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Official Newsletter of WYKAAO

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Merry X'mas & Happy New Year!

Message from the President

Board of Directors 2008~2009

David Wong (1964) - *President*
Dermot Chan (1965)
Kelvin Chan (1994)
Bill Fok (1968)
Eric Li (1995)
Jeffrey Mah (1978)
Sonny Sie (1960)
Andrew Tang (1965)
Victor Tong (1968)
Joseph Wong (1967)
Peter Wong (1962)

2008 marked some important events in the history of WYKAAO. We reached a quarter century old and certainly we will try our best to propagate our association. It also marks the year when we changed to utilising our website a lot more efficiently. It is a tool that allows us to strengthen our communication with our members. Communication also means a tighter network.



We also initiated a couple of new social programmes to allow our members better contacts with our association. There is no guarantee for success but we can truly see we tried.

Besides different social functions, we have lined up our sponsorship of "The cradle painting exhibition" which will occur in spring of 2009. This is a very meaningful support to introduce a new education method that happened in our mother school back in the sixties yet it never received any recognition until now. I am proud of lending it support.

We will push forward to make our association more recognisable in the future. After all, I have to say thanks to all our members who lent us strong support through the year and I have to thank all the directors for their hard work to make my job easier.

We will be looking forward to another exciting year.

David

AGM and 25th Anniversary Dinner

With close to one hundred guests attending, WYKAAO's twenty-fifth anniversary celebration was held in conjunction with our 2008 Annual General Meeting on 19th October at the Galaxy Restaurant. To make our anniversary celebration even more meaningful, the walls of the restaurant were well decorated with WYKAAO's pictures from bygone years and newspaper clippings and photographs of Mr. Laurence Tam's "Cradle of New Chinese Ink Painting Movement" exhibition.

At the annual meeting, the general membership confirmed the incoming Directors and the newly elected Board convened to re-elect David Wong to another term of office as President.

Sumptuous dinner was served after the business part of the evening was over. During the dinner, we were treated to a video recording of Mr. Wilson Hsueh's performance

2008~2009 Directors





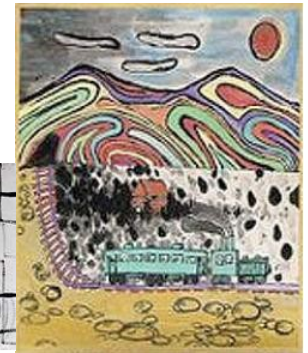
(Top) The Dinner
 (Above) WYCHKOAA's President
 Sunny So (left) & David Wong
 (Left) Mr. Tam presenting

and the newsreel of the actual TV broadcast of our 1999 WYK Diamond Jubilee celebration.

Members of the classes 1968 and 1978 were honoured with souvenirs and so was Don Yau ('65) who travelled all the way from Calgary to join us.

Mr. Anthony Ho gave a very witty roast of all our Presidents, from Raymond Kwong to David Wong. This was followed by Mr. Tam's presentation on his art exhibition in Hong Kong and Mainland China. Many copies of his ink painting movement book were sold to raise fund for the upcoming exhibition.

Finally, an urgent appeal letter from Principal So was read and over \$3,000 was raised for Wahyanite Cheung Chung-Pan's lymphoedema treatment in Taiwan.



Samples of the paintings

Cradle of New Chinese Ink Painting Movement Exhibition

Dear Artists, Art Lovers, Teachers and Parents:

I have a story to tell...

Some 40 years ago, Mr. Laurence Tam implemented a wonderful and innovative method of teaching Chinese ink painting at Wah Yan College, Kowloon in Hong Kong. This method had been hidden for almost 40 years since Mr. Tam left the college to become the Curator of the Hong Kong Museum of Art. It was an ingenious method that allowed students to creatively explore Chinese ink painting using geometric lines and shapes. This method enhanced the observational power of the students, stimulated their imaginations, and encouraged them to expand their horizons. It was a bold new step in art education and encouraged students to be creative and taught them to think and react independently through unconventional domains.

An exhibition of the surviving paintings created by his grade 8 students 40 years ago made its first appearance in Hong Kong City Hall in 2006. The display has subsequently been repeated at schools and universities in Hong Kong, the youths' centre at Guangzhou in China and will soon be in Beijing and Shanghai. This exchange of ideas and innovative effort, if extended to North America, would certainly be beneficial to the art and education circle here.

The Wah Yan College Kowloon Alumni Association of Ontario (WYKAAO) is proud to participate in this promotional art education project. The exhibition is scheduled to be held in Toronto at the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto in 2009 from April 25 to May 9. We would appreciate your support by spreading the news of this meaningful exhibition to individuals and relevant institutions and providing us with their (and your) mailing addresses (or e-mail) so that invitations can be sent out nearer to the event date.

David Wong
 President, WYKAAO

Medical Fund for Wahyanite Cheung Chung-Pan ('03)

WYK's Principal Mr. Norman So wrote, "...We have received HK \$648,902.69 in donation, which is more than sufficient to cover the initial medical expenses. Money is still coming in. We plan to continue supporting Chung Pan during his

rehabilitation period and we shall use the surplus to set up a separate account under the Fr. Kelly Educational Fund for the relief of Wahyanites (WYHK and WYK) in need in the future...” See our [web site](#) for full text and update letters from the Cheung Family.

We are happy to report that the donation from Ontario amounts to C\$4,610 plus some members’ matching, \$3,010 being raised at our AGM and \$1,600 at the WYCHKOOA’s AGM. Chung-Pan’s surgery was completed successfully on 28th November. We wish him a speedy recovery.

