



UWAS Triennial Report

2007 - 2010

This triennium had been marked by two high points for the **University Women's Association, Singapore (UWAS)**. In collaboration with the National University of Singapore Society (NUSS) UWAS organised a Symposium on Positive Aging which was held in March 2007. This formed part of UWAS 10th Anniversary celebrations. The University Women of Asia (UWA) Conference on Financial Literacy was hosted by UWAS in May 2009 with attendance by delegates from several Asian nations. UWAS held a number of talks during the triennium. Education grants were awarded.

YEAR 2007

13 Jan 2007: Social event: Hi Tea Fellowship and networking at Equinox, Swissotel The Stamford to welcome the New Year.

01 Mar 2007: Talk by Sandra Segeram on "Growing Herbs for Health" in conjunction with the Chinese New Year Dinner at NUSS, Suntec City.

10 Mar 2007: International Women's Day (IWD): To celebrate IWD, UWAS had a booth at the Singapore Council of Women's Organisation (SCWO) premises selling new/used books/magazines/art work. Rosaline Pang donated a carton of her self-authored recipe book "Family Treasures". Vijaya Mohan and her mother contributed their Rangoli art pieces for sale in support of the fund-raising. Several UWAS members helped man the stall for this whole-day event.

17 Mar 2007: NUSS-UWAS collaborative Symposium on Positive Aging "Golden Years, Glorious years" at Kent Ridge Campus, formed part of UWAS 10th Anniversary celebrations. (For report and pictures see UWAS Newsflash edition 2007-2008).

21 April 2007: 11th UWAS AGM & Fellowship Tea: The AGM was followed by 3 presentations: "Art Therapy and Rangoli" by Vijaya Mohan, "Folkart Painting and Scrapbooking" by Rosie Wee and "Impressions" on the NUSS-UWAS Symposium on Positive Aging by Cai Shan.

23 June 2007: High Tea: the event was to welcome UWAS overseas member M A Hawkes who was on a visit to Singapore and to present an education grant of S\$2,500 to PAVE.

02 Aug 2007: Talk and discussion on "Achieving Financial Peace of Mind" by Mr M Salim, CEO of First Principal Financial. Dinner and venue were provided by FPF; organised by Sylvia Khoo, an officer at FPF.

10-16 Aug 2007: IFUW 29th Triennial Conference, Manchester. UWAS President Rosemary Khoo and V-P Genevieve Ng attended the conference at which Rosemary Khoo was appointed the President of University Women of Asia (UWA) for the triennium 2007-2010. UWAS Singapore was to host the next UWA Conference.

27 Oct 2007: "Transformation of NLB (National Library Board)". A talk focusing on public library services and reading programmes was given by the Director-Reading Initiatives. A tour of the library premises followed. This was organised by Joyce Wee (UWAS member and National Library officer).

04 Nov 2007: Talks by Dr Theresa Devasahayam on "Women as Workers and Mothers: a Feminist Perspective" and Prof Ann Wee on "Women's Roles in the last 50 years". There was a presentation of UWAS Study Awards: 5 undergraduate grants of S\$2,000 each and 1 postgraduate grant of S\$2,808 were given to 6 awardees.

10 Nov 2007: This Seminar was organised by Serene Low and Brenda Goh (UWAS immediate P. P.) for Temasek Polytechnic Global Connect Club. Brenda's topic was "Be Strategic and Win" and Mr Prabu K Naidu's was "Relationship Awareness - The Key to Success".

YEAR 2008

13 Jan 2008: Social event: High Tea Fellowship and networking for members at Equinox, Swissotel The Stamford to welcome the New Year.

19 Feb 2008: In conjunction with the Chinese New Year dinner, Mrs Jocelyn Giam gave a talk on "Painting in Porcelain". Ms Christine Khor, Director, NUS Centre for the Arts, was the esteemed UWAS guest. Rosaline Pang's cookery books were on sale. There was an informal auction of arts and craft items with proceeds to UWAS.

19 April 2008: 12th UWAS AGM held at SEAMEO RELC: Out-going UWAS President Rosemary Khoo (2006-2008) chaired the meeting. Genevieve Ng was elected new President for 2008-2010. The 7th Executive Committee (2008-2010) members were elected. Tan Chor Suan gave a talk on Prison Counseling.

21 May 2008: On behalf of UWAS President, Rosie Wee attended the opening ceremony of the READ Singapore programme organised by the NLB.

