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## "THE WAY WE WERE" - Part 1

### “REMEMBERING THE GOOD OLE DAYS”

View the Empress of Soul **Gladys Knight** singing "The Way We Were":

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m0yFDqAenJ8&feature=related>



**Subscribers and Friends of the**

**Panama Cyberspace News** were invited to submit a brief anecdote with an accompanying memorable photograph under the Special Edition Theme **“The Way We Were.”**

It could reflect malleable trends in fashion, architecture, furniture, cars, etc. including shots of bygone communal activities, kinder, elementary and high school/graduation pictures/parade, sports teams, social/civic clubs, girls/boys scouts, business career and job sites; photos with best or long lost friends, Debutantes and/or queen contests, church-lodges, ferias, night of fun, you name it!

# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

## THANKS TO SUBSCRIBER RICARDO RICHARDS

Again, we thank **CyberNews Subscriber Ricardo Richards (Panama)** for this innovative idea! The response has been awesome, as you will see from the following reports and photographs received. Some of you will be (pleasantly or unpleasantly?) surprised to see yourselves in a number of the photos submitted, and I trust that you will maintain your sense of humor during this process. I have enjoyed preparing this edition (some are real funny) and I have attempted to include a link representing the happenings for that particular year. We do apologize for the quality of some of the photographs, but that is due to the "age" of the picture. I look forward to a follow up (Part 2) of **The Way We Were (WWW)** in the near future.

**CLG (Carm)**



Ricardo Richards

**FROM OUR E-MAILBOX: "Thanks to those of you who have written." CLG (Carm)**  
**These comments were received when we announced that we would be featuring this segment.**



Esta sugerencia de Ricardo es excelente. Mil gracias porque esto si es un tesoro de "cuando éramos."

**Guillermo McLean (Panamá)**

Your introductory commentary is right on target. By the way notice how they are dressed"? No baggy pants, or tatoos? Also they were the Jazz Messengers and not Mensajeros de Jazz....Hmmmmm....Como hemos aparentemente cambiado. The photo brought back warm memories.

**Carlos Russell (Panamá)**

Looking forward to seeing this edition.

**Josefina Munajj (Panama)**

Great idea Carmela! Should be a wonderful trip down memory lane!

**Pat Lavalas-Howe (California)**

### **The Jazz Messengers (1964-1967)**

Standing (left to right): Errol Dunn, Carlos Watler, Juan Vidal and Calvin Thomas.

Seated (left to right): Ricardo Richards, Alberto Earle, Rolando Cousins and Claude Walker III (R.I.P.)

Hi Carm: Thank you for your wisdom in keeping us informed, in tune, up to date and yeah, fun things to smile, ooh and aww about. I said and will say it again, you are gifted! Keep up the wonderful work you do.

**Donna Wilmot (Virginia)**

Hi Carm: Another "Small world" event. I was at Instituto Panamericano (IPA) with Rolando Cousins. Erroll Dunn is married to a very good friend of mine. As extended over the globe as we are, we are somehow linked over time.

**Merle Wilson (New York)**

Old memories... I always looked forward for Friday to receive the P.C. Spillway and also the P.C. Review. I also remember you with your afro when I visited your office in Diablo....those were the good ole days. This was a long time ago, your daughter Nailah was just months old. Whaoo.... you have come a far way. God continue to bless and guide always.

