



## Wah Yan College Kowloon Alumni Association of Ontario

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**Merry Christmas  
 &  
 A Great and Happy 2002  
 To you and yours**

### *From the Board of Directors:*

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### **Message from President Gus:**

‘Thank you all for having the confidence in me, and electing me to be the President of your alumni association for another year. With the help of your Board of Directors and Mr. Anthony Ho, I managed to survive my first year as your president without making too much of a mess with your association. Continuing with our strong team of Directors, I am confident that 2002 will be a good year for us.

We plan to have a number of exciting events for our members and their families in 2002. These include the: Joint Schools Valentine Ball on Feb. 16, 2002,

Spring Banquet in early March, programs for our younger members, a Bar-B-Q picnic, a Fall event, and others. In addition, the International Conference of all Wah Yan Alumni Associations will be held in Toronto from June 29 through July 02, 2002. This conference is hosted by our brother chapter from Wah Yan Hong Kong here in Ontario. It will be attended by Wah Yan alumni from all over the world. Quite a number of Jesuit Fathers have already committed to attend this conference. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the conference or some of the activities. Watch for details of these events in our upcoming newsletters or visit our website: [www.wykontario.org](http://www.wykontario.org).

In order for us to improve and to plan activities for our members, ideas and suggestions are very important to us. Please e-mail them to us at [wyk@wykontario.org](mailto:wyk@wykontario.org), or call Mr. Ho at 416 222 3020 or myself at 905 507 3801.

At this time of Advent, let us pray for peace all over the world, and we all have a greater understanding and respect for others’ belief and cultures.’

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### **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting for our 19<sup>th</sup> session was held on November 3, 2001 at the New World Palace Restaurant. The AGM has always been one of our foremost functions of the year and

this time was no exception. From the decorations, the food, the emceeing to the game show, everything was superbly planned and executed. Although the date clashed with a major Chinese function, 80 members and families, friends from the Joint Schools and our brothers from Wah Yan Hong Kong were there. It was a time to meet new friends, to rekindle that old friendship, to cherish those fond memories and to share the spirit of Wah Yan.

A formal meeting was first held to report activities of the past year, to receive the treasurer’s report and to elect the Board of Directors. Dinner began after singing of the solemn ‘Our Captain and Our King.’ Alumni of the classes of 1961, 1971 and 2001 were specially honoured and each was presented a tee shirt and a certificate. Two recipients of our annual Scholastic Achievement Awards, Ricky Yiu, a member of ours and Jamie Au, daughter of our MC Peter, were presented the awards in recognition of their attainment of Ontario scholar status. Mr. Anthony Ho gave us a briefing on the current affairs of our alma mater, complete with an AGM greeting from the Jesuit Provincial, the Very Rev. Fr. Deignan, S.J. Continuing our tradition of honouring a distinguished alumnus at the AGM, Dr. Peter Chang of the class of 1961 gave us a very informative talk on being both a psychiatrist and a lawyer.

Following the speech by Dr. Chang, Kitty Lam of Maryknoll Convent School, the co-chair of the Valentine Ball 2002, threw in her sale pitch for this annual function. To show the solidarity of Ontario Wahyanites, Kelvin Tsang, president of WYCHKOAA, updated us on the upcoming 2002 Wah Yan International Conference, the most important Wah Yan function ever to be held in Toronto. Please stay tuned for further news of the conference.

The highlight of the evening no doubt was WYKAAO's own version of the popular TV game show 'Who wants to be a Millionaire?' It was put together by members of the youngest generation and we should applaud them for organising such an exciting game that captured everyone in the audience.

(*Would you have answers for the following*)

- 1, 九龍華仁書院位於窩打老道幾號。
- 2, [天行健，君子以自強不息]出自先秦何經何典。
- 3, 西遊記裡，唐僧有多少弟子。
- 4, 中醫學說中，[腎]屬五行中那一位。
- 5, 搓[麻雀]糊牌，手中最多持幾張牌。
- 6, 電話查詢649中獎號碼時，某君聽了第一個號碼，大呼中了頭獎，他的彩票號碼是那六個。

After the game, fun continued with the lucky draw that brought smiling faces and gifts to many. The final business of the meeting was the announcement of the presidential election result. Augustin Yeung, with his strong background of corporate experience and leadership, was

again chosen to lead us for another year.

Thanks go to Denis Yin for putting the whole show together; Raymond Leung and the troupe of young members, Kelvin Ng, Kelvin Chan and Carson Chan for organising the game show; Peter Au for his professional emceeing, Dr. Peter Chang for giving us such a magnificent keynote speech and above all, our members, families and friends who took time off to share the evening, truly the spirit of Wah Yan at work. ~ Joe Wong  
(An on-line version of 2001 AGM with pictures by Ambrose Li can be viewed at our web site.)

