



Oldies' News

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Editor's Message

Dear Alumnae,

With delight, we delivered the second newsletter for this year.

With sadness, we bid farewell to two of our long serving and beloved teachers : Mrs Anna Lee, Assistant Principal of SSGC and Ms Yu, Principal of SSGC Kindergarten. Both of them retired this year after over 3 decades of services to our School. On behalf of SSGCAA , we wish Mrs Anna Lee and Ms Yu a happy retirement life and we sincerely hope that we will still see them often at our school functions, in particular as the School's 100th Anniversary is approaching. For those who would like to know the latest of the Mrs Anna Lee and Ms Yu, please read on.

At the same time, SSGCAA would like to congratulate Mrs Yim for her new role as SSGC's Assistant Principal. For those who graduated in the 1980s and after, she is known to us as Miss Yam (our geography teacher). We would also like to extend our heartiest welcome to Ms Alice Chiu Ngar Si, the new SSGC Kindergarten Principal. Principal Chiu brought with her extensive experience in child education and we are confident that under her leadership, our Kindergarten will continue to render a loving and fun learning environment to our children, who will love going to school even on Sundays !!

We have, in this issue, interviews of 3 very outstanding alumnae, each of whom contributed to different areas in our society. Ms Vivien Fung ('59) and Dr. Leung Mee Lee ('64) have been long serving volunteered members of the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong. We are honored to have them sharing with us their fond memories of SSGC and touching moments of the Olympics. Though SARS is now behind us, many of you may still recall the beautiful spokeswoman of the Hospital Authority, Beatrice Cheng ('80), who appeared at the 4.30 pm press conference during the SARS period. You will find out what supported her through the very stressful time then. Lenonie ('00) has left us for Melbourne under the HKU Worldwide Undergraduate Student Exchange Scholarships. She is kind enough to send us an update on her life in the Aussie land.

Finally, those who are interested in learning golf or improving your skills; and alumnae with kids will be delighted to find out our special offers to members in this issue.

On behalf of SSGCAA and the newsletter subcommittee, we wish all of you a cozy and wonderful Christmas with your family and loved ones.

Clara Lau
Flora Tsang

SSGC 100th Anniversary is Approaching

As you know, 2006 is a very special year as St Stephen's Girls' College celebrates her 100th birthday. A bazaar to be held in November 2005 marks the beginning of a festive 12 months for all St Stephenies, old girls (and boys) and their family to share the joy.

We would like to take the opportunity to share and explore with all of you the challenges that the school is facing and how alumnae need to work closer than ever among ourselves, with the school, teachers and fellow students for betterment of the quality of education and to stand by the school towards her entering into a new century. We would also like to solicit ideas and inspirations from fellow St Stephenies be it their expert knowledge or simple personal feelings. We wish to have a good sharing on the various fronts.

Like all previous anniversary celebrations, we, the 100th Anniversary Committee, guarantee you a fun, warm and meaningful gathering. So, please mark your diary and check on us every now and then for an update of the programmes.

PROGRAMME SUMMARY

2005

- School Bazaar

2006

- Thanksgiving Service
- School Open Day
- Fund Raising School Concert
- Speech Day
- 100th Re-Union Anniversary Dinner

與余笑清校長的一席話

母校幼稚園的余笑清校長服務母校三十年，於本年七月份榮休。母校於本年七月二日於會議展覽中心，為余校長舉行了榮休歡送會。出席的除了母校的校董、校長及師生外，亦有很多不同年代的幼稚園舊生，場面熱鬧而溫馨。歡送會過後，舊生會的李志卉及李穎欣與余校長短聚，談談在校內工作三十年的感受及未來的動向。



余校長與幼稚園教師們

筆者：余校長可否介紹一下當年是怎樣踏入幼兒教育界工作的？

余校長：當年我是在師範供讀小學教育的，主修音樂。畢業後，進入當年的務實中學兼小學任教。但我都是喜歡和幼兒相處，所以後來轉任幼稚園教師。我先在聖士提反堂幼稚園任教了一年，在1974年轉到聖士提反暨幼稚園任職，一直工作了三十年，由老師升至校長。

筆者：余校長可有統計過在聖士提反總數教授過多少個學生？

余校長：我沒有做過正式的統計，但我相信接近三千人。

筆者：余校長在校任教多年，最難忘的是什麼？

余校長：任教了這麼長時間，期間當然發生了不少各式各樣的事情，但若問我最難忘的是什麼，肯定是小朋友和我說話的小片段，例如她們跑過來擁抱着我並說很掛念我、把心裡的小秘密甚至不快樂的事情都告訴我，又甚至把困擾的事情向我傾訴，這一切都令我十分難忘，因為這種種都證明小朋友不單視我為她們的師長，也視我為知己朋友，使我十分感動。



