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The Annual General Meeting

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The AGM was held on Friday, May 16th, 2008 at the Granite Club in Toronto.

A wonderful buffet dinner was served after the registration. The meeting commenced at 8:30 p.m. Ludia Fong, our President, gave an overview of the year's activities and Pat Wu, our Treasurer, commented briefly on the Association's financial situation. Copies of the financials were distributed to all present. After the President's Report and the Treasurer's reports, the members were asked to vote on the changes to By-law No. 1. The major change to By-law No.1 was that the General Meeting be held every two years instead of every year. This amendment was unanimously approved.

The 2008-2010 committee was then introduced. The committee members are: Cynthia Church, Gertrude Chan, Jacqueline Fong, Lily Yeung, Linda da Rocha, Ludia Fong, Margaret Ching, Marie Louise Chang, Marilyn Pun, Nena Noronha and Patricia Wu.

The Association will celebrate its 25th Anniversary in 2009. This event will be combined with the Fundraising Event for the Maryknoll Sisters Motherhouse in New York. Members were reminded that the success of any event depends on the participation and support of each and every member.

Members were also reminded of the next MCS World Wide Reunion that will be in Hong Kong in 2010. Again, we appreciate your support and hope you will attend this special event.

Group photos of the new committee members, as well as the participants, were taken. The meeting concluded at around 10:00 p.m.



Group picture of all the participants at Granite Club

For a picture of the new committee, please visit
http://www.mcsontario.org/at_your_service.htm

Bingo Night & Academic Awards Dinner



As announced in our February 2008 newsletter, our Bingo afternoon is on Sunday, October 26, 2008, starting at 4.00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6.30 p.m. during which we'll be giving out the academic achievement awards to the children of our members. To qualify for the award, the student needs an overall average of 80% and above in six Ontario Academic Credits. The official transcript of the student should be sent to P.O. Box 20056, Nymark Postal Outlet, 4839 Leslie Street, North York, ON, M2J 5E4 no later than October 1st, 2008. The successful applicants would receive the awards at the dinner. In case they are away at college, either parent can receive the awards on their behalf. For further details/clarification, please contact any committee member or Gertrude Chan at 416-496-9671.

By popular request, the bingo afternoon returns Oct. 26 at Galaxy Chinese Cuisine. Details are as follows:

Venue: Galaxy Chinese Cuisine (喜福樓).
 350 Highway 7 East, Unit 101, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3N2 Tel. 905-707-0988

Cost: The cost includes dinner and bingo prizes.
 Bingo tickets are free.
 \$30.00 (children 12 and under)
 \$40.00 (adults, members and their friends)

Time: registration 3.30 p.m.
 bingo 4.00 p.m.
 dinner 6.30 p.m.

To reserve your seat for Sunday, Oct. 26, please complete the form and return it with payment as soon as possible no later than October 15, 2008.

Reply Form

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

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Member's Name _____
 (Please print)

Year _____

Address _____

Tel. No. _____

E-mail Address _____

Guest's Name (s) 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Child's Name 1. _____

2. _____

Cheque enclosed \$ _____

Date _____

You are obliged 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.

News of Members



I CAN READ

Cute and active baby Hannah Caitlin Heng-Kay Wong, first grand-child of **Margaret** (1963) and Dr. Eric Wong. Born on Oct. 16, 2007, Hannah only weighed 5 1/2 lbs. but now, 10 months later, she weighs over 21 lbs.

Welcome to our new member,

Lucy Wong Yuen (1966). Since leaving Hong Kong, Lucy has lived in Toronto for 38 years. She is a proud grandmother of baby Elora.

And to our new committee member,

Margaret Chau Wong (1963) to join us to serve you. **Cynthia Church** has resigned due to her work commitment at school.

Mrs. Rose Lee Cheung, mother of **Christine Cheung** (1971) and **Grace Cheung** (1980), passed away peacefully in Hong Kong in July 2008. May she rest in peace.

