

60th Reunion of Class of 1959

On 17th October 2019, 16 old girls with five of our spouses gathered for a 60th class reunion dinner. Some of us came all the way from Australia, the UK and the US. It was an occasion that almost didn't happen due to the recent safety concerns in Hong Kong. However, where there's a will, there's a way, and it is possible to realize our dream of getting together as a class, perhaps for the very last time.

As a prelude to our reunion, seven of us took a trip to Myanmar. We sampled Burmese food, experienced riding in horse-drawn carts and sailed on the Irrawaddy River. Not wanting to let the fun cease, with the addition of four more classmates, we continued our journey to Macau where we laughed and bonded amidst the tourist sites. Both were unforgettable trips of a lifetime.

With excitement, on 18th October we visited the new DGS campus where we met with headmistress Mrs. Stella Lau, attended morning assembly and sang the all too familiar hymns of bygone years. We also visited the classroom where a plaque is displayed showing our donation for the furniture and equipment. These precious memories were all captured eagerly in many group photos that were taken. The new campus has everything one would expect from one of the most prestigious schools in Hong Kong. However, we were filled with nostalgia for classrooms that were not air-conditioned, for the never-ending stairwells that we had to climb, for the archaic rules that we had to follow, for the good old days gone by. We remember them all, with the fondest of memories.



How different is the assembly hall compared to the one during our time, but the hymns and our love for the School remain the same.

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Our alma mater



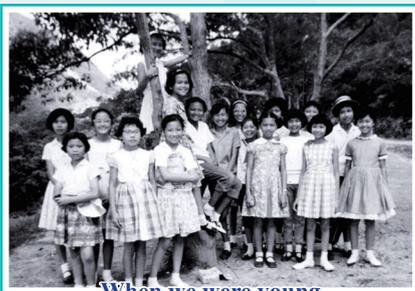
Our 60th reunion dinner at Royal Plaza Restaurant

50th Reunion of Class of 1969

Try imagining what it's like for a gathering of five friends who have not gotten together for five decades. Boisterous, right? Now, grow that tenfold, and imagine the cacophony in the room, where 50 women who had not reconnected since their high school graduation reunited. You would wonder how the very brave husbands who also came felt!!

We had five fun days. The reunion itinerary included a nostalgic walk through our alma mater with a Thanksgiving Service in the Chapel. The visit to the Tsz Shan Monastery left us intensely moved by its serenity and beauty, not to forget the professionalism and dedication of the volunteers who showed us around. A trek on a beautiful day in Lamma Island brought back memories of those distant picnic days. Food was the main focus of course, but we also reminisced about all the huge musical and drama productions that we staged. Of course, a topic we never got tired of was the pranks we played on our teacher "victims".

Those days at DGS were part and parcel of our formative years, and it is heartwarming to know that we have not forgotten our Jordan Road family, that what we are today is because of what Our Lord has dowered us.



When we were young



50th Reunion of Class of 1969



Visit to the Tsz Shan Monastery



Visit to the School's new campus

25th Reunion of Class of 1994

The 25th reunion dinner of the Class of 1994 was held at the Garden Marquee at the United Services Recreation Club on 24th August 2019. The special evening was marked by much laughter, sharing of countless fond memories from primary and secondary school, and rekindling of old friendships. A total of 58 old girls and 13 teachers attended, including several of our friends living overseas who especially timed their summer trip to Hong Kong for this occasion. We celebrated this landmark anniversary with bespoke cupcakes, a lucky draw, and custom-made photo booth speech bubbles with heartfelt quotes including "Once a DGS girl, always a DGS girl," "25 and fabulous," and "We look much better now!" The greatest cause for celebration was, of course, our enduring friendships and sisterhood throughout the years.

As a class, we made a donation to three charities that our classmates are involved in: the Victorian Childhood Hearing Impairment Longitudinal Databank (VicChild), which conducts research on childhood hearing impairment in Australia (founded by Valerie Sung from our class); BEYOND Foundation Hong Kong, which helps children with special needs get equipment and therapy and promotes inclusion (where Janet Pau from our class is CEO); and New Sight Congo, which restores and protects sight for people in the Republic of the Congo (founded by Joyce Samoutou-Wong, Class of 1993).



