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Details on website. Please send email to the above address to provide your details or call any director (phone numbers of some are given in this newsletter).

Dinner & Annual General Meeting 2006

Date: Saturday, November 11, 2006

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

Location: Grand Yatt (Richmond Hill) Restaurant
君悅魚翅酒家 (列治文山)
9019, Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill
(half way between Highway 7 and 16th Avenue)
Tel: (905) 882-9388

Program: Dinner
Annual General Meeting
Board of Directors Election
Reports from the Board
Competition Games between tables (with prizes !!)
Lucky Draw

Cost: Adult - \$38; Student or child - \$28

Registration

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Message from the President

Dear Fellow Alumni:

Time flies! It was probably “快活不知時日過” for me. Did that apply to you as well? Many of our fellow alumni here in Toronto have reached or are approaching the retirement age. However, retirement should not be the “way to boredom”. Instead, we can live an even more enjoyable life by, for example, making more friends, participating in more sports and social activities, or reading some books that we’ve never had the chance or time to read, etc.

I would like to recap the activities of the Association in the past year:

May 9 - Spring Gathering / Lunch at Langstaff Community Centre. We were greatly honoured to have Dr. Hinton’s participation. Please see page 6 of this newsletter for a short report on this event.

May 23 - Farewell dinner for our teacher, Mr. Kwok Wai Man, Raymond, who was going to relocate back to Hong Kong with his wife, in response to their children’s request. We sincerely wish Mr. and Mrs. Kwok good health and happiness for many years to come.

May 17 - A small-group welcome dinner to greet some fellow schoolmates visiting Toronto from the US. The visiting guests were Andrew and Kathleen Lau (58), Louisa Leung (59) and Steve Wat (59).

August 13 - Joint BBQ of the 4 OSAs in Ontario (KCOBA, QCOBA, BPSOSA and ours) at Milliken Park. Activities like this provide good opportunities for us to enlarge our social circle.

Photos taken at the above occasions are posted on our Association’s website www.qesosaont.ca. Please take a look.

Finally, on behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish you another happy and prosperous year ahead! Do come to our AGM dinner during which we can chat, eat, and share the fun!

Sincerely yours,

Chan, Chi Hung (65)

October 2006

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I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his DDS diploma, which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 30-odd years ago. Could he be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then??

Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate. Hmm... or could he???

After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School. "Yes. Yes, I did. I'm a mustang," he gleamed with pride.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1974. Why do you ask?"

"You were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely. Then, that ugly, old, wrinkled son-of-a-bitch asked, "What did you teach?"

Lasting Friendship

Dr. Arthur Hinton

In September 2005 I visited many of my QES friends in Toronto, Vancouver, San Francisco and Los Angeles. It was a very enjoyable trip, thanks to the pleasure of seeing former students and colleagues, the warmth with which they welcomed me and their great hospitality, and I thought it might possibly be my last such visit as I am not getting any younger and long journeys are tiring. I certainly did not plan to make a further trip to Canada this year. However the 1966 graduates decided to celebrate the 40th anniversary of their graduation and, apart from the major gathering in Hong Kong in October, planned to hold a mini-reunion in Vancouver in May. I received a pressing invitation, so pressing that it amounted almost to a command, to attend both, so being obedient I willingly accepted. Since it would have been foolish to go to Vancouver without visiting friends in Toronto, I arrived in Toronto on May 3 for a week's stay.

I stayed with James and Nancy Tang for that week and was well looked after by them; "mollycoddled" is a rather old-fashioned word to describe how well they treated me. Apart from the major gathering of old students at the Richmond Hill community centre and a barbecue at Jackie Chiu's home, I met other QES alumni for lunch, tea, dinner, enjoyed the company of some former colleagues – Kwok Wai Man, Pamela So, Ruth Wong, Kay Tam and Phyllis Chow – and was able to spend some time with other friends. James and Nancy took me, via wineries, to Niagara, not my first visit but always impressive, and also to the theatre to see *Lord of the Rings*. Time passed all too quickly and when the week drew to a close I wished I was staying longer. I would like to thank the QESOSA(ONT) and particularly James and Nancy for all that they did to make my visit so memorable, for the good company and the excellent food. I apologise for not remembering the names of so many of you but my poor memory does not mean that I was not pleased to meet you all.



From Toronto I flew to Vancouver for a rather longer stay. My hosts there were Miranda and Paul Yeung who, like James and Nancy, took great care of me. Miranda is my Chinese "sister" for, during her years of nursing training in England, she was a frequent visitor to my parents whom she regarded as her English Mum and Dad. Soon a few 1966 graduates arrived from elsewhere to join those living in Vancouver: Helen Cheng from Hong Kong, Elisha Lau from Australia, Michael Chan and David Lai from the US, and Patrick Chow from Toronto. Sixteen of us, including Walter and Helene Ng, enjoyed a noisy and excited lunch together and on the same day the OSA(BC) hosted an excellent and cheerful dinner at which old friendships were renewed and new ones made.

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On May 20, 1966 graduates and spouses, 15 of us, crossed to Vancouver Island where we first visited Victoria. There I was able to spend a few hours with my friends Peter and Victoria Chew. Peter was at one time chairman of the Canadian Club in Hong Kong, which for several years gave scholarships to some of our students and he and his wife were guests of honour at the Speech Day in 1967. We had remained close friends and it was a pleasure to see them again. From Victoria we drove to the Sea Resort near Nanaimo where Kingsley Lo had a condo and where he had rented others for us. For three enjoyable days we stayed there by the sea, the fishers able to catch fish and crabs and collect oysters to supplement the huge amount of food we had brought with us. From Nanaimo eight of us moved to Tufino on the west coast of the island, the other unfortunates having to return to work. We enjoyed two days there despite rain, at times very heavy, walking various trails and visiting beaches and, of course, eating copiously and happily. Then on May 25 came the return to Vancouver after a cheerful holiday in which we had become a very close-knit group.



