



St. Mary's Past Students' Association

Chairman's Report for the year 2006-2007

I. Duration

- This Chairman's Report covers the period from 25 March 2006 to 16 March 2007.

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 six meetings.

III. Composition

- The composition of the Executive Committee is as follows:

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| Chairman : | Annie Choi |
| Vice-Chairman : | Justina Law Jasbir Pannu |
| Secretary: | Ellie Wong |
| Treasurer: | Rosa Yeung |
| Legal Secretary: | 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 Annual Dinner Organizing Committee.



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IV. Tasks Carried Out During the Report Period

(1) Actions Against Proliferation of Bars Outside the School

- The PSA initiated action against the proliferation of bars and karaokes in the vicinity of the School. The PSA's initiative was strongly supported by the management and Parent-Teacher Associations of both SMCC and SMCS.
- During the year, we jointly lodged strong written objection to the liquor licence application of three such establishments that were within 200 metres of the Kimberley Road gate. We also attended the public hearing of the Liquor Licensing Board to express our concern. In the first case, the Board took our objection into consideration and limited the operating hours and number of clients of the applicant. The applicant lodged an appeal. We reiterated our objection at the hearing of the Appeal Board, and are awaiting its judgment. For the second and third case, we are still waiting for the ruling of the Liquor Licensing Board.

(2) Alumnae Day BBQ

- We organized the Alumnae Day BBQ at the School Campus on 21 October 2006. The two basketball courts were packed with some 400 St. Marians and their families, happily barbecuing at 33 stoves and catching up with friends and teachers.

(3) 2007 AGM-cum-Annual Dinner

- The Annual Dinner Organizing Committee comprises Ms Susanna Chung, Ms Justina Law, Ms Rosa Yeung, Ms Irene Young and Ms Annie Choi.
- The 2007 AGM-cum-Annual Dinner would be held on 17 March 2007 at 6:30pm at the World Trade Centre Club, 38/F, World Trade Centre, 280 Gloucester Road, Hong Kong.



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- Special guests of the evening include Ms Nydia Osmund (1935), Sr Rosangela (Principal 1973-77), Sr Bernadette, Mr Ma, Ms Catherine Wong, Ms Amelia Tsang Mrs Kapo Lee.

(4) Membership Drive

- As at 14 March 2007, the membership of the PSA stood at 4628. Compared with the membership of 3390 in February 2005, there was an increase of 1238 members (27.4%).
- Of the 1238 new members, 438 are F.5 graduates from SMCC. The other 800 are mostly St Marians that graduated before the 1990s.
- The Membership Secretary, Dr Monica Wong, continued to contact members to update their contact details.
- The Chairman, Ms Annie Choi, introduced the PSA and its activities to F.5 graduates on 10 July 2006.

(5) Mentorship Programme

- The composition of the Programme Committee is as follows:

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

- A careers development seminar and professional sharing session was held on 28 March 2006 for St. Marians. The PSA Vice-Chairman, Ms Jasbir Pannu, gave a presentation on “Assessment Processes Amongst Employers” and Ms Eva Chan (1980) advised students on “How to Prepare Yourself From Now On”.
- For the academic year 2006/07, we recruited 33 mentors and matched them against the 95 F.6 mentees.



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- The programme was launched in October 2006. A special briefing session conducted by Ms Wendy Pang (1977) for mentees was on 18 October 2006.

(6) Publication of Newsletters

- We published two 8-page newsletters during the Report period – one in October 2006 and another in March 2007.
- The newsletters were also uploaded onto the PSA website. Emails were sent to inform members of the release of the latest newsletter. Hard copies were also mailed to members.

(7) Follow-up Actions After Adoption of the New Constitution

- The revised Constitution was adopted at the 2006 Annual General Meeting held on 25 March 2006.
- Following the adoption of the new Constitution, the name of the PSA was changed from St. Mary's Canossian College PSA to St. Mary's PSA. The website was duly updated and names of the bank accounts etc were also amended.

(8) PSA Website

- The name of the website has been changed from www.smccpsa.org to www.stmaryspsa.org to reflect the new name of the PSA.
- During the Report period, the website content was constantly updated by our webmaster, Ms Justina Law. The website continued to serve as the link between our Alma Mater and past St. Marians near and far.
- Major documents, including the PSA Constitution and Annual General Meeting notices, have been 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.



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- News of class year reunions are now reported in the website.

(9) Limited Edition Mementos

- We continued to sell the two limited edition souvenirs – the miniature of the Main Building and the photo album of the school.
- As at 16 March 2007, we sold 773 albums and 510 pieces of the miniature.
- The net proceeds arising from the sale of the souvenirs will go to the St Mary's Development Fund.

(10) Participation in School Policy Committees

- We worked closely with SMCC and SMCS, as well as the two Parent-Teacher Associations, on school policy, 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.

(11) Participation in the SMCC-SMCS-HACS Through-Train Steering Committee

- SMCC will form through-train arrangements with SMCS and Holy Angels Canossian School (HACS). By 2011, all P.6 students of SMCS and HACS will be admitted to SMCC.
- To ensure that the girls at both SMCS and HACS will be fully prepared for secondary school education at SMCC, a Steering Committee, comprising the management of all three schools, parent and alumnae representatives, has been formed.



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- Three members of the Executive Committee, Ms Barbara Chu, Ms Susanna Chung and Ms Jody Sin, and another PSA member, Ms Karina Ng (1979), are alumnae representatives on the Steering Committee.

(12) 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, and another PSA member, Rebecca Cheung (1992), were advisers on the upgrading of the SMCC History Archive, which is located on Level 4 of the Magdalene Building. Eight alumnae – Wendy Pang (1977), Maria Lee (1984), Celia Ho (2001), Queena Chow (2004), Karen Tse (2004), Muriel Cheng (2004), Winnie Chan (2004) and Vien Tsang (2004) participated in the research work for the History Archive.
- 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.

(13) 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\$7,690 for the Fund.

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

- For the academic year 2005-2006, the PSA Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Kiki Wong of F. 2E.



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(15) Fund-Raising Drive for the Renovation of the Sacred Heart Chapel

- We assisted the Canossian Missions to raise funds for the renovation of the Sacred Heart Chapel, which was built in 1907 and is located at the Canossian Headquarters, Caine Road, Mid-Levels. Due to the presence of termites, the roof of the Chapel collapsed, and the cost of the renovation works is estimated to be some \$10 million.
- We assisted the fund-raising drive by sending special emails to PSA members with email address. Information about the chapel and the fund-raising drive was also included in our March 2007 Newsletter, which was sent to all PSA members.
- St. Marians have been very responsive to the appeal, and are so far the largest source of donors.

(16) 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 of 2005-2006.

(17) Other Liaison Work

- We established informal contact with alumnae groups, including the Loveweavers, Marian in Action, the Alumnae Orchestra and the Alumnae Chinese Orchestra.
- We maintained close liaison with the Sacred Heart Canossian College Alumni Association and St. Francis Canossian College Past Students' Association. Ms Annie Choi and Ms Celia Ho attended the Annual Dinner of SFCC PSA in March 2006 at the Hong Kong Football Club.



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- We also maintained liaison with the SMCC PSA (Toronto) and the Canossian Colleges Association in Vancouver.

V. Focus of Work in the Coming Year

- In the coming year, we 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 and Parent-Teacher Associations of SMCC and SMCS on all matters that will benefit the schools, the teachers and the students.