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2008 AGM Dinner

Date: January 10, 2009 (Saturday)

Time: 6:00 p.m. Reception
7:00 p.m. Dinner and Annual General Meeting

Location: **Very Fair Seafood Cuisine (鴻福海鮮大酒樓)**
17 Milliken Blvd., Scarborough
(NE corner of Kennedy and Finch)
Tel: 416-299-6368

Program: Dinner
Report from the Board
Board of Directors Election
Fun Quizzes

Cost: Early Bird: Adult \$35; Student or child \$25
After December 19, 2008: Adult \$38; Student or child \$28

Registration: Please fill out the registration form on page 6 and send it with a cheque to Chan Chi Hung (address on registration form) before December 31, 2008.

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Message from the President

Dear Fellow Alumni:

It's time for us to meet again. This year, for some reason, our AGM dinner has been deferred a little bit. It will be held on January 10, 2009 (Saturday) at the Very Fair Seafood Cuisine located at 17 Milliken Blvd., Scarborough (at the north-east corner of Kennedy and Finch). Please make your best attempt to come and let us enjoy an exciting evening with our alumni together.

Due to relocation and resignation of some members of the Board of Directors, we are looking urgently for "new blood" to join the Board. This is a good opportunity for you to get to know our alumni more, both in Toronto and overseas. Don't be afraid that joining the Board will take up much of your time, as we share the work together. Please call any Director if you are interested.

In this newsletter, we have recorded an interview with an alumni couple. Our alumnus is a retired psychiatrist who has published an interesting book on child psychiatry, called "The Cockroach Catcher". This book is very worthwhile to read, especially when we have heard about the case of a Barrie teenager who recently died in the woods after walking out from home because his parents did not allow him to play video games.

Finally, as the holiday season is approaching, I wish you all:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely yours,

Chan, Chi Hung (65)

P.S. For your information, QES, our *alma mater*, will be celebrating its 55th anniversary on December 13, 2009.

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Have a Laugh

BRILLIANT Answers given by 2nd grade school children:

How did God make mothers?

God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.

What kind of little girl was your mom?

They say she used to be nice.

What's the difference between moms & dads?

1. Moms work at work and work at home & dads just go to work at work.
2. Dads are taller & stronger, but moms have all the real power.
3. Moms have magic - they make you feel better without medicine.

What would it take to make your mom perfect?

On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.

If you could change one thing about your Mom, what would it be?

I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.

Interview with a Cockroach Catcher and His Wife Bee

Though it is often said: "What will become of us at the age of 80 has been determined when we are three", few of us would be aware of the forces moulding us at that tender age, not even the child psychiatrist in the making. When our alumnus Am Ang Zhang (a pen name to protect the identities of his patients) of year 1961 grew up in a village in Tai Po, Hong Kong, little would he know that he would later become an eminent child psychiatrist in England. In his recently published debut fiction "The Cockroach Catcher", Am Ang traces his own development from his childhood days in the village, and shares his personal view of the human psyche through an anecdotal collection of child and adolescent psychiatric cases he had treated during his 30-year career. We had a chat with Am Ang and his wife Bee (also a pseudonym).



The budding psychiatrist at 2 in Shanghai.

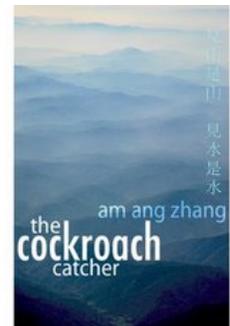
The Cockroach Catcher

Why did you choose to specialize in child psychiatry?

I think it is important to remember that sometimes things happen that are not your own choosing. What is interesting is that when you look back you may find some of these happenings make sense. Freudians would say it is an unconscious process. In the book, I did explain why I chose not to make a career in certain specialties.

What were some of the major challenges working and living in England?

In recent years, this supposedly First World democratic country has become so top heavy with micro and macro and often dictatorial management. For years food was lousy! For years, we did not need air-conditioning as you had to wear a coat in the hottest summer: what wonderful weather! Mind you, it is now a lot hotter in the summers, but there is still no air-conditioning in the underground system.



