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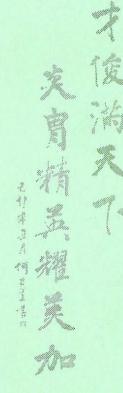
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WYKAAO 20th Anniversary 1983 ~ 2003





Wah Yan College Kowloon Alumni Association of Ontario

Mission Statement

Wah Yan College Kowloon Alumni Association of Ontario strives to provide to Wah Yan College, Kowloon alumni with social and fraternal activities, a forum where we can share our experiences and evaluate the qualities of Wah Yan education, and a channel to identify with the spirit of Wah Yan.

Board of Directors, 2002 ~ 2003

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Ng, Kelvin Ka-Min	吳家棉	1995	Vice President
Li, Ambrose Cheuk-Wing	黎爵榮	1986	Secretary
Chau, Simon Kwok-Keung	周國強	1971	Treasurer
Wong, Joseph Chee-Chiu	黄志釗	1967	International Convenor
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Au, Peter Wai-Lam	區偉林	1966	
Chan, Carson Koon-Tao	陳冠滔	1995	
Leong, Alan Fu-Lon	梁富麟	2001	
Leung, Raymond Wai-Ming	梁偉明	1977	
Tong, Victor Wai-Tak	湯維德	1968	
Wong, Peter Ka-Kee	黄家麒	1962	
Yeung, Augustine Cho-Hang	楊佐行	1966	
Yiu, Ricky Sai-Yau	姚世友	1999	

Staff Advisor

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Foreword

It gives me great pleasure to present to the members of the Wah Yan College Kowloon Alumni Association of Ontario this 20th anniversary souvenir booklet. Two decades have passed since the WYKAAO was founded back in 1983. As a founding member and later on as President, I have the privilege of witnessing not just our birth, but also our growth and maturation. Over all these years, our association has encountered successes and failures, ups and downs; and yet today, we are still around, and above all, as vibrant as any alumni association can possibly be.

As we look back, we have to thank God for his divine blessings and guidance. At the same time, we are also blessed with many dedicated members whose vision and hard work have brought us to where we are today. In order to thank those who have given so much to our association, it is only appropriate for us to celebrate the fruit of their assiduous work. To all those who have laid down a strong and solid foundation for us, we want to dedicate this anniversary booklet.

This booklet attempts to cover the history of the WYKAAO from its inception to its 20th birthday, in the form of both a brief timeline and a pictorial. I hope this will bring back nostalgic memories of those bygone years, and help our members to appreciate the spirit of our association and those who have done so much for us over the last twenty years.

We are indebted to Mr. Laurence Tam for his expert advice on logo and cover designs. Our sincere gratitude also goes to the contributors of written messages and photographs, as well as to those who volunteered their valuable time and effort to the making of this publication.

Joseph C. Wong for the Editorial Committee March, 2003

Editorial Committee

Anthony Ho Raymond Kwong Ambrose Li Joseph C. Wong

Message from Mr. Anthony Ho - February 27, 1983

Dear Alumni,

I have compiled a list of those who attended the dinner party at International Restaurant on Friday, February 25, 1983. This list will be the first record of past members of WYK who would like to see there be a registered association of past students of Wah Yan College, Kowloon in Canada.

The members knew there were others who shared our view but who could not attend the dinner because of previous engagements and there were many others who did not know of the meeting because they were not informed. To improve our information network, we ask you to take some time off to write down the names and addresses of your classmates and send them to me.

The committee will meet on April 29, 1983 to update the list, to formulate plans of forming an association and to organise activities for 1983. Please let us have your ideas. Some have already talked about forming a soccer team because there were more than 10 former school team players at the dinner. Many had been A Grade school captains.

There were altogether 67 paying \$20 each. After paying the restaurant, we now have \$105 in the hands of Victor Tong who has promised to look after the membership list.

In the mean time, take care.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Ho



Mr. Ho in 1983

Message from the President

Dear Alumni and friends:

Welcome to the celebrations on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of our Wah Yan College Kowloon Alumni Association of Ontario!

