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THANK YOU, EVERYONE

Ludia Fong, Chairperson

On behalf of the Magnolia Alumni Gala Organizing Committee, I would like to thank our MCS/MSS classmates from outside Canada who gave so generously; the MCS/MSS girls who have purposely come from out-of-town to this event; the commercial donors who have over the years continuously supported us and the girls of MCS and MSS Ontario Alumnae and their families and friends. We owe you a very big 'Thank you'

We have raised over US\$60,000.00 for the Sisters who educated us, spent their life nourishing us to become what we are today. We know we can always count on your unfailing support for our worthy cause and once again, we have attained our goal.

Report of the Magnolia Fundraising Gala Dinner

The joint MCS/MSS fundraising for the Sisters, held on Saturday, May 6, 2006 at the Granite Club in Toronto, was attended by over 290 guests. This year, we were honoured to have with us, Sr. President M. Suzanne Moore, Sr. Theresa Leung Sr. Joanna Chan, Sr. Martha Bourne, and Sr. Mary Lou Teufel from New York and Sr. Ann Carol Brielmaier from Monrovia, L.A.

The evening opened with a reception and Silent Auction that displayed many interesting items. Among them were a shawl and an Afghan handmade by Mary Margaret Drinkwater of England and Nancy Barradas of Toronto. After the welcoming speech from Chair, Ludia Fong (MCS) and Co-chair, Iris Tam (MSS), the Sisters were asked to perform the "Lighting of the Candle" ceremony. This was to symbolize what we, in Toronto, had started almost 20 years ago. Funds raised specifically for caring of the sisters. To quote from Buddha 'Thousands of candles can be lighted from one candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.' After remarks from Sr. President, an initial cheque for C\$50,000.00 was presented to her by Ludia and Iris.



This year we had the good fortune of having the same Presenting Sponsor. An

MCS girl has donated US\$10,000.00 again. She has asked to remain anonymous and her only request was to have the Maryknoll Convent School song played at the event. Her explanation was that the words from the song meant so much to her.

Between the serving of salad and the main course, a short DVD slide presentation displaying the daily life of the Sisters in New York and Monrovia, L.A. was shown. Many present found it very touching and donated cheques on the spot. Gertrude Chan (MCS 1955) would share the DVD with any Maryknoller for C\$10.00 a copy and the proceeds will go to the Sisters. Please contact any committee member if anyone would like a copy as souvenir of the Sisters who had taught them.



After a delicious dinner, the audience was entertained by performances from:

The Rock Band in which Steve Kwok (son of Marie Therese Kwok, MSS Class of 1969) played the drums.

Ballroom dancers, Dr. and Mrs. Lee. This is a return act by this popular pair who were runners-up in the 2002 Ontario Championship and Champion of Ontario (Senior I Category) in March 2003. Loretta is a 1963 MCS graduate.

Christine Cheung (MCS 1971) who is also returning this year to sing *If You Love Me*. Christine is a member of the Xiao-Ping Chorus and Toronto Cantata Chorus. She performs both solo and choral singing for various fundraising concerts within the community.

Beryl Yue (MSS 1965) singing *All Over the World* in loving memory of her very best friend, also an MSS graduate of 1965 who passed away recently after a hard and courageous battle with cancer.

The Sisters present singing *Do Re Mee* and everyone joined in.

Line Dancing by the Magnolia Dancers (MCS). The girls did us proud. Under the supervision of Margaret Yao Ching, (MCS 1972) the girls spent many hours practising and putting this performance together. Not only did they perform well, they entertained the audience much to their delight and surprise.

The above performances are vital to our function because each and every one of them is sponsored, thus contributing to our fundraising. All in all, over US \$60,000 was raised.

The evening ended with dancing till midnight. All enjoyed themselves, young and not-so-young, and all looked forward to another fundraising event.

More pictures of the evening can be viewed at

http://www.mcsontario.org/recent_happenings.htm and
<http://www.photographylounge.com/index.html>



Maryknoll Motherhouse Bazaar

items are sent from the missions worldwide. It would be a very good opportunity to visit the Sisters there as well as participating in the fun-filled event. For those interested to go, please contact the members of the newly elected executive committee after our AGM on Sept. 15, 2006.

We can then finalize on the air/bus trip, accommodation and cost.

The annual bazaar of the New York Motherhouse would be held on Saturday, October 28, 2006. It is a very well attended function in Ossining, well supported by the Maryknoll Family all over New York. The

Once again it is time to hold our General Meeting to elect a new committee. Please mark down the date: **Friday, September 15, 2006.**

Venue: Galaxy Chinese Cuisine (喜福樓).
350 Highway 7 East, Unit 101, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3N2
Tel. 905-707-0988

Cost \$30.00
Time registration 6.30 p.m.
meeting 7.00 p.m.
dinner 7.45 p.m.

The package for the Meeting will be sent out to you in due course. Meanwhile please scout around for members who are willing and can afford some time for the running of the association. We would be asking for nominations in the Meeting notice you'll receive.

Please complete the reply form and send it back to us ASAP so we can book the tables.

Reply Form

Please complete this form and mail it (together with your cheque) to:

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome the following to join our alumnae:

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| Clara Shiu | 1972 |
| Shirley Lo | 1969 |
| Linda Young Cohen | 1960 |

Prayer Corner



We believe in religious freedom and tolerance. In this corner, we print what you like us to pray for you and those dear to you. Just send in your request and we'll print it in the following newsletter. Here we like to pray for

Albert Chow, husband of Ann Sin Chow (1973) who passed away on May 21, 2006. He is survived by his wife Ann, children Stephanie and Jonathan, his mother, his siblings and many nephews and nieces.

How Kin Shum, father of Pauline Shum (1971) and Christina Shum (1976) who passed away in May 31, 2006.


Therese Barradas da Rocha, mother of Linda da Rocha (1971) who passed away in January 2006.



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

6th Worldwide Reunion 2007

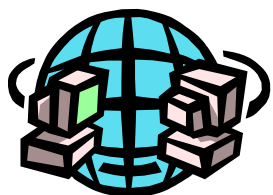
It was unanimously voted in August 2004 in New York that the next MCS World Wide Reunion would be held in 2007 in San Francisco. Somehow, the venue was changed to Los Angeles and that it would be organized jointly by MCS and MSS. As it is still one year away, any information we give you in our newsletter would be out-dated by the time you receive it. It would be best for you to check on their web-site for the most up to date information, regarding the cruise ship, prices, and cabin availability. Their website address is <http://www.maryknollwvr2007.org/> or contact **Moira Conzelman**, MCS Class of 1967 Representative, Member of the WWR2007 Committee, 415-339-0489



Reunion for 1976

MCS Graduates

MCS graduates of 1976 are having a 30th Anniversary celebration on November 18, 2006 in Hong Kong. Fellow classmates who need further information, please call Kathy King at 416-487-5403 or Wendy Cheong at 905-826-1469.



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| Please change my address effective on (day) _____ / (month) _____ / (year) _____ | | | | | |
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