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Welcome to the **SPSS AA Fall 2008** newsletter!

At the 2008 Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on April 25, members voted unanimously to approve the **name change from SPSS Past Students Association (SPSS PSA) to SPSS Alumnae Association (SPSS AA)**. We hope you would like this new name, and continue your strong support to the organization. Please kindly note the new email address on the letterhead.

Aside from the AGM, the SPSS AA has concluded the year of 2007 literally on a high note. The Starlight Concert held on 30 November, 2007 was quite a success with a good turnout and an unexpected donation of over HKD 36,000, thanks to the generosity of teachers and alumnae alike. A second round of Career talk took place with two experts, Ms. Rebecca Lo and Dr. Daisy Mak, in the legal and medical profession respectively, sharing their career advise with over 100 Form 4 and 5 students. AA President Connie Kwok and other ex-committee members attended official school functions such as Speech Day Christmas Lunch, St. Paul's Feast Day, and Paulinian Sparkle, a Parent-Teacher-Association sponsored talent show held at the school hall.

Save the dates - upcoming Activities:

Fall / Winter 2008 – Membership database update

In the coming months, you will be contacted by one of the AA Executive or Co-opt members to update your membership record. This is an important and necessary task for the AA and the school to stay more effectively in contact to you! We look forward to your cooperation!

October 19, 2008 Sunday – Organized outing to Po Toi Island 蒲台

Join us for a fun day trip to Po Toi Island – an island at the South-eastern corner of Hong Kong. Details and reply slip can be found on the circular attached. Come one, come all!

A Saturday in mid / late November – BBQ at SPSS playground

Back by popular demand, we are trying to organize a BBQ at the school playground on a November Saturday. Watch your mail box (or email box) for more information.

March / April 2009 AGM

Preparation work for the 2009 AGM is already underway. For the 2009 AGM, we are planning to hold it at Bankers Club in Central. If you are interested in sponsoring table gifts / lucky draw, please get in touch with any of us.

Recent Activities:

Annual General Meeting AGM 2008

AGM was held at the CCC on Friday April 25, 2008. Below are the highlights of motions passed at the meeting:



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1. Formally adopted SPSS Alumnae Association AA as the name of the organization.

2. A revised version of the constitution was also tabled. As the whole document was almost completely rewritten by our legal adviser, here are some of the highlights of the amendments:

- Clause 4: One class of membership – Life Member*
- Clause 14: The tenure for all the office-bearers shall be two years.
- Clause 17: 20 members shall form a quorum at the General Meetings
- Clause 40: Should the Association be dissolved, the surplus in the funds shall be donated to the School.

* Free one-year student membership for current students in graduating class remains.

3. Besides the 50 odds alumnae, a number of special guests graced the event. Current School Headmistress Ms. Deborah Wu gave an opening speech to kick off the night's dinner. She quoted a few paragraphs from the recent school evaluation from the EDB. It is clear that everyone, including us former students, has a role to play in continuing our Alma Mater's great tradition as a reputable institution of secondary education.

Sister Lily Fung then led the pre-dinner prayer before we started a fantastic feast of a Chinese-banquet style dinner.

Vice School Head-master Mr. Ching, Former School Headmistress Mrs Diana Wong, Sister Marie Bibianne So, Mr and Mrs T.K.Cheung, and Mr. Chan were among the special guests of the event. Their attendance had certainly added special spice to the event! Chatters were heard everywhere as alumnae caught up busily with former school mates as well as teachers.

Special applause would also go to Mrs Ophelia Kwan for booking the venue, and Irene Chow, Winnie Ho, Suzanna Chan, Ms Deborah Wu, Mrs Diana Wong, Winnie Wong, Irene Chow (Connie / Winnie, I didn't get the complete list – do you have it?) for their generous sponsorship of the lucky draw.

Career Talks II

The second session of the 2007-8 Career Talk was conducted on Friday, 2nd November 2007. This time, we were delighted to have Ms. Rebecca Lo and Dr. Daisy Mak to speak to the fourth and fifth formers. Ms. Lo discussed her career in the Legal Profession while Dr. Mak shared hers in the Medical Field. About 100 students from both the Arts and Science streams filled the Old Library for the informative and enlightening event. Feedback from students was extremely positive. The AA would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Ms. Lo and Dr. Mak for their time and effort, and invite other alumnae to volunteer as speakers. You too can be a Career Talk speaker! Contact us!



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Starlight Concert 2007

On 30th November, about 100 fellow students, parent, guests and Paulinians enjoyed a magical evening of great music by the 90-member strong St. Paul's Secondary School Orchestra. Audience was in for a treat of popular tunes from X to Y. The Orchestra played 10 popular tunes ranging from X to Y. As a nice bonus, the concert succeeded in raising \$36,850.00 from former students, teachers and our School Principal Ms Wu, and the entire amount was donated to the school orchestra... Thank you Paulinians for your generosity! AA President Connie Kwok and Treasurer Marianna Wong presented the donation from Starlight Concert '07 to the SPSS Orchestra on **St. Paul's Feast Day**, held on June, 30, 2008.

Alma Mater connection:

Mrs Alice Fung (Ms Alice Chow), who has been our school representative to the Executive Committee of SPAA for many years concluded her last term in 2008. Alice has taught Physical Education (PE) at SPSS for the past 20 odd years has decided to take an early retirement.

Held on Saturday, 6 July, 08, **Paulinian Sparkle '08** was a successful variety-show co-organized by the Parent-Teacher-Association (PTA). The enjoyable and impressive performance included drama, dancing, Chinese martial art, and verse speaking. How could a show like this to be complete without the SPSS Orchestra? Their Grease medley almost sent the audience dancing! The highly entertaining show did not only showcase the many talents of the current SPSS students, but also doubled as a fund raiser. A sum of \$100,000.00 was raised from the PTA, SPSSAA and Ms Wu, the School Principal.

Additionally, a brief **survey** was conducted with over 100 F.5 students in order to gain a better understanding on how AA can remain relevant to them. The top three motivating reasons for them to join AA are:

- a) Sense of belonging to St. Paul's;
- b) Interest in activities & functions organized by the School;
- c) Seeking advice & counsel from the School regarding tertiary education and future careers.

AA will take note of these motivations in planning future activities to encourage membership enrollment. To start off, a pilot scheme of a **Mentorship Program** is being put together. If you are interested in learning more about this pilot scheme, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Executive Members listed on the left Panel.

AA President Connie Kwok and Secretary Winnie Wong joined **SPSS Christmas Lunch** on Thursday December, 12, 2007. They presented to the sisters of St. Paul de Chartres a huge fruit basket.

President Connie Kwok, Secretary Winnie Wong, Treasurer Marianna Wong and Stella Wong attended the **SPSS Speech Day** on November 22, 2007. Connie arranged floral tribute.



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Get Involved!

The SPSS AA is always looking for volunteers. It's a great way to reconnect with your (sometimes long-lost) high school friends, expand your personal and professional network, give back to the school and, last but not least, have some fun! Stay connected with your schoolmates and alma mater! Visit our website at www.spss.edu.hk/aa or email us at spaa@spss.edu.hk!

Membership Update:

For better communication, please provide us a way to contact you. For any change of contact information, please click the following to download the form. <http://www.spss.edu.hk/people/psa/membershipform07.doc>, or simply email the changes to spaa@spss.edu.hk.