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Greetings

Your Board of Directors has been working hard to plan the following activities:

Bowling with Canossian Colleges in May Floral Appreciation & BBQ in June Picnic in August

Celebrations of Honoured Classes of 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991 & 2001

Presentation of Scholastic Achievement Awards and

Annual General Meeting in November

2000 Bowling Tournament



Peter Au 's Champion Team
Joseph Wong, President 2000, presenting the trophy



2001 Joint Bowling Game with Canossian Colleges (Sacred Heart, St. Mary's, St. Franscis)

Date: May 5, 2001 (Saturday)

Place: Club 300, Old Kennedy Road and Steeles East, North of Steeles,

Time: 9:00 to 11:30 AM

Price: \$10/person (snack included but not rental of shoes)

Organizer: Kelvin Ng, kelvinkmng@hotmail.com

This is going to be a relaxing morning filled with good fun.

Bring your family and friends to come along and enjoy.

Please register early so that we can reserve enough lanes for your game.

Goode Olde Tyme

My mind's picture is all lighted up, By sparks from the goode olde tyme. Vivid is our dear school yard, When I fully close my eye.

The Wah Yan days you were, In soccer field, nimble and versatile. As quick in temper and mischief, That you may now want to deny.

We paddled on rough asphalt,

To arrive ere the bell should chime.
It has gone a million times over,

Since that olde goode tyme.

We wandered among the paddies
In search of petty fine life.
Now it's become a pursuit
To the delights of yours and mine.

Day one, year one, of the Millennium There arn't many of this kind. What will the next one be like, Is beyond anyone's surmise.

Wish it'd roll us all the way back
To the carefree jolly olde tyme.
Ride by the Maryknoll school,
A goode peek at sweet Jenny of thine.

How I love to swim Lai-chi-kok, Way out to the floating line. Lie down on top of a drum And let our silly thoughts fly.

Tomorrow your kids will depart.

I too shall take to the sky.

Back to mundane bills and calls,

Wish they were alle buried...

Deep in snow and ice.

N.B. The above kidding verse was captured after a lengthy emailing with Desmond Wong M.D. recounting the good old days while I was in sunny California. I am sure many of us share feelings of the kind about our days in Wah Yan. Let mine be a fuse of some sort to light up what everyone harbours in his depth. Let's throw our modesty to the wind and sing the chords in our hearts!

-- Louis Lau

(William Huang and his wife Elinor were in Toronto for a visit during Chinese New Year and were accorded a hearty and warm welcome by the Class of '57. As CEO of a Hong Kong trading firm and posting in Beijing for an extended period, William was able to present a balanced and informed analysis of the SAR vs. China situation over luncheon. To receive this valued friend from afar were some local resident classmates namely Philip and Macy Kam, Felix and Lilian Wong, Donald and Maggie Ng, and Louis Lau.)



Ambrose Li, Simon Chau, Joseph Wong, Gus Yeung, Pater Au, Sonny Sie Jenny Chau, Betty Young, Annie Wong at 'An Odyssey of Love', 2001 Valentine Ball

The 15th annual Hong Kong Joint Schools Alumni Valentine Ball, the first one of the true millenium, began with big bangs on Saturday, February 10, 2001 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. While workers were hoisting up the cars getting ready for the upcoming Auto Show, big pieces of plastics and metal screws fell down the escalator, right in front of me. Fortunately, no one was hurt. However, the bangs made by the fallen objects, like firecrackers, did bring auspiciousness to the ball. And good luck it was; this time the ball turned out to be one of the best ever in history.

Under the direction of our president, the Board of Directors had made tremendous commitment and efforts to ensure this function one of the most successful ever. Your representatives to the ball had spent many hours in the last eight months just to get things ready. For the first time ever, WYKAAO presented to the ball our own master of ceremonies, Peter Au. And as floor managers, Sonny Sie and Ambrose Li were there to take care of every conceivable problem. Our door prize, a \$368 dinner for ten sponsored by New World Palace Chinese Restaurant, was only second in value to the grand prize of the 2 round trip tickets to Hong Kong. Peter Au, through his CCBC radio station, had donated their special radios, one for each of the 107 tables. Indeed, our association has come a long way since those days when we were just a token participant of the ball.

