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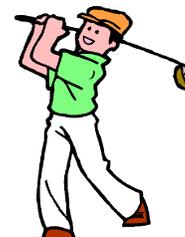
Summer has come and gone. Pretty soon it'll be Christmas. To raise fund for the annual scholarship award, we'll have a Networking Dinner and Mahjong Fun Competition as suggested by more than 40 of the 70 members present at the last event on May 31, 2000 at Bayview Garden Restaurant. The committee takes up the suggestion and details are as follows:



Date: Sunday, November 5, 2000
Venue: Bayview Garden, 7388 Yonge St., Thornhill
Time: mahjong game 3.30 p.m.—6.30 p.m.
dinner 7 p.m.
Cost: mahjong competition registration \$10/person
dinner \$25/person
complimentary for children under 4

Glow in the Dark Mini Golf - For the mahjong illiterates (?)

Date: Sunday, November 5, 2000
Venue: Putting Edge, 9625 Yonge St., Richmond Hill, (Yonge/Weldrick)
Time: 3.30 p.m.
Cost: 3-6 yrs. \$7.50
7-12 yrs. \$10.50
12 and above \$12.00



For reservations and reply, please fill in the form at the end of the newsletter. We would appreciate your response as early as possible, latest by Oct. 14. Young children who would like to be fully escorted to the golf course by adults should be at Bayview Garden by 3.30 p.m. **sharp.**

Excerpt from letter by Sr. Mary Lou Daovst, M.M. August 30, 2000



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Sister Theresa Perkes died peacefully of cerebrovascular disease on Friday, August 25, 2000 in the Residential Care Unit of the Maryknoll Sisters Center. She was seventy-nine years of age and had been a Maryknoll Sister for nearly fifty-one years.

Theresa Mary Perkes was born in Birmingham, England on June 16, 1921, the eldest of four children born to James and Marina Poole Perkes. She had two brothers and one sister. When Theresa was three years of age, the family emigrated from England to Canada settling in Manitoba. Theresa attended St. Michael's Academy in Brandon and graduated from Flin Flon High School in 1936. After completing a one year commercial course at St. Mary's College in Winnipeg, she worked as a stenographer for the Hudson Bay Mining and smelting Company. Theresa attended the University of Manitoba from 1944-1948, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. She returned

to the Hudson Bay Company as a research chemist for one year before entering the Maryknoll Sisters Congregation on Sept. 9, 1948 at Maryknoll, NY.

In 1952, Theresa was assigned as an elementary school teacher to teach at Transfiguration School in Chinatown, NY where she taught until 1956 when she was assigned to Hong Kong. Theresa taught chemistry, physics and general science at Maryknoll Convent School for the next fifteen years. In 1971, Theresa became principal of Maryknoll Sisters School and continued in this position until 1976. Theresa loved teaching and found it challenging and satisfying. She wrote: *There is a special bond between teacher and students which lasts a lifetime. My life was greatly enriched by my years of working with Chinese students. There was pain and joy in watching them leave and mature, in sharing their struggles and successes.*

After suffering the first of what would be many minor strokes, Theresa returned to the Center in 1990 after serving in Panama-Nicaragua, Bolivia and El Salvador. She was assigned to Monrovia in 1992 where she remained active in social justice issues. In 1998, she returned to NY because of increasing health problems.

From: Rose Debrecht <Rdebrecht@mksisters.org> - August 30, 2000

Greetings from Maryknoll, New York where I arrived a short week ago, having finished my Renewal time with family in St. Louis, MO.

One of my first aims was to visit Sr. Teresa in our nursing home where I knew she had gone after her second stroke. However, Sr. was incapable of recognizing me. Knowing that Sisters could volunteer to be on a prayer vigil with her, I signed up for ten to eleven p.m. I simply sat by the bedside reciting aloud prayers for the dying and singing hymns. The second night - that was last Friday - I did the same thing until a member of Sr.'s entry group to Maryknoll, took over from me. Her name is Loretta, so I explained to Loretta that Teresa would not be groaning as she had done the previous night because she was too weak to utter that much sound. Also, she was running a fever and the nurse was coming in every 15 minutes or so to wet her lips with a dauber and to replace the wet cloth on her forehead.

Loretta took the prayer book I'd been using and I left. It was 11:05 p.m. by Teresa's clock. Saturday, morning I was just going into chapel for Mass when Loretta took my hand and said, "Rose, you could not have gotten back to your bedroom

when Teresa took her last breath!" I chided the good Lord for not letting a Hong Kong Sister be beside her for her last moment. .

Now she is resting peacefully in God's acre. The funeral was this morning. Mary Lou Teufel, Miriam Xavier Mug and I were three of the pallbearers. I'll always remember Teresa for the gracious way in which she welcomed me to MCS when I became principal in 1965 and how she was foresightful at times in preparing me for what was expected of me -- that is if I wanted to be faithful to the former way of accomplishing things.

