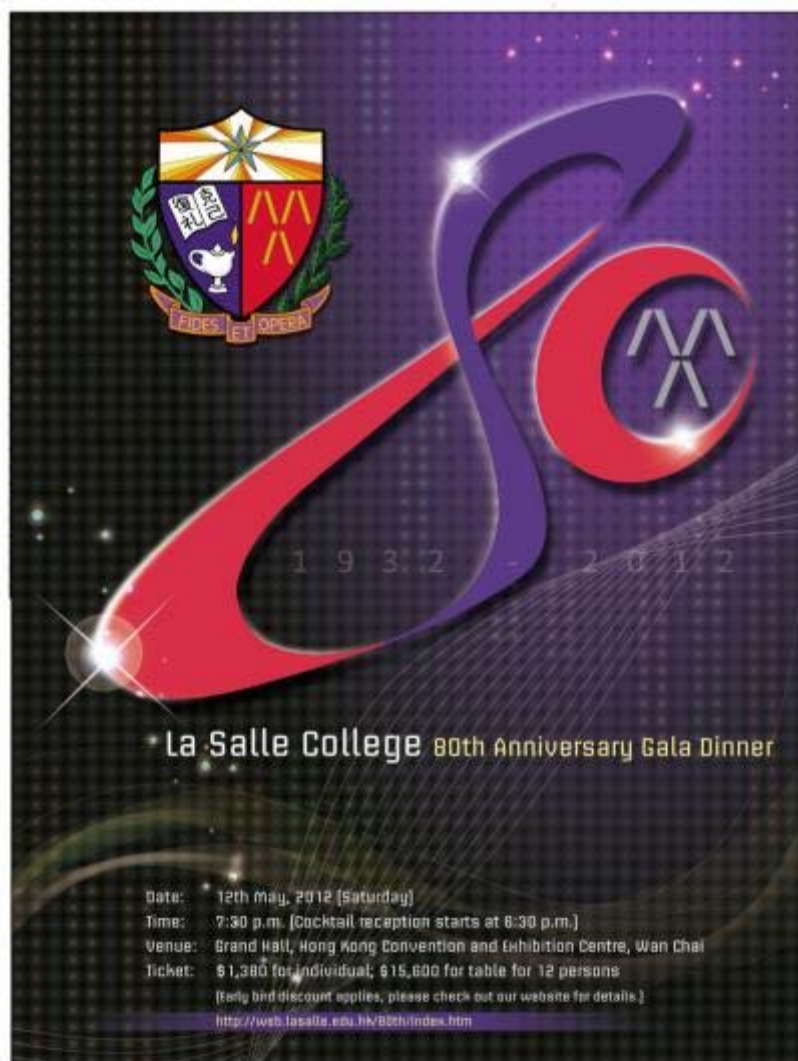




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Reminders

Edmonton

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date: Feb 2, 2012 (every first Friday)
Time: noon
Venue: Urban China Restaurant 潮樓大酒樓
10604-101 Street

Super Bowl Party

Date: Sunday Feb 5, 2012
Time: 4:00pm – 8:00pm
Venue: Finnagan's Bistro Bar & Billiards
13560 - Fort Road, Edmonton

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

Louis Pomeroy Memorial Mah Jong Tournament and Dinner 2012

Date: Sunday March 4, 2012
Time: noon – 10:00pm
Venue: Emperor Fine Chinese Cuisine 君臨天下
9019 Bayview Avenue, Unit 9
Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3M6
Price: \$45.00 (all included)
\$40.00 (Dinner only)

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Chapter News

Toronto Chapter

La Salle College Old Boys (Toronto) New Year's Eve Dinner Dance Party 2011

David Au (1964)



Julie and I went to La Salle College Old Boys Association (Toronto) New Year's Eve Dinner Dance Party 2011 at Regal Chinese Restaurant Banquet Hall at Woodside Square, Scarborough. Amidst the dine and wine, music and dance 490 people celebrated the New Year's Eve 2011 countdown to the New Year 2012. Synergy is the band providing live music for the evening. It is comprised of La Salle Old Boy talents. They simply empowered the New Year Night spirit with golden songs of the 60s through 80s.

- Walk Away
- Moon River
- Try To Remember
- Sway
- Sugar Sugar
- Night Wind
- My Way
- Edelweiss
- Delilah
- Diana
- Changing Partner
- and much more



The MCs for the event were Chris and Kevin who kicked off the show at 7:30 p.m. These old boys of La Salle College (HK) were just like professional entertainers even though their real professions are on different specialties such as doctors, lawyers teachers, entrepreneurs, etc. Favorite songs of the 60s and 70s brought people on the dancing floor to twist and shouts along the memory searching melody of those old songs These pop songs plus the Chinese contemporary songs brought back a lot of memories on the old days when we were young chasing after lovely girls.



Chapter President, Jimmy Chang 66



Band Synergy



Line Dancing led by Thomas Tam (63)

The flavor of wine and the festive spirit in the midst of exotic music in the air nudged all people young as well as those young at heart rejoiced together celebrating the New Year 2011 countdown. Dancing, chatting and drinking were all over the banquet hall. While food and drinks were plenty as always, prizes and lucky draws were there awaiting the climax moment. The first prize was a big TV.

