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郊遊賞花，燒烤大會

本會將於今年六月十一日《星期日》，舉行上述活動。

校友劉佐端歡迎同學是日參觀其農莊。

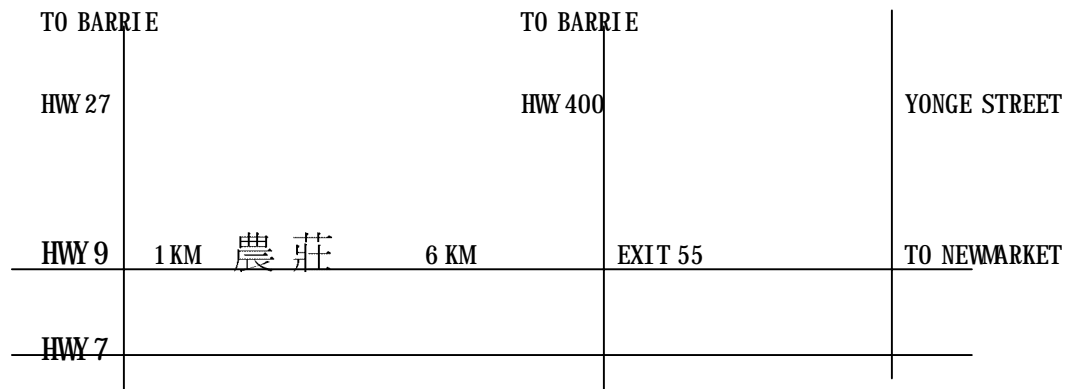
佐端兒時住農場，對大地泥土懷深厚感情。五七年畢業後，赴笈美國，攻讀化學。移居加拿大後，居住多倫多市北之農莊。數年前，前校長狄神父及現校監徐神父曾到一遊。對其農莊之規模及設備，甚為欣賞。參觀實驗室時，目睹其培植人參及靈芝之成果，更大為驚嘆。

據佐端云，六月為牡丹盛放之時，農莊栽培過千牡丹。有言：牡丹，花之富貴者也。九華才子名士，賞花詩歌之餘，與親友拍照留念，誠一樂事也。又或往鄰近農場選購時花，鮮蔬。此等鄉土情意，尤為都市中人珍惜。城市兒童親身體驗農場生活，甚具教育意義。

是日活動如下：同學可於二時三十分後，隨時到達。五時後，腹鼓雷鳴之際亦是燒烤之時。黃昏蚊群襲擊之前，同學們可勝利班車回城或可移師至佐端之豪華農舍，高歌歡唱 **karaoke!** 《唱片自備》

上述活動，歡迎同學及親友參加，每人收費五元，六歲以下兒童免費。到達後付款。請五月底前電郵或電本會報名。

佐端敬請參加者屆時穿長袖襯衫，長褲；自備摺椅或毛毯席地而坐。



N. B. THERE WILL BE BALLOONS OUTSIDE THE FARM AND SIGNS OF 九華



NEW Initiative

The Association has decided to set up an award to recognise the scholarship of members' children and wards.

It is named Wah Yan College Kowloon Scholastic Achievement Award (WYKSAA). It is worth \$100.00 each.

The rules are as follows:

"The Award is open to students whose aggregate total of their best six Ontario Academic Credits gained in 1998 ~ 2000 academic year is 480 or over and who will begin their post-secondary education in September, 2000.

Applicants must

- (1) have attended Wah Yan College Kowloon or
- (2) be the wards/children/grandchildren of current paid-up members of WYKAAO.

Application form together with a certified true copy of Ontario Secondary School Transcript should reach the registered office of WYKAAO on or before September 8th, 2000.

Decision of the Selection Committee is final. Successful candidates will be notified in October, 2000."

Application forms are obtainable upon request.

Functions

Through the effort of those who attended the Valentine Ball 2000 and those who placed or solicited advertisements for its programme book, we have a healthy income of \$1,916.80. The programme book jointly produced by the two Presidents of both Wah Yan Chapters was highly commended.

The Spring Banquet was held as planned though at a different restaurant. The one we chose was closed down by Toronto Health Inspectors just 48 hours before the set date. Final change of venue to New

World Restaurant saw only one participant missing. Christopher Yu from Lindsay went to the advertised venue! 49 diners had a good time. Math Quiz and Lucky draws were great fun. 9/10 from one table all received prizes from draws. Good prizes were donated by Tim Kwan and Gus Yeung. Amid laughter, no one bothered to check if the tenth person had lots of hair on his head. There was just one complaint. The legendary 'Buddha Jumping over the Wall' was not as tasty as expected. It might have been due to the fact that some of the ingredients in the closed restaurant were missing because of health concern.

Invited to the dinner were Rev. David Chan, Messrs. Vincent Lo, Mui Kan Koon, Laurence Tam, Wilson Hsueh and Anthony Ho.

The Association was one of the Diamond Sponsors of the Maryknollers' Fundraising Gala on April 8, 2000. They raised over \$53,000.00 for the retired Maryknoll Sisters. Our representatives were Joseph Wong, Gus Yeung, Simon Chau, John Kan and their spouses, together with the bachelor secretary, Ambrose Li.

