

The North American LaSallians

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LSCORA AGM

Notice is hereby given under section 40 of the Articles of Association (the "Articles") of the Association that the annual general meeting (the "Annual General Meeting") of the Association will be held on Friday, 11 July 2014 at 19:30 in the Senior Music Room, 2nd Floor, New Wing, La Salle College, 18 La Salle Road, Kowloon for the following purposes:-

- To receive the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2014 together with the President's Report;
- To elect the following office-bearers and members of the committee of the Association (the "Committee") for 2014-2015:— (a) President (b) Vice President (c) Honorary Treasurer (d) Honorary Secretary (e) 12 members of the Committee
- To re-appoint CWCC, Certified Public Accountants, as the auditors of the Association;
- To transact any other business.

Members' attention is drawn to Article 43 of the Association which is reproduced below:-

"43. The office-bearers and the Committee members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting from the members of the Association. A candidate for election must be proposed by one and seconded by another member and the nomination shall be received by the Returning Officer not less than two clear days before the Annual General Meeting. Every member of the Association present at the meeting shall be entitled to vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled. Candidates up to the number of vacancies who shall receive most votes shall be declared elected and in the case of two or more candidates receiving an equal number of votes, a second or subsequent ballots shall be held until a candidate receives most votes."

Any member who wishes to stand for election at the Annual General Meeting should complete the nomination form attached to this notice and return it to the Returning Officer appointed by the LSCOBA Committee 2013- 2014 on or before Tuesday, 8 July 2014. Members are also encouraged to bring their membership cards to the Annual General Meeting to facilitate the conduct of business, although there would be facilities to verify members' identity without the membership cards.

Eric Chow (00)

Honorary Secretary 2013-2014

Reminders

Edmonton

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Jul 4, 2014 (every first Friday)

Time

Time

Urban China Restaurant 潮樓大酒樓 Venue

World Cup Final Date Jul 13, 2014

12:00 noon - 3:00pm Please see Chapter news for more details

San Francisco Bay Area

Bimonthly Lunch gathering

Aug 2, 2014 (1st Sat of every other month)

Time 1:00 pm- 3:00pm ABC Seafood Restaurant Venue

Contact sf@lscoba.com Southern California

Global Reunion 2014

Date Aug 8 - 10, 2014 Website http://lscobasc.org/gr2014/

Registration http://lscobasc.org/gr2014/register.html

Info gr2014@lscobasc.org

Toronto

Bro. Thomas Cup Golf Tourn.

July 20, 2014

Venue: Tournament - Station Creek Golf Club

Dinner- Mandarin Golf and Country Club

Please see Chapter news for more details

Vancouver

Annual BBQ

July 27, 2014 Date: Time: 5 pm Venue: Victor's Place

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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Newsletter Committee comprises of the following members:

East Coast (USA) Christopher Tse (1965), Southern California Eddie Shek (1985)

Peter Lai (1967)

Toronto Felix Leung (1985), San Francisco Bay Area Ephrem Fung (1976)

> Kevin Kwok (1988), Ambrose Lee (1998)

Jimmy Chang (1966) Vancouver Victor Leung (1977) Edmonton Calvin Chan (1971)



Chapter News

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

June 2014 Luncheon

Ambrose Lee (1998)



From the left :Tony Lau (1965), Yolanda Leung, Michael Brown (1977), Cathy & Philip Leung (1964), Andrew Sien (1963), Timothy Wan (2009), David Javier (1977), Sandy & David Tong (2001), Kelvin Chan (1994), Chris Ngai (1978), Ambrose Lee (1998), George Lau (1967)

It was a tremendous lunch gathering!! Thank you for coming!!

On June 7th 2014, 11 Bay Area LaSallians got together at ABC Seafood Restaurant in Foster City for our bimonthly luncheon. It was a fruitful gathering with great dim sum and a lot of laughter among the attending old boys!!





The luncheon also served as the farewell gathering for Timothy Wan '09, who is moving to Florida to attend the *Embry–Riddle Aeronautical University*! May God bless him with a prosperous future and a fulfilling experience at the "Harvard of the sky"!!