余校長與李志卉

筆者：請問余校長，聖士提反有什麼魅力可令你風雨不改的服務三十年？

余校長：可令我在聖士提反這個大家庭服務三十年的，是其帶給我濃厚的歸屬感，在學校裏所有的同事均能像好朋友般相處及互相協助，曾與我共事過的小學及中學校長亦在工作上給予我無限的支持。除此之外，學生、學生家長甚至舊生都視我為好朋友般。好像有些舊生長大結婚亦邀請我出席婚宴。有些學生家長在學生長大離校後仍和我聯絡，有些甚至成為了知己朋友。這些都是聖士提反帶給我的。

筆者：余校長打算怎樣渡過你的退休生活？可有不習慣的地方？

余校長：退休初期真的有點不習慣，時常掛念着學校裏的小朋友，現在已經漸漸適應下來了。退休後，我在一些機構當義工，其中包括在教會的老人識字班當導師。此外，我每星期都會到大埔教育學院為蕊展計劃工作。蕊展計劃是聖士提反一舊生家長發起的心理病治療計劃，專門為患有亞氏保加症的學生提供心理治療，並為患者家長提供輔導。除了義務工作外，我亦會花更多時間去旅行及畫水墨畫。



雷老師與余校長



余校長與李穎恩



余校長接受學校紀念品



筆者：余校長你對幼兒教育及其成長有豐富經驗，你可有什麼「妙計」可傳授予我們各已為人母、或將為人母的舊生？

余校長：時代不斷進步，小朋友亦不斷在進步，就以聖士提反幼稚園為例，三十年前的小朋友和今天的小朋友，同樣的可愛，同樣的聽話，但今時今日的小朋友是十分聰明的，而且很早已明白成年人的想法，所以，現在的家長一定要把兒女當成好朋友，保持友善的態度，多作鼓勵，避免直接責備，嘗試在讚賞中作糾正。家長和小朋友有衝突時，應先各自冷靜情緒，然後再以平靜的語氣傾談。我亦十分鼓勵家長和小朋友每天都有一段閒談的時間，以增加互相的了解，建立互相的信任。

筆者：現在的家長在小朋幼年時已安排了多項課外活動供小朋友參加，余校長覺得這是否適合？

余校長：參加課外活動能令小朋友發展其潛能，是值得鼓勵的。但家長要先明白小朋友的興趣，不可強迫。亦不應要小朋友參加太多活動。以四、五歲的小朋友為例，二至三項課外活動已經足夠，當中最好有動有靜。

筆者：非常多謝余校長向舊生提供的寶貴意見，並且多謝你今天抽空與我們傾談。我們代表母校及各舊生祝余校長身體健康、生活愉快。

余校長：不用客氣，我亦祝各舊生及其小朋友永遠快樂。



Farewell

Mrs. Anna Lee

On 9 July 2004, AA in alliance with PTA hosted a farewell dinner at the Causeway Bay Yacht Club for Mrs Anna Lee's retirement. Mrs Lee, an old girl herself, had been loyally serving in SSGC as a teacher and as Assistant Principal for over 30 years. Alumnae members have been particularly close to her due to her other capacity being the School Principal's delegate to SSGCAA. Mrs Lee had always been most helpful and proactive in acting as an important bridge between the school and SSGCAA. We are sad to see her retiring but pleased to see that she has a flourishing life after retirement. After a long vacation, Mrs Lee is now back at the school serving as a Lay Chaplain.



(Left to right) Joyce So, Mrs. Anna Lee and Karen Yu



Mrs. Anna Lee (front middle) and SSGCAA Committee Members

BRAVO

ST. STEPHENIES!



*(Left to right)
Ms Josephine Li,
Rev. Nam and
accompanist*



Group photo after award of trophy.

A 41 member strong choir made School history by obtaining the highest accolade (Children's Choir Category) at the Isola Del Sole 6th International Choir Festival held in Grado, Italy in October 2004 of which some 20 countries took part. Our girls sang four songs including one Chinese folk song called "Little Snail" as well as Italian classics and an African spiritual.

This came as an exciting climax for their 12 day Austrian-Italian music tour led by Rev. Nam personally. To add icing to the cake, their conductor and Music Mistress for four years, Ms Josephine Li Fung-yi so impressed the judges that she was awarded a scholarship for the week-long International choir Conductors' Seminar in Germany coming July.

If you miss choir singing, behold, the Alumnae choir will be summoning you for our Centenary celebration soon. Watch for our announcement!



Well done ! SSGC School Choir.