We were seated at table 35 with Angelo Lee, his wife, son and daughter. Antonio Almeida and his friends also joined us in the same table. The New Year Countdown party was very successful and we are so thankful for those old boys who contributed their effort,



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time and money for this occasion. A hearty thank you to Jimmy Chang the president, the directors and the organizing committee members. Thank you for organizing such great moments when buddies can gather together rejoicing friendship and memories among themselves.



Organizing committee



School Song again!



Reception Team



L-R: Joe Tang 71, Chris Fong 94, Eugene Sun 2013, Peter Chan 72, Paul Wong 73



Event Assistants: Justin Lau 09, Jason Leung 98, Dominic Tang 89, Eugene Sun 2013



All Lasallian performance



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Grand Prize 42 Inches TV



50/50 First Prize Winner: David Sin (61)

L-R Dominic Sim (Ex SJCOBA president), Eisa Kwong (President of Paulians), David Sin 61, Kevin Kwok, 88 Chris Fong 94



Count Down



Happy 2012

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

Annual Spring Dinner – Year of the Dragon

The LSCOBAs San Francisco Bay Area Chapter will hold its Annual Spring Dinner on Saturday, February 11, 2012. All LaSallians are invited. If anyone happens to be in the San Francisco area, please join us for this festivity. We have a full program for that night, including games, luck draw, guess speakers and of course, fine food. Details of the event are as follow:

Date:	Saturday, February 11, 2012
Time:	5pm to 10pm
Venue:	Fu Lam Mum Restaurant 153 Castro St, Mountain View, CA 94041
Costs:	\$40/Adult, \$20/Student, \$20/Children from 5 to 14
RSVP:	sf@Lscoba.com or ephremfung@yahoo.com



La Salle College 80th Jubilee

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SUNDAY EXAMINER

18 DECEMBER 2011

La Salle College celebrates the responsibility of heritage

HONG KONG (S): "This is your college. That is why we are here," Brother Steve Hoque, the principal of La Salle College in Kowloon Tong told 1,000 students gathered together with staff, old boys and supporters of the school at a Mass celebrated by Bishop John Tong Hon at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Central on December 2, to mark the 80th anniversary of the foundation of the prestigious academic institution.

"We are celebrating our heritage," Brother Steve continued. "It is a heritage that we all carry and have a responsibility for, as teachers, students, parents and past students. Today, we are celebrating the way in which La Salle College grew."

He added that at the celebration of such an anniversary we recall the day the word La Salle was born into our hearts by the foundation brothers and staff members and students who gave birth to the college on the day classes began on 3 December 1931.

Brother Steve thanked Bishop Tong for his continued support of the college as he received a papal blessing for the school from him, to the warm applause of the congregation.

The papal blessing says that Pope Benedict XVI imparts his apostolic blessing to the principal, teachers and students on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the college and wishes them for their laudable and Christian education of youth—dated 2 September 2011.

"We will display it as a precious place in the school," Brother Steve said. "It will be a reminder to us all of the privilege we enjoy as a part of the Church in Hong Kong."

Finally, he said, "Men of La Salle, thanks for being here and really participating and letting us know that the Lord is with us. Thank you for bringing the spirit of the school to this cathedral."

And bring the spirit they did. It would have been impossible for a stranger to have dropped in and



Top: students from La Salle College lead the responsibility prayer during a Mass to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the school on December 2.

Right: Brother Steve Hoque, principal of La Salle College, receiving a papal blessing for the school from Bishop Tong.

not recognized that the student body participated in the Mass in a manner that truly reflected a tremendous pride in and love for their school.

Bishop Tong stressed the importance of the virtue of gratitude, saying that it is appropriate to express our gratitude for the manner in which La Salle College has benefited Hong Kong, as gratitude is also the foundation of all virtues.

"We receive gifts," he said, "and we should appreciate them and share them with others. It is fitting that we offer gratitude in this Mass."

The video cited the example of



Jesus loving young people, something which he said was inspired by St. John Baptist de la Salle when he founded the Christian Brothers of the School, commonly known as De La Salle Brothers, 340 years ago. "Something which is still being lived out today," he emphasized.

He then quoted the Chinese philosophers, Confucius and Mencius, as promoting respect both for those of advanced age, as well as children and the members of other's families.

He said that Christ took that one step further in his command to love our neighbor as ourselves and to love others in the same way that we would like to be treated ourselves.

Bishop Tong told of a teacher in Harbin, China, who found it was only when he learned how to love his students that they were able to learn well themselves.

The multi-national character of La Salle College was demonstrated during the prayer of the LaSallians, as students spoke in Spanish, French, Hindi and Cantonese.

The internationality of the stu-

dents of the De La Salle Brothers was also reflected by the companion Brother Patrick Tierney in his welcoming address, as he outlined the proud history of La Salle College and introduced the wide spectrum of guests at the celebration.

Brother Edmunds Fernandez, the provincial of the newly established East Asia District of the De La Salle Brothers, together with his auxiliary, Brother Thomas Lewis, were guests of honour at the celebration.

