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Mixed Feeling

We have mixed feeling in preparing this newsletter for August 2012.

On one hand, we want to celebrate the Global Reunion 2012 hosted in Vancouver between August 2 and 5 and the 80th Anniversary of La Salle College, our alma mater.

On the other hand, we mourn the loss of Dr. Louis Allaye Chan (1934), the founding President of the La Salle Old Boys' Association (LSOBA) which was later renamed La Salle College Old Boys Association (LSCOA).

Dr. Chan passed away on April 19, 2012 at the age of 95 in Vancouver, just months before the Global Reunion.

To celebrate his life and to remember his contribution to the old boys' community, this newsletter has included a writing on the history of LSCOA published on the website of LSCOA at <http://www.lscoba.com/lscoba/obahistory.html>.

Rest in Peace

Dr. Louis Allaye Chan (1934)

Reminders

Vancouver

Global Reunion 2012

Date: August 2 – 5, 2012

Website: <http://gr2012.lscob-global.net>

Edmonton

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

August gathering has been cancelled due to the Global Reunion 2012 in Vancouver.

Summer BBQ

Date: Saturday September 8, 2012

Time: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Venue: Calvin's place

RSVP: calvin@lscobaedm.org

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

San Francisco Bay Area

Rev. Bro. Steve Hogan

Welcome Dinner

Date: Aug 7th 2012 (Tuesday)

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: China Bistro (中華軒), 111 E 4th Ave,
San Mateo, CA 94401

About this newsletter

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Toronto	Felix Leung (1985), Jimmy Chang (1966)
East Coast (USA)	Christopher Tse (1965), Peter Lai (1967)

Southern California	Eddie Shek (1985)
San Francisco Bay Area	Ephrem Fung (1976)
Edmonton	Calvin Chan (1971)



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Chapter News

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

Dim Sum Gathering July 2012



Our jovial day was embarked with gentle breeze and the salient California sunshine.

On 7th July 2012, the LSCOPA San Francisco (Bay Area) Chapter held a Dim Sum lunch at the China Bistro in San Mateo, California. It was a convivial gathering that shared among 20+ LaSallians, ranging from 1961 to 2010, and their significant-halves.

"It is great!" said one of the LaSallians who graduated in the 60s, *"It is wonderful to meet our classmates and youngsters from our alma mater!"* Another, relatively younger, LaSallian also commented *"It is interesting and inspirational to learn about the stories of our senior schoolmates!"* Our President, Andrew Sien 63' and his committee were delighted with the positive feedbacks and welcomed the idea in holding bimonthly gatherings for our fellow Bay Area LaSallians.

Rev. Brother Steve Hogan's visit in Aug 2012

On top of this mirthful gathering, the Chapter also took the chance to promulgate the Bay Area visit of our current principal, Rev. Brother Steve Hogan, in the coming August. The official dinner with Bro. Steve had been planned with the following details.

Date / time: 7:00 pm Aug 7th 2012 (Tuesday)

Venue: China Bistro (中華軒), 111 E 4th Ave, San Mateo, CA 94401.

Reservation: <http://new.evite.com/services/events/0216MDVWVTUTCHIKMCEPB2EXM5NORMI/export/facebook>

Or people can refer to our chapter's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/lscobasf>



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Welcoming Newcomers!

We, the committees of the LSCOBASF (Bay Area) Chapter, are happy to welcome **Jeffery Lai 03'** and **Charles Cheung 03'** in joining our Chapter and looking forward in seeing them more often in the near future!!

Thank You George!

The Chapter would also like to thank George Law 66' in booking the venue for this gathering, sharing his experience in the LSC 80th Anniversary Gala dinner at Hong Kong and coordinating Brother Steve's Bay Area visit! Thank you George!

Yours in La Salle,

LSCOBAS San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

<http://www.lscoba.com/overseas/sf>

San Francisco, Calif.