Debut fiction of Am Ang Zhang.

Did you experience any cultural barriers as a Chinese child psychiatrist in England?

Not as much as when we first visited Beijing. As I wrote in the book, there were certain advantages in that the class conscious society could not quite place me.



The Bai tribe in Yunnan, taken by Am Ang Zhang, who was born in Kunming.

You seemed frustrated with the British medical system, as expressed in your book and blog.

My blog is mild by comparison. You should read some other U.K. medical blogs.

Why is your book entitled "The Cockroach Catcher"?

It has factual and philosophical nuances. You can explain the factual as I did*, but with the philosophical, readers will have to feel it. One reader from Nebraska loves it. She grew up in a farming community.

* (Growing up in a village, Am Ang became a skilled cockroach catcher and the sole supplier of huge live cockroaches to his peers in the Biology class.)

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What are the essential qualities of a child psychiatrist and what were your keys to success?

How about this extract from the book:

"I have often said to many of my juniors that **child psychiatry is not about asking questions, but about feeling the answers.** It is a discipline where empathy rules. It is important that you know within ten minutes or so what is wrong."

In your book, you've included cases in which you challenged conventional practices.

Those of us who grew up in an era of great suppression of freedom and acquisition of knowledge in our motherland have a natural desire to challenge.



How important is it to have a broad view on humanity and nature to those in the medical profession?

This is important not just to the medical profession. Poets do not just write for other poets. If we think we should stay in our little corner, then what is the rest of the world for? Somewhere somebody wrote, "The sad thing nowadays is that the journalists and commentators in our newspapers and popular magazines have little knowledge in what they are writing about, not to say other subject matters."

How would you describe your QES days? How have you benefited from them?

I have not written a lot about QES in the book. Like most alumni, I think it is a wonderful school. I was involved in so many extra-curricular activities that I did not have much time for studying. In my years working with children in the U.K., I found that not all schools offered their children the same opportunities!

How has life been since your retirement in 2002?

I don't have enough time if I am to blog and write another book as well as continue with my various leisure pursuits.

Which city is your most preferred city to live in and why?

Planet Earth definitely. Seriously it is difficult to pick one city. I would have picked Toronto for all the friends and relations but for the cold winters.



What are your plans for the future?

When thinking changes things it is called philosophy and when facts change things it is called science. Promoting science is my passion.



"The Cockroach Catcher" is available on Amazon.com and lulu.com. Interested readers can preview a chapter at <http://www.lulu.com/content/1772066>. You're also welcome to visit Am Ang's blog <http://cockroachcatcher.blogspot.com/>.

3 photos by Am Ang: (top) Strawberry Poison Dart frog (nicknamed Blue Jean frog) in Costa Rica; (right) Passiflora alata; (bottom) Iguana, Costa Rica.

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Bee and the Cockroach Catcher

We also had a chat with Bee, alumna of year 1961, who married the Cockroach Catcher in 1970. She was his first and only girl friend.

What were some of the major challenges living and working in England?

With no family support network, I had to give up work to look after our two daughters during their pre-school years. For ten years, I was a full-time housewife and mother, while my female contemporaries in Hong Kong climbed to dazzling heights in their respective careers. Most people at the time thought, "What a waste!" However, if I could turn back the clock, I would not hesitate to do it again. To spend quality time with one's children in their formative years is a once in a lifetime experience!

You had a successful career in banking in England. What is your key to success?

Do not give up your principles, and treat others in the way you like to be treated. I know I am a bit old fashioned in this respect.

You worked in the Caribbean for two years. How did you find working and living there?

