Dear members:

Welcome to the Summer 2009 issue of our PSA newsletter! As our alma mater approaches its 140th birthday, we have much exciting news to share with you. This newsletter will bring you up-to-date on news about SFCC. It will also be your platform for contacting our school and other alumni.

In this issue, let me make a humble introduction of myself as your chairperson for 2008-2010, as well as other members of the PSA’s executive committee. We look forward to strengthening our relationship with each of you. We count on your contribution and suggestions to guide us in our work. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us about issues that concern our school or the alumni. We will do our best to listen and to address your concerns.

In this issue, there are news about the PSA and details of our upcoming annual dinner. There is also a feature on an alumna, Wong Ming Lok, a columnist in Ming Pao. Read about her interesting stories of her SFCC days. I hope you will enjoy it.

I sincerely look forward to contacting each and every one of you.

Best Regards,
Pauline Li
Chairperson, SFCC PSA

A note from the Chairperson

Special events in PSA

• Sr Marie’s welcome home party
• Our committee member, Nancy’s Wedding
• Interview with Wong Ming Lok
• and more...

Come and join our Annual Dinner on Oct 10, 2009 at the Hong Kong Football Club!
Sr Marie’s Welcome Home Party

Welcome home! Sister Marie!

Sister Marie Remedios was our Principal from the mid-1970s to the early 1980s. She was very popular with Franciscans because of her friendly and caring personality.

Sister Marie was appointed by the Church to work in Rome twelve years ago. In 2008, she returned to Hong Kong for good.

A group of former students organized a dinner party for her on 30th September 2008 at the Caritas Restaurant and they kindly invited the PSA Committee to join. Sister Marie shared with us a beautiful song and a video of her life in Rome. We all had a very enjoyable night!
Our Past Student Association was honored to be invited by Sacred Heart Canossian College to their alumni annual dinner in December 2008.

The dinner was held in the Hunan Garden of Forum in Central. It was a full house! We shared the table with the committee members from SHCC, and past students of other sister Canossian schools. It was a great opportunity to share experiences with our sister schools on how to organize events for our alumni.

The masters of ceremony for the dinner were from the SHCC alumni. Their lively presentation and humor brought much fun and laughter to the audience.

Aside from singing and dance performances, there was also a lucky draw at the dinner. Our association was delighted to contribute book coupons worth HK$1,000 as prizes. Lily, our Vice Chairman, was invited to draw the prize winners; she took this opportunity to reveal a secret—she was a graduate of the SHCC kindergarten!

There, as she unfolded her story, she came to find a long lost classmate of her kindergarten days. What a coincidence and joy to be re-connected with someone you knew so many years ago.

One more pleasant surprise—Grace met her aunt there, who was also a SHCC graduate! Another surprise: the aunt also happened to be an ex-colleague of Lily!
Nancy’s Wedding

The lovely couple tied the knot on 4th January, 2009.

Over two hundred guests, friends, and family members attended the wedding ceremony and the sumptuous wedding banquet.

Lily, Grace, and Pauline attended the happy occasion on behalf of the PSA. Pauline was also the bridesmaid and pianist for the wedding.

We all wish Nancy and Keymann every happiness in the new chapter of their life!

Congratulations to Nancy Mak (graduate of ‘96) and Keymann!

Nancy, in a stunning red gown, with friends from SFCC and St Joseph’s
In Memory of Mrs Carmen Chan (1939-2009)
by Doris Chan (graduate of ’73)

This year, Children Day was a day with mixed feelings for some. To a great many children who attended St Francis Canossian College Primary English Section in the 60s-90s, it was a day of remorse.

On the early morning of 4th April 2009, our beloved teacher, Mrs Carmen Chan, passed away peacefully and returned to the embrace of God. Upon her departure she bequeathed to every single one of her students an inheritance whose value goes beyond words.

For the fortunate ones who had the privilege of having Mrs Chan as their teacher of English, it is needless to say that their outstanding command of the language has brought forth recognition and satisfaction in countless aspects, be it in the work force or in the enjoyment in literature.

