



# 「身遠心莫離」

This phrase in our School Song is indeed forever embedded in the hearts of Ying Wa Girls. We truly experience the Bond of our Ying Wa Spirit! Ever since Day 1 when the Redevelopment Project was launched, the Toronto Chapter has worked hard in raising every possible penny to support the Redevelopment Fund. Our gifts have accumulated to over HK\$150,000, meeting our target to pledge for the Computer

Assisted Learning Room and a Brick on the Brick Wall in the name of YWGSAA Toronto Chapter.

We are happy to have achieved our goal, but we understand that the scale of the Redevelopment is huge and there is still a long way to go. So, as we are looking forward with great excitement to the completion of our New Campus in 2019,

we would seize the opportunity to raise more funds at our upcoming Annual Dinner on September 28, 2018.

We look forward to sharing and reporting some more good news after our Annual Dinner!!

Yau Ping Wai ('59)



YW Boys and Girls at the Impact 200 Banquet

## Ying Wa College & Ying Wa Girls' School

The Impact 200 Banquet was held in Toronto on July 20, 2018 by Ying Wa College (YWC) to honour the Bicentennial Celebration of Chinese Christian Education started by Rev. Robert Morrison who established the first Christian School for Chinese in 1818 in Malacca of Malaysia. The School was later moved to Hong Kong and named Ying Wa College. Mr Allan Cheng, the Principal of YWC, their music teacher, as well as their choir, travelled all the way from Hong Kong to participate in this important event. The Banquet helped raise funds for the Chinese Christian Education Program of Tyndale University College and Seminary in Toronto.

Rev. Robert Morrison was a missionary of the London Missionary Society which also founded Ying Wa Girls' School (YWGS) in 1900. So, YWC and YWGS are

actually brother/sister schools. A group of past teachers and alumnae from our Toronto Chapter attended this happy and meaningful occasion to give them our support. We were warmly greeted by their present and former Principals and alumnae. This marked a good start for the link between the Toronto Chapters of the Alumnae Association of the two 'siblings' within the family of the former London Missionary Society.

Mr. Yeung Po Kwan, retired principal of YWC and some of their alumnae will be joining us at our upcoming Annual Dinner to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of our Toronto Chapter. We look forward to more joint functions of alumnae of YWGS and YWC!

Yau Ping Wai ('59)



▲ Right & Centre in back row : Our young YW sister FI student in 2000 and her husband (a YW boy)



▲ The gentleman in the back row is Mr. Cheng, Principal of YWC



# Proud to be a YW Girl

## Let's celebrate

**W**e had a very happy gathering on August 20, celebrating important milestones for our most senior Ying Wa sisters - the 98th Birthday of our well respected teacher Miss Kwan Yeuk Laan ('37) and the 80th F5 Graduation Anniversary of Mrs. Winnie Yung, Li Ngan Wo ('38). The party was initiated by me and organized by Nora Yeung ('67) for her classmate, Vivien Yung ('67), daughter of Mrs. Yung. In addition to alumnae of Class of '67, Yolanda Shin ('77), coordinator of YWGSAA Toronto Chapter also joined us to share the joy and fun.

It's amazing that attendees ranged from graduates of Class of '37 to Class of '77, a span of 4 decades!! It's even more amazing when Miss Kwan shared with us interesting incidents in her school days!! Besides singing the Birthday Song, we joyfully sang our School Song. Yes, we are all 'Proud to be a Ying Wa Girl'!!

### In the words of the participants:

"Everyone was so happy. Grateful to our school, our teachers and classmates."

"Thank you, Miss Yau and Nora, for organizing the celebration for the two cutest high 90+ ladies. They are still very sharp at their age and tell jokes better than I can. We have had a lot fun."

"Thank you, Nora, for the delicious and healthy coconut cake recipe!"

Finally, Miss Kwan's message of appreciation:

"Thank you, Winnie Ping Wai, for organizing a very enjoyable and fun Tea Party with good food especially the homemade ones. Though the group was small, it was the meeting of graduates of 4 Decades! It is Really Amazing!! It brought me back the fond memories of good old days in Ying Wa where I spent 36 years, first as a student and later as a teacher. YW is a very big family which we are very proud to be included. The School Song is well remembered. Thank you to all for your kind thoughts, care and love. Hope to see you all again at the dinner celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Toronto Chapter of YWGSAA."

