



Editor's Note

We have just closed the year 2007 by celebrating Christmas, the season of love, and of giving and receiving. Most, if not all of us received gifts of one kind or another. For some there were magnificent presents, while for others, it was perhaps a simple, loving greeting, or a kind word or gesture. And yet for others of us it was the gift of finally getting some quiet time to breathe after the festivities faded into the background. In whichever way it came to you, we all found ourselves in a position of receiving something from someone.

But perhaps a more enjoyable part of the Christmas season for many of us was the opportunity to *give* something to someone! Whether it was a present you were expected to give (they are, after all, your nephews and nieces!), or a gift you've invested lots of time and effort in choosing or making for that special someone, the act of giving has a unique tendency of connecting our hearts with the ones receiving our gifts. Jesus did tell us that where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also!

As I previewed the articles in this latest issue of YWLink, I was deeply moved by how the spirit of giving was intricately interwoven into every entry and report. Read the various contributions and see if you also see what I see:

You will readily pick up how many have given of their "treasure", in the form of financial contributions, or their time and energy to keep our great programs and events running, or perhaps in the provision of professional educational support to enable our staff and volunteers to maintain their professional and vocational cutting edge.

Some of you would zero in on the gift of hospitality that was recently offered to our Korean visitors, or the gift of sumptuous meals at various celebratory events. Or perhaps even the willingness of a group of young people to plan and carry out fun-filled, action-packed programs for the children from our various care centres.

And yet others of you would find your hearts warmed as you read of how our young children were able to bring Christmas cheer to the elderly folks in our Day Care Centre, through music and dancing, and the simple warm touch that instantly bridges whatever distance that may have existed between generations.

So that was how we closed 2007. By enjoying and participating in the joy of giving. What a way to set the pace for 2008! Let me invite you to embrace that same spirit of giving, in the name of our Lord Jesus, albeit with higher passion and greater commitment, as we sail into the adventure of this New Year.

Donors' Appreciation Dinner And The Launching Of The YWCA Cookbook

This year, the Donors' Appreciation Dinner was held on 4 December 2007 at the Fort Canning Lodge, Sophia Cooke Ballroom. As the event also coincided with the publication of the new YWCA Cookbook, "Sharing From Our Hearts", the YWCA President, Ms Tan Kee Leng, launched the Cookbook on the same evening.

That evening, there were about 100 corporate donors, individual donors and staff of the YWCA who attended the dinner. At her opening speech, Ms Tan thanked all the donors for gracing this event, and for their kind generosity and financial support over the years. After her speech, Ms Tan, together with the YWCA Vice President, Mrs Ma Kheng Min, then officially launched the YWCA Cookbook. A short power-point clip on the Cookbook was then presented after the official launch. Staff also later went around each table with a copy of the Cookbook for the guests to browse and place orders.

Dinner consisted of a sumptuous feast of Chinese cuisine. For dessert, two delicious items taken from the recipes in the Cookbook were served to the guests. We want to thank Mrs Dorothy Tessensohn for her Sugee Cakes and Mrs Dancy Thong for her Prune Kueh Lapis.

The highlights that evening were the various performances put up by the children from the YWCA Kids' Club, the YWCA Bishan Child Development Centre and the YWCA McNair Child Development Centre. The children charmed the audience with their interesting dance performances, which left the audience clapping and cheering loudly for the little performers.

All thanks and glory be to God for making this event possible!

And let us live out the year in such a way that we can look back this next December and say, "Wow, I never would have imagined that giving of myself could be so rewarding, so fulfilling, and so much fun!"

To God be the glory!

Janet Tan, Editor

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Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on. Philippians 3: 13-14

YWCA Annual Christmas Luncheon



The annual YWCA Christmas Luncheon was held on 12 December 2007 at the YWCA Fort Canning Lodge. The theme for this year's luncheon was 'Hawaiian' and some guests gamely turned up in brightly coloured clothing and flowers in their hair. The programme started with the singing of a medley of all-time favourite Christmas Carols such as 'O Come All Ye Faithful', 'We Three Kings', 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing' 'Joy to The World' and 'O Holy Night'. An icebreaker

was also organized to lighten up the atmosphere and to set the party mood. Volunteers were picked from among the guests and each was given a topic to speak for 40 seconds without pausing. The winner of the icebreaker game was Mrs Janet Yee, who spoke on her favourite food.

