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Report of the 1st Networking Dinner Katherine King

Our first networking dinner was held on June 14 at Bayview Gardens Restaurant in Thornhill. Over 40 members and guests attended this event. Our two speakers, Margaret Ching and Eva Wong were most informative and also inspired a lot of questions throughout the evening. Once again, on behalf of the committee members, I would like to express our sincere thanks to our speakers, as well as to all those who attended the dinner.

Our next dinner will be on September 25, Tuesday. We have also arranged an interesting speaker, Dr. Joseph Y. Wong. For a change, we are not having Cantonese food. Seating is limited and it will be done on a first come first served basis. So do commit as soon as possible. Looking forward to seeing you all on 25th of September.

Red Cross Bowlathon - Shirley Cheong



Our Maryknoll Bowling Team has won a trophy in the Red Cross Bowlathon held on May 27th, 2001. Wendy Cheong, Shirley Cheong and Kitty Lam participated in the event. Our team won the championship in the Alumni Category. This is an annual event well supported by our community. If you are interested in joining our Bowling Team, please let any of our committee members know. We will surely count you in next year.

This is our turn to host the coming Valentine Ball on Saturday, February 16, 2002 at Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

Kitty Lam and Marie Louise Chang are the co-chairs for the event. We are aiming at selling at least 40 tables. We definitely need your support, so please do whatever you can, selling tickets, soliciting advertisements in the program book, sponsoring prizes for lucky draws, etc. Mark that date down on your calendar and enjoy with us.

Bobby Soul of the original Platters has confirmed that he will perform that evening, together with his band, *The Magic Touch*. We can assure you it will be quite a performance.

Valentine Ball 2002

Only You



4th Worldwide Reunion

Marie Louise Chang

On Friday August 3rd, 2001, when I arrived at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre, located in beautiful Canada Place in downtown Vancouver, all I could hear were “oohs”, “aahs”, screams of laughter and I knew that the 4th MCS World Wide Reunion had commenced. On my way to the registration tables, I had to stop several times to hug, laugh and shed a few tears as I met old friends and classmates, some of whom I had not seen for thirty or forty years.

When I finally received my registration package which consisted of a program book, name tag and a directory of Maryknollers and beautiful souvenirs of a navy blue canvas bag, a navy blue fleece vest and a pen, all with the MCS logo or crest, I made my way into the hall. Inside there were tables laden with sandwiches, finger-foods, fruits, hot and cold drinks. What interested me most, besides greeting former colleagues, students and more old friends, were the photographs on the walls comparing activities of the past with those of the present. There were samples of the old and the new uniforms and cut outs of the uniforms where I posed for a photo.

After approximately two hours of renewing old acquaintances, the participants were asked to move into another hall. The Sisters and Teachers then entered the hall amid tremendous applause. I could not hold back my tears as I heard “Miss Rocha”, “Mrs. Chang” called out, as I walked towards our reserved seats. Then the Official Opening Ceremony began with the Canadian National anthem and the school song. A video, of past and present school events, beautifully narrated by Fernanda de Pinna Ho, together with personal thoughts and reflections by some sisters, teachers and students brought back many pleasant memories and a stronger appreciation of Maryknoll.

Class photos were taken and weary, but happy Maryknollers ended the first day of the reunion.

On Saturday morning a large number attended the Harbour Cruise and lunch. Although the weather was dreary and rainy I don't think too many even noticed it as they were again busy chatting and updating each other on their lives. Those who did not attend the Harbour Cruise either went on the Vancouver City tour, Capilano Suspension Bridge/ Grouse Mountain Excursion or had a class reunion or get together.

In the evening at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, more opportunities were available to renew old acquaintances during the cocktail reception. Souvenirs were also on sale with the proceeds going to Maryknoll Motherhouse. The Chinese banquet of about 53 tables, was very well organized, with lots of prizes. The large prizes were gold necklace and bracelet, a diamond ring and two \$500.00 cash prizes. There was a cake cutting ceremony by the former principals and the location for the next reunion was announced – **NEW YORK, 2004**



Group photo taken after the farewell tea party at the Holy Rosary Cathedral parochial hall on August 5, 2001. Can you pick out the Sisters, your friends and teachers ?

On Sunday, the 5th, at 2:30 p.m. a Mass was held at the Holy Rosary Cathedral. A former Maryknoller, Fr. Marciano Joaquim Baptista, S.J. celebrated the Mass. (Yes, several years after World War II in 1945, there were boys who attended MCS, and Fr. Marciano was one of them). The Mass was one of the most impressive I have ever attended. The choir was made up of Vancouver Maryknollers who sang beautifully and many of the hymns were the ones we used to sing at Mass in the school chapel or at St. Theresa's Church. I was privileged to represent Canada East with the First Reading and the Responsorial Psalm. Fr. Marciano's homily was very moving as he talked about the Maryknoll Sisters' dedication and their influence on the lives of the students. He also stressed that it is up to all Maryknollers to continue that influence on the lives of those whom we come in contact with.

