



Appendix A

President's Report

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Council Meetings (2017~2018)

A total of 4 Alumnae Association (AA) Council meetings was conducted since the last AGM held on 25th March, 2017. We are honoured to have the current School Principal, Mr. Francis Kwan, and five respectful alumnae, namely, Mrs. Ruth Lee, Ms. Alison Lam, Mrs. Katherine Chau, Ms. Chan Kwok Ying, Ms. Kwan Yeuk Laan and Ms. Winnie Yau, to serve as our Honorary Advisers. School students were also invited to join our council meetings as Alumnae assistants.

Activities

1. AA Autumn Outing 2017

Thanks to the blessing of fine weather, the Autumn Outing to Double Haven (Yan Chau Tong) was successfully held on 2nd December, 2017. 109 participants showed up. We were honoured to have Mr. Francis Kwan, our Principal and Mrs. Ruth Lee, ex-Principal, 6 ex- and present staff, and 13 overseas alumnae and their families joining the trip. We started our journey from Ma Liu Shui, taking a boat to Yan Chau Tong. After arriving at Kat O, we had a short hike up a small hill where we could have a spectacular view of the Geopark, then followed by lunch. In the afternoon, we visited Lai Chi Wo where we had a special memorable moment of School Song singing followed by a guided eco-tour of the Hakka village. There was a lucky draw on the boat trip back. Everyone had experienced the stunning beauty of the Geopark landscape and had a wonderful journey.

2. S6 Invitation

A special session was held on 10th July, 2017 to invite S6 graduates to join the AA. Brief sharings by Miss Anita Chui and Mr. Clive Lau were given in the school hall. Mini cupcakes bearing classes names were ordered for the graduates. A total of 110 students got enrolled as members.

Liaison

1. YWGSAA Newsletter

Two issues were printed and dispatched to members either online or by post.

The cover story of the fall issue (September 2017) interviewed Ms. Uson Chung, the Chairman of the Building Subcommittee under the New Campus Redevelopment Program. She shared about the difficulties encountered during the construction of our new campus, as well as all the blessings she saw in the process. She hoped our students can treasure and make good use of the new campus. This issue also covered the visit to our Headmistress Miss Evelyn Jenkins, the Fundraising Music concert, and news about alumnae and students.

The spring issue (February 2018) featured the upcoming Fundraising drama show written by Ms. Phyllis Lau about her own life story, green building of new campus, reunions of 1957, 1967 and 1977, as well as the "moving back" planning of the school.

About 1600 hard copies of newsletters were sent out.

An online overseas version was also published in pace with the local version, to report the current news and activities of oversea alumnae groups.

The cover story of the latest issue published in February 2018 featured a recent visit to our former Principal, Miss Evelyn Jenkins, by Miss Winnie Yung ('71) and Miss Angela Tang ('72). Ying Wa old girls' gatherings in Toronto, Vancouver, North California, South California and North Sydney were also reported. Besides, news from former teachers and old girls in different parts of the world were included. Positive feedback

was received from oversea alumnae groups. Thank you to the devoted team, who worked constantly to improve the content and layout on all versions of the newsletter.

2. YWGSAA Homepage

In order to keep our homepage up-to-date and to fit it into the current mobile world, a special working group is formed to look into ways to "upgrade" our homepage to a more mobile-friendly structure, and to get more information about mobile applications, so as to keep the AA more reachable to alumnae.

3. YWGSAA Facebook Group

A new "Ying Wa Girls' School Alumnae Association" Facebook Group was set up to share the alumnae news and activities. All alumnae, current students, teachers, principals and parents of YWGS and honorary members recommended by the AA Council are welcome to join the Group. All members of the Group are welcome to share their photos, news or articles about the school and alumnae activities.

4. Caring Team

The Caring Team aims to provide mutual support and strengthen bonding among alumnae and teaching staff. The team often gets in touch with senior alumnae, former principals and teachers to arrange visits and gatherings.

Interest Groups

1. Alumnae Choir

The Ying Wa Girls' School Alumnae Choir (the Choir) usually has biweekly practice on Saturday afternoon. The Choir performed in different school occasions, for instance, at the Fundraising Concert at China Congregational Church on 22nd April 2017, and the Prayer Day on 29th April 2017. Occasionally the Choir accepted invitations from charitable organizations. They perform for the Lion Club (Kowloon Bay branch) at the Tsim Sha Tsui Kai Fong Welfare Hall and the Po Leung Kuk at Causeway Bay on 16th July 2017 and 21st December 2017 respectively.

A Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/YWGSAC/>) was launched for better publicity of the Choir's activities. A choir badge was designed and the AA Council had adopted "英華女校校友歌詠團" as the official Chinese name for the Choir.

The Alumnae Choir actively supported the school redevelopment and had raised a donation of \$150,000 for a music practice room in new school campus.

2. Outing Group

To enhance the diversity of AA activities, a special working group was formed to organize outing plans like hiking and picnic. The working group had arranged a visit to the picturesque Double Haven (Yan Chau Tong) Marine Park on 2nd December, 2017 which was well commented by the participants.

Projects

1. School Archives Collection

The AA 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 Archive Room in the new campus. A "treasure hunt" program was launched to look for interesting items to enrich the collection.

2. Mentorship Programme

During this year, we welcome Ms Lui Chui Chi Gigi (S5 graduate of 1989) to join the Mentorship Programme Committee. Recruitment of Mentors was completed in October 2017. 33 mentors were recruited and 22 of them were matched to mentees.

An orientation was organized on 25th November 2017 in the School Hall.

The programme included:

- (i) Welcoming and briefing by Miss Judia Yue and Mr. Francis Kwan;
- (ii) Sharing by 2 mentors, Miss Gigi Lui and Miss Christine Ng;
- (iii) Communication Exercise by Miss Yannie Cheung;
- (iv) Refreshment and Sharing between individual pair of mentor and mentee.

There were 22 mentees and 15 mentors participating in the programme.

On 13th January 2018, a Career Expo was held in the SSP decanting Campus.

The programme included:

- (i) Welcome address by Miss Anita Cheng and Miss Gigi Lui;
- (ii) Keynote Speeches - "How to enhance Women's Competitiveness in the Workplace" by Ms Chung Wai Chi Janet (VP, Corporate finance, JP Morgan) and Ms Yue Kit Man Kanus (Prof Accountant, Partner of PWC, HK);

- (iii) Refreshment;
- (iv) Sharing on Professions: 15 professions were introduced and sharing was held in Hall and 10 classrooms, with 26 Career Expo Speakers and 75 student participants.

Questionnaires were collected from students afterwards; most students found the Keynote Speeches and Sharing Sessions useful and interesting and they all found the objectives of the Career Expo were met.

3. Video Documentary - "Transformation"

The major shooting has been completed. The last shots of school lives of the targeted students in Ying Wa were made in their graduation ceremony. Some more shots and interviews with the students about their lives in universities would be made. Filming at the constructing campus will be continued. The production team planned to invite the students to the topping-out ceremony and some other school events, such as farewell day of SSP decanting campus and the moving back to Robinson Campus for future filming.

YWGSAA Ltd. Charity Trust Fund

In accordance with Clause 7(b) of the Deed of Trust of the Ying Wa Girls' School Alumnae Association Limited Charity Trust Fund (CTF), the AA Council appointed the following members of the AA Council as Trustees of the CTF with effect from 1st June 2017 until 31st May 2019.

- Ms. Chui Wai Shan Anita
- Ms. Ching Tak Ying Kitty
- Ms. Lee Sai Fung Odetta

In accordance with Clauses 7(a) and 7(c) of the Deed of Trust of the CTF, the AA Council offered Dr. Huen Kwai Fun, Dr. Wan Charn Wing Frank, Dr. Lam Lai Bing Alison and Ms. Leung Man Ping Priscilla another term of appointment as the Trustees of the CTF upon their term expired on 31st May 2017. Their term of reappointment began on 1st June 2017 and would last until 31st May 2019.

Please refer to Annex for further details about the CTF.

Others

1. Bible Giving

At the beginning of each new school year, the AA would send each S1 student a Bible as a welcoming gift and the names of the students were hand-written by council members to add a personal touch.

2. 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 of 19th January 2018, the alumnae database contained 6208 records. Alumnae are encouraged to send emails to alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk to update their contact details.

Acknowledgement

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 YWGSAAAL

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