

# Ontario Maryknollers

Official Newsletter of Maryknoll Convent Former Students (Ont.)



## Message from the President

by Wendy Man

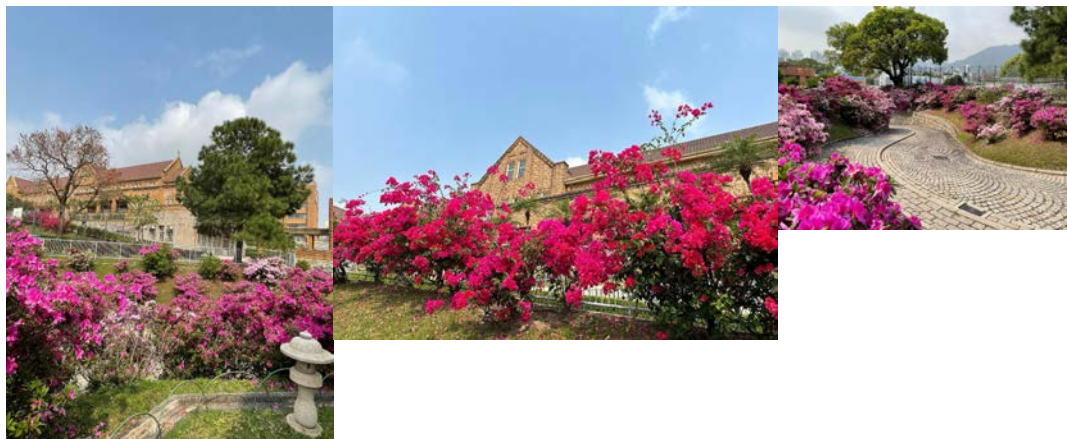
Hope you and your family are enjoying the warmer weather. As we spring forward to a new year, we plan to organize two networking activities for our members. If you have some good ideas, please let us know.

We are going to bring back the Bingo Day in May. Our famous Bingo game host, Ms. Maria-Elena Prata Noronha, is going to lead us into a fun and enjoyable day. The event will be held at Casa de Macau (4168 Finch Ave. East, Penthouse, Scarborough ON) on May 28, 2023 (Sunday). Dinner will be served after the games. Details of the event are listed in this newsletter.

As the venue can only accommodate 50 people, please sign up as soon as possible. Registration is first come, first serve. Please register before May 12. This is the first networking event after the pandemic. Hope you can come and join us.

If you are lucky, you may win a prize for your spring shopping!

In the Fall, we are planning to organize a Motherhouse tour to visit the Maryknoll Sisters. If you are interested to join us, please contact us at [contactus@mcsontario.org](mailto:contactus@mcsontario.org). We want to see if there are enough interests to organize a bus tour to New York. Like our last Motherhouse visit in 2018, we will also stop by Woodbury Commons Outlet for a full day shopping.



As the weather turns warmer in Hong Kong, the azalea bushes bloom vibrantly over our school campus. Here are some recent pictures for you to enjoy.

We look forward to seeing you on our Bingo Day event. Happy Spring!

Yours truly,  
Wendy Man, *President*

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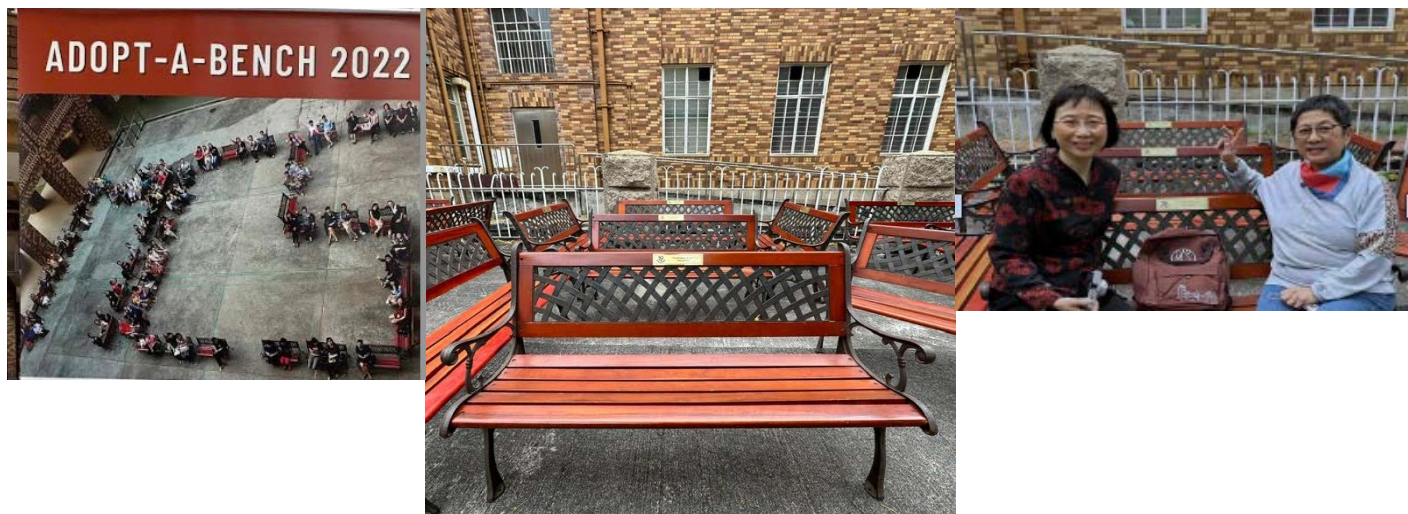
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## Class of 1971 worldwide appeal - Adopting A MCS Bench



Every 10 years, the **MCS Educational Trust** organizes an “**Adopt a Bench**” event.