Keeping an association running for 20 years is not an easy task. The old boys from Wah Yan College, Kowloon in Ontario have achieved this tremendous accomplishment by forming this very association in 1983 and passing the baton from one president to another. This year, I am very honoured to have an opportunity to receive this baton and co-ordinate the various events that are for our 20th birthday.

During the past 20 years, together with our fellow chapters, we have spread the "Wah Yan Spirit" to wherever there is a Wahyanite. This booklet not only concludes what we have done in the past 20 years, but also marks the beginning of a new era. Building on last year's successful International Conference, WYKAAO will try its best to reach out to all Wahyanites: not only those in Ontario, but also to Wahyanites all over the world.

I hope you enjoy this booklet and also our celebrations.

Kelvin Chan President WYKAAO



Message from the Founding President

It was February 1983. Chinatown was just starting to expand into Spadina Avenue. Richmond Hill seemed like some far away farm land. The Blue Jays had not had a winning season. The Raptors did not exist. I had only lived in Toronto for 5 years when I joined about 60 fellow WYK past students to discuss establishing an alumni association in Ontario.

Mr. Anthony Ho recognized the potential. Toronto was becoming one of the favourite cities for immigrants from Hong Kong to settle in. Canadian universities were gaining a stronger international reputation. A Wah Yan alumni association would bring together a community that could provide a strong network for its members and support to new comers. Mr. Ho's vision was embraced enthusiastically at the organising meeting. The verdict was unanimous: Let's do it!

On June 9, 1983, at the first general meeting of the Wah Yan College Kowloon Alumni Association of Ontario, I had the great honour to be elected Founding President of the Association. I was blessed with an Executive Committee that was a model of energy and dedication. Perhaps because we all had young families at the time, we decided that we could encourage participation by having fun events for the entire family. The first two, a family picnic and a Christmas/New Year celebration, were attended by over 100 people. We were overwhelmed by the response. The Wah Yan bond that tied us together was as strong as ever.

Since that modest beginning 20 years ago, the Association has grown by leaps and bounds. The tremendously successful Diamond Jubilee Gala Dinner celebrating the 75th anniversary of Wah Yan College, Kowloon is a testament to the talents, skills, and resourcefulness of the leaders of our Association. Our continuing participation in the Wah Yan International Conference keeps us close in touch with our school and our friends all over the world. Our web site is rich with up-to-date information. We can enjoy the photo gallery as well as learn the latest news about our beloved Fathers.

Yes, our Association has matured. It has dynamic leadership. It lists members from the class of 1929 to the class of 2001. It sponsors scholastic achievement awards. It

raises funds for Wah Yan projects. It is fitting that we celebrate its 20^{th} anniversary. I know our vigorous and vibrant community will continue to grow and reach out to serve others, in the spirit that is uniquely Wah Yan.

Raymond Kwong

Founding President WYKAAO



Message from the Regional Superior

"Congratulations" from all of us here to the Wah Yan College Kowloon Alumni Association of Ontario on reaching your 20th Anniversary this year 2003. We have very happy memories of the 8th Wah Yan International Conference held in Toronto June 29 – July 2 when we received such a warm welcome and experienced an excellently organised event.

A 20th Anniversary is a milestone which is certainly worth celebrating and I am very happy that you are publishing a Souvenir Book to mark the occasion. This is the time when you recall your history and bring back memories of your time in Wah Yan College, Kowloon – the Fathers and Teachers, the friendships; the interesting incidents and experiences each one may have had at school. These were very happy days for most students. They were days of growth together and formation.

Wah Yan College, Kowloon has changed over the years; many Fathers and Teachers have departed or retired; new wings have been added to the original building; new teachers and students have come in; students graduate; computer technology has been introduced and now another new building will be added to provide better facilities for the school. The school is alive and well.