Many MCS students of the late '50s and all of the '60s will remember Sr. as an integrated science and chemistry teacher. Please pass the word on to the exec committee of the MCS Alumnae as I'm sure they will want to pray to as well as for her. Actually, I really mean to pass the word along to all Maryknollers.

I must stop now with a loving prayer for all the needs of all our Maryknollers in Toronto.

In XP, Sister Rose Duchesne

Mass for Sr. Theresa Perkes:

Date Thursday, Oct. 26, 2000

Time 7.30 p.m.

Place St. Paschal Baylon Church, 92 Steeles Ave. W., Thornhill, ON.
L4J 1A1

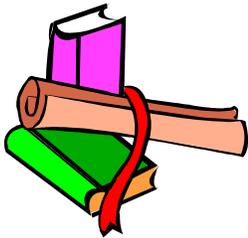
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 Welcome to our New Members!
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We are very much encouraged to see our membership grow day by day. In the last newsletter, we had added 3 to our rank and this time we have successfully recruited 8 more to join our rank. They are

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| <b>Marie Lourdes Guterres Remedios</b> | 1955 |
| <b>Grace Lin</b>                       | 1968 |
| <b>Rebecca Woo Luk</b>                 | 1964 |
| <b>Karen Lee</b>                       | 1990 |
| <b>Betty Chan Mok</b>                  | 1963 |
| <b>Fiona Tang Chow</b>                 | 1964 |
| <b>Corinna Lam</b>                     | 1976 |
| <b>Anne Kong</b>                       | 1971 |

*and all  
 Congratulations to  
 our new members*

**Academic Achievement Award**

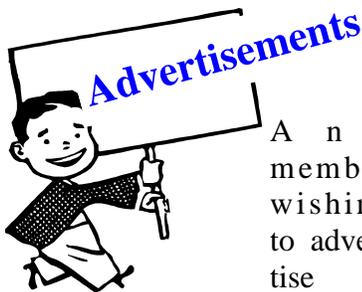


This is a reminder to all OAC students who are members or children of members with an average of 80% and above that they are eligible to apply for the Academic Achievement Award.

Forms are available by contacting any committee member and they must be returned with a copy of their official transcript for consideration. Successful applicants would be announced at our dinner on November 5.

A dieu, Farewell, Vanessa, our Vice President

August saw the departure of Vanessa Li back to Hong Kong with her family. The Committee held its monthly meeting on August 1, 2000 with Vanessa attending and tendering her resignation at the same time. We all wish them the best of what Hong Kong has to offer and hope they would be back to visit us in not too distant future.

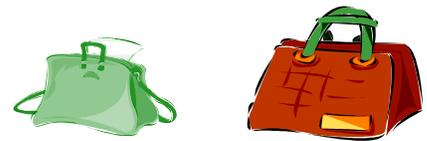


Any member wishing to advertise in the new membership directory should contact either Shirley, Kathy or Nora whose tel. numbers are at the front.

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| Full page | \$100 |
| Half page | \$ 60 |



The **Fourth World Wide Reunion** for Maryknoll Convent School Former Students would be held on August 3, 4, 5, 2001 in Vancouver. For details, please go to [www.mcswwr2001.com](http://www.mcswwr2001.com) or contact any of our committee members.



**Tai Tai HANDBAGS**

A Maryknoller is willing to sell the brand name **TAI TAI** handbags at wholesale price: large for \$60, small for \$50, scarf for \$100. For every item sold, she'll donate \$5 to our Association. Members who are interested can either visit their web site at [www.2taitai.com](http://www.2taitai.com) or come to the Fall dinner on November 5 and the handbags would go on sale there. This brand name handbag will soon be available for sale at the Holt Renfrew stores.

**Reply Form**

(Please return before October 15, 2000)

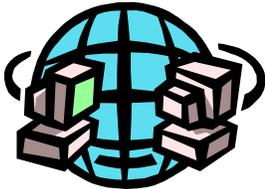
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| <b>Mahjong</b> /person \$10.00 | <b>Dinner</b> /person \$25.00 | <b>Mini-Golf</b> (2 games, each 45 min.) |    |
| # attending _____              | # attending _____             | 3~6 yrs/person \$7.50                    | #  |
|                                |                               | 7~12 yrs/person \$10.50                  | #  |
|                                |                               | 12 and above/ person \$12.00             | #  |
| <b>Total</b> \$                | \$                            |                                          | \$ |

**Cheque enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_ **Year of Form 5** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_



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If you wish to continue to receive your copy of our newsletter after you've moved, please fill out the change of address notification form below and mail or fax to :

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| Name (First) _____ (Maiden) _____ (Married) _____                                |                              |
| Year of Form 5 _____ Year Left Maryknoll _____                                   |                              |
| Please change my address effective on (day) _____ / (month) _____ / (year) _____ |                              |
| <b>NEW ADDRESS IS:</b>                                                           |                              |
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| Apt. No. _____                                                                   | City _____ Postal Code _____ |
| New Home Phone No. _____                                                         | Work Phone No. _____         |
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| Signature _____                                                                  | Date _____                   |