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Editor's Note – UNLESS

It's Christmas season again! Amidst all the year-end preparations with special gatherings to plan, meals to prepare, and presents to buy, it is important to be reminded once again that Christmas is really simply about a gift – in fact, the Gift! The Bible tells us that Jesus – Who is God Himself – did not hold on possessively to His heavenly position, but came to us in the form of a man in order to give His life as a ransom for many.

This is the time of the year when we celebrate the birth of the Christ-child, and we remember that Jesus was born with a mission – to die for our sins! He tells us in His Word that He came in order that we might have abundant and eternal life! God knew that *unless* He intervened, we would be forever separated from Him and His loving purposes for our lives. *Unless* He paid the penalty for our sins, we would have no hope of salvation. *Unless* He shed his own blood and died for us, there would be no forgiveness of sins. *Unless*.

As followers of Jesus, we are invited to reflect that very same love that held Him on the cross for our sakes. And when we choose to let the light of His love shine in us for Him, He promises to draw all men to Himself through us! As the YWCA, we are also invited to hold forth His light together! And we know that His light is best displayed in the way we live out the abundant life that we experience because of Him! Some people call it "lifestyle evangelism". I just call it "*living the life!*" In this issue, you will read reports and articles that point out ways for us to live out the abundant life, neatly captured in the acronym, *UNLESS*.

Undergirding. Flag Day 2007 successfully raised the targeted amount of funds – and beyond – which will in turn provide the resources we need to undergird or support our various programs and services.

Nurturing. Read about how our Nursery and Kindergarten programs are nurturing young children and graduating them to the next chapter of their life development.

Learning over a lifetime. How exciting that we had the privilege of participating in the recent international seminar on Child Care! We were also able to play host to some international guests with whom we exchanged ideas and insights in the spirit of lifelong learning.

Enjoying life together. Desaru anyone? Read about how some of us took the opportunity to enjoy time away together! From fruit trees to chili crab to "sweet" lectures – read about how we lived it up and had fun together!

YWCA Flag Day 2007

The YWCA Flag Day 2007 was held on 6 October 2007. About 300 staff and volunteers rendered their valuable support in this event, walking tirelessly and enthusiastically along the streets, humbly asking passerbys for donations in order to raise funds to finance the YWCA's ongoing community projects.

There were altogether 6 different collection centres, namely:

1. YWCA, Fort Canning Lodge, Fort Canning (Command Centre)
2. NTUC Fairprice, Clementi Avenue 3
3. Ang Mo Kio Hub, Ang Mo Kio Avenue 8
4. Bishan Junction 8, Bishan Place
5. Parco Bugis Junction, Victoria Street
6. Tampines Mall, Tampines Central

These collection centers were manned by the Executive Director and the Board Members of YWCA. Staff and volunteers alike worked alongside each other and raised more than the targeted amount of funds. All praise and glory to God, our Provider!

By God's grace, the YWCA of Singapore will continue to serve the community and embrace our motto: "By love, serve one another..."

Skills. Knowing how to put out a fire can be as important a skill as knowing how to start one! Read more about it inside.

Serving others. Service resonates with the very heart of the YWCA! Even if it involves planning a Children's Day party for our little ones, we strive to make life better for those under our care.

So how can the community at large see the light of Christ in us, *UNLESS* we undergird the YWCA through our giving, *nurture* our young ones as they grow right under our noses, choose to continue *learning* and improving ourselves, *enjoy* life together, develop new *skills*, and *serve* one another?

This Christmas, let's make sure that the light of our Lord shines bright and clear through us!

Happy birthday, Lord Jesus!

Janet Tan, Editor

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"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven."
(Matthew 5: 16)

Fire Safety Talk

On 17 October 2007, the Programme (Seniors) Committee invited the Singapore Civil Defence Team from Division 1 to give a Fire Safety Talk cum Demonstration for members. The informative talk was made more interesting by the engaging and animated presenter. Participants were given useful tips and information on what to do in such situations as when a fire breaks out and also when the clothes you are wearing catch fire. After the talk, the participants were given a live demonstration on how to use a fire extinguisher to put out a fire. There was also an opportunity for hands-on practice as the participants tried their hand at using the fire extinguisher.

