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Tributes Paid to Retired Teachers at Annual Dinner

- Andrew Lee ('86)

Held on 12 Dec 2015 at the Golden Dynasty Chiu Chow Restaurant, Macau Jockey Club Members' Club, The Josephians' Association's Annual Dinner 2015 brought together 20 tables of former principals and teachers, old boys, current supervisors, principals,

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Principal Kwok of SJACPS, retired Principal Yeung of SJACS and Principal Poon of SJACS led the singing of the school hymn.

teachers current students, and representatives from the PTA.

The theme of the 2015 Annual Dinner was "Salute to Our Teachers". Among the guests were 17 retired principals and teachers,

namely, Mr. Lester Chan, Mr. Mathew Chan, Mr. KP Chau, Mr. William Cheng, Mr. KC Cheung, Mr. DH Chik, Ms. Eleanor Hui, Mrs. YW Peng Lam, Mr. KH Lai, Mr. Gabriel Lau, Mr. Silvanus Lo, Mr. Peter Leung, Mr. TK Ng, Mr. SC Lau, Mr. Lawrence Lee, Mr. Paul Yeung, and Mr. WC Yuen.



Alex Li & Peter Yeung interviewing retired teachers.

The evening reached its climax when Peter Yeung ('75), Alex Li ('93), Russ Ko ('92) and Frankie Ho ('92) interviewed our venerated guests individually.

Undoubtedly, such conversations

as Mr. Silvanus Lo sharing his witty insights into a man's life, Mr. Mathew Chan speaking of fellow old boy and former teacher Mr. KH Lai, or Ms. Eleanor Hui revealing the "secrets" of her nickname and telling the crowd about retired teacher Mr. Wong will be fondly remembered by all.

As a token of appreciation to our retired teachers, who spent their lifetime teaching and guiding many generations of Josephians, the Association presented an individualized commemorative plaque to each and every one of them. They were then invited to sit on stage and take pictures with all the old boys.



Retired principals and teachers in centre stage.

Ronald Lo ('84), chairman of the annual dinner organizing committee, thanked all for their participation and said, "As an old boy of SJACS, I feel so grateful that, at this very special event, we're able to thank our retired teachers for their teaching and patience." He added, "The memories that we share will certainly remain with Josephians of different generations."

The Association would like to express its hearty gratitude to all those generous old boys who sponsored the participation of supervisors, principals, teachers, student helpers and representatives of the PTA, those who donated all the table prizes and lucky draw prizes, those who bought the raffle tickets, and those who made generous monetary donations. Your contributions will help the continuous development of our Alma Mater.

40th Anniversary and Reunion of '75 Old Boys

- Peter Yeung ('75)

In early 2015, there were callings from schoolmates of the class of '75 for holding a reunion to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of our graduation from our Alma Mater. So, Peter Yeung was requested to take up the task to organize the event. In order to cater for those who resided overseas to schedule their flights, the date of 17th October 2015 was fixed.

The schoolmates were grateful for Principal Poon who was kind enough to open the School for us that morning and led the boys and their families from overseas around the campus. Among them were, Andrew Law and Herman Wong from the States, Cheung Chi Wah, Cheung Chi Keung and Hsieh Chung Yiu from Australia.



From left to right: Peter Yeung, Cheung Chi Wah, Herman Wong, Cheung Chi Keung, Peter Hsieh and Kan Chun Shing

The party was held at Yau Yat Chuen Garden City Club, principals and teachers joining were Pr. Poon, Pr. Matthew Chan, Mr. Lester Chan, Mr. William Cheng, Mr. John Cheung, Mr. Thomas Cheung, Mr. Chik Tao Hsing, Mr. Chow Kin Ping, Mr. Lai Kwok Hung, Mr. Lam Shin Pui, Mr. Lau Sum Chuen, Mr. Lawrence Lee, Mr. Yiu Kin Wah, Mr. Peter Leung and Mr. Silvanus Lo. We were sorry that Pr. Kenneth Chan and Mr. Wong Pak Ho were unable to join us because of their health. We wish them good health and will remember them in our prayers.

