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Global Reunion 2010 Planning Survey

Dear fellow Old Boys,

With the next LSCOBA Global Reunion (GR) officially set between July 2, 2010 and July 4, 2010 at San Francisco, USA, the La Salle College Old Boys Global Alliance Steering Committee has set up a 2010 LSCOB Global Reunion Planning Survey to help collect useful information for our host Chapter. All survey participants will remain anonymous. The survey result will also be non-binding, i.e., participation in this survey does not commit participants to anything.

Please note that the survey will close on July 25, 2009 in order to allow results to be summarized and forwarded to our San Francisco host chapter.

Fellow old boys are strongly encouraged to take the survey using the following link:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Y_2fGy_2bTKGQ_2fN9iK8Fd_2f216g_3d_3d.

Thank you very much for your participation!

Steering Committee
La Salle College Old Boys Global Alliance

Latest update from the survey:

As of evening June 29, 2009 (North American time), 151 old boys have participated in the survey. Based on information supplied by the respondents, they come from the following regions:

East Coast, USA	16	12.2%
Edmonton, Canada	14	10.7%
Hong Kong	8	6.1%
London, UK	1	0.8%
San Francisco Bay Area, USA	44	33.6%
Shanghai, China	1	0.8%
Singapore	1	0.8%
Southern California, USA	7	5.3%
Toronto, Canada	17	13.0%
Vancouver, Canada	19	14.5%
Other areas	3	2.3%
Not disclosed	20	

We hope that more old boys will participate in the survey before July 25, 2009 when this survey is closed.

Reminders

Edmonton

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date: noon July 3, 2009 (every first Friday)

Venue: Century Palace Restaurant

金漢龍廷大酒樓

Southern California

Annual General Meeting

Date: Saturday July 18, 2009

Time: 5pm to 7 pm

Venue: Blue Ocean Seafood Restaurant

南海漁邨 (1412 S Garfield Avenue,

Alhambra, CA 91801)

Casual dinner after the AGM.

Toronto

Annual Picnic & BBQ

Date: Sunday August 30, 2009

Time: 11 am to 7 pm

Venue: Thomson Park – Scarborough

(Brimley Rd. north of Lawrence Avenue)

Charge: FREE

Bring your family and friends

John Lau (65) Performing

Date: Saturday August 29, 2009 and

Sunday August 30, 2009

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Markham Theatre (Warden & Hwy 7)

Class 59

Golden Anniversary Reunion

Date: November 10 - 17, 2009

Venue: Please check inner page for details

Costs: to be announced

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Chapter News

Southern California

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The 2009 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of La Salle College Old Boys' Association Southern California Chapter will be held on **July 18, 2009 (Saturday) from 5:00 pm to 7:00pm**. Please attend the AGM to share your ideas with and provide feedback to the Directors and Officers of the Chapter to help us better serve the LaSallian family in Southern California. Your opinion matters

Date: July 18, 2009 (Saturday)
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Blue Ocean Seafood Restaurant 南海漁邨 (1412 S Garfield Avenue, Alhambra, CA 91801).

The agenda of the Annual General Meeting is as follows.

1. Receive and consider the President's Report for 2008-2009.
2. Receive and consider the 2008-2009 Financial Statements.
3. Receive and consider the 2008-2009 Annual Activities Report.
4. Present and discuss 2009-2010 activities plan.
5. Discuss and vote on proposed bylaw amendment.
6. Transact any other business.

The AGM will be followed by a casual dinner at Blue Ocean Seafood Restaurant 南海漁邨 that will begin at 7:00 pm. Any member who wishes to attend the AGM and/or the dinner should notify Caesar Mak ('79) on or before Sunday, July 12, 2009 by email to caesarmak@yahoo.com or by fax to (941) 827-8493.

If you have any questions, please email me at eddie_shek@yahoo.com or call me at (310)877-8493.

The Making of the La Salle Day Thanksgiving Mass (LSDTM) Slide Show

Anthony Luk (1966)

The idea of a slide show to pay tribute to our Brothers and teachers at the LSDTM came early to my mind. Unless I could find the pictures to prepare the presentation, I did not announce this commitment. However, the more I thought of the endeavor, the harder I looked for the material.

The Basic Set

Constantine Au (Class '87) joined our Class '66 tour from Los Angeles to Grand Canyon in the summer of 2005. Our friendship started there. He sent everyone on the bus Our Brothers, the publication of La Salle Old Boys Association Hong Kong, as a token of thanks for a very memorable trip (that included watching both the serene sunset and the brilliant sunrise at the southern rim of Grand Canyon). Our Brothers contained pictures and stories for the majority of the seventy Brothers who had served our alma mater, La Salle College (LSC) Hong Kong.