It was indeed a useful session and we would like to thank the team from Division 1 of the Singapore Civil Defence for taking the time to share with us valuable information on fire safety.



A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. (Proverbs 17: 22)

Exchange programme between the Hong Kong YWCA and the YWCA of Singapore

- Christine Teo (Youth Volunteer) -



In the early morning of 25 October 2007, a contingent from the YWCA of Singapore consisting of board members, volunteers and staff gathered at the Singapore Changi International Airport. They were there to catch the flight to Hong Kong to participate in a 4 days 3 nights exchange programme with the Hong Kong YWCA.

After a 4-hour flight, the contingent finally arrived at the Hong Kong International Airport and was received by Ms Fiona Yuen and Ms Kanis Chu, staff from the Membership Affairs Department of the Hong Kong YWCA. The journey to the hotel via coach took about an hour. Upon arrival at the Garden View – YWCA, we were all warmly welcomed by the General Manager of the hotel, Mr Fred Leung, and other staff at the hotel. After getting the keys to our rooms, we all took the opportunity to relax and freshen up before gathering at the Conference Room of the Garden View – YWCA for a sharing session between the two YWCAs.

The sharing session opened with an opening address and welcome speech by Mrs Mona Leong, 1st Vice President of the Hong Kong YWCA. This was followed by a speech by Ms Tan Kee Leng, President of the YWCA of Singapore. After their speeches, both YWCAs then shared on their respective programmes and services that were available as well as their outlook for the future. There was also a question-and-answer session where questions were raised by members from both YWCAs to find out more about each other's work.

The Hong Kong YWCA also hosted a Welcome Dinner for us. Prior to dinner, one of our board members, Mrs Catherine Chan, together with our other ladies, led in a line dance session. The board members and staff from the Hong Kong YWCA also gamely joined in the dance and did a wonderful job following along the dance steps even though it was the first time for many of them. That night, everyone let their hair down and had a fun time dancing away. There was also a presentation of gifts by each association by Mrs Mona Leung and Ms Tan Kee Leng, as well as an

exchange of souvenirs. A group photo was later taken for remembrance.

Dinner consisted of a sumptuous spread of authentic Shanghai Cuisine. Everyone was famished after the long eventful day and tucked heartily into the delicious food. We all had a good time fellowshiping and bonding with one another over the dinner table.

The second day in Hong Kong was yet another full day for us, with visits arranged to five service units from different districts in Hong Kong. Our first stop was to the Ming Yue District Elderly Community Centre. Some of the elderly who join in the centre's activities to keep themselves active live just upstairs from the centre. The centre offers a wide variety of activities for the elderly such as computer graphics classes where the elderly can pick up some skills on designing greeting cards and also simple exercises to keep the elderly fit and healthy. The centre also provides nutritious meals for the elderly. Meals are also delivered to the homes of the weak and frail elderly, who are unable to come down to the centre.

The second stop was a visit to the Western District Integrated Social Service Centre. Before and after school care services for children and youths, youth summer programmes, counseling and supportive services are among the many services offered by the centre. After the first two stops, we then traveled to Yau Yat Chuen for lunch at the Yau Yat Chuen Club House.

After lunch, we adjourned to the third stop - Women's Affairs Department. This centre provides counseling and help to the women and family who are in need, such as divorce cases or family abuse. Finally, our last stop was to the Continuing Education Department. This centre provides skills retraining and employment services for the unemployed as well as training and upgrading of skills for the currently employed. It also conducts diploma courses and pre-associate degree programmes.

This trip although short proved to be a fruitful and wonderful learning experience for all of us. We saw how the wide range of services provided by the Hong Kong YWCA for the young and the old in their community helped to improve their quality of life in society. We were also impressed by the level of support provided by the government of Hong Kong towards the work of these non-profit organisations.