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Hong Kong

AGM and New Executive committee

The annual general meeting of LSCOBAS was held Friday, 20 July 2012 in the Large Lecture Theatre of La Salle College, in which the following office-bearers and members of the committee of LSCOBAS for 2012-2013 were elected at the AGM:

President: Willie Wong (84)

Vice President: Leonard Chu (83)

Hon. Secretary: Eric Chow (00)

Hon. Treasurer: Raymond Chung (97)

Committee Members:

Gordon Fong (76)

Alan Lui (79)

Stanley Shum (79)

Simon Lai (81)

Stanley Shum (84)

Roger Lee (85)

Patrick Ho (87)

Herman Bo (89)

Paul Lee (89)

Howard Wong (95)

Terence Mak (97)

Matthew Szeto (99)



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Toronto Chapter

2012 Brother Thomas Cup Golf Tournament

Philip Wong (1967)

The 2012 Tournament took place on July 22 at the Station Creek North Course, a Cluklink facility in the Stouffville area, located to the north of Toronto. 19 La Salle old boys and 17 guests teed-off on a sunny yet hot and humid afternoon. This tournament had its seminal event in 2002 when Bro. Thomas visited the Toronto Chapter as part of the LSC 70th Anniversary celebration. To mark this occasion, an annual golf tournament with the top prize – Bro. Thomas Cup to the winner was born. Results:



Men's Low Net Winner:	Paulus Choi
2 nd Place:	Ken Hon
3 rd Place:	Ed Kwong
Guests' Low Net Winner:	Eugene Yip
2 nd Place:	Dick Wong
3 rd Place:	Danny Yau
Men's Longest Drive:	Eugene Yip/ Paulus Choi
Women's Longest Drive:	Ella Cheung
Men's Closest to Pin:	Robert Cheng
Women's Closest to Pin:	Edith Wong
Men's Low Gross & Bro. Thomas Club Winner:	Robert Cheng

Robert Cheng's stellar winning score of 77 is the lowest gross score in the history of our tournament. Congratulations to Robert!

Following the tournament, golfers and guests enjoyed a hearty Roast Beef banquet dinner at the Clubhouse Union Room. A couple honoured guests joined us: former history teacher, Mr. Woo and his wife Helen were visiting Toronto and Calgary; and Leonard Chu, VP of Hong Kong OBA was with us on his way to the Vancouver Global Reunion.

I would like to thank the organizing committee of Charles Li, John Yeung and Kevin Kwok for their time and commitment. Special thanks to Chris Fong in staffing the registration desk and looking after payments and Kevin Kwok who acted as MC for prize presentation and event photographer.

We hope to see everyone back next year.



Chris Fong (94), Philip Wong (67) and John Yeung (73)
in staffing the registration desk!



Leonard Chu (83), VP of LSCOBAAHK and
Ken Hon (73), Men's Low Net 1st runners up



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Leonard Chu (83), VP of LSCOBAAHK
and Paulus Choi (78), Men's Low Net and Longest Drive Winner



Danny Yau (Guest), Guests' Low Net 2nd runners up
and Charles Li (74)



Charles Li (74) and
Dick Wong (Guest), Guests' Low Net 1st runners up



Edith Wong, Women's Closest to Pin Winner
and John Yeung (73)



Philip Wong (67), VP of Toronto Chapter and Eugene Yip (Guest),
Guests' Low Net and Men's Longest Drive Winner



Philip Wong (67), VP of Toronto Chapter, Ella Cheung, Women's
Longest Drive Winner and John Yeung (73)



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Charles Li (74), Mr Woo (Former history teacher of LSC), Robert Cheng (76), Men's Closest to Pin, Low Gross & Brother Thomas Club Winner, Philip Wong (67) and John Yeung (73)



Mr. Woo (胡可為), our former history teacher of LSC
-----寶刀未老，依然風趣

Joint School Table Tennis Tournament

Kevin Kwok (1988)

The first ever Joint School Table Tennis Tournament took place on 7 July 2012 at Canadian Chinese Table Tennis Association.

Many old boys, friends and family, attended the event to show their support for the LSOBA table tennis team. Our team did remarkably well by capturing the overall title and Eric Yu (80) is the 1st runners up of the singles title.