The headquarters of the new district was opened in Hong Kong on October 2.

Others on the guest list included Francis Chan Tai-chook, representing the episcopal delegates for education in the diocese, and Theresa Tong Tai-hin, representing the deputy delegates, as well as Nicholas Ng, Michael Lee and Joseph Lee.

The guest list extended to different schools and parishes in Hong Kong, as well as other holders in the La Salle College support group and former staff members.

David Mong, Stephen Leung, Thomas Wong, Mark Huang, and

'Men of La Salle, Thanks for being here and really participating and letting us know that the Lord is with us. Thank you for bringing the spirit of the school to this cathedral. And bring the spirit they did. It would have been impossible for a stranger to have dropped in and not recognized that the student body participated in the Mass in a manner that truly reflected a tremendous pride in and love for their school.'

Later Hoque represented the Old Boys' Association.

Four old boys priests, Father Edmund Khong Kik-chung, Father Dominic Liu Chi-man and Father Peter Leung Tai-choy, all from Hong Kong diocese, as well as local Father Mariano Baptista concathedraled at the Mass.

Former school chaplain, Father Steven Lopez and Father Manuel Alvarado also joined them.

Five staff members from De La Salle schools in Brother Simon's native New Zealand were also present.

They were at home in Manila, The Philippines, where they were scheduled to take part in the two-yearly Asia Pacific LaSallian Educators Conference, which addresses issues in education and provides leadership formation for associates in the congregation's mission spirit and charism.

The lay associates are now serving around one million students in the Asia Pacific area in universities, teacher training, colleges, hospitals, primary and secondary schools, kindergartens and orphanages, both for the elite as well as the urban and rural poor.

Brother Steve told the Sunday Examiner that LaSallian education serves all corners, regardless of wealth or status, from Pakistan in the east to Japan in the west, and China in the north and New Zealand in the south.

"La Salle College is possibly one of only about six schools in the Asia Pacific region with a brother as principal and probably one of about 20 to 30 institutions that still have a brother's presence," Brother Steve said.

"The mission is stronger than ever, not by well-defined and measured commitment," he concluded.

THE CONGREGATION OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, SCHEUT MISSION HK LTD REQUIRES A PRINCIPAL FOR ONE OF ITS PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Starting September 2012

Applicants should have educational ideal and religious zeal. They should possess recognized qualifications; at least 5 years' experience in a senior administrative/teaching position of primary level and a good command of Cantonese, Putunghese and English.

Applicants should send full resume, both in Chinese and English, before 31 December 2011 to the Chairperson of the Selection Committee at 2/F 4 Yau Yee Wai Village, Tuen Mun O, New Territories. The committee will only invite suitable candidates to attend interviews. They will be notified by email on or before 8 January 2012.

(All information provided will only be used for recruitment purposes)

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Reunions



8 加國論壇

2011年11月6日 星期日

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六十年代的中國留學生

林達敬

今年是我們在多倫多大學畢業的五十周年。11月，61年的同學在母校聚會，當年同屆有的150人，同屆36人，有一半以上都到美加留學，並且長期居留。

那時香港很窮，以小工廠和家庭式商業為經濟骨幹，故此並不須聘受過教育的年青人，幸好正值越戰，美國政府支出大量軍費，美加經濟蓬勃，外國學生可以「工讀」自給自給。我們在香港前途渺茫，不得不高瞻遠矚，隻身孤影往外國，尋求出路。

出門時，我們都要籌備一筆錢，作為路費和生活費。通常身上帶一千元，這已足夠第一年的學雜和生活費了。而研究生有獎學金，故此只需50到100元。這筆錢通常都要向親友籌借。舊金山聖安瑟倫大學的同學畢業生，可以在私立中學教初中，很多人就在中學教一年書來籌備這筆錢。

北美的大學宿舍，往往優先給外國學生，所以很多人來到就能住進宿舍。那時此地的荒蕪，少用電料，談西無味，真是「口口談出鳥來」。而且每晚六時該吃飯，晚飯後，但是我們並不把這樣的生活，當作苦難，反而當作一個難得的晉身機會。有同學說：「我們在這讀書，有這樣的環境，這樣的設備，這樣的薪資，實在是一種享受。」我們給自己確立一個目標，一定要學好，每天苦讀十四小時，每周七天。讀書是我們最大的緊張，但也是最大的熱情，真如孔子所說「學如不及，猶恐失之。」因此，我們書都讀得很好，有不少更是名列前茅，不能畢業的，百中無一，多是英語太差，或是求學時誤學變。中國男女授受不親，所以一談戀愛，情緒就控制不住，而影響到學業。曾有兩位同學讀書不成，但一個開了二間餐館和一間地產公司，另一個開了三間禮品店，事業並不比其他人差。

