



# Wah Yan College Kowloon Alumni Association of Ontario

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## **Picnic at Presqu'ile Provincial Park. (Rain or Shine)**

10:30 am to early evening on Sunday, August 20, 2000.

## ***Last Call*** (Friday, August 18, 2000)

On Sunday, August 20, 2000, Wah Yan families will be partying at SHELTER #1 in Presqu'ile Provincial Park. Good food, great fun and exciting games are waiting for you to enjoy. Please bring your own bicycles and rollers.

The picnic is free for paid members and their families. Friends pay \$5.00 per person. Admission to the Park is \$8.50 per car. SHELTER #1 is 2 km's drive from the gate entrance.

(Please check web site or call for directions.)

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## **PAINT BALL GAME** (Fun For All)

@Sgt. Splatter's, South /West of Lawrence and Dufferin, Tel. (416) 781-0991  
Saturday, Aug 26, 2000, 4:00pm ~ 7:00pm

**Cost:** 20 or more.....\$25.00  
40 or more.....\$20.00  
60 or more.....\$15.00  
Rental for overalls is \$4.00.

Please contact Kelvin Ng at (416) 391-1735 (evening), (416) 933-4136 (work),  
[kelvinkmng@hotmail.com](mailto:kelvinkmng@hotmail.com)

This is an open event for members, their children, their friends.

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## **Congratulations:** Edward Mak Tak Wah ('62), Officer of the Order of Canada

He was honoured for his role as the first researcher to clone a T-cell receptor gene. This will lead to a better understanding of the human immune system.

## **Wedding Bells:** Paul Yeung ('89) and Bonny Chan, Saturday, 24 June, 2000.

Fr. Stephen Chow came all the way from Hong Kong to celebrate the wedding.

## **Visitors in August:** Chan Yiu Man ('61) from San Francisco and Chan Yiu Kwok ('65) from Ottawa in August;

Fr. George Zee in early October, 2000.



### Floral Appreciation and BBQ Picnic

Sunday afternoon, 11 June 2000, rain was pouring and we thought things were going badly for our first function to Big Brother Lau's farm up in Schomberg. However, it seemed that the inclement weather was not a match

for the Wah Yan spirit. A lot of people started to show up; Louis Lau, our marvelous host, was busy meeting them and getting things ready. As a matter of fact, last couple of nights; Sonny Sie had been staying there setting up the venue. Patsy and her cohort had also been preparing the food for days.

In spite of the wet field and herds of mosquitoes, quite some people ventured out to admire the exquisite peony specimen. Getting mud on the shoes and warding off flying insects were indeed part of the fun.

The rest of us stayed sheltered indoors and we could not have found a better setting for such a rainy day. A team of very young piano players came to present a mini recital; and don't look down on them because of their tender age. They even had a regal audience once, having performed for Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. Their recital captivated both the young and the grown ups alike and the concert finished to the tune of thunderous clapping.

The second highlight of the day came when our renowned grand master artist Pak Lee Ho presented a live painting demonstration. Thanks to his generosity, the finished masterpiece is now the property of our association. Following the "eye opening" demonstration, it was time for lucky draw. Four reprints, again courtesy of Pak Lee, were given out. The recipients had to consider themselves not just extremely fortunate to win but also to have the grand master himself autographing the prints right in front of them.

While all these were taking place inside Louis's monstrous ranch, Betty and Gus Yeung and a few others were playing chefs at the porch. Good food was ready to be served; and lots of it too. Beer was flowing and it was time to cherish the Wah Yan Kowloon comradeship. Amid the sound of karaoke singing by Sonny Sie, the Sinatra of Ontario; our Treasurer Simon Chau and his better half Jenny,

Philip Kam and Ken Lo, the function drew to a close. On their way out, our generous host presented each lady a bouquet of beautiful and ready to bloom peonies to take home.

There were close to 100 people turning up at the end of the day, a very successful and enjoyable outing for all of us. Thanks are of course due to Louis Lau, Pak Lee Ho, Patsy and Sonny Sie, Betty and Gus Yeung and many other members and friends who made this function possible. – *Joseph Wong*



### The Wah Yan Spirit in the New Millennium

The 7<sup>th</sup> Wah Yan International Conference was successfully hosted in Los Angeles, California from August 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>. Wahyanites from four corners of the world, together with 7 members and 4 retired teachers from our chapter attended this biannual event. Our alma mater was represented by Supervisor Fr. George Zee S.J. and Principal Mr. Norman So.

The first day was devoted to reports from the two campuses. We were excited indeed to see Principal So and were very impressed by his detail report on the state of affairs of WYK and by the presentation of our student ambassador Gary Ko. In the second session, three alumni spoke on **From School to Society – What Wan Yan Did and Did Not Teach Me**. They were Patrick Lo of WYHK '75 from San Francisco, (CEO of BayNetworks and Netgear), Dunson Cheng of WYK '62 from Los Angeles, (President and CEP of Cathay Bank) and Stephen Ng of '69 from Hong Kong, (Deputy Chairman & Managing Director of Wharf Cable Ltd.) The word was that Wahyanites were not taught to be aggressive. Or is it not? A sumptuous buffet lunch was served afterwards but food disappeared as fast as it was brought out! In the afternoon our IT expert Ambrose Li and those computer geniuses from other chapters held a brain storming session trying to come up with a world-wide Wah Yan network. The evening was taken up by the gala dinner attended by more than 300, complete with a 9-course Chinese dinner, dancing to live music, Chinese opera in English, singing by "Elvis of Vancouver" and his daughter, auction and award presentation ... With the reigning Miss Chinatown and her troupe of

beauties on the floor, the question of Wahyanites' aggressiveness was again brought up by some!

