

Oldies' News

Message from the President

Three years have passed since the launch of the school's fundraising campaign. The editorial team has spoken to the chairpersons of the fundraising committee and the heads of all three sections of the school about how the funds have been used, as well as the school's future plans. In Alumnae Spotlight, we are featuring two SSGC girls who have built a career in music - Christine Wong, a member of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, and Dr Law Po Kwan, a conductor and lecturer in conducting at the Hong Kong Baptist University. Meanwhile, the three new members of the SSGCAA Executive Committee will be greeting you in this issue.

Starting from this issue, the editorial team has offered you the option to receive the digital copy of the Newsletter via email. We hope to reduce our carbon footprint by saving paper and to allow you to read the Newsletter anywhere, anytime on your electronic devices. We would like to thank those of you who have opted for digital copies.

I would like to thank the editorial team for their creativity and professional effort in creating this issue of *Oldies' News*. Hope you will all enjoy reading it.

Carmen Wong, President



Front row (left to right): Madeline Kwok (1996), Fiona So (1998),
Carmen Wong (1986), Monique Yu (1986), Wendy Chau (1996)
Back row (left to right): Moby Hon (2014), Elaine So (2001), Elaine Kan (1993),
Tobby Poon (1983), Rosalyn Woo (1997), Christine Lau (1990)

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The Editorial Team



Tracy Ho Tsui Yee ('00) A personal branding strategist, presentation trainer and executive coach by profession, I'm a storyteller and entrepreneur at heart. I'm grateful to SSGC for shaping me into who I am and I hope to contribute to the school and AA with my talents and experience.



Moby Hon Ka Ki ('14) I studied Marketing at the University of Hong Kong and am now working in the financial technology sector. I'm grateful to SSGC for letting me explore different opportunities. I also love the beautiful campus.



Ada Pat Chung Wun ('01) When I was in F.4, I became a committee member of the student newsletter, designing artwork. After all these years, I'm back again. I'm a fashion designer with my own couture studio.



Sara Siu Wing Mun ('89) I went to SSGC from K2 to F.3. I've been involved with SSGCAA for six years. Since last year, I've been part of the AA Newsletter team and I'm glad to share the special moments with our 'See Tses' and 'See Muis'.



Nora Tong Yuet Man ('97) I studied at SSGC from K2 to F.5. I love writing and am grateful to have been involved in the production of this newsletter. It's been wonderful to be reconnected to the school.



Genevieve Wong Wai ('94) Being a journalist for over 16 years but I still love to explore and write.



Rosalyn Woo Sau Lum ('97) I studied at SSGC from K2 to F.7. I'm thankful to the school for nurturing me into who I am today. I love coming up with new ideas and bringing fun and joy to my work.

SSGC Fundraising Events

Since the launch of the SSGC fundraising campaign in December 2015, support and contributions have been coming in from the school community and beyond. We are proud to announce that more than \$60m has been raised to date.

We are especially grateful to our alumnae for their tremendous support, either by volunteering or through donation. To everyone who has contributed to the campaign we say 'Thank you'. Your generosity has made a significant difference to the lives of St. Stephenies. Through your dedication and as you interact with current students in fundraising events, you have set an example for them.

Thanks to the additional funding and resources, our alma mater has been undergoing a spate of changes, from classroom technology upgrade to the recruitment of teaching staff and sports coaches. The following pages will take you through the exciting changes that have taken place so far.

Secondary School

Enhancing whole-person development

The school is committed to providing an all-round education and is always looking for opportunities for students to step out of their comfort zones, build self-confidence and grow leadership skills. In addition to sponsoring leadership training camps for student leaders, the school has also subsidised students in need on overseas competitions such as the World Scholar's Cup, study tours and training programmes including a sports training tour in Taiwan last summer, which was attended by members of the volleyball and badminton teams.



Funds have also been used to hire a conductor for the school orchestra and acquire new musical instruments. This photo shows students from our orchestra, together with musicians from the Queen's College, performing at the 22nd Casalmaggiore International Music Festival In Italy last summer.



