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☆ **2010~2012** ☆  
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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Ludia Fong

at the **Biennial General Meeting - Sept. 24, 2010**

It is with such great pride that I stand up here as the President of such a wonderful group of Maryknollers. I am happy that our association has flourished and grown. We now have over 250 members, thanks to all of you who have spread the Maryknoll spirit and encouraged others to join. Your support at all these events is crucial to us for keeping the Maryknoll spirit alive.

I would like to take this opportunity to particularly thank a few members who have helped tremendously with the membership drive. Mable Li recruited six new members. Jacqueline Fong, our Vice President, has recruited five members. In total, we have 20 new members since our term started in May 2008. Although we have 20 new members, unfortunately, I regret to report that we have lost two during this term:

Pandora Ho (1976) and  
Grace Law Tang (1972)

During the last two years, we have celebrated many wonderful events together. We celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the alumni with a fundraising gala and raised over \$30,000 for the Motherhouse. We had networking dinners during which we enjoyed a game of mahjong, cards, or bingo, and listened to our fellow Maryknollers who gave talks on various interesting topics. We also continued our annual Academic Achievement Award.

We undertook to do our utmost to support the Maryknoll Sisters. As you all know, not only are those sisters who taught us getting old, but the Motherhouse in New York requires extensive repairs. The Sisters are facing an enormous financial burden. We hope to continue to raise funds to help them get through this crisis, and we need your help.

Once again, I thank every one of you for your past support, and I am so thankful that I have had the opportunity to work with you, as your President for the past two years.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the committee members. Without their support we would not be where we are today. They have been the backbone of all our success. They are a great team to work with.

Thank you.

## Report of the Biennial General Meeting Dinner

The Biennial General Meeting was convened at the Westin Prince Toronto (Prince Hotel) after a sumptuous buffet dinner attended by some 55 members. Copies of Membership Directory (Sept. 2010) were distributed at registration. As usual, the evening was filled with great camaraderie among Maryknollers.

Ludia Fong, in her Report as out-going President, emphasized on the importance of further support from all members for the on-going networking dinners/fund-raising projects for the Motherhouse,

**Financial Reports** presented by our Treasurers for the years ending 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010 reflected a healthy situation. A special vote of thanks was registered for the very capable administration of our Treasurers, Patricia Wu and Lily Yeung, as well as for the unfailing financial support given by Dr Shirley Cheong and Eva Wong.

The following motions for the **amendment of the By-Law No. 1**, presented by Linda da Rocha Little, were passed **unanimously** :

- i/ Remove the requirement for the life members of the Maryknoll Convent Former Students (Ont.) Inc to elect the President, appoint a legal advisor and appoint an auditor at the General Meeting;
- ii/ Permit service of notices by email. Members without email address will continue to receive notices by mail.

The **newly formed Committee** for the subsequent two-year term, comprising of eleven members, was presented to the Meeting.



We were honoured to have Nancy Tong (1971) who specially flew in to Toronto for our Biennial General Meeting to talk to us about the film *“Trailblazers in Habits”*.

Nancy is a filmmaker and a professor at the University of Hong Kong. She is renowned for *“In the Name of the Emperor”* which won the Special Jury Award at the San Francisco International Film Festival in 1995. She also collaborated on films, including

*“Cancer: From Evolution to Revolution,”* which won the George Foster Peabody Award in 2001 and *“Who Killed Vincent Chin”*, which was nominated for the Best Documentary Film Category of The Academy Awards in 1989. To commemorate Maryknoll Sisters’ 100th Anniversary and their remarkable contribution to the development of modern Hong Kong, Nancy was asked to produce a film to document the Maryknoll Sisters’ work in Hong Kong. After extensive research, she discovered that the Sisters’ work actually went beyond the two schools which are so well known to people in Hong Kong, and that their work had gone unnoticed. Therefore, together with a group of the Maryknoll alumnae, Nancy took up the task to produce this film. Nancy plans to have the film launched in time to coincide with the 100th anniversary celebration of the Maryknoll Sisters Congregation in 2012. However, even with Nancy and her teams, donating their time, money and effort to produce such a film, there is a substantial cost involved. She has campaigned, with the help of Motherhouse, to help with the financial aspect of this film. All proceeds from the film will be donated to the Motherhouse. Donations should be sent to the Motherhouse, and tax deductible receipts can be issued by the Motherhouse to US citizens.