In response to the following invitation from Hong Kong, Gertrude Chan submitted a write-up about our association since 1984.

In March 2008, the Heritage Album Sub-Committee in Hong Kong invited the overseas chapters of Maryknoll former students to contribute to their publication to commemorate the primary school building being declared a historic monument.

“One of the aspects we intend to touch on in the Album will be how Maryknollers are staying connected, and supporting each other even after they have settled abroad. We wish to invite a representative from each of our 5 overseas chapters to contribute:

- a. An anecdote or fond memory of life at Maryknoll; or a favourite spot at the Primary Section, and why so special; or why still being able to maintain solidarity abroad. Could be a quote. No more than 200 words;
- b. If possible, just a few lines on activities of your Chapter (could be community service, visiting the Sisters or dinner gatherings), and how these tie in with Chapter mission, or the Maryknoll spirit.”

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“Great minds think alike, but fools do not differ.”

We Maryknollers, like to think of ourselves as belonging to the former set, if there is a choice. Before we had the association formally incorporated in 1984, we Maryknollers in Toronto have had frequent gatherings involving schoolmates spanning several years, our seniors and juniors. The idea of forming a legal entity evolved from such ad hoc meetings in May 1984 at the home of Dorothy Tsang in Scarborough, Toronto. We had a legal advisor in the person of Linda da Rocha and after more meetings, it was legally registered as an association in Toronto with me as the first president. (This is what the Chinese call ‘face’ since I was the teacher of many of those present.)

Since our humble beginning in 1984, our membership has grown steadily from 18 to the present enrolment of over 230, spanning between 1941 to 1997. Our mission is to foster a continual link among Maryknollers residing in Ontario and to spread the Maryknoll spirit ‘to home, to country, to the world.’

2009 is the Silver Jubilee of the founding of our alumni association and we are planning a big celebration for the anniversary. Throughout the intervening years, we’ve had numerous fund-raising events to support the Motherhouse in New York. For our members, we had dinners, bingos, golf tournaments, picnics, mah-jong games, just to name a few. We support the world-wide reunions in various corners of the world and when called upon to host it, we gladly accepted the challenge in 1998.

We publish a quarterly newsletter for our members but any Maryknoller, whether in North America or Hong Kong or Australia, is welcome to share with us our camaraderie in Ontario. Do visit our website www.mcsontario.org from time to time and you’ll be surprised to find a person or two you know mentioned in the newsletter.

Friday, May 16, 2008 was our Annual General Meeting when a new executive committee was elected for a term of two years. Do bear with me for a week or two before the photo of the new committee is posted onto the web. We do not go to ‘u-tube’ or ‘blog’ or ‘face book’, but if anyone reads this in the “heritage album commemorating the Primary School being declared a heritage monument” booklet, please contact us if you happen to come to Toronto. We welcome new members, the only criteria is that he/she had attended Maryknoll Convent School, even for a few short months, either primary or secondary. We all share the same motto, **Sola Nobilitas Virtus, - Only Virtue Ennobles**. As Mother Mary Joseph quoted from James Russell Lowell’s poem, Yussouf,

“As one lamp lights another nor grows less. So nobleness enkindles nobleness.”

25th Anniversary



Dear Members:

As many of you are aware, next year is the 25th Anniversary of our Association. Your committee is already planning for this event that will take place on Saturday, June 13th, 2009. This celebration, to be combined with the fundraising event for the Maryknoll Sisters, promises to be an exciting one.

I am making a plea to all of you to help us make this a resounding success in every way. As in the past, I hope we can continue to count on your generosity and support.

Thank you very much.

Ludia Fong
 President

Congratulations to Kitty (1976) and Philip Lam. They were the 2007 Ontario Standard Champions in the over 35 category and they won the Championship again this year in 2008. Well done. Keep on winning year after year.



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 Year of Form 5 _____ Year Left Maryknoll _____

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 New Home Phone No. _____ Work Phone No. _____
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Signature _____ Date _____