



Ying Wa Girls' School

Alumnae Association Newsletter

Special Feature on Overseas Alumnae (Web-version only)

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Video Greetings from Miss Evelyn Jenkins



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Miss Jenkins, our 5th Principal (1967-1972), sends her regards to all of us in Ying Wa. She now lives in Kent, being well taken care of in a home for the elderly. In July 2019, Mr Francis Kwan, current Principal, and Mrs Ruth Lee ('72), 7th Principal (2001-2015), made a special trip to visit her and celebrated her 89th birthday.

Please see links for recent reports on Miss Jenkins in our Overseas Alumnae Newsletters:

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The warm wishes and visits of the Principals and some alumnae are much appreciated by Miss Jenkins, and she has enjoyed the updates on school news, and the completion of the new campus.

Messages for Miss Evelyn Jenkins

To facilitate requests from alumnae to send Miss Jenkins their greetings, you are welcome to write short messages (around 30 words) by 15 April 2020 via the following Google Form:



<https://forms.gle/5pGskAdKVCq3FhvK9>

Thank you for your kind participation. We are sure Miss Jenkins would be very happy to hear from you all.

Newsletter Editorial Team, Alumnae Association

多年同窗，越洋奇遇

凌偉思、石玉如 ('72)



自拍照 (由左至右)：蔡淑瑛、王家寶、關慕芳、石玉如、凌偉思



'72書友仔 (由左至右)：徐少霞、石玉如、關慕芳、陳愛香、王家寶



結伴同遊弓湖 (Bow Lake)

凌偉思 (溫哥華)

2019年9月收到旅居澳洲悉尼的同窗關慕芳和王家寶的信息，知道她們會在月底來加拿大旅遊，其中一站是溫哥華。我們約好了於9月25日見面，很期待。闊別多年，終於可以見面了。

在她們來的前幾天，收到石玉如的信息，她會在往返卡加利路途上，在溫哥華轉機，也許可以見面。但她要26日才到，所以會與慕芳和家寶緣慳一面，真可惜。

9月25日與慕芳和家寶午後到已故英華老師陳詠璇（賴太）下葬的墓園，陳老師曾於七十至九十年代任教初中地理及中文科。雖然我們有地址，但墓園的面積很大，要找也很不容易。幸好有熱心校友霍瑞芬（'75）慷慨引領，我們一行4人，在陳老師的墓前，想起了不少英華生活的回憶，其中最令我們津津樂道的就是當年陳老師和周美莉老師在聖誕聯歡會中扮演「筷子姐妹花」的片段，在墓前憶苦思甜，也叫人驚覺時光飛逝。

當晚與慕芳和家寶一起吃飯，也有另外一位同學蔡淑瑛。當天早上知道玉如改了機票，雖然在晚上到，但應該仍是趕不及來吃飯吧！

結果… 由玉如來接力吧！

石玉如 (香港)

八月中旬從「英國尋根之旅」回港後，本來沒有打算再遠行。但卻有從加拿大卡加利來的呼喚，真的有點躊躇。除了是剛剛遠行才歸，也考慮到就算動身，也未必能妥善處理在那裏要做的事情。兩難之間，懇切禱告，中間得著啓悟。決定聽神的話，憑信心於九月下旬踏上信心之旅。整個過程，其中不單看到神奇妙的帶領，上了美好的屬靈一課，還有很多意外收穫。

因為機票的限制，在來回路上要在溫哥華各停留一天，幸好好友凌偉思慷慨收容，又因為飛機比原定時間早了個多小時降落，能和慕芳和家寶見面，加上偉思和淑瑛，好熱鬧。後來知道慕芳和家寶也會到卡加利，所以也在那裏和陳愛香和徐少霞聚面，我們5位老同學，連同家人，在初雪的晚上共晉晚餐暢談，更一同唱起校歌、校詩和以前在早會常唱的詩歌。那份在寒冬中的溫暖與情誼，畢生難忘。回程的一天，在溫哥華與校友會幾位幹事吃晚飯，她們的熱情，叫我感動。

這次的旅程，有很多新的經驗，例如人生中第一次遇上大雪、掃雪、夜間在雪地開車、採摘蘋果等等，原來只要憑信心聽神的話，祂奇妙的引領，超過我們所想所求。

後記

1. 我們澳、加、港闊別四十多年的老同學能相聚，實在是超乎想像，亦難能可貴。
2. 陳詠璇（賴太）老師在離開英華後，便旅居加拿大，2002年離世。如有校友路過溫哥華而有心到她的墓園，可與溫哥華校友會負責人凌偉思聯絡 (audreysyeung@gmail.com)。



WHAT A GREAT VISIT!