Yau Ping Wai ('59)



▼ What fond memories for the two nonagenarians: They were one year apart in school, and Winnie (L) remembered that they were in the same maternity ward in Nethersole Hospital on Bonham Road, Hong Kong in January 1954!



## A Lunch Group in Toronto

**W**hat is so special about this lunch group is that it includes old Ying Wa friends of different classes from the 30s, 50s and 60s. We meet only 3 times every year in the spring, summer and autumn, and this has gone on for about 13 years. It started from a get-together of just a handful of YW friends to 14 regular attendees, the oldest being no other than our much loved and respected Ms Kwan Yeuk Laan ('37), who is the only nonagenarian. We have 6 octogenarians (two have recently returned to live in Hong Kong) and 7 septuagenarians. But despite our age, we are quite a noisy and lively bunch with lots of laughter and conversation covering a wide range of topics from food to local politics. We exchange ideas and share interesting and amusing anecdotes, at times reminiscing about happy days in Ying Wa. Every now and then, Ms Kwan would surprise each of us with a small gift. More than once and much to our delight, we were treated to her deliciously known home-made 齋紮蹄. There is also another alumnus and former teacher, Yau Ping Wai ('59), who is full of enthusiasm for anything and everything YW and keeps us informed of the latest news of our school. We have sponsored her in fundraising walkathons both in Toronto for her church community centre for the past 8 years, and in Hong Kong for the school's redevelopment fund. There is great camaraderie



### A happy luncheon on 23 July 2018

*Left to right standing:*

Lee Tak Chun, Lee Mui Ying, Lo Man Chong, Yeung Sau Lin, Sun Yee Fai

*Left to right sitting:*

Ng Po Ki, Yau Ping Wai, Shum Shuk Han, Kwan Yeuk Laan, Chan Oi Han

**Note:** Chan Ho Yiu and Wong May Lo did not attend the above luncheon, and Shum Mo Kwan and Wong Ming Chuen have recently returned to live in Hong Kong

as we partake and enjoy our dim sum lunch at every meeting, all because of the bond of growing up in the same alma mater. We look forward to more of the same in the years to come.

Peggy Ng Po Ki ('57)





◀ Group photograph taken at 2018 celebration dinner

# 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



▲ Alumnae from classes of '77, '78 & '80

▼ Ms Chow (third from left) and alumnae from classes of '78 & '80



▲ Ms Kwan (front row right) and the Planning Committee



◀ Painting donated by Ms Yau



Time flies when one is having fun. The Toronto Chapter of YWGS Alumnae Association celebrated the milestone 30th Anniversary with a memorable event on September 28, 2018 at the Crown Prince Chinese Cuisine in North York, Ontario. Attended by over 70 alumnae and friends, the evening was filled with fun and laughter. We were honored by the attendance of former Principal of our brother school, Ying Wa College, Mr. Yeung Po Kwan, and Mrs. Yeung together with a few of their alumni. Greetings from the Principal and Vice Principal of YWGS via video with an update on the redevelopment of the school kicked off the event. Karaoke singers Cindy, other alumnae and special guests from Ying Wa College ushered in the entertainment program. Highlight of the program was a special line dance performance led by Ms Yau and alumnae, taught by Ms Chow. The dance was dedicated to Ms Kwan, in recognition of her unflinching guidance in the past 30 years.

## In support of Campus Redevelopment

Even though Ying Wa girls in Hong Kong are getting ready to move back to the new campus, the need for donation for redevelopment has not diminished. On top of the proceeds from the Anniversary dinner as well as raffle ticket sale to raise funds for redevelopment, alumnae of Toronto Chapter also enthusiastically supported the purchase of a painting of our beloved school generously donated by Ms Yau as a gift to the new campus. As a result, including the support from Toronto alumnae for Ms Yau's Walk for Ying Wa in 2016, we have accumulated a total donation of HK\$200,000 since the launching of our Fundraising Campaign in 2010. We are happy that the YWGSAA Toronto Chapter will be recognized through the naming right of the Preparation Room for Computer Assisted Learning, a