



St. Francis' Canossian College
Past Students' Association

September 2018
Newsletter



2018 General Meeting



The General Meeting 2018 of the Past Students' Association (PSA) was held at the School Hall, St. Francis' Canossian College on 14 July 2018. The meeting started at 10 am with Principal Kenneth Law leading the prayer. The former Chairman then reported on the events held during the past two years and the former Vice-Chairman gave a Financial Report for the period 1.8.2017 to 30.6.2018 on behalf of the Treasurer. Salient information is summarized below:

Key events held : Homecoming Day 2016
Back to Our School Hall on 13.5.2017.
Franciscans' Night on 9.9.2017

Income : \$90,618.25
Expenses : \$78,508.00
Fund Balance as at 30.6.2018 : \$358,852.95

The meeting then proceeded to elect the Committee members for 2018 - 2020. Before the end of the meeting, the Principal gave a brief summary of the school redevelopment project from approval of \$315 million by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in December 2010 to completion of the whole project this year. He also briefed the meeting on the Historical Archive project and on the activities for celebrating the 150th anniversary of SFCC.



Members assembling for the
General Meeting



Principal Law briefing members on
the School Redevelopment Project



2018 - 2020 Committee



Chairman (left)

June Sieh (1995)

Vice-Chairman (right)

Margaret Wai (1978)



Hon. Secretary (left)

Linda Yung (1983)

Hon. Treasurer (right)

Jenny Chen (1996)

Finance Director (middle)

Annie Wu (1982)



Programme Secretary

(second from left)

Janet Li (1996)

Programme Directors

(first, third, fourth from left)

Marina Kwok (1999)

Joyce Mok (1996)

Jessie Man (1996)



Publication Secretary (right)

Shirley Lau (1978)

Publication Director (left)

Wendy Leung (1996)



Message from the Chairman



Dear Fellow Franciscans,

I am pleased to announce that the new committee of the PSA was officially formed on 14 July 2018.

It is my great honour to have the opportunity to serve you all and my alma mater. I feel so blessed to have found ten energetic and capable graduates from 70s, 80s and 90s to form the biggest PSA committee ever. We are humbled by the faith of our members bestowed upon us and we will strive to cultivate and promote friendship amongst alumni over the years and to strengthen the linkage between alumni and our alma mater.

During our term of service, we aim to build platforms for alumni with similar interests or hobbies to get together by holding thematic activities, interest groups and seminars such as Pilates and floral design classes, sports and athletic teams, eco-driven activities, wellbeing and religious talks, etc.

We are keen to foster the sense of belonging to our alma mater and be the effective channel for you to share reminiscences of your good old schooldays by organizing various gatherings such as mingling and souvenirs corner at the school's open day in the coming December (details under the "Upcoming Event" column), campus visits with guided tours, the first ever bàinián pun choi feast at the new campus playground, city or historical walk around our school, etc.



We wish to see our prospective graduates be well-equipped with knowledge and skillset to embrace new challenges ahead and to live fully in the spirit of St. Francis'. Thereafter, we strongly support the continuation of mentorship programmes and will actively search for alumni of different generations and professions to share their professional knowledge and life experience with our young Franciscans.

We are very delighted that our school will mark its 150 years of establishment in 2019. Amongst the festivity and jubilation, the 150th anniversary dinner (details under the "Upcoming Event" column) will definitely bring you all an unforgettable evening with warm and delightful performance by our talented Franciscans. We proudly host this biggest ever, boisterous anniversary dinner together with our primary and secondary schools and we look forward to seeing you at our 150th anniversary celebration and having a joyous evening with schoolmates and teachers for endless laughter and highlights.

Last but not least, we will continue to maintain the PSA's website, Facebook page and Facebook's instant messenger and we just launched our Instagram page. With all these multimedia social networks set up, we hope to provide convenient channels for timely updates and announcements, photo and video sharing and even live broadcast of our memorable moments and to communicate with our alumni across generations, near and afar.

No matter how many exciting and meaningful activities we are planning to introduce, how devoted we are to pursue the objectives of the PSA, your continuous support is the key to success. We earnestly seek your participation in our upcoming activities and welcome your ideas and opinions. Let us work together to support our alma mater and rekindle old friendship and may our school continues to flourish by God's divine providence "Live St. Francis'! Live forever..."

