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Global Reunion 2010

San Francisco Chapter hosting Global Reunion July 1-4, 2010

Congratulations to the San Francisco and Bay Area Chapter for hosting a very successful Reunion for the old boys. The event is well attended and well organized. We have included a recap of the event from the hosting chapter and some pictures too.

Pledge for help

The editorial board of *The North American LaSallians* is asking for your help to send in your recording of the Global Reunion SF 2010 if you have attended the event.

If you were there in July, please write us something about your experiences. Whether it is an article of a few pages long or just a few lines, it would be welcome by the editorial board. It is just your experience that matters. If you feel that you are not at the mood of writing anything, send us some interesting pictures that you have taken during the biennial event. Maybe you are meeting a long lost friend, share with us your smiles.

Whenever you are ready, send your contributions to editors@lscobaedm.org, we are looking forward to receiving from you.

Reminders

Edmonton

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date noon Aug 6, 2010 (every first Friday)

Venue Urban China Restaurant

潮樓大酒樓 10604-101 Street

Annual BBQ

Date: Saturday August 28, 2010 Time: 3:30pm – 9:00pm

Venue: 7315 – 149 Avenue, Edmonton RSVP: calvin@lscobaedm.org 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

Toronto

Annual Picnic

Date: Sunday August 29, 2010
Time: 11:00am – 2:00pm
Venue: Thomson Park, Scarborough

(NE corner of Brimley & Lawrence)

Cost: FREE to all old boys, families and friends

Vancouver

Summer BBQ 2010

Date: Sunday August 15, 2010 Time: 11:00 am – 4:00pm 7:30 pm (Dinner)

Venue: Marpole Oakridge Community Centre on

Oak and 59th

Cost: \$15 (aged 12 +) and \$5 (aged 12-)
RSVP: Joseph Ng secretary@lscobavan.org

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Jimmy Chang (1966)

East Coast (USA) Christopher Tse (1965), Edmonton Calvin Chan (1971)

Peter Lai (1967)



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Chapter News

Toronto Chapter

Correction and Apology

Editorial Board

In the June 2010 issue, we have mistakenly put a wrong name (Michael Yeung) in the picture caption for Sam Kwong (63). We are very sorry for the mistake and would like to apologize to Sam for all inconveniences caused.

The picture is reproduced here with the correct caption. We try our every effort to avoid errors in the newsletter content but human errors are unavoidable. We therefore invite you to let us know any mistakes you have spotted in the any issue of this newsletter via email to editors@lscobaedm.org.



Back row (L-R):

Vitus Chan (76), John Hill Yau (73),Sam Cheung (71), John Yeung (72), David Sin (69), Willian Chan (69), Thomas Lau (69), Alex Wai (78), Charles Li (74), Peter Chan (72), Vincemt Koo (74), Gordon Tam (77), John Chow (78), Glen Lai (79)
Middle Row (L-R):

Tony Pomeroy (71), Michael Yuen (74), Stephen Leung (63), Kevin Kwok (88), Michael Chan (63), Thomas Tam (63), Joseph Tang (63), Sam Kwong (63)

Front row (L-R):

Jimmy Chang (66), Kelvin To (86), Michael Ho (94), Victor Lee (01), Donald Siu (04), Robin Siu (00), Johnny Hui (81)



Visit of Joseph Ng from Vancouver Chapter-July 13 2010

Kevin Kwok (1988)

We were very honoured to have Joseph Ng (88), who was visiting from Vancouver, join us for dinner on 13 July 2010. Joseph is among one of the most active members/directors of LSCOBA Vancouver Chapter; he has served as Secretary of the Vancouver Chapter for 6 consecutive years.

During dinner there was a free flow of ideas and exchange of information between Joseph and our attending Toronto Chapter directors Danny Au Yeung (67), Franics Yeung (71), John Yeung (73), Felix Leung (85) and Kevin Kwok (88). A lot of interesting and interesting ideas were shared.

After dinner, we had a mini reunion of the Class of 88. Aside from Joseph, 3 classmates in Toronto were in attendance – Vincent Ho (88), Kevin Kwok (88) and Stephen Chung (88). As Joseph had a tight schedule



L – R: John Yeung (73), Kevin Kwok (88), Joseph Ng (88), Felix Leung (85),
Dany Au Yeung (67), Francis Yeung (71)

and some of the classmates could not make it to a late evening gathering on a week night, Joseph only managed to "meet" several other 88 classmates over the phone. The mini reunion turned into a "not so old" boys' gathering when Chris Fong (94), Robin Siu (00) and Donald Siu (04) arrived.