I emailed Constantine and asked if he had digital copies of those pictures. He replied that Andrew Wong (Class '89) had used them in a slide show for a LSCOBA Christmas function. The basic set of 57 pictures arrived within days. I was elated.

How about the Lay Teachers

Among our classmates, Thomas Yip is the go-to guy for historic pictures and anecdotes of LSC. He generously sent me a CD containing his collections, which include pictures of the '60s headline news in Hong Kong.



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I searched the Internet and found some more pictures of the majestic-dome campus. But I did not have any good pictures of the current Quad structure. Kan Kwok Ming, my classmate residing in Hong Kong, loves photography and produces professional shots. He kindly accepted my request and made a special trip to La Salle Road and took outside shots of the current LSC and La Salle Primary (LSP) buildings.

I still lacked pictures of our lay teachers. Denise, wife of Gerald Lee (my classmate), is a serious photographer. In all our major class reunion functions, she has taken thousands of megabytes of digital pictures. I asked her if she could send me pictures of our former teachers. She did promptly and went the extra mile in asking Andrew Mok, one of her Class '65 connections to substantiate her supplies. Subsequently, Kowk Jing Lau (Class '65) emailed me the pictures of the teachers whom I had asked for. The gems are safely stored on my disk.

Icing on the Cake

In late March before I exchanged emails with Kan Kwok Ming, I emailed Mr. Pau Shiu Hung (Class '61), my former Scoutmaster. Mrs. Elizabeth Pau, his wife, recently retired after serving LSP for forty years and for the last eight years, she was the Principal of LSP. In my email, I asked for any recent pictures of LSP. I did not receive any replies (as noted below, Pau Sir had been traveling in Australia).

I was in Hong Kong for the Easter weekend. After breakfast with Thomas Yip and Kan Kwok Ming at the International BP (Scouts) Hotel, I was ready to return to my room. A voice shouted "Anthony" as I was about to step inside the elevator. I turned and to my great and pleasant surprise, it was Pau Sir walking towards me.

We hugged and chatted in the lobby. Pau Sir had just returned from a trip to Australia. I explained why I needed the LSP pictures. Pau Sir said my timing was right as LSP just published The Golden Years, La Salle Primary School 50th Anniversary Commemorative Publication. On Easter Sunday, I was at Pau's residence and he gave me two copies of The Golden Years. Within minutes, I jotted down a list of pictures that I can use for our LSDTM slide show. Pau Sir indicated that a LSP teacher is a guru in Internet and he could help get me the pictures.

To make the story short, days after I returned to Los Angeles on Easter Monday, Pau Sir connected me with Mr. Tang Man Hon, Patrick, the LSP teacher. He must be the database manager and/or the Internet master. Mr. Tang was extremely helpful in sending me the specific requests that I made on successive but rapid email exchanges. You will see that the LSP pictures are icing on the cake for our LSDTM slide show.

The Presentation

How I should prepare the slide presentation without narrations to connect with generations of La Salle alumni is a huge challenge. It became a formidable task that I did not anticipate, although I was overjoyed with the digital pictures thus far compiled. As students under the roof of the majestic-dome campus, we were blessed with the best crop of Brothers. Understandably we shared immense sentiment and attachment to the erstwhile campus. But the Quad buildings have been the current LSC for thirty years. How would I first bridge the gap?

I had three informative pieces of research material. They are: (1) Our Brothers, publication of La Salle Old Boys Association Hong Kong. Editors: Constantine Au, Michael Lee, Wesley Wong and Andrew Wong; (2) Sons of La Salle Everyone, A History of La Salle College and Primary School 1932 - 2007, Mark Huang, and (3) The Golden Years, La Salle Primary School 50th Anniversary Commemorative Publication. I started to read these three publications. As I began to arrange the slides in order, I added bullets adjacent to the pictures or subtitles to the slides. They are aimed to highlight the contributions of our Brothers or the events.

I must have played with the order of the slide presentation in a half dozen ways. Gradually, I realized that many Brothers started out in St. Joseph's College. Only a few arrived in Hong Kong and were immediately assigned to La Salle College. Moreover, with the reduction in the number of Brothers remain in Hong Kong, Brothers who had taught us moved to administrative positions in other offspring of Brothers Christians Schools. Indeed, it is the institution of Brothers of Christian Schools that counts. It is our Brothers and our lay teachers as educators and counselors who devote their life to give us the instructions and tutelage as laid down by St. John Baptist de La Salle that count ultimately.

