



Wah Yan College Kowloon Alumni Association of Ontario

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Spring Banquet

Saturday, March 4th, 2000

7:00 PM

Scarborough Grand Seafood Restaurant

23 Glen Watford Drive, Unit 9, Scarborough

Cost: \$35.00 per person

It is the time of the year that we would have Spring Banquet to celebrate the auspicious beginning of a new year and have a good time with our buddies. There would not be a better time to meet with the former staff of our alma mater residing in Ontario and share good memories of our student days. Peter Wong and Sonny Sie promised that we would have a delicious meal which includes the legendary "Budda Jumping the Wall". Make a few calls and come with yours and your classmates. Good food and good company will be the order of the evening.

Please contact us before February 19, 2000, by email, by fax or by phone to help Peter and Sonny to work out the details. Thank you and see you.

Activities Update

Valentine Ball - February 12, 2000

Joseph Wong said, "Please call me in the evening at 905-510-8288 for the remaining few tickets." He would also like to thank those who worked so hard to sell tickets and solicit advertisements for the programme book. It means we can expect some revenue generated from this event.

International Conference - Aug. 4~6, 2000

We know for sure that Victor Tong, Gus Yeung, Sonny Sie and Joseph Wong have planned to attend. There are at least half a dozen more seriously considering going for their summer holiday.

Soccer Match with HKWY - August

Tim Kwan, Pat Lai, Dermot Chan and Ray Chan with the support of all players are making plans to win again this summer.

Activities in the making

Youth Programme

Cedric Ko and Kelvin Ng, our student members of the Board of Directors will propose a programme for the younger generation at the next meeting on March 27, 2000. Ideas are needed.



Welcoming the Moon Cruise

Dermot has reported to the Board that we would need 250 people at \$40.00 per person to make the event feasible. The cost includes dinner and cruise in the evening in a boat all to ourselves. Directors would like to have input from members before deciding on this major function at the March meeting.

Progress Report on Survey on WYK

Up to the press time, 80 responses have been returned. These came from alumni in Hong Kong, UK, US, other provinces of Canada, and of course, Ontario. More responses are coming back and the final result will be sent out individually to the respondents and published in our newsletter. Here are some of the comments submitted:

"It should be noted that this is from remote memory of 35 years ago, and I am not that sure of its accuracy. When I look back to those years, I am still impressed with the academic environment. Teaching in speaking English is less satisfactory, and I was not prepared at all when I started my career in Canada." (52~55)

"I've always considered those 7 years at WYK were my best, most enjoyable, and most memorable years in my life, as a learner and as an adolescent." (69~76)

"For the fourth item, 'committed'? I think most of us ask the question 'What is in for ME?' more often than thinking of 'commitment'." (78~82)

"The entire HK educational system is geared very much against independent, creative, and critical thinking. Instead, it's tons of rote memorization." (80~85)

"Assuming that the people I knew are representative of the students in general, most students probably enjoy their days in school because of friendship of the other students, as opposed to directly because of the teaching---that would mean WYK provides an environment that is favourable to student activity, though not necessarily good teaching. These said, I am aware that the environment that WYK provides is in fact very good." " Back when I was in WYK, the notion of 'nation' was not really relevant, but I think that WYK had always tried to immerse students in politics in its various student clubs and societies activities." (81~87)

"There was a lack of 'learning team work' and 'flexibility in selecting course' during my WYK years. For example, I learned how to write exams, but I did not learn how to work in teams." (88~91)

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Members' Corner

Peter Au Wai Lum ('66) has new programmes at US/Canada Sinocast Radio Station. Check him out and enjoy.

John Ho Yun Kuen ('65), now working in Hong Kong, came back to pay his membership dues!

Back to Hong Kong are Tony Wan ('91), Carmelo Leung ('61) and Miss Monica Tang (teacher, 78~94). We wish them every success.

Stephen Chu Chi Keung ('52) has been in hospital since November, 99 after a severe stroke. We wish him speedy recovery.

We welcome Alan Leung (F4, 99~00) to Toronto and hope he finds school life here as enjoyable as at WYK.

