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Connections

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FEATURE

Canossians Connect ... as always by Janelene Leong

Find out about the thrills that was the night of the 30th Anniversary celebrations.

The unique fanfare of the St Anthony's Canossian Secondary School Percussion Band heralded the start of Canossians Connect 2007 (affectionately known as CC07) on 31 March 2007. CC07 commemorated the 30th anniversary of the Canossian Alumni Association.

With the theme of "Those Were The Days", MC Lena Tan (Class of 1984) was sportingly clad in the familiar blue and white uniform. Indeed, everyone was kept in stitches with her humour and witty comments throughout the games, lucky draws and song dedications.



Mrs Kanagarajah leading the singing of the school song.

A photo-montage of 'Those Schoolgirl Days' was followed with a tribute to all teachers during which an excited Mrs Alice Goh, a Chinese language teacher, spontaneously took to the stage to remind her students about her 'scoldings'!

A rousing rendition of the school song, conducted by the composer herself and well-loved music teacher, Mrs Christine Kanagarajah, brought the event to a fitting close as we all looked forward to CC08, which will mark a milestone of 200 years of the Canossian Institute.

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EDITORIAL

Dear Alumni

This issue is yet another 30th anniversary special - a special spread with pics to feature the person that you are - that made CC07 such a success. Your smiles, your laughter, your hugs

and your friendship made all the difference to the event. Thank you for your spontaneity and spirit, for jumping right in and being Canossian. Cheers!

The next event to look forward to is the AGM. Will you express your spirit as a member of the Ex-Co? It is the people that makes the Alumni.

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The Global Canossian

Amy Tan (Class of 1988) shares what it means to be a successful 30-something professional who is maid-less and globe-trotting. Read about her vision for a Canossian network.

When approached to be featured as a Canossian graduate in her 30s with a globe-trotting career profile, in addition to motherhood in a maid-less household, I almost fell off my chair. Having since recovered, I realize that I have indeed come a long way. Kudos to my husband, Joshua, who has always been there for me.

I am 35 years and currently work in the area of regional strategic development with DHL

quite happy and would rise to the challenge of completing the task being assigned.

I studied in the Canossian schools from 1979 to 1988. As I move on in life, I never forgot the nurturing environment that I grew up in. The choir years with Mrs Kana, the inspiring stories of the Foundress and interaction with the Sisters, chapel visits, the fabulous celebrations, St. Joseph's Home visits and the PE lessons (!) are etched in my

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Closer to home, my dearest wish is to have the Middle Road building conserved and transformed into a museum that would showcase the thriving ministries of the Canossian Sisters in Singapore and beyond.



Amy with her future Canossians, Helena and Victoria.

Express Asia Pacific. In the past 7 years, I have been challenged by the varying work cultures of my colleagues in 20 countries. During this time, I gave birth to two girls (future Canossians) whilst maintaining the grueling workload and weekend housework and completing my MBA. All this whilst being maid-less – why and why not? Well, my husband and I treasure our privacy and relish the notion of taking care of the household ourselves. We have our pet chores and have somehow worked out a good division between us. Even my eldest, Victoria, is not spared. She is

memories. These memories are precious on those outstation trips when loneliness creeps in. During times of work and family stress, I miss the tranquility of the school chapels.

Two years ago, during a casual business dinner in Hong Kong, my close business associate and I chatted about our schools years. She mentioned that she was a student of Sacred Heart Canossian College. We were overjoyed that we were products of the Canossian education system. Regrettably, that there were no school exchange programs in those

Contributed by Amy Tan

The Canossian Alumni strives to connect our members to our Alma Mater by ensuring the continuity of the Canossian Spirit through strong and vibrant ties.

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The Annual St Joseph's Home Visit

"Let us serve our Lord with courage and a generous heart filled with love, but in peace".

St Magdalene of Canossa



Diana with a resident of St Joseph's Home.