The hiring of more sports coaches has provided our student athletes with more training opportunities and enabled them to hone their skills and build their confidence. SSGC sports teams have performed remarkably well over the past year, with the volleyball team winning the championship in Division Two and being promoted to Division One, and the badminton team and basketball team taking second and third places (both in Division One) respectively in the annual inter-school competition. The excellent results were also attributable to the support from our very own alumnae who have taken on the role of assistant coaches. Thank you for being a role model to your 'See Mui'!



'We are so proud of the results of the fundraising campaign. It has been a leap of faith. The alumnae have played an instrumental role in its success. I want to thank them for their continuing support and commitment.'

Ms Maggie Chau Wai Chu, Principal, SSGC

SSGC Fundraising Events

Upgrading of learning environment and resources

As the second home for students and teachers, SSGC seeks to create the optimal environment for teaching and learning and improve the quality of school facilities. Among the school's recent renovation and construction projects are:



The renovation of multimedia room 1 and computer room 2



The replacement of the carpet and furniture of the interactive learning zone in the library



The renovation of two changing rooms in Hsu Ta Tung Memorial Building



The renovation of the staff room and the meeting room in Ellen Li Jubilee Building

Meanwhile, the Ellen Li Jubilee Building is set to undergo a face-lift in the coming months. The large-scale project will entail the upgrading of teaching facilities such as computers, projectors and screens, the rewiring of the public announcement system, the repainting of internal walls, and the replacing of doors, whiteboards, display boards and furniture.



Primary School

Classroom technology upgrade

Ever since the purchase of 104 iPads - there are around 104 students in a year - the electronic device has become indispensable for making learning fun and engaging. Whether it is in constructing sentences with new words in a language class, or playing math quizzes, or researching a topic in General Studies, students are learning more easily and effectively with the iPad.



Imagine yourself standing inside the Colosseum in ancient Rome or deep down in the ocean. Teaching with virtual reality (VR) tools allows students to interact with a virtual world and helps them understand a scenario. Last year, the school bought a number of VR headsets with government funding. But the campus network system did not support the optimal use of VR. With donations from the fundraising campaign, the primary school's IT infrastructure has been upgraded, enabling the use of VR in teaching and learning.



'The use of technology has become very important to students, and they greatly enjoy and benefit from it. We are especially excited about the new STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) programme, scheduled to launch in 2020 and which will include the setting up of a STEM room. We will develop the curriculum in collaboration with a local university.'

Ms Pauline Or Ching Yu, Head Teacher, SSGPS

SSGC Fundraising Events

New musical instruments

The school has bought new and better instruments including the double bass, bassoon, oboe and A-clarinet. More students have taken up these instruments while the woodwind orchestra, equipped with a larger pool of musical instruments, entered a competition organised by the government for the first time last year, offering our budding musicians a valuable learning opportunity.



Enhanced sports facilities and training

There is a lot for sports lovers to cheer about. Not only have three basketball nets been installed in the covered playground on 9/F (basketball fans have since been practising their shoots during recess), but the purchase of new gym mats and the fitting of a new floor covering have also provided our students a safe training environment. Meanwhile, a protective window net has been installed to replace the old one which was damaged during a typhoon.

Extra coaches have been recruited for badminton, basketball, swimming, table tennis and volleyball teams. The coaches for the badminton team and the basketball team are also training the secondary school teams, which helps facilitate a smooth transition for our team members as they go on to play in the senior teams.



Kindergarten

English learning

Understanding the need to build a solid foundation of English among young children, the school has hired an additional Native English Teacher (NET) to enhance English learning in SSGCKG. The new NET, Miss Christine, doesn't just teach the three weekly English lessons. She is also present in the classroom at other times to provide children the opportunity to converse in and listen to English when they are having snacks, playing games and exercising.



Looking ahead, in terms of hardware, we are planning to maximise the use of space for our children and acquire new teaching tools and materials such as computers, projectors, iPads and whiteboards. In terms of manpower, we are hoping to hire one more teacher of Putonghua. We will need more donations to help us provide the optimal teaching and learning environment for our children.'