Yours in La Salle,

LSCOBASF (Bay Area) Chapter

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



Vancouver Chapter

Annual BBQ – Let's Rock with (Michael)2

As part of entertainment at the BBQ, we are excited to have two fellow La Salle members, Michael Remedios (1966) and Michael Samson, agreeing to perform for us and relive some of the musical memories of the 60's and 70's at the BBQ.

Date: July 27, 2014

Time: 5 pm

Venue: Victor's place (4435 Lancelot Drive, Richmond)

RSVP: Please RSVP to Victor Leung (vlfun@shaw.ca) by July 20, 2014

(Space limitation: 40 on a first-come-first-serve and member's first basis)

Cost: \$15/person (Spouses are welcome) bring your own favourite beverage

Toronto Chapter

2014 Brother Thomas Cup Golf Tournament

Date: July 20, 2014

Tournament: Station Creek Golf Club (12657 Woodbine Ave. Gormley, ON)

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Dinner: Mandarin Golf and Country Club (11207 Kennedy Road, Markham, ON)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$135 per golfer (includes green fee, power cart and dinner)

\$40 - Dinner guest only

Registration: by July 11

Contact: Tournament Chair, John Yeung (jktyeung@yahoo.com, Cell: 647.282.8238) or

Philip Wong, pwong343@rogers.com. Cell: 226.218.0199

Edmonton Chapter

2014 FIFA World Cup Final

Date: July 13, 2014

Time: 12 pm

Venue: Finnagan's, 13560 Fort Road

RSVP: Please RSVP to Bill Wong (billshwong@shaw.ca) by July 9, 2014

Cost: \$15/person (6 oz steak sandwich with fries or salad, treats, tea or coffee)

(GST and gratitude included, alcoholic drinks not included)

Special Contribution

"La Salle Spirit in Alberta: 1964-2014"

Thomas Yip (1967)



Photo: Alberta Spring

"Four strong winds that blow lonely, Seven seas that run high,

All these things that don't change, Come what may.

But our good times are all gone,

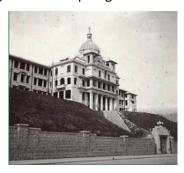
And I'm bound for moving on.

I'll look for you if I'm ever back this way.

Think I'll go out to Alberta,

Weather's good there in the fall"1

The melancholy of the lyrics² was pervasive language to many college students from HK in Alberta (AB) in the 60's and 70's. Many of them were La Salle College OB's lured by the cheap but quality education in this New Frontier on the Canadian Prairies. While cold winds blew over the grasslands every winter, oil was gushing out from the wells underground, making Alberta the fastest growing province of Canada. The song somehow soothed their loneliness and cultural shock while in pursuit of a better future they were looking forward to, as they were readying themselves to become highly educated professionals. The story of the Yu brothers, Henry (67), Charlie (69) and Donald (70), who now operate a group dental practice make up a remarkable part of the history of La Salle College in that part of the world. Young Lasallians aspiring to become healthcare professionals might find their story inspiring.



"Convergence and Divergence"-

Necessarily sweet and bitter experiences under that Dome on the majestic post Renaissance campus in the 60's Few would count the number of steps they walked through daily, until years after they had left, leaving the Majestic Dome in their hearts.

¹ Full lyrics http://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/johnnycash/fourstrongwinds.html

² http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3m7ckGhnsc



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Bro Michael Curtin in his twilight years.

Don Yu took more than 10 years to appreciate the words of the elderly Brother: "Wisdom." He took more than 10 years to realize: "Wisdom has to be "shared," if "happiness" is to have permanency; that way, "spirituality" would be at a higher level.



Like many of the boys, Don was an avid soccer player in school and idolized Bros. Thomas Lavin and David Keene for their bountiful energy. Bro. Michael, who had once been a sport enthusiast in his younger days (also founder of the school cricket team in the 30's), said to them one day, "Young men, you cannot play soccer for the rest of your life. But reading can be your lifelong companion. One day, you will derive wisdom out of it."



