



北美風沙 The North American LaSallians

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY REUNION CLASS OF 1959



Final Program

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 memorable and fun-filled reunion. The full program is as follows.

Tuesday November 10: Icebreaker Dim Sum lunch

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

Cost: The estimated total cost for the lunch and banquet is HK\$800 per person, payable at the Icebreaker Dim Sum lunch. Paul Chu will confirm final cost at time of payment.

Post-Reunion Tour: 4-day tour to Xiamen, Fukien Province and visit to the Hakka Roundhouses

13 November: Hong Kong – Xiamen. Morning flight, afternoon visit Puto Temple “南普陀寺” and Xiamen University “廈門大學”

14 November: Xiamen – Nanching Roundhouse. Morning leave Xiamen for Nanching Roundhouse Group. “田螺坑土樓群” is situated at Nanching “南靖” county with the world famous 4 round and 1 square roundhouse group “四圓一方”土樓 and shivering roundhouse “東歪西倒”土樓

15 November: Nanching – Wing Ting
Morning leave Nanching for Wing Ting 永定 county where the Qushi Roundhouse Group “初溪土樓群” is situated. This is the most well preserved of the Roundhouse Groups in China and is listed by UN as World Cultural Heritage.

16 November: Xiamen – Hong Kong. Morning visit Kwulongyu “鼓浪嶼”, an island full of western architectural buildings and a piano museum. Free time in the afternoon to walk and shop at the Pedestrian “步行街”. Evening flight to Hong Kong.

Cost: The estimated price is around HK\$5,500.00 per person including flights by Dragon Air, 5-star hotels, meals, land transport, entrance fees, tour guide and tips. (The price may be reduced if there is sufficient patronage to reduce the air-fare).

For those who wish to join, the full price will be payable before 30th September 2009 (details to be confirmed later by John Li).

Those who have not already done so are requested to confirm their participation in the functions in HK.
Paul CHU 褚明晰 at (852) 9459-4465 e-mail paulchu802@yahoo.com.

For confirmation of participation in the post-reunion tour, please contact
John LI 李鳳翔 at (852) 9494-1681 e-mail johnfli@fooandli.com

Meeting times and venues will be communicated to confirmed participants in due time.



Global Reunion San Francisco 2010

Event Website

The website for the 2010 Global Reunion will be open to the public on September 1st, 2009. Registration will commence in November. Although we are still working on some of the details, the site will provide useful information on venues, schedule, entertainment and sports events. We will keep updating the site as we finalize our progress.

<http://www.lscobasf.com/reunion/index.php>

Class 1969 40th Anniversary Reunion

Date: November 3 - 7, 2009
City: Hong Kong
Contact: lamtatchi@netvigator.com (HK)
pxc8@hotmail.com (Vancouver)
thomaslylau@rogers.com (Toronto)
tombo328@aol.com (USA)

Please act now to register.

Serving in Uniform

In April 2009, we appealed to old boys who were serving or had served in the military forces to write about their lives in uniforms. The first article will be published in this newsletter next month. Since the article is a good and lengthy one, we plan to break the article into six parts. We are still working out the details but the first part will be in the October issue of this newsletter. Once the article is out, we welcome feedback from the readers. We also welcome contributions from other old boys about their own lives in uniforms.

Editorial Board

Reminders

Edmonton

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering
Date: noon August 4, 2009 (every first Friday)
Venue: Century Palace Restaurant
金漢龍廷大酒樓

San Francisco

Fall Picnic / B-B-Q
Date: 10 am - 4 pm Sat Sept 26, 2009
Venue: Central Park, 40000 Paseo Padre Pkwy, Fremont, California
Cost: \$18 Adults
\$10 Children and full time students
For details and reservation, please contact ephremfung@yahoo.com.

Southern California

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering
Date: noon to 2 pm, every first Sunday
Venue: Empress Harbor Seafood Restaurant
111 N. Atlantic Blvd., 3/F, Monterey Park
Cost: \$15 per person
\$10 Children and full time students

Annual Picnic

Date: 11 am - 5pm, Saturday Sept 19, 2009
Venue: San Dimas Canyon Park 1628 N. Sycamore Canyon Road, San Dimas, CA 91773
Cost: \$18 per adult / \$12 per child
RSVP by September 12. joe.cheng@sbcglobal.net

About this newsletter

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Vancouver	Victor Leung (1977), José Antonio Yeung-Cardoso (1968)	Southern California	Eddie Shek (1985)
Toronto	Felix Leung (1985), Jimmy Chang (1966)	San Francisco Bay Area	Ephrem Fung (1976)
East Coast (USA)	Christopher Tse (1965), Peter Lai (1967)	Edmonton	Calvin Chan (1971)



Chapter News

Vancouver

Annual BBQ 2009

Victor Leung (1977)

Living up to tradition, the Vancouver LSCOPA Chapter held its annual BBQ on August 15, 2009. As host for this year's BBQ I had the luxury to witness how the event unfolded. Rather than the usual event reporting and photo postings, I thought readers, especially members of the Vancouver chapter, might be interested in learning more about this annual BBQ from a different perspective – the behind the scene actions.