We all had a really good time, reminiscing those good old days when we loved to cause trouble around at school, and with an unlimited supply of jokes from Joseph. Before parting, we agreed to have another similar gathering again with Joseph, under a casual and relaxed atmosphere, in 2012 in Vancouver when the LSCOBA Global reunion will be hosted by the Vancouver Chapter.



L – R: Vincent Ho (88), Kevin Kwok (88), Joseph Ng (88), Stephen Chung (88), Thomas Yuen (Joseph's friend)



L – R: Stephen Chung (88), Vincent Ho (88), Joseph Ng (88), Robin Siu (2000), Donald Siu (2004)

Hong Kong

Annual General Meeting

Bernard Kong (1976)

The election of the new council was held successfully at the AGM on 23rd July 2010.

Congratulation to Mark Huang (1985) for being the new president of LSCOBA

Mark Huang 黃嘉爲	1985	President
Willie Wong 黃澤賢	1984	Vice President
Patrick Ho 何 精 勤	1987	Hon. Secretary
Raymond Chung 鍾 穎 聰	1997	Hon. Treasurer
Gordon Fong 方 國 棟	1976	Committee Member
Alan Lui 呂志雄	1979	Committee Member
Simon Lai 黎子佳	1981	Committee Member
Leonard Chu 朱 永 暉	1983	Committee Member
Stanley Shum 岑志遠	1984	Committee Member
Roger Lee 李兆豐	1985	Committee Member
Herman Bo 布浩文	1989	Committee Member
Terence Mak 麥 國 坤	1997	Committee Member
Gilbert Fung 馮皓楷	1998	Committee Member
Eric Chow 周俊軒	2000	Committee Member
Ricky Chow 周俊賢	2003	Committee Member
Ricco Chan 陳以高	2004	Committee Member

Returning Officer

AGM 2010



Inaugural Speech given by Mark Huang, the 33rd President of the LSCOBA at the Association's AGM, held on 23rd July 2010

Mark Huang (1985)

Good evening Brothers and fellow old boys,

First of all, I feel greatly honoured with the presence of Brother Alphonsus, Brother Thomas and Brother Steve, our Principal Designate, at this AGM.

As I take up the Presidency of the Association, I would first wish to thank all past presidents, in particular, Charles Chan and Dr. Bernard Kong, whom I have served under, for building a strong foundation for this Association, from which I have inherited. Many aspects are already running so well that even if I do and change nothing in my term, the Association would still be running well.

At this moment, I also wish to make a special mention to many old boys who wish to be here but could not. I am referring to the hundreds of old boys relocated overseas who care very much about this Association and the School, but cannot be present. I am thinking of them while I offer this inaugural message.



I want to briefly share with you what I plan to do for the Association in the coming 12 months.

On coming up with a plan for the Association for the coming year, I have been in touch with many stake holders: obviously old boys of various vintages, and especially the young old boys who are now in university and early in their careers, as well as many old boys from overseas whom I met online, as well as face to face in global reunions, the latest one being in San Francisco three weeks ago. I have also met with teachers and the Brothers to understand what they see the Association and old boys can offer in making La Salle a better school.

I will stress on three aspects during my term, the three Cs: Communications, Coordination and Capitalization.

As you may know well, the Committee has a regular calendar of events across the year, from Happy Hours, the Spring Dinner, the Winter Ball, the many sports competitions, to student workshops and career talks, offering sponsorships to student and school activities, to student prizes and scholarships. These events and offerings are time tested, welcomed and many are probably almost seen as an obligation today, and we will continue offering them.

However, in addition to all the above, I will drive the Committee to focus on the following new areas:

First, a focus on our offerings to our younger old boys. I will provide more in the way of talks, sharings and networking opportunities to these new OBA members, and I will try my best to offer functions and activities that are appropriate to their needs and suited for their tastes.

Secondly, I will capitalize on our old boys' network to offer more back to the School. These include old boys locally based in HK and those from overseas. This could take the format of a formal talk, a casual sharing, a workshop, a company or factory visit, a summer job, or a work shadowing day. Or it could be old boys from one of our nine overseas chapters, offering advice and hands-on assistance to students planning to go to his country and city for future studies. This calls for very good communication and coordination amongst old boys as well as with the School.

Thirdly, I will be listening to find out what the School needs, and also letting the School know what we old boys can offer. The School is facing challenges and pressures from many more directions than ever before, and there are areas that old boys maybe able to offer assistance.

In addition, as we welcome Brother Steve into LSC as the new principal of the School and also a new comer to Hong Kong, we old boys may be able to offer assistance on many areas. I want the School to tell us more on what they need. I want the School to stretch us, the old boys, and to use us more aggressively.