我們讀書都去打工，暑假是5月一直到8月，研讀已足夠一年學雜和生活費用，有些同學還有餘錢寄給父母，大家笑稱為「私人美援」。我們通常在中餐館做「企拾」，流行一句話：「沒有做過企拾不曉得香港。」餐館的東主，多為台山人，我們是北美洲第一代專業華人，台山人對我們這一代的成長，功不可沒，但當然台山人也不是只會開餐館，也出了不少人才，例如美國駐華大使駱家輝，加拿大總督伍冰枝等。很多同學，後來都做了台山人的女婿、媳婦，有一同學，暑假在一台山人開的餐館打工，老闆叫他第二年仍回來，第二年老闆對他說：「你跟我女兒結婚吧，我起兩間餐館都給你。」可說這是奇遇。(二之一)



8 現代論壇

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六十年代的中國留學生(下)

林達敬

當年，同學家境富裕的不多，但他們都無執子弟的風采，衣食起居，都和其他人一樣，保持樸素作風，不貪圖奢華，課餘和暑假一樣去打工，對家貧的同學，不但沒有看不起，而且幫助，顯示出真誠的友情，這是人間無價之寶，此任何財富都可貴。

我們讀書的態度，是寧精勿雜，寧少勿多，所以學成之後，都有專門的知識，都找到工作。我們進入一個機構，都是第一個中國人，所以互相勉勵，說一定要把事情做好，否則以後他們不再聘用中國人了。

我們第一份工作，通常都在農村或小鎮，工作幾年之後，又再回到城市，但有些做醫生、牙醫、護士、教師的，在農村

留下來。我們對北美改善農村的生涯，拉近農村和城市的距離，有過極大的貢獻。

有個女同學，讀社會福利，她找到一份工作，隻身去了一個北極圈的地方，另有一牙醫同學，同粵語和葡語女友結婚，把太太帶到加拿大轉小飛機去他工作的地方。太太下飛機一看，怎麼這麼多中國人呀！原來是愛斯基摩人。

半工半讀的經歷，使我們嘗試過極端的生活，勤奮的習慣，能夠忍受艱難困苦。我們現在都已接近退休年齡，大部分都達到中級的職位，北美洲的職業，有相當的種族歧視，一個中級的職位，能夠站穩，已是成就，但若是自己的社會，就可做到高級職員，不過也有些特種努力，應過特種的好的，成為大機構的高級職員、部長、大使、公使、參贊和議員，也非無僅有。

五十年過去了，我們「少習學，老有能」。今日歡聚一堂，懷念少年的友誼，回憶一生的拼搏，每人都有幾十年的奮鬥，每一個生命，都有一個感人的故事，都是一篇史詩。我們沒有辜負母校的教導和期望，當我從事工讀使我從貧窮的泥潭中脫身出來，這並不表示別人沒有他們的奮鬥。當別人親及他們的成就，這並不表示我沒有可以值得自豪之處。我們都拾起頭來，互祝一句「成功！」。

讓我們永遠懷念往昔在兩沙的美好日子，願我們的友誼萬古長青！



Golden Jubilee

William Lai (1961)



Wow! Fifty years! Half a century! Can you imagine, it was time before the Beatles, when Elvis was King, when we were *The Young Ones* (Cliff Richard, 1961), *Betwixt Twelve and Twenty* (Pat Boone, song and book), and *when 30 was old* (Deana Carter, *Strawberry Wine*). But here we are, celebrating our 50th anniversary of graduation from high school (or middle school, as we used to call it). We are now all near septuagenarians. But you wouldn't know it if you saw us in our Golden Anniversary Reunion functions. The reunion committee report in last month's issue depicted a group of 61ers full of vitality, dynamism, and vigor (and liquor at some points). We are more than *Young At Heart* (Frank Sinatra), may be *Forever Young* (Rod Stewart).

The Golden Anniversary Reunion

In November 2011 in Hong Kong, the Class of 1961 celebrated their Golden Anniversary since graduation from La Salle Form 5. My wife, Vivien, and I participated in some of the events. The reunion committee reported on the occasion in the last issue. For those interested, my piece here presents my take on some of the festivities. We also took the opportunity to see some places we were unable to visit on previous trips.

I was on the pre-dinner school tour. I had visited the school with the 2007 LSC 75th anniversary celebrations. So, that part of the tour was not new for me. The school orchestra held an open-air concert to welcome us and the school song was, of course, in the programme. What impressed me was that our fellow 61ers, many of whom had not been back to the school for decades, were able to break into the school song spontaneously as if they were still pupils there. That spoke to our strong identification with and loyalty to LSC.

During the tour of the school buildings, one of my former classmates commented that when he first saw the new school sans the Dome, he cried. Clearly, the destruction of the Dome remains an emotional issue for those of us who literally grew up under it.

The main reunion event was the dinner in the evening of 5 November 2011 at the Kowloon Tong Club. The aforementioned committee article which appeared in the Newsletter last month showed the event to be a very vibrant occasion, and I will not repeat that account. Instead, I will present some personal anecdotes during that dinner.

It was noticed during the evening that my wife, Vivien and I, were diligently taking videos and photo of the proceedings, as shown in this photo (taken by Francis Siu, I think). While narratives and photography do much to show the goings-on of the evening, one really needs to see it live in order to capture the festive atmosphere and jubilation of the occasion; hence the videos. I understand Francis Siu is preparing the videos I took for upload to be accessible by all to see. In the



meantime, it may be noted that more reunion pictures can be viewed at this link: http://www.realsantaclara.com/travel/?page_id=421. Thanks to Francis for managing the website and the photo/video gallery.