For the more fortunate ones like me, who is now a teacher myself, I am bestowed with a mentor in teaching. Mrs Chan has demonstrated to me in every manner what a conscientious teacher should be. To this day, I still teach my students the way she has taught me.
Meeting author Franciscan WONG Ming-Lok (黃明樂)

One sunny afternoon in Tsimshatsui, an alumna shared with Past Students’ Association (PSA) executives her memories of happy days at our school and her friendship with our teachers.

Wong Ming Lok studied at St. Francis, from P.1 to F.2. Formerly an Administrative Officer of the Hong Kong government, Ming Lok is now a columnist, freelance writer and educator. She has written a book, entitled “From AO to Freelancer” (從 AO 到 Freelancer), describing the interesting change of her career path.

Ming Lok remembers fondly our devoted teachers who have brought much enlightenment to her life.

There was Ms Liza Chan, also an alumna, who turned her EPA lessons into a platform for debates on current issues, which Ming Lok found most educational. The “cool” Mr. Tam helped her develop debating skills and taught her how to play “Bridge”. She also spoke with great affection for Miss Rachel Ku and Mrs. Selina Leung, with whom she still keeps in touch from time to time. Both of them were caring teachers throughout her primary school years.

House activities were among the unforgettable moments of Ming Lok. Ming Lok recalled the good old days when she was a member of the House’s Cheering Team during sports day. The AO-turned writer even wrote the lyrics for the cheering songs back then...

Our meeting ended in great nostalgia. Ming Lok told her stories while flipping through the school albums. We even sang the school song together before we parted.
SFCC PSA cordially invites you to our

ANNUAL DINNER & THE CELEBRATION OF SFCC 140th ANNIVERSARY

October 10, 2009
7pm (Reception begins at 6pm)

Hong Kong Football Club
3 Sports Road, Happy Valley, Hong Kong

Price: $350 Adults, $280 Children under 12

Reserve before September 11 for the special price of
$320 Adults, $250 Children under 12

Deadline for Reservation: September 25

Please send your reservation form and cheque to
9-13 Kennedy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong
For enquiries, pls visit http://www.sfcc.edu.hk/sfccpsa
Or mail to sfccpsa@gmail.com
Annual Dinner Reservation Form

Name in English: ______________________  Name in Chinese: ____________________

Year of Graduation (F. 5): __________________

Home Phone No.: ______________________   Mobile No.: ____________________

E-mail: _____________________________

Address:

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No. of adult(s) _____________ ($350 each) (Before 11/9 - $320).

No. of child(ren) ___________ ($280 each) (Before 11/9 - $250)

I would / would not donate cash of ____________ & / or lucky draw gift(s) of
___________________________ for this event.

If you would like to donate lucky draw gifts, please contact Lily (9372-7581) or Pauline (9362-2211).

Total $ __________________________  Cheque no. _____________________________

* Please mail the form with cheque payable to “Saint Francis’ Canossian College Past Students’ Association”, to c/o PSA, 9-13 Kennedy Road, Wan Chai, HK

For enquiries, please call Lily (9372-7581) or Pauline (9362-2211)
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Please put a “tick” to specify

New Member:   Existing Member:   

Name in English: ___________________________  Name in Chinese: ___________________________

Profession: ___________________________  Graduation Year: F.7-Year   F.5-Year

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Preferred method of correspondence:  Mail   Email

Now, I pay:

$500 being subscription fees for Life Membership

$ ___________________________ being donation to PSA Scholarship Fund

$ ___________________________ being donation to PSA for any purpose as determined appropriate by PSA or

(please specify)

Total $ ___________________________  CASH   /   CHEQUE no.

This is crossed and made payable to “Saint Francis’ Canossian College Past Students’ Association”.

Please return the form to SFCC PSA, 9-13 Kennedy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

I would like to help

Organise Activities

Publish Newsletter

Maintain the Homepage for PSA

In any other PSA work

Signature: ___________________________  Date: ___________________________

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We need your support

As you are aware, the PSA continually needs funds to pursue its scholarship program, sponsorship of students' activities and other alumni activities.
Please give us a hand so that we can do better and more.

For donations, please send cheques payable to Saint Francis' Canossian College Past Students' Association

It has been by the generous support of our Proud Alumni that our activities have been able to continue for so many years.

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School motto: “Live by the Truth in Love”

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