



# Wah Yan College Kowloon Alumni Association of Ontario

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## Valentine Ball 2003 – “Cherish”



Canossian College Toronto Alumnae, the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Joint Schools Alumni Valentine Ball will be held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Saturday, February, 15. Ticket price is \$80 per person.

Hosted by the Sacred Heart

## WYKAAO 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1983~2003

2003 is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WYKAAO. Our association was founded in February, 1983 with Raymond Kwong as the first President. This significant landmark in our history will be celebrated throughout the year with activities. Please stay tuned for further news.

To mark the occasion of our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we have planned to publish a commemorative booklet. Please help us to strengthen its content. We are looking for photographs of our functions, especially those taken in the 1980s and early 1990s. Please share them with us.

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## A Small Monthly Contribution Makes a Great Difference – WYK Fund Raising



2002 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Waterloo Road Campus of Wah Yan College Kowloon but recent visits to the School make Wahyanites realise that maintaining a 50-year campus is not easy and there are problems faced by the School now. Please visit the WYK fund raising web site at

## Executive Committee 2002~2003

At the first Board of Directors meeting of the 2002~2003 session on 17 December 2002, the following members were elected to the Executive Committee which will be responsible for leading our association into its 20<sup>th</sup> year.

Kelvin Chan	1994	President
Kelvin Ng	1995	Vice President
Ambrose Li	1986	Secretary
Simon Chau	1971	Treasurer
Chris Tam	1977	Membership Director
Joseph C. Wong	1967	International Convenor

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## Board Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held at 8 PM, Tuesday, 28 January at Trustwell Realty, 3600 Victoria Park Ave. All members are welcome.

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Please make sure to bring your loved ones to join us for a romantic evening of good food, live music, great fun and cherish the memories of those good old days. Please call Kelvin Chan at 416-918-2625 to reserve your tickets.

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## Spring Banquet 2003 春茗

The annual Spring Banquet is back again this year on Saturday, March 8 at New World Palace Restaurant. Price is \$40 per person and \$20 for children under 12. Proceeds will go to WYK maintenance fund.

For those who love the excitement of gaming, there will be both mahjong and big 2 competitions. The entry fee is \$10. Mahjong starts at 3 PM and big 2 starts at 5. Dinner is at 7 PM. Please contact us for your reservation.

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[http://wyk.edu.hk/Wah\\_Yan\\_Leaflet\\_6pages.pdf](http://wyk.edu.hk/Wah_Yan_Leaflet_6pages.pdf) for more detail. 待修葺。



Paper lobster created by Mr. K. K. Mui & donated to WYKAAO for school fund raising project

Our Board of Directors has made a resolution to support WYKPSA's effort in raising fund for Wah Yan Kowloon's campus maintenance and renovations. WYKAAO's fund raising project will tie in with our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Again please stay tuned for further news of our fund raising initiatives. Let us work together to make this worthwhile cause a success for our beloved alma mater.

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**華仁需要你支持** 區樂民  
蘋果日報 2 December 2002

十二歲那年，我入讀九龍華仁書院。第一天上課，怕遲到，提早了很多回校。踏進校園，但見工友忙於打掃，三數同學坐在長椅談天，人數最多的，竟是公公婆婆。班主任說，校方認為該區的休憩地方不足，因此容許附近居民在上課前到學校做早操。從那天起，我喜歡這所學校，喜歡她的慷慨和包容。能夠在華仁接受教育，實是福氣。我遇上許多出色的老師，即使那個曾罰我站在課室門外的老師，也是一個值得敬佩的人。

九龍華仁在窩打老道的校舍，今年是五十周年紀念。五十年的風吹雨打，許多地方變得破舊，有

歷史悠久的校舍並不容易維持，開支甚鉅。曾有人提議把學校轉直資，問題便可解決，但耶穌會已清楚表明不會這樣做，因為服務貧苦大眾是他們的重要職責，若轉直資，高昂的學費會把低收入家庭的孩子摒諸門外。

如果你認同華仁的辦學理念，想作實質支持，請把捐款以劃線支票寄往九龍窩打老道五十六號九龍華仁書院，支票抬頭請寫「Fr. Kelly Educational Fund Ltd.」，多少無拘，一百元或以上可申請免稅。學校的師生建立了一個資料詳盡的網頁，值得一看，網址為 [www.wyk.edu.hk](http://www.wyk.edu.hk)。

如果你是華仁舊生，不用我多說，你也應該知道怎樣做吧！

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**九華維修冀名人校友救急**  
卓妮 東方日報

已有七十八年歷史的老牌名校九龍華仁書院，舊生會正號召校友飲水思源，為母校「延續光輝歲月、造福下一代」出力。九華名人輩出，港交所主席李業廣、思捷環球主席邢李源、電盈副主席袁天凡等，均是九華校友，相信都會「識做」鼎力支持為母校救急。

擬發展住宅遭否決事緣窩打老道的校舍已建校半世紀，維修費用高昂，九華舊生會刊登廣告直言重回母校時，「赫然發現一切已經不復當年」，又指要維持五十年歷史的校舍「實非易事」，公開向校友以及支持九華的好友募捐。

