

## **President's Report (2006 – 2007)**



With the current Principal (Mrs. Ruth Lee) and six advisors, the Council met regularly to discuss alumnae affairs. Four Council meetings have been held since our Association was incorporated as a limited company on 1 March 2006. Alumnae assistants were invited to sit in and they contributed their fair share of ideas.

During the past year, we devoted our resources to the following major areas:

### **(I) Activities**

#### **1. Welcoming Party for Secondary 5 Graduates on 14 July 2006**

To recruit new members, we organized a S5 Welcoming Party in July 2006. Apart from introducing our Alumnae Association, about 10 alumnae from various professions or studying in S7 were invited to have small-group sharing with the S5 students. A total of 65 students got enrolled as members.

#### **2. Fund-raising Movie Gala on 11 December 2006**

A Fund-raising Movie Gala was held on 11 December 2006 (Mon) at the HK Cultural Centre (Grand Theatre) for the YWGSAA Charity Trust Fund. The film "Traces of a dragon - Jackie Chan & his lost family (龍的深處—失落的拼圖)" directed by Ms Mabel Cheung Yuen-ting (張婉婷), YW alumna, was shown. With the full support of alumnae, teachers, parents and friends of YW, more than \$5 million was raised. The function has also enhanced the collaboration of YWGSAAAL, the School Council and the PTA.

#### **3. Founder's Day Dinner**

The Founder's Day Service, AGM and Annual Dinner will be held on 23 March 2007 (Friday). On this occasion, retirement gifts will be presented to Miss Pak Lai Sheung and Mrs Fong Lo Sau Chun who have served YW for 35 and 38 years respectively.

### **(II) Liaison**

#### **1. YWGSAA Newsletter**

Two issues (Sept 2006 & Feb 2007) were printed and dispatched to members. A copy was displayed in each classroom. On-line version of past issues is available from our homepage.

#### **2. YWGSAA Homepage (<http://www.ywgsaa.org.hk>)**

Local and overseas alumnae could keep in touch with Alumnae Association and obtain our latest news through the Internet and email ([alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk](mailto:alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk)). Meanwhile we are revamping our website which will be released shortly.

#### **3. Year Coordinators Network**

We have about 60 year coordinators representing graduates from 1952 to 2006. They serve as bridges and networks among thousands of YW graduates residing in Hong Kong and overseas. To ensure the messages relating to the Movie Gala is effectively and accurately communicated to our alumnae, 50 telephone ambassadors have helped follow-up with all the alumnae in our database.

#### **4. Sweet Old Time gathering**

Four Sweet Old Time gatherings were held from October to November 2006 to provide personal briefing on the Movie Gala to alumnae in the relaxed setting of the cozy YWCA Garden View Lounge.

#### **5. AA Caring Team**

We have set up the Caring Team to provide mutual support and strengthen bonding among alumnae. We would also organize gatherings with senior alumnae and retired teachers. The first activity of the Caring Team is to visit Rev. Lee Ching Chee on 17 March 2007.

### **(III) Interest Group**

#### **Alumnae Choir**

The Alumnae Choir had regular practices in the Music Room on Saturday afternoons with a summer break. They will sing at the forthcoming Founder's Day Service.

### **(IV) Projects**

#### **1. Mentorship Programme**

The Mentorship Programme is run to facilitate the all-round development of YW girls by establishing a supportive relationship between alumnae (mentors) and students in the senior forms (mentees) and encouraging positive communication between the mentors and mentees in areas of mutual interest to broaden the latter's horizon. Apart from regular contacts between individual mentors and mentees, group activities are organized to foster communication and continuous learning. Around 120 mentors and mentees attended a group activity on 30 June 2006. Through games and demo, participants enjoyed a training workshop on "Social Etiquette" which included table manners and socializing skills.

For the year 2006-07, 75 S4 and S6 students have registered as mentees while 76 alumnae have enrolled as mentors. They met for the first time at the kick-off gathering on 11 November 2006 in the covered playground. On 27 January 2007, over 90 of them participated in the first group activity in the year - a visit to the TVB City.

#### **2. 'S3 students meeting alumnae' project**

This project was initiated by the Religious Education Department of the school. In 2006, 51 alumnae joined this project while around 200 S3 students, divided into small groups, were organized to interview these alumnae. Students researched into the history of YW before the interview and set questions by themselves. After the interview, each group submitted a report reflecting their personal encounter with YW history and alumnae.

#### **3. Bible Giving**

At the beginning of the school year, each S1 student received a Bible as a welcoming gift from the Alumnae Association. The names of the students were hand-written on the Bible to add personal touch.

#### **4. YWGS Heritage DVD**

The second DVD on YW Heritage is still at the preparatory stage. Ms Mabel Cheung, film

director and 68' alumna has showed great interest in taking up this project. During the summer of 2006, some student helpers were recruited to conduct research on the past history of HK related to YW history. Meanwhile, transcription of past DVD recordings is still in progress. The DVD Workgroup met regularly to review the progress of this project.

## **5. Alumnae Database**

Efforts have been made to upkeep and update the alumnae records in our database.

## **6. School Archives Collection**

Many memoirs were collected over the years. We are improving the methods and procedures to better preserve, maintain and manage the thousands of records entrusted to us.

## **(V) Holistic Education Fund Activities**

### **1. Leadership Training Programme**

In April 2006, we sponsored 60 S4 students to participate in a 5-day personal growth training programme. Participants experienced and learnt a lot from the courses organized by the Outward Bound Hong Kong.

### **2. Scholarships**

The Alumnae Association Scholarships for academic merit and good conduct were awarded to 12 S1-S7 students on the Speech Day in July 2006.

### **3. Subsidy for Student Association**

A subsidy of \$4,000 was granted to the Student Association for organizing a joint school leadership training camp, and \$3,500 was granted to a S6 student to join a youth political training programme.

## **(VI) Others**

### **Nomination of an AA representative to the School Council**

The Council has nominated Dr. Rebecca Chiu Lai Ha as an alumna representative to serve on the School Council for a term of three years starting from 1 December 2006.

May I express my most sincere gratitude towards all the advisors, teachers and school staff, Council members, year coordinators, volunteers and student assistants who contributed their time and effort in the past year. Special thanks go to the sponsors who generously contributed through donations. Also, on behalf of the YWGSAAL, I would like to thank the alumnae who gave us your feedback, participated in the alumnae functions or supported us in many other ways.

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