

## The North American LaSallians



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# Happy Easter

## 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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### **Reminders**

#### East Coast (USA)

#### Sunday Dim Sum Lunch

| Date    | every Sunday                          |
|---------|---------------------------------------|
| Time    | noon                                  |
| Venue   | Asian Jewels Seafood Restaurant       |
|         | 133-30 39th Avenue, Flushing NY 11354 |
|         | Tel. 718-359-8600                     |
| Contact | dimsum@nylscoba.org                   |
|         |                                       |

#### Edmonton

#### Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

| Date    | Apr 3, 2015 (first Friday of each month) |
|---------|--|
| Time    | noon                                     |
| Venue   | Urban China Restaurant 潮樓大酒樓             |
| Contact | billshwong@shaw.ca                       |
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#### San Francisco Bay Area

#### **Chapter BBQ**

| Date    | April 11, 2015                           |
|---------|--|
| Time    | 10:30am                                  |
| Venue   | Fremont Central Park, Picnic Area: Brook |
|         | 1 (By the Lake Elizabeth)                |
| Address | 40204 Paseo Padre Pkwy Fremont, CA       |
|         | 94538                                    |
| Price   | Adult \$20, Student \$10                 |
| Bimor   | thly Lunch gathering                     |
| Date    | Jun 6, 2015                              |
| Date    | Juli 0, 2013                             |

| Dale    | Juli 0, 2015            |
|---------|-------------------------|
| Time    | 1:00 pm- 3:00pm         |
| Venue   | Cooking Papa Restaurant |
|         | 1962 W El Camino Real,  |
|         | Mountain View, CA 94040 |
| 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

#### 2015 Annual General Meeting

| & | La | Salle | Day | Dinner |
|---|----|-------|-----|--------|
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| Date    | Friday May 15, 2015                 |
|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Time    | 6:30 pm                             |
| Venue   | Casa Delux Banquet Hall             |
|         | 1571 Sandhurst Circle Unit 107,     |
|         | Scarborough                         |
| Cost    | \$40                                |
| Contact | Philip Wong wong.philiphf@gmail.com |
|         | Chris Fong shihangfong@yahoo.com    |
|         |                                     |

#### Vancouver

#### **Badminton Night**

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| Date:  | Every Monday                   |
| Time:  | 8 pm – 10 pm (2 sessions)      |
| Venue: | Richmond Pro                   |
|        | 130-5800 Minoru Blvd, Richmond |
| Cost:  | \$5/session (i.e. \$10/2 hour) |
| RSVP   | vlfun@shaw.ca by every Friday  |
|        |                                |





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## **Chapter News**

#### Vancouver Chapter

Chinese New Year Dinner Banquet February 28, 2015

Nick Domingo (1964)







## Kung Hei Fat Choy to all our fellow LaSallians in North America

May you and your families enjoy Prosperity, Happiness and Good Health



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#### East Coast (USA) Chapter

#### **Spring Dinner & AGM**

#### Jonathan Poon (2005)

In statistics, an observation over three standard deviations from the mean is regarded as an outlier. In terms of age, several post-80s old boys, including m yself, are statistically outliers amidst the other attendants of the New York Chapter Spring Dinner on 7 Mar held at Orchid Chinese Restaurant in Garden City. Nevertheless, I never doubt – despite this being my very first time attending a New York Chapter event (I had been in Long Island since my arrival at the Big Apple last August) – how connected Boys of Courage are, thus how easy it is to break the ice with everyone who spent time working and playing hard on La Salle Road.

In keeping with tradition, the Chapter AGM was held before dinner at the two long couches in the restaurant. Although the setting was similar to the perceived scene of a summit between triad leaders, given my exposure to Johnnie To's movies, our meeting was much more constructive. Outgoing President Beltrao Baptista (1977) reported on activities during the previous year, among which was our tremendous success in raising funds for the iMac Project for the school's multimedia lab, which had been a die-hard fan of Bill Gates and his Windows XP.

During the meeting we also elected for our next cabinet chaired by Simon Willis (1983), with Philip Lo (1997) as Vice President and Secretary, Chris Tse (1965) as the Senior Advisor on Global Affairs, and Che-Ho Lam (2007) as the Financial Controller. Subsequently, the role of Financial Controller was switched to Peter Lai (1967), one of our former presidents. Our most sincere gratitude to Bel for his 4 years of dedicated leadership, and our best wishes to the new cabinet.

We then moved forward to the highlight of the night – dinner. James Ng (1966), owner and master chef of Orchid, expectedly surprised all of us with well-presented delicacies including tea-smoked duck, dandan noodles, and many more. Laughter continued until late night. When we left we looked forward to the long awaited spring in New York and our Spring Break Getaway at Honor's Haven Resort in April.



Newly elected President Simon Willis (L) and IPP Bel Baptista (R)



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## **Readers' Input**

#### **Brother Felix**

Sorry for late response. I was out of country.

I notice the following quote from our school song in the article:

"From her lofty station pointing,

To the sky's majestic dome;

She will have us ever minding,

That above is our true home."

I remember, while at the Perth Street campus, Bro Felix told us that the word "minding" in that context was incorrectly used. He said it should be "mindful", and he wanted to change that wording of the school song. I guess tradition has stuck, but I had a good grammar lesson out of what he said.

William Lai (1961)

**Brother Felix** 

Dear Editor,

When the old boys of Class 1966 gather together, we always talk about the old glories of our alma mater. To those not belonging to our era, such glories are about the old school "Dome" campus, our Principal/Director Brother Felix, and our A-Grade soccer team that, by the summer of 1966, was the League Champion for 4 consecutive years. They created a 'dynasty" if I can use the modern day American sports phraseology.

Thomas Yip's article on Brother Felix is rightfully paying tribute to him as the helmsman of these old glories. It was under his tenure that our school accomplished such successes, aside from academic achievements. The A-Grade living legendary figures: Peter Fung and Ip Sheung Wah (the captains), Tony Lau and John Li (the goalies), David Chan and Anthony Chan (the forwards), and many of those still "kicking around" are the bearing witnesses. And the history enthusiast of our class, Thomas Yip, carries the sports spirit from then unto now, posting relentlessly year after year video clips of inter-school athletic competitions at Wanchai and elsewhere on our web site. We appreciate his unceasing effort in doing so for our enjoyment after his day work in dentistry.

Brother Felix was a towering figure in authority as well as in body size, thus the school community appropriately nicknamed him "Dai Chai." As students, we all revered and feared him. Now after half a century, Thomas Yip finally gives us a glimpse of the soft side on the iron man who used his frugal stipend to pay for his students' lunches. Brother Felix had a humble heart as soft as a child.

We all miss you, Brother Felix.

Sincerely,

Louis Wong (1966)

From New York City