

“This is not just another 25th Class Reunion!”

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We had a wonderful and absolutely life-time memorable experience at our 25th reunion party in Toronto on the weekend of August 20. Thanks for our Toronto classmate’s hospitality, we were treated like first-class travelers during the whole event. First, we were picked up at the Toronto airport and delivered to our hotel (We were all grateful after a long flight that we didn’t need to rent a car and drive around looking for our destination!), then we were chauffeured to the welcome party where our Toronto classmates prepared the gourmet ‘pot luck’ dinner for all of us. The delicious cuisine that they cooked would unquestionably put most of the Bay area Chinese restaurants out of business. The 2-minute “the last 25 years after Pui Ching” individual talk was both fun and interesting. Thanks to one of our classmates, Frank Tai, whose humorous comments during the event, put him in par with any professional comedians in the show biz arena. After this ice breaking event, we all traveled back to the old ‘time zone’ and in our old high school days when we discovered our genuine friendship and ‘brother/sisterhood’ bonding.

The second day started out with another feast of gourmet buffets, which fuelled the energy we needed for the coronation rehearsal. Boys all dressed in dark suits, (some in Pui Ching’s “blue blazers with gray pants”) with school ties and girls with beautiful long dresses. The coronation was conducted with grace in a fascinating ambience! Our friendship was rejuvenated in the after dinner event of “Karaoke” when just about every classmate (some offspring as well) participated and sang until 1 am when all of us held hands together and sang the last song.

The praying session began at 8 am the third day and the turnout was tremendous, considering most of us didn’t hit the sack until 2 am, apparently showing our desire to treasure our last day together, reminiscence of our PC school graduation trip, which lasted 3 days also, in Silver Mine Bay of Landau Island. The afternoon winery trip was delightful and we, the Californians, got a taste of the ‘ice wine’ made in Ontario, Canada. The magnificent sightseeing part of Niagara Falls was followed with another gourmet Chinese farewell banquet where the ‘departure’ feeling finally sank in. To nobody’s surprise, we have vowed to meet again in Vancouver on our 30th reunion!

What’s truly amazing and equally impressive of our Toronto classmates was not just their hospitality and the well organized events, but the amount of efforts and self-sacrifice of almost every classmate in Toronto. The superb success of this reunion

party would not be achieved without their dedicated spirit and sacrifice on their own personal and family priorities. Something, in all modesty, we, the SF Bay area classmates of 74' are struggling to emulate for our upcoming event in November.