For further details, please click the link [www.maryknollsisters.org/trailblazers](http://www.maryknollsisters.org/trailblazers)

Our Hearty Congratulations  
to Sylvia Wong Lung

**Joshua**, son of Sylvia and Clement Lung, married Christina on Sept. 25, 2010 in Toronto. Joshua is working with Apple Computer.



## Bingo Night & Academic Achievement Awards Dinner



As announced at our Biennial General Meeting, the Bingo afternoon is on Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010 starting at 4.00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6.30 p.m. during which we'll be giving out the academic achievement awards to the children/grandchildren of our members. To qualify for the award, the student needs an overall average of 80% and above in six Ontario Academic Credits. The official transcript of the student should be sent to P.O. Box 20056, Nymark Postal Outlet, 4839 Leslie Street, North York, ON, M2J 5E4 no later than Nov. 6, 2010. The successful applicants would receive the awards at the dinner. If a recipient is away at college, one parent must attend and receive the award on the recipient's behalf. For further details/clarification, please contact any committee member or Gertrude Chan at 416-496-9671.

Details for the Bingo Night are as follows:

**Venue:** Ka Lung Court Chinese Cuisine  
550 Highway 7 East, Suite 280  
Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3Z4  
Tel. 905-597-8618

**Cost:** The cost includes dinner, bingo cards and bingo prizes.  
\$20.00 (children 10 and under)  
\$45.00 (members and their friends)

**Time:** registration 3.30 p.m.  
bingo 4.00 p.m.  
dinner 6.30 p.m.

To reserve your seat for Sunday, Nov. 14, please complete the form and return it with payment as soon as possible and no later than Nov. 2, 2010.

### Reply Form

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

*Maryknoll Convent Former Students (Ont.) Inc., P.O. Box 20056, Nymark Postal Outlet, 4839 Leslie Street, North York, ON M2J 5E4*



Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Name (s) 1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name 1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*You are obliged to honour your commitment. If you cancel your reservation less than 72 hours prior to the event, payment will be charged as we need to confirm with the restaurant.*

## Welcome to Our New Members

We are happy to welcome the following new members to our Maryknoll family. Anyone who had attended Maryknoll Convent School for any length of time is welcome to become a member. Just contact the committee and we'll send you the necessary forms to fill in.

*Andrea da Rocha Steinhauser '77*  
*Ann Marie Hung Tossan '67*  
*Anna Kwok '74*

*Betty Jeong Young '74*  
*Betty Lee Kam '74*  
*Maria Lam Chan '75*  
*Mary Lam Luk '75*  
*Meggy Kwok '74*  
*Nancy Tong '71*  
*Rose Lau Gomes '74*

## May They Rest In Peace



Mimie Lee Ho passed away suddenly on March 11, 2010 in Vancouver. She taught English, dancing and physical education at MCS from 1965 - 67 before emigrating to Canada. She taught elementary school in Clearwater, B.C. before enrolling at U.B.C. Vancouver. In 1973, Mimie founded the Strathcona Chinese Dance Company to promote Chinese dance art and it quickly grew to be a world renowned dance troupe.

A proud mother of 3 daughters, Mimie was also passionate at promoting community service which netted her the Volunteer Award from the Vancouver Parks Board in 1983. Her generous contribution to the community was recognised both at the provincial and federal levels of government.

She will be missed by all who knew her.



Mrs. Marina Tso (Miss Poon to her students) taught Chinese at MCS for over 20 years before emigrating to U.S. in the late seventies. She had been living in the senior centre in Los Angeles for over 40 years. In her last days, she had ill health but decided not to have any surgery because of her age. In the final week, she was hospitalized, and managed

to see all her children and grandchildren before passing away on May 29, 2010 at the age of 90. She is survived by two sons and a daughter, all living in LA.



## Are You Moving or Have You Moved?

**If you wish to continue to receive your copy of our newsletter after you've moved, please fill out the change of address notification form below and mail or fax to :**

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Name (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Maiden) \_\_\_\_\_ (Married) \_\_\_\_\_  
Year of Form 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Year Left Maryknoll \_\_\_\_\_

Please change my address effective on (day) \_\_\_\_\_ / (month) \_\_\_\_\_ / (year) \_\_\_\_\_

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Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

New Home Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_