

## 50th Reunion for the Class of 1962

To seize the opportunity to tour the new DGS campus, the class of 1962 returned to Hong Kong for its golden anniversary. From 25th-28th October, 36 of us from three continents gathered at the Pearl of the Orient to commemorate our past, celebrate our present, and continue to co-create good memories for the future.

12 of us first attended the 20th October DOGA Annual Dinner. It was simply exhilarating to dine with over 600 old girls representing 67 generations of DGS alumni. At least half of us from abroad, our class would have won an award if The Most Miles Travelled were a category.

Our class reunion was a time for nostalgia. Whether it was banqueting in grand style on top of the i-Square where the old Hyatt Hotel used to stand; sharing a vegetarian meal in the serene Chi Lin Nunnery at no-longer-so-remote Diamond Hill; strolling around the Peak from which one can no longer see much of the sea; remembering the eight of us who have left this world; or visiting the food and heritage museums in which the Hong Kong we grew up in is now on permanent display - every activity brought back precious memories. Thank you, Organising Committee.

It was a time for appreciation. We were treated to special conducted tours of the new, state-of-the-art campus, and received in the DOGA Room a personal welcome from Headmistress Mrs. Stella Lau. To "give back" to the School that has so wonderfully shaped us, our class is actively engaged in a fundraising project with a goal of 100% participation.

Most of all, the reunion was a time for reconnecting. Although it was the first time some of us have seen one another in five decades, it took no time to get reacquainted. It was like yesterday as if time had stood still and instantly we were back to our former, carefree selves, laughing until our sides hurt and singing our hearts out.

Our class has kept in close touch as a group for exactly ten years, having tracked down all but a handful of our 90 classmates, held four formal reunions to date, published our own mini biographies entitled, "Outstanding Women; Extraordinary Lives," compiled our own songbook comprising of our favorites old and new, and recorded our collective DGS memories. Whether calling this phase of our life "sunset" (albeit a splendid one) or "the dawn of the third stage," we all have desired and striven for lives that are well lived. 50 years later, we are no longer merely former classmates but lifelong friends who have been with one another through life's ups and downs and who can truly claim that we have learned to "rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep."

We are honoured to have become those "who have gone before." We are privileged to have been part of the DGS tradition. We are and will be forever grateful for the DGS legacy, which has molded us into the healthy, strong women we are today.



Tour of the new DGS campus



Reunion dinner at Chi Lin Nunnery in Hong Kong



# Those Good Old Days (Part II)

We hope you enjoyed reading in our last issue some questions about school life and answers from old girls of different eras. Below are some more interesting responses on other questions. Happy reminiscence!!

*(These series of questions will be continued in the next few issues of the Kaleidoscope).*

## Q: What games did you play during break time?

### 1950s

"We only had time for snacks, did not really play any games." (Hester Tan '58)

"Netball. In order to 'save' the court for breaks, one of us would climb out the window onto the court. From 2A classroom was the corner room on the site of where the chapel was built with the new building in 1960." (Anonymous)

### 1960s

"We played who can spit the furthest!!" (Anonymous)

### 1970s

"I seldom played any games during break time. I used to chit-chat with my classmates." (Bernadette Liu '76)

"Jumping on the elastic (rubber band) rope, playing on the swing and netball in junior school, a variety of things including school work such as projects, comparing notes, chatting etc. in senior school." (Lily Wong '76)

"We seldom played games, usually chatted with classmates or spent time in the library." (Hazel Lui '76)

### 1980s

"I remember playing 十字架豆腐 and 狐狸小姐幾多點 in primary school." (Anonymous)

"Hopscotch." (Mabel Ng '86)

"Touching the yellow poles at the DGJS Garden." (Anonymous)

### 1990s

"I was only here in secondary school, so we didn't really play games anymore. We're often busy preparing for events, working on projects and rehearsing during non-class time." (Michelle Kwock '94)

"Hopscotch with bean bags." (Adeline Cheng '91)

"Playing 'tag' at the columns." (Anonymous)

### 2000s

"In DGJS, we used to play 'British Bulldog 1 2 3' and '1 2 3 Traffic Lights'. In Senior School, we seldom played games. We just visited the tuck shop and chatted with friends." (Junes Shek '06)

## Q: What kind of snacks did you buy from the tuck shop during break time?

### 1930

"I do not remember there being a tuck shop." (Mabel Lim '33)

### 1950s

"There was no tuck shop when I entered school in 1949." (Hester Tan '58)

### 1970s

"Ice popsicle, vegetarian duck gizzet, Vitasoy." (Lily Wong '76)

### 1980s

"Chips and candies; soy sauce chicken wings if I was really hungry. Also, warm Vitasoy milk in glass bottles in the winter." (Anonymous)

"Hot Vitasoy in a bottle." (Anonymous)

### 1990s

"時興辣味卷 and Vitasoy (Malt)." (Michelle Kwock '94)

"Those minced sausages that came in orange tubes – not too flavorsome now that I think of it!" (Adeline Cheng '91)

### 2000s

"Egg sandwich, 童星點心麵, 媽咪麵, 糖癡豆" (Junes Shek '06)

## Q: At lunch time, how did you spend your free time after eating?

### 1930s

"Lunch was provided for by the school and we did not have much time after we ate lunch." (Mable Lim '33)

### 1950s

"My lunch was sent to school by my domestic helper, and after 20 minutes lunch, my friends and I chatted and sometimes we walked the side streets behind DGS." (Hester Tan '58)

