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Your Prayers

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

Prayers for Brother Alphonsus Chee (Principal 1984-1990)



Brother Alphonsus Chee, Principal of La Salle College from 1984-1990, has recently been admitted to St. Therese Hospital. The Brothers would like to ask all the school community to pray for him. It is best not to visit the hospital as Brother Alphonsus needs rest right now. The College and OBA website and networks will keep you informed of his wellbeing.

Reminders

Edmonton

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date Jul 5, 2013 (every first Friday)
Time noon
Venue Urban China Restaurant 潮樓大酒樓

San Francisco Bay Area

Bimonthly Lunch gathering

Date Aug 3, 2013 (1st Sat of every other month)
Time 1:00 pm- 3:00pm
Venue ABC Seafood Restaurant
973 E Hillsdale Blvd,
Foster City, CA 94404.

Contact sf@lscoba.com

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

Bro Thomas Cup Golf Tourn.

Date July 20, 2013 (Saturday)
Time 12:30 pm (golfing) / 7:00 pm (dinner)
Venue Station Creek Golf Club (North Course)
12657 Woodbine Ave. Gormley, ON
Mandarin Golf & Country Club
11027 Kennedy Road, Markham, ON
Cost \$130 / person (green fee + cart + dinner)
\$40 / person (dinner only)

Registration (before July 12)

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Ambrose Lee (1998)

Edmonton Calvin Chan (1971)



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Chapter News

Toronto Chapter

New Board of Directors and Officers

Jimmy Chang (1966)

The following 15 members were elected at the last AGM held on 2013/05/15 to serve as the directors of our association for the next 2 years, and the new officers were elected at the first directors meeting duly held on 2013/06/03.

WONG, Philip (1967)	President	HO, Albert (1953)
CHAN, Peter (1972)	Vice President	KWOK, Kevin (1988)
YEUNG, John (1973)	Vice President	LAU, Peter (1970)
FONG, Chris (1994)	Secretary	LEE, Angelo (1964)
YEUNG, Francis (1971)	Treasurer	LEUNG, Felix (1985)
		MAU, Michael (1965)
AU YEUNG, Danny (1967)		SIU, Robin (2000)
CHAN, William (1969)		WONG, Paul (1973)

Jimmy Chang (1966) will continue to serve the Chapter as Immediate Past President.



Standing: Angelo Lee (1965), Paul Wong (1973), William Chan (1969), Kevin Kwok (1988), Peter Lau (1970), Michael Mau (1965), Felix Leung (1985)
Sitting: Chris Fong (1994), Albert Ho (1953), Peter Chan (1972), Philip Wong (1967), Jimmy Chang (1966), John Yeung (1973), Francis Yeung (1971)
Absent: Danny Au Yeung (67) and Robin Siu (2000)



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San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

Dim Sum Luncheon June 2013

Ambrose Lee (1998)

"I had a wonderful time sharing lunch with other old-boys," shared kindly by Philip Leung 1964 after our luncheon, "The wives ate for free, and this fact alone should encourage other old-boys to bring their respective wives to the next luncheon. The bill came to only \$20 per adult male. My wife and I will definitely not miss the next dim-sum luncheon."

[Top left]:

Sammy Cheung 1984, Lawrence Lei 1975, Andrew Sien 1963, Derek Choy 1993, Couple of David Tong 2001, Simon Ng 2002

[Bottom Left]:

Couple of Chris Ngai 1978, Michael Brown 1977, Ambrose Lee 1998, Couple of Philip Leung 1964



On June 1st, 10 LaSallians and their significant halves joined together and had an enjoyable Dim Sum luncheon at ABC Seafood Restaurant in Foster City. The luncheon was exhilarating! "While inside the restaurant, we ate, and talked the whole time from 12:30 PM to 3 PM.", said Philip, "In addition, it took us half an hour to say good-bye to each other outside the front door of the restaurant."

Thank you Philip for his kind words! The chapter would also like to thank all the LaSallians for coming to our luncheon and Chris Ngai 1978 for reserving the table for us!

Exclusive: Wait! There's more!! We also bumped into Tony Reyes 1976 and Gino Reyes 1978, who had their family party in our next table!!