With our new flag flying on the stage, WYKAAO's Valentine Ball team was under new management. President Gus, his first time attending the function, arrived early to greet our guests; while the First Lady was there to man the reception desk, making sure that all our 85 guests get their seats and of course collected the ticket money.

Over the years, entertainment and emceeing had been good but never had it reached the professional calibre of this year's. There was an 11 year-old boy of 'The King & I' and 'Lion King' fames to sing the National Anthem. I cannot recall the last time the national anthem was given such a round of applause. And then the real entertainment came in the form of 'The Platters.' Mr. Bobby Soul who has been associated with the legendary band for decades gave such a fantastic performance that really brought back to every soul in the hall those good old days of 'Only You", 'The Magic Touch'...His singing captivated the audiences and for first time in history, nobody could wait for the 'presidential' first dance. The floor was crowded to capacity. With sumptuous food and magnificent entertainment in such a romantic setting, all 1,100 attendees concurred that they got a lot more than they paid for!

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經過超過四小時的苦戰,7 7年的譚嘉雄同學成爲今年 的新雀王

「又是77年的同學贏,係 因爲何Sir在76年走,校風 有些改變[有同學見到水魚湯 同魚腩,有感而發]。」作爲 當晚司儀的區偉林同學在宣 布麻雀賽果時說。

晚餐時間

無興趣打麻雀的同學,麻雀賽後還有晚飯時間。當晚的而 且確有水魚湯和魚腩——當然還有其他食物啦。

你有沒有聽過春茗有測驗題目做呢?「我們很有華仁精神的,每檯的答案由隔鄰檯改!」結果五檯當中沒有人全部答對,答對最多和答錯最多都拿了獎品——或許你有興趣試試那些題目?

(Try this one:-I have as many brothers as sisters. My brothers have twice as many sisters as brothers. How many of us are there? You would rather look for the answer, wouldn't you? It is in this newsletter.)

當晚沒有抽獎,但卻有不少禮物送出;因爲 Bingo 比較好玩,代替了抽獎。每人只用了一張 Bingo 紙,竟然總共送出了超過十份禮物!

春茗其實是一個機會可以見一見平時沒有什麼機會遇到的 舊同學、舊老師;對於一些同學來說,是一個家庭節目— —美中不足的只是當晚沒有多少較爲年輕的同學出席。



Rev. David Chan, Mr. Hsueh, Mr Mui, Mr. Yu (F5, 1960) Also invited were Mr. Tam and Mr. Ho.

Other guests included John & Connie Chan (St. Joseph A-C), Philip Chan (St. Francis Xavier), Paulus Ng (HKWY), Philip Lam (SJAC) & wife Kitty (MCS) and Joseph Leung (SFX).

And, of course, there was Lena Wong from Sacred Heart to conduct the Bingo and present prizes to her husband, Peter.

We have to thank all participants for such an enjoyable evening and all directors for their gifts.

(7 children, 4 girls, 3 boys, the person speaking is a girl)

豐盛的一年 by Ricky Yiu (F3,1997) & Alan Leong (F4, 2000)

九龍華仁,人傑地靈,一向都是孕育文藝方面的好地方,我們的師兄很多都在校際比賽的歷史上留名。為了承繼那光輝的傳統,現在華仁的文藝青年仍然拼著同一種對藝術的熱誠及對文化承傳的執著,認真地練習,致力改善自己的技術。今年,他們終於得到可觀的成果。九華合唱團和西樂團在黃燕芳老師及蘇君煌老師的指導下,渡過了豐盛的一年。合唱團在第五十三屆校際音樂節中所取得的成就更是非凡。由德望學校及九華組成的中級聯合合唱團勇奪了是次比賽中文歌唱的總冠軍此外,我們的高級聯校合唱團、九華的中級中文合唱團與弦樂團不約而同在音樂節取得其項目的季軍。還有的是今年擔任我們初級合唱團指揮的舊生姚潤昆先生亦憑著一曲由多尼采蒂所作之《愛情靈藥的一滴情淚》贏得個人獨唱冠軍。

"Una furtiva lagrima" in Donizetti's "Elixir d'amore."

