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- Joseph Wong (1967) *Newsletter Editor /  
Communications Director*
- Victor Tong (1968)
- Peter Wong (1962)
- Mr. Anthony Ho                         *Staff Advisor*

# WAH YAN COLLEGE KOWLOON Alumni Association of Ontario

Official Newsletter  
October 2009

## AGM 2009

TAKE Notice that the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Wah Yan College Kowloon Alumni Association of Ontario will be held at the Emperor Fine Chinese Cuisine, 9019 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill, Ontario on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2009 at 6:00 pm for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> annual General Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2008
2. To receive the 2008~2009 Financial Report of the Association
3. To receive the 2008~2009 Activities Report of the Association
4. To adopt the proposed changes in the Bylaws of the Association
5. To elect the Board of Directors for 2009~2010
6. To honour the Form 5 classes with years ending in 9's and the class of 1984 for their graduation anniversaries
7. To distribute Scholastic Achievement Awards
8. To celebrate the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Wah Yan College, Kowloon

Dated at the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, Canada this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009

BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

David Wong, President

## AGM / WYK 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

Date – Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2009

Time – 7:00 pm

Price – \$40 per person

Venue – Emperor Fine Chinese Cuisine (君臨天下)  
9019 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3M6  
905-882-9388

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## Nomination for Directors 2009 ~ 2010

Nomination for Directors for the 2009~2010 session is now opened. Current paid-up members are eligible to nominate and to be nominated. Please use the form on page 8 to submit your nominations.



## Summary AGM 2008 Minutes

Date – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2008  
 Time – 6:00 pm  
 Venue – Galaxy Chinese Cuisine (喜福樓)  
 350 Highway 7, Unit 101, Richmond Hill, Ontario

1. Meeting called to order by President David Wong
2. Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting approved by the general members
3. Financial Reports of 2007~2008 approved by the general members
4. Activity Report of 2007~2008 approved by the general members
5. Directors for 2008~2009 (listed below) nominated and approved by the general members: Sonny Sie (1960), Peter Wong (1962), David Wong (1964), Dermot Chan (1965), Andrew Tang (1965) Joseph Wong (1967), William Fok (1968), Victor Tong (1968), Jeffrey Mah (1978), Eric Li (1995)
6. Business part of the meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm
7. Members of the Honoured Classes of 1968 and 1978 were recognised during dinner and souvenirs presented
8. Raised and donated \$3,010 to for Cheung Chung-Pan's lymphoedema treatment in Taiwan

## Activities 2008 ~ 2009

- David Wong (1964) elected President
- Spring Banquet
- Appointed the Bylaws sub-committee to recommend change
- Facebook group set up
- Cradle of New Chinese Ink Movement Exhibits
- Winery Tour and lunch to the Niagara Culinary Institute
- Dinner for Fr. Sean Coghlan, S.J.
- Networking Dinner with Dr. Desmond Wong
- Dinner for Fr. Stephen Chow, S.J.
- Terry Fox Run
- Produced the "Moments in Time" video to celebrate WYK 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 九龍華仁書院, Wai Man College, Kowloon

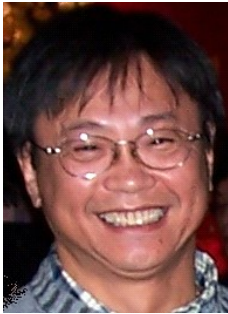
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Successful candidates will be notified and invited to receive their awards of \$100 each at the Annual general Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2009. Please use the application form on page 8 or download the form [here](#).

## The President Speaks



2009 will go on record as a productive year for our alumni association.

We managed to bring the alumni association to a higher profile through the sponsorship of the “Cradle of New Chinese Ink Painting” exhibition. It was a great success and the exhibition received generous acclaims.

We also follow through with our regular gatherings and activities throughout the year. The traffic on our website faced a definite increase and there had been improvement of communication with our members, of which I think bears the most significance.