Yours in La Salle,

LSCOBASF (Bay Area) Chapter

The pictures will be posted on our official Facebook webpage: www.facebook.com/lscobasf



Life Update

A British Isles Mini-Odyssey (part 2)

William Lai (1961)

Following the cruise itinerary, this second installment features Scotland. For me, the highlight in this segment of the tour was standing by the “bonnie, bonnie” banks of Loch Lomond, which I had wanted to do ever since my scout days at LSC when we sang this song on almost every scouting occasion. We visited Loch Ness, but the monster was a no-show. A fantastic show was the world-famous Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Up north remote from the usual tourists’ beaten path were the Orkney Islands. Despite its desolation, the place is steeped in history and pre-history which I find fascinating.

Ever wonder what Scottish men wear under their kilts? Read on and find out.

William Lai (1961)

Loch Lomond

Ever since my Boy Scouts days in La Salle, I had always wanted to see Loch Lomond. That song was sung on many Cubs and Boy Scouts gatherings through all the years I was a member of the 17th and was one of my most favourites. Finally, on this trip, I was able to do so on a day land tour from the cruise ship which berthed at Greenock, near Glasgow, Scotland.

There are several legends behind the song, *The Bonnie Banks o’ Loch Lomond*, though they are really variations of the same theme. The basic idea is that the song was a message from a Scottish soldier awaiting execution in a foreign land to family back home expressing his yearning for returning home and his grief for being unable to do so. He sang: “*Oh, ye’ll tak’ the high road, and I’ll tak’ the low road, and I’ll be in Scotland afore ye; But me and my true love will never meet again on the bonnie, bonnie banks o’ Loch Lomond*”. The “low road” is supposed to be the underworld passage back to Scotland when a Scot dies abroad. The “high road” is the motorway that our tour bus rode on the way to Loch Lomond, at least according to our tour guide.



On the high road to Loch Lomond



Loch Lomond



On the bonnie, bonnie banks of Loch Lomond

The Orkney Islands

The most northerly port of call of the cruise was Kirkwall in the Scottish Orkney Islands. These lands are normally not on most tourist itineraries. The terrain is mostly treeless, wind-swept, bare of significant vegetation, and cold. But one can also see a certain barren beauty to the landscape. The Vikings of the Neolithic period seemed to think so. These islands have been inhabited since prehistoric times, with the Vikings as being kind of late-comers. There are many prehistoric sites, some still under archaeological excavation. The best-preserved site is the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Skara Brae. The settlement is older than Stonehenge and the Pyramids, and has stood, or been on the ground, for some 5,000 years, and many of the structures still appear the way they were then. We took a guided tour of the site, marvelling at the ingenuity of the prehistoric occupiers of these living quarters.



Kirkwall harbour



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Sheep in bare landscape

Because of their commanding position over the North Sea, the Orkney Islands became a crucial strategic location for the Royal Navy during the two World Wars. The Royal Navy established a base in a harbour called Scapa Flow (meaning bay of the long isthmus). After Germany's defeat in WWI, many German war ships were interned here awaiting word on their disposal pending the signing of the Treaty of Versailles. Meanwhile, the German commander grew restless and ordered many of the captured ships to be scuttled in the harbour. Though the skeletal remains of the ships had largely been removed, one can still see some left-over structures of these vessels protruding through the waters.

The base was reactivated in the Second World War and it was here that the Royal Navy suffered a most tragic and embarrassing loss. A German U-boat penetrated the harbour, torpedoed and sank HMS Royal Oak, with 833 out of the 1400 crew perishing in the attack. The Royal Oak wreck has remained as an underwater war grave.



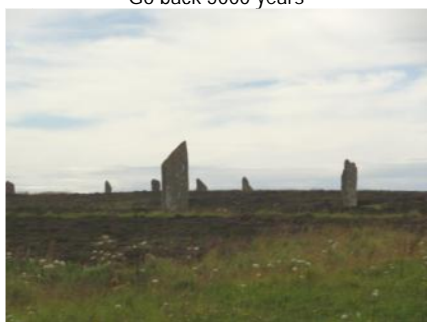
Go back 5000 years



To this old house



You can still live here comfortably



Prehistoric stone circle on Orkney Mainland



Part of former naval base -
squint your eyes and you may see something
portruding above water in the middle



North Sea oil rig

Today, Scapa Flow is an important transfer point for North Sea Oil. We passed by quite a few of the humongous oil rigs en route. These mammoth structures were an amazing sight to behold, standing above the ocean on what looked like skinny legs with over-sized buildings on platforms that appeared to hold their weight only barely. We could easily imagine what it would be like if any of these things collapse, as reported from time to time.