Indeed, as a youth volunteer, I am glad that I had the opportunity to participate in this exchange programme organised by the YWCA of Singapore. I have indeed gained valuable insight from this trip having been exposed to another culture and I look forward to participating in future exchange programmes organised by the YWCA of Singapore.

one DAY TRIP to DESARU

In September, the YWCA organised a one day trip to Desaru for members and non-members. There was an overwhelming response where 80 people signed up for this trip. On the bright, early morning of 15 September 2007, the enthusiastic and excited daytrippers gathered at the meeting point at YWCA Outram Centre before setting off in two full coaches. The weather was good and the skies were clear as the coaches set off for Desaru. The entire journey was smooth and the happy spirits of the participants were not dampened by the occasional drizzle along the way.

The first place of visit was the Desaru Fruit Farm where there was a talk on the useful and beneficial properties of honey. The trippers were also given a tour of the huge farm where they saw a wide variety of tropical fruits and vegetables planted in the farm. There was also a Mini Zoo that was home to many animals such as goats, hens,

ostriches, peacocks, rabbits and turtles. After touring the farm, everyone was famished and ready for lunch, which comprised of a sumptuous spread of mouth watering dishes such as crabs, herbal chicken, lobsters and oyster omelettes.

Following lunch, the trippers continued on their journey to the famous Ostrich farm in Desaru where they could feed the ostriches and even ride on them. The final programme on the itinerary before dinner was also the most anticipated one - shopping at the huge Jaya Jusco Shopping Mall where everyone shopped to their hearts' content! After a very fruitful shopping trip, the group enjoyed dinner together before departing for Singapore. At the end of the trip, although everyone was tired but they enjoyed each other's company and had a fun time eating, sightseeing and shopping.

We thank God for protecting the daytrippers and keeping them safe throughout the trip!



Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interest of others. (Philippians 2: 3 - 4)

Accommodation facilities available at the Hong Kong YWCA (The Garden View - YWCA)

The Garden View - YWCA, is located in the prestigious Mid-levels residential area in Hong Kong Island. The hotel, uniquely shaped like a cylinder, is situated on the hilltop and is easily accessible by public transport. The Garden View - YWCA is also just a stone's throw away from Hong Kong's business and financial district, trendy fashion malls and designer boutiques as well as the Peak Tram Station, where you can catch a tram right up to the popular tourist spot, the Victoria Peak. In addition, the hotel is tucked in between the Hong Kong Zoological Gardens and the Botanical Gardens, allowing hotel guests an avenue of escape from the hustle and bustle of the city life, soaking in nature while relaxing and unwinding in its surrounding beauty.

Inside the Garden View - YWCA, the hotel lobby is impressive looking and nicely furnished. The rooms are small and irregularly shaped, but the excellent use of space and the well-designed and furnished rooms give a cosy and homely feel. All rooms also overlook the city and offer guests a spectacular panoramic view of the Botanical Gardens and the Victoria Harbour. For the fitness buffs, the hotel is also well equipped with a fitness gymnasium and a swimming pool.

Indeed, the Garden View - YWCA is the ideal choice of accommodation for those who would like to experience both the vibrant city life as well as the serenity of nature.

For more information on the Garden View - YWCA or other accommodation facilities of Hong Kong YWCA, please check out the website: <http://hotel.ywca.org.hk/>



HISTORY OF THE YWCA - DID YOU KNOW ...

... in 1913, in response to the growing needs of the working class girls in Singapore, the YWCA leased a site in Raffles Quay and operated a restaurant to cater to their needs as well as to provide them with a quiet place to relax and unwind, away from the hustle and bustle of the hectic city life. It was at this Raffles Quay Centre that an Employment Bureau and a Travellers' Aid Bureau was set up to provide assistance to young foreign women seeking employment in Singapore and also helping them settle down in a foreign land.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Renewal of YWCA Membership for Year 2008

We wish to remind all our members to renew their YWCA membership for 2008 by **31 December 2007**. Enclosed with this issue of YWLink is the **Membership Renewal Form**. Please mail the completed form along with a cheque made payable to 'YWCA' to the following address: **YWCA National Office, 254 Outram Road, Singapore 169051**. For further enquiries, please contact Ms Karen Chay at 6-2231227.