James Tong, brother of Victor and one of the organizers of the International Networking Conference to be held in Los Angeles on August 4~6, was in town at the end of March. He said, "Fr. Deignan and Fr. Zee will be attending. The two Principals and two former vice-principals of both Wah Yans will be guests. Also invited are Mr. Francis Kong, Mr. Laurence Tam, Mr. Huseh and Mr. Mui. They had each taught over a thousand students during their career at Wah Yan Kowloon."

Up to press time, the following members have planned going to INC: Joseph Wong, Gus Yeung, Sonny Sie, Victor Tong, Ambrose Li, Michael Chan Kwok Wai, Louis Lau. We plan to register as a group from Ontario. Members who will be going please contact Sonny Sie, our International Convenor, at 416-696-5036. To defray the costs for

student members, the Association will pay for their entrance fee of US\$100 which includes registration and some meals. For details, please visit www.wahyan.com or call Sonny.

Ambrose Li reports, "It was a sunny day on 6 May, 2000, and twenty-eight contestants turned out for our Bowling Tournament at Club 300. After four innings and about an hour and a half's time, Peter Au's team got the highest score and won the cup.

While some people left after the results were announced, most stayed and bowled until around 12:15. We then went to the cafeteria for some pop, sandwiches, wings, and other snacks. From time to time, one would overhear interesting conversations coming up --- talk about school, about changes in Wah Yan, and so forth.

Would this be the last such event? Of course not! The Association wants to have the young members' ideas. Just attend a board meeting, or email the Association about your ideas!" [Thanks go to Peter Au, Cedric Ko and Kelvin Ng for organizing such a successful event.]

A request to a re-match with the soccer team of WYCHKAAO for the Diamond Jubilee Trophy which is in our possession was turned down because of their busy schedule.

Nevertheless, our captains would welcome recreational players to their games. [The key word is recreational.]

Saturdays 9:00 AM
 Warden/16th Colvert Ave.
 Fee: \$50.00 including Shirt
 Please contact Raymond Chan at Tel: 905-887-5883.

Sundays 8:30 AM
 McCowan/Finch
 Fee: \$70.00 including Shirt
 Please contact Tim Kwan at Tel: 416-299-3320 or Fax: 416-299-3603.



The idea to organize a Moon Cruise during Mid-Autumn Festival has been dropped because of the huge outlay and the high risk of losing our shirt if the weather turns sour. In its place, a family picnic subsidised by the income of the Valentine Ball will be held in September. A committee has been set up to look after this event.

News from Alma Mater

Fr. Deignan came out from his operation with excellent report in March. There were anxious moments when he was diagnosed with a tumour in his lung in March. News that he entered St. Paul's Hospital in Causeway Bay spread to all Wah Yan Chapters around the world. So much so, Fr. Coghlan had to return calls to four corners of the world to let people know of the success of the operation. He said, "Do not worry about the long distance call. We are paying only HK \$0.05 per minute." He took time to thank everyone and talked about pollution in Hong Kong.

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Norman So sent over, kindness of Dennis Yin, the Open Day 2000 compact Disk. It was professionally done by the school computer team, the key member of which is a Form 3 student. Every aspect of the school is covered, including Mr. Francis Kong singing a Japanese song at the 75th Anniversary Concert!

[Thanks to the School Authority, the Association has received compact disks of the Shield for the following years: 96~97, 97~98 and 98~99. Members who wish to borrow any of these disks, please contact Mr. Ho.]

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Fr. George Zee posts the following in WYK Forum:

"Fr. Kelly passed away at 3:55 P.M. in Ireland today (April 7, 2000). He was a very dedicated teacher, interested in the well being of each student. Mr. Damien Yue (Poon Leung) and I myself were fortunate to have him as Form-master in Form 5, back in 1958. Another classmate, Mr. Wilson

Cheung, set up Fr. Kelly Educational Fund 11 years ago and that has been most valuable to the school and to our students. May he rest in peace!"
[Fr. Kelly taught at Wah Yan Kowloon in 1956~58]

Members' Corner

"I am a '57 graduate of Wah Yan, Kowloon residing in the San Francisco Bay Area. While at your web site's Membership Directory, I found several long lost '57 classmates, lost since 1957. To name a few, Chan Tung Kuen, Chan Chun To, Louis Lau, Felix Wong Tse Leung, David Yeung, his brother George Yeung and Paul Yick. I would appreciate it if you could give them my e-mail address and ask them to contact me. Thank you." -- Mario Hin-Kwong Chan, Class of 1957, MChan33197@aol.com

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Wong Hin-shing ('61) sends the following message to his classmates far and near in April:

"Had a nice dinner with Yiu-Kwok and 3 teachers (Mr. Ho, Mr. Hseuh and Mr. Tam) and a classmate of YK last Sunday. Afterwards, we went to Jimmy's (YK's classmate) home. He's a music teacher. We listened to/watched Abbado/Kissin's Beethoven Choral Fantasia on laser disk. It was quite an eye opener for me."



