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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)

### Edmonton

#### Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date Mar 4, 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)

### 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

#### 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)  
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#### 2016 Global Reunion

Date July 28 – 31, 2016  
Time per event schedule  
Venue Sheraton Parkway Hotel and Conference Center  
Richmond Hill, ON  
Cost T B A  
Contact [wong.philiphf@gmail.com](mailto:wong.philiphf@gmail.com)

### Vancouver

#### Badminton Night

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 [ylfun@shaw.ca](mailto:ylfun@shaw.ca) by every Friday



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## Chapter News

### Vancouver Chapter

#### Chinese New Year Banquet at Neptune Seafood Restaurant

Nick Domingo (1963)







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Year of the Monkey





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## Toronto Chapter

### Retirement Celebration For Stephen Leung (1963)

Philip Wong (1967)

The Toronto Chapter held two celebrations for Stephen Leung's recent retirement from his beloved jewelry business after many hard working years. We held a dim sum lunch in December and a karaoke/ dinner in January to honour his retirement.



I have known Stephen for quite a few years and respect him as a classmate with my brother James in the class of '63. Since my recent involvement with the Toronto Chapter, I can always count on him as an ardent adviser and strong supporter of all our chapter events.

It appears many others in our Chapter share my appreciation of Stephen's contributions. Below are comments from three past presidents, K.B. Ng, Michael Yuen and Jimmy Chang:

#### K.B.Ng (1976) - Toronto Chapter, President (2001-2003):

"Although Stephen was quite "a few" years senior, I have come to know him in Canada as a gentle but firm ex-president. He is a man of principles and never shies away to take his stance. More importantly, Stephen is a staunch supporter of LSC and LSCOPA particularly at our Annual New Year Eve's dinner and dance. He has consistently brought in support – financially and participation-wise. Now having retired from his work, surely Stephen will not retire from his passion for LSC and our Toronto chapter but instead will continue to make his contribution forever more. Good work, Stephen, and keep "it" up!!"



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**Michael Yuen (1974)- Toronto Chapter, President (2005-2007):**

“For the past quarter of a century that I can recollect, unless Stephen was out of town, he never missed a single Toronto LSCOBAs monthly director meeting, during his presidency, on board of directors or in capacity of an adviser. His witty comments always sprinkle freshness to banalities of the evenings.

Stephen has always been a great supporter of Toronto LSCOBAs functions. At every of our annual BBQ picnic, Stephen used to single-handedly knife two roasted suckling pigs, while at the New Year Eve Ball he full heartedly shouldered a third of the tickets.

Congratulations to Stephen retiring from his successful jewelry business. I am sure he will remain a jewel to Toronto LSCOBAs in his golden years to come.”

銀釧翠縷玉花鈿  
半百年來過眼煙  
退逸逍遙金不換  
夕陽無限碧雲天

We wish Stephen Leung many years of happy retirement!!



**Jimmy Chang (1966) - Toronto Chapter, President (2009- 2013):**

Stephen is 3 years my senior at LSC, so I didn't really get to know him during our LSC days. However I was fortunate enough to make his acquaintance after I started in McGill University in Montreal. Even during our days at McGill, Stephen was one of the leaders among the LaSallian community there. Stephen is always supportive and pleasant, and never imposes himself as a senior.

After decades of hard work, he can finally re-focus on just enjoying life. Happy retirement, Stephen.

## Special Contribution

### Gary Chu & Con Au - a Lasallian Duet in a China Ensemble.

Thomas Yip (1967) © All Rights Reserved – 2016 Feb.  
Photos: Internet & Facebook Downloads.

#### Background

At the end of 2015, a La Salle old boy, Constantine Au (區建恒, '87), was voted in a poll held by the Shanghai based Internet magazine Yixuejiezazhi (医学界杂志) as the top figure among the “2015 醫療界十大焦點人物”, over the Nobel Prize Laureate in Physiology or Medicine, Mdm Tu Youyou.<sup>1</sup> Con shrugged off the glory with humility, saying: “For sure Mdm Tu has made more contributions.” Be honest, making comparisons like who has been better is relatively insignificant, especially when a multitude of values is measured. Our saga began in 2012 when Gary Chu (朱嘉理, '85) and Con Au, both specialists in Accident & Emergency Medicine (A&E) in their own rights, decided to leave their comfort zones in Hong Kong to a fledgling HKU-Shenzhen Hospital (the Hospital). Their aim was to introduce modern A&E there, even knowing the road ahead would be lined with thorns.