Ms Alice Chiu Nga Sze, Headmistress, SSGCKG

SSGC Fundraising Events

Playground facilities

Enabling schoolchildren to grow up healthily has always been a priority of SSGCKG, and what can be more important than providing an environment conducive to physical activity? Thanks to the donations, the school has upgraded the playground facilities. Simple facilities (such as a single slide) have made way for a new, multi-purpose activity area where children can balance and stretch their bodies while climbing up and sliding down.



The school's fundraising campaign wrapped up with three memorable events: the Walkathon, the 'Sound of Joy' Christmas fundraising concert and a 'poon choi' celebration. Thank you to all of you for your support and participation!

Walkathon

The 2018 annual SSGC Walkathon was held on 17 November 2019 on the Peak on a Saturday morning. We were blessed with a cool autumn day. Although there was a slight drizzle, the weather did not dampen our spirit. With over 1,500 students, parents, teachers and alumnae from our secondary school, primary and kindergarten participating in the event, it was a high-spirited morning. It was a joyous occasion to see all teachers and students. Many alumnae took the opportunity to catch up with old friends and teachers.

The annual SSGC walkathon is one of the events where students, teachers and alumnae gather to form a stronger bond between St. Stephenies. If you missed the walkathon last year, remember to join us in 2019.

SSGC Fundraising Campaign

Other Uses of Funds

- Replaced the PA and AV systems as well as lighting in JC Hall and KSL Hall
- Replaced lighting in the Hsu Ta Tung Memorial Building playground
- Renovated washrooms on G/F of Hsu Ta Tung Memorial Building and on LG/F of June Li Building
- Replaced the grand piano in KSL Hall and bought new music stands for the orchestra
- Replaced basketball court stand in the Hsu Ta Tung Memorial Building playground
- Renovated the storage area on LG4 of Hsu Ta Tung Memorial Building
- Installed new projectors in all classrooms, special rooms and the assembly hall of SSGPS
- Installed air-conditioners in the multi-purpose area on 3/F of SSGPS
- Installed air-conditioners in all classrooms in SSGCKG
- Providing extra teachers in all three sections of the school
- Providing extra funding for teachers to attend local and overseas life education programmes
- Hiring a senior campus management officer for the three sections of the school
- Replaced campus CCTVs
- Obtained heritage consultancy to provide a Building Condition Report for the government
- Hiring a gardener
- Obtaining service for regular slope and tree inspection



SSGC Fundraising Events

The 'Sounds of Joy' Concert

In the evening of 8 December 2018, St. John's Cathedral was filled with festive music as St. Stephenies from different generations came together to celebrate Christmas. In addition to the wonderful singing by SSGCKG students and our primary and secondary school choirs, a number of past and present students performed on instruments ranging from violin and organ to ukulele and marimba. Also performing were friends including Wah Yan Alumni Choir, SKH Li Fook Hing Secondary School Handbell Ensemble, and Professor Gabriel Leung, Dean of the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine at the University of Hong Kong.

The programme concluded with a moving and uplifting performance by the SSGCAA Choir, followed by performers and audience singing in unison in praise and thanksgiving. Thank you to all who helped at the concert, and may the cherished tradition of music-making at SSGC be passed on from generation to generation!



'Poon Choi' Celebration

On 22 February 2019, more than 1,000 alumnae, students, parents, teachers and friends attended a poon choi feast at Tai Tong Organic EcoPark in Yuen Long, in celebration of the success of the school's fundraising campaign. Professor Angelina Yuen Tsang Woon Ki and Ms Mildred Law Wing Kau, co-chairpersons of the SSGC Fundraising Committee, officiated at the opening ceremony and gave an update on the fundraising progress. Participants gathered in enjoyment as they tasted the delicious traditional dish of poon choi while delighting in performances including Chinese dances by SSGCKG students.



SSGC Fundraising Events

As we thank all of you who have supported the fundraising campaign, we invite you to share with us the reasons for your contribution and your vision for our alma mater. Here are a few selected responses:

從四歲入聖士提反，十多年成長階段就在學校，肯定是我第二個家。有賺錢能力時，第一件事是供養父母，再有能力捐款時，很自然想承傳，幫助學校發展。

~ 周勤儀 (1973)

SSGC is the only school I love in Hong Kong because it's the only school I ever attended here. It not only gave me a good education but sisterhood with my classmates. Three generations of my family are St. Stephenies. With this big fundraising programme, I hope many generations of yours and mine will continue to benefit from this fine school.