校友之一的立法會議員涂謹申對卓妮話，有一次巧遇母校蘇中平校長，亦提及校舍維修費用高昂，如課室使用的古老落地玻璃窗，維修又難又貴。其實，九華一直希望籌款維修及興建新設施，去年便曾向政府提出與地產商合作，把一小部分學校土地發展為住宅及興建小學，但遭城規會否決。

不過，有校友向卓妮表白，九華舊生大多是「中產」，但這批「中產近年又慘變「負資產」。大低料及募捐經費會有點困難，舊生會的廣告情辭懇切，並特製九華校園舊照 網址

(<http://ibank.wyk.edu.hk/>)，讓各方好友重溫昔日點滴，希望集結一分一毫，為九華將來爭一點光。如想出一份力，可致電 2384 1038。

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**Xavier House Renovation**



Many Wahyanites can recall the retreats they made in Cheung Chau's Xavier House. The Ignatian Spiritual Centre, opened in 1952, is now in a dire state of repair. WYKAAO has pledged the sum of C\$500 to the Xavier House Renovation Fund.

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### In Praise of Wahyanites –

Fr. Peter Brady, S. J.



Fr. Brady, who used to teach English and Ethics in WYK and author of the Ethics

textbook “實踐倫理學”，now retired to his native Ireland recently wrote to our former Assistant Principal Mr. Anthony Ho, “... I see how lucky we were to have



grandparents had faced such enormous difficulties and worked so hard and made so many sacrifices for the good of their children. I remember well the great hardships that most people had to face in 1952 and when Hong Kong grew more prosperous there were other kinds of difficulties to overcome, the people met them with the same courage and patience and often with good humour. We were indeed fortunate to be teaching the children of such parents.”

### History of WYK Rediscovered –

Fr. Thomas Ryan, S. J. \*



“...Wah Yan College was a completely Chinese school which had been founded by two Chinese Catholic gentlemen, and was a flourishing institution when it was taken over in 1932 by the Irish Jesuits. The College had a branch in Kowloon which remained under the direction of its original founders. It was a junior school and did not cater for pupils in the two concluding years of their secondary education. In order to complete its work, a "Wah Yan College, Kowloon, Senior Branch" was established in 1941 and opened its classes in September. It was situated on a road called Austin Road, which opened off the central highway of Kowloon, Nathan Road, not far from its busiest section. It was administered under the direction of the Rector of Wah Yan, Hong Kong<sup>1</sup>, with Fr. Richard Gallagher, for many years Rector of the original Wah Yan, as Prefect of Studies. Fr. Patrick Joy, who had succeeded Fr. Thomas Cooney as Jesuit Mission Superior, had also taken up his residence in this house. Other members of the staff were Fr. Charles Daly, Minister and one scholastic, Mr. Joseph McAsey...”

<sup>1</sup> Fr. Edward Bourke, S. J.

\* Ryan, Thomas F. *Jesuits Under Fire, in the Siege of Hong Kong 1941*. New York: The Spiritual Book Associates, 1941.

### Mr. Francis Kong's Concert –

Simon Chau '71

During my recent visit to Hong Kong in November/December, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to attend the above concert and the donation was for the



Francis Kong Educational Fund. About 80% of the seats in the school hall were filled by alumni and parents. Performances were by Mr. Francis Kong and School Choirs. Mr. Kong had done a few translations of English poems to Chinese. Since he had a minor stroke in September, his memories on some of his well known English



poems were somewhat affected and could not recall some of them. All alumni were invited to go up to the stage and joined Mr. Kong and the School Choirs to sing the last song. At the end of the performance, he was very emotional to thank the group for supporting the event. Overall, it was a well received one.

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## WYKAAO Wants You!

To celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are planning to organise a number of functions throughout the year. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Kelvin

Chan at 416-918-2625 or e-mail us at [wahyan@wykontario.org](mailto:wahyan@wykontario.org).

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### Looking for Eric Lau '74

David Cheng, a WYK alumnus here in town, is looking for his long lost

school friend Eric Lau. His last known address was at the University of Guelph. If you know Eric's whereabouts, please contact Kelvin Chan.

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## Well Done Wah Yan

According to Sing Tao Daily News, Wah Yan Kowloon is placed third after Queen's College and Wah Yan Hong Kong in the School Certificate examination in the last 25 years. The results of the 2 Wah Yans speak for themselves and no doubt reflect the success of quality Jesuit education. Here is the list of the top 10 schools.

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2 香港華仁書院							1	1	1		1	1	3	1	2		2	1				2			16	
3 九龍華仁書院	1	1		2						1	2	1					1	1	2				1		13	
4 拔萃男書院				1		2	2	3					1							1		1	1		12	
5 拔萃女書院				1		1					1	1	1										2	3	10	
6 聖保羅男女中學					1			3					1				1		1		1	1			9	
7 喇沙書院			1		1			1															4		7	
8 聖若瑟書院											2													4	6	
9 陳瑞喇沙中學															1					1	2	1			5	
10 瑪利諾修院中學											1		1										2		4	