New Membership Perks and Privileges

We have added 2 more membership privileges for our valued members:

- Tecman Holdings Pte Ltd - 231 Bain Street, #04-47 Bras Basah Complex
 - 50% discount off the membership fees for a 1 year Tecman Privilege Card, which entitles the cardholder to a 10% discount storewide (except promotional items)
- Minori Dining & Sake Bar - 81 Clemenceau Avenue, #03-15/16, UE Square (Shopping Mall)
 - Free fruit juice or soft drink for every buffet ordered

Do remember to constantly check our website www.ywca.org.sg for an updated list of membership perks and privileges!

Wanted: Volunteers for YWCA Flag Day 2008

The YWCA will be having her Flag Day on **Saturday, 15 March 2008**. The proceeds raised from the Flag Day will be used to finance the Association's various community and welfare services like the Adult Day Care Centre, Meals-on-Wheels for Elderly, Meals-on-Wheels for Children, the ten Child Development Centres and one Kindergarten, Kids' Club, and Family Link. This Flag Day would help us to raise the much needed funds to continue to provide services to the less fortunate in our community.

We need volunteers to avail themselves and help YWCA sell flags on 15 March 2008. For more information, please call Mr Steven Boey at 6-2231227.

Directory of YWCA hostels/lodges worldwide

We are pleased to inform you that we have compiled a directory listing of various YWCA hostels/lodges located worldwide which you may like to put up at when traveling overseas. This information is also available on our website www.ywca.org.sg. Do check out our website constantly for an updated list of the hostels/lodges. For more information on the room rates and facilities, please contact the respective hostels directly.

YWCA Directory

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HR Announcements

Welcome New Staff

The YWCA is pleased to welcome new staff joining the team. We welcome Steven Boey Tien Wah as Coordinator (Fund Raising) at NOF, Magdalene Sim Hui Beng as Part Time Teacher at Bedok CDC, Claudine Nalpon as Part Time Assistant Teacher at Bukit Gombak CDC, Shaninder Kaur as Full Time Teacher at Jurong East CDC, Lee Oi Lin as Office Secretary at Jurong East CDC, Chan Choy Kin as Part Time Attendant at McNair CDC, Chin Siew Li as Full Time Teacher at McNair CDC, New Khim Eng as Full Time Cook at Outram CDC and Li Min as Full Time Teacher at West Coast CDC.

At Fort Canning Lodge, we welcome Ringo Chan as Head Chef, Irwan Bin Suraji as Duty Manager, Elangeiswaran a/l Veloo as Technician, Connie Yip Sock Chun as Housekeeping Supervisor, Wai Chee How as Cook, Bavani Krasnansamy as Guest Relations Assistant, Salinah Bte Salleh as Room Attendant and Bahrawi Bin Assad as House Officer.

Joy Talk – Lunchtime Fellowship

Date : 28 January 2008
25 February 2008
Time : 12.20pm – 1.30pm
Venue : YWCA Fort Canning Lodge, Quiet Room (Level 2)
Fee : FOC

Bible Study (For Ladies)

Date : Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday
Time : 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Venue : YWCA Outram Centre
Fee : FOC

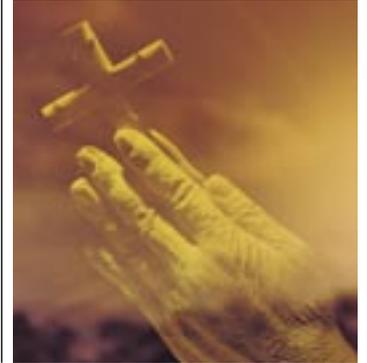


Volunteer's Lounge

Date : Daily, except Sundays
Time : Mon - Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm, Sat 9.00am - 1.00pm
Venue : YWCA Outram Centre
Fee : FOC (Coffee/Tea provided)

Golden Y Fellowship

Date : Every Monday
Time : 10.30am - 1.00pm
Venue : YWCA Outram Centre
Fee : \$4 (Home-Cooked Lunch)



Line Dancing – Senior Citizens

(4 Lessons Per Module)
Date : Every Friday
Time : 10.30am – 12.00pm
Venue : YWCA Outram Centre, Dance Studio
Fee : \$28 (Member); \$33 (Non-Member)