The event was opened by the singing of School song, prayer by Pr. Matthew Chan; and cutting of the 40th Anniversary cake by Mr. Silvanus Lo, Mr. Lau Sum Chun and Mr. Chik Tao Hing, the class teachers of F.5, and prefects and representatives of the F.5 classes. This was followed by a game led by Andrew Law, and talks by Prof. Randy Chiu, the Dioceses appointed school



manager of our Alma Mater, and Daniel Cheng, the Chairman of Federation of Hong Kong Industries (香港工業總會). All in all, it was an enjoyable and memorable night.



Front row (from left to right): Cheung Hung Yan David, Cheung Lap Keung, Philip Lai, Peter Lo, Cheung Chi Keung, Andrew Law, Peter Hsieh, Cheung Chi Wah, Dr. Lai Kang Yiu, Benny Ma,

2nd **row**: Bobby Ling, Mr. Lai Kwok Hung, Mr. Peter Leung, Mr. Lam Sin Pui, Mr. Silvanus Lo, Mr. Matthew Chan, Mr. Lau Sum Chuen, Mr. Cheung King Cheung, Mr. Lawrence Lee, Mr. William Cheng, Mr. Chow Kin Ping, Mr. Paul Cheung

3rd row: Lee Pak Shing Simon, Peter Au Yeung, Wong Chi Kong, Kang Chun Shing, Danny Ngai, Herman Wong, Francis Lee, Chan Wing Cheung Allan, Andrew Li Siu Wai, Christopher Lau, Samuel Lam, Randy Chiu, Johnnie Cheng, Daniel Cheng, Dr. Gary Mak, Daniel Chan **4th Row**: Lincoln Ying, Tse Li Chun, Jason Wong, Stephen Chu, Lee Buen Lap, Patrick Law, Claudius Chan, Peter Yeung

The classmates who made this evening possible were Johnnie Cheng, who had done an excellent job as the MC, Benny Ma for making the souvenirs available, Cheung Chi Keung, Cheung Chi Wah and Peter Hsieh for decorating the venue, manning the reception table and collecting the fee. The surplus fund from the party in the sum of HK\$7,100 was donated to the Josephian Association Limited in support of its functions and activities.

Vegetables and Fishes Made Easy

- Peter Yeung ('75)

On 15th November 2015, with the help of Lai, Kwok Yan Edward (黎國仁), MH, an old boy from '68, Vegetable Marketing Organization ("VMO", 蔬菜統營處), Fish Marketing Organization ("FMO", 魚類統營處), SJACS, SJACPS, PTA, and the Josephian Association held a talk and workshop at the Brother Paul Sun Memorial Hall of SJACS.

Mr. Henry Yip from the FMO and Mr. Kenneth Law

and Ms. Christine Chan from VMO told us about the functions and structures of the organizations and other interesting matters relating to vegetables and fishes.

We learned how vegetables and fishes were accredited and how to distinguish fishes caught in the wild from those raised in a farm. In particular, attention should be paid to the

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chances were the fish was from a fish farm, with the reason being that would fish packed in a fish and they farm would be chasing each other and biting each other's

the scheme appended to each of them in the supermarket rather than in traditional wet market.

We were given posters and mouse pads with locations of the accredited fish farms, photos of domesticated fishes with their names in English and Chinese, and recipes for cooking fishes, which my helper found very helpful and made my meals more enjoyable.

Mr. Law and Ms. Chan of the VMO taught us how to wash our vegetables to get rid of pesticides, how to select vegetables and how to make salads. All audience participated in making their own bowl of salad using tasty Japanese salad sauces and feasted on it. Packs of different kinds of accredited vegetables, towels and

booklets were given to us to take home.

With the donation of the PTA and students of the Primary School, we managed to raise a fund of \$34,530 which will be used as general working capital of the Association, which in turn will sponsor more

activities of SJACS and SJACPS. (Since the Association began to waive the membership entrance fee, the main sources of income are from donation of members and schoolmates and from running events.)

I would like to thank Edward Lai who, despite of his poor health and susceptibility to flu, had graciously acceded to our request to lead the Vegetable Marketing Organization and Fish Marketing Organization in making this event happen and attended the entire event himself, thus exposing himself to potential health risks. On behalf of the Association I wish him good health and a prosperous 2016.