Those who have settled down in Canada (E&OE): BACK ROW – Henry Yu (AB), Leung Shing Kie (T), Bill Fung (T), Siu Sun Man(AB) MIDDLE ROW – Peter Wong (YVR), Au Wing Bill (YVR), Kwong Tim Yum (T), Charles Lung (AB), Charles Chung (AB & YVR), Yim Yue Ling (T) FRONT ROW – John Sun(T). Formaster: Mr Javier Lee) AB: Alberta T: Toronto, V: Vancouver



At summer job in '70, Jasper - Kan Man Fai with his Quebecois boss.

The kitchen job was not easy at all — a pass-on from Patrick Man 高佬 文, another OB who guided him and also stayed on. Kan here just got a promotion from dishwasher to cook. All his undergrad tuition was derived from his summer jobs. KMF kept his friendship with his former boss alive after the latter returned to Montreal. Man was studying pharmacy at the time, and later moved to the Toronto area.

Edmonton 2006 - Coming from all over N America, they met again at the Global Reunion. Two among them returned to the fold of the Lord only in the last few months – Patrick Man (seated 2^{nd} fr L) & Peter Yu (standing 2^{nd} fr L). What could be everlasting for us mortals?





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The following is the story of the Yu brothers.3

Choosing the dental profession.

We realized at the time there were few Chinese dentists trained in North America. Firstly, in the 1960's and even unto the 1970's many dental schools had limited quotas for overseas students. Secondly, secondary school graduates were more anxious to take up medicine and overlooked dentistry. During our visits to dental clinics, we were fascinated by the fine clinical procedures, patient management, team work, and office design.... A dental clinic was in fact a mini-hospital. A senior dentist told us that dentistry was the fusion of science and art, and we were thrilled. Young people like us would talk for hours and days on the prospects of taking up the profession. But we had the sobriety to analyze the hard facts – there were just not enough Chinese dentists for the increasing Chinese populations in North America.

Under the elitist setting in La Salle, I was just above average and got 3 C's and 3 B's in the School Leaving Certificate Examinations; enough to be admitted to Form 6 but not to local universities. But it was a blessing in disguise for I tried even harder after I entered U of Minnesota. It paid off — I received my B.Sc. in Biochemistry with summa cum laude, and only in three years. I would also attribute that to the solid academic foundation and extra-curricular activities at La Salle. Even our School Song gave me that high spirit.

When I became the Secretary/V.P. of the Hong Kong Club at Minnesota, some people labelled me "左仔," (a leftist) when in fact I was not. I guess being idealistic I was not within their norm. Regardless, I did my best and consequently gained the respect and friendship from more people as time went by.

• Why did we all specialize in Root Canal Treatment (RCT aka Endodontics)?

Charlie was already doing another specialty at Boston U in 1976-78 when I was in my junior and sophomore years at Penn U dental school. He told me of a guru there (Dr. Herbert Schilder) who could treat dead root pulps without anesthesia (and the accompanying horror of the injection needle). His success rate was almost 100%, which was astounding at that time. So, I visited them and to me their cases were "immaculate" – not only did they open my eyes but my mind. I decided to take up RCT as a specialty. Later when I actually came under the tutelage of Dr. Schilder, he opened up my heart as well.

Henry at the time was doing general dentistry and not particular happy with his own RCT cases He took some short continuing education courses under a few big names but was still unhappy. After a short course under Dr. Schilder, he sent his cases to me for critique. Probably Dr. Schilder's remarks inspired him, and Henry finally decided to do a full graduate program under him – that finally made him happy.

• What was good about the Schilder technique that was more time consuming than many of the now prevailing techniques, and that to the average American dentists, time is money?

Time consuming? Yes and no. I ask that we look at the philosophical side of it. When time is needed to attain 100% success, nothing is time consuming. Yes, time is money – this is the dentist's point of view. But success is also money – this is the patient's point of view. Our patients pay for success and not just treatment which may be successful or otherwise (if treatment does not totally resolve the patient's problem). Many of the so-called "prevailing" techniques that cut corners are commercialism. As dentists, we are professionals and must treat our patients as if they were our own children, using the best technologies available. Professionalism is different from commercialism.⁴

· What kind of a man was Dr. Schilder?

