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# President's Report

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## Council Meetings (2019~2020)

Three Alumnae Association (AA) Council meetings was conducted since the last AGM held on 29 March 2019. We are honoured to have the incumbent School Principal, Mr. Francis KWAN, and four respectful alumnae, namely, Dr. Alison LAM, Mrs. Katherine CHAU, Ms. CHAN Kwok Ying and Mrs. Ruth LEE, serving as our Honorary Advisers. School students were also invited to join our council meetings as alumnae assistants.

The 66<sup>th</sup> Council meeting held on 10 January 2020 in our new Robinson Campus. Two small cakes were specially made to celebrate those having their birthday in the first season of the year.



## Interaction with YWGS

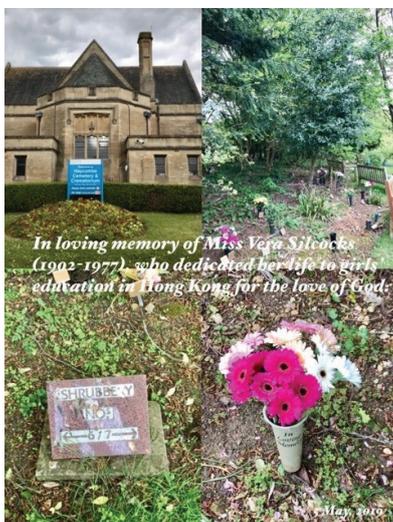
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### 1. The BIG Move

By the grace of God, we were happy to see that our new campus on Robinson Road was finally completed. The first day of school commenced on 19 March 2019 with a thanksgiving service and a building cleansing campaign. Thanks is due to everyone, be it the Principal, teachers, office staff members, janitors and our students, for all the hard work done.

### 2. The Thanksgiving Prayer Meeting

A Thanksgiving meeting was held on Saturday, 13 April 2019, in the Silcocks Hall, after "the Big Move" back to our Robinson Road Campus. School tours were organized for invited guests. Hundreds of alumnae returned to share the joy and give thanks to our God.



### 3. The search for Miss Silcocks's resting place

The quest began 15 years ago by Mrs. Ruth LEE. With the help of some alumnae living in the UK and through intensive internet search, we eventually managed to locate Miss Vera SILCOCKS's resting place in Somerset. Our principals, Mr. Francis

KWAN, Mrs. Ruth LEE and representatives from AA visited the peaceful garden of Haycombe Cemetery in August 2019 to pay our tribute to Miss SILCOCKS. A tree was planted by the school and a memory plaque was put in place by YWGSAA in loving memory of Miss SILCOCKS.



#### 4. The UK visit

After the visit to Miss SILCOCKS, our Principals Mr. Francis KWAN, Mrs. Ruth LEE together with Miss CHOW Siu Fung and Miss TSE Shuk Chun also seized the opportunity to visit Miss Evelyn JENKINS. They had lunch with Miss Jenkins and had an early 89<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for her.



A dinner meeting was also arranged with our alumnae in the UK. They also visited our former English teacher Mrs. Lindy MOGFORD.



### 5. Bible Giving

At the beginning of the school year, the AA sent each S1 student a Bible as a welcoming



gift. The names of the students were hand-written by council members to add a personal touch.



### 6. S6 Orientation

The S6 orientation was arranged on the Speech Day on 19 July 2019. Together with six Council Members, the President introduced the work of the Alumnae



Association and extended the invitation to the young graduates in joining the association. Cupcakes and purposely designed small cloth bags were prepared as special gifts for the graduating classes. A total of 107 new members joined YWGSAA.

### 7. Thanksgiving Service and 120th Anniversary of School

Following the "Big Move", the Thanksgiving Service and the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration became the next major school event in which AA would actively participate. A thanksgiving service cum Open Day was

initially planned on 28 and 29 March 2020. Due to the new coronavirus disease (Covid-19) and suspension of school classes, the event was postponed until further notice. The AA AGM is now rescheduled to take place at 1630 on Saturday, 23 May 2020 at Room 208, Robinson Road Campus of Ying Wa Girls' School.

#### **8. Suspension of school due to Covid-19**

Classes at all schools and kindergartens in Hong Kong have been suspended since the end of Chinese New Year holidays in early February. Many alumnae showed their love and supports to YW by sending in various hygienic supplies, such as surgical masks, sanitizers, etc. to school. YWGSAA also tried to show our support, especially to our S6 students, who is going to take the HKDSE soon, by sending small bottles of sanitizer and supporting notes.



## Liaison

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### 9. Newsletters

Two issues of Alumnae Newsletter were produced and dispatched to members by post and by email since the last AGM. The cover story of the fall issue (October 2019)<sup>1</sup> featured the Prayer Day held on 13 April, 2019 at the Silcocks Hall on our new Robinson Campus, as well as more details about the new campus. The spring issue (February 2020)<sup>2</sup> forecasted some events and preparation of the Thanksgiving Ceremony for our new campus and 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. About 1 600 hard copies of newsletters were sent out.

