



# 北美風沙 The North American LaSallians

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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](mailto:dimsum@nylscoba.org)

#### Chinese New Yr Dinner & AGM

Date Saturday, Feb 13, 2016  
Time 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm (AGM)  
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm (Dinner)  
Venue Orchid Chinese Restaurant,  
730 Franklin Avenue, Garden City, NY  
11530 Telephone: (516) 742-1116  
Cost: \$45.00 per person, \$20.00 (under 18)  
RSVP: [info@nylscoba.org](mailto:info@nylscoba.org)

### Edmonton

#### Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date Feb 5, 2015 (first Friday of every month)  
Time noon  
Venue Urban China Restaurant 潮樓大酒樓  
Contact [billshwong@shaw.ca](mailto:billshwong@shaw.ca)

### San Francisco

#### Spring Dinner

Date Saturday, February 27, 2016  
Time Reception at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm  
Venue Koi Place Dublin,  
4288 Dublin Blvd, Dublin, CA 94568  
More info <http://www.lscobasf.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

#### HK Joint Schools Alumni Assoc

#### 30th Anniversary Valentine Ball

Date Sunday 14 February 2016  
Venue Le Parc Dining & Banquet  
8432 Leslie Street, Thornhill  
Dress Code: Semi-formal  
Time 6:00pm Reception with hor d'oeuvres  
7:00pm Dinner  
Ticket \$90.00 per person  
Contact: Philip Wong (1967) Kevin Kwok (1988)  
Chris Fong (1994)

#### Friendly Soccer Game

Age group 50+  
Team Chinese University HK Alumni  
Date 7:45 pm Friday February 26, 2016  
Venue Double gym of Westmount C.I.  
1000 New Westminster Drive, Thornhill  
Contact Kevin Kwok (1988) (647) 928 5880



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## Chapter News

### Toronto Chapter

#### 2015 New Year's Eve Dinner Party

Happy New Year to you and your family! The Toronto Chapter hosted another highly successful New Year's Eve Dinner Party at Casa Deluz Banquet Restaurant in Scarborough. This is the 3rd time that we have been at this banquet facility.

Over 400 old boys, their families and many returning guests, including quite a few from our Joint School friends came to the party. We were particularly honoured to have the presence of one of our former La Salle teacher - Mr. Joseph Yu who regularly partakes in our chapter functions.

Everyone enjoyed and danced to the live music performed by Synergy, a band led by Peter Chan (1972), lead singer and guitarist, and with Paul Wong (1973) on bass guitar. This year, the line dancing program was assisted by Joe Tang (1971) and his fellow line dance enthusiasts.

To host a party of this magnitude requires team work and dedication from many old boys. A big thank you goes to the capable organizing committee – co-chaired by Felix Leung (1985) and Peter Chan (1972); other members include Dr. William Chan (1969), Kevin Kwok (1988), Stephen Leung (1963), Joe Tang (1971), Paul Wong (1973), Albert Ho (1953), Ambrose Cheung (1969), David Sin (1969) and John Yeung (1973).

Our party is well known for excellent lucky draw prizes. This year we had over 50 prizes, including the grand prize Smart TV. Many thanks go to Francis Yeung (1971), our Treasurer, who was in charge of prize solicitation and purchase. Our key draw prize sponsors included Dr. William Chan (1969), John Yeung (1973), Dr. Thomas Tam, Michael Mau, and Dr. Andrew Chung (Salesian). Many thanks go to Peter Chan and Felix Leung who bought long stem roses for all the ladies and Peter Lau (1970), who sponsored the flower bouquet arrangements that served as table prizes.

Kevin Kwok (1988) acted as our MC (backed up by Joe Tang) and was in charge of the 50/50 raffle. I wish to acknowledge the generosity of John Li (1966) and his wife Patti, who won the top cash prize, and decided to donate the full amount back to the Chapter.