For me, the dinner provided an opportunity to recreate some of the treasured moments in my LSC life.

Mr. Henry Lau, my F4C Form-Master, was a great and most beloved teacher. Now in his eighties, he is as popular as ever. During the dinner, when the call came for his former students to take a photo with him, there was a mad rush of old boys flocking to his side jostling for positions close to him. Because Mr Lau has so many adoring students, I was not sure if he actually remembered me. Regardless, I took advantage of one of his free moments at the dinner table to re-introduce myself to him and I was lucky enough to have a few individual pictures taken with him.





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Brother Alphonsus was another endearing teacher. He also generated a congregation of students who wanted to be in a group picture with him at the dinner. Bro Alphonsus was my F6 Form-Master. I remember him as a kind and considerate mentor. He's also in his eighties, and again I was not sure if he could remember me. Nevertheless, I also seized an opportunity to approach him and showed him some of the class and activity pictures taken with him. One of the old pictures I showed him was taken at a class outing in 1962. Of the group of students on the outing that 1962 day, three were at the reunion dinner, Anthony Ho, Raphael Ng and me.



Some time before the reunion, I was pleasantly surprised by an e-mail from Roland Lau who now resides in Adelaide, Australia.



Roland and I were 17ers and shared many scouting experiences such as attending scouting badge courses and camping excursions together. Unfortunately, we had totally lost contact since leaving LSC, and I was extremely delighted to hear from him out of the blue. In that e-mail, he forwarded a picture of us on a camping trip when we shared a two-person tent. I have other pictures of the same camping trip and I recall that occasion quite well. It was one of the most satisfying scouting outings that I could remember. When I saw the picture of us two in our scouting days, I thought that I must recreate the moment or at least the picture when I saw him at the reunion.



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Another former classmate who contacted me prior to the reunion was Joseph Wong Pang Fai from Sydney, Australia. Joseph is married to a BPS (Belilious Public School) girl, Shirley. It turned out that both my wife, Vivien, and Shirley were BPS 61ers who were also celebrating their 50th in the week after our reunion dinner. It was a most wonderful coincidence. The four of us actually attended two Golden Anniversaries.



I was extremely amazed by the fact that many 61ers actually remember me as I thought I had a low profile during and after La Salle. I felt honoured when Stephen Wong contacted me and asked that my wife and I join him and his wife at the reunion dinner table. He also invited a good mutual LaSallian friend and wife, Nick (1963) and lolani Domingo, to be at the same table. Nick, of course, has been a long-time friend from Edmonton, and a member of the LSCOA Edmonton and Vancouver Chapters. The Domingos happened to be in HK the same week as our reunion.



Two BPS girls, Shirley Wong and Vivien Lai, at the LSC 61ers Golden Reunion dinner

William Teoh also contacted me ahead of time and we reconnected at the dinner. Dennis Chow was another classmate who recognised me. So did George Tang, Patrick Lau and Andy Chan. David Chan and I had corresponded by e-mail prior to the gathering and we renewed our acquaintance as we were seated at the same table with our wives.



With William Teoh and Dennis Chow



With George Tang



With Patrick Lau



With Andy Chan



With Bro Steve Hogan



With Christine and David Chan

Nick Domingo was not the only Edmonton Chapter OB we ran into in Hong Kong. One evening while crossing Nathan Road in front of the Sheraton Hotel, Vivien and I had to run to a cross-walk island between the two lanes of traffic and we literally bumped into Louis Chan (1965) and wife, Shirley. This chance meeting, especially in somewhat of a physical form, surprised the heck out of the four of us. After recovering from the pleasant shock, we decided to have a drink at the Sky Lounge atop the Sheraton Hotel. Louis insisted on buying the drinks. Thanks again, Louis.

China

Prior to the reunion, Vivien and I went on a Trafalgar group tour of China. The tour zigzagged through the vast country touching upon all the major and significant spots that distinguish China. The itinerary included Beijing, Xian, Shanghai, Quilin and a Yangtze River Cruise from Yichong to Chongqing. For most of our friends these days, travelling to and within China is nothing new. For us, it is our first foray into the main interior of China and it was an eye-opener. We visited all the famed Chinese spots and experienced the sounds and sights that we had learnt about since La Salle.

For me, a couple of sights in the big Chinese cities stood out. One was the architecture of the tall modern buildings which were of many different forms, shapes and styles. Much creativity was evident in these buildings. Drivers in Beijing and Shanghai were also very creative. They constantly created six lanes out of clearly marked four-lane roadways. After witnessing the traffic in these cities, one tends to regard complaints about driving in downtown Toronto and Manhattan as sounding more like whining.





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An interesting stop for me was the Flying Tigers Museum in Chongqing. This city, with a populace equal to the entire population of Canada, had been a former Chinese capital and a very significant strategic military location for centuries, including the Second World War. The Flying Tigers unit flew out of what was then known as Chungking in support of operations in areas that was known then as Burma, and Thailand. The Flying Tigers had become a legendary unit immortalised by many books and movies. The picture shows me at the museum. Did you notice the teeth portrayed on the plane in the painting on the wall are actually shark and not tiger teeth?

