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Class of 61 Golden Anniversary Update

The Class of 1961 will be celebrating their Golden Anniversary 5 - 18 November 2011 in Hong Kong.

An organizing committee, "the LSCOB61 Committee", chaired by Mr. Joe Y.K. Chiu, with Mr. James K.C. Ho as secretary, and comprised of local and overseas members, has planned a two-week programme of festive activities to mark this momentous occasion for the 61ers. The programme consists of the following events.

| Event | Date |
|------------------------|---|
| Happy Hour | 4 November 2011 (Friday) |
| School Visit | 5 November 2011 (Saturday) |
| Reunion Dinner | 5 November 2011 (Saturday) |
| Yangtze River Cruise | 7 - 12 November 2011 (Monday to Saturday) |
| Dinner | 13 November 2011 (Sunday) |
| Pearl River Delta Tour | 14 - 16 November 2011 (Monday to Wednesday) |
| Seafood Dinner | 18 November 2011 (Friday) |

A website has been created by our classmate, Francis Siu, for this reunion: <http://www.lscob61.com>. Please visit this site for more detailed information on these events and other items related to the Golden Anniversary.

While the committee has a list of 61ers, there are still many whose whereabouts are not known to the committee. All 61ers, and those who attended (since 1954-55 in P5) and left LSC but would have graduated in 1961, are cordially invited to participate in this Golden Anniversary event. Those 61ers not already on the mailing list are invited to join up by contacting the committee at reunion@lscob61.com. If you know of any LSC 61ers who may not be aware of this event, it will be appreciated if you can pass the word along to them.

The LSCOB61 Committee for the Golden Anniversary Reunion

Reminders

Edmonton

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date: Oct 7, 2011 (every first Friday)
Time: noon
Venue: Urban China Restaurant
潮樓大酒樓
10604-101 Street

Southern California

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date: every first Sunday
Time: noon to 2 pm
Venue: Empress Harbor Seafood Restaurant
111 N. Atlantic Blvd., 3/F,
Monterey Park

Toronto

Fall Mah-jong Tournament

Date: Oct 29, 2011
Time: 12:00-7:30pm (Mah-jong Tournament)
7:45-10:00pm (Dinner & Prize Presentation)
Venue: New Markham Villa 富貴樓
146 Old Kennedy Road, Markham
Contact: Danny Au Yeung (67) 647 388 2020
Kevin Kwok (88) 647 928 5880
Chris Fong (94) 416 838 3664
Please see Chapter News for more details

San Francisco Bay Area

Fall BBQ

Date: Nov 6, 2011
Time: 10:30am to 3pm
Please see Chapter News for more details

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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| 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) |



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Toronto

Fall Mah-jong Tournament 2011

Date: 29 Oct 2011

Time: 12:00-7:30pm (Mah-jong Tournament)
7:45-10:00pm (Dinner & Prize Presentation)

Venue: New Markam Villa 富貴樓
146 Old Kennedy Road, Markham
905 940 6088
<http://www.newmarkhamvilla.com/>

Cost: \$40.00 (Incl MJ game, afternoon tea snack and dinner)
\$35.00 (Dinner only)

Contact: Danny Au Yeung (67) 647 388 2020
Kevin Kwok (88) 647 928 5880
Chris Fong (94) 416 838 3664

Annual BBQ

Chris Fong (1994)

"Have no fear of hurricane Irene", high-spirited Paul Khoo (71) said. Despite the potential thunderstorm, we are not fall short of commitment to feed our brothers and their families and friends. We have way more than five loaves and two fish. There is no excuse not to.

And so it took place on the last Sunday of August, in Thompson Park. The event was well attended by ~50 old boys with family and friends. Attending old boys are from different generations, from the classes of 1950s to 2000s. We were also pleased to have as our guests Beltrao Baptista (77), President of the New York Chapter, and Victor Lee (64) also from New York.

A big hand to Paul and numerous helpers who contributed to another successful event!



We are never short of helpers!



roast pig – our must-have



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we are never short of food



young men!



The ladies have been keeping up with the spirit.