After deciding on the date for the annual BBQ at the June executive meeting, members of the organizing committee started to locate a suitable venue for this year's BBQ. The organizing team was faced with its first challenge when we learned that the two initially proposed locations would not be available in August. Scrambling to find a last minute alternative, Patrick Ko, our President, personally visited the different suggested venues and emailed perspective site photos to executives for considerations and final site selection. After a series of e-communications, the committee finally settled on the venue – my own backyard. Within hours after learning about the final decision (via email) I received a phone call from my dear president wishing to confirm that I was not being pressured into offering my place for the event. Even though I had offered my place for the event out of my own free will, I was touched by Patrick's call for his call clearly demonstrated the spirit of "boys of caring" from the president to an ordinary member.



Backyard x@#\$\$* time

L - R
Back: Victor Leung, Tong Fung, Francis, Daniel Chung
Front: José Antonio Yeung-Cardoso, Raymond Wong, Paul Ng, Ralph Yip, Dominic Lau, and Ronald Loui-Ying



Group photo prior to school-song singing

L - R
Back: Raymond Woing, Victor Leung, Francis, Dominic Lau, Patrick Li, Vitus Lau, Philip Chan, Ralph Yip, Paul Ng
Front: Daniel Chung, Tony Fung, Ronald Loui-Ying and José Antonio Yeung-Cardoso

organic vegetable supplies that could literally feed a whole army. Ralph Yip, Vitus Lau, Ronald Loui-Ying, and Dominic Lau brought additional garden furniture, and Paul Ng volunteered last minute to pick up supplies from the nearby grocery store.

One of the reasons why I hesitated to offer my place for the event at the very beginning was that I was still in the process of acquiring furniture for my not-so-new home. With a lack of furniture to host such a big party, I once again lived up with my probably copyrightable party theme and called for a "bring your own chair party (BYOCP)". (Fellow brothers from the Edmonton Chapter were very familiar with this party theme!)

In order to ensure I had sufficient help I started to receive calls from many fellow Vancouver brothers a few days before and in the morning of the BBQ day. The offers for support were overwhelming! Every detailed logistic planning and every detailed role had been thought of and volunteered by fellow old boys. While Tong Fung and Daniel Chung had already taken care of the food supplies, Raymond Wong personally delivered his



Our cheerleading team



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Contrary to a week-long of unsettled and wet pattern, the weather was cooperative on D-day. A total of 24 guests (and hosts) got together and dedicated a day from their normally very busy schedules to this wonderful annual La Salle tradition. It was certainly a day full of joy, fun and laughter, a day when we put aside some of our diverging differences, and a day for the old boys to get together to sing our favorite school song in one unified voice.

I was also very impressed with the level of excitement and dedication from the ladies when we sang our school song. Judging by their responses during the school song singing, I know they had also become fully converted LaSallians. On behalf of the Vancouver chapter, I sincerely thank them for their continuous support to our La Salle community!

In closing, I like to take this opportunity to say special thanks to our great BBQ chef, Daniel Chung, who single-handedly did all the cooking for everyone! I also like to thank all the guests who attended the BBQ for it wouldn't have been a party without their participations. (Thanks for coming Francis.) Lastly, I like to thank my fellow Vancouver brothers who tirelessly helped to organize this BBQ for they made my role as host very easy and relaxed. To the eyes of ordinary members this may be just another causal social event. But to me, this was team-building at work! And I'm proud to be a member of the Vancouver Chapter!



The Silent LaSallian

Back: Sally (Patrick) Li, Theresa (Victor) Leung, Carol (Tony) Fung, Karen (Dominic) Lau, Donna (Philip) Chan, Molly (Ronald) Loui-Ying
Front : Calina (Vitus) Lau, Sue (Ralph) Yip, Phyllis (Raymond) Wong



The great chef at work
thanks Daniel!

And of course, our unofficial quality controller, Ronald.

San Francisco

Fall Picnic / B-B-Q

Our fall picnic / B-B-Q is coming. An evite will be sent to all local chapter members. For out of town visitors who will be in the Bay Area during that time, please join us on this event by contacting sf@lscoba.com or ephremfung@yahoo.com.