Some readers who are familiar with me know about my penchant for popular music. It didn't take long for me to find nightspots in Chinese cities where western music was being played. It was interesting to hear sounds of Mariah Carey, Neil Diamond and the like in a Chinese environment. One pub we went to had the Chinese national flag as part of the stage decor, and the band kept covering the "Golden Oldies". They did a very good job of rendering these old classics, but to me, there was something incongruous about the Everly Brothers' *All I Have to Do Is Dream* being sung under what used to be known as the "Communist Five-Star" flag, a past symbol of anti-westernism. (The song came out in 1958, during the "Great Leap Forward" era).

The China tour ended in Hong Kong in early November, just in time for the Golden Anniversary Reunion.

Hong Kong

After the reunion, Vivien and I had about a week in HK, visiting with relatives and various places of historical interest to me.

Remembrance

Our stay in HK overlapped November 11, Remembrance Day. In observance of that day, Vivien and I went to the cenotaph in Central where Remembrance Day services used to be held. I recall going there with my parents every November 11, in remembrance of my mother's adoptive father who died as a POW during the Japanese occupation. Vivien and I have been attending such services in Canada and were curious as to what had become of the ceremony in post-British Hong Kong.



While there was no longer any official Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph, we did find an informal gathering of Commonwealth veterans and service members, complete with poppies, privately marking the occasion by observing a two-minute silence at the 11th hour. Later that day, we made it to my adoptive grandfather's gravesite at the Stanley Military Cemetery and paid our respects.



On the Great Wall of China



Vivien in Chinatown in China (Shanghai)



Vivien with the Terracotta army



Spot on the Yangtze supposedly portrayed on the 10 Yuan



Li River cruise in Quilin



Fisherfolk on picturesque Li River



The Flying Tigers Museum, Chongqing



Pub stage adorned with the Five-star banner



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During our stay in HK this time, we also took the opportunity to visit and walk along the Wong Nai Chung Gap Trail that marks the progress of Hong Kong's defence during the Second World War. The explanatory sign-posts along the trail are replete with the descriptions of the heroics of Canadians in the fight. It was along this trail, somewhere on Jardine's Lookout, that Sergeant-Major John Osborne sacrificed his life and was posthumously awarded the only Victoria Cross in the Battle for Hong Kong. Sargent-Major Osborne is memorialised in the form of a statue in the Hong Kong Park. The Canadians played a major role in both the East and West Brigades in the battle. I managed to visit the ruins of Headquarters of both Brigades. It was at these locations that many Canadians lost their lives, including the Canadian Brigade Commander, John Lawson. Being in the area where all this action occurred made me feel like walking on hallowed ground.



Plaque describing
Sergeant Major Osborne's
combat actions

West Brigade HQ



East Brigade HQ



Ruins of East Brigade



Statue of Sargent
Major John Osborne in Hong Kong

I noticed in the last, January 2012, issue of this Newsletter a report about LaSallians attending the 70th Anniversary Memorial Celebration of the Canadians at Sai Wan. It is heart-warming to see "our own" La Salle boys honouring Canadians specifically. The article also mentioned that "some nearly 2,000 Canadian soldiers lost lives in the 16 days defence of Hong Kong.....". According to Veterans Affairs Canada information, the Canadian contingent to Hong Kong comprised of 1,975 personnel, in two units, the Royal Rifles of Canada and the Winnipeg Grenadiers, plus specialists. Two hundred and ninety Canadians were killed in action and 267 died as POWs, for a total death toll of 557. Of the 1,975, over 1,050 were either killed or wounded, making for a casualty rate of more than 50%, one of the highest casualty rates in the Second World War. Please visit this link for more information on Canadians in Hong Kong: http://www.veterans.gc.ca/public/pages/history/secondwar/asia/canhk/hongkong_e.pdf. It should also be noted that the Japanese government formally apologised to Canadian Hong Kong vets for the suffering the then Japanese inflicted on the Canadians during the war: <http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/gallery-index/gallery/337#img1>.

Remembering our classmates

Referring back to the 1962 outing photo for a moment, I was saddened to learn of the passing of Kam Yuk Lam, sitting to the right of Brother Alphonsus in the picture, some time ago. Then, as I was working on this very article one day, a message came through the e-mail advising that Wilson Tang just passed away in Chicago. Unfortunately, I did not have the privilege of having been acquainted with Wilson though we were in the same year. That, however, does not diminish the grief of losing another one of our 61er brothers. May they rest in peace.

Return to Tai Mong Tsai and Silver Mine Bay

During this trip to HK, I had the opportunity of revisiting some of the old places which in some way marked my time at La Salle.

A major prerequisite for gaining the Queen's Scout status was the First Class Journey Badge which essentially required an overnight hike in the wilds with a partner. For this badge, I was given the route between Sai Kung and Chik Kang, along the Tai Mong Tsai trail. Several tasks along the trek were assigned to complete the requirements of the badge. Two of my tasks were interviewing the Chairman of the Tai Mong Tsai Village about the local conditions and population, and estimating the width of the Pak Tam Chung River without using measuring tapes.

