



# QESOSA (Ontario)

## Newsletter

伊中舊生會（安省分會）

通訊

*October, 2000*

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*A message from the President:*

Time is running too fast and our annual general meeting is around the corner. In the past summer, Mr. Hinton visited Toronto again during our scheduled summer activity period. With the excellent co-ordination, involvement of every Board of Directors and the great support of our alumni such as James Tang etc., both the outing and the dinner party turned out to be a tremendous successful. Thanks to all of you.

The advancement of technology has made people lazy, but it has also shortened the distance between us. We have already contacted the USA chapter and the B.C. chapter and obtained their membership lists via internet. I am trying to contact the Australia and Hong Kong chapters. Hopefully, I may get their membership lists so that all our alumni may reconnect their missing links in the near future.

Once again, the QESOSA in Ontario appreciates and looks forward to your support, first and foremost, in your participation in the up-coming **AGM**.

*James So, East House 1967*

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Something we are really proud of .....

Earlier this year, **Max Wong** (1961) was honoured by the International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, England, with his biography included in the two books: *Outstanding People of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century* and *2000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century*, published to welcome the arrival of the new millennium. More recently, he was awarded the title of Mitel-NSERC Professor of Signal Processing in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering of McMaster University. He has also been successful in procuring a grant of approximately \$6.6M from combined sources to establish the Communication Technology Research Centre at McMaster University. He will be responsible for directing the research programme in the Centre.

Something we are really sad about .....

### 悼念何澤樵 (Mr. Ho Chek Chew) 校友

伊中第一屆校友何澤樵同學（1956），不幸於八月廿六日病逝溫哥華市。何君生平和善勤奮，樂於助人，深得同學們愛戴；今不幸身故，同仁咸感惋惜。本會謹代表全體會員，向何夫人及其家人致予深切慰問！

### Dinner Reception for Mr. Hinton

**Max Wong (1961)**

Mr. Arthur Hinton visited Toronto in early July this year. Naturally, activities were planned by the Ontario Chapter of the QES OSA to welcome our former principal. On Saturday, July 8, Mr. Hinton joined our annual picnic to Hart House. I gathered that was a tremendous success. Unfortunately, due to commitments at work I was unable to attend.

On the following day, an informal dinner reception was organized in Mr. Hinton's honour. The dinner was held at the Party Room of 168 Bonis Avenue, Scarborough and was in the style of a buffet. Three of our former QES teachers, Mr. Ka Fai Chu, Ms. Ruth Wong and Miss Pamela So also joined us. Everybody had great fun. We sang, we chatted, we ate and drank (a lot), we played games, and finally, we even tried folk dancing altogether. It was not until the early hours in the morning that the party ended. By that time, everyone was physically exhausted but the tune of spiritual warmth seemed to play on. The unequivocal success of the reception was a result of the dedicated efforts of all the executives of our organization, especially those of Julie Shum, Nancy Tang, Ann Ma, James So and Sin Hung Law. They truly deserve our warmest applause.

This was the third visit Mr. Hinton paid us in Toronto, the first time being 11 years ago. Compared to the reception in Ontario Place in 1989, the scale of the buffet reception this year was much smaller and the atmosphere much less formal. Yet, both the feeling and the spirit of belonging were discernibly more fervent than 11 years ago partly because the Ontario Chapter of QES OSA has been bringing us together every year since then, and partly because most of us look upon Mr. Hinton as a symbol of the pride of belonging to a great school. When I look back on my school days in QES, it is not difficult to see how all of us at the time might have developed this sense of pride.

