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Report of the 2nd Mahjong Dinner

Katherine King

Our second annual Mahjong Dinner to raise funds for our scholarship award was held on Sunday, November 25, 2001 at the Grand Yatt Seafood Restaurant in Richmond Hill. Over 100 people attended, and once again, grateful thanks goes to the representatives of the Joint Schools who were there to support our function. The winner of the Mahjong Tournament was Andrew Chung (Salesian Fathers) and the booby prize went to the champion of last year, Paulus Ng (Wah Yan Hong Kong).

I am very pleased to announce that the Academic Achievement Award this year goes to Andréa Ho, daughter of Pauline (1970), who is taking mechanical engineering at University of Toronto. Andrea kindly donated a CD with lovely songs that she composed for auction and \$50 was raised. The Lucky Draw First Prize went to Mrs. Dominica Liu. Other prizes included Raptors tickets, T-shirts, radios, 2002 wall calendars, and everyone had an enjoyable evening.

Our next event will be the 2002 Valentine Ball on Saturday, February 16 at the Metro Convention Centre. We are the host school for the function. We need your support to make it a success, so please mark the date down on your calendar. Tickets may be obtained by contacting Kitty Lam, either by phone or e-mail lankitty@rogers.com

On behalf of your committee, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very

Merry Christmas



and a



Happy, Healthy & Prosperous New Year

Christmas Message from Sr. Jeanne Houlihan

Dear Each and Every Maryknoller,

I pray that the peace of the Christ Child be with you during this time of sadness and uncertainty. After the tragedies of this year, our Christmas celebrations will not be easy. Like you, I am still filled with pain and sorrow as I continue to mourn the tremendous loss of life. I pray that this cycle of violence will soon end.

Many of us have lost loved ones in the recent terrorist attacks. On behalf of the Maryknoll Sisters, I want to extend our deepest sympathy to all the families and friends of the victims. You are in our prayers every day. I will pray that God's grace strengthen you. If you find yourself in need of help, or just someone to talk or pray with, please call on us -- **we are here for you.**



*Now, more than ever, we need to welcome
the Prince of Peace into our world.*

This is a time for us to come together in faith, and to remember that God is with us. If we find it hard to be cheerful, we can focus even more intensely on that quiet hope and peace that the infant Jesus brings to our world. Through prayer, and by reaching out to one another, I know we will find the strength to move through this difficult time.

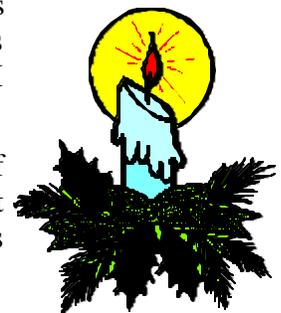
With every loving action in His name, we are taking a compassionate stand against hatred and violence. This is why Maryknoll Sisters are continuing to help the poor and oppressed all over the world. Please help us create a more just and loving world with a generous Christmas contribution.

It has been such a joy to get to know you over these last ten years, but the time has come for me to say farewell and return to my mission in Hong Kong. I will miss you all very dearly! Soon you will be hearing from Sister Lori Beinkafner, and I trust that you will love and treasure her as much as I love and treasure each of you.

As I return to mission, I am uplifted by the thought of our loving family of supporters. You are truly a blessing, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your prayers and assistance. May God bless you and your loved ones this Christmas and always.

Sincerely in the Christ Child,

Sister Jeanne Houlihan



*May the light of Christ's
birth fill you with joy!*

If you would like to help the Maryknoll Sisters promote peace, love, and justice for God's children throughout the world, please send your contribution to: The Maryknoll Sisters, P.O. Box 317, Maryknoll NY 10545-9914 Your generous gift is always much appreciated

For more information you can e-mail Sr. Lori Beinkafner at: lbeinkafner@mksisters.org

Congratulations to

Our Grandmothers

Dominica Liu for the **first** time.

Catherine Liu, born October 31, 2001, in Boston, weighing 5 lb and



Catherine Liu

Nena . Noronha for the **fifth** time!

Lindsay Hannah Marie Noronha, born November 13, 2001, in Toronto, weighing 6 lb.

Our New Members

Pearl Teresa Chan Tam (1963), the younger sister of Winnie and Gertrude, is no stranger to many of our alumni members. Two younger brothers, Tony and William, are also Maryknollers taught by Sr. Rosemary.

Christine Cheung Chan (1971), presently holds the position of IT Services Manager with IBM Canada Ltd. She has two daughters aged 17 and 12.

Lorraine Ng Ko (1988) is a freelance graphic designer who moved back to Toronto earlier in the year from New York with husband Anthony who is a La Salle Old Boy.

Report of the 2nd Networking Dinner

Nena Noronha

The 2nd Networking Dinner was held on Tuesday, September 26, 2001 at the Quartier Bistro, 2112 Yonge Street. The Guest Speaker, Dr. Joseph Y. Wong who has more than 40 years experience in western medicine and acupuncture, is a certified medical specialist and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physician (Canada) and a recipient of PhD. (Honoris Causa), the Open International University for Complementary Medicines and the World Famous Doctor Award, World Peace Foundation of United Nations (2001).

Dr. Wong's presentation on: "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", was most interesting and enthusiastically well received by those who were present.



Among the attentive listeners were Bernadette Yuen and Shirley Cheong.

In spite of a most enjoyable and informative evening, the support for this function was very disappointing. Taking this into consideration, your Committee has decided to discontinue the networking dinner for the present time. We will continue to work with you, but the success of any function depends on the support and co-operation of each and every one of you, the members.

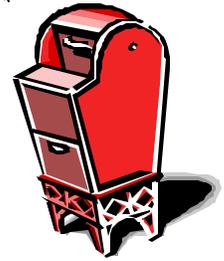
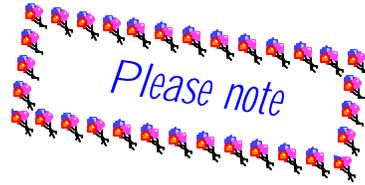


By popular request, **Bobby Soul** of the original Platters, is once again going to perform at this 2002 Valentine Ball at Metro Toronto Convention Centre on Saturday, February 16. Live music throughout the evening is provided by his band, *The Magic Touch*

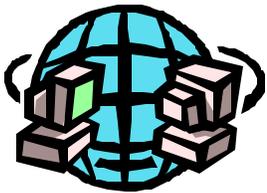
Besides great singing and music, there will be delectable food as well as numerous valuable door prizes. Two Maryknollers, Leslie Yip and Fernanda de Pinna Ho (coming all the way from Vancouver) will be joined by Peter Au and Philip Lam as emcees for the evening.

With your usual warm support, we've sold 50 tables so far. In case you have not yet purchased your tickets, please do so before January 10, 2002 as they are selling faster than hot cakes at \$80 a ticket!! You can contact Kitty Lam, the co-chair person of the event, by calling **416-495-8514** or e-mailing her at lamkitty@rogers.com

E-mail has become an integral part of our daily life. More and more we depend on it for it is arguably the best means of communications. If it is too late at night to call your friend, just send her an e-mail and she would know what you are trying to convey, providing she checks her mail box daily. When communicating with other places, it is even better, for it is faster and economical; no postage is involved. Because of this, we are experimenting to send our newsletters that way beginning in 2002. It would save us an enormous amount of postage and at the same time we are sure our members would receive it and can enjoy reading it at leisure. If for any reason any member does not wish to receive it via the internet, please notify Gertrude Chan at antrude@look.ca and we would continue to use the conventional way of getting it to you.



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