華仁仔除了音樂造詣了得,應付智力遊戲的水準 更是達到殿堂級數。由黃國華老師、六醫班何銘熹同學、 六理班覃俊基同學,Win Chun Cheung,

所組成的師生橋牌B隊贏了全港公開賽,將會代表香港出 席區域性的比賽,與廣東隊和澳門隊一較高下。

相對於其他對學界體育比賽很有野心的中學而言,九華並沒有視運動爲教育中主要的一環。華仁仔長久以來都是憑著自己對體育濃厚的興趣,在運動場上實現一個又一個夢想,校方只是從旁爲健兒們提供協助及資源上的支援。雖然如此,九華卻常常在學界比賽中有滿意的成績。今年也不例外。我們的田徑隊在今屆學界中總成績名列第四,乒乓球隊亦在第二組別中得到殿軍。不過很不幸,九華泳隊正值青黃不接時期,只有鄔謨恩同學能在中級組五十米背泳項目中,以三十二點一四秒的成績獲得一面銅牌。

根據最新消息,九華的高級足球隊在學界足球賽 第二組獲得第二名。若果中級和初級足球隊在餘下的賽事 中爭取到較高的名次,九華下年就很有機會重回第一組作 賽呢!

九華小學興建計畫再觸礁

【星島二零零一年二月十二日港聞版】

(星島日報報道)老牌名校華仁書院,九龍,原本計畫興建華仁小學,完成一條龍美夢,現在恐怕美夢難圓了。校方已於上月收到城市規劃委員會的口頭回覆,再度否決興建華仁小學的計畫。

由於興建小學所需經費龐大,接近億元,華仁書院遂提出 一個住宅連興建小學的計畫,希望能吸引地產商捐款興建 住宅的同時,興建「小華仁」,但在未找到地產商投資以 前,又再遭城規會以環保理由拒絕。蘇中平校長無奈地表 示,會考慮取消興建住宅的計畫,相信只興建小學對環境 的影響會較小,但需與辦學團體再商討財政是否足夠興建 及維持小學的運作。

其實,興建小華仁的計畫早在七、八年前已經提出,但已 遭城規會數度否決。蘇中平校長表示,現時未有下一步計 畫,一切需等待校董會開會再作決定。據了解,九華現址 面積龐大,約等如一般中學的三至四倍,由於整個校舍建 在山坡之上,每年花在維修斜坡及除草工作上所費不菲, 惟校方不欲向學生家長徵收額外費用,所以在財政資源上 出現緊絀,校方遂在年前與一些發展商接觸,提出以出讓 部分校園用地來換取興建小九華的構想。

九華中學孕育興建九龍小學的構想,乃是有鑑於九華的學生來自多達七十多所小學,所接受的教學模式又跟中學部不同,令到教學出現困難。中學部希望興建小學後,兩者能銜接成爲一條龍,小學生可以直升中學,這樣便易於教授。

九華小學著重學生的自主性,由功課、專題研習以致課外活動等均由學生自行選擇項目或題目,老師只扮演從旁輔導的角色。按原來的構思,九華小學每級開設三班、每班收取學生約四十人,即合共一百二十名小學生,而中學部共有二百個學額,足以應付,而餘剩的八十個學額,則用以收取外校生。

"Fr. Brady went back to Ireland for good in early January. He is in the Jesuit convalescent home and will soon be healthy enough to move to a regular community in a few days," writes Fr. Zee in wyk forum on March 8, 2001. Fr. Brady taught F6 ethics from 1966 ~ 1979. The students enjoyed debating issues in his classes but at the same time they would find they had more important business to attend to. They would either spend their time in the Student Association Headquarters or play soccer near the Form 6 classrooms under the cafeteria. The story goes that they would make sure there would be a respectable number of bodies in his classes. They would even cast lots to decide who would stay behind. Now that Fr. Brady is back home, away from his former students who are making an impact on the life in HKSAR, we wish him a peaceful and comfortable retirement.