Personally, I feel our NYED is beyond just a party; it is a reunion of old boys, friends and families. Let us keep up this wonderful tradition. We look forward to greeting old boys from all parts of the world at the upcoming Global Reunion Toronto 2016 (July 28 – 31).

Yours in de LaSalle,

Philip Wong (1967)

President, Toronto Chapter



Singing School Song Together



Jimmy Chang (1966) welcomed the guests





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William Chan (1967), Thomas Tam (1963) and the guests



Spacious Dancing Floor



Joe Tang (1971) and the guest dancers



Band Synergy



Philip Wong (1967), Chapter President  
and the lucky draw prize winner Edith (Keeper of Philip Wong)



Stina, keeper of Kevin Kwok (1988),  
was so excited for winning the 50/50 draw second prize



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Patti Li, Philip Wong (1967), Chapter President and John Li (1966)



Joe Tang (1971), Ken (guest) and Philip Wong (1967), Chapter President

## Louis Pomeroy Memorial Mah Jong Tournament and Dinner

Date noon, Sunday 20 March 2016  
Venue Emperor Fine Chinese Cuisine 君臨天下高級粵菜  
9019 Bayview Ave, Unit 9, Richmond Hill  
Cost \$45 (Tournament, Snack and Dinner)  
\$40 (Dinner only)  
Contact: Tony Pomeroy (1971) [tpomeroy@leeli.com](mailto:tpomeroy@leeli.com)  
Danny Au Yeung (1967) [daueung8@gmail.com](mailto:daueung8@gmail.com)  
Kevin Kwok (1988) [kevinkwok26@gmail.com](mailto:kevinkwok26@gmail.com)

## THE KID WHO WAS RANKED AHEAD OF TU YOUYOU (屠呦呦)



The story is about one of our own: Dr. Constantine Au Kin Heng (1987), a second generation La Salle Boy; his father was Dr. Ting-Wang Au (1942).

Constantine Au Kin Heng, among his other credentials, is an Emergency Medicine expert. He worked in the University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital 香港大學深圳醫院. In 2014, an intoxicated person caused an uproar at the emergency ward, destroyed public property and demanded the Hospital Chief Executive to apologize on her knees. The hospital administration preferred to adopt expediency towards this unreasonable fracas; but Constantine said, "No!" and started to advocate "zero tolerance to hospital violence"; which received ample support of China's medical profession.

This avant-garde proposal exacted a price. His employment contract with the hospital was not renewed at the end of its term.

Then irony followed. At the end of 2015, a Shanghai based Internet group "Yixuejiezazhi" (醫學界雜誌) conducted a public poll for "China's 2015 Top Ten Persons who are the Cause Celebre of the Medical Field." Its result: Dr. Au out-ranked Madam Tu Youyou, the Nobel Prize Laureate, 3225 votes to 3162. It is hard to imagine that this kid being placed ahead of a colossus.





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It is strange for a hospital to refuse to renew the contract of a highly welcomed doctor in China. (The poll was China-wide.) Perhaps it is true as the Bible says, "... A prophet is not without honour, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." (Mark 6:4)

The following is a translation of a conversation between Mr. Chiu Wing Tak, former Vice Principal of LSC (published in Chinese in Hong Kong's Mingpao Weekly, January 16, 2016 Edition), with Constantine regarding his thoughts on receiving the award:

Chiu: What are your thoughts now that you have ranked higher than the Nobel Prize Laureate Tu Youyou?

Au: Sorry, I don't think I deserve it. Tu Youyou's contribution is definitely greater than mine, this is only a competition involving people who are cause celebre in the medical field, I attracted their attention in 2014. In reality, I did not even know why I was nominated.

Chiu: You are too humble; I hear that you had at least three accomplishments during your tenure:

1. You established on behalf of the hospital an Accredited A & E Training Centre (香港急症科醫學院訓練中心);
2. Personally bankrolled colleagues for overseas training;
3. Promulgated a spirit of volunteerism.

Your colleagues use the phrase "compassionate and righteous" (有情有義) to describe you, do you accept?