Result:

Champion:	La Salle Old Boys Association
1st runners up:	Wah Yan -Kowloon OBA
2nd runners up:	Ramondi OBA

Our roster:

Michael Mau (65)
John Keung (65) - Team Captain
Daniel Kwong (69)
Peter Lau (70)- Honorary Manager
Tom Cheung (70)
Sam Cheng (70)
Charles Yap (71)
Eric Yu (80)

For the overall success of this year's table tennis team, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to John Keung (65), Michael Mau (65) and Peter Lau (70) for their coordination and support



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Eric Yu (80), Daniel Kwong (70), John Keung (65), Tom Cheung (70), Charles Yap (71), Kevin Kwok (88)



Eric Yu (80) -1st runners up in singles title. Sharing his experience after the game with Ramondi OBA representatives



Daniel Kwong (70) and John Keung (65) in action



John Keung (65)-Team Captain, Peter Lau (70) Honorary Manager, Eric Yu (80)



Charles Yap (71) and Tom Cheung (70) - Group photo with Ramondi OBA representatives



Sam Cheng (70) and Michael Mau (65) in action



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School News

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



2012-07-26

La Salle College wins Top Scores in UNSW ICAS Examinations

La Salle College F1-F3 students participate in the English, Mathematics, and Science exams from the University of New South Wales known as ICAS (International Competitions and Assessment of School's) registered with EAA (Educational Assessments Australia). The UNSW ICAS competition is held across 20 countries and is a valuable benchmark both for the school and for each student. The school receives diagnostic data on strengths and weaknesses of

individuals, and classes, and tracks changes over time for individuals and classes, informing our teaching and learning. Students receive detailed information about their achievement from year to year. This year 10 boys achieved the top score in the competition while many others achieved Distinction (top 1%). The Top Scorers were:

Form 1

Mathematics	CHAN Tsz Yu
Mathematics	YU Hoi Wai
English	YU Hoi Wai
Science	YU Hoi Wai

Form 2

Mathematics	PAK Chun Lam
Science	WONG Chun Hei Gabriel

Form 3

Mathematics	TANG Dik Man Damian
Mathematics	TANG Wang Lap Justin
Mathematics	TUNG Kam Chuen
Mathematics	YUEN Yuet Hin

2012-07-20

HKDSE Results 2011/2012

The College is pleased to report that overall the result of the boys' hard work and effort was very pleasing. There was great excitement when result tables showed we had achieved one of five 7 x 5** but after analysis we discovered it was with a Maths Module which the HKEAA said would not count. Nevertheless many students were successful in achieving 4, 5, 6, and 7 subjects with a 5, 5* or 5**. As always some deserving, hardworking boys were disappointed and we feel for them. In summary most subjects had a 96-100% pass rate (2 or better) with particularly good results in English, Maths, Physics, and Chemistry. Teachers are pleased with Liberal Studies results with over 96% achieving a passing grade. In general the results reflect our HKALE results of the past few years. The Colleges top achiever was LAM Tsang Lung David with 6x5** (7x5** with M2). Pictured with 4, 5, or 6, 5** is LAM Tsang Lung, LAM Chin Ting, LAM Kai Shing, WONG Ho Kar, CHAN Chuk Lun, HUI Ming Kit, LI Victor, SO Chun Hin, TSANG Kin, WONG Kin Yee, LEUNG Yiu Fung, MOK Ka Long along with Andy YEE and other sportsman who achieved extraordinarily well. I ask you to join with me in wishing our lads the very best in terms of their University programme offers. (Br. Steve)



2012-07-19

La Salle College 1st & 2nd in the JA International Trade Challenge

On Thursday the 19th July three teams of La Salle boys were among the six finalists in the Junior Achievement (JA) International Trade Challenge Competition. The task was to develop a business plan for a new venture in India. Napia formed by TSE Ka Cheuk and TSUI Sin Chi Niki presented a Massage Service while J&I formed by JIM King To and LAM Kai Shing presented a portable self-powered karaoke system (called Pebbles) to respond to the

evolving Bollywood market. The third team Two Boys formed of WONG Kam Kwai and CHEN Chi Yau presented a resort venture. Our two winning teams, Napia and J&I, will represent Hong Kong in the Global International Trade Challenge competition in Hong Kong in August. Thank you to Ms Law for support and guidance of our teams.

La Salle College Wins Merit Award in EDB Digichem Competition

Congratulations to NG Samuel, LEUNG Matthew, and LI Kelvin all from 4G who won a Merit Award for their entry in the Video Production Competition hosted by the HKEDB, the Hong Kong Association for Science and Mathematics Education, and the Hong Kong Chemical Society. The judges commented that the video submitted by the boys was considered outstanding for its creativity and interesting approach in demonstrating home based experimental chemistry. Thank you to Ms Lam for her support and guidance.