Swimming For Ladies - Beginners

(8 Sessions Per Module)
Date : Every Tuesday OR Every Thursday
Time : 6.45pm - 7.30pm
Venue : YWCA Fort Canning Lodge, Swimming Pool (Level 3)
Fee : \$123 (Member); \$143 (Non-Member)
*Min 8 pax to commence lesson

Aqua Aerobics Classes

(8 Sessions Per Module)
Date : Every Wednesday
Time : 6.45pm - 7.45pm
Venue : YWCA Fort Canning Lodge, Swimming Pool (Level 3)
Fee : \$80 (Member); \$90 (Non-Member)
*Min 8 pax to commence lesson

Salsacise

(8 Sessions Per Module)
Date : Every Monday
Time : 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Venue : YWCA Outram Centre, Dance Studio
Fee : \$100 (Member); \$120 (Non-Member)
*Min 12 pax to commence lesson

MTV Dance – NEW!

(8 Sessions Per Module)
Date : To be Confirmed
Time : To be Confirmed
Venue : YWCA Outram Centre, Dance Studio
Fee : To be Advised
*Min 12 pax to commence lesson

Pre-School Aquatics/ Children's Swimming Program

(4 Sessions Per Module)
Date : Every Saturday
Time : 3.15pm – 4.00pm
Venue : YWCA Fort Canning Lodge, Swimming Pool (Level 3)
Fee : \$85 (Member); \$100 (Non-Member)
*Min 5 pax to commence lesson

Cha Cha Dance Class - NEW!

(8 Sessions Per Module)
Date : To be Confirmed
Time : To be Confirmed
Venue : YWCA Outram Centre, Dance Studio
Fee : To be Advised
*Min 10 pax to commence lesson

Salsa Dance Class - NEW!

(8 Sessions Per Module)
Date : To be Confirmed
Time : To be Confirmed
Venue : YWCA Outram Centre, Dance Studio
Fee : To be Advised
*Min 10 pax to commence lesson

1. Daily Asian Buffet Lunch & Dinner Promotion At The Coffeehouse

Come and savour a wide spread of our *Asian Delight buffet, featuring more than 20 varieties to choose from. Items ranging from our spread of Salad with a variety dressings, our Cold Selections, DIY Gado-Gado or Singapore Rojak station, hot selections and of course don't forget to tuck into our Hot and Cold dessert.

And starting 17th December 07 till 1st January 08, come celebrate the holiday season with family and friends with our Christmas buffet spread which includes Roast Turkey, Honey Baked Ham, Log Cakes, Christmas Puddings etc.

* Menu items are subjected to changes on a daily basis

Available Daily (Monday to Sunday) @ the Coffee House from 12.00 pm to 2.30 pm and 6.00pm to 8.30pm

Lunch priced @ \$16.00++ per adult & \$13.00++ per child (from 6-12 years old)

Dinner priced @ \$18.00++ per adult & \$15.00++ per child (from 6-12 years old)

So come on down to our coffeehouse and invite your friends along for a truly value for money meal and enjoyable time together.

10% discount for all YWCA members

All the above discounts are not valid in conjunction with any other promotions or discounts

2. Set Lunch @ The Coffee House

Available on weekdays (Monday to Friday) excluding public holidays, @ the Coffee House for Lunch only from 12.00 pm to 2.30 pm @ \$8.90++ per person

Not available from 17th December 07 to 1st January 08

MONDAY — Hawaiian Ham Steak with Pineapple Sauce • TUESDAY — Pan-fried Boneless Chicken with Mushroom Sauce • WEDNESDAY — Grilled Beef Striploin with Rosemary Herb • THURSDAY — Pan-fried Pork Loin in Cheese Batter • FRIDAY — Grilled Dory Fillet with Paprika

All the above sets are served with soup and dessert of the day and choice of coffee / tea