Our beloved Leung sir!
And Beltrao Baptista (77), President of New York Chapter.



group photo



1971ers



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giant marshmallows



mingling

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

Fall B-B-Q

The LSCOBA San Francisco Bay Area Chapter will hold its Fall B-B-Q on Sunday, November 6, 2011. All LaSallians are invited. If any out-of-town visiting old boy happens to be in the San Francisco area that weekend, please join us in this activity as well. This event promises to have games, luck draw, and plenty of good food. Details of the event are as follow:

| | |
|--------|---|
| Date: | Sunday, November 6, 2011 |
| Time: | 10:30am to 3pm |
| Venue: | The City of Fremont, Central Park Picnic Area (Book 1) 40000 Paseo Padre Pkwy Fremont, CA 94538 |
| Costs: | \$18/Adult, \$12/Student |
| RSVP: | sf@lscobasf.com |

Class of '71 40th Anniversary

An organizing committee has been formed to organize festive activities to mark the momentous occasion for the Class of 1971. Planned activities include:

- campus tour to La Salle College and La Salle Primary School,
- a reunion dinner at the Kowloon Tong Club (九龍塘會),
- a 2-day-1-night trip with family members to Huizhou (惠州), and
- a 3 hours hiking to the Violet Hill Trail (紫羅蘭山徑) followed by a dinner in Stanley area.

The committee is headed by Dr. Robert Yuen Kar-ngai, and contacting email for this event is 71lasallians@gmail.com. All '71 Lasallians - those 1971 LSC F.5 graduates / logical LSC 1971 F.5 graduates (for example 1960 LSPC P.1, left LSPC/LSC for studying aboard before completing F.5 in 1971, 1973 LSC F.7 graduates etc.), are cordially invited to participate the above activities with their family members.

'71 Lasallians on the mailing list have been notified and invited to join up via circular email. If you know of any '71 Lasallians who may not be aware of this event, it would be appreciated if you can pass this message to them.



Special Contribution

Thomas Ku is a young LaSallian who has left La Salle in 2010. He recently worked for Thomas Wong (1977) as a summer intern. At the end of his internship, he wrote a touchy letter to Thomas Wong on his last day at work.

With the kind permission of Thomas Ku, we are able to bring this letter to the readers of this newsletter. All are welcome to send in their feedbacks related to this letter to editors@lscobaedm.org.

Editors

Message from a young LaSallian

Thomas Man Hei Ku

Dear Mr. Wong,

To me, a young man studying abroad in the United States, it was really depressing and frustrated when I first stepped on the ground of a new country, handling all the stuff, living with more than furniture and with the sense of insecurity. Councillor at Foothill College, my new school, told me that it is a normal symptom of youngsters leaving their hometowns, and it is generally known as homesick. These days lasted for months, and until the first La Salle Old Boys Association spring gathering, I felt the warmth again.

I have been a LaSallian since I was six. In these twelve years, La Salle Primary School and La Salle College are nothing more than normal and ordinary schools to me. But now, I am sure that I was totally wrong. La Salle, these two words have an unreplacable charism which brings every LaSallian together. La Salle Spirit is the thing that cannot be taught nor expressed with words. In the gathering, brothers who graduated in 1940s or even 1930s were there with their wives; the tables were full of laughs and grins; brothers talked about the school life in our alma mater. All of them have no blood relationship, but because of our alma mater, they take care of each other, and me, just like brothers.

This is La Salle.

In this summer, these words came up on my mind again. I came back to Hong Kong in June, and tried to look for an internship. Luckily, I got in smoothly because of your kind recruitment without hesitating although I know nothing about accounting. The reason behind is clear, because we both are LaSallians.

With many thanks for these days, I am going to finish my internship today. May I once again grab this opportunity to thank you for your invaluable guidance and this precious chance of working with your groups. I did really learn much from you and your team. Last time, I expressed my sorrow of leaving my parents in Hong Kong for studying abroad, the answer I got was that this concern should not be placed into my consideration. Although, frankly, this is quite hard for me to carry out, I will try to balance my thoughts in a good way. Family is the greatest blessing we get at all times, this is undoubtedly true, as family will always support us no matter which situation we are in. As a student studying abroad growing along with time, there are more and more worries and responsibilities coming up on my mind and shoulders. Mr. Wong, thank you so much for the inspiring and wise answer.