The adjoining pictures (15 Oct 1960) show me interviewing some elder of Tai Mong





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Tsai Village in front of the clan temple (I recall the “Chairman” was away at the time), and then in front of the modern clan shrine on 09 Nov 2011, 51 years 25 days later. The village still retains the same name, but not much of the original buildings remain, though I was glad they kept (or remodelled) the shrine. The Tai Mong Tsai “trail” is now a busy roadway with dizzying traffic, which makes one long for the older, simpler, and more serene rural days. It was on this trail that we happened upon some La Salle guys hiking from the opposite direction. The group included fellow 61ers Roland Lau and Arthur Remedios. The picture shows the group and what the trail looked like back then.



By the way, the Pak Tam Chung River was some 112 feet wide, according to my calculation then. It looks the same fifty one years later, although there has been quite a bit of new development in that area which has become a very popular park.

My partner for this journey was Philip Fook with whom I have lost contact. Thank you, Philip, wherever you are.

Another activity that marked my time in Hong Kong was swimming. I had been a life-guard and long-distance swimmer in LSC. We used to train at various beaches and aquatic centres. I had returned to HK several times since emigrating to Canada, but had not done any swimming during any of these visits. I was determined that I would do so this time. Vivien and I went to several beaches on this visit, and I actually swam at Deep Water Bay and Silver Mine Bay, two out of three of my favourite beaches, the other being Clear Water Bay which we also visited but we did not swim there because of the weather. Silver Mine Bay has particular significance for me. The last time I was there, as I recall, was 1959 on a scouts outing, with Joseph Kho and others. Many readers would know by now that Joseph died in an accident a few years later. (Editors: Please refer to the January 2009 edition of this newsletter for the story about Joseph Kho by William.) Returning to Silver Mine Bay was sort of like a pilgrimage for me in honour of Joseph’s memory. The accompanying picture shows Joseph and me at Silver Mine Bay in July 1959. The original rock where this picture was taken does not exist anymore, or at least I couldn’t find it. But I did find a similar outcrop with nearly identical background as in the original picture.



Back to the future

It was in Quilin that we received the good news of the birth of our second grandchild, first grandson, in New York City, to our younger son Jonathan and wife Terra. Peyton arrived earlier than expected, but not premature. We hurried to NY immediately after returning to Edmonton from HK. While this journey back into the *Days of My Youth* (Don Ho, 1966) was filled with tender nostalgia of the past, Vivien and I left Hong Kong to go back to the exciting future with our grandchildren.

Acknowledgement: William wishes to thank Francis Siu for composing the collages shown in the above article.



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La Salle College Old Boys Global Reunion Vancouver 2012

Victor Leung (1977)



Convention rate for air travel

The GR2012 organizing committee is pleased to announce that convention rates have been arranged with Air Canada for attending old boys and families as follows:

Eligible period: July 25, 2012 - August 14, 2012 (Must travel within 7 days of initiating flight)

Promotion Code: 4QQC9R21

Discount Chart:

TRAVEL ZONE	FARE PRODUCT	DISCOUNT
Travel within Canada	Executive Class Flexible	10%
	Executive Class Lowest	0%
	Latitude	10%
	Tango Plus	10%
	Tango	0%
Travel between Canada and the U.S.	Executive Class Flexible	12%
	Executive Class Lowest	0%
	Latitude	10%
	Tango Plus	10%
	Tango	0%
Travel between North America and International destinations	Executive First Flexible	12%
	Executive First Lowest – C class fares*	12%
	Latitude	10%
	Tango Plus	10%
	Tango	10%

Note:

1. While allowed travel period is between July 25 through to Aug. 14, 2012, the travel window is only one week. For example, if the initiating flight (e.g. Edmonton-Vancouver) is on July 31 (Sun), the return flight (Vancouver-Edmonton) must be completed by Aug. 7, 2012 (the following Sunday).
2. To qualify for conventions special fare, GR2012 will need a minimum total of 10 delegates travelling from various origins to the GR location (Vancouver) with Air Canada's extensive North American and International network.

Other GR2012 details, including information on registration and hotel reservation, are expected to be available at GR2012 website located at <http://gr2012.lscob-global.net> in early 2012. Meanwhile, don't forget to mark your calendar for the Vancouver GR2012 between August 2 – August 5, 2012.



School News

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

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Hong Kong Olympiad in Informatics 2012 (HKOI)

Congratulations to La Salle College students and the teachers and old boy mentors for winning Second Overall in the Hong Kong Olympiad in Informatics with Pui Ching Middle School being awarded First Place. All winners have the opportunity of further training programmes to compete for a place in the Hong Kong International Computer Competition later this year

	Senior Group	Junior Group
Gold Medallists		Tung Kam Chuen, Tang Wang Lap
Silver Medallists	Hui Pak Nam	Lo Chun Hei, Tang Dik Man
Bronze Medallist	Can Victor Yathong, Ng Cheuk Sing, Ng Ho Man	Cheung Ka Long Matthew

Best Young Contestant: Tung Kam Chuen

Best First-Time Contestant: Tung Kam Chuen

La Salle College: 2nd Overall

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Interschool Sports Competition Results