17 June to 8 July 2008: UWAS Art Programme @ SGH: Vijaya Mohan, assisted by Rosie Wee, Isabella Phan and Yip Siew Har, conducted a series of art therapy sessions at the Singapore Girls Home (SGH).

June to July 2008: Used blankets from SIA: Genevieve, Jer Luang, Yun Xuan and Santhi facilitated the blanket donation from Singapore Airlines (SIA) by recycling them to various charities and homes in Singapore.

June to July 2008: Used library books from NLB: Genevieve, Ai Lin & Jaslyn organised the

distribution of used library books (children and adult) donated by the NLB to various charities and homes in Singapore.

16 Aug 2008: Tour of NMS: Ms Sylvia Khoo, a trained docent, conducted a one hour guided tour of the History Gallery of the National Museum of Singapore (NMS).

10 Sept 2008: Exhibition @ NLB: The exhibition highlighted the contributions to Singapore by Tan Kah Kee and Lee Kong Chian, entrepreneurs and millionaires of the early and mid 20th century. They were ardent supporters of education, community and social causes.

1 Nov 2008: Kampong Glam Heritage Walk: Led by Assoc-Prof Johannes Widodo of NUS School of Architecture who blended history with architecture by weaving in stories of quirky tales of Temasek (ancient name of Singapore) and breathing in life into artefacts, monuments and landscape.

13 Dec 2008: Christmas Party @ IMH: Genevieve Ng co-organised the Christmas Party for the children/youth at the Institute of Mental Health (IMH) Child Guidance Clinic (CGC) Sunrise Wing medical/nursing team.

YEAR 2009

11 Jan 2009: Social event: Lunch cum High Tea: Members enjoyed a relaxing afternoon of food and camaraderie/networking to welcome the New Year at the Market Place Cafe, Fairmont Hotel.

6 Feb 2009: In conjunction with the Chinese New Year dinner, a talk on Financial Literacy, was given by Dr Koh Noi Keng, Senior Lecturer, Coordinator of Business Education, Humanities and Social Studies Education, National Institute of Education.

1 March 2009: Art Therapy @ IMH: Vijaya, Lily and Genevieve commenced the art therapy sessions with children at IMH CGC Sunrise Wing.

19 April 2009: 13th UWAS AGM: Besides the routine AGM matters, there were discussions on the proposed changes to the UWAS Constitution and the programme for the upcoming UWA Conference 2009.

1 May 2009: UWA Conference Singapore Day 1: Dr Sushil Bhardwaj, IFUW V-P, delivered the keynote address entitled "Empowering Journey to Financial Literacy" on behalf of IFUW President Ms Louise Croot who was unable to attend.

2 May 2009: UWA Conference Singapore Day 2: Several workshops were held in the morning. In the late afternoon, participants were given 2 optional tours to Chinatown and Little India. In the evening, participant diners were entertained by the Baihe Ladies Singers. Dr Elsie Yu donated her spectacular glass art pieces which were presented to the main speakers. (For reports and pictures see newsflash April 2010 edition).

4 Aug 2009: APEC Dinner: UWAS hosted the dinner for the women delegates at the NUS Centre for the Arts (NUS CFA). Dinner was preceded by a guided tour of the NUS Museum.

6 Nov 2009: Talk on Gender trends in S-E Asia: UWAS hosted a dinner cum talk featuring Dr Theresa Devasahayam as speaker. An UWAS member, Theresa is a gender specialist currently attached to the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) of the National University of Singapore (NUS). (For report and pictures, see UWAS Newsflash April 2010 edition).

YEAR 2010

2 Jan 2010: The Image of our Landscape: guided tour by Rosie Wee, trained docent and UWAS Programme Chair 2008-2010). Depicting 19th Century Singapore landscapes, this exhibition of paintings, prints and photographs at the National Museum underpinned the political and socio-economic milieu of colonial times in Singapore.

27 Feb 2010: Chinese New Year Dinner cum Talk: In line with IFUW's support of the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), this event featured Assoc-Prof Natasha Hamilton-Hart who delivered a talk entitled "Climate Change: what should I believe and what should I do". A-P Hart is with the Asia Research Institute of the National University of Singapore.

28 March 2010: 14th UWAS AGM @ SCWO. Sandra Segeram was elected UWAS President with a new 8th Executive Committee team for the term 2010-2012.

This has been a summary of events held by University Women's Association, Singapore 2007-2010. Fuller reports and pictures can be found in UWAS' Newsflash 2007, 2008, 2009, and April 2010 on the website: www.uwas.org.

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