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For the OBA, I will explore more ideas with the school as to how the school can use us. And to old boys, you can expect to have more requests coming your way, and please respond generously when you hear the whistle.

As some of you may know, I am very passionate about the School's rich history. The fourth area I will work on is on a collection of memories and people histories. While the School's history book published in 2007 largely covers the formal history of the School (although research is still on-going), I would like to begin creating a record of day-to-day lives of students of various generations, from the 1930s to present day. This will be a collection of "social history" of the School, if you like: information like who our students were, where did they live, what were their day to day lives like, their past times, what were their school boy dreams and aspirations, and what are the memories of their school days...

I will create a channel on our OBA website, where old boys can share their memories of their school days, stories that you expect to repeatedly hear when a few friends sit down for drinks and talk about good-old-school-days over a dinner, but never formally recorded. In time, this will become a collection of memories for future generations to know what life was like back 10, 20, 30 years, or up to almost 80 years ago when the School began.

Lastly, during my term of office, I will work with the School Authority to explore the possibility of erecting a War Dead Memorial for our glorious war dead old boys, teachers and Brothers who died in World War Two. This is a project that I envisage will busily engage our students, from research to design to creating the memorial, and in the process help them understand the sufferings and cruelty of war, the courage and manliness of their Lasallian predecessors, and the sweetness of peace they live in today, and through that, they will also build up a greater sense of ownership and loyalty towards the School.

All of the above, I believe, will rely on the core 3 Cs that I will emphasize this year:

Communications: informing old boys about the School and its affairs and needs, and listening for their ideas and feedback. Communicating to the School on what we can offer, and getting feedback on what they need us on.

Coordination: Coordinating – and maybe also encouraging or urging old boys in HK and overseas to offer back to La Salle.

Capitalization: Capitalizing on our vast old boys' network, drawing these resources together for the good of our old boys, as well as for the School, the Brothers, and the students.

As you can hear, there is a lot to do for the Association and for LSC, but, like me, I know you should be getting hungry. So I shall shortly stop talking, and my committee and I will get into action very soon.

Yet, I would like to make one final appeal. While my committee and I will work hard for old boys and for LSC, there are only 16 of us. My committee and I will be more actively approaching old boys, asking for your help with different aspects of the OBA events. If 3% of our 6,000 members offer help with something, we would increase the working manpower of the Association more than tenfold, and a lot more can be achieved. So, when you hear of an appeal - or think of something you can offer - please, raise your hand and come forward generously.

As a closing, I wish to thank last year's committee members who agreed to continue to serve in the Association. Let's make this a good year for the Association and for our fellow old boys and for La Salle College!

Once again thank you for being here tonight, for caring for your OBA, and for caring for your Alma Mater, La Salle College.

San Francisco and Bay Area Chapter

2010 Global Reunion - A re-cap of the events

Ephrem Fung (1976)

The 2010 LSCOBA Global Reunion was held in the San Francisco Bay Area from July 1st to July 4th, over the Independence Day weekend. Over 300 Old Boys and families attended the festivity. I will try to capture the highlights and report here for those who could not make it to this biennial event. But first of all, this reunion would not have been

possible without the hard work and sacrifice from our organizing committee. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and sincere thanks.

2010 Global Reunion Organizing Committee:

Adrian Au Yeung '93 Claudio Chan '08 Johnson Chan '07

Kelvin Chan '94 Derek Choy '93 George Law '66

Chris Ngai '78 Francis Siu '61 Kevin Wong '95

Homer Yau '85

2010 Global Reunion - Day 1

The event took place in Marriott Hotel located in the city of Pleasanton, 18 miles from the Oakland International Airport

(OAK) and 36 miles from the San Francisco International Airport (SFO). There were about 150 Old Boys and family members stayed at the hotel during the reunion. The event kicked off with registration and presentation of souvenir. Each participating Old Boy received a nice windbreak jacket with school emblem, a name tag and a full colored program book. A no host happy hour reception was held at the hotel bar in the lobby that evening. Quite a number of Old Boys already busy catching with friends over a drink or had dinner at a famous local restaurant.

Mr. T.P. Cheung arrived at around 11:30pm from Hong Kong. Cheung sir was the V.I.P. of the reunion and would be involved in judging of the soccer tournament and presenting of the awards. We were very grateful with Cheung sir's attendance. His presence made the event so much more special.