On Our Web Site

Our web site at www.wykontario.org is updated regularly. Please do not forget to check it out periodically for news and information of your association, school friends, Jesuit fathers, teachers and of course our beloved alma mater.

To read some of the books that we issued over the years to mark various occasions, please click “Publications.” Now you won’t miss an issue of our newsletter. You can read them all under “Newsletters.” An online WYKAAO photo album has been set up to store the photographs of our events. You can enjoy them by clicking “Pictures.”

What better way to remember Mr. Wilson Hsueh than by listening to his performance? Look no further than our web site. The following recordings are now online at <http://video.wykontario.org/> under Audios and Videos: Mr. Wilson Hsueh’s farewell on-air recital at Radio Hong Kong in 1974, recordings of his winning Senior Choir at City Hall, practice sessions of the Intermediate Choir also in 1974 and the video of his performance at our WYK Diamond Jubilee Gala Dinner in 1999.



Mr. Hsueh & Ms. Wei at gala performance

Fr. George Zee in Town

Mr. Ho with the visiting Fr. Zee

Fr. Zee met with Mr. Anthony Ho briefly on 29th October after attending the Energy Psychology Conference here in Toronto. He was in good spirit and was enjoying good health. He could speak clearly by pressing his throat with a finger. He sent his greetings to all Wahyanite whom he could not meet with during his short stay in town and appreciates communications by e-mails only.



Wah Yan International Conference 2008



Donald Tsang & Fr. Deignan unveiling plaque

Francis Kwong reporting on WYKAAO

Fr. Deignan receiving cheque from Sir Gordon

IC2008 was successfully held in Hong Kong from 15th to 16th November at both Wah Yan campuses. Representing WYKAAO at the conference was our past president Francis Kwong (’64). The next IC will be hosted in Los Angeles by the Southern California Chapter in 2010.

The [Wah Yan One Family Foundation](#) is one step closer to its goal of raising HK\$100 million after Gordon Wu’s (WYCHK ’52) timely donation to the fund. On 16th November, the first day of IC2008 at Wah Yan Kowloon, Fr. Alfred Deignan received from Sir Gordon a cheque of



HK\$5 million during the Dream of Wah Yan Commemorative Plaque Unveiling Ceremony officiated by Hong Kong SAR Chief Executive Donald Tsang (WYCHK '62) in his capacity as the honorary patron of the fund raising project.

Happy Birthday Fr. Naylor

Fr. Harold Naylor's birthday was celebrated during IC2008. Suuny So, President of WYCHKOAA reports from Hong Kong, "We celebrated his birthday during the IC2008 Gala Dinner at Chinese Club Building in Central. An old boy also sang an Italian song with him in Pavarotti's style."

Fr. Naylor's birthday cake



Fr. Deignan Honoured



Fr. Alfred Deignan received the honorary degree of Doctor of Education, his 2nd honorary doctorate, at the 14th graduation ceremony of the Hong Kong Institute of Education on 13th November. Donald Tsang (WYCHK '62) Chancellor of the Institute and Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR Government, presided over the ceremony. Fr. Deignan was honoured for his dedication to education in Hong Kong and the region. He has contributed his effort and love to the nurturing of young people for more than 50 years, and many of them now play key roles in all walks of life.

Donald Tsang and Fr. Deignan at HKIE

Class of 1965 Reunion Alaskan Cruise



WYK65ers group photo

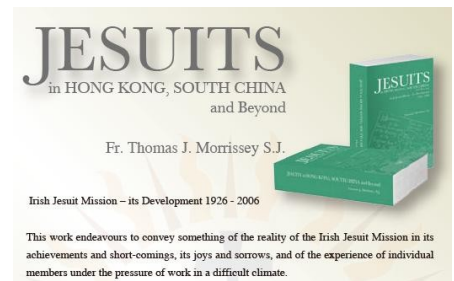
Andrew Tang on board



This year, WYK65ers from Perth, Beijing, Hong Kong, Philadelphia, Washington DC, Toronto, Edmonton, Calgary, and of course, Vancouver converged and embarked the Diamond Princess at the Vancouver Port on 13th September for their 6th annual reunion. Thanks are due to Bonbon Hu the organizer. John Yu of Vancouver has taken up the baton of the 7th annual reunion in 2009.

Jesuits in Hong Kong, South China Historic Book

The Book titled, "Jesuits in Hong Kong, South China and Beyond, Irish Jesuit Mission – its Development 1926 ~ 2006" by Fr. Thomas Morrissey S.J. reveals the achievements and short-comings, joys and sorrows of the Jesuit Mission in Hong Kong and the experience of individual members under the pressure of work in a difficult climate. At the book launching ceremony attended by a hundred guests on 18th November in Wah Yan Hong Kong Fr. Morrissey signed away dozens of books. Just in one day, 1,000 copies of the book have already been sold. For ordering information, please check our web site at [www.wykontario.org/wykaao_doc/Jesuits in HK.pdf](http://www.wykontario.org/wykaao_doc/Jesuits%20in%20HK.pdf).



Farewell Party for Mighty Norman So

WYK's Principal Mr. Norman So ('65) is retiring early 2009 after serving our alma mater for over 35 years. Mr. So is planning to set up a fund for helping staff and students in need. To support his goal and to thank him for his service, WYKPSA has organised a farewell dinner in his honour on 29th November.



Mighty So

Mighty So's party