2012-07-12



La Salle College Champions in the Hong Kong Accounting & Business Knowledge Competition

On 7th July, La Salle College won the Hong Kong Accounting & Business Knowledge Competition for Secondary Schools 2012 from among 103 participating teams. This is the 9th consecutive year that La Salle College has won this Competition and thus the competition was strong to prevent a 9th such win and the boys pulled through by the quality of their business plan and related documentation. Thank you to Ms Law and those who supported the teams. The results were:

Champion Kowloon District	La Salle College (Team A)	CHUNG Tin Ngai (6F), WONG Kar Oscar (6F)
2nd Kowloon District	La Salle College (Team B)	KAN Kin Wai (6F), MUI Ka Chiu (6F)
Champion (Overall)	La Salle College (Team A)	CHUNG Tin Ngai (6F), WONG Kar Oscar (6F)

Memory Lane

History of LSCOBA (Part 1)

Source: <http://www.lscoba.com/lscoba/obahistory.html>

"The business of a school is to produce not only good boys, but more especially, good Old Boys."

Editorial, 1954 Lasallite

Founded in 1939, the Old Boys' Association of La Salle College has been offering service to the Old Boys' community as well as supporting the school and her students for some 70 years. The objectives of the Association are to foster and promote closer union and confraternity among its members, and to encourage and cultivate in them a loyal and generous heart towards their Alma Mater.

In the autumn of 1938, six years into the opening of the College, some Old Boys, especially those of the Matriculation Class of 1938, considered the time ripe for the formation of the Old Boys' Association of the College. They approached the Principal Brother Aimar, who offered his unreserved support and blessing. Further he appointed Brother Gerfried Hastreiter to assist the provisional committee.

Preparations went ahead in earnest, and several months later, a meeting of former pupils was called. It was reported on 26th June 1939 in the Hongkong Daily Press. The article read:

La Salle O.B.A. to be Formed

About 150 former pupils of La Salle College, Kowloon, attended a meeting at the College yesterday evening.

The meeting, presided over by the Headmaster, the Rev. Bro. Aimar, unanimously resolved to form such a body. All past pupils will be circularised and invited to join, and a meeting will be called at a later date to frame the constitution, elect officers and discuss future activities.

On 21st July 1939, the same paper reported on the progress:

"LA SALLE O.B.A. HOLD INAUGURAL MEETING

Bro. Aimar Provides Club-Room

An inaugural meeting took place at La Salle College yesterday evening of the La Salle College Old Boys Association. The Director of the College, Rev. Brother Aimar, was elected as Chairman of the Association.

In his first address in this office, Brother Aimar said he knew that the newly-born Association lacked a club-room, and he would therefore offer a room in the school building to the Association.

Mr L. Allaye, elected Vice-Chairman, wished the new Association steady growth and remarked on the fact that it owed its existence to the old boys having proposed it themselves, which already was an encouraging sign.



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In September 1939, the La Salle Old Boys' Association (LSOBA) was formally inaugurated, and Louis Allaye Chan (34) elected as the Association's founding President, with Peter Ulrich (34), Vice President. Both Old Boys were in fact Hong Kong scholarship winners in the 1935 matriculation examinations. Together with Roland Soares (34), the three students snatched the top three of the six scholarships on offer.

The first annual social function of the LSOBA was held at the Cecil Hotel in the spring of 1940, attended by 300 Old Boys, their families and friends. This was a huge success for a brand new association of a young school.

The Hongkong Daily Press reported on 11th November 1940 under the title:

REUNION OF LA SALLE OLD BOYS". The article read:

Mr. Louis Allaye, President of the Association, was in the chair, and others present included the Rev. Father B.C. Kelly, Warden of Ricci Hall, Hongkong University, Brother Cassian, representing Brother Aimar, Director of La Salle College, and Hon. President of the O.B.A., and Mr F.M. Castro, Hon. Secretary of the Association.

Following dinner, Mr Allaye ... introduced Fr. Kelly. Fr. Kelly referred to the good qualities of La Salle students and said that he could at once distinguish a La Salle undergraduate at the University.

Not long after the first reunion, the LSOBA held a Supper Dance at the Peninsula Hotel on 18th January 1941, and all proceeds from the sale of programmes and other novelties etc., were donated to the Bomber Fund for Britain's war efforts in Europe.

May 1941 was a busy month for the Academic Section of the LSOBA. Five lectures on various subjects were organised. The topics were interesting for the young crowd of Old Boys, of whom the eldest was hardly thirty.

