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Wishing You & Yours A Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

Our Association



"November 27, 1999

Thanks to all those who attended our Annual General Meeting, it was again a success. A new Board of Directors was chosen to lead the association into Y2K and set directions far beyond.

When did all these begin?

We can trace the genesis of WYKAAO back to a spring day in 1983; Friday, 29 April, to be exact. Mr. Anthony Ho summoned the Ontario Wah Yan Kowloon alumni together to form our own association. Our very first meeting was held at the International Chinese Restaurant (now the Pacific Restaurant) in Toronto's Chinatown. It was a time before the PC, before e-mails, and cell phones and fax machines were difficult to find. Newspaper advertisements, personal phone calls, snail mail or word of mouth were the only means of communication. There was a surprisingly good turn out of 120 Wahyanites. WYKAAO was born and the rest is history. Many of us at the meeting had not heard any news from our alma mater for ages and were very excited to learn the latest developments at WYK. Equally exciting was to find many long lost school friends and former teachers.

Time has changed!

Many years have passed and science has advanced. Now that we are in the age of information technology, I am sure the new means of communications at our disposal can help us to organise ourselves and to serve our members better than before. It not only provides us with faster communication but saves us a lot of postage as well! Just open our web site at www.wykontario.org & see for yourself. You can get in touch with many of your former teachers and school friends locally or across the ocean instantaneously. You can check out what is going on back in WYK, and see how the current issue of the Shield looks if you want to. You will be amazed at what you can get from the Wah Yan web sites all around the world. So, do pay your own WYKAAO web site a visit." by Joseph C Wong - President



Annual General Meeting was attended by 90 members, friends and families. The following were elected Directors for the Year 1999 ~ 2000:

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| Joseph C Wong | '67 | President |
| Augustine Yeung | '66 | Vice President |
| Ambrose Li | '86 | Secretary |
| Simon Chau | '71 | Treasurer |
| Sonny Sie | '60 | |
| Peter Wong | '61 | |
| Dermot Chan | '65 | |
| Peter Au | '66 | |
| Victor Tong | '68 | |
| Patrick Lai | '72 | |
| Raymond Leung | '77 | |
| Tony Wan | '91 | |
| Cedric Ko | '94 | |
| Kelvin Ng | '95 | |
| Anthony Ho | | Staff Advisor |

The business portion of the evening was high lighted by the announcement of a surplus account of \$8,766.48 for the year. The meeting was adjourned in 30 minutes.

'Friend of WYKAAO' plaque was presented to Angela Chan, granddaughter of Founder of Wah Yan College. She had contributed much to the success of our celebration of Diamond Jubilee.

A plaque with beautifully mounted cover of the Diamond Jubilee Souvenir Book was presented to Francis Kwong for his financing the publication.

The evening was fun. People were collecting prizes of souvenir pens for getting correct answers to the Chinese Word Puzzles. There were altogether 53 of them. Lena Wong (wife of Peter) collected 12 and was awarded as the Champion.

Present at the meeting were Mr. Mui, Mr. Tam, Mr. Hsueh and Mr. Ho.

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The party ended with a few exciting games of Bingo conducted by Lena. The end result generated a little income for the Association.

Credits of the success of the event also went to Patsy Sie (wife of Sonny) and Betty Yeung (wife of Augustine) who graciously accommodated members sitting with their desired groups.

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Membership

Chris Tam, head of the membership subcommittee, worked very hard the whole year to reach out to the younger graduates. Together with Wilson Chiu, Secretary 98~99, they located more than 20 graduates of the '90s, many of whom have become enthusiastic members. Our two youngest Directors are still studying in universities.

We extend our welcome to the following new members:

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| Li, Augustine Ka Chun | '52 |
| Lee, To On | '59 |
| Tam, Wing Hay | '60 |
| Cheng, Joseph Man Chi | '78 |
| Tang, Ricky | '95 |
| Woo, Derek Tsz Ho | '96 |

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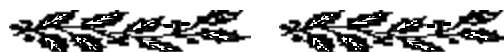
Men for Others

Joseph Chu Yiu Cho '71, a medical specialist, was elected as the President of the Chinese Branch of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. He spent much of his time promoting education of the heart disease among the Chinese community and worked hard to raise funds for his cause.

Michael Chan Kwok Wai '61, a retired engineer, volunteered his time as the Executive Director of the Chinese Cultural Centre. CCC is currently working on a fund raising project for its Phase 2 construction.

These are just two examples showing the Wah Yan Spirit at work.

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News from School

Fr. Naylor writes, "Tomorrow (December 8th) is the anniversary of the founding of Wah Yan. We had a simple celebration here last Wednesday, December 1st, 1999.