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Lok Fu Care Home Visit

On 26th October 2019, more than 15 old girls from the DOGA Community Service Sub-committee visited the Helping Hand Hong Kong Bank Foundation Lok Fu Care Home. Many also brought their husbands and children along to support. We played fun games with the elderly, such as celebrity bingo, guessing oldies, and passing out Chinese blessing stickers. It was heartwarming to see the elderly being so engaged and singing along to the classic oldies. The children also performed the popular song "Baby Shark", concluding the visit on a high note!



Baby sharks!



Having a fun time with the elderly



Volunteers-in-action

Mango Dome Cake Baking Workshops

On 6th July and 3rd August 2019, the Social Sub-committee organised two Mango Dome Cake Baking Workshops with Mr. Alfred Cheung, a renowned pastry chef and former Head Chef of Excelsior. Members had a fun time baking and learning special pastry techniques from Mr. Cheung. They had the opportunity to exercise their artistic skills in making decorative roses using mango slices. Everyone had a fruitful day and took home their own special, delicious and appealing mango dome cake.



DOGA Netball Team Update

The DOGA netball team achieved encouraging results in the last season, securing nine consecutive wins and qualifying to play in the finals series. After an exciting semi-finals game with a close score of 30:35, the team finished as second runner-up of the division. A new season for the LCSD Hong Kong Netball League has commenced in October 2019, where the team is playing under the name "DGS Alumni Netball Team". With last season's outstanding results, the team is promoted into the next higher division, playing against more competitive opponents. The team recently gained their first win of the new season with a score of 19:14.



Decoupage Wallet Workshop

A number of old girls and their families gathered at DGS on 29th June 2019 to attend a workshop for creating their own unique wallets. Everyone selected their favourite pattern from a collection of beautiful tissue paper. They patiently wrapped the paper onto the wallets with special glue, then let the wallets dry carefully using low heat. The finished products were simply amazing and beautiful!



University Fair 2019

The inaugural University Fair was held successfully by the school on 29th June 2019 in the Assembly Hall. Around 100 DGS alumnae, who were current students or recent graduates from universities in Hong Kong and around the world (e.g. Australia, Canada, China, New Zealand, Switzerland, UK and USA), attended the event to guide and mentor the younger girls. As the young students mingled with DGS graduates, they were able to learn about the different university options, search and identify courses that would lead to various career paths, and gather tips on submitting university applications.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

The Diocesan Graduate Singers participated in this meaningful event again at All Saints' Cathedral on 15th December 2019. We shared through music the wonderful story of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Over 28 choir members performed a number of melodious pieces under candlelight, including "A Festive Noel" and "All on a Silent Night," conducted by Mrs. Christina Chiang and accompanied by Ms. Janet Un.



Congratulations

DOGA is happy to announce that Helen Yeung has been awarded the Dr. CJ Symons Scholarship for 2019. The scholarship, which amounts to HK\$160,000, will go towards her study at the University of Pennsylvania on a dual degree programme in Bachelor of Science in Economics and Bachelor of Engineering. Congratulations and we wish Helen every success in her future endeavours.



Upcoming Events

February	Mentoring Programme Kick-off (Feb 8); Inter-house Netball Tournament (Feb 15)
March	Art Club Needle Felted Animals Workshop (Mar 7); Tea Gathering with Former Teachers (Mar 21); Introduction of DOGA to G6 Graduates; Inter-house Basketball Competition; Social Sub-committee Event
May	Art Club Mother's Day Event (May 9); DOGA Netball Team in Festival of Sports; Social Sub-committee Event
June	Art Club Summer Event (June 27); Dr Symons Scholarship Selection; DOGA AGM; DGS Career Fair; Visit to S6 Graduation Dinner; Community Chest Dumplings Making; Interhouse Basketball Tournament; Finance Group Gathering

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.