Some sage mentioned in the past, “Build a better castle and people will come.” We should attempt to build a stronger alumni association and put forth a stronger attraction for our members.

A tremendous round of applause for our Directors and Executive Committee should be in place and I like to extend my gratitude to everybody.

We will be looking forward for more good things to happen.

*David*

## Cradle of New Chinese Ink Painting Movement Exhibits

Through donations to Mr Tam’s Cradle book (Cradle Exhibit [website](#)), a sum of \$3,715 was raised and donated to Fr. Kelly Educational Fund of Wah Yan College, Kowloon. President David sums up the whole event -

We finally saw through the conclusion of the Cradle Exhibition. The paintings were wrapped up, packaged, and shipped back to Hong Kong. We faced this sense of emptiness as if our lives were closing another chapter.

It had been hard and lengthy work to get the exhibition organised and we managed to attain our goal through the assistance and advice from members of WYKAAO.



*Opening ceremony at Chinese Cultural Centre*

It was a success and the exhibition received a genuinely positive review. The result from the exhibition was more than surprising. The exhibition got mentioned in the Ontario legislature and from here on the exhibition will enter history. It was equally worth celebrating when University of Toronto library requested the exhibition to continue its showing at the library for an extra two weeks.

The exhibition was only the physical part of a concept in the making. In essence, the real meaning of the exhibition was its effort in education. This method of education allowed the students to absorb knowledge in a free style manner. It offered the students room to explore, room to exercise their skills and most importantly they were allowed to learn at their own pace while exercising their ingenuity and creativity. The painting exhibition is only a tool to introduce this concept of education.

Through the preparation of this painting exhibition, we learnt more about unity and togetherness, tolerance and harmony. It is encouraging. I need to offer my gratitude to both our teachers, Sir Anthony Ho and Sir Laurence Tam, for their continuous guidance.

Finally, I also made an excellent discovery about the true meaning of “Wah Yan Spirit.” It is “Truth through Chaos.” But then my friends, that is another story.

### Philip Lee, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba

On 4<sup>th</sup> August 2009 His Excellency Philip Lee 李紹麟 (WYK 1960) took office as Manitoba's 24<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Governor. Philip graduated from Wah Yan College, Kowloon and immigrated to Canada in early 1960s where he continued his education and then worked as the city's chief chemist.

The announcement of his appointment came as he was attending the class of 1960 mini-reunion with his WYK buddies, a group called “Cheetahs and Friends,” in Toronto from 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June. Click for [photos](#) and [article](#).

“For decades, Mr. Lee has played an integral role in Winnipeg’s cultural community and has been widely recognized for his efforts in promoting a positive cultural awareness among Canadians of all ethnic and cultural backgrounds. As such, he is well prepared to assume this prominent role as the Queen’s representative in our province and will bring an exciting dynamic to this office.” - Statement by then Manitoba Premier, Gary Doer.

See congratulation messages [1](#) and [2](#). Videos from TV broadcasts [1](#) and [2](#) can be viewed here.

*Philip, (standing 3<sup>rd</sup> right) in Toronto for Class of 1960 reunion*



### NCI Winery Tour

Building on last year’s successful winery tour, WYKAAO presented an encore trip; this time to the renowned Niagara Culinary Institute on 27<sup>th</sup> June. Tour of their wine making facility and wine tasting in the morning were followed by a delicious lunch in a leisurely pace that lasted until the mid afternoon. Click to see photo albums [1](#), [2](#) and [3](#) here.



*Left - Wine tasting  
Below - Toasting the President at lunch*



### Class of 1957 Reunion & Networking Dinner

Over forty people attended the Class '57 Reunion/WYKAAO Networking dinner on 18<sup>th</sup> July. Dr. Desmond Wong from Hawaii gave a presentation on cancers with some professional and enlightening viewpoints on the topic. The audience has already requested him back next year for a follow-up talk.