~ Manyee CHOW (1976)

'It was so nice to be back and contribute to my mother school. It would be even nicer if more of my schoolmates have come back together. I hope that SSGC will become a place where all alumnae are proud to say we are St. Stephenies!'

~ Sharon CHOW (2013)

SSGC gave me the confidence and courage to grow as a strong and self-assured person. SSGC taught me that my brain and moral values are my most attractive features, and that I am a valued, cherished and respected individual. I am forever grateful for my teachers at SSGC.

- May HO 何少薇 (1983)

'As a proud St. Stephenie and parent, supporting the school in any way is a joy in my heart.'

~ Karmen KAR (1992)

'My belief: small funds/big funds x lots of people = BIG change to SSGC!'

~ Joanna LEUNG (1989)

'Our school motto, "In Faith Go Forward", has guided me and many other SSGC girls in both our personal and professional lives. I hope that all SSGC students will be able to have this motto by their side all the time. With faith, every one of us will take the time to discover our own talents and passion.'

~ Isabel LI (1996)

'SSGC is the best school in nurturing students in what they are passionate about. Our school needs money to develop. It would be lovely to see how the money has been used.'

~ Tracy MAK (2014)

'It was a great experience for me to witness how each one of us can share our parts in supporting our school for sustainable development. Apart from efforts to pull hearts and money together, fundraising renews our SSGC spirit to serve.'

~ Rosina TSUI (1967)

'The fundraising campaign was launched to raise funds for refurbishing existing facilities, as well as other school projects. With three buildings, one of which a declared monument, more funds are needed to maintain the campus. As alumnae, we can never forget the days we struggled to flush the toilets. While these experiences have now become cherished memories, by supporting the fundraising campaign, hopefully, the younger generations can study in a more comfortable environment.'

Alumnae and parents have shown great support to the campaign. The sight of all St. Stephenies gathering to support the school was evidence of the strong bonds we have developed and our love for this place we call home.

A delicate balance should be maintained in terms of the frequency of events. We need to ensure that the big events are considered special, in order to draw the attention of stakeholders and encourage participation, as well as to prevent burnout from organisers like teachers, PTA members, AA members and students.

With sufficient funds and appropriate use, SSGC will be able to continue its mission of nurturing responsible future female leaders of society. In Faith Go Forward.'

~ WANG Jiawei (2015)

'The fundraising campaign isn't just about raising money. It has also boosted the team spirit of the school community. We all strived for a goal. I think this is really meaningful. I hope more people will support the long-term development of the school.'

~ WONG Pui Yin (1997)

SSGPS served as the backdrop to all my happiest childhood memories. I don't remember much, except for the fact that I was surrounded by love all the time, and that grounds me in how I live my life today. It gave me my best friends who I will keep until I die. I can go forward in faith knowing that I have a strong support system, no matter what challenges I face, and for that I am eternally grateful.

~ 胡景琳 (2014)

SSGC Fundraising Events

As part of the fundraising campaign a music development fund and a sports development fund have been established. We talk to the alumnae behind the initiatives on why they started the funds and the hopes and dreams they have for the school.

The Music Development Fund

When Rita Auyeung (1971) set up the music development fund three years ago she had a goal in mind. 'I had so many fond memories of music playing at SSGC. I hope to see the continuation of the music tradition and pass on a cherished legacy,' says Ms Auyeung, who taught music at SSGPS and SSGC from 1977 to 1990.

As both an alumna and a past teacher, Ms Auyeung is most grateful to the school principals, colleagues and the parents of her students for their support for music education. She is especially touched by a bequest left by Ms Winifred Cheung, a past teacher, in the 1980s which was used to refurbish the Music Room and acquire musical instruments that led to the subsequent expansion of the school orchestra. Ms Auyeung hopes that by setting up the music development fund, she too can support the musical pursuits of current students.