Date: Saturday, 9/26/2009
Time: 10am - 4pm
Venue: Central Park, 40000 Paseo Padre Pkwy, Fremont, California
Cost: 18 Adults
\$10 Children and full time students



Toronto

LSPS current teacher Randy Lam (75) in Toronto

Kevin Kwok (1988)

Lam Muk Choi, Randy (75), current teacher and soccer head coach of La Salle Primary School was visiting his daughter in Toronto during the first part of August. Lam Sir was invited by his former schoolmates and students to play a number of soccer matches during his stay. Above all, we all treasured the “from students to teammates” experience with Lam Sir.

On the evening of 08/13, we had a casual drink with Lam Sir, during which time we were proud to know that LSPS was still the king of soccer in the HK primary section under Lam Sir’s leadership. Last but not the least, special thanks should be given to our chapter President, Jimmy Chang (66) for treating Lam Sir and fellow old boys snacks and a few rounds of beer that evening.



Soccer Team Picture



Front row: Robin Siu (2000), Lam Sir (75), Chris Fong (94), Jimmy Chang (66), Simon Chow (90), Willie Woo (85), Stephen Chung (88)

Back row: Kevin Cheung (2000), Ching Cheung (2000), Kevin Kwok (88)

Life Update

Car Show Trophy

On August 8, 2009, Joe Alano’s 280Z won a trophy at the St Albert Rock N August car show winning 2nd Place in the Foreign Car 2 Passenger 1979 And Older category. More details about the show are available at <http://www.rocknaugust.com/>.



Congratulations Joe!



The Wedding Party

On August 15, 2009, Stephen Lai and Siew-Ying Tan became a married couple. Stephen is the elder son of our fellow LaSallian William Lai (1961). The ceremony was held in Calgary at the Confederation Park followed by a reception at the Tang Dynasty Restaurant.

Congratulations to the Lai and Tan family!

William and Vivien have invited the brothers in Edmonton to attend the wedding. Because of schedule conflict, many were unable to attend. Henry (1962) and Dorothy Kwok, Nick (1963) and Lolani Domingo, Bill (1966) and Debbie Wong, Peter (1970) and Lina Chiong were the only ones who could make the trip to Calgary and share the joy with the Lai's.

More pictures are available for viewing at <http://www.lscobaedm.org/gallery/v/Stephen+Lai+wedding/>.



William, Vivien and son Stephen



A memorable moment!



LaSallians at the reception



Dorothy and Henry Kwok, Debbie and Bill Wong, William and Vivien Lai, Nick and Lolani Domingo, Lina and Peter Chiong



Story Behind

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

(The content and information in this article are contributed by: Ralph Yip, Mike Kwong, Bill Wong and Chris Leung.)

Bill Wong (1966)



First Edmonton Old Boys Gathering

The first old boys gathering in Edmonton took place in the summer of 1978 when Mr. A. de O. Sales was in town with the Hong Kong National Athlete Team to compete in the Commonwealth Games. He was the general manager of the Hong Kong Team. The gathering dinner was organized by Ralph Yip (1962) and held at Bamboo Palace Restaurant, which was owned by Mike Kwong (1967), one of the prominent old boys in Edmonton. Approximately thirty old boys and their family members attended the dinner gathering. This was the first time we sang our school song in a public place and we all had a memorable evening.

Prior to his relocation to Vancouver in 2008, Ralph wrote about the gathering:

In the summer of 1978, Mr. A. de O. Sales, the Honorary President of LSCOBA came to Edmonton for the Commonwealth Games with the Hong Kong Team. My classmate and the then LSCOBA President, Dr. Lawrence Chan (1962), wrote to me to gather as many La Salle old boys as we could to meet with Mr. and Mrs. Sales. I was then a new immigrant, who had only come to Edmonton in 1976. Luckily my brother Anthony Yip (1967) introduced me to Michael Kwong (1967) who was a popular person in Edmonton. In no time, Mike gathered together three tables of old boys and families to meet with the Sales. It was really a memorable night. Our Old Boys Association was not formed until many years later.



Functions and Events

After the first old boys gathering in the summer of 1978, we held subsequent functions and events so as to maintain connections and communication among the old boys. One of the most memorable functions was a buffet dinner gathering held at Sing Along Nigh Club, which was attended by more than seventy old boys and family members. The night club brought in popular professional singers from Hong Kong to entertain the local Chinese community, and was considered on of the most famous entertainment spots in town. Other functions such as hay rides, snooker, bingo, mahjong competitions, and annual soccer tournaments with Wah Yan College alumni were some of the events that were well attended and enjoyed by the old boys during that era.



