



ST. MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE PAST STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Chairman's Report for the year 2005-2006

I. Duration

This Chairman's Report covers the period from 19 February 2005 to 24 March 2006.

II. Executive Committee

- The current Executive Committee was elected at the 2005 Annual General Meeting held on 19 February 2005.
- During the Report period, the Executive Committee held eight meetings.

III. Composition

- The composition of the Executive Committee is as follows:

Chairman :	Annie Choi
Vice-Chairman :	Justina Law Jasbir Pannu
Secretary:	Ellie Wong
Treasurer:	Rosa Yeung
Hon. Legal Adviser:	Jody Sin
Membership Secretary:	Monica Wong
Social Convenor:	Susanna Chung
Publication Secretaries:	Katherine Mak Celia Ho
Committee Members:	Barbara Chu Mabel Leung Irene Young Janny Leung Bonita Law

- During the Report period, two sub-committees were formed. They were the Mentorship Programme Committee and the 105th Anniversary Dinner Organizing Committee.

IV. Tasks Completed During the Report Period

(1) Membership Drive

- As at 9 March 2006, the membership of the PSA stood at 4393. Compared with the membership of 3390 in February 2005, there was an increase of 1003 members (30%).
- Of the 1003 new members, 215 are F.5 graduates from SMCC. The other 788 are mostly St Marians that graduated before the 1990s.
- In particular, we have located two St. Marians who were students in the 1920s and 1930s.
- The increase in membership has arisen partly from our efforts in identifying St Marians and inviting them to be members, and partly due to the designation of 2005 as the “Homecoming Year” during which the membership fee was waived.
- The Membership Secretary has also made special efforts to contact members to update their contact information. This will be an ongoing exercise.
- The Chairman introduced the PSA and its activities to F.5 graduates on 11 July 2005.

(2) SMCC 105th Anniversary Dinner

- The composition of the Dinner Organising Committee was as follows:

Co-Chairpersons:	Ms Susanna Chung, Ms Justina Law
School Adviser:	Ms Candy To
School Liaison:	Mrs Karen Lui
Secretary:	Ms Barbara Chu
Treasurer:	Ms Rosa Yeung

Ticketing:	Ms Susanna Chung, Mrs Karen Lui
Prizes & Souvenirs:	Ms Annie Choi, Ms Cecilla Li
Programme:	Ms Rosa Yeung, Ms Justina Law
Performances:	Ms Jody Sin, Ms Celia Ho
Stage Management:	Ms Irene Young
Venue Liaison:	Ms Teresa Junk
Publications:	Ms Justina Law, Ms Katherine Mak
Reception:	Dr Monica Wong, Ms Barbara Chu, Ms Mabel Leung, Ms Ellie Wong

- The Anniversary Dinner was held on 26 November 2005 at the Hong Kong International Trade and Exhibition Centre at Kowloon Bay.
- There were 63 tables seating over 750 past St Marians, teachers and sisters.
- The Guest of Honour was the Ombudsman, Ms Alice Tai.
- Other guests included Dr Louis Law and Mrs Fanny Law, Mr Joseph Lee, Sr Theresa Chien, representatives of Sacred Heart Canossian College Alumni Association and St Francis Canossian College Past Students' Association.
- We also invited past principals Sr Ida and Sr Rosangela, SMCS principal Sr Virginia Wong, past teachers Mrs Winnie Hung, Mrs Simmy Wong, Mrs Shirley Yip, Mr Henry Lo, Mr Siu Yuk-cheung and Mrs Sylvia Cheung, as well as long-service teachers and staff who have served St Mary's for 20 years or more, including Mr Ma Chi-hung, Ms Wu Siu-lan, Mr Philip Lee, Mrs Kapo Lee, Ms Candy To, Mr Geoffrey Oliver, Mr Dominic Chan, Mr Cyril Lee, Ms Helena Kung and Mr John Chan.

(3) Mentorship Programme

- The composition of the Programme Committee is as follows:

Chairman:	Ms Jasbir Pannu
School Adviser:	Ms Amelia Tsang
School Liaison:	Ms Tammy Yeung
Members:	Ms Eva Chan, Ms Mabel Leung, Ms Ellie Wong

- The mentorship programme was launched in November 2004. We carried out a survey in March/April 2005 amongst the mentees. The survey findings confirmed that the mentees considered the programme useful. We therefore decided to continue with the programme this year.
- For the academic year 2005/06, we recruited 44 mentors and matched them against the 96 F.6 mentees.
- The programme was launched on 8 October 2005 with an official launching ceremony. We took the opportunity to discuss how to make mentoring work, the “Dos” and “Don’ts” etc. The discussion was led by a past student Ms Wendy Pang.