[Chan Yiu Kwok ('65), a researcher scientist at Agriculture and Agri-food with the Federal Government, now residing in Ottawa]

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Carmelo Leung ('61), Finance Manager with a subsidiary of HP, has been relocated to Hong Kong.

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Tony Wan ('91), a former director, is now working with the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

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John Ho Yun Kuen ('65), now working in Hong Kong, was in town in February. He visited Mr. Ho to pay his membership fee!

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We welcome the following new Members: Kelvin Chan (F5, 1994) and his brother Gerald (F5, 1996) Alan Leong (F4, 2000).

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Dennis Yin, a former committee member and a former President of Wah Yan College Kowloon Past Students Association in Hong Kong, has returned to settle in Toronto. We look forward to receiving his active contribution to the Association.

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Congratulations to Cedric Ko ('94) who is graduating this summer from University of Toronto.



Membership sub-committee May report:

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| On roster | 340 |
| Lost contacts | 059 |
| With e-mail address | 155 |
| With Fax line | 085 |
| With personal web site | 009 |
| Paid members | 112 |

The Association depends on the income from membership dues to pay for expenses on newsletters and web site hosting and appreciates your contribution.

Wah Yan Spirit

We take this opportunity to thank a member for a donation of \$2,000.00. He had previously donated \$1,500.00 to help the Association stand on firm financial ground during its early stage of the revival process. He would want to remain anonymous. His intention is to set up a **Special Fund** to meet any needs that the Association considers its responsibility to respond to.

Our growth depends so much on the generosity of our members who helped at the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and who continue to support our various functions. Thank you.

Your Call



The Basic Laws guarantee Hong Kong to remain unchanged for 50 years. 50 thus becomes a magic number. So, when Mr. Tung Chee Wah was not considered among the 50 most influential leaders in Asia, it became a hot social topic among Hong Kong people. In the last two months, education was the hottest topic among local media, polls of '50 hit schools', '50 quality schools' and '50 value-added schools' were published. The first two were conducted by a commercial web site and the last one was a study carried out by the SAR Education Department. Partial lists are as follows:

| <u>Hit Schools</u> | | <u>Quality Schools</u> | | <u>Value-Added Schools</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| 1 | Queen's | 1 | DGS | etc |
| 2 | DBS | 2 | Good Hope | etc |
| 3 | DGS | 3 | St. Paul's Secondary (Wanchai) | etc |
| 4 | La Salle | 4 | La Salle | |
| 4 | King's | 5 | Carmel Pak U (Tai Po) | |
| 4 | Wah Yan Kowloon | 6 | St. Catherine (Kwun Tong) | |
| 5 | Wah Yan Hong Kong | 7 | HK True Light | |
| 6 | St. Paul's Co-ed | 8 | Anglican Tang Shiu Kin (Wanchai) | |
| 7 | Maryknoll Convent | 9 | Anglican Lam Hoo (NT) | |
| 8 | Pui Ching | 10 | Yuen Long Government | |
| 9 | Queen Elizabeth | 11 | Ying Wa Girls | |
| 10 | Belilos Girls | 12 | Sha Tin Methodist | |
| 11 | Ying Wa Girls | 13 | Kwun Tong Maryknoll Fathers' | |
| 12 | Cheung Shuk Shan | 14 | Marymount | |
| 13 | Sha Tin Government | 15 | Po Leung Kuk Tung Yuk Ti (Tun Mun) | |
| 14 | St. Paul's Convent | 16 | Tung Wah Groups of Hospital (North Island) | |
| 15 | St. Paul's Secondary | 17 | Wah Yan Kowloon | |
| 16 | Chan Sui Ki (La Salle) | 18 | Queen's | |
| 17 | St. Paul's Boys | 19 | Kiangsu-Chekiang (Sha Tin) | |
| | etc | | etc | |
| | etc | | etc | |

'Hit' schools are those that parents try to put their children into. They are the so-called 'prestigious' schools. Their ranking reflects the brand-name effect.

'Quality' schools are ranked according to the total assessment of various components of the schools, such as administration, staff, student extra curricular activities and academic performance. Some schools did not return the questionnaire and thus they were left out in the ranking. The result is claimed to be subjective and helps parents to choose schools.

'Value-Added' school is a term to describe an institution that enhances the 'potentials' of its students. For example, when Band-5 Form 1 students of a certain school out-performs Band-5 results in Form 5 Certificate Examinations, the school is described as value-added. On the other hand, when Band-1 Form 1 students cannot produce Band-1 results in Form 5 CE, the school is not included in the Value-Added list. This is supposed to educate parents not to be biased towards brand-name schools.

Pupils are banded in Primary 6 and they are stamped before they pass on to secondary school. They are divided evenly into 5 Bands. Wah Yan College Kowloon usually receives Band-1 boys.

Both Wah Yan Colleges are not included in the list of the first 50 value-added schools.

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We have read in the last issue of the newsletter how our members view their Alma Mater. We may or may not agree with the findings. However, they do show how the public perceives Wah Yan Colleges and how Wah Yan Colleges are judged.

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Suppose we say Wah Yan Kowloon is, nonetheless, a top school. Is it because of the school or the students? The song or the singer? Your call.