Mr. Anthony Ho gave an update on the latest development of the education system in Hong Kong, leading to the Fr. Kelly Educational Fund and the latest exhibitions of the Cradle of New Chinese Ink Painting Movement in Toronto. Classmates of '57 and other WYKAAO members mingled and chatted while enjoying a delicious dinner in a warmest atmosphere. Click [here](#) for photos.

*Class of 1957 with Dr. Desmond Wong (standing middle)*



**Terry Fox Run**

September 13<sup>th</sup> - It was a perfect day for Terry Fox Run, Marathon of Hope to find a cure for cancer. WYKAAO once again participated in the event at the Markham/Unionville site. Click [here](#) to see the pictures. John Ho ('65), who took part in the First Run in the 80s, was part of our team; he and his wife were visiting from Hong Kong. Jeff's brother and his family were visiting from Vancouver; they joined our great WYKAAO team as well. We collectively raised over \$4,600 so far this year. A big THANK YOU for your generous support!



Team WYKAAO



**Visitors From Afar**

Wahyanites visiting us in the summer from Hong Kong were our former Director Eddie Lau (2002), Simon Mak and James Wan, both of 1967. To celebrate his birthday while vacationing in Toronto, James threw a dinner banquet (click for [photos](#)) for his relatives and school friends. A surprise guest at his party was the former WYK football star So Wai-lum (1966) alias 細蘇 visiting from Hong Kong. Also visiting were members of the class of 1965, Francis Choi, Francis Ho and John Ho (click for photo albums [1](#), [2](#)).



Simon Mak (sitting 1<sup>st</sup> right)



Eddie Lau (left) greeted by President David



Mr. & Mrs. James Wan



Wahyanites at James' party



Class of 1965



Class of 1965 with spouses at Gus' residence

## Dinner for Fr. Stephen Chow

On 24<sup>th</sup> July, alumni of both Wah Yans jointly hosted a welcome dinner for Fr. Stephen Chow, S.J. Over 50 people from both Ontario chapters attended the event. Fr. Chow, Supervisor of both Wah Yans, brought the group a lot of updates on our respective schools. He also discussed some of the issues both schools are facing under the current social situations and education system in Hong Kong.

The document of the “Profile of the Jesuit Student at Graduation for the Chinese Province,” which Fr. Chow presented during the dinner, can be downloaded [here](#).

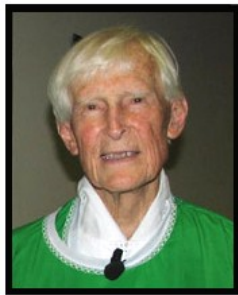
Follow the links to see the [pictures](#), a [video](#) of the dinner gathering, and what Fr. Chow [wrote](#) afterwards.

*Fr. Chow briefing guests on both Wah Yans*



*Fr. Chow with WYCHKOOA President Sunny So (left) & our President David*

## Milestones



### Father Thomas O'Neill, S.J. (1924~2009) R.I.P.

Father O'Neil taught at WYK from 1957 to 1961. Father Gerald Tseng writes from Singapore, “...(Father O'Neill) passed away on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> (August). He was not feeling well on that day and he died in his bed after teatime.”

His former students share their fond memories of him. Please click [here](#) to read. Visit <http://wyk62.mysinablog.com/> for the biography of Father O'Neill by Paul Lee and photos in memory of Father O'Neill.

### Louis Lau, R.I.P.

Louis of Class '57 left us on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009 after putting up a strong fight against cancer. His family was there by his side. Trained as a chemist, Louis turned into a successful farmer.

An ardent supporter of WYKAAO, he could be seen in many of our functions over the years and was featured as the keynote speaker in many occasions. We remember his forever-friendly personality, his cheerful presence at our functions and his hospitality in offering his farmstead for our annual picnics.

A prolific writer, he was a regular contributor to our newsletter. A collection of his articles is now available for viewing on our website's “[Feature](#)” section.