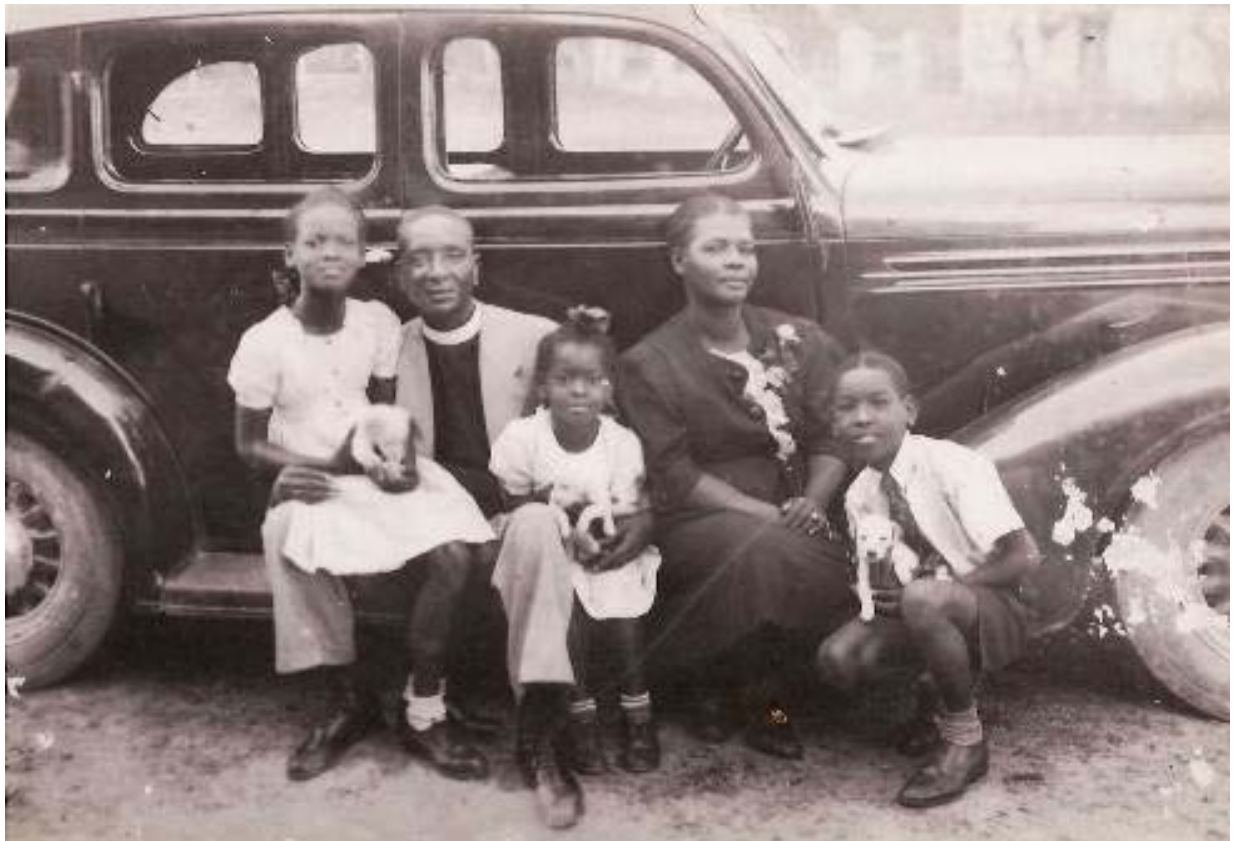
**Judie Boyce (Panamá)**



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1944>

## YEAR 1944

**CyberNews Webmaster Walter St. Jones (Florida)** shared the following photograph, which was taken of his grandparents Rev. Dr. Ephraim and Philibert Alphonse, his mother Professor Adelaide Jones, his aunt Dr. Lilia Alphonse Francis and his uncle Rev. Dr. Alford Alphonse. This photo was taken in 1944 in Jamaica:



(Left to right) Adelaida Jones, Rev. Ephraim Alphonse, Lilia Francis, Philibert Alphonse and Alford Alphonse.

**Editor's Note: The Rev. Dr. Ephraim S. Alphonse (1896-1995)**, born in the province of Bocas del Toro, was a writer, poet, missionary, minister and subsequent bishop of the Methodist Church (MCCA), linguist and creator of the Guaymi-English-Spanish Dictionary, for which he received the Belisario Porras Medal and the Order of Vasco Nuñez de Balboa Condecoration (1963), the latter being the highest honor bestowed on Panamanian citizens by the government. **CLG (Carm)**