2010 Global Reunion - Day 2

About 60 Old Boys participated in the Global Conference early morning despite the fact that there was an exciting world cup football match, Netherlands versus Brazil, going on at the same time. The conference was hosted by Peter Lai '67, President of the East Coast Chapter. Mark Huang '85 and Charles Chan '77 from Hong Kong gave an update on the progress and accomplishment of the LSCOBA. It triggered a lot of questions and discussion. Other topics on student sponsorship and assistance program were part of the breakout sessions, discussed by smaller groups. The conference ended at around 1pm after debrief on the breakout sessions over lunch.





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The highlight of the evening was a visit to Wente, a famous vineyard in Livermore. A large tour bus had been arranged to transport over 50 Old Boys and families to the vineyard so that they could truly enjoy the different wine they offer at the wine tasting. The golfers in the tour also got a firsthand look at the Wente golf course where the golf tournament would take place on Sunday morning. We spent about an hour tasting different kinds of wine and then enjoyed a delicious BBQ next to the 18th hole.

Evening started off with the opening of the entertainment center. There was a game room with foosball and pool tables. There was a karaoke room with hundreds of English and Chinese songs for the singers to choose from. And a social lounge where you could watch replay of the world cup matches or enjoy a quiet drinks with your buddies.

2010 Global Reunion - Day 3

The exciting soccer tournament started today to compete for the North American Cup. This year we had custom made a huge trophy that was designated to pass from winner to winner. The four teams competing in this year's tournament were the North America United (consisted of players from the east coast, Toronto, Vancouver, Edmonton and Hong Kong), Southern California Chapter, San Francisco Chapter and the North California United. All the teams played very competitively. There were actually a couple of serious injuries during the matches and a couple of the players had to be carried off the field. One of them had to be sent to the emergency room with a dislocation ankle and some ligament damage. We all wish them a speedy recovery. The day's



matches ended with Southern California and North California United teams tied in first place.





Southern California



North California United



North American United

While the soccer matches were going on. A group of about 50 Old Boys and families headed south to visit the famous scenery of Carmel and Monterey Bay. They left the hotel in a large luxury bus at around 8am. The tour covered the beautiful cities of Monterey and Carmel and enjoyed the great coastline scenic view as well as historical and cultural attractions including the infamous Carmel 17-mile scenic drive. They came back to the hotel at 5pm.



There was no specific program for the evening. But different groups of Old Boys headed to the near by Chinese restaurant to have their own social gathering. It turned out that La Salle and families occupied more than half of the restaurant space with 11 large tables. We even had our LSCOBA flag hung on the wall where the group of class of 1966 was seated. Too bad the local chapter did not arrange commission fee a head of time.

The night ended with more social gathering at the hotel with the entertainment center opening from 9pm to midnight.

2010 Global Reunion - Day 4

The soccer tournament continued today to determine who the champion would be. After a couple of very close competitions, Southern California team won the tournament by goal differential over the North California team. A quick tally showed that the tournament had a total of 20 goals scored, 4 yellow cards, one red card and a ton of fun. Before the on the field award ceremony, a senior game was played with reduced size field and shortened time. It was amazing to see a lot of the "z-hings" still had the agility and endurance for a game of soccer.

While our soccer players were playing hard under the California sun at over 90 degree temperature, a group of Old Boys and families were enjoying a tour of the city of San Francisco in a comfortable air-conditioned bus. The half-day bus tour covered major San Francisco attractions, including the Golden Gate Bridge, Chinatown, Fishermen's Wharf, and Pier 39. They left at 8am from the hotel and came back at around 2pm, ready for the award ceremony and reunion dinner in the evening.

The dinner reception and award ceremony started at around 6pm in the Grand Ballroom. The event was kicked off by a short video showing welcome messages by Brother Patrick and Principal Wong Yen-Kit. It also captured the history of the global reunion and the recent sport accomplishment of our school. The video was followed by singing our school song. It was quite an emotional scene with 200 Old Boys from over 5 decades singing our school song together. You have to be there to feel the passion and the bounding. A lot of the Old Boys told me afterwards that that moment was the highlight of the entire reunion.