Ms Auyeung (left) and Class of 1998 who bought a new piano for KSL Hall

Over the past few years, Ms Auyeung and members of the music development fund have organised a number of initiatives, such as the Music Marathon, to raise funds for the school's music activities (for details of the use of funds please refer to pp.4-10 of the newsletter). Ms Auyeung is thankful for her team's hard work, thoughtfulness and commitment.

'We wish to let our students know we care about them and value their talents. The fund is a gift to them,' says Ms Auyeung.



Among the activities organised by the Music Development Fund was the Music Marathon in 2017. The team also successfully mobilised members of the AA Choir to donate in support of a classroom.



Members of the Music Development Fund Sub-committee and helpers at the Music Marathon with Ms Josephine Lee (back row, centre), Head of Music at Secondary School, and School Principal Ms Maggie Chau (front row, centre)

The Sports Development Fund

Anyone who has attended a Reunion Cup or Racket Challenge event would be impressed by the amount of preparation that has gone into it, from game and souvenir design, to the logistics of competition schedules.

These events would not have happened without the dedicated work of the working group of the SSGC Sports Development Fund, which was initiated by Eileen Ling Pik Kuen (1972) and Clara Lau Wai Ping (1981) in 2016.



Eileen Ling Pik Kuen (left) and Clara Lau Wai Ping

Ms Ling says she was inspired by the 'See Tses' who set up AA's Siu Wai Ling Scholarship, awarded to SSGC graduates who pursue post-secondary studies in a sports-related discipline.

'When I was a member of the school basketball and volleyball teams, these 'See Tses' - Nora Hui Kin On, Dr Leung Mei Lei and Albertina Lau Mei Chu - coached our teams. Like them, I want to support the development of the younger generation in sports,' says Ms Ling.

Ms Clara Lau, who was a member of the school volleyball, basketball and athletic teams, says the sports development fund aims to promote participation in sports and build a 'sports for life' culture among students from a young age.

'Comparing to winning a competition which is certainly exciting, a student's experience of achieving her goals through persistent training, teamwork and overcoming hurdles is more important for her development,' says Ms Lau.

Ms Ling says her commitment to support her 'See Muis' has kept her motivated. 'I am very touched every time I see students playing basketball or volleyball on the court on Park Road,' she says.



Snapshots from Racket Challenge and Reunion Cup

Dear fellow alumnae,

On behalf of the SSGC Fundraising Committee, we would like to express our sincerest gratitude to each one of you who has contributed to the fundraising campaign, whether by volunteering or through philanthropic support. We would not have raised more than \$60 million for the school without your contribution.

Over the past few years, we have witnessed an outpouring of generosity from all of you, and are most touched by your love for the school as well as your support for current students. We are constantly amazed by the reach and passion of our alumnae, as reflected by your earnest involvement in every fundraising event. The bonds of our alumnae are truly unique.

SSGC has always been a champion of all-round education. We don't just pursue academic excellence; we also dare to dream. It is especially important that we continue to nurture holistic development in our students in this day and age, a mission that would require the continuing availability of resources.

As a grant school, SSGC faces increasing competition. Parents are expecting more from a school these days and there are many school options around. There are both pros and cons to being a grant school. We provide a fair chance for everyone regardless of their background. But we do not have the resources like a private school to roll out extra programmes and initiatives.

If we are to stay as one of the best grant schools in Hong Kong, we will need your ongoing support. Please help SSGC continue to provide our students with the best educational experience possible. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
Professor Angelina Yuen Tsang Woon Ki and Ms Mildred Law Wing Kau
Co-chairpersons of the SSGC Fundraising Committee

Thank You Notes

Violinist is grateful to SSGC for paving a career path in music

One day when Christine Wong Kar Yee (1991) was in Form 3, Dr Barker, then principal of SSGC, told her to skip Physics and Chemistry classes altogether and spend time practising the violin instead.

'I couldn't believe my ears. But I was so grateful. My violin teacher at the time had left Hong Kong for good. Dr Barker knew how competitive it was to get a place in a good music school abroad and so offered me as many opportunities to practise as possible. She saw that I would build a career in music and was extremely supportive,' says Ms Wong, who went on to study violin performance at the renowned Juilliard School in the US. She is now a member of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra (HK Phil).