Moreover, in the meeting I sat in on last Tuesday, I learnt the differences between the meetings in a firm and those at school among teachers; colleagues have stronger bonding so that meetings among colleagues are more productive and aggressive. From what observed, I noticed that communications and bonding are crucial, as they act as lubricants among the gears in a company. As you have mentioned in the meeting, Latin Desk and AG2 are the happiest departments in CWCC, which proves that the above thought is precise and true. Last but not least, soft skill is the one component you emphasized most. It is a direct path to let clients or friends to think of us immediately when they need us, "friends are like mirrors, they treat you in the way you treat them." I have learnt it from you, Mr. Wong, and hope I can apply all these in my life.

Thanks for your time, Mr. Wong. Wish you all the best

Yours sincerely,

Man Hei, Ku (Thomas)



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Gathering

Victor Leung (1977)

As a long-time member of the Edmonton Chapter, and possibly one of the perks of being the new president of LSCOPA Vancouver Chapter, I was very fortunate to be invited as the only non-musician guest to the house warming party of Nick Domingo (63) after his recent relocation from Edmonton, AB to Richmond, BC. This party has given me new perspective on LaSallian gathering that I think is worth sharing with fellow LaSallian.

Those who are close to Nick know very well that he is a very talented pianist. But the music jamming between Nick, his brother Arturo (66) and his musician guests (some of whom are also LaSallians) had seamlessly transformed the music to the next higher level. Although not intended to be a formal La Salle gathering, most of the party, attendants felt the La Salle Spirit during that unofficial Jazz concert. Even though I belonged to a different era and only met some of my 師兄's for the very first time, throughout the night and in between music, we talked about the good old La Salle days. We shared stories on how they had started their musical journeys from one Brother at La Salle and how they had cross-pollinated their music talents to other old boys. When the old boys get together, it is only natural that we talk about La Salle. Without resistance the La Salle Spirit quite often is self manifesting and gently touches fellow LaSallians during gatherings.

Let's talk about LaSallians gathering. When Bro. Marcian drafted the lyrics for our La Salle College school song, he embroidered the expectation that old boys would get together after graduation from La Salle College. It is not "if" but "when" the old boys get together; and we have not disappointed Bro. Marcian.

Nick's house warming party was just one of the many LaSallian gathering formats happening both locally and throughout the world. While some prefer their gathering in small and private ways such as private dinners with their close classmates, others would enjoy the company of a bigger crowd in different formal or casual functions organized by our Alma Mater. Some may choose to meet up with their local contacts; others will elect to reach farther away and stay connected in the e-world via different social network such as individual or group email, Facebook, or LinkedIn. Some opt to stay connected only within their own layer (graduating year) while others would embrace new friendship from LaSallians of different graduating years. No matter how they choose to meet, it is heart-warming to know that we have and will continue to stay connected after graduating from La Salle; that graduating from La Salle is not the end of our journey but merely the beginning of a new road to a bigger Alma Mater family.

How we wish to stay connected to our Alma Mater stays very personal; our individual decisions are well respected. However, we may be pleasantly surprised when we leap beyond our comfort zone and expand our boundaries of gathering. Personally, I was rewarded with many new friendships when I leaped out of my own comfort zone and started mixing with other LaSallians. Without the new friendship and support from my 師兄's from the Edmonton Chapter, I could not have survived in the strange cold city away from my family for 4 long years.

