



Toronto Chapter's Annual Dinner

I'd like to share some stories and exciting news about our Toronto Chapter's Annual Dinner held on September 13, 2015, to celebrate Ying Wa's 115th Anniversary as well as to welcome our Principal, Mrs. Ruth Lee on her visit right after her retirement.

First of all, the exciting news:

1. a record high attendance of 132; and
2. a record high contribution of CAD\$8,600 to the YW Redevelopment Fund.

My heartfelt thanks go to all who helped make our Annual Dinner a successful, and above all, a most joyful evening for every attendee.

Thanks to Yolanda for organizing the gathering and for planning the program in such details, to Johnny for the technical support and to Cindy for her beautiful singing! Thanks to Miss Kwan for contributing her YW Bear and for sponsoring a 「英華姑爺」's singing. Miss Kwan's dancing had definitely brought great fun to all!!

Now comes the stories behind the scene that brought the heart warming contributions:

Special thanks to my 師姐 岑淑薇 (Maisie Shum) who kindly made four lovely 'Ying Wa Dolls' for the Toronto Chapter. We named the four lovely dolls 「真真」、「美美」、「堅堅」and 「如如」, in honour of our four Principals since 1947, namely 蕭覺真校長、鄭美蓮校長、周馬佩堅校長、李石玉如校長. I had a most pleasant surprise from 淑薇師姐 who was so kind to make one extra doll specially for me. After much consideration, we decided to put up the four 'Principal Dolls' to auction. I also decided to contribute mine and named her C.C., in honour of our well respected teacher, the Rev. Lee Ching Chee. I then came up with the idea of putting C.C.'s Doll for 'group purchase' so that everyone could contribute to our YW Redevelopment Fund besides the 'privileged four' who could successfully bid for the four 'Principal Dolls' at the auction.

Special thanks to Lo Man Chong who first asked me to reserve a doll for her @\$500. Thank God, it was her generosity that stirred up our courage to go ahead with the auction. Many many thanks to Janet Lam, our very enthusiastic alumna from Vancouver, Lily (my ex-colleague) and Hui Chau Ha, my classmate who spontaneously gave me a positive reply when I asked them

to support the auction. So, that goes the story behind the scene that brought \$2,600 from the auction and \$4,000+ from the 'group purchase' for C.C.'s Doll! A BIG BIG THANK YOU to all who contributed so generously to this meaningful deed. We also made a card with the memorable pictures of Rev. C.C. Lee officiating at the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony which marked an important milestone in our YW history. The 'C.C. Doll' and the card were brought back to Hong Kong and presented to C.C. at the YWGSAA Ambassadors' Tea Party on October 10.

Our Ying Wa Spirit is well demonstrated at this gathering. I'm sure all of us are proud to be a member of our Ying Wa Family, including our very supportive 「英華姑爺」! The Overseas Alumnae Newsletter will surely promote an even stronger bond among us! 「身遠心莫離」 is deeply engraved in our hearts, and we look forward to a very happy reunion in Hong Kong to witness and share the joy at the dedication of our new school campus!!

Yau Ping Wai, Winnie ('59)

