

President's Report (2015 – 2016)

During the first year of the current tenure of YWGSAA, a total of three Council meetings were conducted to discuss the Association's plans and activities. We are honoured to have the current School Principal, five advisors and some former Council members to sit in our meetings to provide the Council with invaluable advice. Alumnae assistants were also invited to join our Council meetings.

(I) Activities

1. 115th Anniversary Dinner

We had 150 tables with a total of 1700 alumnae and guests joining the dinner at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on 28 March 2015. The event was well received by all. To the alumnae, it was an occasion for pictures with their former teachers and classmates, and an opportunity to obtain the latest updates to the School's redevelopment project. A variety of souvenirs were sold in the Anniversary Dinner to raise fund for the School's redevelopment and they are all well supported by the attending alumnae. We would like to take this chance to thank every alumna for their support and generous donation.

(II) Liaison

1. YWGSAA Newsletter

The fall issue (Oct 2015) was published and distributed to members either online or by post. The cover story reported the assumption of the post of School Principal by Mr. Kwan Hon Cheung, Francis, succeeding Mrs. Ruth Lee. Mr. Kwan is the 8th School Principal of Ying Wa and the first male Principal in 116 years old history of the School. The Newsletter also covers a wide range of topics including interviews of the two Vice-Principals, Mr. Cho Kong Sang and Ms. Chow Siu Fung and the newly elected President, Ms. Yau Shu Ying, Josephine and the Vice-president, Mr. Lau Siu Ki, Clive of the Council of the Alumnae Association. There are also recaps of the 115th Anniversary dinner and the 115th Anniversary Musical – “The Nightingale”.

The spring issue was published and distributed in February 2016. The cover story covers the interesting details of Spring Bazaar 2016. There is an article from Mrs Ruth Lee on her 3-month tour (西遊萬里行). Other articles include the birth of Northern California

Chapter (based in San Francisco Bay Area), 53rd anniversary of 62' graduates, the Premiere of the movie "Tale of Three Cities" by Mabel Cheung, Jennie's Cookies, etc.

2. Overseas Alumnae Newsletter

The second issue of Overseas Alumnae Newsletter has been released in February 2016 online. It covers the good news of the birth of Northern California Chapter (based in San Francisco Bay Area) recently set up and the article (西遊萬里行) from Mrs Ruth Lee on her 3-month tour after her retirement. There are also lots of sharing from all our overseas chapters.

3. YWGSAA Homepage (<http://www.ywgsaa.org.hk>)

News of alumnae functions and latest update of School redevelopment are posted on the alumnae website which serves as an effective means for local and overseas alumnae to keep in touch with the Alma Mata and the Alumnae Association.

(III) Interest Groups

1. Alumnae Choir

The Alumnae Choir gave a total of 2 performances in the past year. Members of the Alumnae Choir enjoyed every practice and performance and gained much exposure and confidence through each of them. The Alumnae Choir had regular practice in the School campus on Saturday afternoons. They will perform in the forthcoming Spring Bazaar 2016. The Alumnae Choir is dedicated to strengthen the bonding between alumnae through music, and acts as the platform for alumnae of different generations to build up friendship, with a view to enhancing Alumnae's sense of belonging to the Ying Wa community.

2. Caring Team

The Caring Team continued to pay visits to senior alumnae and former principal/teachers. A group of alumnae have visited Mrs. Yip Wong Yee On to share the fond memories of Ying Wa and to exchange the latest news. As always, we treasure our visit where words of wisdom and the joy of life in YWGS are shared. The Caring team is exploring the possibility to hold gatherings other than home visits such as hiking with some of our more active former principal/ teachers.

(IV) Projects

1. Mentorship Programme

The year 2015 marked the 11th Anniversary of the Mentorship Programme. An oriental meeting was held on 21 November 2015. This year, there were a total of 29 students and 28 mentors participate in the Mentorship Programme. Over the years, the Programme has accumulated a good pool of mentors with relevant match between mentors and mentees. The Programme has so far organized three activities for the mentees and mentors: Hiking on 12 December 2015, Career Expo 2015-2016 on 16 January 2016 and Tea Gathering on 18 June 2016. In the Career Expo 2015-16 alumnae volunteers from different professions were invited to the School to share their working experiences with our student participants. The event was well received, and our students found it enjoyable and inspirational for their career planning.

