Class of 1980 Anniversary

The Class of 1980 gathered for a reunion in November 2015 for their 35th Anniversary. Over 50 classmates including ones from United States, New Zealand and Japan came to Hong Kong for the occasion. Our activities started with a tour of the school campus where the highlight was a tea appreciation class in the Chinese Culture Room. This was only made possible, courtesy of Miss Ma, our favourite Chinese teacher, who had devised the program for DGJS. Between the laughs, we are very grateful to Miss Ma and the school for creating this special experience for us. Our celebration continued with a dinner and slideshow at the KCC, and a scenic walk with a boating trip in Lantau the following day. With the money left over from dinner, our class donated a collection of items needed in the DOGA room. Overall, the gathering was a big success and we look forward to planning our 40th Anniversary reunion!

25th Reunion of Class of 1990

On 19th December 2015, some 40 of us gathered together at the Kowloon Cricket Club to celebrate the 25th reunion of Class of 1990. We were very honored to have our teachers joining us: Mrs Yeung, Mrs Watt, Mrs Cheung, Miss Chin (now Mrs Chan) and Miss Li, (now Mrs L Fung) from our primary school years at DGJS, and Mrs Hui and Mrs Chui from our senior school years. It was both amazing and overwhelming to see so many familiar faces, it felt just like yesterday that we had graduated from school. Not only did we have lovely cakes and decorations to celebrate our reunion, we played DGS trivia and answered questions such as “what was the first dish you made at cookery lesson in DGS?” and everyone had a blast out of answering those questions! The highlight of our gathering was a slide show of photos we had gathered during our years at DGS! It was so much fun trying to identify ourselves in old photos. In many ways we have all changed so much, but in one way, we haven’t – as “once a DGS girl, always a DGS girl”.

Membership Sub-Committee Events

On 5th December 2015, we kicked off the 10th Mentorship Programme with encouraging response of 48 mentee and 36 mentor applications. “Legal”, “Investment Banking” and “Medicine” sectors continued to be the most popular interest groups. In addition, alumnae in the medical field leveraged on the Mentorship Kick-off Meeting to convene in discussion about career planning, work environment, training opportunities and attachment arrangement.

In March 2016, 150 students attended our S6 Talk to encourage them to stay connected with DGS after graduation through DOGA. They enjoyed the sharing made by old girls about the support and experience they receive from DOGA through programmes like university support groups and mentorship.

On 9th April 2016, we hosted our Annual Tea Gathering for new members, class reps, mentors, mentees, and senior committee members of the DOGA. It was an intimate gathering with many members returning to the family after years of posting outside of Hong Kong!

DOGA Old Girls Inter-house Netball Tournament

Sports Sub-Committee

The annual event was held successfully on 27th February with participation from more than 50 DOGA players. There were a number of tight games with very close scores this year. Sawyer reclaimed the championship which they lost to Hurrell in 2015. Hurrell came second and Symons secured third place.
Community Services Activities
Community Services Sub-Committee

In October 2015, DOGA members went 'behind the scene' at the Hong Kong Committee of UNICEF’s office to experience the logistic of their ‘Change for good’ programme. The programme is a collaboration between Cathay Pacific and UNICEF. Small change were donated by travellers to fund UNICEF’s projects in over 150 different countries around the world, helping underprivileged women and children. We sorted coins and notes by countries, denominations and stacked them into bags. This service provided a wonderful opportunity for us to play our part in serving those in need.

About 50 participants, including alumnae and their families, took part in Playright Flag Day on 21st November 2015.

15 alumnae paid a heart-warming Christmas Nursing Home visit to Lok Sin Tong Hoi Wang Road Nursing Home. We sang Christmas carols, played games and gave presents to the elderly there.

Art Club Spring Workshop
Art Club

On 19th March, we hosted a fun workshop for making quilled candle holders with colourful paper strips. Parents patiently rolled rainbow colour strips into teardrops, circles, diamonds and heart shapes, and the children carefully assembled the shapes to form flowers, insects and patterns for decorating their candle holders. Everyone was amazed by the stunning and colourful patterns created around their candle holders.

It was a rewarding Easter Service Project with DGS Citizens Club on 29th March at the Henry G Leong Yau Ma Tei Community Centre. Over 30 ethnic minority children of 6-12 years old joined us in a series of Easter related games which stimulated creativity and teamwork. This service project clearly demonstrated that community service continues well beyond leaving DGS.
Latin Dance Class
Social Sub-Committee

If you had thought about signing up for this class but didn’t, you really missed out. On International Day of Dance (29th April 2016), for two hours, we danced to romantic Latin American music under the superb instruction of professional dancers Ivailo and Alyona. This charming couple are registered with the World Dance Council and are winners at world-class Latin American Dance Championships. Not only were they smooth, exciting dancers, they were also patient and humorous instructors who made us dance the salsa and the cha-cha without becoming too self-conscious about every move we made. After all, it was the sheer fun and the great beat of music at the state-of-the-art dance studio that made this a great experience.

Congratulations

Dr. Vivian Wing-Wah Yam from the Class of 1980 is one of the “Leader of the Year” 2015 award winners. This annual event is organised by Sing Tao News Corporation Limited to recognise and encourage the achievements of Hong Kong’s finest individuals who have made outstanding contributions towards the SAR’s success and prosperity, linking it to the Greater China and the international community. Vivian is currently a chemistry professor at the University of Hong Kong and has gained international recognition for her academic research.

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Details of the events will be updated periodically. Please visit www.doga.org.hk to obtain the latest information.

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Joining DOGA:
Any old girl of DGS or DGJS (whether resident or abroad) who has completed at least one academic year at DGS or DGJS is eligible to apply for membership of DOGA Ltd. Details of the application can be found at www.doga.org.hk.

Class Reunion Gathering:
Alumnae who are interested in organising their class reunion gathering at the School, please contact DOGA office for further information.