"Lighter shades of Education" by Rev Brother Cassian

"Religion and Life" by Dr John C.H. Wu

"How I became an Old Boy" by Rev Fr. G. Byrne S.J.

"Education Abroad" by Dr. Woo Pak Chuen, Ph. D.

"The Foundations of Civilisation" by Rev. Fr. G. Kennedy, S.J.

In 1941, Peter Ulrich succeeded Louis Allaye as President. After Peter completed his Matriculation studies, he won a scholarship to study in the University of Hong Kong, and then returned to his Alma Mater as a science teacher. He was active on many school fronts and was always busy with school matters. Further, one year before he took up the Presidency, in 1939, he had been conscripted for the 5th A.A. Battery Unit, Corps Artillery, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps (HKVDC) as Gunner.

On 8th December 1941, the Japanese attacked Hong Kong, and the HKVDC units were put in position. Peter's Unit was positioned in Sai Wan Fort on Hong Kong Island. On 18th December, the Japanese overran his 5th A.A. Battery Unit. After capturing the survivors of the company, the Japanese bayoneted them one by one. Peter met his untimely fate in this tragic episode. The bodies of the massacred men were only discovered in a nearby trench in 1949.

All College and Association activities were suspended with the commencement of the Japanese raids. After the war, Peter was deemed missing-in-action, and was presumed dead. The office of the Old Boys' Association was thus left vacant.

The rehabilitation after the war slowly brought the school and the Old Boys' Association back on their feet. On 13th February 1947, a meeting was called at the Hong Kong Hotel, Pedder Street, Central, and Ferdinand Maria Castro (alias Sonny), a war veteran, became the third President of the Association.

Sonny, a Portuguese, was a member of the HKVDC and also fought during the Japanese attacks. Having survived the battle, he was interned in the Sham Shui Po Prisoners-of-War Camp for the duration of the Japanese occupation of over three years. Most internees in the Sham Shui Po Camp would not easily forget Sonny, for he was part of the Portuguese theatre company that put on shows inside the camp and was fondly remembered for willingly taking on female roles, and for his wit. From all accounts of those who knew Sonny, he was a gifted performer, but not a sissy!

Sonny is probably the only person to be a Past President of two long standing Old Boys' Associations in Hong Kong in that, as an Old Boy of St. Joseph's College before transferring to La Salle College in 1932, he was a President of the St. Joseph's College Old Boys Association after his Presidency in LSOBA. Sonny served the LSOBA as President for two terms between 1947 and 1949, and passed away in 1985.



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Following in Sonny's footsteps, KAM Kwong Yee took over the helm from 1949 to 1952. K.Y. was very zealous in his duty and injected new life into the Association. Among other events, annual Dinner Dances were organized at some of the finer hotels around town, like the Peninsula Hotel and the Ritz Garden.

The baton of Presidency was passed on to VAN Kwok Shing, who held the post from 1952 to 1954. After K.S., the Association had the privilege to have two very prominent civil leaders to serve as Presidents, one after the other. Hilton Cheong-Leen (35) served the Association from 1954 to 1957, and Arnaldo de Oliveira Sales (36) who served in the subsequent three terms.

In the same year that he became president, Hilton founded a political group called the Hong Kong Civic Association. At the time, the school building was occupied by the Military and classes had to be held on Perth Street. Hilton was not shy to use his two capacities to speak out publicly against the military occupation of the school. As Chairman of the Civic Association, Hilton also suggested organising a city-wide campaign to apply pressure on the Military to release the College building back to the Brothers. Interestingly, Brother Cassian also Chairman of the Civic Association for a period, and had written to the military in that capacity to request the release of the school building.

When A. de O. Sales was President, he drove the Association to strengthen links with the members with the school and the Brothers in Hong Kong, as well as with Old Boys of St. Joseph's College. Many joint association dinners were organised in the late 1950s to 1960s with St. Joseph's College Old Boys' Association (SJCOBA), a tradition which was kept up well into the 1970s. To ensure good communication between SJCOBA and LSCOBAs, Brother Michael Curtin acted as the Liaison Officer.

Further, A. Sales also pushed for a stronger bonding with the International Confederation of Past Students of the Christian Brothers, based in Rome. As President of the LSOBA, he proposed to the SJCOBA that a Joint Committee of the two associations be formed in order to be affiliated to the large Confederation. The idea was warmly accepted by SJCOBA, and Sales was subsequently elected to the Confederation's Council, winning an honour for Hong Kong.