In December 2022, Anne Kong (USA) and Ellen Cheung (HK) approached our Class of 1971 classmates in Hong Kong, USA, Canada and Australia to fund for the minimum pledge of \$50,000 HKD. Over **\$68,000 HKD** was *raised from* class 1971 alumnae around the world within a month.

Despite our distances, classmates across the globe participated and shared our connection with each other as well as our common roots at Maryknoll.

Other classes and individuals sponsored too, and funds raised will be used for the betterment of the Maryknoll education and our young Maryknollers.

Our school aims to provide a quality, all-round education affordable to all, and to help our students realize their full potential.... just as what the Maryknoll Sisters started almost 100 years ago when they came to Hong Kong.

JOIN THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS AND ADOPT YOUR VERY OWN BENCH ON CAMPUS:		
Class of 1961	Athena Wong	The Kwong Family
Class of 1970	Diana Lo Koljonen Class of 98	Dulcie '55, Winkie '79, Denise '81, Elsa '83, Francine '83
Class of 1970	Haminah Wahab & Safiyyah Lul	The Ngan's Sisters Emily, Edith & Ophelia
Class of 1971	Gigi Ng	In the Loving Memory of Mrs. Kwong Lee Pk Fu
Class of 1974	Lam Vanessa & Lam Vicky	In loving memory of Theresa Li & Janet Chang
Class of 1976	Lury Yen	Maryknoll Convent School Former Students' Association
Class of 1976	Marine Lee	MCS PTA 2022-2023
Class of 1985	Michelle & Andy	MCSFS PTA
Class of 1987	Mr & Mrs Joseph Chow & Family	
Class of 1989	Mr and Mrs W C Tang	
Class of 1990	Renee Fok	
Class of 1992	Pauline Ng	
Class of 1993	Shelley Lee	
Class of 1998	Winnie Cheung	
Class 50 of 2000		



## Bingo Day Registration



Please complete this form and mail it (together with your cheque) to: Maryknoll Convent Former Students (Ont.) Inc., P.O. Box 91070, 2901 Bay-view Ave., North York, ON. M2K 2Y6 latest by **May 12, 2023**. Or you can email us at [contactus@mcsontario.org](mailto:contactus@mcsontario.org) to reserve your spot. A 72-hour cancellation policy will comply.

**Date:** Sunday, May 28, 2023

**Time:** 2:30pm Registration

3:00pm Bingo

6:00pm Dinner

**Venue:** Casa de Macau

4168 Finch Ave. East, PH 39  
Scarborough ON

**Ticket Price:** \$50 member  
\$55 non-member  
(8 Bingo games included)

**Member's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tel. no:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**No. of participants:** Members \_\_\_\_\_ Non-members \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment included:** \_\_\_\_\_





## Sister Jeanne Houlihan 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Celebration



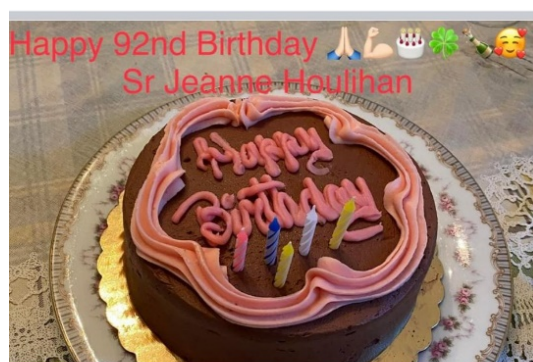
*Nancy Tong brought a chocolate cake, Brie and crackers, and a bottle of red wine to celebrate*



*A birthday party for Sr. Jeanne with other Sisters and the staff at the Maryknoll Sisters Center*



*Birthday Flowers from Maryknoll Foundation*



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## Members' News

### Grandson of Jacqueline Lam Fong '74



*Hugh Chi Chung  
Sherwood. Born Dec 2022,  
second child of Miranda  
and Chris Sherwood in  
London, UK. Grandson of  
Jacqueline Lam Fong '74*



### Eva Wong Wong's Hongkong Trip



*It is a pleasure to meet  
Madame in Hong Kong  
Jan 2023. She is living  
with her youngest son  
Gerald and across from  
her other son Mark.  
Some retired teachers  
and Madame get  
together monthly for  
lunch and they call  
themselves "Motorola" -  
冇得撈喇 !*