Mr. Yip urged us to support Accredited Fish Farms by buying their fishes. As these fishes would be fed by better feeds, when steamed, they would be less fishy and would taste better. We could find fishes from the accredited fish farms with a plastic blue label issued by

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- Andrew Lee ('86)

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In this second issue of The Josephian Quarterly ("I@"), vou'll learn about events organized by the Josephian Association and reunion of old boys, enjoy the stories shared with us by retired teacher Mr. Wong, the poem written by retired teacher Mr. Lo, and get to know the new Principal Mr. Poon Wing Keung.

When Principal Poon, who has been at the helm of SJACS since September 2014, accepted our invitation to do an interview, I thought the session would last at most one hour. Yet, as our conversation took its course, Principal Poon ended up spending over two hours with us with him telling about himself, St. Joe, the measures that he has instigated and would instigate, and how old boys could contribute to our alma mater.

Indeed, there's so much that can be transcribed into words from our conversation that I only hope the articles (to be published in this and next issues of the J@ as a two-part series) have done enough justice to Principal

Poon.

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Believe it or not, this was actually the second time I interviewed the principal of St. Joe. Back when St. Joe celebrated its 30th Anniversary, I interviewed Principal Kenneth Chan. The article, alongside with other articles about St. Joe and our 30th Anniversary celebration, appeared in a two-page feature in the Young Post of the SCMP.

Contributions Welcomed

Contributions from old boys, teachers and staff members (current or former) of SJACS or SJACPS to the J@ are most welcomed. Please submit your contributions (in Chinese or English) by email to editor@sjacs.com, stating your name in full, years studied or worked at SJACS and contact details (email and phone number). Submissions should be in MS Word, rich text or plain text format with or without pictures (gif, bmp or ipeg). Contributions submitted to the 3@ may or may not be selected for publication and may be edited for publication purposes.

The Moon

- **Mr. Silvanus Lo** (Retired English Teacher)

When I was young, ignorant and innocent, I looked at the sky and I saw the moon.

To me, the new moon was banana, mellow and yellow. The half moon was my cradle, reliable and comfortable. The full moon was a cake, palatable and unreachable. It also looked like my mother's face, but I could never see her again.

When I grew older, idealistic and materialistic, I looked at the sky and I saw the moon.

To me, the new moon was a scimitar, fearful and powerful.

The half moon was a gold nugget, charming and captivating.

The full moon was an irresistible gold coin, attractive and alluring.

No matter how hard I worked, I could never earn enough for my growing and demanding family.

Now, I am old age with dotage, fragile and senile, feeble and unsustainable.

I look at the sky through my misty eyes.

What do I see?

Oh! I see nothing but the moon.

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- **蘇丞尉 ('86) 探訪 李安烈 ('86)**筆錄

2015年11月底,校友蘇丞尉('86)造訪了94歲高齡 的黃就平老師(黃 Sir、肥佬黃),促成這次探訪的因由 要從 2015 年 11 中講起。當 2015 年底舉行的校友會週年晚 宴正籌備得如火如荼,該次晚宴以「向老師致敬」為主題, 許美雲老師在「臉書」上表示希望校友會能把主題延伸至



師母與黃老師(攝於探訪當日)

已移居海外的老 師,更希望有居 於海外的校友能 探訪身在多倫多 的黄老師,同是 居於多倫多的蘇 丞尉二話不說便 自動請纓。

黄老師和師 母現居於多倫多

以北的烈治文市內一長者大廈,有醫生、護士照顧長者們 在醫療、護理方面的需要。黃老師現在四代同堂,探訪當 日老師十分健談,精神飽滿、思路清晰,並把當年在母校 的一些點點滴滴娓娓道來。黃老師從 1961 年至 1981 年在 母校任教(原來師母亦於創校至 1961 年在母校任教,及 後轉職至津貼學校)。1981年移居加拿大時,主因是當時 師母身體抱恙,欲前往北美求醫。