For the benefit of the LSOBA, Sales proposed investing in twenty London registered shares of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, a solid blue-chip stock. This proved to be a wise move and only a year later, the value of the shares had already doubled on account of a bonus issue and a free issue. To date, the Association still holds onto the same lots of shares, which have continued to appreciate.

In order to attract more young graduates to join the Association immediately after leaving La Salle College, Sales also halved the Life Membership fee of HK\$50, in the process attracting many younger Old Boys to join the Association.

Sales stepped down in 1960 and was replaced by Dr. Chan Pui Kai. Two years after the College returned from Perth Street to its rightful campus, Brother Felix offered a room in the College to the LSOBA as the Association's conference room and social centre.

During Pui Kai's Presidency, the LSOBA commissioned Italian sculptor Raoul Bigazzi to produce a bronze bust in memory of the founder of the College, Brother Aimar, at a cost of some HK\$4,000. The bust was then placed in one of the courtyards of the old school building, and was unveiled in 1963 by Brother Nicet-Joseph, Superior General of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. The bust now graces the entrance of the current school building.

Through the 1960s and 1970s, the Association was led by a succession of able leaders who continued to offer meaningful and fun activities to members. There were annual outings to villas of Old Boys in the New Territories, where participants could swim and strengthen friendships. In the late 1960s, Brother Thomas Lavin, then the Sports Master, was kind to assist the Association in organising an annual Summer Sports Meets for both young and old Old Boys, to show off their fitness, or for the more senior boys, what remained of it.

The Association supported the school in many ways, including offering scholarships and prizes to students and also raising funds for various needs, like the repair of the collapsed Primary School wall (1966), the building of Brother Felix's new school in Fanling (1964), as well as later raising funds for the extension of La Salle Primary School (1971-72). Very often, the fund raising initiatives were in the form of fund raising reunion dinners and balls.

With the plans finalised for the demolition of the old College building, the OBA held a big reunion dinner in the school hall on 2nd December 1977, to bid farewell to the old school building, where many members had spent memorable youthful days.

In the year following, under the leadership of Dr. Lawrence CHAN Siu Hung, the Committee saw the need to incorporate the association as a legal entity. On 29th May 1978, La Salle College Old Boys' Association Limited (or "LSCOBAs") was incorporated, as a Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital.

To be continued...



Special Contribution

A Tradition Across Four Generations

Anthony Luk (1966)

One cannot easily forget the first impression of Po-Ping Wong. We met at the Spring Dinner of 2002. He came around to our table, introduced himself and volunteered to take group pictures for us. He is a senior schoolmate belonging to LSC Class '51. Since then I address him as Dr. Wong because he is a dentist.

At the next Spring Dinner, Dr. Wong brought prints for everyone in the group picture. He simply took an extra step and befriended with as many LaSallians as possible. This is remarkable knowing that he actually left LSC in 1949 to complete his high school studies in San Francisco. Isn't he a pioneer in the sense that the trend of students pursuing higher education in the States began in earnest in the mid '60s?

The third occasion that I met Dr. Wong was at a private club luncheon in downtown Los Angeles honoring Bro. Thomas Lavin in 2003. Rightfully so Dr. Wong sat with the dignitaries. But he found the time to come to me and showed me his scouting pictures. He led a patrol representing La Salle in 1948 that won the Prince of Wales trophy in a camping competition among the senior scouts in the Colony – a first in our school's history. In the picture, Bro. Cassian Brigant accepted the trophy from the patrol. This third meeting with Dr. Wong bridged the 15-year gap between our graduation years as I am a Seventeenener and treasure the bond of a brother scout.

Proud Parents

Dr. Wong is a jovial person and good at finding the right topics to chat with schoolmates. The way that he stands with his tall and broad frame and speaks with conviction on critical subjects somehow gives me a hint that he has a military lineage. My conjecture remained only my curiosity until a gathering in 2009. Dr. Wong could not hide his happiness and told me that Ted, his second son, became the commander of the North Atlantic Regional Dental Command, based at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in D.C. I was even more impressed when Mrs. Jane Wong added that their two other sons had also served in the US Army. Oldest son Ming was a chief comptroller for military hospitals and youngest son Andre was a dentist in the Army Dental Corps. They both attained the rank of Major at retirement.

