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Hong Kong SAR 20th Anniversary



Group photo taken during the Hong Kong SAR 20th Anniversary Celebration by HKETO

Summer Walk and Lunch

We held our summer gathering in Oakland. Over a dozen of our alumni took a stroll on the bank of Lake Merritt on a clear sunny day in July. After an hour of walking, bird watching and chatting, we all went to have a nice and delicious lunch at Peony Seafood Restaurant in Chinatown where we were met by a few more alumni. We also ran into Bill Mok whom we had not seen for years. Bill is now an adjunct professor at Rice University.



Group at the Lake Merritt Pagoda



Lunch at Peony Restaurant



Beautiful views of peaceful Lake Merritt



Hong Kong Film Festival

Our association board members were invited by the Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office (San Francisco) to attend the screening of the Hong Kong Film “Our Time Will Come” directed by alumna Ann Hui. The story took place in 1941. Hong Kong was under Japanese occupation. The anti-Japanese Dongjiang guerilla unit was tasked with rescuing cultural figures and extracting them from the besieged city. Primary school teacher, Fang Lan (Zhou Xun) and her mother were trying to live out the difficult period in a small run-down flat in Wanchai. After the schools were shut down, Lan unwittingly found herself embroiled in the guerillas’ mission to save novelist Mao Dun. In the process, she met Blackie Lau (Eddie Peng), the intrepid sharpshooter captain of the guerillas’ Urban and Firearms unit. Taking notice of Lan’s calm, intelligent nature, Blackie recruited her to join the guerillas. Worried for her daughter’s safety, Lan’s mother volunteered to take Lan’s place as a courier, only to be arrested on the job. To save her mother,



Lan was forced to turn to a friend, who now worked for the Japanese... Director Hui was not present at the reception but we got to meet one of the producers, Roger Lee.



HKU group at the reception



Small group gathering at reception



Alumnus Philip Wong with Producer Lee



Visit by overseas alumni

The San Francisco Bay Area is a popular location for visitors both local and overseas especially during the summer months. We welcomed the visit of two alumni Dr. Meng Aun Lim and his wife Shirley (Ip) from Australia recently. They were both St. Johnians and the husband was Shu-Wing Chan's classmate. It was a small St. Johnian reunion.

Alumni groups in North America

There a total of nine HKU alumni organizations in North America. In Canada, there are the British Columbia and Ontario associations. In the United States, there are the Washington State, Northern California, Southern California, Central United States, New England, New York and Washington D.C. associations/networks. The photo below was taken in a recent picnic of the Central U.S.A. Network. Larry Ng plans to re-establish connection with the New York alumni when he visits that area in November.



Alumnus Sam Hui's Concert

Alumnus Sam Hui (Soc. Sc. 1972) is a very famous song writer and singer in Hong Kong. He is a Riccian. He is known as "God of Song". His best known songs include "From the Heart of Loafer" and "The Last Message". He also wrote "Brighten Me with Virtues" to celebrate the 100th anniversary of his alma mater. Recently, he came to Oakland to hold a charity concert to benefit the non-profit organization Family Bridges, Inc. of which alumnus Arden Kwan is the current board president. It was an extremely successful event especially since he invited his two sons, Ryan and Scott, and the daughter of the late Bruce Lee, Shannon, to join him as guest artists.



Ed Chan and Larry Ng at the concert



Alumnus Arden Kwan (1st from right) presented plaques to charity king and queen



Sam Hui with Shannon Lee



Medical Faculty News

Many of our medical graduates were saddened by the news of the passing of Professor Sir David Todd. He was one of the most beloved teachers in recent years. His memorial service was held at Lok Yew Hall on October 2, 2017. A video of the event can be view at the following web link: http://fmis.hku.hk/vod/vs20000/2017/2017-10-02_Memorial.mp4. Donation in memory of him can be made to the Paul & Margaret Scholarship through Friends of the University of Hong Kong.

Winter Event

Our next gathering will be a winter banquet on December 2, 2017 at China Village Restaurant, Belmont. Alumna Ada Poon, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering at Stanford University, will give a presentation on "Electronic Medicine". Please watch out for the flyer about the event. Happy Holidays!