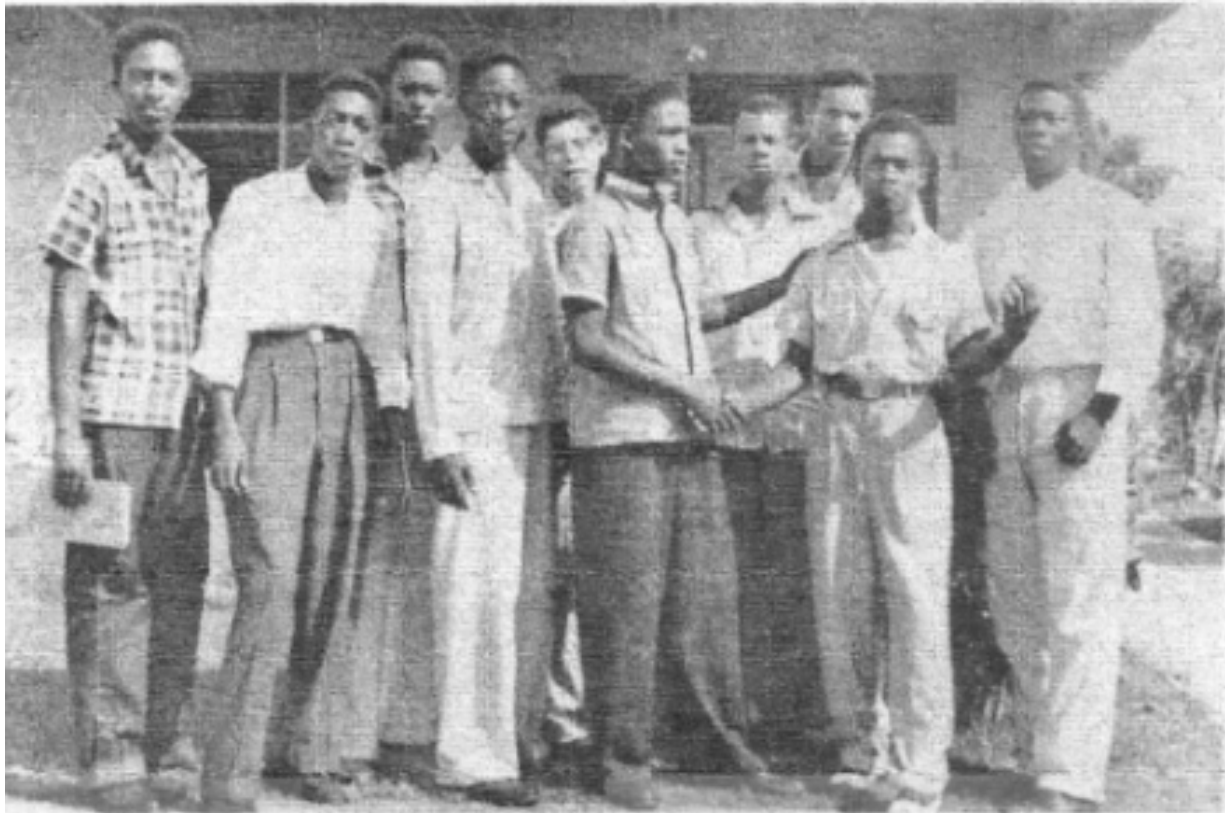


# YEAR 1957

'57 CHEVROLET! SWEET, SMOOTH AND SASSY!

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1957>

**CyberNews Subscriber Cecil Inniss (California)** writes:  
*"Here is a club we had back in the day."*



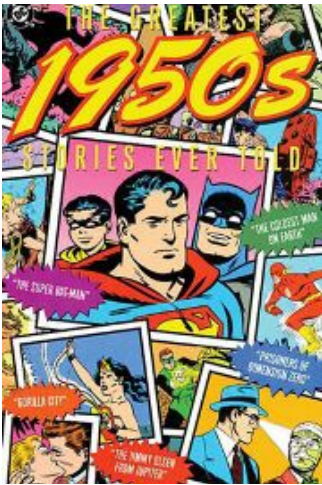
## CLUB LOS MUCHACHOS DE COMERCIO

(L to R) Lionel Blades, Eric Sandiford (R.I.P.), Carl McClean, Cecil Inniss, Gabriel Mendoza, Alfred Titus, George Hinds (R.I.P.), Dawson Jolley, Elmer Gordon (R.I.P.) and Edgar King.

**From CyberNews Subscriber Toribio Martin (Panama):**

Photographs (taken during the second half of the 1950s) of some of the older neighborhood family and friends attending my birthday party in Otoque Street (Lollipop Lane), Paraiso, former Canal Zone.

**YEAR:  
LATE 1950s**



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1950s>



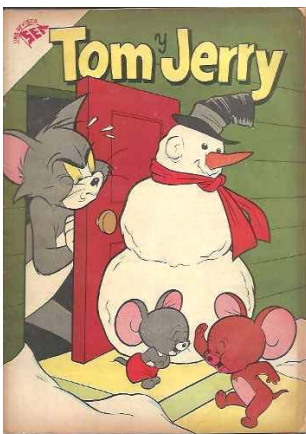
Picture (with the boys).