On July 15, 2010, the pride of Dr. and Mrs. Wong increased multifold when they along with their daughter-in-law placed two stars on



Dr. and Mrs. Po-Ping Wong, the proud parents,
with Ted and his family



Young Po-Ping as a senior patrol leader of
17th Kowloon Scouts Group, circa 1948

Ted's uniform at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. Ted was promoted from a full-bird Colonel, jumping one rank, to a Major General. Dr. Wong is proudest when stating that "Ted is the first Chinese descendant named Chief of the Army Dental Corps, Commanding General of William Beaumont Army Medical Center (WBAMC) at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas, and the Deputy Commanding General for Readiness of the Western Regional Medical Command, encompassing 20 states." Also, significantly, this promotion marked the first time a dental officer is in charge of a medical command.

Major General Ted Wong graduated from University of California, Los Angeles in 1980 as a Distinguished Military Graduate. He entered active duty in the US Army in 1984 after obtaining his doctorate from the University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry. He also received a Masters Degree in Healthcare Administration from Baylor University and a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College, and is board certified in Prosthodontics.



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The Lineage

The military lineage of the Wong family began with Po-Ping's father Lt. General Wong Keung (黃強). He graduated from Sacred Heart Middle School in Canton, China (廣州), and Baoding Military Academy (保定陸軍速成學校). Subsequently he studied agriculture at University of Lyon in France and aviation in England. He held high military positions and was an active participant in overthrowing the Qing Dynasty and directly involved in other reforms. One of his military campaigns was the January 28, 1932 Battle of Shanghai (一·二八淞滬抗戰). Grandfather Wong was Chief of Staff of the 19th Route Army (十九路軍參謀長), which defended China against Japan. Po-Ping's second older brother also served in the Chinese air force and had stationed in Ili, Xin Jiang Province (新疆伊犁) during WWII.



Ted taking oath at his promotion to Major General (7/15/2010)

Po-Ping graduated with B.S., and then M.S. degrees in agriculture from the University of Idaho. After five years of research work at the University of California, Riverside, Po-Ping pursued his dentistry degree. He practiced dentistry for 39 years in the city of Garden Grove in Orange County. Although living a civilian life, Po-Ping admitted that he raised his sons with strict discipline. He encouraged his sons to achieve professional skills and emphasized

using those skills to lead a military career because Chinese are under-represented in both military and politics in the United States.

The Third and Fourth Generations

From the national goal of space exploration to the rapid growth of the Internet age and to an equally amazing advancement in medicine, many parents will be pleased if their children worked in any of these fields. Po-Ping and his sons are outstanding professionals in the healthcare field and members of the Wong family are high achievers. Furthermore, joining military service is rare among Chinese families and Po-Ping's success stands prominently among Chinese immigrants. His three sons have carried on the family tradition of serving in the military. While his father and brother served in the military of China, his three sons served in the US military, bridging the gap across different cultures and demonstrating the unique character of the Wong family heritage.

At WBAMC, Major General Ted Wong oversaw the expansion of the center, which is expecting to serve 34,000 soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. Helping soldiers recover from physical injuries and psychological wounds such as posttraumatic stress disorder, rehabilitating and assisting to transition them to civilian life are national priorities for our veterans. Major General Wong has said that his 25-plus year of continuing military service in different parts of the country and posts in Germany and Korea and his experience in medical technology would be fully utilized to meet his many challenges. His promotion to two-star General is an affirmation of his dedication to the Army and his integrity and intensity to lead and to serve.

To the elation of the Wong family members, in less than a year after Major General Wong started his post at Fort Bliss, he received another promotion in June of 2011. While retaining his position of the Chief of the Army Dental Corps, Major General Wong was ordered to return to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, as the Commanding General, Southern Regional Medical Command, and the Commanding General, Brooke Army Medical Center, and San Antonio Military Medical Center, the Department of Defense's largest tertiary care facility and DoD's only Burn Center and Level 1 Trauma Center in the continental U.S.

As we march onward to the second decade of the 21st century, Po-Ping's grandson, Adam, is now serving in the army. Another grandson, Jameson, has earned a 4-year army ROTC scholarship in mechanical engineering at University of California, Los Angeles. It does not take much imagination that this young man has set his goal to follow his father's footsteps.



Inspecting the Medical Command's Army & Air Force Troops at the change of command ceremony (6/2/2011)