China, after reaping huge successes in economic development, has her eyes on the social frontiers, and one main thrust is Healthcare Reform. The challenges were and still are daunting. One notable example is “Medical Violence” (醫暴).<sup>2</sup> Though not

<sup>1</sup> <http://chuansong.me/n/2110139>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.guancha.cn/society/2016\\_01\\_18\\_348403.shtml](http://www.guancha.cn/society/2016_01_18_348403.shtml)



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confined to China alone, the problem has caused great concerns among the Chinese health workers nationwide. The top hierarchy in Beijing<sup>3</sup> already has put on the table specific laws to safeguard the safety of both health workers and patients,<sup>4</sup> yet violations remain unabated. As said in an adage: "Technologies and hardware are easy to have - pay the right money and delivery can be made; knowledge and software are relatively fairly easy if the environment is favorable." But cultures are intricate and even protean, as "provider-receiver" scenarios are the most difficult hurdles.



The A&E Team



Gary Chu at work

It was under such background that the Duet decided to leave their "Comfort Zone" in HK to join the Hospital with a vision and mission to introduce world class medical practices to China on a cross-border collaboration model. Their goal was to found an A&E ward that would meet world standards and be the gateway of A&E to the Mainland. Those projects involving technologies and professional knowledge made rapid success. Within a short span of two years, their achievements had been impressive: the setting up of a team with the majority of the members as mainlanders with disparate backgrounds and new to the *modus operandi*. A team spirit essential for an effective A&E team was formed, fostering a sense of pride for their duties. An elaborate knowledge system was set up including a wide range of training programs held locally at Shenzhen, Hong Kong and overseas. Some notable achievements<sup>5</sup>:

## **Evidence-based Medicine**

- Over-writing grandfather practices - Discriminate use of IV infusions/drugs and antibiotics etc.
- Biological crisis handling<sup>6</sup>.
- Triage (often a source of friction but needs to be understood by patients and families).
- Nation-wide professionalization A&E Medicine as a specialty was initiated.
- AHLS (Advanced Hazmat Life Support Course), modern Toxicology (gastric lavage, formerly a almost routinely performed for ingestion of poisons, has been greatly reduced and at one time down to zero) and other outdated or anecdotal protocols.

## **Innovative A&E procedures**

- Acute infectious disease admission protocol.
- Life saving is the paramount and payment can wait.
- Ambulance service training in conjunction with HK St. John's Ambulance.
- Type "O" universal donor blood available in every ambulance.

## **Continuous Professional Education**

- Professional education both local and overseas, training in Handling conflicts, English Language and other adjunct courses (2 other Lasallians volunteered - Chris Wong in Daily English & Robert Yuen in Pediatrics)<sup>7</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> <http://news.takungpao.com/2014lh/article/2014-03/2334125.html>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.cmda.net/xinwen/redianxinwen/2014-03-04/12973.html>

<sup>5</sup>

[http://mp.weixin.qq.com/s?\\_biz=MjM5MDc3NjQwMA==&mid=261650850&idx=2&sn=8f1827ff91d84ef2bb32634e2092cf9b&scene=1&from=singlemesssage&isappinstalled=0#rd](http://mp.weixin.qq.com/s?_biz=MjM5MDc3NjQwMA==&mid=261650850&idx=2&sn=8f1827ff91d84ef2bb32634e2092cf9b&scene=1&from=singlemesssage&isappinstalled=0#rd)

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.gemhkuszh.com/w/en/index.jsp?action=background>