10% discount for all YWCA members

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3. Chef's Recommendation

Available daily (Monday to Sunday) @ the Coffee House from 12.00 pm to 8.30 pm

Not available from 28th January 2008 to 31st January 2008

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| a. | Top Shell Salad with Fried Bean Curd | \$6.00++ |
| b. | Fried Kway Teow | \$6.00++ |
| c. | Spaghetti with Home made Beef Ball | \$8.00++ |
| d. | Stir-fried Prawns with Celery and Cashew Nuts | \$8.00++ |
| | Served with Rice | |
| e. | Chicken Chop with Salad Cream | \$8.00++ |
| | Served with Fragrant Rice | |
| f. | Stir-fried Spare Ribs and Bitter Gourd | \$8.00++ |
| | with Black Bean Paste | |
| | Served with Rice | |

10% discount for all YWCA members

All the above discounts are not valid in conjunction with any other promotions or discounts

4. Afternoon Tea Set

Available daily (Monday to Sunday) @ the Coffee House from 2.30pm to 5.00 pm

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| a. | Cake of the Day | \$4.00++ |
| | served with Coffee or Tea | |
| b. | Spring Roll and Samosa Set | \$4.00++ |
| | served with coffee or Tea | |

10% discount for all YWCA members

All the above discounts are not valid in conjunction with any other promotions or discounts

5. Christmas Festive Set Lunch

Come and have a traditional Christmas Family Set Lunch at our Coffeehouse. Available from 17th December 07 to 1st January 08 from 12.00pm to 2.30pm at \$16.80++ per person

MENU

- Waldrof Salad
- Cream of Pumpkin Soup
- Served with Bread Roll and Butter
- Roast Turkey Breast and Honey Baked Ham
- with Cranberry and Pineapple Sauce
- served with Roast Potato and Seasonal Vegetables
- OR
- Pan-fried Fillet of Seabass with Sambal Sauce
- served with Parsley Potato and Salad
- Christmas Pudding with Vanilla Sauce
- Coffee or Tea

* NO DISCOUNT APPLICABLE FOR ALL

6. Lunar New Year Promotions (28th January To 21st February 2008)

A Lunar New Year Set Menu For A Minimum Of 4 Pax @ \$78.80++

Available @ the Coffee House for lunch & dinner (12.00pm to 2.30pm & 6.00pm to 8.30pm) from 28th January to 21st February 2008

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|  | Salmon Yu Sheng |  |
| | Superior Broth with Crabmeat and Mushroom | |
| | Roast Chicken with Cracker | |
| | Sauteed Prawns with Mixed Vegetables | |
| | Yang Chow Fried Rice | |
| | Assorted Fruits Platter | |
| | Chinese Tea | |

* NO DISCOUNT APPLICABLE FOR ALL

B. Lunar New Year Yu Sheng Promotions

Available from 28th January to 21st February 2008 @ Coffee House from 12.00pm to 8.30pm

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| Traditional Toss with Ikan Parang (Small) | \$29.80++ |
| Traditional Toss with Ikan Parang (Large) | \$39.80++ |
| Traditional Toss with Salmon (Small) | \$32.80++ |
| Traditional Toss with Salmon (Large) | \$42.80++ |

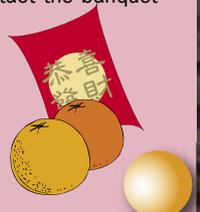
[Small – 4 to 6 persons / Large – 6 to 10 persons]

10% discount for all YWCA members, board members and staff
For take-away, the 10% service charge will be waived
All the above discounts are not valid in conjunction with any other promotions or discounts

C. Reunion & Lunar New Year Celebration Lunch Or Dinner

Available from 28th January – 21st February 2008 @ the Coffee House & Banquet

- Prices range from \$368.00++ to \$468.00++ per table of 10 persons with Complimentary Mandarin Oranges and Soft Drinks
- 10% discount for Board and YWCA members and NOF & FCL staff
- Reservations is compulsory
- For Menu Choice and Reservations, please contact the banquet sales team at:-
 - Jonathan Tay @ 6335 8050 / 9751 3371
 - Mohan @ 6335 8091 / 9667 9891
 - Yogytha @ 6335 8091 / 9751 2638
 - Catherines Lim @ 6335 8003