Before the award ceremony, we introduced our V.I.P. Cheung sir, officers of the reunion planning committee and representation of all attending chapters. A souvenir was also presented to all chapters. Here is a list of all award recipients:

Soccer Tournament

Top Scorer – Tyler Leung (North California United, son of Joseph Leung '78) with 5 goals

Best Midfielder - Tyler Leung

Best Defender – Peter Young '78 (North California United)

Best Goalkeeper – Eddie Shek '85 (Southern California)

Best Sportsmanship - San Francisco Chapter Team

Golf Tournament

Lowest Net Score - Mike Lam '66

Lowest Gross Score - Leonard Chu '83



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Soccer Champion - Team Southern California



Best Sportsmanship – Team San Francisco Chapter



Top Scorer, Best Midfielder - Tyler Leung



Best Defender - Peter Young



Best Goalkeeper – Eddie Shek



Lowest Net Score – Michael Lam

More pictures can be found at http://www.flickr.com/photos/derekbarbara/collections/72157624345695083/



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Ephrem Fung, T.P. Cheung, Chris Ngai



Singapore Chapter (represented by George Law)



Vancouver Chapter - Patrick Ko



East Coast, USA Chapter – Peter Lai



Southern California Chapter – Johnny Tsang



Toronto Chapter – Jimmy Chang

More pictures can be found at http://www.flickr.com/photos/derekbarbara/collections/72157624345695083/

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San Francisco and Bay Area Chapter - George Law & Derek Choy



Edmonton Chapter - Bill Wong



Shanghai Chapter (represented by George Law)



Hong Kong Chapter - Charles Chan and Mark Huang





2010 Global Reunion - Day 4 (con't)

After the ceremony, all guests were ushered to pool-side for our dinner. A magician was there to entertain us while we enjoyed the feast. One of his specialties was the traditional Chinese art of "Bian Lian" (face-changing). Mark Huang was also there to host a mini-auction to raise funds for our school's athletic team. A total of \$1,500 was raised with 5 school team jackets. Before we adjourned back to the inside of the hotel, Vancouver Chapter was introduced as the hosting chapter of Reunion 2012. Victor Leung '77 and Patrick Ko '95 gave a short speech on this future event.



School News

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

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Hong Kong Indoor Archery Competition (Star Shoot) Results

Recurve Team - Champion Compound Team - 1st runners-up

The Archery Team also broke two Hong Kong Youth Records in the above team events. They would like to thank their coach, Mr. Yeung On Kin and their teacher advisor, Mr. Gary Chan, for their invaluable guidance and support.

2010-07-11

Hong Kong Physics Olympiad 2010

Congratulations to our students for their excellent performance in the Hong Kong Physics Olympiad 2010. The competition was held on Sunday, 23rd May 2010 at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. The results of our students are as follows.

Wo Bar Wai, Barry (5C) - The Highest Score Contestant, The Best Award of Form 5 Students, First Prize

Yu Tak Hei (5C) - First Prize

Choi Che Fung (5C), Lo Jing Hoi (5C) - Second Prize

La Salle College - The Best School Award

The students would like to express their gratitude to the teacher advisors, Mr. Simon Lo, Mr. Lee Wai Lam and Mr. Fong Kai Io for their guidance and support.

2010-07-05

SKY Creative Digital Storytelling Competition

On Saturday, July 3, seven F.1 and 2 students took part in the Grand Final of the SKY Creative Digital Storytelling Competition. Anselm Au was awarded the champion whilst Keith Anto was first runner-up and Adam Boulanger won an outstanding award. Congratulations to all the finalists.

Mathematics Achievement

The Math Team is very pleased to announce that our members attained the following results recently.

1. Mathematics Achievement Contest which was organized by the Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education and Mathematical Data Base

Distinction Leung Chun Yin Marco (4A), Leung Hoi Kiu Arnold (4A), Li Victor(4A), Wan Hong Yin(4A), Wong Poon Chor (4A)

2. International Mathematical Olympiad Preliminary Selection Contest

Wo Bar Wai, Barry (5C), Lo Jing Hoi (5C), Wong Man Lok(6C), Yu Tak Hei (5C) Gold Award

Silver Award Cheung Lap Chung(6B), Hui Pak Nam (2G), Yam Yuen Sum (3E)

Bronze Award Kwok Hoi Kit (5C)

3. Asia Pacific Mathematics Olympiad

Lo Jing Hoi (5C), Wong Man Lok(6C) **Bronze Award**

4. International Mathematical Olympiad (Hong Kong Team)

Memher Chung Ping Ngai (6C), Yu Tak Hei (5C)

Alternate Member Kwok Hoi Kit(5C), Lo Jing Hoi (5C), Wo Bar Wai Barry(5C)

Chung Ping Ngai and Yu Tak Hei are representing Hong Kong in the International Mathematical Olympiad in Kazakhstan during July

Congratulations to the boys for their marvellous results! Thank you, teacher advisors for your guidance and support!

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Hong Kong Youth Indoor Rowing Championships 2010

U17 Boys 1000 m race: Flynn Brian Terence (5C) - Champion Interschool mixed 20 minutes relay: (8 LSC boys + 2 DGS girls) - Second