2. Bible Giving

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

3. Alumnae Database

The database aims to keep up-to-date information of our alumnae and facilitate communication between the Alumnae Association and our fellow schoolmates. The database is maintained properly with regular updates. As at 12 October 2015, there were altogether 5 877 records of alumnae and friends in our database. There were a total of 158 new members to the Alumnae Association following graduation of S.6 students in the summer of 2015. We have also been receiving updates of information from our overseas alumnae. Alumnae are welcome to send emails to alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk for enquiry or change of information.

4. School Archives Collection

The AA Archives Team continued with the work of safekeeping the school archives and collecting items of historical interest. The Archive Room has just completed renovation in January 2016.

5. Video Documentary – “Transformation”

2015 marked the 4th year of the filming of the video documentary titled “Transformation”. Filming of ten S.5 students is in progress as scheduled.

(V) Charity Trust Fund Activities – Details at [Annex](#).

(VI) Membership

As at 31 December 2015, the Alumnae Association has 3131 life members.

(VII) Others

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the Principal and other advisors, Vice-Principals, teachers and school staff, Council members, year coordinators and alumnae assistants who contributed their time and efforts in the past year. Their assistance and hard work have made the running of the Alumnae Association smooth and efficient. I would also like to thank every alumna who gave us continuous support by giving your valuable views and participating in the alumnae functions and contributing in many other meaningful ways.

Yau Shu Ying, Josephine
President, Council of YWGSAAL
7 March 2016

Activities supported by Charity Trust Fund**Case-based applications in Spring 2015**

	Sponsored Activities	Objectives	Actual Amount	No. of participants
1.	The Alumnae Association Scholarship, Miss Silcocks Scholarship, Miss Chan Man Hing Memorial Scholarship, Miss Lee Lai Ting Memorial Scholarship	To recognize students of good academic performance and conduct, good work in Chinese, English, Chinese History and Visual Arts	\$7,300.00	S.1 – S.6 14 students
2.	S.1 Bible Giving	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To show the care of the Alumnae Association towards spiritual developments of students. To create a sense of belonging of S1 students towards the Ying Wa family. 	\$10,772.00	162 S.1 students
3.	End-term Activities 2015	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To offer foreign language courses to enhance students' capability in exploring foreign cultures. To provide further support for students by enhancing their foundation in Chinese, Mathematics and study motivation. 	\$6,870.00	S.1-S.2; S.4-\$.5 350 students
TOTAL:			\$24,942.00	526 students

Approved running programmes or activities to be held in the coming months

Sponsored Activities	Objectives	Actual Endorsed	No. of participants
1. YWGS Mentorship Programme	1. To help facilitate the all-round development of Ying Wa girls; 2. To strengthen the bonding between our alumnae and students	\$3,300.00	29 S3-5 students 28 alumnae
2. S4 Outward Bound Course	1. To enhance students' self-understanding and exploration and to foster inter-personal communication and team-spirit.	\$63,400.00	50 S.4 students
3. Production of Video Documentary on Transformation of Ying Wa Girls through the Redevelopment Period - 2015 Year IV	1. To capture the transformation of S1 students (2011-2012) as they adapt to secondary school life in backdrop of changing campus locations. 2. To let these students provide eye-witness account of this epic period of Ying Wa history. 3. To provide account for future generations based on individual stories exploring how education at Ying Wa is moving through the 2 locations and the 3 school campuses shaping the lives of these adolescent girls. It will explore also how education at Ying Wa edifies them into testimonies of the Ying Wa spirit. The interplay between individual development and the school, in the 2 different locations, will provide an understanding of the developmental transformation of Ying Wa.	\$455,000.00 (\$227,500)*	10 2011-12 S.1 students and other students at the background
* Actual amount of subsidy from The Trust Fund is \$227,500 or 50% of the project sum, whichever is lower. The rest will be supported by the school.			
TOTAL:		\$294,200.00	89 students 28 alumnae