I was the Finance Director for the Integration Project that merges the banking operations of a British bank and a Canadian bank in all the Caribbean islands. The work was demanding, but I enjoyed working in the multi-national team. We celebrated U.S. Thanksgiving, Canadian Thanksgiving, U.S. Independence Day, Barbados Independence Day, Canada Day etc., etc. We played football, cricket, baseball, beach volley ball etc., etc. We had a lovely apartment with three ensuite double bedrooms in a compound complete with swimming pools, gym, running track, and easy access to the beach. You can imagine the non-stop stream of visitors we had. Luckily, Am Ang had retired by then and was there to play chauffeur/tourist guide. I of course was working 14 hour days and most weekends!



Bee's Teochiu braised goose recipe has been featured by the World Foodie Guide.

How did you find being wife of a child psychiatrist?

Nobody has ever asked me that question. Most of the time, it's our daughters who get asked: How do you find being the children of a child psychiatrist?

How would you describe your QES days? How have you benefited from them?

Happy! I think we learned to be open-minded and enthusiastic in everything we attempt. Among what I value most are the long lasting friendships that we developed in QES school days. It seems that despite intervening years, when we meet up again, we are always able to pick up from where we left off.

How has life been since retirement?

Busy! Since retirement, we consider ourselves global citizens and spend time in different cities for different pursuits: some for music, theatre and culture; some for nature, flora and fauna; some for snorkelling; some for good food; some for reunions with friends and families.

What roles are you playing in Am Ang's publishing affairs?

The dogs-body role. I am the editor/proof reader/publisher/promoter and whatever else I have forgotten.

2007 AGM Dinner – Reminiscences of the School Camp

The 2007 AGM dinner of the QESOSA Ontario Chapter was held on November 17 at China Buffet King in Scarborough. The theme of the evening was “Those Were the Days – QES School Camp”. All the 49 alumni and guests present enjoyed a jovial evening filled with the warmth of friendship, laughter and reminiscences of the good old days at the QES School Camp.

President of the association Chan Chi-Hung called the AGM to order and began by introducing the guests of the evening. They were Yolanda Lee and Emily Chan from Belilios Public School Alumni Association, and Eric Wong and S.L. Cheung from Queen’s College Old Boys Association. The introduction was followed by a report on the activities in the past year. Roger Kwan, Treasurer, then presented the 2007 Financial Report, which, together with the 2006 AGM minutes, was adopted by the members present.

Another important task during the AGM was the election of directors. This year, all the eight out-going directors were re-elected. They are Chan Chi-Hung (65), Henry Lee (61), James So (67), Julie Look (67), Roger Kwan (78), Selwyn Chow (61), Tang Fu-Wah (68) and Lee Shiu-Ki (58).

MC Nancy Tang (65) and Jerry Liu (68) took everyone down Memory Lane by presenting a slide show of the School Camp from its official opening in 1962 to its 40th anniversary in 2002. The attendees were then engaged in a fun-filled quiz on the development of the School Camp. The most challenging questions included demonstrating a folk dance, singing a camp song and telling a ghost story about the Ghost House. Competition was fierce among the tables and to everyone’s surprise, our friends from Queen’s College rose to the challenge and took home the second prize for their table.

The evening closed with a lucky draw and photo-taking. All involved were thoroughly amused by the program and wished that the fun would go on. To view the photos of this memorable event, please visit <http://jliu.smugmug.com/gallery/3846636/1/222569352>.

Registration for AGM Dinner on January 10, 2009

Please confirm your attendance no later than Dec 31, 2008 in any of the following ways:

1. Mail cheque and this form (with the following details completed) to:
QESOSA (Ontario), c/o Chi Hung Chan, 7 Simeon Court, North York, ON M2K 2N6
*** Please make cheque payable to QESOSA (Ontario). Thanks***
2. Confirm by email at support@qesosaont.ca (pay cash at the door)
3. Confirm by telephone to any director (pay cash at the door)

Name: _____ Chinese: _____ Year (F.5) _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____

Number in Party: ____ (adults) x \$35, plus ____ (students or children) x \$25 (Early Bird fee)
(After December 19, 2008 – adult \$38, students or children \$28.)

Total amount remitted: \$ _____