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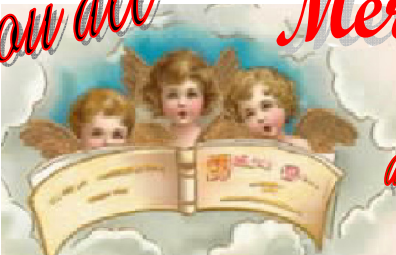
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



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Dear Maryknollers,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the concerted effort of every Maryknoller who has taken the time and effort to give their support and help in all our activities and events. I would also like to extend my appreciation to every Maryknoller who has put in her time and effort in taking care of our Sisters. Likewise, I have also been very touched by the warmth and care that our Sisters have graciously bestowed upon us. Without the support of both our Maryknoll members and our Sisters, this year would not have been as successful as it has turned out to be.

The Executive Committee members have been instrumental in steering the very meaningful projects throughout the year, especially in regards to the fundraising events for the Motherhouse. It has been an absolute pleasure working with you all.

The numerous social gatherings have helped foster an even closer relationship amongst our current members and, as I hope that this spirit continues to grow, that more members will be joining our community.

Many more important activities will be scheduled for the coming two years as we work towards celebrating the Maryknoll Sisters' 100 years of achievements. In order that you will not miss out on these once-in-a-lifetime Centennial Celebrations, please continue to read our newsletters for any updates.

As the year draws to an auspicious close, I would like to wish you, on behalf of the Executive Committee, a **Holy Christmas** and a very **Blessed New Year!**

Ludia Fong

AAA Awards Dinner and Bingo Night

It was a fun-filled evening on 18th October, 2009. Over 70 members and friends gathered at the Emperor Fine Chinese Cuisine in Richmond Hill for a Bingo night. We were blessed with Sister Teresa's presence. She even won a Bingo prize.

Preceding dinner was a short but most heart-warming speech by Sister Teresa. She expressed gratitude from the Sisters for Maryknollers' constant care and concern for them, and wanted us to "relax" and take a break from more fund-raising.

An Academic Achievement Award was later presented to Derek Little, another high-flyer and son of Linda da Rocha (1971) and Robert Little.



Donations and cash sales proceeds from the Bingo Night will be rounded up to USD2000, and sent to Maryknoll Motherhouse, New York, by money order before Christmas. While this is not a huge amount, we can make a difference if we are constantly thinking of ways to help. We would like to thank Maryknollers who made contributions during the year. Our Fundraising Drive for the Motherhouse is still on-going, and we are still accepting donations.

Congratulations to our Members



Shirley Cheong (1981) Specialist in Aesthetic and Neuro-muscular Dentistry, was one of two members of the International College of Cranio-Mandibular Orthopedics (ICCMO) to attain the distinguished credential of Fellowship during its 21st Annual Jankelson Memorial Lecture Forum held in

September 2009. The major objectives of the Fellowship Program of ICCMO are to provide recognition of an individual for a high level of achievement in the diagnosis and treatment of craniomandibular disorders and for professional efforts to advance the science of the biophysics and physiology of the head and neck.

ICCMO is a society of health care professionals with a common interest in the etiologic role of orthopedic deformities as related to the various symptoms of head and neck pain and dysfunction. The College is a worldwide organization which fosters an exchange of knowledge among those engaging in dentistry, medicine and collateral health care professionals.

Congratulations, Shirley, for your outstanding achievements and exemplary contributions to the dental and health care profession. Your relentless personal care and efforts in helping individuals to solve their dental health care problems have not gone unnoticed.



Bernadette Yuen

(1955) not only completed the Scotiabank Waterfront Half Marathon in September 2009, but also finished 5th in her age group (age 70 and over). This would be an outstanding result for anyone but especially so for someone who took up running for only 6 years. Bernadette's record time was 2 hours and 50 minutes.

Interestingly, she started toward the back of pack and did not cross the starting line until 12 minutes after the starting horn sounded. Bernadette's participation in this marathon in 2008 and 2007 raised over \$4,000 for Mon Sheong Foundation.