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### **Our young members speak out:**

On November 14, a group of energetic young WYK boys had lunch in Jack Astor, Markham. We met our WYKAAO's Directors and talked about the past and the future of WYKAAO. Young member Kelvin Chan '94 showed great interest in alumni's activities and provided valuable inputs on ways of improvement for WYKAAO. He was nominated to be a Director for the upcoming year. Our youngest members Alan Leong '01 and Ricky Yiu '99 gave us lots of feedback and also their impressions on the alumni. As well Carson Chan '95, Kelvin Chan and myself, being students in the University of Waterloo, we discussed how we could contribute to the Alumni Association. By setting up a people's network within our alumni, we suggested to offer help, for example career help, moving help, sickness help to our members. Regarding the newsletter issue, we realized that the old mailing method was not efficient for today's electronic world. We suggested to better utilize the email function by sending out email

reminders to all the members whenever updated newsletter is posted on the website.

Why did we hold the lunch? We are trying to recruit young members to join us and have more fun! The most important issue for the lunch meeting is "to focus on the future". We need more voice and participation from our younger generation in WYKAAO. WYKAAO does not only bring you the news from WYK, it also makes sure your experience gained by working with us is worthwhile. We have different positions, which may interest you: web master, activities organizer, joint school representative, editor, news writer and more. We hope to hear from you all. ~ Kelvin Ng

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From its humble beginning in 1987, the Joint Schools Valentine Ball has evolved into one of the major Chinese events of the city. This upcoming 16<sup>th</sup> annual function, hosted by Maryknoll Convent School, will be held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2002. The theme of the year, "Only You," is taken from the oldie made famous by The Platters. Mr. Soul of The Platters fame brought everybody to the floor at the last Valentine Ball & this time he will be bringing his own band "The Magic Touch" along for an encore show. Our own Peter Au will be there again emceeing the evening. Even the programme book will be given a new look. Ontario Wahyanites from WYCHK and

WYK are joining forces to bring forward a redesigned publication for you to enjoy and to take home for keepsake. The Organising Committee too is working extra hard to ensure that this ball will be one of the best ever, with the best performance, food and door prizes. It is a chance to relive those fantastic yesteryears together with your loved ones enjoying sumptuous food and all-night dancing in a most romantic atmosphere. This will certainly be an occasion no one can afford to miss. Tickets at \$80 per person are going fast. Please contact Gus Yeung at 905-507-3801 or e-mail us at [VB2002@wykontario.org](mailto:VB2002@wykontario.org) to reserve your space. We are looking forward to enjoying a wonderful evening with many of you there. ~ Joe Wong

**Intimacy** by Louis Lau Cho-tuen  
(Dedicated to VB2002)

I  
Should good matches be made in Heaven.  
Who has ever fathomed the sky?  
But when you and I are together,  
Here already is Paradise.

II  
I can weather any turbulence,  
Heat wave, downpour and sheet ice.  
Climb up a good many more steps.....  
Within sight of your approving eye.

III  
Everything goes down better,  
Without butter, sugar or spice.  
Your mere presence adds more flavour,  
To sweet water and plain white rice.

IV  
You are safe keeper of my secrets,  
With whom I share all my mind.  
Impart of my worrisome burden;  
To relieve, to entrust and to confide.

V  
Away I may wander, afar I may roam,  
You are virtually by my side.  
Happiness is being close to you,  
And watching the world roll by.

VI  
Let us, then, raise our cups of kindness,  
To friendship of the finest kind!  
It shall get finer still before Heaven.  
Here's to my best Valentine!



Conference Programme

Tentative schedule  
Friday, June 28, 2002 evening  
*Welcoming reception at Metropolitan Hotel*  
Saturday, June 29, 2002  
*1<sup>st</sup> day of conference*  
Sunday, June 30, 2002  
*2<sup>nd</sup> day of conference*  
Monday, July 1, 2002  
*Out-town trip*  
Tuesday, July 2, 2002  
*Local outing*

In addition to planning a meaningful programme for all, the Organizing Committee is also finalizing some great activities outside of the formal conference for all to enjoy. At this point in time, included are golf, a dinner cruise and a trip to Niagara Falls. The registration form for the IC2002 will be available shortly. The official e-mail and web address are:  
[www.wahyan.ca/ic2002](http://www.wahyan.ca/ic2002)  
and [ic2002@wahyan.ca](mailto:ic2002@wahyan.ca)

**IC2002 Jesuit Fathers Travel Fund**



This pair of lovely origami cats was donated to WYKAAO by Miss Chan of MCS to raise money for the IC2002 Jesuit Fathers Travel Fund. At the AGM dinner, after a very exciting bidding among David Chan '61, Philip Lam of St. Joseph A-C School, the cats finally went to Sonny and Patsy.