What has not changed is the atmosphere and culture of the school. You may prefer to call it "school spirit". There is an atmosphere of care and concern for each one as we strive to be "men for and with others". This is really found in our school motto "In Hoc Signo Vinces". By this sign, the sign of the Cross, you will win or conquer. The sign is the sign of love. Love of others always wins in the end. It is our gift to others and it brings with it, friendship, peace, joy, and harmony which are needed so much in today's world.

On this 20th Anniversary I wish you all every blessing and happiness. Share with others the precious gift of love. May each one experience God's unconditional and faithful love. May God bless you all and each member of your families.

Yours in Christ,

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Alfred J. Deignan S.J.

Message from the School Supervisor

Jan. 14, 2003

Dear Fellow Wahyanites and Friends,

Congratulations on the 20th Anniversary of WYKAAO! Thanks a lot to all those who have contributed so much to building the Wah Yan spirit and community worldwide.

Recently I'm fascinated by the ideas of Dr. Bruce Lipton, who speaks against Genetic Determinism, and stressed so much on the importance of our beliefs and perception and the importance of environment. Isolated pockets of cells become cancer. Interconnection is the key. Ernest Rossi's *The Psychobiology of Genetic Expression* is also enlightening.

We all can contribute so much to building a better world. Thanks for all your dedication to foster interconnection and community building.

May God continue to bless you all.

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George Zee, S.J.



Message from the Principal

7 January 2003

Dear Graduates of Wah Yan Kowloon in Toronto,

Please accept my warmest congratulations on the occasion of your twentieth anniversary. Having blossomed for two decades, and serving the old boys and the school quietly and efficiently, your association deserves to be respected and envied. Your achievements have been great and are felt by us in Hong Kong without undue publicity. The International Conference you co-hosted last year with our brothers across the harbour was an enjoyable and touching experience for me, and I am certain, for all those who attended. Your web site is full of life and very readable. Your timely assistance to our boys going to Canada and studying in your vicinity is deeply appreciated. I look forward to your continued support and co-operating with you again. Let us hope that the WYKAAO will flourish forever.

With best wishes for the Western and Chinese New Year,

Norman S.

Norman So (1965) Principal



Message from the INC Co-Chair

Congratulations to the WYKAAO for its 20th anniversary. A lot of efforts must have been made in sustaining an active and lively chapter all these years. It has become not only as a social and business network for its members and for providing assistance to Wahyanites going to Ontario but also as a vital link of our global network to foster and strengthen the Wah Yan spirit. Those who took part in the 2002 International Conference have no doubt at all about this.

One of the purposes of establishing an alumni association is to bring the past students into closer touch with the Alma Mater and be thankful for her education. One way to express our gratitude is to offer help to our Alma Mater whenever we can. The existing buildings of Wah Yan Colleges on both sides of the Hong Kong Harbour are aging and cannot meet present needs. Large-scale renovation and improvement works will soon be carried out. Government funding alone will not be sufficient and I wish to appeal to all past students worldwide for generous donations towards the costs of the works.

I wish to take this opportunity to share with you a message in 1933 from Mr. Ko Fook-Sun, founding President of the Wah Yan Past Students Association – "Our Alma Mater is proud of the energetic and educated sons she brings forth into the world, and we should be thankful for her education which enables us to do something great and useful in life. For what she has benefited us, let every one of us be faithful to her by promoting friendship and goodwill among ourselves, and maintaining a closer link with her."

Best wishes for a very successful 20th anniversary celebration!

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K.K.Lam Co-Chairman INC



Message from the INC Co-Chair

Dear Fellow Wahyanites and Friends,

Heartiest congratulations from all of us here on the 20th Anniversary of WYKAAO. Twenty years is a long period of time. I must say I am very much impressed that your chapter has sustained considerable growth in members and has spectacularly achieved so many events throughout the past years. With your support, the international Wah Yan community and spirit continues to flourish.

Best wishes for a very successful 20th anniversary celebration and a very happy year of the Ram. Kung Hei Fat Choy!