"I used to go home for lunch, so there wasn't much free time left afterwards." (Anonymous)

### 1970s

"Catching up with friends, doing projects or revising, depending on the need." (Lily Wong '76)

"Chatting with classmates or studying when there were tests in the afternoon!" (Hazel Lui '76)

### 1980s

"Played games in primary school; a post-lunch stroll around the school's neighborhood in secondary school." (Anonymous)

"Usually swimming training, and at some point, cross country running to RSPCC and back..." (Anonymous)

### 1990s

"I chatted with friends, and we sometimes browsed around shops in the area. One of our favorite stores was Paper and Things. We were quite fascinated by nice stationery at that stage." (Michelle Kwock '94)

"After eating, I would hurry out to shop for 'scratch n' sniff' stickers at Hang Fung Centre in Jordan." (Adeline Cheng '91)

"Running around on the field." (Anonymous)

### 2000s

"Choir practice, attending clubs general meetings, chatting with friends." (Junes Shek '06)

# Activities

## The Art of Children and Family Photography – June 2012

Social Sub-Committee

It is fun to capture precious moments of your children growing up, but it is sometimes difficult to find the perfect shot from thousands of photo files. On 9th June, Dr. Patrick Au presented to our old girls the do's and don'ts in everyday life photo taking. He provided us with a series of skills on how to capture quality instead of quantity. From ideas of what to wear to tips on making it comfortable for children during photo-taking sessions, Dr. Au shared with us his many years of photo-taking experiences with children, families and animals.



Shirley Chan presented a souvenir to our speaker Dr. Patrick Au



DOGA President, Jane Ng, presented medals to winners of the family relay



Ex-DGS Swimming Team members came back for the Summer Splash Party

## Summer Splash Party – July 2012

Sports Sub-Committee

The first Summer Splash Party, jointly organised by DOGA and DGS, was held on 7th July, 2012. Although the number of participants was lower than expected, the feedback received from those who attended was generally positive and encouraging. A total of 36 DOGA members and their immediate family

members participated in the event. There were five relay races and one individual race held. For each race, the champion, first and second runners-up were awarded medals. Participants also had fun in the pool during free pool sessions and enjoyed refreshments at the DOGA place.

## Beach Bag Making Workshop – July 2012

Art Club

To welcome the summer days, old girls and their children gathered on a lovely afternoon and had great fun decorating bags, visors and fans with colors, stickers and shells. We had our imagination run wild with pirates, flips flops, mermaids, princesses and Picasso-themed artwork. Everyone brought home lovely beach bags and accessories.



Fun afternoon at the Beach Bag Making Workshop



Sawyer was the champion in the DOGA Inter-house Netball Tournament

## Interhouse Netball Tournament – May & July 2012

Sports Sub-Committee

The first DOGA Inter-house Netball Tournament was successfully held on 26th May and 14th July, 2012. There were a total of 65 players and 25 spectators at the 2-day event. Congratulations to Sawyer on becoming the champion, Symons and Hurrell as first and second runners-up respectively. Both Skipton and Gibbins played very well too with Skipton being ranked fourth whilst Gibbins fifth this time.



Participants enjoying the lantern-making session

## Lantern Decoration Workshop – September 2012

Art Club

Lantern making, a Chinese tradition that can be traced back to the sixth century, was enjoyed by DOGA members in a Lantern Decoration workshop on 22nd September. More than 50 participants, many of whom were children of DOGA members, shared in the fun of lantern making and decoration with colourful paper cut-outs and stickers. To emphasise the Chinese theme, the Art Club also demonstrated how the traditional folk art Jianzhi (Chinese Paper Cutting) was done, thus making this event an amazing crossover of the timeless Chinese Art and the traditional Chinese celebration!



Shirley Chan, Chairlady of Social Sub-committee, presented a souvenir to Louisa Wong

## Health Advice for Ladies Luncheon Seminar – September 2012

Social Sub-Committee

Following the success of the seminar given by Louisa Wong Tak Yu, registered Chinese medical practitioner (註冊中醫師) on general women's health, the Social Sub-committee endorsed another ladies' luncheon on 27th September. This time, Louisa spoke to 30 attendees on overall women's well-being and ways to combat menopause. The luncheon was very spirited and informative with plenty of demonstrations by Louisa. She shared her knowledge on the various use of Chinese herbs and recipes to stay youthful and healthy, and tips on how to age gracefully.



Best Turnout Class – Class of 1988

## DOGA Annual Dinner – October 2012

Social Sub-Committee

The 2012 DOGA Annual Dinner took place at King's Cuisine in Tsim Sha Tsui on 20th October. With this year's theme of "One Family", a school tour was organised for participating old girls to reunite at the new, state-of-the-art campus. Around 626 girls spanning from class of 1943 – 2006 gathered at the dinner. The Class of 1988 was awarded the Best Turnout Class with a total of 44 girls attending the event. It was a very cheerful evening as old friends reconnected. Many specially designed souvenir items were for sale and 86 lucky draw prize winners were drawn.

## Upcoming Events

16th March 2013	Class Rep & New Members Tea Gathering
April 2013	Art Club Event
May 2013	Netball Sports Festival
June 2013	Art Club Event; DOGA AGM; Dr Symons Scholarship Interview
July 2013	Careers Talk
September 2013	Art Club Event
October 2013	DOGA Annual Dinner
December 2013	Art Club Event; Careers Talk; DGS Mini-Bazaar

Details of the events will be updated periodically. Please visit [www.doga.org.hk](http://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](http://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.