Ms Wong started playing the violin at age six. As the Concertmaster of the orchestra at both SSGPS and SSGC, she developed a sense of responsibility and also came to appreciate the value of teamwork. These skills have proved very useful for playing in a professional orchestra.

'It's not just about playing your part well. You also have to pay attention to other musicians and blend the sound with them. It's important that you put your heart into achieving something together with your section,' she says.

As a musician, Ms Wong devotes a big chunk of her time to building endurance and stamina through exercise and yoga. Even as a secondary school student, she led a disciplined life of practising three hours of violin a day - in addition to doing homework and playing in the orchestra. The qualities she developed at SSGC, such as self-confidence, strength of mind and perseverance, prepared her well for a challenging career that entails long hours of practice and demanding performances.



Ms Wong, in SSGPS, with Dr Kathleen Barker (left) and Mrs Judy Chua

Alumnae Spotlight

In a career of more than 20 years, one of Ms Wong's most memorable experiences was at HK Phil's performances of Ring Cycle, an 18-hour opera written by Richard Wagner. The orchestra performed one part of the opera each year, from 2015 to 2018. Each part lasted several hours - the longest for six with just two breaks in the middle of it.

'It was a tremendously rewarding experience. Every bit of my potential was squeezed out. It was so intense that during the final performance three masseurs were hired to give us a massage during break time,' says Ms Wong.

Alongside HK Phil, Ms Wong offers free violin lessons to underprivileged children in an initiative by Music Children Foundation, a nonprofit group. 'Playing music has changed my life. I hope these children will also have happy memories making music and their lives will change for the better too,' says Ms Wong.



Ms Wong performing at the SSGC Christmas fundraising concert last year



Ms Wong, in Form 2, at backstage with her teachers after giving a solo performance at Hong Kong City Hall.



Ms Wong with her students to whom she offers private lessons

The Music Connection

Inspiring the next generation of musicians

Conducting the SSGC Alumnae Choir at the school's Christmas fundraising concert last year brought back fond memories for Law Po Kwan (1996), as she recalled the days of singing at SSGC and the team spirit that is characteristic of St. Stephenies.

'I enjoyed every rehearsal and performance with the AA choir and was glad to see the ladies devoting themselves to practice even after a long day at work, or if that meant putting their family duties aside.

'It was like the old days when we attended madrigal and quick study practices at seven-thirty in the morning and stayed after school for choir rehearsals. Everyone gave their best and sacrificed for the team. This is very precious,' she says.

Dr Law left SSGC after completing Form 6 to study piano performance at Oberlin Conservatory in the US. She later received her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in choral conducting from the University of Illinois.

Now a conductor and lecturer in conducting at the department of music at the Hong Kong Baptist University, Dr Law is thankful for her days in SSGC where she developed her musical skills through a multitude of performance opportunities in solo singing, piano and marimba. She also learnt a thing or two that turned out to be useful in her career, such as rehearsal techniques and organisational skills, the latter all the more important for a conductor whose role may entail administrative work such as recruitment, audition and ticket sale.

Dr Law says Mrs K.C. Too, the School Principal at the time, was a staunch supporter of musical activities. Personally, she is grateful for a kind gesture on the part of Mrs Too.

'I was practising the snare drum in the music room one afternoon, in preparation for the Grade 8 percussion exam. Mrs Too walked by and asked me where I would be taking the exam, since unlike the piano there wasn't a fixed venue for the percussion exam. The student was required to arrange a venue and take the examiner there. I told Mrs Too I was going to have the exam at home. She immediately offered me to do it at school. On the day of the exam I had the JC Hall all to myself.'



Alumnae Spotlight

Dr Law considers patience the most important attribute for a music educator. A positive attitude, creativity and the ability to identify a student's strengths matter too. 'I am so honoured to be a part of my students' journey through life, witnessing their growth not only in musical knowledge but also as they mature into an adult,' she says.

As a conductor, she feels very blessed to be able to share her thoughts and vision of a piece of music with others. 'From studying the scores to making music, the music itself is a very rewarding part of my work, as it connects people both musically and spiritually.'