*Madame in Hong Kong  
with Eva Wong Wong '75*



## DOMINICA CHAN LIU (RIP)

### MCS ALUMNI, TEACHER & FRIEND



Dominica Chan (Liao) Liu graduated from MCS in 1955. She attended Northcote Training College and returned to MCS as teacher in 1957. She taught English and mathematics and various other subjects as assigned or needed, until the early 1970s when she emigrated with her husband and son to Toronto Canada. Her love of teaching continued in Toronto where she taught elementary school until she retired in the mid or late 2000s. Dominica was called to her Heavenly Home on January 30, 2023. She is survived by her son, Dr. Geoffrey Liu, his spouse, a grandson, and a granddaughter. Due to covid restrictions and winter weather at that time. Dr. Liu advised that a memorial service is being planned in May 2023.

I have been asked to pen a few words on Dominica, but really feel most inadequate. Dominica was a very private person. I have very little knowledge of her life and can only recall what this senior mind can bring forth. If events and chronology are generalized, I beg your understanding.

I recall Dominica loved to travel and did many trips to Europe and South America. She loved music and often played her grand piano. She was also a greater knitter and loved knitting for her grand kids. She also kept in touch with many of her former students and colleagues. In the past few years, Dominica's health deteriorated. She had a stroke which left her with difficulty speaking and somewhat immobile. But she remained independent, living alone in her condo in Richmond Hill. She had good friends and neighbours. One such friend was our dear Gertrude Chan (may she rest in peace) who helped Dominica with purchases and drove her when needed. Over the past six months or so, I have had the pleasure to visit Dominica and spend some time with her. Every couple of weeks we would order take out and have lunch, talk about the good old days and our grandkids. She was so very proud of her son, Dr. Geoffrey Liu. Oncologist at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre and Professor of Medicine and Medical Biophysics at U. of T. and the achievements of her grandson and granddaughter. Dominica is deeply missed. May she rest in peace in the loving arms of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

by Marie Louise Rocha Chang '56



(Front row, L. to R.) Eugenie Yue, Susanna Wong, Mona Chan, Corinne Remedios, Mary Turner, Lillian Tang, Amy Yuen, Henrietta Chan.  
(2nd row, L. to R.) Nellie Lee, Annie Kwok, Geraldine Reis, Fernanda de Pinna, Grace Lee, Monica Tang, Jessica Ho, Wenda Tai, Lisa Lo, Lily Foo.  
(3rd row, L. to R.) Randy Chow, Farida Wahab, Katherine Chan, Hedy Tjoe, Rosemary Soares, Phyllis Pei, Rosemary Shen, Carrie Yeh, Irene Low, Amy Chan, Judy Chang, Patricia Ho.  
(4th row, L. to R.) Sister Rose Duchesne, Eva Mak, Patricia Shum, Yvonne Antonio, Vivien Lah, Linda Young, Eva Lam, Christina da Rosa, Amy Lau, Marianna Chan, Anne Kong, Mrs. Dominica Liao, form mistress.

## Pearl Chan Tam '63 (RIP)

*Youngest sister of Winnie '57 and Gertrude '55*



### SISTER PEARL

'Twas Mothers' Day, 1946, mom brought home newborn Pearl.  
Gertrude and I were ecstatic and thought that was the loveliest "toy".  
Our grand-parents were a tad disappointed though, for she was not a boy!  
'Cause the Family Tree could only be carried on by, you guessed it, a BOY!

However, Grannies' attitude didn't last long.  
Ever since a baby, Pearl was able to warm all hearts that came along.  
She was obedient, courteous, bright, gentle and sweet.  
Indeed Pearl brought honour to the family like reinforced concrete.

Year after year Pearl earned her spot as her teachers' pet.  
Be it attitude or performance she was a cut above the rest.  
A model student seldom seen -  
She won a 5-year scholarship at the tender age of thirteen.

Wing Cheung was smart to pick Pearl as his bride.  
For better or for worse she was always by his side.  
During the ten years he struggled with Parkinson's Disease  
She cared for him at home and took him on trips, be they domestic or overseas.

As a mother, Pearl found time and energy to do it all.  
For Michael she cooked, she nursed, she provided and always came to his call.  
Her love for him was totally unconditional.  
She only wanted him to be happy. It was that simple.

As a sister, Pearl was like no other.  
Her halo came when she nobly looked after Gertrude, our sister.  
For months she was at her hospital bedside  
Comforting her, planning and praying with her; in short, just be her daily trusting guide.

Much time and effort Pearl spent nurturing her soul.  
Living the teachings of Christ was always her goal.  
Miraculously she converted her agnostic husband to Catholicism.  
Wouldn't you know, he even accompanied her to many pilgrimages and with much enthusiasm!

Good-bye Pearl. We love you and will dearly miss your company.  
But we're glad that you have fulfilled all the earthly assignments laid out by God the Almighty.  
Follow the angels to your well-deserved spot.  
Have fun with Gertrude and all the saints in that Heavenly Lot.

By Winnie Chan Ng '57