The JFT Fund started with \$800 from sale of flowers is now \$120 richer. However, there is still a long long way to go. Your Board is looking at various avenues to raise funds. We welcome your ideas and we appreciate your donations.

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**News from Down Under**

Dr John Wong Yue Woo (WYK, 1964) has recently been elected as a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia. The Academy of Social Sciences is a highly respected organization comprised of internationally recognized social scientists who have achieved a very high level of scholarly distinction. Dr Wong pioneered the teaching of Chinese History in Sydney University since 1974, after completing his doctorate at Oxford University in 1971. He has published 4 major books covering his major areas of research on modern Chinese history, Anglo-Chinese and Australian-Chinese relationships, particularly in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Dr. Wong is currently working on three books. One is about the history of Hong Kong; the second is on the rise of modern Chinese nationalism while the third is about Dr Sun Yat-sen's formulation of his revolutionary ideas. For further links about Dr Wong, please visit [www.ozemail.com.au/~wypsa](http://www.ozemail.com.au/~wypsa).

## THE BEST IS YET TO BE

### - 40 years in retrospect

(Synopsis)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF WAH YAN COLLEGE  
KOWLOON  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF  
ONTARIO

November 3, 2001

Peter Chang

Thank you for inviting me to speak tonight. It is a great honour indeed. On the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my graduation, it is time to reflect. Speaking for my peer group, we have passed the mid-point of our working life. We are confronted by more rapid changes than ever before: empty nest, aging parents, retirement, etc. We can no longer take life for granted.

### IDENTITY

Many have said to me: "Isn't it quite a waste, to give up your psychiatric practice?"

No life experience is ever wasted. I believe that everything I have learned earlier is useful to me now. The compartmentalization of knowledge is illogical because in the final analysis, all things are interconnected. When I face a challenging problem, I feel that I have been preparing for it all my life.

Many of you left Hong Kong in midlife, and may feel that your Hong Kong experience is wasted. Take heart, your knowledge and experience from Hong Kong will serve you well here. The only thing you have to do is to integrate it with what your new experience in Canada.

Why do people travel? To see new scenery, to meet new people, and to learn a new language. By entering the legal profession, I have entered a new world, which has its own language, culture and frame of reference.

What do I like about the legal profession? It challenges my problem solving skills and people skills. There is so much to learn every day.

When we are adults, the career that is assigned to us by destiny is similar to the role assigned to a child in a role playing game. The process is just as random and haphazard. The meaning to our identity just as peripheral.

A career is not sufficient to form the basis of our identities. Therefore we should feel free in picking a new career with the same abandon of a child in a role playing game.

There is a very good reason in terms of mental health for my position. If one's identity is merged with one's career, what happens when one is forced to change career? It would be devastating to lose one's career and identity in one fall swoop. I believe that to view one's identity as distinct and separate from one's career is essential to achieving mental health in midlife and old age.

At midlife, we should feel liberated by the knowledge that our identity does not depend on what we do, and will not be destroyed when we stop doing it.

For the first time, we confront our own mortality, and learn to

appreciate our very existence. Time is limited. I feel a sense of urgency, that we can no longer take anything or anyone for granted. It is time to consolidate our gains, to make peace, or relax one's grip on our children for they have their destiny quite separate from ours.

### FUTURE

Let us live life to the fullest, to feast our senses on the world, and to look at the world with the freshness of a child, to see things like it is for the first time.

May I end by borrowing from the words of Robert Browning:

*Grow old along with me!  
The best is yet to be,  
The last of life, for which the first  
was made:  
Our times are in His hand  
Who saith "A whole I planned,  
Youth shows but half; trust God:  
see all nor be afraid!"*

Thank you.

(For the full text of this very meaningful speech, please visit our web site.)

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### Wah Yan Spirit

Fr. Deignan writes on Direct Subsidy Schools 直資中學, "...However having considered the advantages and disadvantages, the Jesuits as the Sponsoring Body, have decided that we will not join the D.S.S. as it stands at present. The main reason is that we do not want our school to be mainly for the rich. We want our schools to be open to be of service to the poor. This is part of our spirit..."

-End-