

# The North American LaSallians

Mar 2010

### **Lost and Found?**

In February 2009, six overseas chapters of La Salle Old Boys Association joined hands to publish this newsletter to serve old boys residing in North America. The editorial board is grateful that the newsletter is gradually accepted by many as a regular part of their reading materials. In 12 months time, readership has risen over 1000. In other words, this monthly electronic magazine reaches out to over 1000 members of the La Salle community every month.

Since its inception, this newsletter has gradually become a virtual link among old boys worldwide bridging the geographical gap between them. One of the purposes to publish this newsletter is to provide a platform for easy and effective communications among old boys. It seems that we are now moving a step closer to this goal.

In 2006, this magazine was still the newsletter of the Edmonton Chapter. A picture printed on the newsletter had helped reunited three old pals, one residing in Los Angeles, one in New York and the other in Hawaii. In February 2010, this newsletter has once again proven its usefulness in reuniting long lost friends. Please read the article written by Nick.

Excited to discover the newly unplanned use of the newsletter, we encourage you to seriously taking advantage of this 尋人 feature to re-link with long lost friends. Submitting old pictures from previous casual social gatherings may lead to pleasant surprises. You never know, maybe someone at the other side of the continent or just in your neighbourhood is also looking for you. All you need to do to locate long lost friends is to simply send us a note requesting for publishing. Hopefully, we can help you connect with your lost friend. Please give it try! You maybe pleasantly surprised!

### **Global Reunion San Francisco 2010**

The 2010 Global Reunion will be held in the beautiful San Francisco Bay Area from July 1<sup>st</sup> to July 4. The online registration has been available since last November and we already have a good number of old boys signed up for the event. This once-every-two-year event has promised to be fun, memorable and the best way to get connected with other old boys. We have also extended the Early Bird special to March 15<sup>th</sup> to allow more time for the old boys and their families to plan out their trip. Brother Thomas Lavin has committed to come to the event. For those who have not seen Brother Thomas for a while, this will be a great opportunity to catch up.

Please visit the registration website at http://www.lscobasf.com/reunion/today!

### Reminders

#### Edmonton

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering noon Mar 5, 2010 (every first Friday)

Urban China Restaurant Venue

潮樓大酒樓 10604-101 Street

AGM & Annual Spring Dinner

Saturday Apr 10, 2010 Date 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm Time Venue Urban China Restaurant

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### San Francisco

### The Hollywood Dance Party

Date March 6, 2010 6:00 p.m Time:

Venue Marriott Pleasanton

> 11950 Dublin Canyon Road Pleasanton, CA 94588

Cost: \$50 per person \$30 undergraduates

\$25 children 12 and under Register: 2010info@lscobasf.com

Ephrem Fung (408) 202-7313

### Southern California

### Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

noon to 2 pm, every first Sunday Date Empress Harbor Seafood Restaurant Venue

111 N. Atlantic Blvd., 3/F, Monterey Park

Cost: \$15 per person

\$10 Children and full time students

#### Vancouver

### Annual Dinner and Dance Party

Date: Saturday, April 10, 2010

Time: 6:00 p.m

Venue: **Sheraton Four Point** 

8368 Alexandra Road, Richmond

Tel: 604-214-0888

Cost: \$60/person RSVP: Joseph Ng

josephkmng@yahoo.com

### **Chapter News**

### Vancouver

### **Chinese New Year Dinner**

The Vancouver Chapter 2010 Chinese New Year Celebration Dinner held in Renfrew Dim Sum Seafood Restaurant (炳勝風味大酒家) on February 11, 2010 turned out to be a big success. First started with a few scattered responses, the dinner had quickly gained support and had attracted about 60 members and guests for the event.

In addition to the normal gathering of keen die-hard members, Victor Leung (77) was able to be reunited with James Lau, a fellow 77er at the dinner. The Chapter was also honored to have our special out-of-town Gustavo Da Roza(50') all the way from Winnipeg joining us for dinner.

Thanks to help from Ralph Yip, photos of the gathering are now available for viewing at the Chapter's photo gallery.

Finally, on behalf of the Vancouver Chapter, we wish fellow LaSallians a prosperous Year of Tiger –















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### Life Update

The 2010 Winter Olympic Games were held in Vancouver between February 12 and 28, 2010. We are looking forward to contributions from fellow La Sallians about their experiences in the Games. Peter Chiong (1970) was a staff at the Games. He has sent us some pictures first to be published in this newsletter. We may have his write-up next month. Stay tuned.

**Editorial Board** 



Peter in front of the countdown clock before the Games starts



Peter and wife Lina (passing or holding the torch?)



Peter at work in uniform



after work (?) at Heineiken Pavillion



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Vancouver Chapter has started a photo album dedicated to the 2010 Winter Olympics and the pictures of the Olympics flame shown here are taken from their photo gallery at <a href="http://gallery.lscobavan.org/main.php">http://gallery.lscobavan.org/main.php</a>.





### **Looking for old classmates?**



Last month, we published an article written by William Lai about his recent visit to Hong Kong. The article came with three pictures one of which had led to a beautiful development (see Nick's write-up in this newsletter). Besides, we have some good communications with Ricky afterwards. Ricky has sent us an invitation to attend the "happy-hour get-together" and meet him in Hong Kong

**Editorial Board** 

### Hi Calvin

Many thanks for adding my name to the Newsletter distribution list. Looking forward to receiving news of all OBs around the North America area. Will certainly contribute when and as there is any news from Hong Kong. There is one thing - due to the success of the "reunion get-together" with the Maryknoll's OGs last December, the OBs are planning another "happy hour get-together" with, would you believe, the St. Mary's OGs. This happening is scheduled for mid-April and I for one can't wait for it to happen. Again, the gathering will be held at the Club Lusitano 'watering hole' and if, by any chance, you are in Hong Kong at that time, please make it a point to come. For that matter, should any OB from within your area or Vancouver be visiting Hong Kong about that time, please let them know about it and ask them to contact me. My office number is 2167-1425 and mobile is 9154-1835. The Club Lusitano address is 16, Ice House Street, Central, Hong Kong.