I hope you like the arrangement especially the transitions between the parts. I chose the hymn Sancta Maria from the CD of Andrea Bocelli - Sacred Arias to be played along with the slide show. When you watch the slides either individually or with a group of Old Boys, you will reflect differently to the stories of our Brothers.



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Unfinished Work

The slide show is far from complete. The slides are largely the history of the first forty-five years of LSC. You may justifiably say that they show mainly the LSC staff of the '60s. Hence, I urge every LSCOB Chapter to start a collection effort of LSC pictures relating to her many student activities, achievements and major events. The current students, too, should form a closer relationship with their teachers. Take pictures and write down your stories. In this Internet age, share your experiences on the School's website. We, Old Boys, love to be in touch with our alma mater.

Postscript

The LSDTM slide show was first presented after the LSDTM on May 17, 2009 in Los Angeles. We are grateful that Old Boys from every decade since 1940 attended the inaugural function. Now, we can earnestly begin a homecoming roundtable to share stories starting from Brother Cassian, the second Principal of La Salle College and all the way down to recent years when the torch was passed to lay persons as Principals.

Finally, there are two color slides at the beginning and the end of the LSDTM slide show. Denise took the two pictures at Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles. The first one is "Tapestry of Love and Devotion." The actual tapestry is hung on the left side and near the front of the Cathedral when you face the altar. The second picture is the sculpture by Robert Graham of our Blessed Mother when you are about to enter the Cathedral. When you visit Los Angeles, drop by the Cathedral and pay your homage. May God bless and keep our Brothers, teachers and everyone of our Lasallian family.

A copy of the slide show can be viewed at http://lscobasc.org/events/2009-05_LaSalleDayMass/LSDTM_slides-compressed.ppt

Toronto

Toronto Chapter Annual Picnic & BBQ

Date: Sunday August 30, 2009
Time: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Place: Thomson Park – Scarborough (Brimley Rd. north of Lawrence Avenue)
Charge: FREE
Bring your family and friends

John Lau (65) Performing in Toronto

John Lau (65) from Hong Kong will perform in a fund raising concert in Toronto for Sunnybrook Medical Centre. Former teachers Mr. Joseph Fok and his wife Miss Tsang will be coming from Vancouver for this event.

Date: Saturday 2009/08/29 and Sunday 2009/08/30
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: Markham Theatre (Warden & Hwy 7)

The concert will also be a tribute to the famous artist 任劍輝. For more details of the concert and ticket information, please contact: 宋錦榮粵劇曲藝學院 Tel: (905) 470-8283 (416) 315-6617 Email: rbgroup@rogers.com



Story Behind

The History and Formation of La Salle Old Boys Association Vancouver Chapter

The author would like to thank Benedict Lam, Paul Ng, Dominic Lau, and Ronald Loui-Ying for providing valuable information on the history of Vancouver Chapter and Peter Choy, Daniel Chung, and Joseph Ng for providing the photos of different OBA chapter events.

Victor Leung (1977)

"When the Old Boys get together, they will always sing (the La Salle College School) song". Most LaSallian will likely agree that one of our most treasured memories would date back to the fun and care-free primary and secondary school days. Benedict Lam and Paul Ng were no exception and were in constant peruse to gather fellow Overseas Old Boys to relive the good old times and, of course, to proudly sing our school song together.

After graduated from La Salle College in 1973, Paul had immigrated and settled in Vancouver, British Columbia in the following year. Not knowing too many people in the strange city of Vancouver and still deeply missed the good old La Salle days, Paul had always dreamed of starting an Old Boys club at Vancouver. His prayer was finally answered in 1976.

During a pleasure trip to Hong Kong in 1976, Paul ran into Brother Raphael, the Principal of La Salle College at the time, and had casually mentioned his plan to start an Old Boys club at Vancouver to Brother Raphael. Leaving his idea behind after he returning from Hong Kong, Paul was pleasantly surprise when he was approached by Benedict Lam (60'). Great men must think alike for similar to Paul, Benedict was also in a process of setting up a La Salle Old Boys Association at Vancouver, BC. After learning from other Old Boys that Paul was also interested in setting an Old Boys club at Vancouver, Benedict had contacted Paul and officially invited him to join the Vancouver Old Boys Association (OBA) organizing committee.