Even when one chooses to stay connected only within one's own graduating year, one may be surprised when one expands one's network from one's classmates to schoolmates of the entire graduating year. For example, the class of 77 has successfully set up a group mailing list via the help of Calvin Chan (71) of Edmonton Chapter. Through word of mouth and referral, we are able to successfully reconnect over 120 schoolmates from our own graduating year. (Readers who belong to class of 77 and are not yet on our list, please feel free to contact me if you wish to be reunited to your fellow 77ers). Some of the 77ers have either rediscovered long lost friendship or have found new friendship via this group email community. During our busy school years we could not possibly have known every single schoolmate in our graduating year for, after all, we had over 240 schoolmates in a typical graduating year. As we move along our life journeys after high school graduation we all have evolved and discovered new interests or new directions of life.

By broadening our La Salle social contact beyond our normal comfort zone we may discover new shared interests that were absent during our school days; and thus, the foundation of new friendship among once lost brothers. Thanks to the tireless volunteers from different Old Boys' Association across the world, a Global Reunion (GR) is held biennially, hosted in rotation by host cities across the world. One of the main objectives of the Global Reunion is to provide an easily accessible venue for fellow LaSallians to get together on a regular basis. There is no doubt that this biennial reunion is an excellent global networking opportunity; but the multi-layer mixing is not a mandatory requirement of GR. LaSallians who are only interested in meeting in a small and local setting can still plan their smaller gathering within a global setting. There is no need to reinvent the wheel (for your own private reunion) when every detailed organization is already taken care of by the GR organizing committee.

As LaSallians, we all treasure our fond memories of our La Salle school days and our established friendship among our schoolmates. From time to time we all need to take a short pause in life and recharge our spiritual energy. However way we meet is not important as long as we continue to participate in gathering. Whether be it small or large, local or global, the gathering will bring out the La Salle Spirit which is within all of us. We hope to see some of you in GR2012 next summer.



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La Salle College 80th Jubilee

La Salle College 80th Jubilee Celebrations will be kicked off with an Opening Mass set for September 9, 2011 and the climax will be the 80th Anniversary Dinner planned for May 12, 2012 at Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre. For more update information, please visit <http://stu.lasalle.edu.hk/80th/index.html>.

School News

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

2011-09-27

Officials from the Ministry of Education (Beijing) and from Top Universities in Mainland China visit La Salle College

Tuesday 27th September the Deputy Director of Education and Admissions Officers from Beijing University, Fudan University, Tsinghua University, Zhongshan University, Huaqiao University, South China Normal University, Jinan University, the Deputy Head of Guangdong Exams Board, and the Officer for Taiwan and Macau Affairs Ministry of Education, visited La Salle College to talk with some F6 boys about how these universities may develop their promotion and marketing in Hong Kong given that the mainland has recently opened up enrolment for top Hong Kong students based on the HKDSE without having to sit additional exams. This is an indication to us that La Salle College is noted and known at the top levels within the Ministry of Education across the nation. The university officers also commented to me that they had been informed by their Ministries that La Salle College boys have excellent Putonghua making it much easier for them.



2011-09-26

La Salle College wins Hong Kong Schools Debating Championship

The 3rd Hong Kong Schools Debating Championship was held on the 24th September 2011 at South Island School with over 28 teams competing. La Salle College defeated South Island School in the Grand Final, with La Salle College being crowned champion of the Senior HKSDC September 2011 tournament - La Salle College has now reached all three HKSDC Senior Grand Finals and has won twice, setting a benchmark of excellence. An observer contacted me and I quote "I really have not seen such ability by secondary kids in Hong Kong before". Congratulations to all Team members and to staff mentors.

2011-09-18

Chinese Debating Team

The Chinese Debating Team is pleased to announce that they have come 3rd overall in the 43rd Joint School Chinese Debating Competition 2010-2011 having been delegated 2nd after a tie-breaker debate with Heep Yunn in the semi-finals and successfully winning their final debate 5-0. A most impressive season had by all. The team members would like to thank Br. Steve and the teacher advisors for their invaluable guidance and support. The speakers were: Wong Yiu Nam, Kwok Hoi Kit, Law Ka Kit and Choi Che Fung.



Sunday Examiner

The September 23, 2011 edition of the Hong Kong Sunday Examiner has a feature article about our alma mater. The article is available online at <http://sundayex.catholic.org.hk/archive/201109>.