Two issues of the Overseas Alumnae Newsletter were also published in the past 12 months to report the current news and activities of oversea alumnae groups. Only e-copies were produced and posted online. The cover stories of the 9<sup>th</sup> (October 2019)<sup>3</sup> and the 10<sup>th</sup> issue (February 2020)<sup>4</sup> are 'paying tribute to Ms SILCOCKS' and 'visiting Ms JENKINS' respectively.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ywgsaa.org.hk/sites/default/files/newsletter/1910.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.ywgsaa.org.hk/sites/default/files/newsletter/2002.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.ywgsaa.org.hk/sites/default/files/newsletter\\_overseas/OAN\\_1910.pdf](http://www.ywgsaa.org.hk/sites/default/files/newsletter_overseas/OAN_1910.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.ywgsaa.org.hk/sites/default/files/newsletter\\_overseas/OAN\\_2002.pdf](http://www.ywgsaa.org.hk/sites/default/files/newsletter_overseas/OAN_2002.pdf)

Special thanks are due to the devoted newsletter editorial team who worked laboriously on producing the newsletters which strengthen the ties between alumnae and the school.

## 10. Homepage

A new mobile-friendly AA Homepage was launched on 29 August 2018. Most of the original contents were also migrated to the new domain. Updating and maintenance is taken up by a dedicated AA Management Team composed of school staff, alumnae and Council members.

## 11. Facebook Group

The "Ying Wa Girls' School Alumnae Association" Facebook Group was created on 7 August 2017 to foster close relationship and better understanding

among the past and present students and staff of Ying Wa Girls' School. All alumnae, teachers, principals, current students, parents and honorary members of the YWGSAA are welcome to join the Group and share their messages. To enhance a better management the page, group rules focusing on mutual respect were set.



### Background



Our association was founded in 1922 by Miss M.M. Hogben, the Principal serving Ying Wa from 1920 to 1925. On 1 March 2006, it was incorporated as a limited company.



## 12. Caring Team



The Caring Team aims to provide mutual support and strengthen bonding among alumnae and teaching staff. During the year, the Caring Team sent get-well messages were sent to our previous teachers, Ms KWAN Yeuk Laan to wish her a speedy recovery from ill health. The Team also maintained close contact with some overseas alumnae, former-school teachers and former-principals.



To express our gratitude to Ying Wa teachers, we have invited former-teachers to join the AA monthly hiking groups from September 2019 till January 2020.

To express our gratitude to serving teachers, friends of the President have made a small donation to treat them congee and Chinese fried churros. When the funding is pumped up, second/third rounds will follow.



### **13. Alumnae Database & Membership**

The database aims to keep up-to-date information of our alumnae and facilitate communication between the AA and our fellow schoolmates. The database is regularly updated. As at 25 February 2020, the alumnae database contained 6 454 records of Ordinary Members (3 599) and Associated Members (2 885). Alumnae are encouraged to send emails to [alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk](mailto:alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk) to update their contact details.

## Interest Groups

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### 14. Alumnae Choir



The Ying Wa Girls' Alumnae Choir usually has biweekly 2-hour practice on Saturday afternoon. The Choir performed in various school occasions such as the Open Prayer Meeting at Silcocks Hall on YWGS Robinson Road campus on 13 April 2019.

There was a workshop on singing techniques taught by Mrs. CHUENG YUNG Wai Yee on 13 July 2019.



**15. Outing Group**

Outing to the Hong Kong Wetland Park was cancelled due to the local social situation. In return, small group hikings 「輕鬆減壓半天行」 were being organized to provide alumnae a feeling of care and relief from the high tension existing in the society.

**2/11/2019 The Peak 山頂**

Guests : Mr & Mrs YEUNG; Helpers : Portia & Doris

Total participants : 10

**7/12/2019 Aberdeen Reservoir 香港仔水塘**

Guests : Mr & Mrs YUENG; Helpers : Portia & Doris

Total participants : 14

**4/1/2020 Tai Tam Reservoirs 大潭**

Guests : Mr & Mrs YEUNG; Helpers : Portia & Siu Ping

Total participants : 14

Outings from February onwards were suspended due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

## Projects

### 16. School Archives Collection

The Archives Team works hard on the safekeeping of school archives and collection items of historical values. We are now working intensively on the setting-up of the Archives Repository in the new campus.

### 17. Mentorship Programme

During this year, recruitment of mentees was carried out from September till mid October 2019. Most of our experienced mentors have continued to serve this year. With a good response from students and alumnae we have 42 mentors and 51 mentees this year.



An orientation was organized on 9 November 2019 in Silcocks Hall. Careers Expo was held on 18 January 2020



in the school campus with an attendance of S3-S5 students. The programme included Keynote Speech — "Career Path Sharing : Practice and Administration in



Medical Field" by Dr LEE Ha Yun Libby (Director, Strategy and Planning, Hospital Authority) and sharings by 46 speakers in 20 professional disciplines.



### 18. Video Documentary - "Transformation"

The shooting has been completed, and the team is now editing the film intensively, aiming to release to the public in 2021.

### **YWGSAA Ltd. Charity Trust Fund**

We are grateful to have

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- Ms. CHING Tak Ying Kitty
- Ms. LEE Suet Yee Jessica

serving as Trustees of the CTF for a term that lasts until 31 May 2021.

Thanks to their continuous efforts, the CTF ran smoothly in this year.

## Acknowledgements

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the Principal and other advisors, Vice-Principals, teachers and school staff, Council members, year coordinators and alumnae assistants who contributed their time and efforts in the past year. Their assistance and hard work have made the running of the AA smooth and efficient. I would also like to thank every alumna who gave us continuous support by giving your valuable views and participating in the alumnae functions and contributing in many other meaningful ways.



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President

Council of YWGSAA

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