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Official Newsletter of WYKAAO

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Merry Christmas and happy new year!



From the Board of Directors 2007~2008 –
 David Wong ('64): President
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Kelvin Chan ('94), Herman Sham ('05), Andrew Tang ('65), Victor Tong ('67), Peter Wong ('62)



Message from the President

2007 marks a year of great personal challenge. I have the great opportunity to be selected as the president of WYKAAO. Besides from taking pride in accepting this position, it is obvious I have a lot of people to thank for.

Most of us get involved with the Alumni Association because of the pride in our old school, our loyalty towards one another and the warm sense of belonging. I would like to invite all members of our association to keep a closer touch with us and I certainly would enjoy the privilege to know everyone better in the future.

I also have to thank all the directors for giving their relentless support to make the work easier. My sincere thanks also go to Mr. Ho for his direction.

We will put our heads together for a brighter year.

With regards,
 David Wong

Annual General Meeting 2007

Louis Lau speaking



The AGM for our 25th session was successfully held on November 3rd at the Empire Legendary Oriental Cuisine. Louis Lau (1957) presented a very interesting talk on Wah Yan and the titbits of Chinese culture. Adrian, son of Philip Kwok

(1968) and Elaine, daughter of Simon Chau (1971) were the recipients of the Scholastic Achievement Award. Members of the classes of 1957, 1967, 1977 and 1997 were honoured with certificates and souvenirs. Enjoying the wonderful evening with us were not only just our members and families but also friends of Louis Lau and joint schools.

Class of 1977



Class of 1967


Valentine Ball 2008

Date: Saturday, February 9th 2008

Venue: Sheraton Parkway North Hotel.

Price: \$88

The Organising Committee under the leadership of our past president Kelvin Chan has been working hard for almost a year to bring you yet another enjoyable evening of sumptuous food, live entertainment and ballroom dancing. Please give him all the support you can by buying tickets and advertising in the programme book. Please do not forget to mark your calendar, bring your loved ones and join us for this memorable night out. You can e-mail us at ValentineBall@wykontario.org for advertisement and ticket information.

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Class Notes

Class of 1967

Classmates from all over the world gathered together in Hong Kong from November 16th to 23rd to celebrate the 40th graduation anniversary of the class of 1967. The week-long event started out with a welcome dinner, followed by a session at WYK when classmate Herman Wong How-man gave an account of his journey of discovery of the source of Yangtze River. Our own tour of discovery began with a 3-day trip to Macau and Guangdong Province, and then it was back to Hong Kong for an evening at the Happy Valley tracks as well as a day-long tour of Hong Kong. The finale event, the farewell dinner on the 23rd, was held exactly 40 years to the day of the class's speech day back in 1967. Chief organisers of the reunion were Sonny Poon, James Wan, Simon Mak and Joseph Lau while James and Simon were also the main sponsors of some of the activities.

Class of 1967 assembled in the school hall



Trip to Guangdong

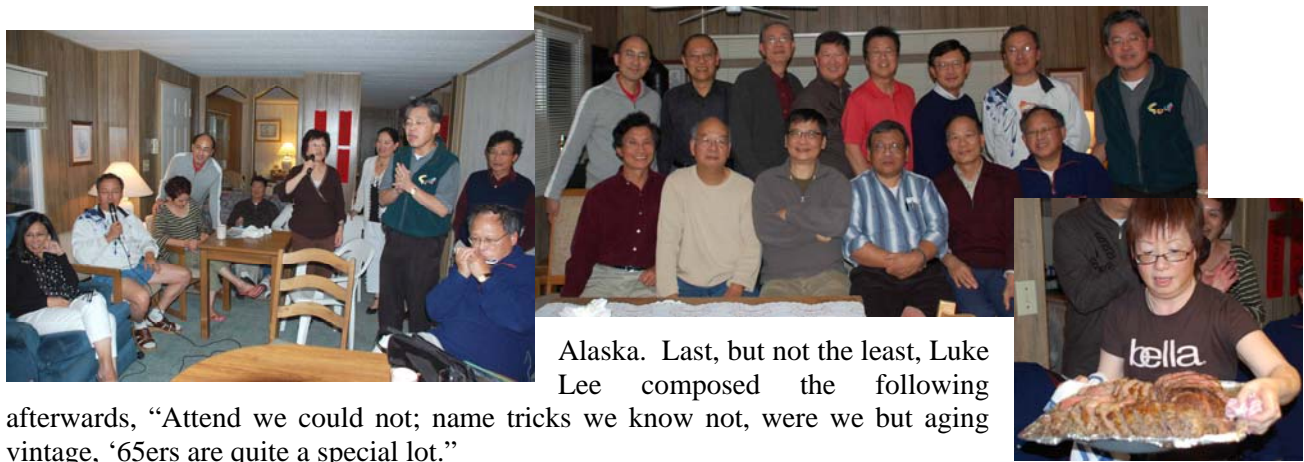
Following the success of the Hong Kong reunion, ten local members of the class held their reunion in Toronto on December 5th. Identifying classmates from the scores of pictures from the Hong Kong reunion and reminiscing the good old WYK days made it a fun-filled evening for all.



