



**September 28 - October 6, 2000. Vancouver
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Am I glad to have a female 74er visiting Vancouver finally! Tseng Huei, my beloved good friend, stayed in my house for a whole week during her visit. We laughed a lot, gossiped a bit [more], travelled here and there, and simply enjoyed ourselves doing nothing.

Poon Kam Ming joined us for a half-day city tour. We had three dinners together and chatted happily. The three of us were in the same class of F.6B in Pui Ching and have been good friends for years. This is the first reunion for the trio since our graduation. Huei and I even pretended to be the clients of Kam Ming by accompanying her to an open house in British Property of West Vancouver. The “unbeatable sea view” there is just spectacular. Huei was tempted to put down the deposit right on but decided to forgo the opportunity.

It had been rainy in Vancouver before Huei’s arrival. To welcome her visit to this charming city, the beautiful sunshine graciously greeted us the whole week. We enjoyed the romantic seaside and watched the birds in the small town of White Rock. We went cycling in Stanley Park and watched the beautiful sunset along the English Bay. We then visited Ip Ka Po’s sister who treated us a very delicious dinner. We went cycling again the other day along the Fraser River to appreciate the quietness and peacefulness there. Huei killed rolls of films everywhere including the Fishermen's Ferry here in Richmond.

Huei came timely to watch the "return of the salmons" in Weaver Creek. Considering it was Huei’s first visit to Vancouver and we get to see salmons migrating up freshwater rivers to spawn only this

time of year, it was quite a luck for her. She enjoyed picking fresh apples and corns in the fields at Chilliwack. She wandered around the delightful Waterfront and the historical Gastown in downtown Vancouver, and had a leisure and pleasant day in Victoria, the capital of British Columbia.

We drove to the famous snow mountain, Whistler, on October 5. The scenery along the "from sea to sky highway" was gorgeous. One thing upsetting us was that all the gondola stations were closed. We could not go to the "7th Heaven" to have a grand panoramic view. Nevertheless, we had a very good time in the Whistler Village and the beautiful lake nearby. On our way back, we went to the Capilano Suspension Bridge, the salmon hatchery and the Cleveland Dam. It was a day full of joy.



David Sze and Dai Gai joined our dinner on October 2. Dai Gai was kind enough to bring us souvenirs from the Star East. Try your luck when you see Dai Gai the next time. Rev. Ng Tak Yin has been very busy. He could not join our dinner gathering but paid us a visit at home to see Huei after being apart for 26 years. We enjoyed reading our old newsletters together. Tak Yin was very surprised to find his article in one of the newsletters. Many of us have forgotten the many good articles we contributed to the newsletters. You may be surprised to find yours too. Rev. Ng is well known for his seriousness (as labeled by the super-serious Tin Wing Sin), but he shared with us his very funny experiences he had when he was studying in Wisconsin. It was about how he defrosted his frozen buttocks in front of a fireplace after a cross campus ski. His demonstration gave Huei and me big, big laughs. We are so glad to see the real face of our good old classmate -- the other side, or the bottom side, I should say, of Rev. Ng.

Happy time passed fast. I was very reluctant to bid goodbye to Huei. But still, airport is also a place to say 'Hi' besides 'Bye'. When will I say "Hi" to you again?