起初黃老師是中小學的體育老師,其後是中學的體育 科主任。據許美雲老師所講,他不單是東九龍童軍第二百

旅的創辦者,亦創辦了藍球 會、足球會、乓乒球會、田 徑會、游泳會、童軍樂隊 (其後改為銀樂隊)等,黃 老師基本上包辦了一眾課外 活動。黃老師說,當年成立 童軍樂隊的背後是有一個故 事。

作為體育老師/主任的黃

老師,亦負責帶領各運動隊伍參加比 賽,當中包括教區陸運會。話說當年 每間學校進場時均有樂隊帶領,而聖 若瑟因為沒有自己的樂隊,所以一直 是邀請喇沙書院的樂隊幫忙。但有一次,喇沙書院的樂隊 因為各種原因,到最後一刻推辭了。此事令孫修士耿耿於 懷,於是便要求黃老師馬上成立一支屬於聖若瑟的樂隊, 並資助兩萬元為樂隊購置樂器。在錢志明先生的協助下, 其後童軍樂隊正式成立。(編者案:據悉,錢先生當其時 是聖文德小學的樂隊導師,經由聖文德的修士介紹給孫修

<u>黄</u>老師續說,母校成立之初,校舍附近並沒有行人天 橋可讓學生們安全橫過官塘道,每天下課後,黃老師要先 確保所有學生已安全離校、上校車或已坐上巴士回家後自 己才能離開。下課後老師還經常要到教育處的體育委員會 開會,但因為要待所有學生離開後才能離校,老師往往需 要乘的士趕往開會。乘的士所花的費用,幾可達老師工資 的一半,因而曾令師母有所微言。當老師決定離開香港時, 教育處曾有官員挽留老師,並提出可以協助老師成為太平 紳士。當然,老師最後還是選擇了離開。

<u>黄</u>老師在母校任教二十年的光景,得意門生有飛魚<u>黄</u> <u>敏超</u>和飛人<u>劉志強</u>,而<u>黃</u>老師領導過的運動隊員、童軍、 童軍樂隊成員等更是不計其數。當老師臨近離開母校,他 最放心不下的是由他一手創辦並帶領至離開前的東九龍童 軍第二百旅,於是黃老師向陳江潮校長表達他希望由許美

雲老師帶領童軍的訴求,得 知許老師代替他成為童軍旅 長,<u>黃</u>老師才放心前往<u>加拿</u>

·轉眼,黃老師已離開 母校三十多年,沒有改變的

> 是黃老師對 母校的情誼 校友對黃老 師的敬重、 聖若瑟師生之間的友誼。在此我代校友們



許美雲老師和黃就平老師

感謝蘇丞尉代表我們向黃老師表 達敬意,<u>蘇</u>校友是小編會考班的 同班同學,而憑著這件事小編能 和近 30 年沒有通話的老同暢談-番,亦是緣分。最後,祝愿黃老

師和師母身體健康、生活愉快, 愿主祝福他們。

與潘永強校長對話 (一)

- 李安烈('86) 張穎康('94)



於2014年9月上任的<u>潘永強</u>校長,是母校中學部的第五任校長,為了讓校友們認識<u>潘</u>校長,校友會相約<u>潘</u>校長 於2015年12月19日星期六的早上做了一個專訪。

編:感謝<u>潘</u>校長在百忙中抽空和我們進行這個訪問,或者 先請校長簡介一下你的背景。

潘:本人 90 年代初加入教育界,有二十多年的教育經驗, 我視教育為我的事業而不是單純的工作。我常跟同學們說, 事業和工作是不同的。工作只是作息、朝九晚五的任務。 但事業卻在生活中佔一個很重要的位置,你會願意為它付 出,從而得到滿足感。最近,我曾經在與中六同學於課堂 的對話當中,亦引領他們尋找自己的人生路向,認清自己 要追求的事業是什麼。至於個人的學歷方面,我擁有一個 課外活動專科的碩士學位(中大教育學院),我曾經在過 去服務的學校中擔任課外活動主任,所以當時決定在這方 面擴闊視野及提升自己的工作效能。