Dr Law conducting Hong Kong Baptist University's Women's Chorus, Hong Kong City Hall



Dr Law (back row, centre) at a party bidding farewell to her then music teacher Ms Chan See Tsai



SSGC 90th Anniversary School Concert, backstage of Hong Kong Cultural Centre



Dr Law conducting the SSGC Alumnae Choir at the school's Christmas fundraising concert, St. John's Cathedral, December 2018



Alumnae News

New Executive Committee Members



Moby Hon (2014)

I studied at HKU and am now working in FinTech. Like a whale, I love travelling and exploring the unknown. Last year, I gladly joined the AA ex-com as the youngest member, hoping to bring younger alumnae together. Since then I have introduced new initiatives such as the opening of an Instagram account for SSGCAA, the distribution of digital copies of the AA Newsletter and the production of the 'Memory Series' videos. I would love to hear your voice and make SSGCAA an even more lovely community!



Elaine So (2001)

It is truly an honour for me to join the SSGCAA ex-com this year. I started studying at SSGC at age 5 and stayed until I graduated from Form 5 in 2001. I obtained a Bachelor of Commerce in Melbourne, Australia before moving on to a career in finance for over 10 years. I have had a rewarding experience being involved in the AA Mentorship Programme, as well as singing in the AA choir with alumni from Wah Yan College and St Paul's College. I was in the choir at SSGC and singing in the AA choir has brought back a lot of good memories. I wish to continue serving the Alumnae Association and the school.



Rosalyn Woo (1997)

I have been studying at SSGC since K2 and have built a strong affinity with the school. As I grow up and build my own career and family, I appreciate how SSGC has shaped me and taught me the most valuable lessons as a woman of virtues and faith. I would like to contribute to building up a strong alumnae network and support the school to continue to be a leading public girls' school in Hong Kong. I would also like to share with and empower graduates to exercise their influence in society.

Mentorship Programme

Annual Opening Ceremony

On 3 November 2018, we excitedly kick-started the mentorship programme for the new school year with the annual opening ceremony. Close to 100 students from Forms 4 and 5 and 65 mentors attended the event at the JC Hall, marking the beginning of an invaluable bonding journey. As always, we would like to thank members of our SSGCAA Mentorship Programme Sub-committee for their dedication and behind-the-scene preparation together with representatives of the Student Association.



Spring Gathering

Mentoring isn't just about offering serious advice. It's also about having some fun with your mentees! On 30 March 2019, around 50 mentors and 100 current students spent an afternoon playing board games and group games, as well as doing arts and crafts together at Ho Tung Hall. Not only did they have the most enjoyable time but they also got to know one another more!



2018 Homecoming and Annual General Meeting

On 8 December 2018, alumnae and their families, past and current school principals and teachers joined the annual homecoming day. The Fellowship Sub-committee prepared an exquisite afternoon tea served with local and western delicacies, followed by a guided tour around the school led by current SSGC students.

The AGM was held after the homecoming gathering. The president reported the activities held over the past year, and presented souvenir mugs to all the outgoing Executive Committee members. New Executive Committee members were elected on the same day.



Past Teachers Lunch

'Teachers affect eternity, no one can tell where their influence stops.' Henry Brooks Adam

The annual Past Teachers Lunch was held on 13 April 2019 at 老雪園飯店. Everyone enjoyed lunch and some very interesting conversations always followed by yummy food.



SSGCAA Choir

The year 2019 has been a fruitful year for the SSGCAA choir. Following the fundraising concert in December 2018, we kicked off the year with our first performance on 12 January 2019 at St. Andrew's Church in Tsimshatsui. The performance was a truly meaningful one and celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Christian Ministry for Visually Impaired Persons (CMVIP).



Led by our conductors Law Po Kwan and Robyn Lo, and together with St. Paul's College Alumni Choir, we sang amidst visually impaired singers and performers at the CMVIP 40th anniversary concert (視福40周年音樂會). The theme of the concert was 'Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart' (讓我感恩、讓我看見). We performed the songs 'Seal Lullaby' and 'Look at the World'. The concert ended with the finale song, 'Be Thou My Vision', performed jointly with visually impaired singers. It was indeed a very touching concert and the AA choir members thoroughly enjoyed this event.