Class of 1967 Toronto reunion

Class of 1965

The class of 1965 has been holding annual gatherings in North America since 2003. This year it was organized by Francis Ho at Sidney-by-the-Sea in Victoria, B.C. from October 5th to 8th. Twenty-two participants stayed at the Cedarwood Resort for the duration of the event. Before the participants said farewell to each other, Bonbon Hu volunteered to organise rhapsody 2008, which has now been scheduled on board the Princess Diamond for an Alaskan cruise from the September 13th to 20th 2008 from Vancouver to Whittier,



Alaska. Last, but not the least, Luke Lee composed the following afterwards, “Attend we could not; name tricks we know not, were we but aging vintage, ‘65ers are quite a special lot.”

Class of 1964

Their scheduled November 2008 reunion is proceeding as planned. Please stay tuned for more information.

Wah Yan One Family Walkathon

WYKAAO represented by Pat Lai & Mr. Laurence Tam (1st & 2nd left)

Chief Executive Donald Tsang Yam-kuen chose to celebrate his 63rd birthday with a long walk with former schoolmates. He participated in the Wah Yan One Family Walkathon 2007 yesterday (October 7th), which raised HK\$40 million for his college.



Alumni and friends of Wah Yan College, including Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Stephen Lam Sui-lung, Democratic Party founding chairman Martin Lee Chu-ming, Hospital Authority chairman Anthony Wu Ting-yuk and Macau tycoon Stanley Ho Hung-sun joined the walk from the college's Kowloon campus to the Hong Kong campus. Many of the 2,500 participants wore the souvenir polo-shirt or a white shirt.

The walkathon began at 9.30am after the opening ceremony. The first ferry carrying participants crossed the harbor at 10.30am. The whole function ended at about 1pm.

Source – Hong Kong Standard

WYKAAO was represented by our former Vice President Pat Lai (1972) and Mr. Laurence Tam at the Walkathon. A cheque of C\$500 was donated to the Foundation on our behalf. The Board of Directors has recently approved a motion to donate the net proceeds from a yet to name event during the current session to the Wah Yan One Family Foundation.

Upcoming Events

Open Board Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, January 17th, 2008 at the Empire Legendary Oriental Cuisine at 7:30 PM. All are welcome.

Spring Banquet

The 2008 Spring Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 1st at the Empire Legendary Oriental Cuisine. Details will be available soon.

Annual General Meeting and WYKAAO's 25th Anniversary Celebration

WYKAAO's 25th anniversary will be celebrated at our 2008 Annual General Meeting on Saturday, November 1st. Please wait for further information.

Membership Dues

We thank those members who paid their 2007~2008 membership fee of \$10. We would appreciate others to send in their dues to support your association. Our mailing address can be found on page 1.

Other News

Mr. Anthony Ho

Mr. Ho has finished his radiation treatment and surgery and is now in the rehab phase. We are pleased to report that the latest tests are all negative and he is on his road to full recovery. Mr. Ho would like to thank Wahyanites and friends for their help and concerns throughout the difficult period.

Mr. Wilson Hsueh

Mr. Hsueh is recovering well in the hospital after complications from his fall in November. Many of his former students have since visited him. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Laurence Tam

Mr Tam wrote, ‘The innovative spirit of Wah Yan College, Kowloon and the works of the students of WYK have caught the attention of the people at Guangzhou... Glad to tell you that the opening of the "Cradle of New Chinese Ink Painting Movement" exhibition at Guangzhou Youths' Palace turned out to be another success...' The exhibitions will visit Vancouver in 2009.

Exhibition Opening ceremony



Fr. George Zee, S.J.

Fr. Zee is recovering from his throat cancer and he wrote the following on the American Thanksgiving Day, "...Glad that you are getting the Voice Enhancer (for me). I think I'll depend on that for quite a while...Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. I have so much to be thankful for, to you and to sooooo many caring friends and relatives. Also to God for the whole experience of this part of my journey in life! God bless you all!"

Fr. Zee (3rd rt) at Wah Yan One Family Walkathon



Speech Day

The Guest of Honour of Speech Day 2007 held on November 16th was Professor Yue-chim Richard Wong (1968), Deputy Vice Chancellor and Provost of the University of Hong Kong. Here are the results of the 2007 public examinations –

Hong Kong Advanced Level Examinations:

Distinctions 32	Credits 156	Passes 184
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Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examinations:

Grades	5	5~4	3~2
Chinese Language	10	66	118
English Language	8	84	105

Grades	A	B~C	D~E
Other Subjects	114	473	535

Source – Speech Day Programme 2006~2007

Jesuits in Canada Centennial 1907~2007

Source – The Jesuit Bulletin 2007

After almost 300 years of service to this country since the early 1600s, on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, 7 June 1907, by the decree of the Superior General of the Society of Jesus – the “Jesuits in Canada” officially became the “Jesuit Province of Canada.” Today the Jesuit Province of Canada comprises of the “French Canadian Province” based in Montréal and the “Jesuits in English Canada” headquartered in Toronto. Over the years both provinces have co-operated on many projects and this year, both are celebrating a common beginning 100 years ago.