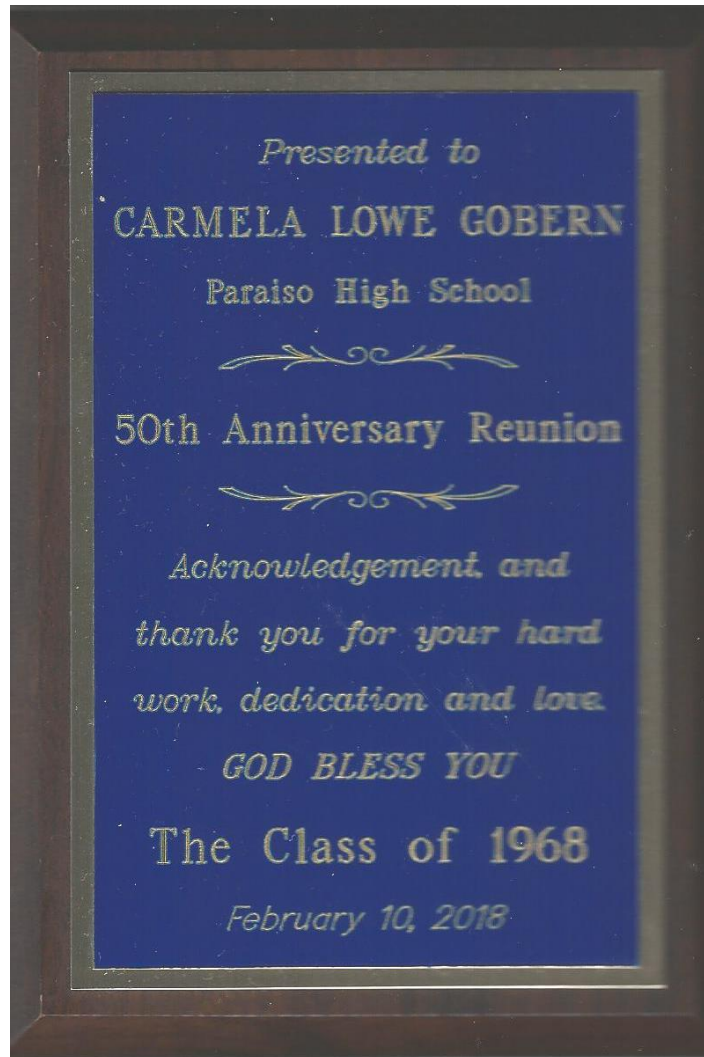


**SUBMITTED BY CLASSMATE CARLOS GIBB:**



Classmates at the Gala

**ON THE INITIATIVE OF CLASSMATE ANIDA HINDS DANIEL  
EACH MEMBER OF THE REUNION PLANNING COMMITTEE RECEIVED A PLAQUE  
IN APPRECIATION FOR THE HARD WORK TOWARDS THE SUCCESS OF OUR REUNION.**



#### **50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

- Eustace Mathews
- Lorenzo Jones
- Ana Todd Catón
- Gwendolyn Salkey
- Norman Clark
- Marcia Hall Cave
- Yolanda Chandler Maynard
- Eunice Thorne Johnson
- Lenka Semper Blue
- Carmela Lowe Gobern

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