**First row**, left to right: Roan Callender, Rogelio Grannum, Leo Wilkinson, Toribio Martin, Roberto Niles, Bruce Russell.

**Second row**: Ernesto Niles, Julio Dixon, Basilio Wilkinson, Carlos López, unidentified.

**Third row**: John Hogan, Claude Hogan, Marcus Grannum, Ernesto Williams.

**LATE  
1950s**



Picture (with the girls).

Left to right:

Unidentified, Marva Grannum Gayle, Yvonne Raveneau, Lola Raveneau, Norma Wilkinson Gerald with Toribio Martin, Luisa Raveneau, Juana Lopez Steele, Jean Dixon with unidentified boy.





# YEARS 1960-1961



**From CyberNews Subscriber Josefina Bell Munajj (Panama):**

The Social Boys from Paraíso; 1961-1962

Left to right. Ervin Clark Jr. (Bugs), Tommy Morrell, Cyril Harewood, Steve Garnett. The young man stooping is believed to be an intruder in the photo (smile),

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Recession\\_of\\_1960%E2%80%931961](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Recession_of_1960%E2%80%931961)

# YEAR 1961



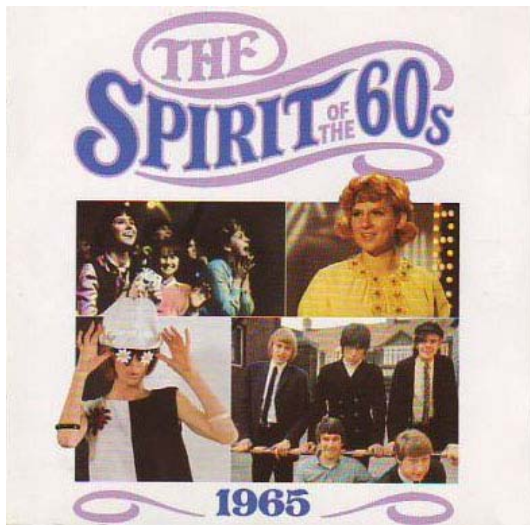
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1961>

**From CyberNews Subscriber Cynthia Lowe (Florida):**

Members of the Astronauts group, who had performed with Ben E. King (Stand By Me); Donnie Elbert and at many of the military bases in the Canal Zone.

(Left to right) Levy (Mitchie) Evelyn; Clarence (Fats) Glasgow; Alfonso (Brain) Martin; and Emerson (Emmy) Cooper:





## YEAR 1965



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1965>

**CyberNews Subscriber Donna Wilmot (Virginia) writes:** “Graced in this priceless photo are my dad, Charles Davis (deceased) and me walking down the aisle on my wedding day April 24, 1965. Great, loving, humble and handsome man was he. My precious memory of "The Way We Were".



## YEAR 1965

**From CyberNews Subscriber  
Rosaline Lashley Tench (Texas):**

Please review me on Julio 16, 1965, página 3.

<http://ufdc.ufl.edu/UF00094771/00519/7j>

**Reprinted from the Panama Canal Spillway,  
July 16, 1965:**

Carl Edmond, de la Escuela Secundaria de Rainbow City, tuvo destacada actuación en el torneo atlético “Presidente de la Republica” celebrado el sábado pasado en el Estadio Olímpico de Panamá, al ganar los 100 metros planos con el magnifico tiempo de 10.5 segundos y también los 400 metros planos. A su lado está la corredora Rosaline Lashley de la Escuela Secundaria de Paraíso.

Runners **Rosaline Lashley** (Paraíso High School) and **Carl Edmond** (Rainbow City High School).



1967 Vietnam Hat/lapel Pin

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1967>

## YEAR 1967

**CyberNews Subscriber Carlos “Curly” Chambers (Panama), left**, at 20 years old, a member of the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam, as he puts it... “Scared out of my wits!” Curly is a member of the graduating class of 1966 of Paraiso High School.



## YEAR 1968



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1968>



**From Carlos Jordan (Panama):**

Photo on left:

Albert Earle and Carlos Jordan singing at Rio Theater

Above photo:

The Crystals: (Marcia Smith, Hyacinthia Woodcock and Olivia Sealey) all at a performance at one of the popular stage shows at the Rio Theater, Panama.

