



## Wah Yan College Kowloon Alumni Association of Ontario

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### Official Newsletter of WYKAAO

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#### Notice of Annual General Meeting 2008

TAKE NOTICE that the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Wah Yan College Kowloon Alumni Association of Ontario will be held at the Galaxy Chinese Cuisine (喜福樓), 350 Highway 7, Unit 101, Richmond Hill, Ontario on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 6 PM for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2007
2. To receive the 2007~2008 Activities Report of the Association
3. To receive the 2007~2008 Financial Report of the Association
4. To elect the Board of Directors for 2008~2009
5. To honour the Form 5 classes with years ending in 8's and the class of 1983 for their graduation anniversaries
6. To distribute Scholastic Achievement Awards
7. To raise fund for WYK's 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Dated at the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, Canada, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2008.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS David Wong – President

#### AGM / 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund Raising Dinner

Date – Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Time – 7 PM

Cost – \$45 per person

Venue – Galaxy Chinese Cuisine (喜福樓), 350 Highway 7, Unit 101, Richmond Hill, Ontario

Speakers – Mr. Laurence Tam: The Cradle of Chinese Ink Painting Movement Exhibition

Mr. Anthony Ho: History of WYKAAO

To celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WYKAAO and to raise money for WYK's 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary by sponsoring Mr. Laurence Tam's The Cradle of New Chinese Ink Painting Movement Exhibition in Toronto's Chinese Cultural Centre in April 2009

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#### Minutes of AGM 2007

Date – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2007

Time – 6:30 PM

Venue – Empire Legendary Oriental Cuisine, 3600 Victoria Park Avenue, Toronto, Ontario

1. Meeting called to order by President Alan Leong
2. Minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting approved by the general members
3. Financial reports of 2006~2007 approved by the general members
4. Directors for 2007~2008 (listed below) nominated and approved by the general members: Sonny Sie (1960), Peter Wong (1962), David Wong (1964), Dermot Chan (1965), Andrew Tang (1965), Joseph Wong (1967), William Fok (1968), Victor Tong (1968), Jeffrey Mah (1978), Ambrose Li (1986), Herman Sham (2005)
5. Business part of the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM
6. Scholastic Achievement awards given out during dinner to Adrian, son of Philip Kwok (1968) and Elaine, daughter of Simon Chau (1971)
7. Members of the Honoured Classes 1957, 1967, 1977 and 1997 recognised during dinner
8. Guest speaker of the evening was Louis Lau (1957)

## Activities Report 2007~2008

- David Wong (1964) elected President
- Valentine Ball
- Spring Banquet, guest speaker Michael Au, Chairman IC 2008
- Niagara Winery Tour
- Outing to the Royal Botanical Gardens, Burlington
- Terry Fox Run

## Scholastic Achievement Award

The award is opened to students whose aggregate total of their best six Grade 12 subjects gained in 2007~2008 is 480 or over and who have begun their post-secondary education in September 2008.

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

A completed application form together with a certified true copy of his/her Ontario Secondary School Transcript should reach the registered office WYKAAO on or before 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2008. Successful candidates will be notified and invited to receive their awards of \$100 each at the Annual general Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2008. Application form can be downloaded from our website at: [http://www.wykontario.org/wykaao\\_doc/forms/SAA%20form.pdf](http://www.wykontario.org/wykaao_doc/forms/SAA%20form.pdf).

## 25 Years of WYKAAO 1983~2008

### Roll of Presidents

Raymond Kwong ('66) 1983~1984  
Francis Kwong ('64) 1984~1988  
Sonny Sie ('60) 1988~1991  
Raymond Kwong ('66) 1991~1992  
Victor Tong ('68) 1992~1998  
Joseph Wong ('67) 1998~2000



Augustine Yeung ('66) 2000~2002  
Kelvin Chan ('94) 2002~2004  
Kelvin Ng ('95) 2004~2006  
Alan Leong ('01) 2006~2007  
David Wong ('64) 2007~ present

Before 1983, there were already many gatherings of WYK alumni in Toronto but without a formal organisation. It was the founding of an official chapter by the alumni of WYCHK in Ontario in 1982 that gave us the incentive to organise a chapter of our own. The first ever official meeting was convened by our former Assistant Principal Mr Anthony Ho on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 1983. Raymond Kwong was elected President on 9<sup>th</sup> June and a newsletter was first published in August. The rest is history. There were up and down years but the resiliency and continuity is always there, showing the world the true meaning of Wah Yan spirit in the working.

## Terry Fox Run 2008



Team WYKAAO

On a cloudy Sunday in September, Team WYKAAO showed up at the Unionville Public Library registration desk. After a short speech by the local organizers in the front lawn on Terry Fox' fight for the cure of cancer, participants started their Run/Walk along the scenic country path along the Toogood Pond. Some of our members undertook the 5-km route and some negotiated the short cut on a bridge across the beautiful pond.