The second event of the year was a performance for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Archives Open day on 30 March, 2019. The theme of the Open Day was 'Education for a Better Society: Historical Contributions of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Schools - 香港聖公會檔案館2019年開放日'. Following the Archbishop Paul Kwong's opening speech, we sang a few hymns with St. Paul's College Alumni Choir under the lead of conductor Wong Siu Man and pianist Karen Lok. The highlight of the performance was undoubtedly performing our school hymn together with so many fellow St. Stephenies.



Monthly Sports Days

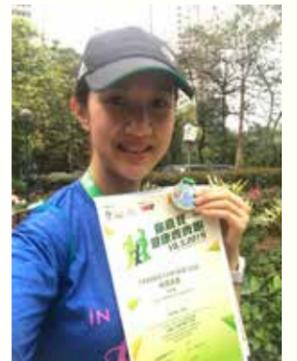
Since 2017, alumnae have been gathering once every month to play some sports at SSGC. The Sports Day in March 2019 was particularly fun as we got to play with the school's Grade C volleyball team which was practising ahead of competitions the next day. Matches of 'See Tse' vs 'See Mui', and between moms and daughters were filled with laughter and energy. We hope to continue these wonderful homecoming Sports Days and that more of you will join us!



Fun Run Team

Four passionate alumnae formed the SSGCAA Running Team and set out for their first run on 10 March 2019. It was a rainy morning, but that did not stop the team from finishing the 5km charity run along the Bowen Road Fitness Trail. We had a great time working off some sweat together and are looking forward to the next run.

If you are interested to join us, please drop us an email at ssgcaa@ssgcaa.org.hk.



The Friendship Page

Like Mother, Like Daughter

Then and Today



Phoebe Chan (1998) and her friends in photos taken in 1999 (top) and 2018. Phoebe, who is on the right hand side of the photos, wishes to say: 'SSGC is a place where we meet our friends for life. Sisters, love you all!'



Sophie Tang (F.2), Frances Lee (1990), Sylvie Tang (P.4)



Karen Ho (1998) and Sophie Ling (K3)



Mandy Wan (1997) and Prisca Chan (K3)



Sandy Shum (1975), Clara Chu (K1), Helena Lee (2000)

Membership

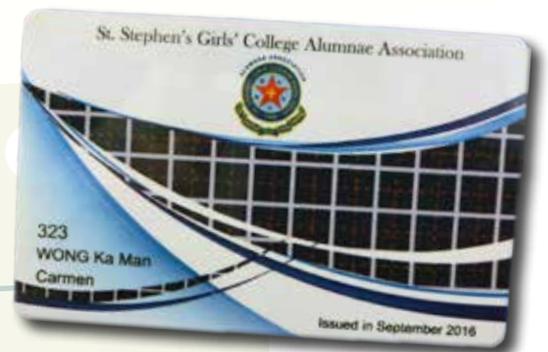
The Alumnae Association (SSGCAA) wants you to invite your alum buddies, classmates, moms, aunts and cousins, sisters and colleagues to join the AA! Students who have studied in the school for not less than one academic year are eligible to become life members. Alumnae who subscribe to SSGCAA life membership on or before the age of 21 can enjoy a special subscription fee at HK\$100!

SSGCAA fosters fellowship among members and closer ties between the school and the AA by means of social, educational and recreational activities. As a life member, not only will you receive a beautiful membership card and a membership badge, you are also welcome to join SSGCAA events including spring lunch, past teachers' lunch and annual dinner, alumnae choir and orchestra, sports events, the mentorship programme that has been instrumental in shaping and developing the perspectives of SSGC students, as well as professional chapters such as the Medical Chapter and the Built Environment Chapter. You will also enjoy the privileges offered by merchants to SSGCAA members.

Upcoming events

2019

August/September	Recruitment of Mentors
December	AGM and Annual Dinner
Monthly	AA Sports day



Membership application



Membership benefits