Bernadette credits her achievement to her daily running regimen and her great lung capacity developed through daily voice training. She is an active member of the Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Choir, producing a CD to raise funds for church renovations, organ restoration and St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Bravo, Bernadette, you not only have a great lung, but also a great and precious heart !



Kathy King (1976) is the proud winner of the Ladies Low Gross trophy in the 4th Hong Kong Joint School Golf Tournament, held on Sunday, September 13, 2009, at The Maples of Ballantrae Golf Club. This trophy is awarded

to the best woman golfer with the lowest number of golf strokes, which is a recognition of the best golf skills. Three Cheers to our champion - **Kathy!** There were over 80 Alumni from twelve H.K. schools. The Maryknollers in this golf tournament included Kathy King, Marilyn Pun, Christine Cheung and Cynthia Mak. After a day of fun and competitive game, all the players and guests attended the awards dinner in the evening, where trophies were presented to the winners and many free draw prizes were given out. Everyone enjoyed this golf event, where friendship was rekindled and shared amongst the alumni schools.

Obituary

Robert Tang (1926 2009) fought lung cancer bravely for two years and finally succumbed to the disease. He passed away peacefully on Sept 30, 2009 with his family by his side. He is dearly missed by his wife, Marita Shek Tang (1958 and former MCS teacher), daughters Michelle & Christine and son Joe, sons-in-law and daughter-in-law and four grandchildren

Upcoming Events

Centennial-related Events

Annette Chan-Norris (1960), residing in New York, Member of the Maryknoll Convent School (HK) alumna and Maryknoll Centennial Core Committee, has confirmed to us recently that in 2012, the Sisters will be celebrating their 100th birthday, with events throughout the year. The Maryknoll Society (Fathers and Brothers) will have their Centennial Celebration a year earlier and there will be some joint events organized by the Congregation (Sisters) and Society.

We will keep you posted on the programme and activities in advance. Let us all contribute to this significant date in the history of the Maryknoll Sisters. As our Sisters have been with us throughout all these years, we are also committed to be with them, and will continue our efforts in celebrating their achievements as our educators and mentors.

Welcome New Members

A BIG WELCOME to our new members:

Amy Tang Li	1975
Doris Wong Cheung	1975
Peggy Li Ho	1975
Helen Ng Chow	1975
Emily Tam	1975
Amy Leung Tsui	1980
Pauline Yeh	1980
Karen Morales	1988

We hope they will bring more members to join our family and contribute to the well-being of our association. We need new blood continuously and strong support from everyone who calls herself a Maryknoller.

Our next event is in March 2010. We hope to see you all then.

Mahjong/Card Drive Dinner

A Mahjong/Card Drive Dinner is planned for March 2010. An interesting Talk is scheduled to be given during dinner that evening. Please keep posted for more details in the next Newsletter.

MCS 7th Worldwide Reunion: Another Nostalgic Walk down Memory Lane

19th – 21st February 2010 are dates that Maryknollers have been looking forward to : the 7th MCS Worldwide Reunion is scheduled to be held in Hong Kong, city of wonderful school-day memories, and in fact, touristic attractions. It will be great to see our Icon Pine Tree still up and strong and bearing witness to this important event. If you have neither registered, nor booked your flight yet, please do so now as time is of essence.

Please check into the MCS Hong Kong Website for full details. <http://wwr2010.mcsfsa.com/>

Tis the season for giving

Christmas is a time of prayer, remembering, loving and giving. As we rush about buying gifts and being merry, we are also often reminded to be generous to those less fortunate or in need. Many of us at this time donate to charities. If you are considering to donate, may I suggest that you consider making a donation to the Motherhouse. Since our letter of appeal, published in the July newsletter, we are pleased to say, as mentioned previously in our President's letter, that many Maryknollers have responded; but we still need many, many more generous donors. The Maryknoll Sisters who did so much for us and made us what we are today, need all we can do. If you have not yet done so, please consider making a gift.

May the Infant Jesus grant you and your loved ones a Very Blessed and Holy Christmas.

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