



Dear friends

I have been silent far too long; it is time I expressed my heartfelt gratitude and thanks to friends from 1971 : 5C, 5B, 5A and a few from 72/73/74/75 for the great time I have had over the years with you during various functions – dinners during CNY season, weddings of your sons, daughters and ACSOSA Annual Dinners and the 25th.Year Celebrations at Alson and an outing in PJ with friends from 1975 as well as a gathering in Min Kok Restraunt. We have also shared moments of breavement of our dearly departed members. There were a couple of times when I declined your generous invitations for reasons of poor health. Forgive me for the absence.

My very special thanks to my special friends for highlighting my 71st.Birthday in 2011@ Lucky Palace.

On 23rd.June,2012, during my Golden Jubilee Celebration (as a teacher) , I had the pleasure of dining with most of these friends and a few recent faces together with Mr.Chung Wai Foo, Mr.Lee Chee Peng. Mr.Chiang and Mr Alan Yeoh were indisposed. Yes. I'm still teaching English and telling old, old stories to International students at Nilai University College.

This recent event , which was made possible, by my dear friend, Angie and her team ,was a very exceptional and memorable one with a power point presentation, capturing many moments in the past. This was indeed a lovely evening of fellowship and camaraderie. My wife, Evelyn, and I were blown away by the awesomeness of the whole evening.

Besides Angie, I also thank my dear friends : Phooi Fun, Felicia, Chiew Lim, Peter Lingam, Francis Foo, Hiew Swee Lan, Satiavathy, Wing Kwong, Selvanathan, Yathvalingam for their hand in the arrangements. Of course, I thank those friends from abroad for their kind good wishes : Paul Kit, Kit Siew, Khaw Hock Lye, Yin Chan, Lee Chee Kin and Yoke Heng. Finally, We appreciate and thank all those who answered the call and joined us for the Celebration dinner at Lucky Palace on Saturday 23rd. June 2012 and for your very generous gifts both in kind and cash. Swee's glorious tribute and Peter Lingam's heart-warming song were very much appreciated and enjoyed by us. Sathia's and Swee's cakes as well the bouquet of lovely flowers for my wife, plus the framed "A Teacher's

Prayer" and " You Raised Us Up" and the exquisite wallet with the AngPow were much appreciated.

Before I forget, let me congratulate you on a couple of pertinent issues. It is so heartening to see your cohesive and well-knit group(s) after all these years. Hope you continue to remain so, for in later years, old friends are the best. Besides having fun and fellowship many of you are into NGO work; but most important of all is your love for your alma mater where you have extended a helping hand to upgrade facilities so that future students of ours will not be lacking. This is a very noble outreach. May God continue Bless all those involved in these, especially Datin Salbiah, Dato Hassan, Gen. Dato.Jeyabalan, Francis Foo – our new member of the BOG of ACS and the evergreen regular warriors - Angie's Team as well as the Silent ones. If I have missed out some names, please forgive me.

Finally, I am simply overwhelmed by your love and generosity. You have given so much, to me who did so little, for so few, in so short a time. It's amazing. I am a very lucky guy to have earned your respect, trust,love and friendship and I hope to continue being your friend, even as I ride into the sunset, as most teachers do; we don't die; we just fade away. I'm sure I've exceeded the word limit. Adios for now. Take care and God Bless you and your loved ones.

With much love and affection,

David K Madhavan

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