I entered QES the year just before Mr. Hinton became the principal. At that time, QES was still in her infancy, having very little history and even less tradition. In the relatively short five years, I witnessed striking changes in the school, and by the time when I left, QES had become one of the very top schools in Hong Kong, academically and otherwise. Academically, QES always had many great teachers. Mr. Chu, Ms Wong and several others were prime examples, and even to this date, I am sure that many of us still bear heartfelt

gratitude towards them. (I did not have the honour of being taught by Miss So, but I gathered that she was also one of the great teachers too.) However, QES also had her fair share of “not so good” teachers. From a student’s point of view, as Principal, Mr. Hinton seemed to be able to exert the counterbalance so that the influence of the good teachers was enhanced while that of the poor ones minimized. Quickly, QES produced outstanding School Certificate Examination results and graduated students with three or four distinctions at the A-level Matriculation, abruptly ending the domination of Queen’s College and St. Paul’s “Co-ed” in this domain. Meanwhile, our athletes were training hard in the field. Under the meticulous and enthusiastic coaching of Mr. C.B. Lau and Mr. N.B. Tsang, one after the other, our basketball and football (soccer) teams became Hong Kong all-school champions, and so did our 4×100 metre relay team. The development of our school choir was even more dramatic. The school championship in mixed choir had been the monopoly of St. Paul’s “Co-ed”, which, for many years, finished head and shoulders above even the closest rivals in previous School Music Festivals. However, under the baton of the ever-dedicated Miss Jean Miles, our choir members were drilled day and night – rhythms, tones, phrasing, control, expressions, and who, but Mr. Hinton, would have stayed behind until nine or ten in the evenings lending us support? When QES eventually emerged as the new champion in 1961, beating St Paul’s “Co-ed” in the finals by one mark in total points, the ecstasy was simply overwhelming and tears of joy were found in everybody’s eyes.

For those of us who participated in the various successes, the pride of accomplishment was naturally instilled, but even for those of us who merely stood by and looked on, a very important lesson in life had been learned: “Achievement only comes after hard work”. The dedication of Mr. Hinton had become a source of inspiration for all of us. Such was the vibrant school atmosphere in those years! I am sure that those who came before and those who came after my generation of students have equally exciting stories about QES to tell.

Almost forty years have passed since then. We all had different experiences in our lives, but our pride of once belonging to the great school lingers on. For us, the gathering of the old students of QES here in Ontario (or anywhere in the world) is not just a social event to see each other although there is much of that element in it. Neither is it just another occasion for us to say “Thank you” to our former teachers and our former principal, although again, such gratitude can never be adequately expressed. It is also an opportunity for us all to display our great pride.

Thank you Mr. Hinton for providing us with such an opportunity.



A group photo taken at the Dinner Party

## Hart House Farm Picnic (August, 2000)

*From a 1970 graduate's family*

'QES has Sai Kung Camp; University of Toronto has Hart House Farm.' That was the attraction that drew my family in participating the 'Escape from the City' picnic. The July 8<sup>th</sup> picnic provided more than eight hours of fun starting at 10 a.m. It was Saturday so we decided to skip the highway and took the scenic routes. We moved well in the beginning but found ourselves in a road construction maze as we got closer to our destination. With some family teamwork we finally found the entrance to the Hart House Farm. We were definitely late, so we rushed in and submitted our homemade invitation card (yes you guess right, a cheque for this event). Fortunately the committee did not come up with any punishment plans for late comers.

We didn't see many old schoolmates, but we heard the emergency contact mobile phone kept ringing once in a while. Then we realized why so many people were late. First, they had to overcome the heavy highway traffic jam due to a serious accident, and secondly they had to solve the road construction maze, which required them to call for direction hints.

I looked around the place and it did not look like a farm from any angle. It was a large piece of grassland where I found a two-level standalone house with sleeping facilities upstairs and common areas downstairs, and a hall about a hundred yards away. I didn't breathe the typical smell of a farm, nor had I found sheep and cows. I saw only one dog.

We greeted and chatted with each other casually. Then came the first major program - BBQ. There was a great variety of delicious food, drinks and dessert - just like having a buffet. While everybody was enjoying the food, more and more old student families successfully solved the road maze and joined the lunch. Then came our honorable ex-principal Mr. Hinton. We can see that he is in very good shape. He started busily greeting his beloved old students thus making his lunch a late lunch. The kids quickly finished their lunch and couldn't wait to play. Some rode bikes that they brought with them, some flew kites and frisbees, and some just fooled around. All the time making joyful noises, of course.