All Hong Kong Schools Jing Ying Volleyball Tournament

LSC vs. DBS 2 – 0 (Play-off)

LSC vs. CSWCSS 0 – 2

LSC vs. SKH Tsang Shiu Tim Secondary School 2 – 1

LSC vs. Carmel Divine Grace Foundation Secondary School 2 – 0

Overall Result: La Salle College –Third

All Hong Kong Schools Jing Ying Basketball Tournament Final Match

LSC vs Beacon College (Tsuen Wan) - 56 : 50

Overall Result: La Salle College - Champion

Pledge

Dear old boys,

I am saddened to announce that Mr Chan Chau Mo, our former PE teacher, passed away this morning (January 27, 2012) between 8 and 9 am after fighting a long illness.

Chan Sir took early retirement two years ago due to his deteriorating health, and since then, a group of concerned La Salle teachers, old boys, PTA members have gathered to offer support to Mr Chan and his family. Mr Chan leaves behind his widow, a full time house wife, and three young children who are studying in F1, P6 and P4.

In previous conversations with Chan Sir, we learned that his utmost concerns are livelihood of his wife and education funding for his three young children. On hearing the news, many old boys from different classes have offered financial and family support to Mr Chan and his family over the past year or two.



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As someone who devoted his whole career to educating Lasallians since the late 1970s, Chan Sir's young family needs our support. Should anyone wish to make a donation to the family, please contact the OBA Administrator Fanny at Admin@lscoba.com, Tel 2336 2985, and she can advise you on the donation details.

Your donation, large or small, shows our concern and support. Let's rise to the occasion and apply the La Salle Spirit, to show Mrs. Chan that we are all behind her and her children in this difficult period.

Looking longer term, a group of teachers, old boys and parents are working on how the Lasallian community can offer financial support to the family. We will offer details of this plan in due course.

Please pray for Mr Chan's soul and for his young grieving family.

Regards

Mark Huang
President, LSCOBAAHK

Editors: You can follow the development through this link <http://www.lscoba.com/discuss/read.php?1,45909,45909#msg-45909>.

Overseas old boys can contact their local OBA Chapters for the latest update on this.

The following is taken from Facebook: <http://kelvinlan.xanga.com/586197199/item/>

論英雄系列之五：「誰是陳秋武？」

陳秋武家在南區華富村，真正的香港仔。

發蹟於中文中學，中五會考成績優異，然而，爲了不增加父母的負擔，毅然棄中六學位，入讀教育學院。當時的教院仍未合併，分別爲羅富國、柏立基和葛亮洪師範學院。在這兩年裡，陳秋武和其孖生兄長陳秋文，一同主修體育及中文。兩年後順利畢業，轉輾任教九龍傳統名校喇沙書院至今。據講，陳秋武教學認真，爲街坊所稱道。

主攻出身，一米七八，全盛時期，體重七十六公斤。十六歲當上港青隊長，技術佳，彈跳好，球路縱橫，風頭之勁，一時無兩。回想當年，青春火花，勾手飄忽，翻滾救球，正是魔鬼也瘋狂。在那時候，運動保健，醫療傷科，身爲坊間小子，簡直聞所未聞。

就正如南華戰友，港隊球員李良永所慨嘆一樣。「阿武起得快跌也快！」

嚴格來說，在七八年，貴爲港隊的陳秋武，體重直線，已經跳不起來。備受膝關節傷患困擾的陳秋武，黯然神傷，但沒有放棄。「永不言敗！」這是老一輩南華「擁礮」口傳下來的一句話。

前港隊教練陳元進評論道。「這個人是不會走的了！」

因緣際會，改打二傳，從此做就了一代名手。正是，塞翁失馬，焉知非福。陳秋武傳球手法隱閉，追根求源，乃吸收了九人排球的精髓，非其獨創也。一衆師弟兼隊友，盧嘉孟、阿九和余燦慶，都是移動靈活，彈跳好，出手奇快之輩。一句「小巧刁鑽！」，四字真言，就總結了，由陳元進領導，陳秋武帶頭演譯，縱橫兩個時代的一套打法。簡單來說，被「雙陳」視爲不傳之秘的「二傳」要訣和「扣球」手法，實爲一個整體的兩面，技術戰術，一環扣一環，絕非胡亂拼湊而成。用時下流行的術語，分析其技術結構，戰術體系，箇中三昧，非親身體會，難以言表。至於，如何「以小搏大、以快制高」，我們可不可以學得到，就必須另立文章才能講得清楚了。

陳秋武不信命運。

爲人耿直，古道熱腸的他，還有一個小秘密。文武兄弟，在九七前曾移民美加，享受了一段平淡的日子，及後床頭金盡，回歸香江，陳秋武染上肺結核病。康復後，身體大不如前。可是，憑著一顆赤子之心，仍積極活躍於排球界，其情可憫，其志可嘉。最近，陳秋武卸下港隊女子教練職務，有更多的時間上網、打衛生麻雀，研究馬經、喝啤酒、下棋、陪伴比他少十來歲的妻子和愛惜其十歲多的兒子