Sharing after a school visit on
19 November 2019

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▲ Happily posing in front of the vintage doors
Left to right: Chan Seung Yan ('71), Wong Yuen Yee, Chan Man Kin, Chan Lai On, Pang On Chuen, Wan Ho Shuen, Chan Shun Kit, Chow Siu Fung ('82)



▲ Perfect pose at this iconic location



▲ Attentive students in the 1960s



▲ Enjoying the ever awesome auditorium

Chan Lai On

On a nice, sunny November afternoon, six of us from the Class of 1965 - including two visiting from Toronto - had a great opportunity to visit the new Ying Wa campus. Chan Seung Yan ('71) kindly made arrangement with the school, and Vice Principal Ms. Chow Siu Fung ('82), graciously took us on the tour.

As soon as we met up at the front lobby, we instantly felt as if we were brought back to our school days over a half century ago! Standing in front of those vintage brown wood/glass-panelled doors recycled from the former campus, the conversation quickly turned into an animated discussion of what the shade of brown was when those doors were guarding the entrance to the 'new wing' in our days! And as we walked out to the patio, everyone was awed by the stunning view! What an amazing design job the architects had done for the new campus!

Sitting down at desks salvaged from the former campus and refurbished, we were soon happily chatting about our classes and teachers we had in the various subjects back in our days, what fun we had, even how we had to creatively hide our sleepiness, sometimes, during class.....

Seeing the many old entities brought back fond memories, but it was incredibly exciting to see the new facilities - Silcocks Hall, library, auditorium, ball courts, modern technologies... all so impressive! How blessed today's students are to have access to such facilities!

Those were splendid two hours we all cherished. We truly had a great time reminiscing the past and admiring the present.

Pang On Chuen

It was a long-awaited opportunity to return, after over half a century, to the Ying Wa school premises which had just been purposely designed and rebuilt to meet the challenges of the present and future education needs.

The tour around the campus brought back all the fond memories of my 12 years' study at Ying Wa. I am indebted to our school, especially to Miss Silcocks, for bestowing upon me a sound and solid education background. Her dedication in educating the young minds had benefitted me tremendously throughout my whole lifetime. It is indeed my sincere wish that the present and future Ying Wa students can enjoy the facilities and good learning environment the school provides. They should always bear in mind the school motto 寸陰是惜, that time is precious and should not be wasted. Everyone should aim at learning assiduously to equip oneself to become a constructive, successful and law-abiding member of our community.

Chan Shun Kit

So grateful for God's Blessings that we could meet at our new YW School campus. We really treasure the time when we were studying in YW. The visit brought back so much fun and memories that we shared together in YW.



From left: Wing Tsang ('62), Melinda Louie ('65), Julia Wu ('77), Alice Louie ('67), Yvonne Lau ('03)

Christmas party organized jointly by alumni of six Christian Schools from Hong Kong

We were glad that Yvonne Lau ('03), an alumna recently settled in Los Angeles joined us at the party on December 8, 2019. Alumnae brought family and friends, enjoyed the dancing, singing and magic show. Julia Wu ('77) even won the second prize in the big raffle draw!

Each person took home samples of canned fish, Lee Kam Kee sauce, chips, etc. It was a fun and joyous event. Hope more alumnae will join us next year!

Happy Holidays to all our alumnae around the world!

Melinda Louie ('65)



Farewell Dinner at the NBC Restaurant
From left: Sharon Yung & Carolyn Yim ('67)

Short visit of Carolyn Yim

Classmate of Alice Louie and Sharon Yung ('67), Carolyn Yim (嚴麗冰) and her husband Stuart visited Los Angeles from December 12 to 17 2019. We were able to arrange two gatherings during their visit.

On December 12, we met for Dim Sum lunch at the NBC Restaurant on their arrival right before Sharon's sister and her husband went on their cruise the next day. They were good friends of Carolyn too. On December 16 (the day before Carolyn's departure), Sharon treated them to a nice farewell dinner also at the NBC Restaurant so they could meet Sharon's brother. They were neighbours in Hong Kong when they attended Ying Wa! We had great food and wonderful fellowship!

Wing Tsang ('62)

Dim Sum luncheon on arrival





Welcome to the New Year!

Ying Wa Sydney alumnae organised our very first gathering in 2020 on 17 January. There were two tables with 18 of us attending and enjoying the delicious dim sum at the Golden Hawk Chinese Restaurant of the Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club. The atmosphere was warm and harmonious during the reunion. We chatted happily and found out what had happened in our lives since we last met. Before we started eating, we proposed a toast to wish each one of us "Good Luck and Good Health" in the Year of the Rat!

11 of us stayed behind for a long coffee chat till 3:30 pm.

