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SGSS Alumni Association

會長的話：

SGSS 45th ANNIVERSARY

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近期校友會的工作目標重點是透過不同的渠道接觸筲官的校友，在全體理事及執委會成員衷誠合作下，張佩玲副會長努力不懈地和有效地管理及經常更新網頁，接受校友的電郵查詢及回覆；郭壽光司庫全方位接聽熱線及處理傳真熱線，加上向80年代入學的同學發出過千封呼籲函件；定期製作會訊，專訪校友及報導母校消息等，反應令全體執委會成員極之鼓舞。有部分接到呼籲訊息，立即加入成為永久會員的，而在今次的會訊中，各位校友可讀到有關幾位透過上述方法與我們 Reconnected 的舊同學，有親自撰文或專程回港出席同學聚會及接受訪問的，從而勾起我們對母校、老師和同學等各樣的回憶和思念。我期待著有更多的校友與我們 reconnect，希望各位透過上述方法與校友會重新接上，或推動你您熟悉的同學回歸，一同迎接母校四十五週年的來臨。

“GETTING RECONNECTED BY ALL MEANS” Alumnus from the Canada, Mr Albert Wai, Year 1964

After writing the article the last time, I then really took some time to enjoy our SGSS AA newsletters which were indeed pristinely produced. Much effort of many could be seen behind the pages.

Reading Shirley Chan's article really shocked me. I remember meeting Ma Toh Toh [who was shown in photo in Shirley's issue] when I was one of those canvassing for a caterer to our graduating F. 5 "Thank the Teachers Banquet". If I recall correctly, she had just returned from studying for a hospitality degree in Paris/France and was taking up a senior position with a reputable hotel. We were directed to her just for price comparison, and of course her hotel's price blew us all away. What was really shocking was that I probably had spoken with Shirley on the phone during her Continental Airlines' days over a good fare offer for their Nyack/New York to HongKong flight! [I should have e-mailed Shirley to confirm before putting this in writing but time is never on your side when the editor is after your material.]

Looking just at my SGSS years, I could be called quite an irresponsible student. However, the academics I did and the extra-curricular activities [ECA] I participated in did help my career for years up to today. I was enjoying it, but as F. 4 approached and the reality of family needs became overbearing, I sort of used that enjoyment to numb myself and I don't think I'd put in my best to get the best graduation grades so that I might get a better job. In the very first exam at F. 1, I was third - behind Susan Pao [in Canada, according to our very own 1969 Head Prefect and Head Boy Li KiKit (Morcar) who is in Toronto for some 30 years, married to beautiful Sylvia, both enjoying their 4 children] and second another female student probably Cynthia



Family Photo

Chu [was in Canada, now working in China also per the same source] - wonderful! That meant just among boys, I was first! Wow!

But of course, my ego brought me down and I could just never get anywhere close. While I wasn't altogether doing that bad, the fact was in the year following the first heart transplant was successfully done in Cape Town/South Africa by Dr. Christian Barnard, in 1968 the teachers had to transplant the marks from my best subject to cover the failure I ACHIEVED in Chinese Literature! This cost me a second prize in Chemistry for that year! That of course had top approval. But I am not sure if the "statute of limitations" for such an issue had expired or not, so I would rather not disclose the good but broken-

hearted teacher who had to handle my case.

To make your memories keep coming back, I will dwell on this in honour of SGSS, certainly not personal glory. It wasn't a thing that was done to every student, I was told. Because since F.1 [1964], like Shirley in this respect, I was pulled to participate in many Inter-school Music Festival competitions and other speaking contests, solo speaking and choral, English [mostly] and Chinese, all the way to F.4, bringing for SGSS many awards comparable to Shirley. I think I participated only in one solo contest in F. 4 because that year I was chosen to lead the inter-school "Right You Are!" English news contest team on the then Rediffusion English TV! Along with me were the female continents of Cynthia Chu and Cheung YuenMei as members, plus one more in reserve [sorry I just cannot recall who it was!]. Somehow, SGSS did not have to go to the basic round and went straight to the second round. That did not give us too much of a break because our opponent had defeated one school already, had the experience, and must be good themselves! It was St. Joseph's Boys Secondary School [mid-levels] and I am sure everyone thought it was a done deal before the contest even began - St. Joseph will go to the quarter-final! But at the last question, St. Joseph was incorrect in their answer and so was turned over to us. I don't recall who gave the answer but was the correct answer. And we won by that answer, getting a full score!