Brief stay in town in the new year were Martin Lee Chu Ming and Mr. Ronald Lee, school secretary from 1962~97. They found people here warm-hearted but the Canadian winter icy.

Maryknoll Convent School



MCS is celebrating their Diamond Jubilee this year. Together with Maryknoll Sisters School Alumnae, the Maryknoll Convent School (Former Girls) Association in Toronto have invited 12 nuns to attend a Fundraising Gala on April 8, 2000 to raise funds for the retired Maryknoll nuns. Tickets are @\$75.00. We appeal to those who have MCS connections to support their project.

Wah Yan Spirit at work

Wah Yan Kowloon has one of the biggest campuses in Hong Kong. Students enjoy the spacious grounds. With funding based on the number of students in a school, WYK has been under a tight budget to keep all student activities going for many years. As a result, physical maintenance and hardware such as desks etc., are in need of constant urgent attention.

Class of '74 met in November in Hong Kong to raise funds to upgrade the facilities at school. Their target is to collect HK\$500,000.00 before March, 2000. Visit their web site <http://1974wyk.edu.hk> and learn how they go about it.

Fr. Kelly Educational Fund Ltd.

In 1988, a group of past students headed by Wilson Cheung, on celebrating their 30th anniversary of graduation, gathered together to form a trust fund in the form of a limited company to help raise funds for Wah Yan College Kowloon. In honour of their former Form-master Fr. James Kelly, the company is named Fr. Kelly Educational Fund Ltd.

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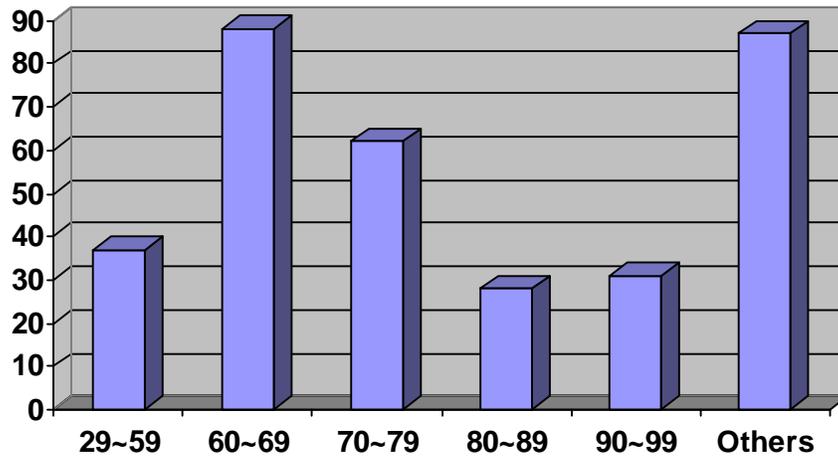
Fr. Kelly (56~58) at WYK

Mr. Hung York Choi (58~60), a new PE teacher in his first week at Wah Yan was walking his F1 boys down the stairs when F6 students charged past in PE uniforms. Fr. Kelly, a strict disciplinarian, rushed down from the 2nd floor to stop the noisy flow. He stopped the young teacher and lectured on keeping silence on the way to PE class. So, all new PE teachers carry a whistle.

Association Statistics

Members on Roster

Year	Number
29~59	37
60~69	88
70~79	62
80~89	28
90~99	31
Others	87
Total	333

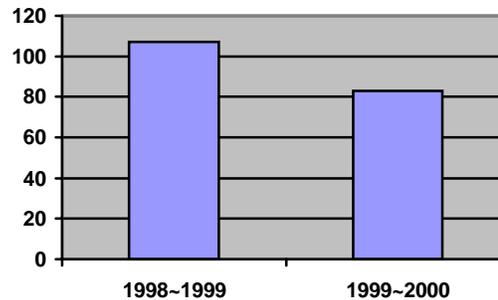


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Others are members who have relocated.

Membership Subscription

1998~1999	107
1999~2000	83



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Please send us your annual subscription of \$10.00 if you have not yet done so. Please make cheque payable to Wah Yan Kowloon Alumni. Thank you.