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Outing to Royal Botanical Gardens

This year we are going to have a guided tour to the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington in lieu of the annual picnic. Feel free to visit the RBG website at www.rbg.ca and you will be wonderfully surprised. The day's programme is as follow: Tour the gardens of the RBG, stop at a Burlington lakeside café for a pre-arranged lunch, enjoy the waterfront Spencer Smith Park, drive along scenic Lakeshore Road and visit downtown Oakville.

A guided tour to the RBG's Rock Garden has been arranged where we can enjoy the gifts of nature and visit the wonderful aroma of lovely flowers, majestic trees, beautiful landscaping, and of course listen to the wonderful stories the tour guide tells to enlighten us. There are several other component gardens in the 2,700-acre RBG and they are all astoundingly beautiful. We should benefit from the tranquility of nature and allow the gentlemen a chance to pay compliments to the ladies amongst this lovely surrounding.

Date: 23rd August, 2008, Saturday

Time to meet: 10:15 AM sharp - please be punctual Location to meet: Burlington Fairview Street GO-

Train Station parking lot Admission to RBG: \$10 pp

Deadline for registration: Sunday 17th August Please send e-mail to <u>wahyan@wykontario.org</u> or call Mr Ho at 416-222-3020 (evening only)

Follow QEW west until you come to Burlington.

Take the Guelph Line exit (Guelph line is preceded by Appleby Line and Walkers Line) and go south until you reach Fairview Street (you will see the Burlington Mall on your left).

Turn right onto Fairview Street and proceed until you come to the Burlington GO-Train station on your right.

We shall be outdoors for $1^{1}/_{2}$ hours, please bring along protective head gear, umbrella and clothing if you find the sun is too hot for you. Sun screen lotion is also recommended.

For those who unfortunately miss the gathering time or place, you can reach the RBG at 680 Plains Road West by going west on Fairview Street (in opposition direction to Guelph Line), and drive all the way through. Fairview Street will become Plains Road once you pass Mapleview Mall on your left. It will be a good 10 minutes drive. You are getting close when you pass a Mercedes dealership on your right. The RBG Centre will be on your left and at this moment, construction is going on in the front. We can meet at the main building entrance of RBG Centre. There is plenty of parking. In case you have any problem finding the location, please contact: 905-220-4344.



Dinner with Percival Ho ('88)

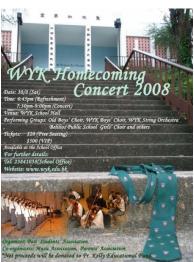
Please join us for a dinner/open Board meeting on 14th August at 7:30 PM in the Empire Oriental Cuisine in honour of our former Secretary Percival Ho who is on his summer break from his teaching in WYK.

Terry Fox Run

This year Terry Fox Run will be held on Sunday, 14th September. Once again WYKAAO will help support the good cause by organising a team and participate in the event. If you are interested in joining our team, please visit our website and let us know through 'Contact Us'. The venue and other details of the event will be posted on our <u>website</u> shortly.

WYK Homecoming Concert 2008

WYKPSA proudly presents the first ever Homecoming Concert of WYK on 30th August at the School Hall. This concert features choir performances by graduates of 1960s to 2000s, current and former orchestral players and 'Father-and-Son' chamber performance. Net proceeds go to the Fr. Kelly's Educational Fund. See our website for more details.



華仁一家 之 Lam & Esther 慈善演唱會

On Saturday 27th September 2008, the <u>Wah Yan One Family Foundation</u> will stage a concert at the Hong Kong Convention Centre where two popular singing stars of our times will perform jointly with the Wah Yan Orchestra and Choir plus some old boys. The two singing stars are Mr. George Lam Chi Cheung (aka Ah Lam) and Ms. Esther Chan Yee Take. Details can be found at our <u>website</u>.



Annual General Meeting / 25th Anniversary Celebrations



WYKAAO will be holding a 25th anniversary dinner/Annual General Meeting on 19th October 2008. We will take this opportunity to raise fund for our alma mater by sponsoring Mr. Laurence Tam's The Cradle of New Chinese Ink Painting Movement in Toronto in April 2009. Please stay tuned for updates.

Mr. Tam

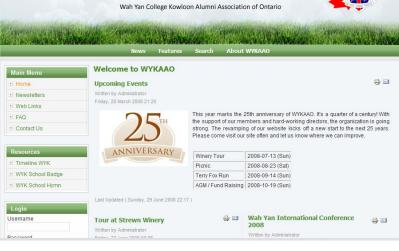
Newly Re-designed Website Launched

<u>WYKAAO's official website</u> has recently been re-vamped by our IT Director Jeffrey Mah. The newly redesigned website is more aesthetically pleasing and more functional than the previous web design. It has taken him many months to plan and executive this major change, a task only a professional computer specialist can accomplish. To appreciate Jeffrey's magnificent creation, be certain to pay us a visit at www.wykontario.org.

The newly redesigned web page

Winery Tour





九龍華仁書院安省舊生會

Group photo

WYKAAO

Twenty nine people attended our first ever winery tour of the Niagara region on the 13th July. The day began with a buffet lunch at the Mandarin in St. Catherines, followed by a tour of the Strewn Winery in the lovely town of Niagara-on-the-lake. It was a very informative tour that we learned many facets of wine and wine making as well as the art of wine drinking. It surely was an enjoyable day out, definitely worth the drive.



The Vine-yard



Lunch buffet



Wine tasting

Valentine Ball 2008

Under the leadership our past president Kelvin Chan, the 2008 Valentine Ball was successfully held on 9th February at the Sheraton Parkway North Hotel. WYKAAO's four tables were among the 45 tables of guests enjoying a wonderful evening of good food, live entertainment and dancing. Kelvin will be retiring after two years of hard work as the co-chair of the 10-school joint ball.





Dancing at VB

WYK group photo at VB

Spring Banquet 2008

Our 2008 Spring Banquet was held 1st on March at the Empire Oriental Cuisine. With close to 70 attendees, this event saw the debut of the new



Michael Au speaking on IC 2008



Board of Directors led by President David Wong. Several tables of guests enjoyed the game of mahjong

before dinner. Our special guest was Michael Au, Chairman of the <u>Wah Yan International Conference 2008</u>, who presented to us the details of the upcoming Wah Yan International Conference in Hong Kong. Everybody enjoyed an evening of Wah Yan comradeship, lucky draws, Chinese word game and of course a sumptuous dinner.

Class Notes

Class of 1961

Some 20 class members will meet in Vancouver from 19th to 21st September 2008 for a reunion. Among them will be Kenneth Ma and Jack Yang who left WYK in Forms 1 and 2 respectively.

Class of 1965

Since the formation of the WYK1965 forum in February 2002, an annual regional reunion has been organised in the fall of 2003 and thereafter. It was started in Ottawa, followed with those in Gatineau; Algonquin; Ste Agathe de Monte; Sidney by the Sea; and on board the Diamond Princess from Vancouver to Whittier, AK, on the 13th September 2008. Sixteen cabins have been booked as of the day and bon voyage.

Classes of 1968/1969

The Classes of 1968 and 1969 will be holding a Joint 40th Reunion on 31st December 2008 / 1st January 2009 at the Jockey Club, Happy Valley to straddle the two anniversary years. About 100 people from both classes have confirmed their attendance. In addition, a 68 vs. 69 derby with soccer, basketball, tennis and table tennis matches will be held on the WYK campus on 1st January 2009.