Believe it or not. This is a true story. A university professor gave a summer course on educational psychology to professional teachers who wanted to upgrade their teaching certificates. The more credits a teacher had in the sixties, the less likely would he/she be bumped off when lay-off came. The course was over subscribed to over 400, the reason being that it was rumoured to be an easy one. Good marks would be given .

At the end of the course, the professor asked his students to assess their own progress and give him a mark that they thought they should deserve. To their disbelief, that mark appeared in their transcripts! Those who were modest complained to the dean and said it was not fair. The professor explained, "Teachers are professionals. Their assessment of their students is respected. Their assessment of their own performance should demand more respect." His reason was accepted by the authority.

Years later, two nuns wrote to the professor, "Now we found that we gave ourselves more than we deserved. We ask your forgiveness." The professor is a wahyanite. (Name withheld:)

Paid Membership

Please kindly check the record of paid membership in 2000~2001. Membership fee covers from one Annual General Meeting to the next. Most alumni pay at AGM, or at functions/class reunions. Some would send in a cheque. If you have paid your annual subscription of \$10.00 and do not find your name in the record, please contact us. We regret any mistakes we have made.

Membership fees cover most of the cost of web site maintenance and newsletter mailing. More importantly, your support encourages the Board of Directors to uphold and spread the Wah Yan Spirit.

AU, PETER WAI LAM CHAN, DERMOT CHAN, GERALD KA HO CHAN, KELVIN KA CHUN CHAN, MICHAEL MAN FAI CHAN, RAYMOND KAI MAN CHAN, TEDDY KAM TIM CHANG, PETER PAITAK CHENG, GEORGE WING HON CHIU. WILLIAM YU WING CHOW, JACOB CHUE CHU, JOSEPH CHUNG WAI CHU, PETER PAK KIN FUNG..STEVE SUET MING HO, FRANCIS (1957, Montreal) HO, TERENCE SUN LAM HUI, DAVID SIU WAI IP,.BILL TING PIU KAM, PHILIP KO, HILARY HON KIT KWAN, WILLIAM WING TIM KWONG, FRANCIS HON FAN LAI, WILLIAM WAI LAM LAM, STEPHEN WING CHEUNG LEE, KAM HON LEE, SAMMY KIEN CHONG LEE, YUNG HON LEUNG, CARMELO SIU TAT LEUNG, RAYMOND WAI MING LI, AMBROSE CHEUK WING LO, KENNETH CHU KIN MAK, EDWARD TAK WAH NG. DONALD CHING MING NG, SANDY CHOW NGOK PUN, RUDY CHUNG NGOK TAM, CHRISTOPHER KA HUNG TANG, JEFFREY KING SHUN TSANG, FRANCIS HIN CHI TUNG, BELFOUR YAT CHI WONG, ADRIAN WONG, BERNARD CHI HOK WONG, FELIX TSE LEUNG WONG, JOSEPH CHEE CHIU WONG, PETER KA KEE WU. ANDREW SHU FAI YEUNG, GUS CHO HANG YIP, FRED PAK LIN YUE, NORMAN KWOK HUNG

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Other news:

Class of 1961 had another class reunion in March when Carmelo Leung was in town to host his buddies and teachers a sumptuous dinner. They were talking about turning out in full force for the special functions in November.

六月賞花盛會, 詳情容日通告, 敬希留意。