The second day started with a Sunday mass co-celebrated by Fr. Ferran, Fr. Zee and Fr. Joseph Foley. The formal part began with the presentations on the needs of the two schools, various donation and scholarship projects. They were followed by reports from the eleven chapters present at the conference. The highlight of every International Conference is the selection of the venue for the next meeting. The ballots were counted and to our surprise, **Toronto was selected as the site of the next conference in the year 2002.** It was our brother WYCHK Ontario alumni, with their well-prepared presentation on Toronto and their gift of two \$5 Casino Niagara chips to each chapter, that won the day. The singing of school songs brought an end to the formal session. Following the fun-filled gift exchanging among the chapters, delegates joined up with their loved ones who spent the morning touring the world renowned Rodeo Drive, for a dim sum lunch in China Town. After a relaxing afternoon, it was time to take the long bus trip to the Pacific Ocean front. That evening on board the legendary ocean liner Queen Mary was certainly a very moving experience. With the sun setting over the horizon, the atmosphere of comradeship among Wahyanites and the speeches by our retired teachers totally overwhelmed every one of us. The singing of Mr. Wong Chin-Wah in Chinese, Mr. Francis Kong in Japanese and Mr. Wilson Hsueh in English brought the audience to the floor and the gathering ended appropriately with the toast to the Wah Yan spirit.

All of us would like to thank the members of the Southern California chapter for their hard work in organising this very meaningful conference and their hospitality during our stay in the City of Angels. Please be sure to stay in town for the 8<sup>th</sup> Wah Yan International Conference to show our brother alumni your full support. *—Joseph Wong*

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Albert Young of WYK '62, president of Wah Yan Alumni Association (Southern California) writes, "We are committed to come to Toronto for the 8th International Conference. Your team's attendance made our hard work worthwhile and made our conference successful. The combined effort of both schools will make the Toronto conference more meaningful and successful. Looking forward to coming to Toronto in year 2002 with a delegation."



N. So, L. Tam, P.C. Lai, Fr. Foley, K.K. Mui, A. Ho, W. Hsueh  
Fr. Zee, Fr. Farren, Francis Kong, C.W. Wong



A. Li, J. Wong, V. Tong, L. Lau, G. Yeung, S. Sie  
F. Kong, L. Tam, K.K. Mui, W. Hsueh, A. Ho



James Tong ('65), Norman So ('65) Joseph Wong (67)



John Chiu, Kong, Ed Lee



Fr. Farren, Ed Lee

Both John and Ed are both in Class of '85. They are now in LA.

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## 麥德華獲勳自認普通人 妻患癌去世 決心要破解癌細胞

### 【本報專訊】

剛獲頒發加拿大官佐勳章的國際著名免疫學專家麥德華表示，個人在醫學上的研究只是想為人類做些事情，在他自己心目中，他只是名普通人，陪他一同在實驗室工作的研究員才是天才。

熱愛足球卻無瑕觀看剛結束歐洲盃賽事的麥德華教授接受本報專訪時笑說：

「我的工作時間表排得很密，現今手頭上有數個關於免疫學與癌症方面的計劃，無時間看足球了。不過間中會約朋友打高球和網球。」

現年五十三歲的麥德華於一九八三年發現人體免疫系統中的T細胞受體(T-cell receptor)，這是人體免疫系統中最重要的一環。T細胞受體能推動免疫系統中的其他元素，抵抗外來病毒、細菌的侵襲。

他現今的研究集中在研究利用免疫系統，擊退人體在割除惡性腫瘤後剩餘的癌細胞。

被問及整天關在實驗室裡如何騰出時間照顧家庭，他語氣平淡地說：

「我已經沒有家庭了！太太兩年前死於癌症，兩個女兒都進了大學，現在可以專心研究。」

他表示，他太太死於癌症，更激發其破解癌細胞的決心，但他同意醫學家要走的路仍很漫長。

他笑說：「我們工作的是一個有三十名研究員的實驗室，遇到的是一個很複雜和困難的問題。

同一類癌，每一個病人的 DNA

轉變都會不同，情況就如你約朋友在多市央街，但到央街卻有很多個途徑一樣，我們一步步來吧！」

對於個人在醫學上的成就，以及作為一位傑出華裔醫學家的感受，他謙稱：「I don't know!

我只想為人類做些事情。我年輕時亦沒有學醫的志向，不過把握著機會罷了。我亦不是什麼天才，我實驗室裡的同事，有來自德國和日本的醫生，他們才是天才。」

為何願意放棄美國和其他地方給予的豐厚研究經費和機會，他淡淡回應：「孩子都在這裡長大，我喜歡加拿大的安靜。在這裡有很多藥廠提供給我研究經費，環境已很不錯，我不是一個貪心的人。」

### 沙地領獎 國王親迎

至於醫學界的皇冠諾貝爾學獎，他表示從來沒有想過有一日會獲獎。獲頒發過數不勝數獎項的他表示，最難忘的一次，是九五年與太太往沙地阿拉伯接受當地皇室頒發的 Faisal

國際醫學獎，飛機未到目的地，便在沙地阿拉伯境內某處降落，機上乘客都大惑不解，原來是沙地國王親自上飛機迎接他和太太，那次確是受寵若驚。

對於醫學界終能破解基因圖譜，麥教授回應：

「在西方國家裡，因為醫學上的進步，應可以令人類更加長壽。」

才十五分鐘的電話訪問，低調、爾雅的麥教授便要返回實驗，繼續其指導工作。