After graduated in 1960 from La Salle College and spent 8 years in Ottawa, Benedict Lam had settled in Vancouver in 1968. With the increasing number of immigrants from Hong Kong in the 70s, Benedict noticed that many alumni associations of different secondary schools from Hong Kong were started to set up in Vancouver. Realizing that there was sufficient interest from La Salle Tsai and membership support to form our own local Vancouver chapter LSCOBA, Benedict had proceeded with the organization planning with a few other OBs including Dominic Lau, Alex Watt, Francis Sim, George Muller, and Arthur Yap-Chung.

Part of the OBA set up plan was to locate and getting acquainted with other old boys residing in Vancouver. Talking about *"boys of courage and boys of daring"*, instead of organizing a formal La Salle function which was still immature at the time, Paul had decided to ask Benedict and other old boys to send an open invitation to every La Salle Tsai residing at Vancouver to attend his wedding banquet which took place in September 1977. Not knowing how many extra guests would respond to his open invitation, Paul's belief was that the more OBs show up, the better chance of success would the Vancouver OBA formation was. Among the many guests who participated in the first unofficial Vancouver OBA gathering were Benedict Lam and Dominic Lau who still remained the die-hard members of the Vancouver OBA to this very date.

The second milestone of Vancouver OBA took place in the summer of 1978 when A. O. Sales was leading the Hong Kong team to attend Commonwealth Game at Edmonton, Alberta. Upon their return stop-over from Edmonton, the Vancouver OBA organizing committee had invited De O Sales and his team to attend a welcoming reception banquet, which turned out to be the first official Vancouver La Salle Old Boys function. Thanks to hard work from the organizing committee and fellow Old Boys, the function was very successful and close to 200 people attended the reception dinner held at Canyon Garden in North Vancouver, BC.

Taking advantage of the momentum and enthusiasm from fellow Old Boys, the La Salle College Old Boys Association (Vancouver Chapter) was officially formed in summer 1978. Formal Chapter constitution document, prepared by Benedict Lam, was officially signed in June 29th, 1978. The OBA inauguration success was celebrated with the first Annual Christmas/New Year OBA Ball which took place in New Years Eve of 1978 at the Bayshore Inn, Downtown Vancouver. In total, over 400 people had attended this very special celebration dinner.

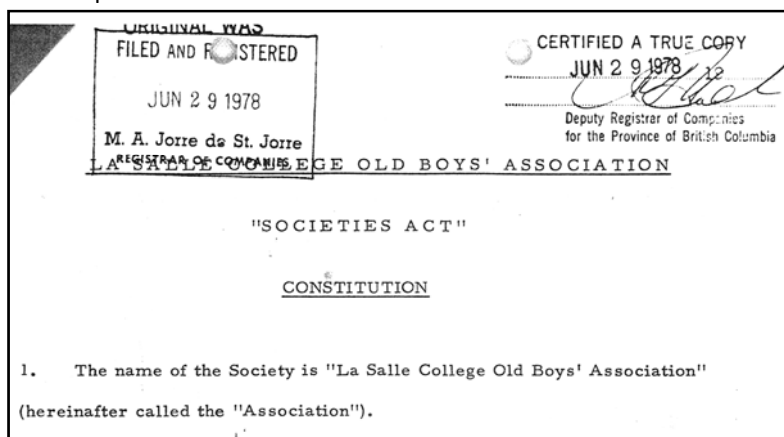


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The founding executive committee and members of Vancouver Chapter is listed as follow:

President:	Benedict Lam
Vice-Presidents:	Dominic Lau & Alex Watt
Secretary:	George Muller
Treasurer:	Francis Sim
Public Relations:	Arthur Yap-Chung
Members:	
Albert Butt	Jackie Ma
Andrew Chee	Matthew Ma
David Cheung	Paul Ng
Frank Chow	Eric Pong
Benedict Fan	Owen Villa
Dennis Koo	David Wong
Peter Lai	John Wong
Edward Lee	Jonathan Wong
Kenneth Li	Hebert Yap-Chung



Photocopy of the original constitution of LSCOA Vancouver Chapter.

Like many organizations, the Vancouver chapter also has its active and slow moments. During the 80s, the chapter has lost some members who had returned to Hong Kong and China. After a period of slower participation in the late 80s, the chapter became active again in early 90s with the infusion of new Old Boys mainly from the class of 80s.

Even though Vancouver chapter was officially inaugurated in 1978, formal tie with HKOBA did not happen until early 2000. With the advance in IT technology in early 2000, the launch of the official HKOBA website had played a major role in help linking different overseas chapters together.

The visit of Brother Thomas to Los Angeles in the summer of 2002 had sparked the idea of the first North American Soccer Game which, subsequently, was held at San Francisco in September 2002. Vancouver chapter was one of the three chapters (besides San Francisco and South California) participated in this very meaningful sports event that was later expanded into the present-day Global Reunion.



