



 Feb. 2005
 Winter Edition

Ontario Maryknollers

Official Newsletter of Maryknoll Convent Former Students (Ont.)

☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆
 ☆ Committee ☆
 ☆ Members ☆
 ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

President
 Ludia Fong

Vice-President
 Jacqueline Fong

Treasurers
 Winnie Ng
 Patricia Wu

Secretaries
 Winnie Wong
 Marie Louise Chang

Newsletter Production
 Gertrude Chan

Activities
 Lulu Yui
 Cynthia Church
 Nena Noronha

Membership/Directory
 Judy Beca

Web-site Mistress
 Gertrude Chan

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

Web Site Address:
<http://www.mcsontario.org>



Kung Hei Fat Choy

Ludia Fong



May the Year of the Rooster bring you **Health, Happiness and Peace**. May the New Year bring the world peace and harmony, with no more disasters. (For more facts about the rooster, please go to page 4.)



Unfortunately, 2004 ended with the horrific Tsunami in South Asia. Looking back on this, we can appreciate how fragile and unpredictable life is, and truly thank God for what we have. We must treasure our families and friends, and every moment we are together.

MCS in Hong Kong will be celebrating the 80th anniversary on February 19, 2005. With enthusiasm from Maryknollers all over the world, tickets to the Gala Dinner have long been sold out. Details of the Hong Kong event will be given at our own forthcoming celebration of this anniversary in Toronto on Friday, February 25, 2005 at the Galaxy Restaurant.

By popular request from our fellow Maryknollers and their friends who attended our last dinner, we will be running a mahjong game the afternoon of February 25th, at the restaurant. If you are interested, you have to set up your own table “legs”.

The New Year marks an era of changes, not only for us, but also for our school. Maryknoll is going through a series of changes, the first one being that all alumni around the world will now be grouped under the umbrella Hong Kong alumnae (the MCS Former Students’ Association, www.mcsfsa.com) So, we are now the Toronto Chapter of the MCS alumni. This will enable us to have better communication between our school and Maryknollers around the world. However, we still remain independent in our day-to-day running of the association and continue to be autonomous.

Secondly, our Alma Mater is undergoing a change in the administration of education. The school will now fall under the jurisdiction of the newly founded Maryknoll Convent Foundation Ltd., which includes Maryknoll sisters, teachers, former students. This body will govern the operation of Maryknoll Convent School – both primary and secondary schools. Details of their function will also be explained at the February 25th dinner so please reserve your seat fast!

Throughout 2004, after the 5th WWR in New York, we have been selling souvenir items and the proceeds we received up to date is more than C\$400.00 which will be sent to the Motherhouse to help those Sisters who once dedicated themselves to educate us.

We would really love to see you at the dinner on February 25th. Please make every effort to join us.



Over 60 alumnae and friends attended a very well organized dinner on October 29, 2004 at Galaxy Restaurant in Richmond Hill. As usual, every one enjoyed the food and company of the Toronto Maryknollers. The annual academic achievement awards were given to the 3 Grade 12 graduates of our members. They were:-

Jason Cheung son of *Pauline Shum Cheung*, class of 71
 Matthew Yeung son of *Lily Wong Yeung*, class of 71
 and Roger Yeung son of *Lily Yu Yeung*, class of 73.

Pauline Shum receiving the award for her son Jason

Maryknoll Foundation

Our Alma Mater Maryknoll Convent School in Kowloon, is undergoing a major change since her inception in 1925. The Sisters are passing the management of the school, both primary and secondary, to a new sponsoring body known as the Maryknoll Foundation. Sr. Jeanne Houlihan gave a presentation about the background of the MCS Foundation in Hong Kong and below are the points as summarized by Ronna Chao (class of 1980+).

Why do we need a Foundation?

1) All grant/subsidized schools in HK must have a SPONSORING BODY.

Examples include Tung Wah Group, Po Leung Kuk, The Anglican Church, The Catholic Church, etc. In MCS' case, the MARYKNOLL SISTERS (not the individuals, but the organization) have been the sponsoring body all these years. In many instances, these sponsoring bodies remain very much in the background and do not involve in the day-to-day running of the schools.

2) In the instance of MCS, the individual Maryknoll sisters also happen to be involved at the frontline, both with teaching as well as with administration.

3) The sisters who are currently in HK are not getting any younger, and unfortunately, the number of Maryknoll sisters in general is dwindling.

4) As such, Maryknoll sisters will eventually be unable to be the Sponsoring Body of the school.

5) The sisters want to ensure that they pass the Sponsoring Body role to Maryknoll girls, via the Foundation, and not follow the same path that MSS went down. Maryknoll Sisters School was given to the Columbian Sisters (another Sponsoring Body), who later passed the responsibility to a lay Christian group, and the school is no longer "Maryknoll"

6) The establishment of the MCS Foundation is to ensure that our school can go on as Maryknoll Convent School with the Foundation as its sponsoring body.

What does the Foundation do?

1) The Foundation's objective is to continue to strive for the provision of quality education and to maintain the Maryknoll spirit.

2) The MCS Foundation will supervise the operation and administration of the school, NOT in the day-to-day sense, but in setting general direction for the school. (The day-to-day running of the school rests with the principals and the teaching staff and the School Management Committee)

Why should we become Members of the Foundation?

1) Currently, the Foundation has a Council of 15 individuals, including our own Cindy Chu. four aging sisters and a number of more senior alumni and former teachers are also on board.

2) The Foundation is looking to boost membership because i) the more voices/involvement from former students, the better, and ii) Executive Members can only serve a maximum of 2 terms, so new blood is desperately needed for the continuation of the Foundation, and ultimately of the School.