Lunch was a sumptuous Western Buffet spread consisting of spaghetti, turkey and honey baked ham. Just when everyone thought the fun was over, there was a surprise item put up by Mrs Janet Yee, Mrs Patricia Leung, Mrs Lucy Png, Mrs Marieta Foo, Mrs Ruby Ng and Mrs Emily Chong, who presented a Hawaiian Hula Dance to the audience. The ladies swayed and sashayed to the Hawaiian music playing in the background, complete with the hand movement, much to the delight of the audience who clapped and cheered loudly for the ladies. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed themselves. What a fun way to end the last event for the year 2007!

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Galatians 6: 9-10

Volunteers, We Appreciate You!



What would be a good way to let people know you appreciate them than to set aside a day to thank them? On 17 December 2007, the staff of the YWCA set aside this day as the annual Volunteers' Appreciation Day and honoured the volunteers with a dinner function which promised to be filled with fun and surprises.

Earlier in the day, some of the staff arrived in the afternoon at the Multi-purpose Hall of the YWCA Fort Canning Lodge to decorate the room and also for the final rehearsal for their performance items. The colour theme for this year was gold and silver as the combination of gold and silver ribbons, tinsels, balls and balloons adorned the entire room.

By 7 pm, the volunteers start to arrive and each volunteer was presented with a lovely blue YWCA umbrella as a door gift. Even though it had been raining the entire afternoon and into the evening, the cold and wet weather failed to dampen everyone's spirits. The volunteers were all too excited and eager to find out what programmes and activities the staff had lined up for them that evening.

Ms Jane Wong, Principal of West Coast CDC, was the emcee for the evening. The programme kicked-off with a welcome address

by Ms Tan Kee Leng, President of the YWCA, who thanked the volunteers for their contribution towards the YWCA. This was followed by an icebreaker game which required everyone to mingle around and find out the names of those who share either the same favourite food or hobby. What a fun way to meet people and make new friends! A game of charades was also played, which required each table to send representatives to act out the given topic, which was either a movie title or a television programme.

Other than the sumptuous food and games, there were also interesting performances put up by the staff. The line-up of performances include a Korean dance item put up by the teacher and student combination from Ang Mo Kio CDC and a dance item to the song 'Venus', performed by nine principals and two teachers representing Bishan CDC and McNair CDC. Not to be outdone by the principals and teachers, the senior staff from Fort Canning Lodge also showcased their talent in choreography by performing a fun dance item to the song of 'Jingle Bells'. At the end of the dance, 'Santa Claus' also appeared in full garb complete with a red sack and a bell to add on to the Christmas cheer and mood.

Finally, it was the moment of the night when all the staff from the National Office, Fort Canning Lodge and the principals gathered together and truly sang from their hearts their rendition of "Thank You" to all the volunteers. The volunteers were deeply moved by the touching and meaningful song lyrics and many joined in the singing together with the staff.

The event then came to a closure with the release of the party poppers into the air, signalling an end to the wonderful evening.

Once again, the staff of the YWCA would like to offer our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all our volunteers for the giving of your time and effort as you serve the community together with us! May God bless all of you abundantly!



Christmas Celebration Party For Meals-on- Wheels Children

On Saturday, 1 December 2007, the Sophia Cooke Ballroom at the Fort Canning Lodge was turned into a party venue for the celebration of Christmas with the beneficiaries from the YWCA Meals-On-Wheels for Children program. To further spread the joy of the holiday season, an invitation was also extended to the children's family and friends as well as the children from the various YWCA Child Development Centres.

This party was organised as part of the Lodge's corporate social responsibility for the under-privileged. "The Gift of Christmas" was the theme of this party. The Lodge's General Manager also invited members of Bethesda Chapel's Youth Ministry to take on the role as emcee and also to perform at the party.

The children arrived early and each was given a goody bag containing a beanie toy, biscuits, chocolate, lollies, note pads, etc. To get about 200 children to settle down and get the party going was not an easy task. But the youth from Bethesda Chapel not only did a marvelous job as emcees, singers, dancers, actors but also the roles of "discipline masters". Their youth, vitality and spontaneity were the major ice breaker for the party and in no time all the children were playing and

laughing together. Everyone was truly enjoying themselves. The youths also put up a short play on the birth of Jesus.