After lunch, we had group games one after the other:

- watergun shooting for kids - there was no competition in this game;
- balloon stepping for all ages - finally the champion went to a kid;
- tug-of-war for adults - East-West house alliance beat North-South;
- tug-of-war for kids, four younger kids beat two elder kids;
- highly challenged game no. 1 - groups of four playing relay, each individual went through a round trip keeping a potato between their knees, and at the same time holding a spoonful of potato chips with one hand;
- highly challenged game no. 2 - same groups of players as in game #1 competed in another relay game. Before the game the players removed their shoes and caps and had them mixed together. The game required the players to sort out their own belongings;
- trail walking - the last program to calm ourselves down.

Actually the last program was the clean-up. With everybody's participation this was the shortest program of all.

The programs and games, together with the clear sky and mild breeze, not only helped everyone joyfully "Escape from the City", but also brought back many memories in our Sai Kung camp life. Though this time we had no canoeing, no campfire, no sleepover and no mosquitoes, we had family fun and everyone felt younger on that day.

Thanks to all the work and efforts from the organizing committee.

We look forward to having another one.

## 35-Year Reunion at the Caribbeans

*by George Wong*

The 1965 graduates had a Caribbean cruise in May to celebrate their 35-year reunion. Cruise members included Mary & Jackie Chiu (Chiu Seen Bun), Nancy & James Tang (Leung Kit Sze and Tang Hon Kit), Jason & Theresa Leung (Lai May Ling), Dora and Chan Kay Cheung, with their friends Monita and Eddy Lo, Julie Sham (Lam Tak Hing), Josephine Lo (Lo Shuk Hing), Winnie and myself (Wong Kin Pong). Chan Kay Cheung joined the group from Hong Kong, and Josephine from Vancouver. Albert Chan (Chan Ting Kai) and his wife were also supposed to join the group from Hong Kong, but had to fly back from San Juan at the last minute because his wife got sick prior to sailing.

The cruise was on board the 'Monarch of the Seas' run by Royal Caribbean. The itinerary covered the best South Caribbean islands such as San Juan, St. Thomas, Antigua, St. Lucia, Barbados, and St. Maarten.

It was the best time we had together since we graduated from QES. We landed the islands during the day and partied all evening back on the cruise ship – all done in an environment where we were pampered with the very best entertainment, food and service. During the formal dinner at night, we all typically had double appetizers and double desserts.

The activities reminded us so much of our days in QES. Swimming in the Caribbean beaches was just like our QES outings to the Hong Kong beaches. Snorkeling in St. Marten reminded us of our camping in Sai Kung. Hiking on the Caribbean islands, visiting the sulphur-laden volcano sites, and seeing stalactites and stalagmites, were almost like our QES class picnics. Chan Kay Cheung even won a ping pong tournament among a group of so-so North and Latin American players. The only thing that we did not do in the QES days was shopping for diamonds, sapphires, rubies, necklaces and rings - which the women did quite a bit on the islands.

Among the group, there is now a renewed interest in ballroom and Latin dancing, which was popular on board the cruise ship. We are also planning our next cruise – probably in the Mediterranean. A word of caution about the business practice of Royal Caribbean – they refused to honor a group rebate to us because Albert and his wife did not sail, even though we (including Albert and his wife) had all paid for the cruise in full! Our next cruise will not be with the Royal Caribbean!

All in all, everyone had a great time. Friendship and teenage bonds were renewed. Age-old secrets were revealed. The cruise gave us a precious opportunity to re-live our high school days, and also allowed us a lot of time to catch up with one another.