3) The Foundation is still very young. As one of the Council members, Amy, said last night, "we are still feeling our way around." Our involvement could help the Foundation to get on the right course.

4) As Ordinary Members, we could be elected or appointed to the Foundation's Executive level. I urge all of you to go to the next briefing (a repeat of last night) next Friday, February 4, at 7:30 in the Secondary School new wing, to ask all the questions that you may still have after reading my notes and the attached pamphlet. Please also check the website www.mcs.edu.hk

In the meantime, please sign up as a member. You can join as a Life Member or an Ordinary Member (no difference except you pay one-time as a Life Member vs. once a year for Ordinary Members).

R.I.P.



Rita Ling Fung – Class of '73 – passed away on November 26, 2004. Rita was survived by her husband, Dr. Harry Fung, her two sons, Harrison and Alistair.

Rita had suffered from a brain tumor which was inoperable for over 10 years, and finally in October 2004, her condition worsened and went into coma. During her last few days, her parents and sisters came from Chicago, and were at her bedside when she died.

Welcome

We extend our warmest welcome to our new member **Linda Young Cohen**, class of 1960.

Former Girl Guides of 6th Kowloon are holding a reunion in Hong Kong February 22, 2005. For details please contact Jacqueline Lam or Patricia Ho Wu.

MAHJONG DINNER

Friday, February 25, 2005

Hong Kong is celebrating the 80th Anniversary of MCS with dinner at Convention Centre in Hong Kong on February 19, 2005 with 200 tables of guests and past students. We in Toronto will do the same with mahjong and dinner on Friday, February 25, 2005 at Galaxy Chinese Cuisine (喜福樓). At the same time, we gather to wish our members and friends **happiness** and **health** in the year of the Rooster. Details are as follows:

- Venue Galaxy Chinese Cuisine, 350 Highway 7 East, Unit 101, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3N2
Tel. 905-707-0988
- Date Friday, February 25, 2005
- Time mahjong game 1 p.m.
registration 6.30 p.m.
dinner 7 p.m.
- Cost mahjong \$20/table and food is not included
dinner \$38.00 members
\$45.00 non members
\$20.00 Children under 10 years old



To complement the evening, information about the 80th anniversary celebration in Hong Kong will be shared. The transfer of the management of the school (primary and secondary) by the Maryknoll Sisters to the Maryknoll Foundation will also be discussed.

To reserve your seat, please fill in the form below and return it with payment as soon as possible **no later than February 18**. You are obligated to honour your commitment. *If you cancel your reservation less than 72 hours prior to the event, payment will be charged as we need to confirm with the restaurant.*

Reply Form

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. No. _____ E-mail Address _____

Guest's Name(s) 1. _____ 3. _____
2. _____ 4. _____

Cheque Enclosed \$ _____

Date _____

Character Traits of those born in Year of the Rooster
 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005

Those born in the year of the rooster are loyal, blunt, up front, honest, strong willed, confident, never happy to take a back seat, brave, perfectionists, full of energy, hate criticism, love flattery and can be single-minded on their outlook on life. Roosters are happiest when they are surrounded by others. They tend to brag about themselves and their achievements. They enjoy the spotlight but it can be over-bearing for a rooster expects you to listen to him while he speaks and if you don't, he becomes agitated. The rooster likes to argue and will stop at nothing especially when he knows he is right.



| | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Rat | 1912 | 1924 | 1936 | 1948 | 1960 | 1972 | 1984 | 1996 | 2008 |
| Ox | 1913 | 1925 | 1937 | 1949 | 1961 | 1973 | 1985 | 1997 | 2009 |
| Tiger | 1914 | 1926 | 1938 | 1950 | 1962 | 1974 | 1986 | 1998 | 2010 |
| Rabbit | 1915 | 1927 | 1939 | 1951 | 1963 | 1975 | 1987 | 1999 | 2011 |
| Dragon | 1916 | 1928 | 1940 | 1952 | 1964 | 1976 | 1988 | 2000 | 2012 |
| Snake | 1917 | 1929 | 1941 | 1953 | 1965 | 1977 | 1989 | 2001 | 2013 |
| Horse | 1918 | 1930 | 1942 | 1954 | 1966 | 1978 | 1990 | 2002 | 2014 |
| Ram | 1919 | 1931 | 1943 | 1955 | 1967 | 1979 | 1991 | 2003 | 2015 |
| Monkey | 1920 | 1932 | 1944 | 1956 | 1968 | 1980 | 1992 | 2004 | 2016 |
| Rooster | 1921 | 1933 | 1945 | 1957 | 1969 | 1981 | 1993 | 2005 | 2017 |
| Dog | 1922 | 1934 | 1946 | 1958 | 1970 | 1982 | 1994 | 2006 | 2018 |
| Pig | 1923 | 1935 | 1947 | 1959 | 1971 | 1983 | 1995 | 2007 | 2019 |



Are You Moving or Have You Moved?

If you wish to continue to receive your copy of our newsletter after you've moved, please fill out the change of address notification form below and mail or fax to :

Maryknoll Convent Former Students (Ont.) Inc.
 P.O. Box 20056
 Nymark Postal Outlet
 4839 Leslie Street, North York, ON M2J 5E4

Fax No. (416) 222-5483

| | |
|--|------------------------------|
| Name (First) _____ (Maiden) _____ (Married) _____ | |
| Year of Form 5 _____ Year Left Maryknoll _____ | |
| Please change my address effective on (day) _____ / (month) _____ / (year) _____ | |
| NEW ADDRESS IS: | |
| Street No. _____ | Street Name _____ |
| Apt. No. _____ | City _____ Postal Code _____ |
| New Home Phone No. _____ | Work Phone No. _____ |
| Cell Phone No. _____ | E-mail Address _____ |
| Signature _____ | Date _____ |