We learnt RCT from Dr. Schilder. He was an educator, clinician, researcher, administrator, leader, father of modern RCT, and philanthropist. He lived in a simple and humble home. He was more than a teacher but gave his fatherly love to his students. He gave himself to the people around him. He gave his energy and inspirations to others so that they could shine after him.

Our (Chinese) culture traces its roots to Confucianism, which we learnt in my La Salle days. To us, Dr. Schilder was a "Perfect Man" (完人) and we gave him a Chinese name "施德", which literally means "Dispense Virtues." This is how we showed our respect in accordance with the "Yian" or "仁" that's the Confucian code of ethics between men. We quote the saying:"一日爲師, 終身爲父" ("Teacher for a day, father for life") to explain the respect we had for him. When he passed away in 2006 at the age of 77, we

³ 1st draft written in 2005, before the 2006 Global Reunion in Edmonton. Don was visiting HK often then and the information was gathered during the many meetings then.

⁴ Here is the order of "Pursuit of Excellence" before achieving "Pursuit of Happiness"



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students all mourned deeply. We are convinced that respect for great teachers is universal, in both eastern and western cultures. He was Judaic but on teacher-student relationship, we converged.





"Good Teachers Never Die. They Clone More & Better Ones."

Dr Schilder on the left often said to his students: "Always wear a smile on your face." Don on the right, with the ever present smile cloned on him.

· What were his ideals, as a dental researcher and clinician?

Dr. Schilder's ideal was:"Fundamental research findings must support clinical treatment, and vice versa." Nowadays, we often lack this ideal. A lot of research are not done properly, sometimes not even honest-to-goodness. We often see RCT science mixed with fiction, not facts.

• Why did the Yu brothers choose to settle down in Alberta, when Toronto or other parts of the US were also prosperous?

Things were tough when we first arrived. But we saw the low dentist to population ratio, especially with Chinese dentists. Charlie was the first Chinese gum specialist who later also took up RCT as a specialty. I (Don) was the first Chinese RCT specialist. There were really very few dental specialists in Alberta anyway. We wanted to teach so that good dentistry as a torch can be passed on, and the dental school here welcomed us with open arms.

Then we also saw the vast opportunities offered by oil and gas. People flocked in from all parts of the world, yet they mixed very well in this open society. They were polite, hospitable and honest. All these qualities remain much the same up to now. Multiculturalism is the norm - we understand we are all different, yet we mutually respect our differences.

Henry arrived in Grande Cache in 1977. Charlie moved to Edmonton 1978 and Don in 1981. Then the economy plummeted in 1982 and many colleagues were financially hurt. But for us, we did not feel the downturn as we had just started my practice, starting from nothing.

The Alberta government has always been good. It cares for, listens to and works for the people – we interact and we work hand in hand. All together we have transformed Alberta into a great province of Canada. But we are not contented, and will keep marching on with the times.

How do the Yu brothers practice dentistry?

Our Vision: "The C-A-R-E Concept" - \mathbf{C} for Care for the patient, \mathbf{A} for Administration, \mathbf{R} for Research and \mathbf{E} for Education, shall be the guiding principle for dentistry worldwide. The whole concept centers on our belief in a patient-centered practice."

We are fully cognizant of the exponential changes in the dental profession, which may include technological breakthroughs, Organized Dentistry and Evidence-based Dentistry. As a result of globalization and the resultant shorter product cycles, there remains a need to maintain high ethical standards in our clinical procedures and research. Collaboration amongst members of the dental professionals at the local, national and international levels are vital to ensure the benefits of the general populace and the ultimate success of the profession itself.