For the effort of the Jeff Mah family with his sister-in-law, Ms Monica Tang, Ms Gertrude Chan, Eric Li, Alan Leong and Mr. Anthony Ho, Team WYKAAO raised close to C\$6,000.00 for this worthy cause.



### Mr. Wilson Hsueh Wei-Shiang, R.I.P

Mr. Wilson Hsueh Wei-Shiang (1924~2008) passed away on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2008. He taught music at WYK from 1958~1974 and was instrumental in building the strong foundation of music that our students enjoy today. He produced four Gilbert and Sullivan operas: Pirates of Penzance, Iolanthe, Mikado, and Yeoman of the Guard, introduced local artists at

weekly lunch-time music programme and conducted our school choirs to win numerous awards in the Hong Kong Schools Music Festival.

Memorial service was held on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August. It was conducted by Minister Rev. Nolan Lee from the Toronto Chinese Baptist Church. The interpreter was Simon Pan (1976) from TCBC. The church choirs sang beautifully. Raymond Kwong (1966), our founding president, summarized the memories posted in WYKAAO Forum and Mr. Anthony Ho delivered the eulogy. Mr. Hsueh's resting place is in the York Cemetery in Toronto. Many Wahyanites attended the service to pay respect to their former teacher. Copies of the memories of Mr. Hsueh posted in our WYKAAO Forum (<http://forum.wykontario.org/>) were distributed to visitors.



Requiem mass at WYK



A requiem mass for Mr. Hsueh was celebrated by Fr. Naylor, Fr. Deignan and Fr. Zee at WYK's St. Ignatius Chapel on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> August and was attended mostly by the more senior WYK old boys. Mr Laurence Tam read Mr. Hsueh's history.

### Outing to the Royal Botanical Gardens

Our first ever outing to the Royal Botanical gardens in Burlington was held on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2008. Guided tour of the Rock Gardens and the RBG Centre was followed by a quick lunch at a famous local hot dog joint – the Easterbrook. After picking Chinese vegetables in a nearby farm, we were treated to a drive through a scenic part of town along Lake Ontario. The trip ended with afternoon refreshment at the Burlington Lake Front's Discovery Landing.

Group photo



Guided tour



Lunch at Easterbrook



Refreshment at Burlington Lake Front



Picking Chinese veggies



### Dinner with Mr. Percival Ho

A dinner was held in honour of the visiting WYK teacher, Mr. Percival Ho (1988) who was our secretary when attending the University of Toronto. At the concurrent open Board meeting, Eric Li (1995) was admitted to our Board of Directors.

Group dinner photo (Mr. Percival Ho, sitting 2<sup>nd</sup> right)



### Wah Yan International Conference 2008

The bi-annual Wah Yan International Conference will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November in Hong Kong. The Theme of the conference is "Timeless Bonding in Action." Visiting from Hong Kong, IC2008 Chairman Michael Au joined our Directors for a dinner on 8<sup>th</sup> September in Toronto.

Dinner with Michael Au (5<sup>th</sup> right)



Michael Au writes, "Being held in Hong Kong, IC-2008 takes on special significance because one returns to the alma mater and found oneself in the midst of many more a boyhood friend and beloved teacher. It is not a chance to be missed. For those who have lived afar for a long time, take the chance to visit Mainland China and note the progress it is making. Your hosts are arranging many entertainment programs to cater to every desire. Let us know how you want to celebrate the occasion. Come and spend some good times with old boys of Wah Yan."

For more information, please refer to the IC2008 website at – [http://www.wahyan-psa.org/events/20081115\\_IC2008/index.html](http://www.wahyan-psa.org/events/20081115_IC2008/index.html).



### Fr. Zee Writes



"I'll only arrive (Toronto) on the night of 23<sup>rd</sup> (October) and attend Energy Psychology Conference from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>...I was hoping to thank you all in person for all the concern and prayers, even though I cannot swallow solid food and that will be for some time till my throat can be stretched. Please kindly extend my sincere thanks to all on my behalf. Overall I'm recovering well. Life will never be the same. I'm managing all right without a voice box, speaking through the throat only...God bless you all!"

### 2008 Annual General Meeting Mail-in Reply Slip

#### 1) Attendance

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year (Form 5) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phones (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Office) \_\_\_\_\_

(Fax) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I will be / will not be attending the AGM / dinner (circle applicable) on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

Number of persons attending dinner \_\_\_\_\_. Please reply by 12<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

#### 2) Director Nomination

I hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year (Form 5) \_\_\_\_\_

for the position of Director of WYKAAO for 2008~2009 and I have his consent to serve the nomination.

Nominations close on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Enclosed please find my cheque of \$10.00 being my membership fee for 2008~2009 / Enclosed please find my donation cheque of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards the WYKAAO fund raising for WYK

Please make your cheque payable to 'Wah Yan Kowloon Alumni Ontario' and mail to WYKAAO  
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