Back in Vancouver Helen, Elisha, Miranda and I had a delicious lunch at the home of Walter and Helene Ng, a beautiful and tranquil home, all of us thankful that QES had brought us together. In the next few days I was happy to spend time with other friends and on 29 May, the evening before I flew to London, Miranda gave a wonderful party, delicious food, excellent company and cheerful singing, a happy end to a most enjoyable holiday.

QES has played a very important part in my life. I loved teaching there, conscious of a cheerful and cooperative spirit in the school, and I have enjoyed the lasting and friendly contact I have with my former students. It gives me tremendous pleasure to see you and to know about your progress through life.

Please visit www.oesosaont.ca for a full version of Dr. Hinton's article and more photos of the Spring Gathering.

A friendly reminder! Our website is: www.qesosaont.ca

Our Association's website has been greatly enriched with the latest news and pictures – thanks to Mr. Jerry Liu, our Web Master, for his long-time dedication to this task. The website also provides links to the sites of our *Alma Mater*, the associated schools of QES, and other overseas chapters of Old Students' Associations. If you have problems in surfing, please don't hesitate to contact any of the board members.

Again, we encourage **all members to provide us with their email addresses** so that we can distribute our newsletters online. This will help to preserve our environment and to save printing and mailing costs. We also welcome any email providing suggestions or comments to the Association.

Please let us know if you choose to receive the electronic version of the newsletter by emailing your name, email address, graduating year (Form 5) and any other suggestions to support@qesosaont.ca. We will continue to mail the newsletter to you if we have not heard from you.

A Dream Come True

Mi Ki Kan (57)

The cruise along the River Danube from Budapest to Prague was one of the highlights in life for Susan and me, especially because we were accompanied by Nancy and James Tang. Together, we cruised through Hungary, Austria, Germany and the Czech Republic and visited Budapest, Vienna, Melk, Passau, Regensburg, Nuremberg, Deggendorf and Prague. Each city has its unique charm and special attractions.

After two days in Budapest, the cruise ship “River Princess” arrived at elegant Vienna, the “City of Music”. Most historical sites are inside the Ringstrasse, but our memorable experiences were tasting the famous Sacher Cake and our once-in-a-lifetime dancing of a Viennese waltz in Kursalon, accompanied by a 14-member Strauss orchestra. It was a dream come true.



My wife Susan and I are adventurers and daredevils at times. Before our retirement 10 years ago, we practiced ballroom dancing. On this cruise, we had mentioned to the cruise director that it was our dream to do a Viennese waltz somewhere in Vienna, even if it meant to dance in a square or a park. The cruise director told us that the traditional Vienna Ball had been closed after February and there was no place or time for us to do it.

We stopped in Vienna for only one day. During the day we had a city tour and in the evening, we attended a concert in Kursalon, where Johann Strauss and his orchestra used to play music. During the intermission, the cruise director surprised us by saying that the concertmaster would allow us to dance in front of an audience of 400 odd people if only we agreed. It was an opportunity of our lifetime so we said, “Yes!” At the conclusion of the concert, the concertmaster asked the orchestra to play one more Viennese waltz and invited Susan and me to dance on the stage. And WE DID! When we finished, the entire orchestra stood up and the audience applauded. They must be applauding us for our courage.



The 14-day cruise offered us extraordinary sights and sounds. There were many precious moments, including our munching waffles in the streets, our loyal visits to the same hot-dog stand, and our desperate search for roasted almonds on Celetna Street in Prague.

For a video clip of the waltz by Mi Ki and Susan Kan and the full version of this article, please visit www.qesosaont.ca

COME SHARE IT WITH US!!! Just had a reunion party with your fellow classmates? Made any memorable trips lately? Know of any interesting anecdotes or jokes? Got any special experience in life or work? The *QESOSA (Ontario) Newsletter* is a perfect channel for you to share them with your fellow alumni. Please send your articles, with photos if any, via email to support@qesosaont.ca or contact Barbara Yang at (647) 288-8270. We wish to hear from you!

Spring Gathering 2006

Barbara Yang (78)

On a fine spring day on May 6, we gathered in the Yorkshire Room at the Langstaff Community Centre in Richmond Hill for a reunion and a welcome party for Dr. Arthur Hinton. Sixty one people attended the gathering, including our respected teacher Ms Pamela So. Besides our big brothers and sisters who are graduates in the 50s and 60s, this time, we broke a new record of having four members from the 1978 class at the gathering. They were all so excited to catch up with one another after a separation of 28 years!

Thanks to the spacious and quiet function room we rented, the ambiance was warm and jovial. Everyone was free to move about and mingle without the constraints of a typical restaurant. Highlights of the day included a touching tribute from Rev. Terence Lau Chun-Yat (64), a Head Prefect in his days, who reminisced how Dr. Hinton summoned him to the Principal's office and force-fed him with milk in order to boost his health. Then at the "Principal Roast", several alumni were daring enough to grill Dr. Hinton with "harsh" questions, such as how he disciplined the students and so on. Dr. Hinton replied in his usual calm and humorous manner, saying that he found asking students to see him in his office was quite enough as punishment.

As part of the QES tradition, Nancy Tang (65) and several others led us to sing some folk songs. Delicious food was then served in a buffet manner, among which were a whole roast pig and plenty of fruits and desserts. The finale after photo-taking was line dancing in which the younger members like Erica Fong (81), were most involved.

Registration for AGM Dinner on Nov 11, 2006

Please confirm your attendance no later than Oct 31, 2006. Confirmation can be made 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 to 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 \$38, plus ____ (students or children) x \$28

Total amount remitted: \$ _____