Our Mission:

- · We are concerned with the well-being of the oral health of the people not only here in Alberta, but the whole of Canada.
- We provide treatment to the best of our abilities, using the best clinically proven technologies and with the highest possible clinical standards.
- We are both believers and practitioners of team work and deliver comprehensive dental services to our patients.
- We believe in and practice Lifelong Education and Continuing Professional Development. Accordingly, we are also committed to disseminate our knowledge to our colleagues regardless of age, and ethnicity.

⁵ All the pall bearer at his funeral were his disciples, including Don,

⁶ Again, it exemplifies a perfect fusion of East & West. This "Perfect Man" lived by example.

 $^{^{7}}$ The C-A-R-E concept for healthcare services is adopted from the European Commission.



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In our dental team, Don often comes up with creative and innovative ideas, aside from heading the RCT Program and another for Dental Surgery Assistants at the University of Alberta dental school. He is the "Go! Go!" type, often countered by Henry's "No! No!" The other partners, Kwan and Manning, have their unique roles. Our auxiliaries support other functions with dedication in our two private clinics in Edmonton.



The Talkig Stick.

Managing a healthcare team like ours is not easy task, but we're working well. Thanks to AB that's blessed with a diversity of cultures and a core value of inclusion. Our leadership is based on that.



Smoking the Peace Pipe.

Often the job of Charlie who sits in the middle of all the "Go's" and "No's" and comes up with his very rationalized questions: "And, so?"

Why do you often come back to this part of the world when you have adopted another country?

As specialists in RCT, we deal with people's roots (of their teeth) everyday. But we must not forget our own roots (cultural ad ethical), and Hong Kong is our root. 18 La Salle Road, Kowloon, HK is also our root. She's given us a lot and made our dreams reality. I, for instance, come back to Hong Kong almost every year to conduct hands-on courses. Whenever possible, I also teach in Mainland China, first at the Pearl River Delta region and now in Shanghai. The *Putonghua* that I have learnt in my childhood gives me a cutting edge.

Fond memories of the past never cease to offer guidance. In my case, my love for La Salle began in my primary school days, when there was a teacher, Mr. Chan Yin Tak Kenneth, who always went out of his way to help the students. He invited some of us to his home in Matauwei to give extra lessons in mathematics. When he got "promoted" along with us to secondary school, he taught us photography, another hobby which I still endear and put into use in my teaching.

Our Chinese teachers laid a good foundation for our moral values as well. Mr. Man Shiu Yun (文澍榕老師), whom we dubbed "八股佬" because of his frail look, was actually a mountain of a man. There was also Mr. Ho (何湞顯老師) who was a learned man and always went beyond his duties to instill in us knowledge of the Chinese language and philosophy. As we students mellowed, their teachings became more invaluable. Through them, the teachings of the sages still guide us in our thoughts, words and deeds

 Why is there a fervor for Don to evangelize the Schilder technique, not only in North America but also China (and especially China) when apparently money to him is not a major factor? I ask this from two angles: 1. duties as a professional for Lifelong Learning (towards his colleagues and patients), 2. His sentimental attachment to his country of birth.

Education is the best investment one can have. You own it for life, and nobody can take it away from you; you can only win but never lose. More importantly, it can be spontaneous and profound- knowledge can be passed on from generation to generation, even generate new knowledge. When I started my practice, I told my mentor Dr Schilder that many dentists did not understand the 4 x W's and 1 x H of RCT.* He gave a crispy reply: "Educate them." I believe we do have a mission in Lifelong Learning; that really makes teaching a interactive two way process.

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 $^{^{8}}$ They are the "What, Why, When and Where, and the How."



The age-old Chinese saying "飲水思源" (drink from the fountain, reflect on the origin) is the rationale. Having the same origin, we want to see our compatriots be given the chance to grow and develop intellectually. We do not just share the techniques and concepts, but also the philosophy. It is only with the philosophy of "Yian" can a dentist have true professionalism, and deliver successful treatment with "仁心仁術" (Yian heart and the resulting Yian treatments).

The Yu brothers are actively serving the Chinese community? Why is it important to serve his community as a minority?