### Mrs. Annie Ko (高李端容女士) (1911~2009) R.I.P.

Mrs. Ko who was fondly referred to as the “Fat Madam” by her pupils passed away on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009 in Hong Kong. She taught at Wah Yan Kowloon from 1945 to 1975 and will certainly be missed by all her former students. “高太貴從容,” remarked one of them. Here is the [letter of condolence](#) from His Excellency Philip Lee.



*Mrs. Ko as we remember her from the '60s*

## WYCHK 90 / WYK 85 Anniversaries

The anniversaries will be celebrated with a Gratitude Dinner on 13<sup>th</sup> December at the Grand Hall of the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Please follow the [link](#) for more details.

To celebrate WYK's 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary, WYKAAO is producing a video on the history of our alma mater, titled "Moments in Time" which will be premiered at our AGM on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

## Scholastic Achievement Award Recipients Updates

Year	Recipient	Father	Updates
2007	Adrian	Philip Kwok	--
	Elaine	Simon Chau	3 <sup>rd</sup> year co-op Architecture student at University of Waterloo, Currently in 2 <sup>nd</sup> work term in a Toronto Architecture firm
2006	Stephanie	Philip Yang	Attending medical school at the University of Alberta
	Thomas	George Cheng	Final Year at Queen's University majoring in Economics
	Amanda	Bill Fok	Final Year co-op student at University of Waterloo majoring in Mathematics and Accounting
2004	Albert Fung	N/A	--
	Eddie Lau	N/A	Completed master's degree in law in 2009 from City University of Hong Kong, Currently focusing on pre-PCLL courses leading to qualification as a lawyer
2003	Victoria	Sandy Ng	Master's degree student in Media in The New School in New York, USA
	Diane	Pat Lai	Pharmacy student at University of Toronto
	Alan Leong	N/A	Working in Global Payments
	Karen	John Kan	Final year of Clinical Engineering master's programme at University of Toronto. Recently finished an internship at World Health Organisation, Geneva, Switzerland
2002	Cory	Peter Wong	Working in market research for the IPSOS group
	Richard	Wilfred Wong	--
	Ronald	Jimmy Chan	Working as computer engineers at Broadcom Co, Irving, California, USA
	Yolanda	Paul Li	Graduated 2009 from University of Toronto Dental School Working as an associate dentist in Mississauga
2001	Jamie	Peter Au	Graduated 2009 from law school and is articling in a Toronto law firm
	Lawrence	John Ho	Working at RBC in risk management
	Ricky Yiu	N/A	--
2000	Ernest	Joseph Wong	Working as human resources specialist at IKEA Canadian Head Office, Burlington,
	Sung-Hon	Andrew Wu	Working as software development engineer in Microsoft, Seattle, Washington, USA

NB Only showing 2009 graduations

## WYKAAO Scholastic Achievement Award Application Form

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

(Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle) \_\_\_\_\_ (Chinese if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Form 5 year in Wah Yan College, Kowloon \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (fax) \_\_\_\_\_

Last Secondary School attended \_\_\_\_\_

School Activities / Awards \_\_\_\_\_

College/University enrolled in September, 2009 \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Grandfather/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ WYK Form 5 Year \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)  
(circle applicable)

Signatures \_\_\_\_\_  
Father/Grandfather/Guardian (if applicable) Applicant

Date \_\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yyyy)

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## AGM 2009 Attendance & Director Nomination Form

### 1. Attendance

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year (Form 5) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (office) \_\_\_\_\_

(cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (fax) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I will be attending the AGM and / or dinner on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2009  
(circle applicable)

I will not be attending the AGM, and I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ or in his absence, the  
current Secretary of WYKAAO, as my proxy

### 2. Director Nomination

I hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_ Year (Form 5) \_\_\_\_\_ to the post of Director of WYKAAO for 2009~2010 and I have his consent to serve the nomination. Nomination will close on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

Enclosed please find my cheque of Can \$10.00 being my membership fee for 2009~2010.

Please make your cheque payable to 'Wah Yan Kowloon Alumni Ontario' and mail to WYKAAO's official address at 30 Covewood Street, North York, Ontario M2M 2Z1.