NOMINATION OF QESOSA (Ontario) BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2001

At the last AGM (November 13, 1999), the following 6 Directors were elected to serve on a two-year term; they are to be serving their 2<sup>nd</sup> year in the year of 2001:

Jerry Liu (68) Vice-President	Marca Suen (70) Secretary
Law Sin-Hung (67) Treasurer	Lee Shiu-Ki (58) Liaison Officer
Milton Chan (96) Liaison Officer	Kwok Mang-Cheung (64) Social Activity Officer

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Now we need to elect 8 Directors to make up the committee of 14 to serve the OSA. Please consider volunteering yourself to serve on the Board this year.

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I hereby nominate the following members to the 2001 Board of Directors:

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(Please indicate year of Form 5 after name.)

Nominated by:

Name: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Signature: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (Year F5) Date: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

\_\_\_\_\_ I volunteer to be the Year Representative for my graduation year.

\_\_\_\_\_ I cannot attend the AGM on November 11, 2000, and hereby submit this as my proxy for the meeting.

Please send to:

QESOSA c/o Law Sin-Hung, 22 Paynter Drive, North York, ON M2H 2G3

*A note from the QESOSA (B.C.) Newsletter:*

The QESOSA (B.C.) Board of Directors is planning an Alumni Reunion Cruise to celebrate the beginning of the new Millennium and to create a chance for all QES alumni to meet again and have fun together. Louisa Huang (Class of 60) is helping us to organize this event through her company – The Cruise Holiday of Metrotown in Vancouver, who guaranteed the best deal for all QES Alumni members.

If you are interested please contact Louisa Huang (604-437-9009) or Kitty Chong (604-325-3320) to sign up or for more information. A toll free number is available for those Alumni members living outside Vancouver, B.C. to contact Louisa's Cruise Company and it's 1-800-437-9009.

Here are some details of the Cruise:

**QES ALUMNI & FRIENDS REUNION**  
**BEST OF THE MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE 2001**  
**12 NIGHTS – BARCELONA, SPAIN to ISTANBUL, TURKEY**

Sailing Date: May 19, 2001  
ms Millennium, Celebrity Cruise Lines  
91,000 tonnage, year 2000  
Inside Cabin Category 12,  
CAD \$2,509.00 (2 - sharing, per person)  
Inside Cabin Category 11,  
CAD \$2,579.00 (2 - sharing, per person)  
Inside Cabin Category 10,  
CAD \$2,649.00 (2 - sharing, per person)  
3<sup>RD</sup> /4<sup>TH</sup> , CAD \$1,389.00 each  
Outside Oceanview Cabin Category 8,  
CAD \$3,069.00 (2 - sharing, per person)

**Book before November 1, 2000 and save CAD \$100/cabin**

Port charge CAD 290.00 per person  
Low Airfares add-on is available  
Deposit CAD \$750.00 per person at time of booking



Feeling Lucky?

Want to be a Millionaire?

Mark your calendar and make sure to attend the QESOSA (Ontario) Annual General Meeting on November 11, 2000 (Saturday). Good food, old friends and lots of fun guaranteed !!

***QESOSA (Ontario) Annual General Meeting & Dinner***

Date: Saturday, November 11, 2000

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

Place: New World Palace Chinese Restaurant ( 新世界酒樓 )  
Victoria Park & McNicoll  
Tel: (416) 498-1818

Programme: Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?  
(Quiz context covers QES's past & present; Toronto, Ontario and Canada's past & present; and also current affairs)

Cost: \$35.00 per person

For registration and inquiry, please contact:

Law Sin-Hung 416-493-1969  
Nancy Tang 416-515-9919

James So 416-250-8267  
Ann Ma 416-544-4552

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Please confirm your attendance no later than October 27, and mail cheque to:  
QESOSA c/o Law Sin-Hung, 22 Paynter Drive, North York, North York, ON M2H 2G3

\*\* Please make cheque payable to QESOSA (Ontario). Thanks \*\*

Name: . . . . . ( 中文 ) . . . . . Year Form 5 . . . . .

Tel: (home) . . . . . (work) . . . . .

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