Into quarter-final we went. But then again my [not the other team members'] ego was at work and we were defeated by Maryknoll Girls' Secondary School [I think]. But given the fame of both opposing schools, we considered ourselves "well done" anyway. Going into F.5 and the short-lived L.6, I was elected the secretary of practically every association and society, of Lion House, and of even the Folk Music Club even though I'd never [even up till now] played a guitar before! I chaired one or two. My lunch and after-school hours were basically between adjudicating debates, or in bridge tournaments, or as librarian. Where did I find time to study? That's exactly the

scenario I put myself in. "Mak Sir" I am sure you older folks like me will recall, used to be in charge of the school library for quite a few years. He later told me after the graduation exam result was out, that my gifts would suit more as an Arts student than Science. But then, you all will agree, most of us were succumbed to a biased mentality in those years.

One more setback was on me. I was very fond of aircrafts - commercial, military and helicopters. I was living in North Point along the tram tracks, which means that I had a full view of planes going through Kai Tak Airport. In a nutshell, from across the harbour, I could still tell the difference between a Boeing 727 and a Trident. Insiders would know how difficult that was. I had read widely on propeller and jet engines before we were taught that in our Physics class, and acquired all badges of Boy and Senior Scouts' pertinent to air mechanics and aviation as a member of the 81st HK Island Group. For a while, I was confident that even if I could not get into matriculation/university because of the low score of my exam result or my family financial background, I could get into HAECO and be an air apprentice. But alas, of the only three subjects they tested us on, I got through with English and Maths. but failed in physics. I really dropped like a bomb on me. But then a consolation prize from a South China Morning Post contest on the life of 5-star General and past US. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who died that year, gave me an uplift. Jackie Kam [later married to Amy Lai, both renowned athletes of SGSS], David Wong KaKui, Lee JunYan, and probably more.

But as I said in the previous article, though thankfully SGSS was gracious enough to accept me into L.6 in spite of my deficient grades, that lasted for two months and I began my working career in November. Any glimpse of post-secondary school education was lost, to me at the time.

■ *By Albert*

Brief Pertinent Bio:

- North Point Government Primary (P.M.) School, P. 1-6, 1958-64.
- ShauKeiWan Government Secondary School, F. 1-L.6, 1964-69.
- Award recipient of numerous Chinese and English Music Festival and speech contests from F.1 - F.4; and active in debate competition and adjudication.
- Leader of SGSS school team to compete in "Right You Are!" English Rediffusion TV news contest in 1968.
- Member of 81st HongKong Island Scout Group.
- Had been secretaries and chairs of many school club/associations and Lion House.
- Graduate of HongKong International School of Accountancy, 1970-71.
- Master of Theological Studies [神學碩士], 1990-2001
- Ontario Theological Seminary [now known as Tyndale University College & Seminary].
- Chair, Alumni Association - Chinese Chapter, OTS/TUCS; 2004-6.
- Founding Board Chair, Herald Monthly Canada, 1991-1992.
- Advisor, Herald Monthly Canada; since 1999.
- Board Member, Showers of Blessing Evangelistic Ministry, 1993-2004.
- Board Chair, Ad 2000 & Beyond Advertising Inc., since incorporation in 1993; and holding honorary directorship and other capacities in various organizations;
- Wife Daisy: President, Ad2000 & Beyond Advertising Inc., since incorporation;
- recipient of Queen Elizabeth II's 50th Anniversary Coronation Medal, 2003; and holding chair and directorships in various organizations, including Herald Monthly Canada, York Region Police Services Board; etc.

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1962年入讀筲官麟社社員

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一天，校友會委員收到一封令人十分鼓舞的電郵，是一位身在美國、闊別筲官近四十載的校友Tina Ho在看了我們的網頁後寄來的。今年九月，Tina前往中國內地公幹，途中，她再次回到香港，再次回到筲官。

那是星期六的早上，首次與Tina見面，只覺這位師姐言談間散發著自信與高貴。再次踏足校園，這位體育健將立刻走到籃球場，回味當年在那裡訓練、比賽的情境。參觀了簇新的音樂室和舞蹈室後，Tina又雀躍地跑到五樓，探頭尋找從前屬於她的位置。那一刻，我深刻地感受到，來自不同地方、不同時代的人，無論相隔多遠，在這個地方都彼此連繫上了。