And in the age old tradition of Christmas, the guests were treated to a buffet lunch with roast turkey, honey baked ham, log cakes and many other delicious food prepared by the Chefs at the Lodge. After ice cream was served to round up the hearty meal, the children were then entertained by Mr Magic Puppet Man. He put up a hilarious show with the help of his three puppets – a parrot, a gorilla and a dinosaur. Both children and adults enjoyed the show very much and wished it had lasted longer.

After the puppet show, the youths from Bethesda Chapel also celebrated the birthdays for four of the children. The birthday boys and girls had a huge birthday cake and also specially prepared birthday gifts. The party then ended with a big bang with the firing of confetti guns into the air.

The General Manager of the Lodge would like to take this opportunity to say a big "thank you" and offer her heartfelt appreciation to her colleagues for their hard work and contribution and the great team effort towards the success of this party. Special thanks also to Mrs Leung and Shin Hui for their advice and effort in bringing in participants.

May God bless you and your families abundantly.

In His service together,

Shalom!

*And whatever you do, whether in word
or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord
Jesus, giving thanks to God the father
through him. Colossians 3:23*

History of the YWCA - Did you know...

... in 1936, adult classes for women were started in English, Mandarin and Malay. Some of these night classes were conducted to meet the needs of overaged Chinese girls who otherwise did not have the opportunity to study as they often had to help their parents sell food in Chinatown during the day.

During the period of the Second World War, there was a hiatus in the activities of the YWCA. The Japanese and then subsequently the British commandeered the premises of the Association. After the war, as life gradually returned to normal again, the YWCA also roused itself from its dormant state and began catering to the needs of the women Singapore once again.

HR Announcements

Welcome New Staff

The YWCA is pleased to welcome new staff joining the team. We welcome Dinani Poonam Thakurdas and Tan Meng Lan as Learning Support Teachers at the Educational Support Unit.

At Fort Canning Lodge, we welcome Xie Zhongliang as Guest Relations Assistant.

Announcements

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 the YWCA at 6-2231227.

BE INVOLVED! Yes, that means you!

Life Time of Memories

- If you have any mementos from the YWCA's past, we would appreciate very much if you would share them with us.

Volunteers Needed for our Community Services!

Join us as **VOLUNTEERS** and make a difference in the lives of the needy in our community!

- **Meals-on-Wheels for Children** – we need volunteers who have cars and are willing to deliver free nutritious dinners from the Outram Centre to the beneficiaries living 5km around the YWCA Outram Centre
- **Meals-on-Wheels for Elderly** – we need volunteers who have cars and are willing to deliver free nutritious lunch from the Outram Centre to frail elderly living 5km around the YWCA Outram Centre
- **Adult Day Centre** – we need volunteers to help organise appropriate activities for the elderly, eg. Group games, handicrafts etc. Alternatively, you can involve your entire family to "buddy" an elderly in group outings! A great way for family bonding and exposing your young ones to volunteerism!

To BE INVOLVED or to find out more about our courses, please contact: Ms Han Shin Hui • Ms Karen Chay • Ms Aggie Xie @ YWCA National Office • Tel: 6223 1227 • 254 Outram Road S(169051)

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Joy Talk – Lunchtime Fellowship

Date : 31 March 2008
28 April 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 6 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

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

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.

* 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)

And this lunar new year..... toss to greater height of prosperity with our traditional Yu Sheng and treat your families, colleagues and friends with our festive promotional set menus. So come on down to our coffeehouse for a truly value for money meal and enjoyable time together.

10% discount for daily buffet 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

For the month of February 2008

Soup of the Day

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Pan-fried Fish Fillet with Bell Pepper Sauce

Served with Parsley Potato, Garden Salad and Buttered Rice

OR

Deep-fried Almond Chicken Cutlet

Served with Pasta in Spicy Tomato Sauce

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Dessert of the Day

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Coffee or Tea

For the month of March 2008

Soup of the Day

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Deep-fried Fish Fillet in Batter