Richard Leung

WYKPSA

Co-Chairman INC



Founding Members

The preliminary committee nominated at the 1st dinner meeting on February 25, 1983 consisted of the following alumni:

Convenor	Wong, Peter Ka-Kee	1962
	Chu, Peter	1949
	Fung, Frederick Kwok-Kit	1972
	Ho, John Yun-Kuen	1965
	Ho, John Fong-Hoe	1967
	Kwong, Raymond Hon-Sing	1966
	Lam, Henry Man-Yiu	1964
	Lai, Patrick Chi-King	1972
	Lau, George Kit-Choi	1980
	Lee, Victor Siao-Ping	1966
	Lee, William Kam-Wing	1968
	Luk, Michael Koon-Yuen	1976
	Pak, Clifford Chun-Wah	1970
	Tong, Victor Wai-Tak	1968
	Wong, Joseph Chee-Chiu	1967
	Wong, Hin-Shing	1961

Past Presidents



Kwong, Raymond Hon-Sing (1966) 1983 ~ 1984 1991 ~ 1992



Kwong, Francis Hon-Fan (1964) 1984 ~ 1988



Sie, Sonny Kwie-Ming (1960) 1988 ~ 1991



Tong, Victor Wai-Tak (1968) 1992 ~ 1998



Wong, Joseph Chee-Chiu (1967) 1998 ~ 2000



Yeung, Augustine Cho-Hang (1966) 2000 ~ 2002

WYKAAO Timeline

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1983		
February	25	1st Dinner meeting at International Restaurant to discuss formation of WYK Alumni Association of Ontario
April	29	Mr. Anthony Ho elected Acting Chair
May	27	Founding members' meeting
June	9	1st Annual General Meeting at Mandarin Palace Restaurant; Raymond Kwong elected President, Peter Wong Vice President
August		1st Newsletter published
November	1	Letter sent to inform Fr. Deignan of the formation of WYKAAO
1984		
June	22	Francis Kwong elected President
1986		
May	9	1st WYKAAO dinner dance
1987		
February	14	1st Annual Hong Kong Joint Schools Alumni Valentine Ball
1988		
April	6	Sonny Sie elected President
September	r 30	WYKAAO dinner dance
1990		
May	20	1st Toronto Harbour cruise
August	23 ~ 25	1^{st} Attendance at Wah Yan International Conference in Vancouver, rep Sonny Sie
1991		

February 9 1st Co-hosting of Valentine Ball with WYCHK Ontario Alumni Association (WYCHKOAA)

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1992		
May	24	Victor Tong elected President, Joseph C. Wong Vice President
September	27	Participated in Hong Kong Festival organised by HK Trade & Economic Council
1994		
December	18	Requiem mass for the late Fr. Reid
1995		
May	14	Co-sponsored with WYCHKOAA Wah Yan Dramatic Society's presentation of <i>A Tale of Two Kingdoms</i> for Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto fund raising
1996		
April	4 ~ 12	Received Student Ambassadors from both Wah Yan Colleges
1997		
May	18	Toronto Harbour Cruise
June	30	Hong Kong Hand-over Ceremony live TV lunch
1998		
August	5	Reorganisation meeting with Fr. Deignan and Fr. Zee
September	23	Newsletter re-published
November	29	1 st post reorganisation AGM; Joseph C. Wong elected President, Patrick K.C. Lai Vice President
1999		
January		WYKAAO registered as a non-profit organisation; Web site launched
February	6	Co-hosting of Valentine Ball with WYCHKOAA
May	20	An evening at Molson Pub
July	1	80/75 celebrations began; Souvenir book published; Wah Yan Anniversary Cup soccer match with WYCHKOAA

