

LOVE IS IN THE AIR!

Your Georgian Football Club Springtime Newsletter



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Hey Georgians & Friends All,

Please visit your newly updated website at:
<https://www.georgianfootballclub.com/>
For more of the latest Georgian News!

Alas, Springtime—the season of new beginnings. It's been a long, cold and icy winter here in the North East Country, though some of us have managed our way around the worst of it. Like Rick or Danny or Chuck in Florida, or Richie in the Bahamas, or Kevin in the Turks & Caicos or our own Beach Boy Bobby in South Carolina! Kinda brings back that old Beach Boys' favorite—come on, sing it with me:



"Kokomo"

**"Aruba, Jamaica, ooh I wanna take you to
Bermuda, Bahama, come on pretty mama
Key Largo, Montego,
baby why don't we go down to Kokomo,
we'll get there fast
and then we'll take it slow
That's where we wanna go,
way down in Kokomo..."**

Yeah Baby, no matter where you spent the winter this year, you cannot deny Springtime its own— freshly budding trees, the birds and the bees—yes, love is in the air!

So welcome back to a brand-new Georgian Football Club ("GFC") 2019/20 Season! Spring Ball starts now; are you "Ready to Rock"? News, news, here's the latest news from GFC Headquarters:

- **FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: SAVE THE DATE!** We have just learned that **this year's Concordia Homecoming Weekend is scheduled for Thursday, September 19th thru Sunday, September 22nd**. The Stinger Football game will take place on Saturday, September 21st and our Georgian Football Club activities, details yet to be finalized, are planned for Friday, September 20 and Saturday 21. **So please plan to be in town early Friday morning through Saturday evening so that you can participate in all this year's GFC events which, with two years' experience under our belts, are bound to be better than ever!**
- **STINGERS FOOTBALL BANQUET: Saturday, May 4, 2019, 6 – 9:30 p.m.**
 - Cocktails: 6 p.m., Dinner: 7 p.m., Plaza Centre-Ville, 777 Robert Bourassa Blvd. - Cost: \$75, includes meal, drink ticket, the awards ceremony and a Coach Reg Roast.
 - **PLEASE REPLY TO THIS EMAIL TO LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE ABLE TO JOIN US! CAN WE FILL A TABLE OR TWO, OR THREE? ALL BOARD MEMBERS WHO WILL BE IN TOWN ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND AND WE HAVE SECURED FUNDING TO SPONSOR A SECOND TABLE OF EIGHT (8) GEORGIANS AND FRIENDS. YES, A "FREE LUNCH" IS ON OFFER TO THE FIRST EIGHT (8) GEORGIANS/FRIENDS (BOARD MEMBERS NOT ELIGIBLE) WHO REPLY TO THIS EMAIL TO LET US KNOW THAT YOU WANT TO JOIN US ON MAY 4!**



AND IF YOU'RE TOO SLOW TO CATCH OUR FREE LUNCH YOU CAN ALWAYS . . .

BUY YOUR TICKETS HERE

- **BUSINESS ARISING:** Last Newsletter we talked about:
 - **"Life Coach" Program:** Plans to launch an Old Player to Young Player **"Life Coach" Program** are moving forward. As leader of our Life Coach Committee, **Russell Chapman** convened a conference call in February and a meeting on March 19, at Concordia U. offices that included Head Coach Brad Collinson, Melanie Gudgeon and Temi Akin-Aina of Concordia Alumni Relations, Russell and Ralph. Plans were finalized for a round-table breakfast session (Stinger Coaches, Players and interested Georgian life coaches) to be held April 24 at 10:00 am at the Loyola Campus PERFORM Centre to lay the groundwork for our Life Coach Program. **This is important work. Please contact Russell (russell.chapman@sympatico.ca) if you *even think* you might like to participate in this program, either as a Life Coach to interested Stinger football players, or to support the program in some other capacity.** The Program will be formally announced at the STINGERS FOOTBALL BANQUET on Saturday, May 4, 2019 and an orientation program for mentors will be scheduled in May or June wherein out-of-town Georgians can participate by conference call. All of this before our life-coach events are launched through the fall and into next year. Expect more detail from Russell soon.
 - **Corporate Sponsor:** Our search for a **corporate sponsor** for whom our mission and support for the educational aspirations of young football players holds meaning. **Bill Fox** has agreed to assume the leadership of our Corporate Sponsor Sub-Committee and he is welcoming any-and-all volunteers to help

him see this important work through. Please contact Bill (bill.fox@freedom55financial.com) directly if you would like to help out, or if you have any leads that we might pursue.

- **Georgian Haka:** Really good ideas for a Georgian “Haka” have eluded us thus far, but interesting suggestions for a **Georgian Hymn** (“Give to Us Laughter” - words and music attached [HERE](#)) and a **Georgian Anthem** (“Don’t Let the Old Man In” – words and music attached [HERE](#) and a short video attached [HERE](#)) have surfaced. We think both capture the essence of our mission and we would like your thoughts on the subject for discussion at our next board meeting. And for what it’s worth, here’s Ralph’s latest idea for a Georgian Haka; please don’t be too brutal on him with your comments:

“Laughing Too Much”

(performed whimsically, with appropriate gestures of aggression, humour and playfulness)

 “Gimme the Garnet,
 Gimme the Gold,
 Laughing too much
 To ever grow Old!
 Hooooahhhh!”

- **BOARD MEETINGS:** Speaking of Board meetings, we have scheduled two springtime meetings—April 25 and May 23, noon to 2:00 pm. Please enter these dates on your calendar and know that all Georgians and Friends are always welcome to join us at our Board meeting luncheons at the GFC Meeting Hall at Ye Olde Orchard Pub in Pointe Claire, Quebec.
- **FUNDRAISING:** Our 2018 numbers are in! Between Homecoming and year-end, we added \$7,500.00 to our initial campaign total and Pa Pa Donnie Wright stepped up with his matching pledge to bring our 2018 total donations to a whopping **\$24,310.33!** In all, 32 generous Georgians and Friends hit the “DONATE” button to help young Concordia Stinger football players dream big, academically and athletically. Way to go TEAM!
- **REMEMBERING:** It is with deep sadness that we mark the passing of two Georgian brothers in the first quarter of this year—Bruce Charron and Bruce Riddell.

And that’s a wrap—all our Georgian news to the moment! You can catch more detail about our recent activities with pictures and audio recordings at our newly updated website at: <https://www.georgianfootballclub.com/>. As we now intend to keep our website current with respect to all our activities, please check in from time-to-time to stay in touch. As well, if you would like to post information or pictures that you think would be of interest to our entire membership, please don’t hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to get your well-considered stuff on there as well.

Embrace the day; stay in the moment and have a glorious Georgian spring season!

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Bobby, Kevin, Bill, Ralph, Chuck, Richie and Sam
Your Georgian Football Club Board of Directors