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# 2009 AGM Dinner

**Date:** November 14, 2009 (Saturday)

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. Reception

7:00 p.m. Dinner and Annual General Meeting

**Location:** Commerce Gate Dynasty Cuisine (金皇朝)

505 Hwy 7 East, Commerce Gate, #238, Thornhill

(one block west of Leslie, SW corner)

Tel: 907-709-2880

**Program:** Dinner

Report from the Board Board of Directors Election

Slide Show: "Celebrating 20 Years of Friendship"

Fun Quizzes

**Cost:** Adult \$30; student or child \$20

**Registration:** Please fill out the registration form on page 6 and send it

with a cheque to Chan Chi Hung (address on registration

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form) before November 7, 2009.

**Inquiries:** Chan Chi-Hung: 416-226-5810

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## Message from the President

Dear Friends:

Glad to report that the Ontario Chapter's 20th Anniversary Celebration was a great success! More than 130 alumni and guests participated in our Celebration Week from June 13-21 and over \$6,000 was raised towards our Scholarship Fund!

Participants enjoyed the reunion with old friends; some came all the way from the U.S. and even Australia. Together, we rekindled the QES spirit and pledged support for quality education at the OSA schools in Hong Kong. To view event photos, please visit <a href="https://www.qesosaont.ca">www.qesosaont.ca</a>

The Board and I would like to thank all participants for their involvement and support. In appreciation of those members who made a contribution of \$50 or more towards the Scholarship Fund, their membership will be upgraded to Patron. And for those patrons who missed the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, they can collect a souvenir bag at the upcoming AGM Dinner.

More celebrations are in the pipeline. The 2009 AGM Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 14. This is a great opportunity for us to meet again after the Celebration Week. Please join us and keep the festivity going.

Next year will be Dr. Hinton's 90th birthday. The Ontario and BC Chapters, together with QESAA USA, will jointly organize celebrations for Dr. Hinton in Vancouver on June 12 -13, 2010. This will be a summer trip not to be missed!

I look forward to seeing you all on November 14!

Barbara Yang (78FA)

P.S. We have some copies of Dr. Hinton's autobiography - *Only A Teacher*. Interested alumni can get a copy with a donation of \$50 towards our Scholarship Fund. Please email <a href="mailto:support@qesosaont.ca">support@qesosaont.ca</a> to place your order.

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## Thank You, Donors!



The Board of Directors would like to thank all donors for your generous support for the QESOSA Ontario Scholarship Fund.

Your donation will provide scholarships for underprivileged students at the QESOSA schools in Tin Shui Wai, Hong Kong, namely:

- QESOSA Primary School
- QESOSA Branch Primary School
- QESOSA Secondary School
- QESOSA Tong Kwok Wah Secondary School

With our "QESOSA Ontario Ut Serviatis Scholarship", a HK\$500 award will be given to a top student from each of the two OSA primary schools every year. And with the newly established "QESOSA Ontario Dr. Arthur Hinton Scholarship", a HK\$800 award will be presented to an outstanding student from each of the two OSA secondary schools every year. These commitments will be effective in 2010 and reviewed for renewal in 2015.

In addition to the scholarships, we are also looking for meaningful ways to enrich the school life and experience of the OSA school students.

## A Memorable Week of Celebration and Friendship

James H.K. Tang (61FA)

It's A Bird....It's A Plane...It's SUPER TEACHER! The 89-year-old Dr. Arthur Hinton flew halfway around the world to celebrate with us the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the QES OSA Ontario Chapter, which he led us to form during his first Toronto visit in 1989. The following is a brief account of the organized events:

Dr. Hinton landed on June 12, 2009 and was warmly greeted by Susan and Mi Ki Kan (57FA), who received him in their lovely home in Oakville for the first night.

The week-long celebration began with a Welcome Wagon at Mi Ki's home the next day. The house party was followed by a sumptuous dinner at a well-known Chinese restaurant with more than a dozen QES alumni and families. Among other people who came to this first day event but were not able to join other activities during the week were Woo Ming Ko (59FA), Debbie and Michael Tam (59 & 56FA), and Theresa Wong (56FA).





On the 14<sup>th</sup>, a BQQ jointly organized with three other government schools (King's College, Queen's College and Belilios Public School) was held as part of the celebrations. It was well attended by about 100 people who shared a huge birthday cake together after enjoying plenty of delicious food and fun games.

From 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, a group of alumni spent a few quiet days with Dr. Hinton at Camp Stella, a private cottage by a beautiful, pristine lake away from the city. Though in a different way from the School Camp back in the old days, there was active participation in fishing, canoeing, cooking (and eating, of course), reading and lounging on this relaxed trip in Ontario's cottage country.