WYKAAO Timeline

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July	2	Golf tournament
	3	WYCHKOAA Niagara Falls picnic; WYCHK 80th anniversary dinner
	4	School mass and lunch; WYK 75th anniversary evening gala at Crowne Plaza Hotel
November	27	Joseph C. Wong re-elected President, Augustine Yeung Vice President; Constitution and by-laws adopted
2000		
March	4	1st Spring banquet
April	30	WYKAAO flag adopted
November	17	1st Executives radio interviewed at Toronto CCBC
	25	Augustine Yeung elected President, Christopher Tam Vice President; 1st Special Achievement Award to Mak Tak-Wah & 1st Scholastic Achievement Award given
2001		
May	5	1st Joint bowling with Canossian Colleges alumnae
June	2	1st Garage sale to raise fund for 8th Wah Yan International Conference (IC2002) Fathers' travelling fund
October	14	1st Young members' lunch
November	3	Augustine Yeung re-elected President, Christopher Tam and Kelvin Chan $1^{\rm st}$ and $2^{\rm nd}$ Vice Presidents
2002		
March	2	WYKAAO Coming of Age booklet published & distributed at Spring Banquet; Silent auction for IC2002 Fathers' travelling fund
June	29	IC2002 organised by WYCHKOAA at Metropolitan Hotel; to July 2
November	16	Kelvin Chan elected President, Kelvin Ng Vice President
2003		
February	15	WYKAAO logo adopted
March	8	20th anniversary booklet published & distributed at Spring Banquet; Starting fund raising drive for WYK campus renovation



AGM in the early 1980's



An early member gathering



Dinner with Fr. Deignan, 1986



Francis Kwong as Santa at Christmas Party, 1991



Mr. Wong Chin-Wah & Percival Ho (2nd & 3rd from right) performing Chinese opera in English, 1995



Student Ambassadors, 1996



Toronto Harbour Cruise, 1997



6th Wah Yan International Conference, Calgary, 1998



Victor Tong honouring Lena Wong & Patsy Sie, very supportive wives of our members Peter & Sonny, AGM 1998



Winning the Wah Yan Anniversary Cup Soccer Tournament, 1999



Board of Directors at WYK 75th anniversary gala, 1999



Head table at WYK 75th anniversary gala, 1999



Dinner with Mr. Francis Kong, 1999



Mr. Anthony Ho introducing Ho Pak-Lee at Picnic 2000



Ontario delegates with Mr. Francis Kong at I@2000 in LA



At IC2000, Joseph Wong congratulating Kelvin Tsang on WYCHKOAA's successful bidding for IC2002



Dinner with Fr. Zee, 2000



Executives interviewed at TCCBC, 2000



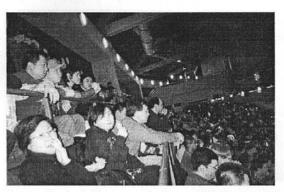
Dr. Mak Tak-Wah receiving Special Achievement Award, AGM 2000



Dinner with Fr. Coghlan, 2001



Dinner with Fr. Stephen Chow, 2001



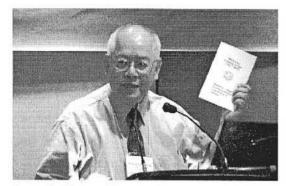
Raptors' basketball game at Skydome, 2002



Silent auction of Ho Pak-Lee's painting, 2002



Joint schools bowling, 2002



Augustine Yeung giving our chapter's report at IC2002



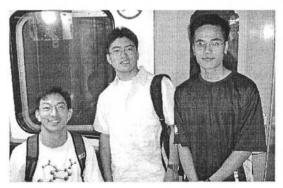
IC2002 WYK Attendees



Former teachers Messrs W. Hsueh, L. Tam & K.K. Mui being interviewed at IC2002



IC2002 gala young workers with MC Peter Au



Kelvin Ng with Student Ambassadors, 2002



Picnic at Louis Lau's farm, 2002



Visitors from Hong Kong, Percival Ho & Carl Leung, 2002



Directors at AGM 2002

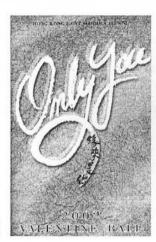


Valentine Ball 2003

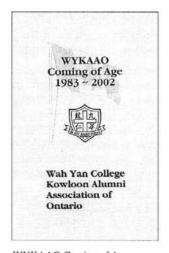
WYKAAO Productions



WYK Silver Jubilee Souvenir Book 1999



Valentine Ball Programme Books 2000, 2002, 2003



WYKAAO Coming of Age Booklet 2002

8th Wah Yan International Conference Programme Book 2002 (with WYCHKOAA)