Served with Coleslaw and French Fries

OR

Beef Stew

Served with Pasta and Vegetable

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Dessert of the Day

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Coffee or Tea

10% discount for all YWCA members

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

3. Chef's Recommendation

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

Not available from 7th Feb 08 to 21st Feb 08

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| a. | Sauteed Chicken with Mushroom and Bell Pepper Sauce
Served with steamed rice | \$8.50++ |
| b. | Nonya Fish Sambal
Served with steamed rice | \$8.50++ |
| c. | Beef Stew with Turnip
Served in claypot and steamed rice | \$8.50++ |
| d. | Hong Kong Kai Lan with Mushroom and Black Fungus
Served with steamed rice | \$7.00++ |
| e. | Sin Chow Beehoon
With shrimp, char siew and vegetables | \$6.50++ |

10% discount for all YWCA members

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

4. 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 for lunch and dinner (12.00pm to 2.30pm and 6.00pm to 8.00pm) at the Coffee House from 28th January to 21st February 2008



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



* DISCOUNT NOT 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

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

5. 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
served with Coffee or Tea | \$4.00++ |
| b. | Thai Tuna Sandwiches
served with Coffee or Tea | \$4.50++ |

10% discount for all YWCA members

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

6. Banqueting Services @ Fort Canning Lodge

Have your Reunion Lunar New Year Celebrations in the our coffeehouse or the privacy in our function room. Specially catered menus are available at affordable rate. Terms and Conditions apply and reservations is a must. For more information, please contact any one of our Banquet Sales team below

At Fort Canning Lodge, we understand your needs in organizing successful functions. Let our dedicated and experienced staff create the perfect experience that allows you and your team to relax while we care for the details and ensure all your needs are fulfilled. We will make your special event a memorable success.

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Little Ones with Big Hearts



Christmas cheer and joy to them. There was joy and excitement on the faces of the elderly as the children greeted each of them with a 'Merry Christmas'!

The children sang Christmas carols and performed three dance items for the elderly. As the children danced, the elderly started clapping and singing along. The whole room was indeed filled with joy and laughter. Some of the elderly were so moved and touched by the children's visit and performances that they had tears in their eyes.

For many children the desire to give to charity is not an inborn trait, but rather a characteristic that is inculcated through encouragement and experience. Incidentally, it is during festive seasons like Christmas that our thoughts turn toward the less fortunate people in our society. What can we do to bring the spirit of Christmas to these people? The act of giving should not be limited to just monetary donations but through acts of kindness as well.

That day was truly memorable as it not only made a difference in the lives of the children and elderly but it also touched the hearts of the staff members of the Outram Child Development Centre and the Adult Day Centre.

On 18 December 2007, the children and staff of the Outram Child Development Centre decided to set aside time to visit and entertain the elderly at the Adult Day Centre to spread the

“Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. Psalm 86:11”

On 5 December 2007, the YWCA hosted a group of Koreans from Global Inspiration GyeongGi-Do, who visited the YWCA Outram Centre as part of an exchange programme to Singapore. Global Inspiration is a government organisation in Korea and the visitors were from the Division of Family and Women Welfare, hence they were keen to learn more about the type of women services available in Singapore.



YWCA Plays Host to Korean Visitors From Global Inspiration GyeongGi-Do

Upon arrival at the YWCA Outram Centre, the visitors were introduced to the types of services offered at the YWCA by our Executive Director, Mrs Leung Yee Ping. This was followed by a question and answer session during which the visitors eagerly asked many questions to find out more about the work of

the YWCA. There was also time set aside for a refreshment break where the visitors were treated to local delicacies such as siew mai and char siew bao. The visitors were later brought on a short tour around the Outram Centre, including the Adult Day Centre, the Outram Child Development Centre and the

Educational Support Unit. Though it was a brief visit, there was indeed much to be learned from each other and this exchange visit would certainly open the doors of opportunity for such exchange programmes with Korea.



Educational Support Unit

Besides providing our educational support services (eg psycho-Educational assessment, intervention, consultation) to children, teachers and parents in the YWCA Child Development Centres, we also cater to the educational needs of children in primary schools.

One of the highlights in 2007 was the Y SPA (Self & Professional Awareness seminar cum workshop). As an educational unit, we believe in Continual Professional Development for ESU staff members as well as staff members of the YWCA CDCs and kindergarten. Hence, the Y SPA was held on 7 December 2007 at the Fort Canning Lodge. Subsequently, pre-school educators from the Young Women Muslim Association also requested to attend the full-day training, and we had a total of 144 participants. Many of the participants highlighted that the Y SPA had a good range of topics and interesting presenters. They also gave an overall 'thumbs up' approval for the event.

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And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6
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