CHILDREN'S DAY PARTY WITH CREDIT SUISSE

The children from the YWCA Kids' Club and Meals-on-Wheels (MOW) for Children programs are very blessed indeed! On Saturday, 29 September 2007, 12 volunteers from Credit Suisse were back again this year to help organise a Children's Day party for the children. They worked hard to make the celebration a memorable one for everyone involved by specially decorating the room with balloons and streamers to help create the party mood. Many games were played and prizes were given out to the happy winners. For lunch, the children tucked into their all-time favourite - McDonalds' Happy Meals! The children were not the only ones who had



fun that day. Our youth volunteers also had the opportunity to let their hair down as well as make some new friends. The children really enjoyed themselves to the fullest on this special day set aside for them! To the children – you are special to the YWCA! To the volunteers – your love for the children will store up treasures for his/her life ahead! THANK YOU!

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!
(2 Corinthians 5: 17)

Overseas Visitors To The YWCA Outram Centre



On 4 September 2007, the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports, together with the Association for Early Childhood Educators (Singapore) – AECES, organised the Child Care Seminar 2007, titled, “Embracing the Spirit of Research: Knowledge Sharing in Practice”. The seminar was held at the Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre and attracted many educators from the Asia Pacific Region.

The YWCA is proud to have been part of this International event and to play host to several visitors from Vietnam and China, who were keen to learn more about the different services offered by various centres in Singapore. On 5 September 2007, our overseas visitors toured the YWCA Outram Centre and were introduced to the Adult Day Centre, Child Development Centre and Educational Support Unit. They were also briefed on the services provided by each service unit.

Overall, it was a very beneficial and informative experience as both parties exchanged many ideas on how to further improve our services pertaining to the areas of children and the elderly.

Outram Centre Nursery/Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony cum Concert

What a celebration! On the 26 October 2007, the Outram Centre Nursery/ Kindergarten held its Annual Graduation Ceremony cum Concert at the YWCA Fort Canning Lodge. Nearly 400 guests, inclusive of students, alumni, parents, relatives, friends and special guests, turned up for the grand event that included song and dance items and a play put up by the children from Pre-Nursery (Toddlers) to Kindergarten 2 (graduates).



The graduates



Kung fu dance



The bride and groom and their entourage

“ We attended the YWCA concert cum graduation 2007 last Friday. And we can honestly say that it was one of the most memorable concerts we have ever attended. It was graduation night for Abigail and Felicia's very first concert.

The whole show was really well organised (all thanks to the painstaking efforts put in by the principal and the teachers) and the performance of the students was so lively and spontaneous. A good mix of songs and dances together with the colourful costumes made the concert very entertaining.

Most importantly, our daughters have enjoyed themselves so much that they were humming their songs non-stop all the way home! We had so much fun.

Parents of Abigail and Felicia

“ It was a terrific concert! Seeing our son putting in effort to remember every move in the dance item and learning with confidence in his performance was such a great joy!

Mr and Mrs Leong Sim Hong

Announcement

From 2 January 2008, the new school hours for the Nursery/ Kindergarten are as below:

Session 1: 8.45 am – 11.45 am
Session 2: 12.45 pm – 3.45 pm

(During the break, only biscuits will be served. Hence parents may wish to pack lunch/snacks for your children to bring to school.)

Alumni Club Tea Party
Look out for more details on our website at www.ywca.org.sg

“ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.” (James 3: 17)

A note from the Principal – Mrs Lucy Png

The end of the school year signals a new beginning. The children who graduate today will venture into a new phase of their childhood years. As they embark on this exciting new journey, they will leave behind their years spent at the YWCA Outram Centre Nursery/ Kindergarten, but will nevertheless take with them fond memories that were made during their time with us.

I still remember their nervous steps on the first day as they arrived at our school. Over the years, I have watched these anxious little steps transform into confident strides. As the children journey through different stages of life, I hope that they will continue to build up their knowledge and develop the skills imparted to them during their early formative years here at our Centre/Kindergarten. I wish every child the very best in his/her future endeavours and I hope that they will continue to keep in touch with us in the years to come.