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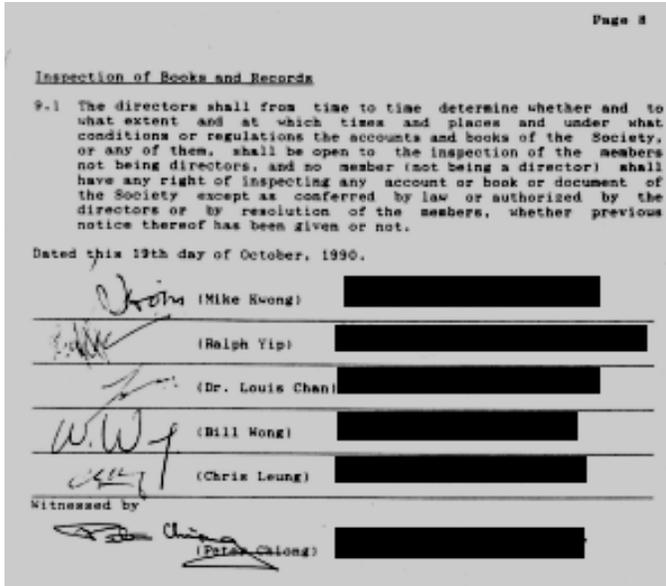
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Formation of La Salle Soccer Team

The Edmonton La Salle Soccer Team was formed in 1986 to participate in the soccer league organized by the Edmonton Chinese Soccer Association. Even though at least six members of our team were ex-school soccer team players, our team's standings in the league were not as high as we had expected; we were at the bottom of the league. However we always played hard and thoroughly demonstrated our LaSallian spirit.



Formation of the La Salle College Old Boys' Association (Edmonton Chapter)



The La Salle College Old Boys' Association (Edmonton Chapter) was officially formed by a small group of local old boys in 1990, and was registered as a non-profit organization in the Province of Alberta. We developed and implemented by-laws to govern the integrity of the association. With our motto "La Salle is something more", the chapter is dedicated to furthering the tradition of our school's excellence and fighting spirit.

Our mission is not solely focused on sports and social activities. We established a scholarship fund for students from HK La Salle College or sons and daughters of local old boys, who wish to pursue post-secondary education in Edmonton. The scholarship fund was the result of the generous contributions of the local old boys.

Since 2004, we have established a website to enhance our communication and information sharing with the La Salle community at large. In the same year, the Edmonton Chapter made

history in the La Salle community. Brother Thomas Lavin and then LSCOPA President Dr. Bernard Kong (76) was in Edmonton between August 2 and 5, 2004, after attending the summit conference of OBA Chapter Presidents in Toronto. Since Brother Thomas was the last Brother Principal of La Salle College and he officially retired that same month, the Edmonton Chapter became the first and also the last LSCOPA Chapter to host both the incumbent Brother Principal of La Salle College and the incumbent President of LSCOPA in the same city at the same time.



Pictured in front of Lake Louise, Banff, 2004



Group picture during dinner reception, 2004

In 2006, the Edmonton Chapter was honoured to host the Global Reunion and Soccer Tournament that year. Under the great leadership and prudent guidance of Calvin Chan, our President, the events went very smoothly and concluded with great



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success. Brother Thomas was the guest of honour and keynote speaker. He provided us with information on the changes in the educational system in Hong Kong, and the future challenges and directions of HK La Salle College.



Group picture after World Conference



Global Reunion Cup Horse Racing Prize-giving Ceremony

In May 2007, Calvin designed and implemented a new format for our Newsletter, which was well accepted by all old boys. Because of the popularity of the Newsletter, in February 2009, the Newsletter was expanded and transformed into a joint North America Newsletter of the Vancouver, Toronto, San Francisco, Southern California, and New York chapters. This joint venture has been a great success.

Although the Edmonton Chapter is relatively small, we have an enthusiastic group actively participating in all functions and providing almost infinite support to the Chapter. Our aim is to carry the tradition of La Salle excellence and spirit to the full extent. La Salle is something more!

School News

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

2009-08-05

Congratulations to the high fliers in HKCEE 2009

We'd like to congratulate the following students for their marvellous results in HKCEE 2009 and give our heartfelt thanks to the teachers who have guided them all along.

Luk Sum Kin (5C)	10 A's
Li Kwok Ho (5C)	9 A's
Ho Ho Yin Justin (5C)	9 A's
Chang Yau Cheung Johnny (5C)	8 A's
Cheung Ka Wing (5C)	8 A's
Chew Chung Wah (5C)	8 A's
Chung Ping Ngai (5C)	8 A's
Lee Lin Tai (5C)	8 A's



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