Weldon Chan (37) receiving recognition certificate from President Raymond Wong at the 30th Anniversary Dinner held at the Bayshore Inn, Downtown Vancouver in 2008.

To-date, Vancouver chapter has over 300 registered members and approximately 40 active members. Since inauguration in 1978, a total of 23 keen OBs have volunteered their time to serve as presidents of Vancouver Chapter. (A tribute video of the past presidents is available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f5IHix30a9c>). Amongst the many members is Weldon Chen of class of 1937, who still find time to attend and support some of our chapter social functions whenever feasible.

Comparing to the other overseas OBA chapters, Vancouver is considered one of the bigger chapters in terms of membership size. Size, however, comes with both advantages and challenges. As a result of large membership size, it was easy for Vancouver chapter to solicit OBs to serve as executive members. In the 2009 Annual General Meeting, 22 members had stepped up and volunteered their time to serve as executive members. The large membership size has also made it easier to draw large turnout in most major OBA events. However, larger membership size also has its draw backs.

With the large membership size, social gatherings, by natural default, become smaller, more private, and usually organized in layers. Although Old Boys initiated gatherings are very frequent (almost at least monthly), the gatherings usually consist of OBs from similar graduating years and are not officially labelled as OBA functions. Every once in a while, selected OBs outside these layers (graduating years) are invited to attend these "private" functions and thus have the potential to serve as interface between different OB groups. In



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comparison, similar gatherings in smaller chapters might be private at start but could easily transform into formal OBA functions, for the one to two table party would represent almost half of the executive turnout.

Nevertheless, in addition to the many smaller and less official functions, the two main OBA functions include the Annual Christmas/New year Ball which lasted till the late 90s, and the Annual Picnic which still continues today as a major OBA family-based function.

The large membership size also makes organization of major OBA functions more challenging. Nevertheless, with the strong support from the large executive group and general members, a lot of successful and memorable events were organized over the years. Highlights of some of the recent major events/activities of Vancouver chapter include:

1. November 2009 - 30th Anniversary of Vancouver Chapter;
2. February 2009 – Chinese New Year Dinner;
3. October 2007 – Celebrating Dinner for 75th Anniversary of LSC;
4. August 2007 - Annual picnic at former president, Raymond Wong, Hot House Farm;
5. August 2003 – North America Soccer Game hosted by Vancouver Chapter.

Located in one of the warmest weather in Canada, Vancouver chapter is able to regularly attract new members (both young and mature). However, the chapter realizes that it must continue to find innovative ways to draw the members at large to its regular gatherings. As sons of La Salle, members of Vancouver chapter will continue to find ways to get together and proudly sing our school song.



Group photo from the 2007 Annual Picnic held at Raymond Wong's (2007- 2009 President) Organic Farm.



1994 Annual Picnic held at Cultus Lake, Chilliwack BC.
First row - Francis Yeung(69); Cheung Ting Po Sir;
Peter Cheung Wah Tai Sir; Humphrey Ho(69)

School News

Excerpts from <http://www.lasalle.edu.hk/>

2009-06-30

A Level Result release

Congratulations to the following students and their excellent results in the A -Level Examination 2009:

Lai Anthony (7D)	5A
Chiu Hei Yeung (7B)	4A 1B
Lee Kit Ming (7C)	3A 2B
Chan Tsz Ho (7B)	3A 1B 1C
Mak Chun Hung (7B)	3A 1B 1C





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2009-06-30

Hong Kong Physics Olympiad 2009

Congratulations to our students for their excellent performance in the Hong Kong Physics Olympiad 2009. The competition was held on Sunday, 24th May 2009 at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and 799 students from 110 schools participated in this event. The results of our students are as follows.

Chung Ping Ngai (5C)	1st Honour Award and Outstanding Performance Award
Wong Man Lok (5C)	1st Honour Award
Ho Chung Yau, Elton (5C)	1st Honour Award
Wong Kayson (5C)	1st Honour Award
Chan Ho Lam (5C)	2nd Honour Award
Chan Chun Yat, Arthur (5C)	3rd Honour Award
Li Kwok Ho (5C)	3rd Honour Award
La Salle College	The Best School Award

2009-06-24

Chinese Competition of the Hong Kong Youth Cultural & Arts Competitions

Congratulations to Ho Ho Yan (何昊仁, 1E), who has captured the Merit in the Chinese Competition of the Hong Kong Youth Cultural & Arts Competitions (全港青年學藝比賽青年中文寫作中學組優異獎). Nearly 800 F.1-7 students joined the competition and only 14 winners were selected.