Edinburgh



Entrance to Edinburgh Castle



Plaque marking birthplace of King James IV



Queuing to see royal birthing room



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Edinburgh is full of Scottish and English history, monuments and spots where history was made. The most prominent is, of course, Edinburgh Castle which now receives over a million visitors a year. The castle was very central to the Scottish-English conflict for centuries, having changed hands numerous times in the process. Mary Queen of Scots gave birth to the future King James in this castle – one can still visit this very birth room. Outside the castle is the medieval cobbled shopping street called the Royal Mile, now dominated by pubs, eateries, and shops selling tawdry souvenirs. It was wall-to-wall people when we were there.

The most remarkable event in the castle, for me anyways, was the world-famous and one of the largest military shows in the world, the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. It showcases a whole range of music, dances and drills against the magnificent background of the castle entrance. Performances were conducted by military bands from various countries and continents. Conspicuous in its absence was a Canadian band, though we were told there were Canadians embedded in some of the performing units.



Royal Mile leading up to Edinburgh Castle



Drinking establishments on the Royal Mile



Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Inside the kilts

Many of the Tattoo units wore ceremonial kilts. Ever wonder what men wear under their kilts? Here's an answer. A Scottish regiment was in another parade wearing their formal kilt uniform along a route lined by jam-packed spectators. Proudly leading the unit in the march was a rugged, muscular and curly-moustachioed Sargent-Major, a personification of Scottish masculinity and military might. Suddenly, someone from the crowd shouted out to him: "Hey, Sarge, what do you wear under your skirt?" Without missing a beat while ignoring the derisive reference to the kilt, the Sargent-Major shot back: "Nothing is worn under there. Everything is in perfect working order".

Loch Ness

Loch Ness is also one of the legendary places I had wanted to see. A stop-over at Invergordon allowed a day trip to the loch at the Urquhart Castle site. The castle, with a commanding view of the loch and hence of high strategic value, had witnessed many battles between the Scots and the English. Apparently, the MacDonald clan was a big player in these battles. But alas, no modern-day MacDonald's franchise was anywhere in sight when we visited. The cafeteria in the visitors' centre was not that good.



Close-up look at Urquhart Castle



Loch Ness - no sign of monster from this direction



No monster viewed from the other direction either

There were tons of people at the site hoping for a glimpse of Nessie. But Nessie did not show. It must be an agoraphobic or enochlophobic creature.

Rumours have it that the Scottish Nessie has a Canadian cousin, one named Ogopogo residing in Lake Okanagan in British Columbia. Both Loch Ness and Lake Okanagan are long and narrow, and are at a similar latitude. Coincidence?

(to be continued ...)



School News

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

2013-05-29

La Salle College HKSSF Tenpin Bowling Champions

La Salle College has won the Hong Kong School Sports Federation Inter-School Tenpin Bowling Championship and therefore the Championship of the HKSSF Rising Star Award. Congratulations to the team for their hard work these past twelve months, their mental toughness, and their La Salle spirit, and Mr Ma (Team Manager).

The Tenpin Bowling Team –

LI Tsz Nok Carlos
CHAN Louis Luk Yun
LEUNG Hei Ching Jeremy
LAI Chi Kin Richard
CHOW Aswin



2013-06-11

La Salle College wins Chinese Writing Awards

(1) Cultural and Educational Association Chinese Literature Competition

NG Chin Fung (5E) was awarded 3rd place in the Chinese Literature Competition organized by the Cultural and Educational Association of the New Towns. Chin Fung wrote a seven-character regular verse poem consisting of eight lines and seven characters. The poem is bound to a strict tonal pattern and rhyme scheme.



(2) The 6th Joint-School Chinese Writing Competition

The 6th Joint-School Chinese Writing Competition Prize Giving Ceremony was held on the 3rd of May at La Salle College. HO Chi Ki (2A) was awarded first in the short fiction section. Writing by HUNG Ling Yiu(1B), YEUNG Yiu Lam(1D) and CHAN Chun Ho(1G) was selected as recommended reading. For the past six years La Salle College students have participated in creative writing workshops as part of the preparation for this competition.





