

## September 1998

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Dear WYK members:

It has been some time since we last touched base with you. Please accept our apologies. We promise that we will keep our members posted of events, news and whatever related to Wah Yan on a regular basis. Anthony Ho, teacher/Asst. Principal 57-76, has offered his time and effort to carry out our promise. Recent events and news include the following.

1. Fr. Deignan and Fr. Zee passed through Toronto after attending the 6th Wah Yan International Conference in Calgary. (Joseph Wong, Bosco Leung and Sonny Sie were there.) They were accompanied by Mr. George Tam, WYHK principal, Mr. Raymond Yu, former Asst. Principal WYHK and Mr. Philip Ching, a staunch promoter of the Wah Yan past student world -wide movement. Fr. Deignan had been principal at both schools for many years. Fr. Zee, who was a school captain in his student days at WYK and first WYK graduate to be ordained a Jesuit, is now supervisor.

A welcoming dinner was held on August 5th, 1998 at New World Seafood Restaurant. It was well attended by both Wah Yan students, their families, and staff. Dinner time was the time Hong Kong School Certificate Examination Results were announced. Good news was phoned in. First came WYHK. They had a student scoring 9 straight A's. Then WYK followed with two students with 10 straight A's. For details, visit WYK website at <http://www.wyk.edu.hk/>. The land deal of the cement field was not approved by the SAR government because of traffic consideration at Wylie Road. Thus, our school was deprived of a huge resource of funds for improving the quality of education of our students. We also learned that Fr. Naylor has reached retirement age but is still teaching at school. Fr. Farren is now teaching part-time. Mr. Francis Kong is on extension, and this will be his last year teaching his English classes. We hope he will visit Toronto, meeting with his students and correcting their English too!

After dinner, Fr. Deignan, Fr. Zee and Yip Wah Ying, ('86), representing Hong Kong WYKPSA chatted with a group of committee members about the future of WYK Alumni Association. There was a fruitful exchange of ideas. A subsequent meeting was held on Wednesday, September 16, 1998. The attendees were Victor Tong ('68), Joseph Wong ('67), Dermot Chan ('65), Gabriel Wong ('85), Peter Wong ('62), Sandy Ng ('67), Patrick Lai ('72), Hans Cheung ('87) and Anthony Ho. The following events were discussed.

<b>October 13, 1998, Tuesday</b>	sos dinner meeting
<b>November 28, 1998, Saturday</b>	AGM
<b>February, 1999</b>	Valentine's Ball
<b>June, 1999</b>	80/75 Anniversary

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  1. SOS dinner meeting will be held at New World Seafood Restaurant at Victoria Park Ave. at 7.00 PM. It is an appeal to all members to come to offer their input to revitalize our association. We need a broad consensus how the AGM should be conducted. We need help in updating our membership database. We need help to disseminate our news, to locate graduates and to promote our association. We need IT expertise. Dinner cost would be around \$20.00 per person. Peter Wong has already made reservation for us. If you can spare two and a half hour of your valuable time to share your beautiful thoughts with us on Tuesday, October 13, 1998, please kindly call Anthony Ho at (416) 222 3020 or drop him a line at [wyk@yesic.com](mailto:wyk@yesic.com).
  2. AGM Will there be just business and dinner, or business, dinner and much more? Your call.
  3. Valentine's Ball. It is a well established and organized event. WYHK will be the host. We will be actively participating. It will be a learning experience for future events. Joseph

- Wong has been representing us to attend their meetings and preparation activities.
4. 80/75 Anniversary. 1999 will be HKWY's 80th Anniversary and our 75th. A joint function will be held in June. We want this to be a most successful event before we leap forward to the 21st century. To look into the future, we hope the two Wah Yans will merge. The bigger, the better!

We will work closely with WYHK but as their human resources have mostly been committed to their planned activities, we will have to mobilize all our talents.

Tentatively, the dinner will be held at a hotel, buffet style, to allow more people flow and mix. Victor Tong suggested Radisson Hotel at Eglinton and Don Valley Parkway. We need computer technology to hold presentations and live link with our alma mater. We need ideas. We need people. Most importantly, we need YOU!

Yours sincerely,

Victor & Committee