二十多年的教育工作使我深深體會到,只要老師是不問收穫、真心付出,同學們所獲得的是會更加多。自我加入聖若瑟後,從日常與同學的接觸中意識到他們雖得到老師的關顧,但仍有改善的空間,為此,我銳意在本年度加強「班級經營」。「班級經營」是配合學生成長的一個很重要的環節,班主任透過日常增加與學生的接觸(例如:與同學一同參與早會、班主任課節等)、班規的訂立、班內角色的安排,和舉辦班內活動等和學生建立更密切的關係。學生的成長從而獲得更多正面的能量,自信心亦更強,而學生亦有一個可信賴的老師作為傾訴對象。

很多學校因為推行「班級經營」,班主任和同學有良好的關係和溝通,班主任便能很快洞悉班內一些負面的事情或危機,致使學校和老師能迅速作出應對,防止不愉快的事情發生。更重要的是,本年度我再次在初中推行雙班主任制,透過降低班主任和學生比例,一方面可以加強老師對學生的關顧,同時亦能減輕老師的工作量。我深信同學們在學習方面的興趣或水平能否得以提升,與「班級經營」實在有不可或缺的關係。

編:為什麼會選擇到聖若瑟當校長?

潘:其實並不是我選擇<u>聖若瑟</u>,而是<u>聖若瑟</u>選擇了我。大 約兩年前,教區聘請中學校長,在我的師傅<u>蕭思銓</u>校長 (現任<u>天主教培聖中學</u>校長)的鼓勵下,我嘗試申請這個富 有挑戰性的崗位。與此同時,我亦有申請其他辦學團體的校長職位,我亦有被取錄或已進入最後的遴選階段。但由於我在教區學校服務二十多年,非常熟悉教區學校的運作,而作為教友的我亦希望能繼續服務教區。後來獲教區通知我已被取錄出任校長一職,更獲安排與兩所教區中學的校監和代表作最後面試。最後我被聖若瑟錄用了。因此,是聖若瑟選擇了我,這亦可以說是緣份,是天主的安排。其實在十年前的教區運動會中,我也曾和聖若瑟合作,所以我對現在其中幾位合作的同事及已退休的<u>梁煥嫦</u>副校長都頗有印象。

编:作為一個局外人到<u>聖若瑟</u>任校長,你見到<u>聖若瑟</u>有哪 些亮點?

潘:第一,聖若瑟有一班很好、很合作的同事。當然,自我上任以來有同事可能會因為工作量增加而有所詬病,但我深信只要理念清晰明確,為的是學校和學生,同事們都會明白,都會樂與付出及貢獻。校務處的同事也一樣,只要大家好好溝通、互相關心,慢慢我們便能夠建立了良好的工作關係。所以說,同事們都是很容易相處。

第二,<u>聖若瑟</u>的學生是受教的。例如今年中六級的同學,當我上任時他們已在一個較為自由的環境中成長,對於我訂立的某些措施對他們而言需要時間適應,有學生跟我說:「校長,我知道你是為學校好,但過去我們習慣了另一種模式,雖然是有同學喜歡,但我們不習慣被人管束。」我感受到中五、六級的學生雖然是有點主見,但我用我的感染力和清晰的理念告訴他們這些新措施推行背後的動機。



潘永強校長,攝於 2015 年 8 月舉行 的校友運動日。

及同學的意見後,為我們的 St. Joe 仔訂造了一款可

保暖的校樓,當中包括外套及長袖抓毛衣,學生們可以合併或分開穿著,我希望藉此令 St. Joe 仔們既可以擁有一件保暖的外套,亦可以藉此加強校服方面的一致性。由於中六級的同學即將離校應付公開試,所以他們可以獲得豁免。當同學明白我背後的動機時,他們會聆聽、並會遵從。

至於學業方面,其實<u>聖若瑟</u>的同學是有能力爭取佳績的,所以現在各級均設有精英班,協助提升同學公開試的成績,綜觀上屆的畢業生,有幾位同學亦是這一措施的受惠者。所以說,聖若瑟的同學是可教的。

(下期再續。想知道<u>潘</u>校長在過去一年多在母校推行過些什麼措施及活動,以及校友們可以怎樣幫助母校的話,請密切留意下期的 **The Josephian Quarterly**。)