# YEAR 1968



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1968>



**CyberNews Subscriber Josefina Bell Munajj (Panama) writes:**

“I am in this photo with my first nephew, Joselyn’s oldest son Jaime Bell, Los Angeles, California, 1968. I was wearing an Afro, I was a Black Revolutionary Activist. I remember Mrs. Atherton (Jerry's mother) saying: *“But, look at Fina.....everybody wants straight hair and Fina kinking up hers”*”



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1970>



# YEAR 1970

**Melvyn Oller (Panama) writes:**

“In 1970, I was a Canal Zone Police Officer, working with another CZ Police in a patrol car, similar to the one in the photo. One night around 11 p.m. we were patrolling 4th of July Avenue, in front of the National Institute, my partner was driving and I was sitting on the passenger side, Then I shouted to him: *“Stop the car, stop the car.”* He stopped the patrol car and I immediately jumped out of the vehicle, he also did that and he said to me *“WHAT DID YOU SEE”?*, I said nothing, there is a big cockroach inside the patrol car and I hate cockroaches, I don't know if he got mad but he started laughing....lucky for me, no other car nor people were in that area. True story....and until today, I still don't like them.”





<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1970>

## YEAR 1970

**CyberNews Subscriber Ricardo Richards (Panama)** during his early adulthood in Brooklyn, New York, following the 60s mass exodus from Panama." The photo was taken in 1970 on Eastern Parkway, close to the Labor Day Parade,



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1971>

## YEAR 1971

**From CyberNews Subscribers Adela and Ruperto Toppin (Panama):**

Ruperto and Adela Toppin having a ball at a "basement" birthday party in 1971. Check out Adela's "fro!"



# YEAR 1973 <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1973> LA ESCUELA DE DANZAS CARMELA



Srta. Carmela Lowe E.

**From CyberNews Editor Carmela Govern (Panama):** *La Escuela de Danzas Carmela* functioned in the hall of the Rio Abajo Methodist Church from 1973 to 1977. End-of-year functions were held at St. Christopher's School Auditorium in Parque Lefevre. This photograph was taken in 1973 in preparation for the annual recital. The dance school offered Classical Ballet Lessons, under the direction of Carmela Lowe de Govern, and Panamanian Folkloric Dances under the direction of Eric and Rocío Viluce.



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1974>

# YEAR 1974

**From CyberNews Subscriber Raymond Grant (Virginia):**



I was stationed at Ft Clayton back in 1971. I met Delretta Austin at the 1-2-3 Club at Ft Clayton in Panama where she worked. Her skirt was short enough but long enough to gain my attention. On top of that, she served me an extra hamburger. She subsequently became my wife. This photograph was taken in 1974.

# YEAR 1982

**CyberNews Webmaster Walter St. Jones (Florida)** writes:

This is my contribution to *"The Way We Were"* project: The picture titled "By the Sea of Galilee" was taken to promote the 5th Eater Drama Cantata: THE MESSIAH written and directed by Walter St. Jones who currently resides in Miami, Florida. The cast included 73 youngsters from Rio Abajo, Parque Lefevre, Villa Caceres, Juan Diaz and other communities in Panama, who presented this three-act biblical performance to audiences in Panama and Colon. These annual productions were produced by YouthQuake and sponsored by the Methodist Churches of the Panama District. Images of the 13 productions can be seen at [www.dramacantata.com](http://www.dramacantata.com)



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1982>



(Left to right) Julio Murray (currently the Bishop of the Episcopal Church), Camilo Thomas (business entrepreneur in Panama), Tania Weeks, Cecilia Carrasco (Singer who currently released the CD *Evangelizando a Panamá*) and Ernesto Brome.

# 1988

## ORIGINAL

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1988>

## YEAR 1988



### From CyberNews Subscriber Rosaline Lashley Tench (Texas):

“This is my Spanish Club Members at Skyline High School in Dallas, Texas in 1988. I was the **Teacher of the Year** at this school in 1994-1995. Can you find me? Always with papers in my hand.”

**Editor's note:** Thanks to all our contributors for making this special edition a reality!

Blessings,

*Carmela Lowe Gobern*

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## YEAR 1991

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*Carm*

*The Way We Were in 1991*