2009-06-17

Hong Kong Outstanding Students Awards (2008 - 2009)



Congratulations to **Leung Hok Kiu Johnson of 4C!**

Johnson has won the **2008-2009 Hong Kong Outstanding Students Awards** which is one of the most prized competitions of its kind in Hong Kong. The 11 prize winners were selected out of hundreds of participants who are all the best students in terms of their academic performance, involvement in social services and extra-curricular activities as well as having special talents.

Johnson's victory is indeed a hard earned one and a remarkable achievement.

2009-05-27

Sports Prize Giving Ceremony

The Sports Prize Giving Ceremony was held in the school hall during the 4th to 6th periods. It was our honour to invite the **President of the LSCOB, Mr. Charles Chan**, to be our guest of honour.

The prize winners of interclass and interschool competitions received their prizes from our sports conveners as well as our honourable guests.



At the end of the ceremony, **Au Yeung Chun Yu(7D)** presented the Bauhinia Bowl (the 1st runner up) to our **Supervisor, Brother Patrick**. Also, our **Principal, Mr Wong Yen Kit**, presented a souvenir to our **Vice-principal, Mr Joseph Chung**, who will retire after this academic year, in order to express our gratitude to his contribution to the school and in sports activities. The ceremony ended with overwhelming applause for **Mr Joseph Chung**.





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Life Update

Mini Reunion in Toronto

Yan Ho Tse (1959)



Back: Raphael Ng, Herbert Chang Wai Kee, Stephen Wan Hing Chow, Thomas Ho Chi Tat, Robert Wan Ki Yuet, John Ip
Front: Yan Ho Tse, Kin Kwok Lo, John Kwan, Louis Lau

Kin Kwok Lo (from Chicago) and Yan Ho Tse (from Vancouver) were invited by our mutual friend's daughter wedding sometime in September 2007 in Toronto. John Kwan (from Foster City, San Francisco Bay Area) and Louis Lau (from Dallas) were visiting their family during the same week.

Thanks to John Ip, we were able to get together for a reunion dinner within a very short notice. Some of us have not seen each other since school leaving. We are hoping more classmates may be reconnected with this photo and looking forward to our Golden Class Reunion in Hong Kong in Nov. 2009.



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“Home” Coming

Keith Lam (1975), former director of the Edmonton Chapter, was in Edmonton with his family for a short stop. Fraternal spirit drove him to squeeze several hours from his busy schedule to meet with fellow LaSallians at Finnagans on June 29, 2009. Keith is now residing at Denver, Colorado and has not come to Edmonton since the Global Reunion 2006.



Back:
Mike Lam (66), Calvin Chan (71), Peter Chiong (70), Louis Chan (65)
Front:
Chris Leung (65), Keith Lam (75), Mike Kwong (67), Bill SH Wong (66),
Bill WL Wong (former LSPS Teacher)



Good food, good beer, good spirit!

LSCOBAAHK Notice

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Notice is hereby given under Article 40 of the Association's Articles that an Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Friday, 10 July 2009 at time 7:30 pm at La Salle College, 18 La Salle Road, Kowloon for the following purposes: —

1. To receive and consider the President's Report;
2. To receive and consider the Audited Financial Statements;
3. To elect the following office-bearers and members of the Committee for 2009-2010:—
 - (a) President
 - (b) Vice President
 - (c) Honorary Secretary
 - (d) Honorary Treasurer
 - (e) 12 Members of the Committee
4. To re-appoint the Auditors; and
5. To transact any other business.

Willie C. Wong (84)
Honorary Secretary



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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY REUNION

CLASS OF 1959



A reunion will be held in Hong Kong to celebrate the golden anniversary of the graduation of the class of 1959. Classmates and their better halves are cordially invited to attend. We look forward to a nostalgic and fun-filled reunion.

Please note the slight changes in dates from those in the announcement placed in the May issue. The first two activities in Hong Kong are moved up one day, while the remaining activities remain as per previous schedule. This is now confirmed as the final schedule. Overseas classmates can make travel plans accordingly.

Tuesday November 10	Icebreaker Dim Sum lunch, followed by Mahjong for those so inclined
Wednesday November 11	Walk up and over Kadoorie Hill to LSC campus; Meeting with the current principal; campus tour; Reunion banquet, former teachers who still live in HK, as well as the current principal, will be our guests of honour
Friday November 13 to Monday November 16	4-day tour to Xiamen, Fukien Province and visit to the Hakka Roundhouses
Tuesday November 17	Farewell Dim Sum lunch

Those who have not already done so are invited to pre-register for the event.