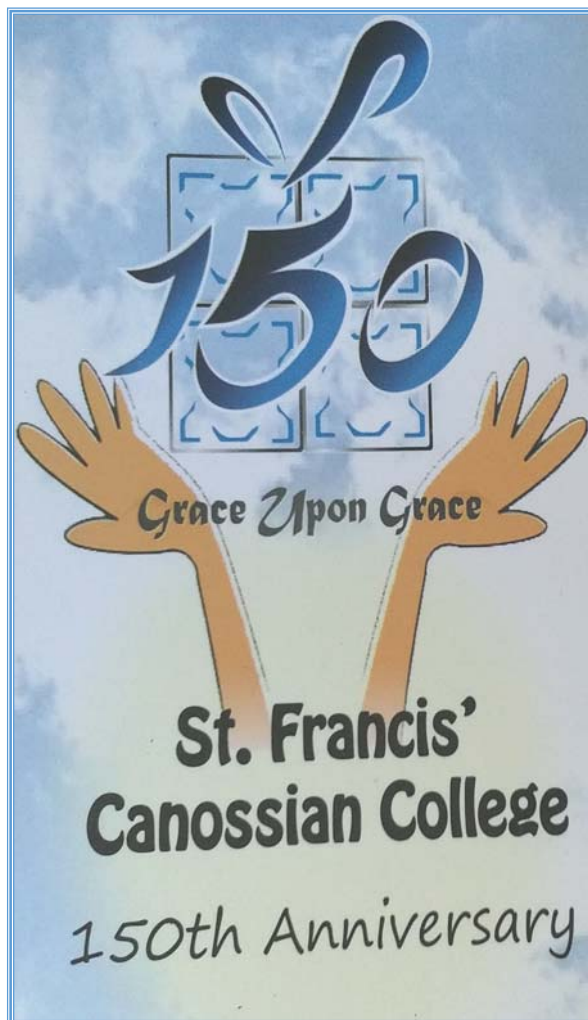
Sincerely yours,
June Sieh



150th Anniversary



Established in 1869 under the motto of “Live by the Truth in Love”, our alma mater will mark its 150th anniversary in 2019. To celebrate this momentous occasion, there will be a series of celebrations organized by both the primary and secondary schools. To kick off, a School Open Day will be held on 1 & 2 December 2018 while the finale will be an anniversary dinner to be held on Saturday, 9 November 2019. Stay tuned for more details and save the dates for the following events:



1 & 2 December 2018

Liturgical Celebration

Open Day

March / April 2019

Musical Performance

Ruttonjee Hospital and Tang Shiu

Kin Hospital

March & April 2019

Anniversary Championship

Basketball Competition

October 2019

Musical

Inauguration Ceremony of Historical

Archive Room

9 November 2019

150th Anniversary Dinner



Upcoming Events



School Open Day

The PSA will participate in the School Open Day to be held on 1 and 2 December. Come look at the new premises which some of you had generously contributed towards the funding. There will be some nice new PSA souvenirs available for sale. The proceeds will go to the PSA seed money helping us to roll out more interesting activities for you. Hope to see you at our counter.

150th Anniversary Dinner

To mark this historical milestone, an anniversary dinner jointly organized by the primary and the secondary schools as well as their respective Past Students' Associations will be held on Saturday, 9 November 2019.

A joint working committee comprising representatives from the co-organizers, namely, SFCS, SFCC, SFCS PSA and SFCC PSA, has been formed. With the concerted effort, we aim to host the biggest ever reunion dinner and make it a most memorable event for all the guests and alumni.

Needless to say, your support is paramount to the success of the dinner. While the joint working committee has yet to come up with its proposals, what you can do now is to help reach out to as many alumni as possible in all corners of the world and ask them to save the date.



News from Alumni



Class 1978

Class 1978 celebrates their 40th graduation anniversary this year. Below is a message from them:

"Time flies! Class 1978 is marking its 40th anniversary with a series of celebrations including a school visit to the primary and secondary; a reunion dinner which will be attended by classmates near and far and a 4-day trip to Taiwan.

We are very honoured to have our respective principals of primary and secondary sections, Sr. Theresa Chien and Sr. Marie Remedios, and teachers attending the dinner to be held on Saturday, 20 October at Craigengower Cricket Club.



We are indebted to all of them and inviting them as our guests merely shows a small token of our gratitude to these most influential people in our formative years. They had not only helped us built a strong academic foundation, but also offered us an all-rounded education in a happy ambience, which was conducive to our further pursuit for a higher education and become who we are today.

The registration for dinner is still open; you are welcome to join us if you belong to the same crop. The more, the merrier!"



SFCCAAON

In July of 2018, Sr. Bernadette Au visited Toronto. St. Francis' Canossian College Alumni Association Ontario (SFCCAAON) organized a welcome dinner for her to reconnect with past students and teachers from our school and also those of St. Mary's and Sacred Heart.

They had a very joyful and memorable evening. At the dinner, Sister Au talked about the work she does in an orphanage in China. The talk was both inspirational and moving.

Later in the summer, SFCCAAON organized a trip to ginseng farm in Scotland, Ontario, a winery and also an outlet mall shopping in Niagara-on-the-Lake.



Alumni who are residents of Ontario and interested in joining the SFCCAAON can visit their website at www.sfccaaon.org.



Keeping in Touch



To allow us to serve you better, we love to be connected with you. To ensure our communications reach you, please send your current email / contact address to psa@mail.sfcc.edu.hk so that we can check it against our database and update it accordingly, if required. Don't forget to put down your year of graduation (F5 / F6) for proper record purpose.

To keep abreast of the latest PSA activities, you can browse the PSA web page (<http://www.sfcc.edu.hk/psa/index.html>) under St. Francis' Canossian College, 'Like' and 'Follow' the SFCC PSA page on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/sfcc.psa>) or 'Follow' SFCCPSA on Instagram.



Contributions to Newsletter



To enhance the bonding of our members, we welcome your contributions to the PSA Newsletter, Facebook and Instagram. Share your news regarding alumni gatherings by sending photos or articles to us at psanews@mail.sfcc.edu.hk.