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The celebrations culminated in a banquet on the 21<sup>st</sup> at the Mandarin Golf and Country Club, with 90 participants from all over Ontario and even the States and Australia. We were honoured by the presence of Dr. Arthur Hinton, Mr. and Mrs. Phyllis Chow, Ms. Pamela So, and Mrs. Ruth Ko (alias Ms. Ruth Wong). The evening was filled with happy renewal of friendship while everyone enjoyed the elegant facilities and wonderful performances by some alumni.





A souvenir bag is presented to our beloved teachers.

Bill and Tilda Hui (64 & 68FA) dance to raise funds.

The week-long celebration was a tremendous success as evidenced by the excellent attendance in all the functions and the overwhelming support for the scholarship drive in support of the OSA schools. With the generous support of our alumni, a new scholarship for the secondary schools was established in the name of Dr. Hinton and the Ontario Chapter.

# "I deeply appreciate the efforts of all those involved..."

## Phyllis K.B. Chow

My husband and I did indeed have a wonderful evening. I was extremely pleased to meet Mr. Hinton once again, as well as Miss Pamela So and Miss Ruth Wong, both of whom I have not seen for many, many years. I was also very happy to have the rare opportunity to reconnect and to reminisce with many of my former students, in particular Tony Tsoi, Lawrence Cheng and his wife Cindy, as well as Doris Hui,



with whom I have lost contact for over 30 years. I found the reunion program very well organized and I enjoyed immensely the singing and dancing. As I had arrived early and prior to the commencement of the reunion celebrations, I had the privilege of witnessing the almost Herculean efforts of the committee members to finalize the last minute details of the evening's festivities. I deeply appreciate the efforts of all those involved with the planning, the organization and the implementation of this our 20th anniversary dinner. I look forward to the next one!

## "We hope that this torch of friendship and fellowship will pass on..."

#### Lawrence Kar-Hiu & Cindy Mui-Ying Cheng (66 & 68FA)

Huntington Bay, Long Island New York

Cindy and I were honored to be invited to the QESOSA Ontario Chapter's 20th Anniversary. We were hoping to see Dr. Hinton, Mrs. Phyllis Chow, Mrs. Ruth Wong-Ko and some classmates again. However, we were delighted to be re-united with Ms. So and many other former schoolmates that we had not seen for decades.

Whenever QES alumni gathered together, people often wondered how come we "Old Boys" and the young "Old Girls" would still "stick" together after all these years. Sometimes we wondered too. Maybe we were blessed by the good "feng-shui" on the hill-top campus on Sai-Yee Street with the aroma permeating from the 3 p.m. freight train arriving at the Mong Kok Station every day. Maybe it was the friendship we developed while we went through the same classes during the QES years. Not to mention that some of us went through primary school, high school and even college together. Maybe it was the many meals of over-cooked rice or burned marshmallows we shared around the camp fire that has glued us together.

It seems that QES "Old Students" are everywhere. Many people that we know in totally different circumstances would somehow connect to QES through marriage, work place and friends of friends. We are fortunate that Dr. Hinton and our teachers would find time to join us and celebrate with us. We might not remember all the notes that they dictated to us in classes, but they surely had given us many tools to face the world. If we could survive QES we could survive anywhere. For that we serenaded them with the song "To Sir with Love". When we sang the school song that evening it echoed loudly in the Country Club House as if we were at the School Assembly Hall again. We hope that this torch of friendship and fellowship will pass on for generations to come. We missed those who missed this gathering and can only share our good time through the pictures.



Lawrence and Mrs. Ruth Wong-Ko.



(From left:) Cindy, Lawrence and fellow alumni.

# "I owe you my thanks..." Arthur Hinton



I was greatly honoured by the warmth of the welcome I received at the 20th anniversary celebrations of the Ontario Chapter of the OSA. It gives me great joy to know that so many of you have happy memories of your years at QES and that the education you received there, the wider education and not just the academic learning, has stood you in good stead in subsequent years. I am very happy also to see that many of the friendships made at school have lasted over the decades.

Education should aim at the development of the individual morally, emotionally, intellectually, spiritually and in other ways, i.e. at the full development of the individual as a member of society, and many of us teachers tried in our various ways to be true to this ideal. Friendship contributes to this development and so good friends are very important in our lives. The older I get the more I appreciate the friends I have had and the friends, many of them from QES, who I still have and who contribute more than they realise to the continuing development of my life and understanding.

To conclude this short homily I would like to emphasise that my years in QES formed an important part of my own education, for, while trying to help in your education, I was myself being educated by your successes and failures, your behaviour, your ideas and activities. I owe you my thanks.

# Registration for AGM Dinner on November 14, 2009

Please confirm your attendance no later than November 7, 2009 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 <a href="mailto:support@gesosaont.ca">support@gesosaont.ca</a> (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 \$30, plus	(students or children) x \$20	
Total amount remitted: \$		