2013-06-11

Chinese Debating Team Champions

The La Salle College Chinese Debating Team, while still working hard to defend their title at the Inter-School Chinese Debating Competition, won the Championship of the LEO District 303 Chinese Debating Competition. The opponents were True Light College and the topic was based on Professor Sung's belief that youth today need a little adversity as a pre-requisite for building tenacity, perseverance, and resilience.



Floor Team Members

WAN Anson, LI Barry, HUNG Ernest, CHAN Kan Yin.

Best Debater

LI Barry La Salle College

2013-06-13

Mathematics & Physics Olympiads

La Salle College has just been notified of students who have been successful in three Olympiads with a number being selected to represent Hong Kong. Congratulations to these students and their teachers for such wonderful achievement and recognition.

(1) International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) 2013

Six students will form the Hong Kong Team to participate in the International Mathematical Olympiad in Santa Marta, Columbia, from July 18-28, 2013. Two are from La Salle College –

HUI Pak-nam (F5)

WONG Hing-shing (F5)

(2) China Southeast Mathematical Olympiad 2013

La Salle College has three students in the Hong Kong Team participating in the China Southeast Mathematical Olympiad in Yingtan, Jiangxi, from July 25-30, 2013. They are –

TUNG Kam Cheun (F4)

TANG Dik Man (F4)

(3) Hong Kong Physics Olympiad

La Salle College

Best School Award

WONG Gabriel Chun Hie (3B)

First Class Honours

LO Chun Hei (4G)

Second Class Honours

TANG Dik Man Damian (4G)

Second Class Honours

TANG Justin Wang Lap (4D)

Third Class Honours

YUEN Yuet Hin (4G)

Third Class Honours

2013-06-18

La Salle College Students Awarded Scholarships for Summer Programmes

Over 20 La Salle College students have been awarded scholarships to attend various summer programmes. The Programmes include –

(1) Kingdom Education University Study Tour to Oxford

Twelve (12) Form F2 to F5 students won scholarships offered by Kingdom Education to attend the summer excursion to Oxford University to study Medicine, Engineering, Economic or Law for two weeks from 28 July - 11 Aug. The programme aims to inform and inspire, and to provide subject-specific content on the university application and interview. Students will have an authentic experience in the same rooms customarily enjoyed by university undergraduate and graduate students.

(2) John Hopkins University Summer Programme

Ten (10) F1/F2 students passed the Talent Search assessment by JHU and were awarded a full scholarship to the JHU CTY Summer Programme in Hong Kong. Another 15 LSC and 4 LSPS students attended the Talent Search assessment and were selected as



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self-financed participants i.e. 29 students in total. Only the top 1% of students from around the world who pass the test are eligible for the summer programme.

(3) Weizmann Institute, Israel

WU Wai Man (4G) has been awarded a Croucher Foundation Scholarship to attend the Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel, where he will work alongside scholars from around the world on real life research.

Thank you to Mr MAK Kwok Cheung John from the College Student Learning Support Services (Gifted Ed) department for working tirelessly in securing these scholarships for the students.

2013-06-19

Music & Academic Excellence Awards

LAM Chun San Jonathan has received the Princeton Club of Hong Kong 2012 Book Award for recognition of academic excellence, a spirit of service to others, and demonstration of leadership.



NG Tin Long Jason has won the Gold Award in the Secondary Woodwind Senior Group (Flute Solo) of the Joint School Music Competition

Congratulations to these two Lasallians.

2013-06-22

91st Award for Young People Presentation

The 91st Silver Award for Young People (AYP) Presentation Ceremony was held at the Southhorn Stadium on Thursday 20th June. Fifteen (15) La Salle College students received the Silver AYP Award from Hon. Mr. Eddie NG, SBS, JP, Secretary for Education. AYP was formerly known as the Duke of Edinburgh Award founded by HRH Prince Phillip after WWII. Today the Award is recognized international as a very demanding programme and is awarded only when candidates have achieved a certain level of attainment in regards to - Service, Adventurous Journey, Skills, and Physical Recreation.

The College awardees are:

CHAN Hoi Yiu Adriel,
LAM Ho Tin,
TAI Hiu Fung,

CRUZ Hubert,
LEE Kin Lok,
TANG Siu Hin,

FUNG Lok Hin,
LEE Yin Lam,
WONG Ka Yung,

KWONG Ho Ching,
LUN Kevin Wai Ching,
WONG Wing Hong,

LAM Chi Min,
NG Ping Kwan,
WONG Ping Hei.