The 4th MCS World Wide Reunion ended with a tea reception at the Parish Hall, where addresses were exchanged, tearful hugs were given and promises were made to meeting in New York in 2004.

This was a very successful reunion. A heartfelt thanks goes to the Vancouver Committee for a tremendous event. It will be a hard act to follow.

Sisters and Teachers who were at the reunion:

Sisters: Sister Ann Carol Brielmaier
Joan Calligori
Sister Earnest Chung
Sister Rose Duchesne Debrecht
Sister Joan Frances Delaney (Sr. Albertus Marie)
Sister Jeanne Houlihan (Sr. Joel Marie)
Marilyn Miller (Sr. Marie James)
Sister Miriam Xavier Mug
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Sister Margaret Shepherd (Sr. Rose Martin)
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Lydia Huang Bessie Yang Reid
Zella Remedios Kotala Judy Wong
Margaret Kwan Irene Lee Yau
Rose Lung Lam Nancy Chung Yeung
Gloria Yip Ko (Principal)

Welcome New Members

Anna Li



A big welcome to **Nancy Leung (1990)** who joined our alumnae in June 2001. Since her move to Canada in 1988, Nancy has attained her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Toronto and is presently with the TD Asset Management Division, TD Canada Trust.

When **Cynthia Pinna (1987)** found out at the 4th Worldwide Reunion that she was not a member of the Ontario alumnae, she signed up right away. Cynthia is currently on maternity leave with her son Jonathan, and she is working on her Master's degree in Mathematics at the University of Toronto. Congratulations, Cynthia.

Again welcome, Nancy and Cynthia, we look forward to seeing you soon at our functions.

Did you meet any former Maryknoller at the recent Worldwide Reunion who is not yet a member of the Ontario alumni? We would like to hear about them and hopefully recruit them, please let one of the Committee members know.

Erratum



Denise Frances Lee is the daughter of **Wendy Man**, NOT Michelle Man. We apologize for any misunderstanding caused by the misprint in the May 2001 issue of the newsletter.

All OAC students who are members/children of members with an average of 80% and above are invited to apply for the Academic Achievement Award. Forms are available by contacting any committee member and they must be returned with a copy of their official transcript for consideration before October 30, 2001.

Mahjong Evening



To raise fund for the annual scholarship award, we'll have a Mahjong Fun Competition on **Sunday, November 25, 2001**. Please reserve the date for the event. The venue will be announced later. Do come and support us.

Networking Dinner - Tuesday, September 25, 2001

Nena Noronha

Our second networking dinner will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2001 at the Quartier Bistro, 2112 Yonge Street, Toronto (Tel: 416-545-0505). As seating is limited, registration will be accepted on a "first come, first served" basis.

- 6:30 p.m. Registration and Reception
7:00 p.m. Speaker: Dr. Joseph Y. Wong*
Topic: **"The Sad Story of the Body"** . The body is like an automobile . It is sparkling when new; .it fades as the years go by. The engine does not last forever. However, we do see antique vehicles remain shiny and new.
- 8:00 p.m. Dinner:- French Cuisine
Mixed Green Salad with House Shallot Dressing
Slow Roasted Veal Breast in demi-glaze jus
Or Grilled Atlantic Salmon
Crispy Risotto cake and Vegetable
Tarte aux pomme and Vanilla ice cream
Coffee or Tea
- Cost: \$35.00 (MCS Member)/ \$35.00 (Children regardless of age)
\$45.00 (Guest)

**Dr. Joseph Y. Wong has more than 40 years experience in western medicine and acupuncture. A certified medical specialist and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physician (Canada), he is a recipient of PhD. (Honoria Causa), the Open International University for Complementary Medicines. Dr. Wong also received the World Famous Doctor Award, World Peace Foundation of United Nations (2001).*

Directions to the Restaurant:

West of Yonge St./South of Eglinton Ave. (Between Hillsdale Ave. and Manor Rd. across from the Art Shoppe).
If you are travelling by TTC, get off at Eglinton Station and go south on Yonge (one to one and a half block).

Parking: available on side streets or metre parking on Yonge St.

REGISTRATION 2nd Networking Dinner - Tuesday, September 25, 2001

Please complete this form and mail it (together with your cheque) to:

P.O. Box 20056, Nymark Postal Outlet, 4839 Leslie Street, North York, ON M2J 5E4

Member's Name: _____ (Please Print)

Year: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Guest's Name(s) 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Cheque Enclosed: \$ _____

*Please indicate preference of:

Roasted Veal Breast

Atlantic Salmon