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The program will be firmed up by August 31, with announcement on requisite fees to cover the functions and the Xiamen tour. All applicable fees are payable by August 31, with announcement on requisite fees to cover the functions and the Xiamen tour. All applicable fees are payable by September 30, or earlier should function venue and tour organizers so demand.

We welcome special announcements from every LaSallian to be placed in this newsletter. Please send your announcement and instructions, if any, to editors@lscobaedm.org. We reserve the right to withhold any announcement with inappropriate content.

Editorial Board



Global Reunion New York 2008

The 2008 Global Reunion and World Conference – A fine memory for the host chapter

By Peter Lai (67), Chair – Prep Committee

It is hard to believe that a whole year has passed since the very memorable 2008 Global Reunion - it feels as fresh as yesterday! As I think back and reflect upon the tireless energy and effort devoted by the prep committee, I feel indeed a great sense of pride, relief, and satisfaction. As we planned for the event, we were all hopeful that the hard work would pay off but dealing with the uncertainty along the way was something that nobody was prepared for.

Following our return trip home from the 2006 Los Angeles Reunion and the acknowledgement that New York would be the next in line after Edmonton – the pressure gradually mounted. From the start, it was intimidating just thinking about the first steps to such a sizable project of hosting an event in New York City. Certainly lots to consider especially balancing high costs and risks. Where can we find suitable facilities? How many people would participate? How much would it cost? What are the expectations? These were the questions that we struggled with constantly since Day 1. Despite all of the unknowns, one thing we were quite sure of was the need to modify the event format in order to make it more appealing to attending family members, as opposed to only old boys themselves. Our challenge became clear: how do we further develop and customize an attractive and affordable program for *all* of the participants – OBs *and* their guests. After some in-depth discussions, our call to action was to provide a service-oriented, all inclusive, and worry-free vacation-like reunion.



For the program to be attractive and economically feasible it would require more than a typical weekend as in the past. While there is no “one-size fits all” solution, the option to create multiple packages to choose from would meet NY Chapter’s goal of finding something interesting for everyone to enjoy. This flexible approach would accommodate individual needs and preferences of different attendees. The various combinations of a musical show, dinner cruise and casino gambling were a nice complement to our traditional reunion activities (world conference and sport tournaments) along with the local attractions. Of course, it would be a sin if we forgot to lure everyone to the enticing New York

shopping experience - from local shops to Fifth Avenue and eventually the regional outlets. In fact, shopping was one of the key strategic elements designed to help the OBs in persuading their better-halves that our reunion is more than just “blowing water” amongst the boys, it also helped support the local economy as well! Virginia Ng, wife of John Ng (65) did a commendable job as she guided the group through Woodbury Mall, where everyone happily spent their money in return for great bargains.

Due to the “all-inclusive” nature of the event, the prep committee was very concerned about the quality of food and meals especially given the perception that the New York/New Jersey region is not known for high quality Chinese food as compared to other chapter locations. Therefore, we decided that in the presence of Hong Kong, Toronto and Vancouver chapters, we would instead opt for more western style meals to avoid running the risk of turning this perception into a reality and any unnecessary embarrassment! However, for everyone’s benefit, there is one proud and distinct exception which could no doubt have dispelled this inaccurate perception, the Orchard Garden of Long Island. A restaurant owned and operated by our very own LSCOB James Ng (66), which is frequently visited by members of the NY chapter for *REAL* Chinese food. Unfortunately for all, due to transportation considerations, we were unable to integrate it into the reunion program.





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Speaking of transportation, we recognized that “transportation” is always a major concern for out-of-towners, especially first-timers in an unfamiliar city. To alleviate this concern, we decided to create a worry-free journey for all visitors by providing them with transportation services which added convenience and eliminated their risk in driving around a very tricky New York City region. This strategy, however, was very costly to implement, not only in terms of bus arrangements for a huge group but also airport related transfers to accommodate individual flight schedules among the three regional airports. Fortunately, with a committed transportation task force led by Frank Hon (66), we were able to provide personalized services within a very reasonable budget.