Wong Ka Po 王家寶 ('72)



In the restaurant



At the entrance of the restaurant



Having coffee together



The background showing celebration of Australia Day on 26 January 2020



海外校友 祝賀母校120週年校慶

我們萬分興奮，迎來英華女校校友會波士頓小組的成立！適逢母校校舍重建完成，並邁向120週年校慶的里程碑，感謝天父在過去百多年歷程中的帶領，保守和供應！

我們雖長年旅居海外，但對母校的感情從未割捨，盼望透過校友會小組的成立，能凝聚在美國東岸新英格蘭地區的校友們，彼此聯絡感情，分享過往點滴，並攜手期待母校在未來更高、更廣、更遠的發展！

一群來自波士頓的英華女兒

十年樹木 百年樹人
領受主恩 百二十載
聖靈帶領 輝耀香江
孜孜學子 作鹽作光
祝我英華 承先啟後
作育英才 造福社群

溫哥華英華女校暨
英華書院舊生會敬賀

恭賀英華母校
一百二十週年感恩
聖靈導引
為主發光
為神益人
榮神益人
澳洲悉尼英華女校
校友會敬賀



Celebrating 60 years after F5 graduation - Class Reunion Part 2

YWGS Class of '59 60th Anniversary

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Reunion Tea Gathering on September 24



At YWGSAA Toronto Chapter's
Annual Dinner on September 24



With Mrs. Katherine Chau at the
Annual Dinner



Mrs. Chau at Cake Cutting Ceremony with
graduates of '54, '59, '69, '74 & '84



Reunion Outing to Centre Island on September 25



Reunion Farewell Dinner on September 26

We only experience one 60 years in our lifetime. It was exhilarating and memorable to hold a class reunion for the 60th anniversary of graduating from Ying Wa. Our 1959 graduating class had a two-part reunion celebration, the first one in Hong Kong in April 2019 (please see page 11 of last issue at http://www.ywgsaa.org.hk/sites/default/files/newsletter_overseas/OAN_1910.pdf) and the second one in Toronto in September 2019. Wong Sau Fong, Tong Yuen Hing and Yau Ping Wai attended both!

Tea Gathering and Dinner

Nine of us gathered in Toronto: Wong Sau Fong and Hui Chau Har from Boston, the USA; Sit Wai Yin from Calgary, Alberta; Lee Kwok Fun from Victoria, B.C. and five locals (Tong Yuen Hing, Tsang Lau Yin, Ng Shun Yin, Yau Ping Wai and me). Ping Wai arranged for a room at Gibson Centre where we had an afternoon tea gathering on September 24. Shun Yin's two younger sisters, Shun Ying and Shun Ping joined us and served as photographers. The highlight of the gathering was the slide show presentation so painstakingly prepared by Sau Fong. We savoured the fond memories of our numerous get-togethers in the past 60 years as well as our happy days in Ying Wa from way back when a few of us started kindergarten together. We also loved the sharing of messages from the non-attending classmates while each of us recalled the most memorable event in our Ying Wa days.

In that evening, we attended YWGSAA Toronto Chapter's annual dinner at "Crown Prince Fine Dining" and participated in the cake cutting ceremony with our Ying Wa sisters of classes celebrating their milestone anniversaries ranging from the 35th for the Class of 1984 to the 65th for the Class of 1954.

Centre Island and Farewell Dinner

On September 25, we took a ferry to the beautiful Centre Island. All of us had a great time chatting while strolling in the beautiful fall weather. The only mishap was Ping Wai's fall upon our return to the mainland. She was most thankful for God's amazing protection that she did not suffer any major injury apart from a cut on the forehead. All of us applauded Yuen Hing for accompanying her to the hospital and staying with her overnight.

On September 26, we held a farewell dinner at "Crown Prince Fine Dining" and three spouses also joined us. We were glad that both Ping Wai and Yuen Hing could attend, though they only got a few hours of sleep after the former's discharge from the hospital that morning. We all treasured those three days together plus the ongoing conversations. We look forward to the NEXT MILESTONE!

San Yee Fai ('59)

Happy Reunion of the 1979 JS Graduates



Get-together@Tai Chung



Lunch Gathering

2019 marked the 40th anniversary of the graduating class of 1979. Since ruby is the traditional gift for the 40th anniversary which symbolizes strong and lasting love, the year group had chosen to adopt ruby red as the theme colour to honour this event. Fellow classmates were encouraged to wear something red if possible on the day of our celebration, be it a scarf, a shirt or skirt, shoes, or a handbag.



Mr Kwan our honourable tour guide



Reminiscing our study days

On 23 November 2019, 49 classmates visited the new school campus before our lunch gathering, including five who returned from overseas solely to join the activities. To some of them, this was their first visit ever since graduation. During the visit, Mr. Francis Kwan, the Principal, briefed us on the highlights of the school redevelopment project and the three treasures of the campus, namely the Silcocks Hall, the Steps of Faith and the newly completed Mrs. So Chau Yim Ping Memorial Hall. We were excited and thankful for being the largest alumnae group to visit the school so far and the first to visit the new auditorium. We were deeply impressed by the panoramic sea view and engaging architectural design of the new campus which was inviting, and made us feel so much at home. We all agreed that it would provide students with an excellent learning environment.

Group photo @ Mrs. So Chau Yim Ping Memorial Hall



Group photo @Steps of Faith

Dora Mak ('79)