Au: Let me explain

1. The establishment of this training centre is the fruit of the labour of all the doctors and nurses of the hospital, I only expedited it;
2. I only sponsored my colleagues, except without a specified repay date;
3. I whole heartedly encourage my colleagues to go outside of the hospital, help the needy whenever they have the time, because I am totally committed to everything I do, perhaps this is why my colleagues think I am compassionate and righteous.

Chiu: How did you acquire this chivalrous spirit? What are your plans for the future?

Au: One Hundred percent from my alma mater La Salle College, this is our La Salle Spirit. I formed a seventy strong volunteer organization named "Dynamic Force in the Medical Field", Apricot Project, 杏壇動力, to help train the staff of needy hospitals in China.

Chiu: I admire your chivalrous spirit, and wish every success to your Apricot Project 杏壇動力.

*[Editor's note: The above article resulted from the combined effort of Chris Wong (67) and a group of 66ers, and submitted with permission from Constantin Au.]*

## GLOBAL REUNION TORONTO 2016

The Toronto Chapter extends a warm invitation to our old boys and their families to attend GR Toronto 2016. The last time Toronto hosted the event was 2004 and we are excited to once again be the host of this event.

The Principal of our alma mater, Brother Steve, has graciously accepted and confirmed to be our Guest of Honour at the reunion and he will dialogue with us old boys on the activities and recent developments at La Salle College.

I wish to share with you the important dates, venues and the program for the four days:

Dates: July 28 – 31 (Thursday to Sunday)

Venue: Sheraton Parkway Hotel and Conference Centre – Hwy. 7 & Leslie Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario

Link for on-line room reservation: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1506180169&key=1E20449F>



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There is also a Best Western hotel attached to Sheraton. It is not possible to book on-line with Best Western to obtain the group rate of \$99.00/ night.

Anyone wishing to book Best Western has to call toll-free at 1-800-668-0101 and mention "LSOBA - Global Reunion" to receive the group rate of \$99.00 per night at the Best Western.

Should they wish to visit the Best Western Parkway web-site, it is: [www.bestwesternparkway.com](http://www.bestwesternparkway.com)

Program:

July 28 (Thursday)

Welcome Registration and Presentation by Bro. Steve (Pizza party format)

July 29 (Friday)

Old Boys' World Conference, Overseas Network Group (ONG) meeting, Karaoke party, optional Toronto One Day City Tour

July 30 (Saturday)

Alumni Soccer Tournament, Golf Tournament, Individual class reunions, optional – Niagara Falls One Day Tour

July 31 (Sunday)

Sunday Mass, Global Reunion Gala Dinner at Premier Ballroom & Conference Centre

The following are links to pre- and post-Reunion bus tours:

加東經典 3 天遊

July 25 – 27: [http://b2czh.toureast.com/Tour/Product/30001492/1/0/0#/?lang=zh\\_CHT](http://b2czh.toureast.com/Tour/Product/30001492/1/0/0#/?lang=zh_CHT)

Aug 1 – 3: [http://b2czh.toureast.com/Tour/Product/30001496/1/0/0#/?lang=zh\\_CHT](http://b2czh.toureast.com/Tour/Product/30001496/1/0/0#/?lang=zh_CHT)

加東經典 5 天遊

July 22 – 26: [http://b2czh.toureast.com/Tour/Product/30001491/1/0/0#/?lang=zh\\_CHT](http://b2czh.toureast.com/Tour/Product/30001491/1/0/0#/?lang=zh_CHT)

Please mark your calendar for these four days. The Global Reunion brings old boys and their families from all over the world together to celebrate the spirit of La Salle and the friendship that we share as La Salle boys.

Details for on-line registration for GR Toronto 2016 will be available in the coming months.

Please contact the Organizing Committee via e-mails for inquiries:

About the conference	<a href="mailto:conference@gr2016.lscobator.org">conference@gr2016.lscobator.org</a>
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Philip Wong (1967)

President (LSOBA – Toronto Chapter)