After taking care of the four big items of life in 衣食住行 – (shopping, eating, sleeping and transporting), the rest was now less stressful and more manageable for us to handle. Chris Tse and the Global Alliance Task Force conducted a very successful World Conference with lively participation from a very large and passionate crowd. The conference was also attended by Lester Huang (La Salle Foundation) and Mark Huang (OBA Hong Kong) as they provided an update on the latest development with each respective organization. Three concurrent workshops, led by Jimmy Chang (66), Davis Leung (79) and Albert Fok (65), were conducted with constructive findings reported back to all participants during the final session of the conference. In short, the formation of the Global Alliance was confirmed with its mission and the communication framework and expected challenges and opportunities were clearly identified. The conference also helped further define our direction and path forward as well as laid down the groundwork for future activities.



As always, the football tournament is one of the key ingredients for a successful reunion and 2008 was no exception. Despite only three participating teams from California, Toronto and Edmonton/New York, the entire tournament was very sportsmanlike and fun-filled. Of course, the Edmonton/NY Team continues to be the most “experienced” team with an average age of over 40 (thanks to the leadership provided by half-a-dozen 花甲 players). Despite the many notches on their belts, these old warriors were butchered without mercy on the field but once again they earned the utmost respect from the young ones for their tireless effort and never give-up attitude.



Team New York - the most experienced of the three teams!



The highlight of the tournament was the battle of the fit under a wet & sloppy field between the California and Toronto teams. The game was well-played and evenly matched with a few close but missed opportunities by both teams. After a 90-minute battle, California edged by Toronto by one goal and captured the 2008 title; however, in the eyes of the spectators both teams were true winners. Putting aside all of the serious business, a Senior Old Boys game was played after the tournament which enabled many senior warriors to (dust-off and) show off some of their old tricks. It was obviously a very fun game to play and even to watch as these seniors temporarily forgot their doctor's orders and happily engaged in doing the things they had done well on so many moons ago. The game was surprisingly fast



paced and lasted over 60 minutes until everyone decided that it was time to stop before any serious consequences occurred. Only after the game did everyone worry about the subsequent pain that would surely follow in the days after.

Meanwhile, despite the not-so-sunny weather, the golf and the tennis tournaments had been carried out and were equally successful as the football tournament. At the end of the day, everyone was a big winner. In fact, all of the players at the tennis



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tournament received a medal...even the spectators. Only in New York folks, only in New York!

The prep committee was very pleased to know that the recreational programs - the Broadway show, the dinner cruise, the Atlantic City tour and, of course, the 5th Avenue and regional outlet tours - were very well received by everyone, especially the family members. The post-reunion trip to Washington DC was well attended and the feedback was fantastic. All these indications suggested that our family-oriented approach for the entire reunion was right on target.



The Reunion Dinner was also a very memorable event as it was attended by close to 200 old boys and family members. MC Pamela Lai kept things moving in an orderly fashion, and keynote speaker Sam Mok (62) delivered an attention-grabbing, engaging and high-spirited speech. Sam was a US Army veteran and former Chief Financial Officer of the US Department of Labor under the Bush administration. His unique background and career achievements gave the audience a very interesting perspective on the influence of La Salle education. The lovely dinner was also accompanied by



the euphonious music and the fancy footwork displayed on the dance floor. It certainly reinforced the fact that LS Boys are anything but bookworms.

Throughout the reunion, more than 2,000 photos of the happy moments and faces were captured by our event photographers Amy and Eric Lai. It certainly took a huge effort to screen, finish, and process each of these photos all in efforts to ensure that each picture would be worth a thousand words. Finally, the grand task was recently completed and by way of this newsletter, we are pleased to announce that the reunion photo albums will be posted shortly on the below website for everyone to enjoy.



The posting date is set to be July 8, 2009 and please kindly see the instructions provided at the end of the article to view and download the photos.



The photos are sorted by date and by activity for easy reference. Please note that because the original size of some photos is huge, we reduced them in order to save space. If you would like to obtain the original file, please kindly send me an email with the photo ID (including an abbreviated reference to the specific event/activity) and I will send the file to you. I hope everyone will enjoy the photos as much as I did.

Last, but not least, on behalf of the entire NY/East Coast Chapter, I would like to thank each and every one of the reunion participants for their continued support. Without your positive participation in 2008, there would be no wonderful

stories to recollect and fine memories to draw from. As the 2010 Global Reunion draws near, many of the NY/NJ folks are already looking forward to seeing you in San Francisco.

God bless and please take care in the upcoming year....we look forward to creating new memories at the 2010 Global Reunion.

Best Regards,

Peter Lai



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Go to the URL <http://www.flickr.com/photos/lscobany/collections/>

Click on the "2008 LSC Old Boys Global Reunion" label.

Twenty set (folder) icons appear. Click on the set icon to view photos in that set.

You may use the slide-show button (top right) or just click on any picture among the thumbnails.

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