偶然的機遇

Tina從筲官畢業後，在香港中文大學英文系繼續學業。第三年的暑假，在德州儀器(Texas Instruments)工作的堂姊介紹Tina到香港分公司做兩星期的替工。及至Tina畢業之時，堂姊的小孩出生，決定辭職，於是，她邀請Tina代替自己的位置。當時，Tina的父母不太贊成，認為教學工作比從商更適合她，可是，最後她還是接受了這份工作。就這樣子，一直為這間公司工作了三十多年。

公司在美國歷史悠久，規模龐大，主要生產高科技電子零件(如半導體)。然而，當時香港分公司還在起步階段，全體員工只有寥寥數人，事事也得親力親為，加上電子產品不是Tina所熟悉的範疇，她要花上很大的努力，重新學習。

幾年後，上進好學的性格驅使Tina繼續自我增值。她決定暫時停職，到美國攻讀工商管理碩士課程。不料，六個月後，由於美國的總公司急需人手，老闆特地致電邀請她重新加盟。老闆批准她一邊繼續學業，一邊工作，同時又替她辦理申請居留權。自此以後，Tina就在美國落地生根，開展人生的新一頁。

教與養

或許大家會以為，像Tina這樣的「女強人」多不能為家庭花上太多心思，可是，事實剛剛相反。

Tina的丈夫是捷克人，二人育有一女。他們選擇只生一個小孩，是希望將資源、時間、心血都集中在孩子身上，將最好的給她。

Tina說：「我們的父母活在不幸的年代，飽受戰亂、貧窮之苦，為了生活，為了子女的將來，他們必須努力工作，對教育孩子可說是力不從心。然而，現在，我們都有選擇的權利，就必須盡力照顧子女，為他們花心思。」

談到教養孩子的秘訣，Tina笑言只是從錯誤中學習。她不贊成美國社會一些父母過份溺愛子女，為孩子犧牲很多，認為這種方式難以培養孩子的承擔責任的勇氣。

從心開始的政治藝術

現在，Tina在公司裡負責處理公共關係事務。和我們在香港認知的「公關」有所不同，Tina要處理的不只是公司和客戶的關係，還包括公司與員工、社區、州政府和聯邦政府的關係，當中的技巧實可謂一門藝術。

Tina與我們分享說，「聯繫」不是飯局應酬等表面功夫，而是真正關心對方的需要。例如，對於公司所處的社區，他們成立各種基金、獎學金，推動區內藝術、人材培訓的發展；在不久之前的風災，公司又捐出巨額善款賑濟災民。這種作風亦感染員工，很多時候，他們會主動發起募捐運動，幫助有需要的人。

「Tex Mart, Big Heart。」這種善行為公司建立了名聲，更重要的是，它拉近了一家大公司和民眾的距離。

要面對如此多樣化的人和制度，語文能力與知識同樣重要，而在筲官時的Tina已經為此打好基礎。那時，Tina很喜歡作文，也培養了閱讀課外書的習慣。她自言是個好奇心強的人，喜歡發掘新事物，不滿足於課本上的基礎知識，她希望發現更大的世界。去國三十載，Tina每次回到中國公幹，也會四處搜購中文書回家。

另一方面，在初年的筲官，沒有學生組織、沒有先例，因此，第一、二屆的同學都是開荒牛。Tina在當中得到自由籌組、構思活動的機會，更成為她日後工作的啟發。Tina憶起當年負責麟社的聖誕派對，由安排場地、準備食物到編排節目，她和同學都得親力親為。今天，她的公司收購了另一家大公司，她要負責籌劃的是盛大歡迎派對的膳食、保安。那個時候，她記起的，就是在筲官的那一個聖誕派對。

難忘的學長聚會

撰文：陳志賢

今年母校踏入第四十五個年頭，離開校園的日子越遠，與當年一起成長的朋友的感卻越深厚。

於十一月六日，第一至第五屆學長舉行了一次聚會，我很高興能夠參與其中。當晚有六十名師生參與，其中亦有專誠從外地回來的校友。學長雖來自不同屆別，但他們一如故，細說當年的往事之餘，亦不忘關心母校的近況。

我在旁分享他們共話當年的趣事，從中得知花園中的魚池，是學生及老師們於下課抽空建造出來的。從掘地、搬泥以至砌磚均由他們一手一腳建造而成，雖不是親歷其境，亦能感受到他們滿足的喜悅。

母校四十五周年活動即將舉行，希望屆時可碰到更多不同屆別的校友，探索更多有他們在筲官的「秘聞」。