The cool morning of 1st May 2007 saw about twenty alumni, friends and family members gather at St Joseph's Home to help serve lunch to and entertain the residents. Generous well-wishers and sponsors from amongst alumni and staff of the Canossian schools also combined to donate cash and assorted food items to the Home.

Richard Clayderman wannabes, Kam Leng and Jan, took turns to provide soothing background music during lunch. After which, the Alumni 'backup singers' did Mrs Kana proud with their renditions of songs from yesteryear... strains of which wafted to the residents' rooms, hopefully lulling them into Dreamland.

coming up ...
alumni events to
participate in

Breakfast@Verona

The monthly breakfast for the poor takes place every second Saturday of the month at Canossville Children's Home. To contribute, contact Christina at 93679293 or email geoksuanlim@yahoo.

Have a class event to share?
Write to us at
info@canossianalumni.com.

**Annual General Meeting
Elections of Office Bearers - 8 September 2007**

Positions available:-

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer
- Committee Members (4)

Will You Serve?

"The satisfaction of connecting old friends and seeing new friendships being forged during the events that we have organised is a great feeling." Chua Lee Beng, 5 years service in the Ex-Co.

To enquire about serving in the Ex-Co, write to us at info@canossianalumni.com or send a sms to Lee Beng at 97385852.

S C H O O L S

With Appreciation

We thank Ms Jennifer Low for her years of selfless and dedicated service as Principal of St Anthony's Canossian Secondary School. We wish her the best in her future undertakings.

Welcome

We welcome Ms Melanie Martens to the Canossian family.

She has been appointed Principal of St Anthony's Canossian Secondary School, with effect 16 April 2007.

In Memoriam

Sr Theresa Chua, Principal of Canossa Convent Primary School (CCPS) from 1976 to 1984, passed on 25 February 2007. **Mrs Margaret Yong**, Principal of CCPS from 1999 to 2003, also passed on 25 Febru-

ary 2007. **Ms Minnie Nunes**, fondly known as Auntie Minnie - the lady at the door at 111 Middle Road, passed on 19 March 2007. May they rest in peace.

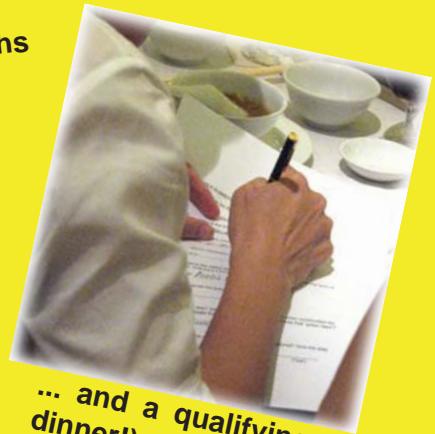
Canossa Convent Primary School Open House

You are warmly welcome to our Open House on 29 June 2007, Friday from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. Come to relive your memories and reunite with your teachers.

a 30th anniversary special



A grand opening ...
... MC Lena providing the laughs



... and a qualifying test (for
dinner!) on school history.



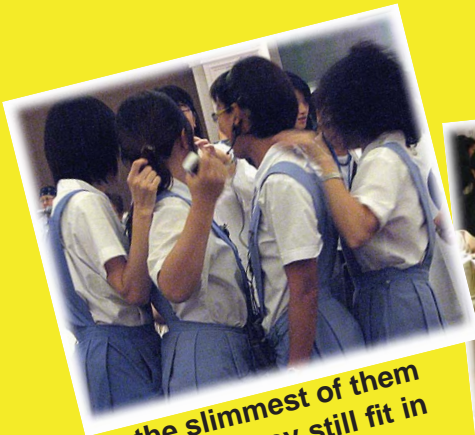
Smile ...



... smiles ...



... and more smiles.



... whose the slimmest of them
all? ... You mean they still fit in
their old unis?



... VIPs ...



... and the man does get it!

**Thank you for
making CC07
a success!**