Looking forward to talking with you again real soon.

**Best Regards** 

Ricky

### **Looking for Old Classmates?**

### Nick Domingo (1963)

There's a goldmine in our monthly Newsletter, the North American LaSallians. In December 2009, when I was registering to go to the SF Reunion in July 2010, I happened to browse through the pictures posted on the registration link. In a 2002 picture of a reception for Ip Sheung Wah, I found sitting next to him, Francis Nguyen whom I had not seen in over 40 years. I found out a number of years through another LSOB living in New York that he had married a girl who lived 2 apartments away from my wife on Argyle Street and who also worked with my wife at the Hongkong Federation of Labour. I embarked on a search for his e-mail id and with help from Ephrem Fung (thru Calvin Chan), I was able to contact Francis. Needless to say, we were delighted to touch base again after all these years. He will be attending the Reunion Dinner and Iolani and I look forward to seeing him and his wife again.

In the February 2010 edition of the newsletter, William Lai shared his visit to HK in December 2009 with all of us. In one of the pictures were 2 friends of mine whom I had not seen in (again) over 40 years. We are all getting old, that's for sure. Henrique (we call him Ricky) Souza is now the Manager of the Club Lusitano in HK after his retirement with the bank. He is also a drummer and we have played together in our younger days. Lani Sinarwi is a former Marynoll girl whose brother (John Oei) was a La Sallian and used to play guitar. I used to hang out at their house on La Salle Road. Their parents liked me to play the piano for them every time they saw me. Ricky and I have corresponded several times now, thanks to William Lai with providing me with his e-mail address. I have sent an e-mail to Lani also but have yet to receive her response as of this writing.

Roll back to our AGM meeting of 2008. William Lai (again) asked me at dinner if I knew Arthur Remedios (1961) who graduated in Economics from HKU (like me). I had not seen Arthur since he graduated from HKU. We both lived in residence at Ricci Hall, which has traditions and ties (Riccians) quite similar to LSOBs. I contacted Arthur with the e-mail address that William gave me. Turns out that William's wife Vivien was in a conference in Toronto and Arthur's name appeared as one of the attendees. Arthur's response was like a blast from the past. Two other Riccians (one LSOB and one St. Joseph OB) from NY and Washington were also good friends who had wondered what happened to Arthur in 35+ years. It was a joyous occasion when they had a reunion in New Jersey in June



Picture taken in September 2008, New Jersey.

Left to right - Nick, Iolani, Arthur(1961) and Lynne Remedios.

2008. I was not able to join them at that time but I had a reunion with Arthur in September 2008. Arthur has since then been re-united with past Riccians in various gatherings in NY.

In March of this year, I will be going to Vancouver and I will try to get in touch with Michael Remedios and Tony Tavares who both belonged to the Mystics band. Ricky Souza is trying to get their email addresses and phone numbers to me.

So there you go.....check out the monthly newsletters, photo albums and attend social gatherings organized by your local chapter. You never know what old friends you will find there. It's nice that names appear with many of the photos, as with the ravages of time, some of us have put on weight, have white hair, or hardly any hair. There's a gold mine out there.....you just have to look for it.



### **School News**

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

#### 2010-02-09

#### Family Fun Day 2010

The Family Fun Day 2010 came to a spectacular ending on 7th Feb last Sunday. This was a most successful year which saw an unprecedented surge in the number of participating students, teachers, parents, Old Boys and visitors. Mr Wilfred Ng, JP, officiated at the Opening Ceremony of the resurfaced School Track and Field which took place together with the Opening Ceremony of the Family Fun Day. The day was full of fun with dragon dance by LSPS, lion dance by the Student Association, mouth-watering food prepared by F.1 parents

and students as well as the PTA, challenging games and quizzes prepared by F.2 students and parents, F.4 classes, Student Association, LSPSPTA and OBA, and exquisite products specially made for the occasion by some parents and the Student Association.

We have received tremendous warming compliments from all parties. We'd like to thank all working parties for their contribution in various ways, all of which has added up to the success of the day.

Photos with high resolution can be downloaded from the link below. <a href="http://stu.lasalle.edu.hk/gallery2">http://stu.lasalle.edu.hk/gallery2</a>



### **61st Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival Results**

The Speech Team is pleased to announce that the team members have done marvelously in the 61st Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival. In the English Section, we have captured 24 Champions and 54 first and second runners-ups. In the Chinese Section, we have captured 29 Champions and 54 first and second runners-ups. The team members would like to thank the Supervisor, the Principal and the Teacher Advisors for their unfailing guidance and support.

#### 2010-02-26

### **School Dance Team**

The School Dance Team is pleased to announce that they have captured the Highly Commended Prize (甲 等 獎) in the 46th Schools Dance Festival (Modern Dance--Trio).

The Team would like to thank their teacher advisors, Mr. Marco Mak, Ms. Zhang Juan, Ms. Amy Poon and their coach, Mr. Andy Wong, for their invaluable guidance and advice.







### **About this newsletter**

This newsletter is aimed at providing an electronic platform for communication among La Salle College old boys residing in North America. However, it shall not be used as a tool to promote any personal agenda. The editorial board therefore reserves the right to review and edit all submissions to ensure that no inappropriate contents appear in any issue of this newsletter. The editorial board also reserves the right to reject any submission that is not in line with the objective of this newsletter. Please send all your communications to editors@lscobaedm.org.

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