There was a tree planted in the centre of the lawn outside the former Lady Teachers' Room. Then two boys from each of the Form Ones posed behind it, and the plan is that they will do so annually while they are in school, just as Fr. John Foley had done with Yu Ka Kui in 1963.

At 11:00 AM, there was a school mass, with about 120 present. The concelebrants were George Zee, Stephen Chow, Marciano Baptista, James Hurley and myself. George referred to Fr. Hurley as his teacher when he was in Form 2, and George was celebrating his 27th anniversary as a Jesuit priest on that day."

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Fr. George Zee reported that the Annual Ball celebrating the 75th anniversary was held on December 12, 1999 at the Convention Centre. He continued, "Mr. Louis Wu, the President of the PSA of Vancouver, came straight from the Airport to attend. Mr. Yu Pui Lam, former Vice-Principal of WYCHK, who has been very active supporting WYPSA in Vancouver was also there... Wilfrid Lam successfully bid \$50,000 for Lam Wing Hung's Chinese couplets in beautiful calligraphy and is donating that to the school..."

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Dennis Yin was in town, bringing with him The Shield, 1998 ~99, both the hard copy which weighs more than 10 pounds and its CD version, with compliments from Norman So. It is the 4th year that The Shield is produced in hi-tech. You will be surprised at the professional level of computer skills of the present students. If you are interested in viewing them, please contact Mr. Ho.



Mark Your Calendars!!

As the **Joint School Valentine Ball on February 12, 2000, Saturday**, is one of the early social

functions in the new millennium, tickets are going very fast. Cost of tickets is kept at 1999 level at \$75.00 each. The hosts are the Paulinians. Together with Wah Yan College Hong Kong Ontario Alumni Association, we will be in charge of the production of the Programme Book. Our President vowed, "This will be the first Joint School Valentine Ball publication that will have no spelling mistakes."

Go to LA for **the first weekend in August, 2000** for the **Wah Yan International Conference**. You will have good time meeting with teachers and classmates and friends. Details of the conference will be announced soon. We know for sure that Francis Kwong, Sonny Sie, Joseph C Wong, Augustine Yeung and Victor Tong are definitely going with their families to LA for their summer holiday. Class members of '57 are also planning to attend. Sonny Sie, our International Convener, will propose a group plan as soon as he hears from his counterpart in LA.



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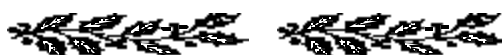
We learned that "ELF BOWLING", "SANTA'S WORKSHOP", "FROGAPULT" and "SNOWBALL FIGHT" all have a delayed virus attached to them. It will activate on Christmas Day and will wipe out your system. Delete these games as soon as possible.

Y2K Ready?

To find out how ready city officials really are for the Y2K, someone went to Mayor Mel Lastman's office in downtown Toronto.

"So, Mel, where will you be on New Year's Eve?"
"Are you kidding!" Mel answered, "I'll be at home with my generator, my back-up generator, my 52 gallons of gasoline, not to mention my garage full of water and preserves! Oh, yah, and my underground self-preservation unit!"

Well there you have it folks!





We ask for your help in this survey initiated by Fr. Naylor, S.J.

"Educational thinking recently has been on four key issues in the steps to revise the whole educational system, with its examinations and curriculum. These issues could well help past students think of the history of Wah Yan College.

- A. Students should enjoy learning and their days in school.
- B. They should be able to communicate effectively in Chinese and English.
- C. They should be creative and able to think independently and critically.
- D. They should be committed to society and the nation."

On these issues, Fr. Naylor would give the following scores to Wah Yan College Kowloon:
A(9), B(8), C(10), D(7). [In a range of (1) lowest to (10) top score]

How would you assess WYK in your days? The results collected would be interesting and they will be presented to the school for internal use.

We earnestly ask you to take a minute to fill in the following and then send it back to us either by mail, fax or e-mail. Names are not required.

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| Year(s) at Wah Yan College Kowloon _____ My assessment is A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ . [In a range of (1) lowest to (10) top score] Other comments if any: |
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Membership Update

Kindly let us have any update on your mailing address, email address, your telephone and fax numbers. We are happy to include your Home Page address in our Membership Directory.

If you have not yet sent in your annual subscription of \$10.00 for 1999 ~ 2000, please kindly send in your cheque in favour of Wah Yan Kowloon Alumni. Your support is important to us.

If you have already made your payment, please ignore this appeal and accept our sincerest thanks.



Your Comments and Suggestions to our newsletters are most welcome.