Currently, Don is the V.P. of the Hong Lock Management Services Ltd., Edmonton Chinatown Care Centre, a multi-level Care facility for seniors. We work in partnership with the Alberta Government, which is very supportive of the unique cultures of the minorities - including the Confucian ideal of a loving father reciprocated by a respectful son (父慈子孝), which is the social and moral basis of comprehensive care for the elderly. The Chinese community is the largest visible minority, and it is easier for us to obtain funding, and we feel obligated to extend our care to other smaller Asian minorities, such as the Cambodians, Koreans, Vietnamese and Filipinos.



Edmonton Chinatown Care Center

It is only with a harmonious society that we can live happily. Giving, taking and sharing are another form of actualizing "Yian."

Now that Alberta is well developed in many ways, what have the Yu brothers contributed to this development, professionally and socially?

We are not sure how much we have contributed to this development, professionally and socially. We understand that it is our duty to help our next generation to be better than ours.... "長江後浪推前浪" (Waters of the Yangtze River move forward because new waves come up from behind.) We will continue to contribute to this process of re-generation professionally and socially.

Have you come up with innovations in dentistry?

Innovations are a major construct under globalization. We've made many innovations on instruments and procedures. After careful condensations, we decided to give them to others. At one point in time, we were concerned with our Intellectual Property rights, but we finally realized that philosophy is more important for it is immortal. It can even outlast concepts, materials and methods. As you can see, the word *Yian* alone is timeless. Under that, we would like to share.

In closing:

In the year 2006, the 101 anniversary of the founding of the Province of Princess Louise Caroline Alberta, the LSCOBA Edmonton Chapter organized a Global Reunion¹⁰ for all the La Salle OB's worldwide. With courage and determination this small but cohesive group took on the onus. They also showed that it's the spirit and not the size that could bring about changes in society.



Don provided me with most of the information here while in Hong Kong. His eyes turned misty as he flipped over the pages at Edmonton. Looking out of the window, new buildings were still coming up. Edmonton is about to have a high speed railway link with Calgary, and Alberta's economy has morphed into a very diversified one from mining and agriculture. Albertans are also looking forward to another New Frontier – to go outside of Canada, perhaps across the Pacific and to Asia.

 $^{^9\} http://www.edmccc.net/index.php/aboutus/board-directors$

¹⁰ http://edm2006.lscobaedm.org/gallery2/v/Horse+Race/?g2_GALLERYSID=4a6c6175f33159f9401c91ebf9f10878



Global Reunion

La Salle College Old Boys Global Reunion 2014 hosted by LSCOBA Southern California Chapter

Date: Aug 8 (Fri) thru Aug 10 (Sun), 2014

Place: Pacific Palms Hotel Resort (same as 2005 World Conference), City of Industry CA. http://www.pacificpalmsresort.com/

Guests of Honor:

- Rev. Bro. Steve, current principal of LSC
- Mr. Randy Woo Ho Wai, retired former history teacher of LSC (sponsored by Douglas Chan, from Class of 1977)
- Mr. Victor Lo Si Tak, retired former PE Master of LSC (sponsored by Class of 88, PIC Bryan Lee)

Program (tentative):

Thurs – Afternoon – Check in, casual evening gathering (pizza and beer at hotel)

Fri – Morning - Global Reunion Meeting with Bro. Steve

Afternoon - Class/Decade Reunion

Sat - Morning - 7-a-side Soccer Tournament

Afternoon thru Evening – Class of 66 sightseeing tour

Evening - Mass

Class of 66 dinner reunion with live band performance

Sun - Morning - Bowling challenge

Afternoon - Decade reunion

Evening - Gala Dinner

Tentative Activities:-

- Golf tournament (discount golf at WPGA 36-hole courses at hotel)
- Self tour to Disneyland (advance booking required to enjoy early bird discount)
- Day-trip tours to local attractions e.g., California Science Center

Working Committee:-

Person-in-Charge: Charles Tsang (83)

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Soccer Tournament-in-Charge: Johnson Chao (95)

Gala Dinner-in-Charge: Bryan Lee (88)