(4) Publication of Newsletters

- We published two 8-page newsletters during the Report period – one in September 2005 and another in March 2006.
- To save cost and protect the environment, we uploaded the newsletter onto the PSA website. Emails were sent to members with email address, informing them of the release of the latest newsletter. Hard copies were mailed only to those without email address.

(5) Review of the Constitution

- Both SMCC and SMCS have established school policy committees to oversee the formulation of school policies, programmes and other planning / development issues. These committees comprise not only the school management, but also representatives of teachers, parents and alumnae. For this reason, we have revised the Constitution of the PSA such that it would cover graduates of both SMCC and SMCS, and would be the legitimate body to nominate alumnae representatives to both committees.
- We have also taken the opportunity to improve some of the provisions of the Constitution to meet modern day needs.

(6) PSA Website

- During the Report period, the website content was constantly enhanced and updated by our webmaster, Ms Justina Law. The website continued to serve as the connecting platform between our Alma Mater and past St. Marians near and far.
- Major documents, including the PSA Constitution and Annual General Meeting notices, will be uploaded onto the website for easy access.
- A PSA Shop has also been established on the website for the sale of PSA mementos. Members can order the items by email.
- We intend to include Class News in the website soon. News of class reunions would be reported in that section.

(7) Limited Edition Mementos

- During the Report period, we produced two limited edition souvenirs. One is a miniature of the Main Building and the other is a photo album of the school.
- By 9 March 2006, we have sold over 600 albums and over 300 pieces of the miniature.
- The net proceeds arising from the sale of the souvenirs will go to the St Mary's Development Fund.

(8) Revamp of the School Editorial Structure

- We also took part in the review and revamp of SMCC's editorial structure.
- Three members of the Executive Committee, Ms Annie Choi, Ms Justina Law and Professor Janny Leung, served as Alumnae Advisers in the SMCC Editorial Board.

(9) Participation in School Policy Committees

- We worked closely with SMCC and SMCS, as well as the respective parent-teacher association, on school policies, planning and development issues.
- Two members of the Executive Committee, Ms Annie Choi and Ms Jasbir Pannu, sat on the SMCC School Policy Committee.
- One member of the Executive Committee, Ms Justina Law, sat on SMCS School Policy Committee.

(10) Establishment of the History Archive and History Lane

- We worked very closely with both SMCC and SMCS in regard to the establishment of the History Archive and the History Lane.
- One member of the Executive Committee, Ms Annie Choi, was one of the advisers on the establishment of the SMCC History Archive, which is located on Level 4 of the Magdalene Building.
- One member of the Executive Committee, Ms Justina Law, was the adviser on the establishment of the SMCS History Lane, which is located at the Ground Floor of the Bakhita Building.

(11) St Mary's Development Fund

- Two members of the Executive Committee, Ms Annie Choi and Ms Susanna Chung, sat on the St Mary's Development Fund Management Committee.
- During the Report period, we helped raise HK\$35,400 for the Fund.

(12) PSA Scholarship for Outstanding Performance and Active Promotion in Drama and Speech

- For the academic year 2004-2005, the PSA Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Joyce Wong of F4B.

(13) Other Liaison Work

- We established informal contact with alumnae groups, including Marian in Action, the Alumnae Orchestra and the Alumnae Chinese Orchestra.
- We maintained close liaison with the Sacred Heart Canossian College Alumni Association. Ms Annie Choi and Ms Mabel Leung attended the 145th Anniversary Dinner of SHCC organized by the SHCCAA on 25 November 2005 at the Island Shangrila Hotel. Two members of the executive committee of SHCCAA also attended our 105th Anniversary Dinner on 26 November 2005.
- We maintained close liaison with St. Francis Canossian College Past Students Association. Ms Annie Choi and Dr Monica Wong attended the Annual Dinner of SFCC PSA on 5 March 2005 at the Hong Kong Jockey Club. Two members of the executive committee of SFCCPSA also attended our 105th Anniversary Dinner on 26 November 2005.
- We also maintained liaison with the SMCC PSA (Toronto) and the Canossian Association in Vancouver.

V. Focus of Work in the Coming Year

- In the coming year, we will consolidate our efforts in the past year, and will continue our work on various fronts.
- As an alumnae body, our focus is naturally past St Marians. We will continue to reconnect with St Marians through direct contacts, visits, the PSA website, more frequent newsletters and social activities.
- Another focus is our Alma Mater. We will continue to work closely with the school management of SMCC and SMCS on all matters that will be beneficial to the schools, the teachers and the students.