70 Years and a Century Apart

母校首屆畢業生曹國祥話舊陳年

1925年,入讀華仁分校第五班 [Form 2],校址在 体蘭街與碧街東北角 [現為碧蘭大樓,梅江飯店舊址]。 樓下為快餐店。第六,第七,第八班, [Form 1, Primary 6, Primary 5] 在二樓上課,樓梯在砵蘭街; 第五班以上在三樓上課,樓梯在碧街。



當時西洋菜街是種菜地,還沒有上海街和佐敦道。大角咀有小山,由旺角去,要行田基。碧街與窩打老道為險房,坊間傳聞,常有鬼魂出現。

1928年,新校舍建成,校長周清林。

1929年,我班,即第二班 [Form 5] 參加由香港大學主辦的 Junior Local 會考。全班共八人,全部及格。校長有意將首屆畢業生姓名刻在木板上以誌慶,惜未竟其事。同學李耀波其後任教母校數拾年。

是年秋季,每日乘天星輪渡海,步行上羅便臣道華仁正校就讀第一班預 科,中途退學,就業中國海關。

What Alan Leong of the Class 2001 thinks of WYKAAO:

"Hello everyone, I am glad to share my experience in WYKAAO in the past two years with you. As the youngest member, I always get extra help from other elder alumni and I enjoy the special attention from them.



My first involvement of the Association was the bowling game with other schools in 2001. I met many alumni graduated from different years. At first, I was afraid we would not have any common interests but soon I found out I worried too much. We are all from WYK and we all have the same root. And soon I started to participate at other functions and meetings. I have gained a lot of valuable experience.

Among the events I have participated, IC2002 hosted by Wah Yan College (Hong Kong) Ontario Alumni Association was the most exciting one. I met many alumni of both Wah Yan Colleges from different parts of world and yet they remain faithful sons of the Wah Yan family. I am very proud of the fact that I could be a volunteer to help out in such an important event.

Waterloo Road Campus 50th Anniversary Fund Raising

2002 marked the 50th anniversary of the Waterloo Road campus of Wah Yan College, Kowloon. Over the past 50 years, we have made our marks in public examinations and many extracurricular activities and our graduates have also contributed greatly to society. However, recent visits to the school made us realise that maintaining a 50-year old campus is not easy and therefore the Past Students Association in Hong Kong has decided to organise this important fund raising programme.

Wah Yan Kowloon has been facing a number of difficulties in recent years. Although numerous efforts have been made and options considered, there still seems to be a perpetual shortfall in running the school the way it has been and should be. And be mindful of the fact that WYK may soon be in dire straits if we do not all pitch in with helping hands now. The cost of maintaining the campus has been escalating. Outside of maintenance, funding for anything important outside of the Education Department curriculum does not receive any assistance at all.

Wah Yan has contributed to the formation of men like us in the past and now we have a chance to help the school keep going for the next 50 years and beyond. Please consider helping to make a big difference in any of the following ways –

- WYKAAO has enlisted a generous benefactor who will match our donations. Please make your cheque payable to Wah Yan Kowloon Alumni Ontario and send it to our mailing address. We will acknowledge your donation and forward it to WYK. If you prefer to send in your contribution directly to the school, please make your cheque payable to Fr. Kelly's Education Fund and send it directly to WYK.
- Extend this fund raising call to as many alumni, parents or supporters of Wah Yan Kowloon as possible.
- Join WYKAAO's 20th anniversary functions. Net proceeds of many of our events will go to the fund.

Our Waterloo Road campus has been standing gracefully for 50 years. What happens in the next 50 years and beyond depends on whether you act now or not. A small contribution from each of us is going to mean a lot to the school that helped prepare us for the world. We know Wah Yan Kowloon can count on you to do your part.