## Community

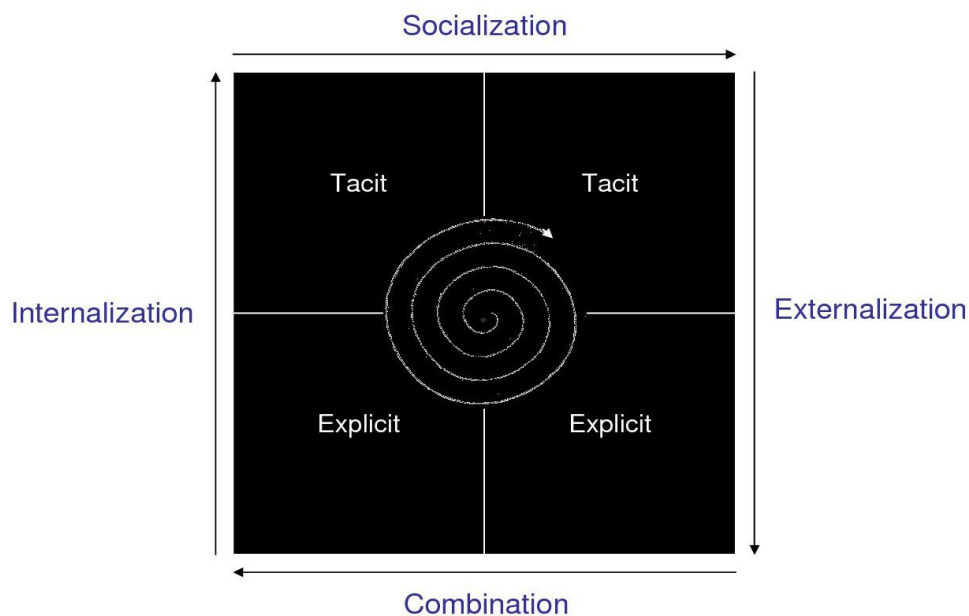
- First Aid courses for school children and advance courses for the community and Project Hope providing education aid in deprived areas.
- Global Emergency Medicine Meeting 2015 (November)<sup>8</sup>.

Then medical violence crept in, and at times workers' safety was compromised. The underlying social factors are huge and complex, but the attitudes of the hospital administration and local government are crucial up front. A compromising one would only aggravate the problem as the result is often a precept: "the more you fuss, the more you can have your way," which of course is self-defeating.

## Who took the lead for making changes? Lasallians.

Gary and Con led an appeal to stand firm and refuse conciliation just in exchange for expedience. Their appeal was supported by their many colleagues in the Hospital, and even elsewhere.<sup>9</sup> When found to be of no avail the two resigned, but their colleagues petitioned to the administration to retain them.

Con faced the final curtain at the Hospital when his employment contract became due by the end of 2015 - it was not renewed. The legacy left behind is a "Learning Organization" that would allow sustainability or even creation of new knowledge(s) and cultures, showing their initiatives had been a well planned one.



Nonaka&Takeuch- SECI Model Of Knowledge Creation In A Learning Organization<sup>10</sup>

"*Courage, Daring, Manliness and Will*" in our School Song are words often misunderstood or misused. Our forbears could have meant "Fortitude," for it connotes "Perseverance" that makes courage enduring. It's beyond the science, yet underpins the ultimate success of any long term work.

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.gemhkusz.com/w/en/index.jsp>

<sup>9</sup> [http://www.haodf.com/zhuangjiaguandian/wangkaijiang\\_1730206853.htm](http://www.haodf.com/zhuangjiaguandian/wangkaijiang_1730206853.htm)

<sup>10</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SECI\\_model\\_of\\_knowledge\\_dimensions](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SECI_model_of_knowledge_dimensions)



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*Success if not final; failure is no fatal. It's the courage to  
continue that counts. Winston Churchill*



*Con Au – at a class reunion in 2015 Standing Row 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> from left*

*"La Salle Spirit" is a culture  
unique of the School, zeitgeist of  
her times. It grooms our youths  
to lead in their communities.  
The camaraderie and group  
interactions are essential parts  
of its formation.*

## **Moments of Reflections by Con - "a pious son, faithful OB, dog-lover as well as a sentimentalist .....**

"一月十八号，有事要辦，所以坐船了。船上出奇的安靜。突然想起在天堂的爸爸<sup>11</sup>及 Angel Fox，流下眼淚。爸爸我小時候開始，就身教言教我，怎樣做一個香港人，做一個喇沙仔，同做一個好醫生。爸爸您要求高，我的表現一直令爸爸失望。回想過去三年的工作，最後連工作也掉了，想又令爸爸您失望了。過去三年，雖然我在中國大陸工作，但仍然實行香港人的核價值：實幹，不認輸，行公益，講真話；維持喇沙精神：Boys of courage, Boys of daring, Full of manliness and will, Spirit not for danger caring, Hearts to conquer every ill；醫人醫心，亦盡力維護醫護人員的尊嚴。雖然結果未如理想，但我沒有矮化自己，以身為香港人自豪，以身為喇沙仔驕傲，以身為醫生感恩。知道您會失望，但願您包容，因為我已經盡力。Fox 仔，您是小天使，所以三年前要回天堂。我每天想您，如果您在我們就可以搶玩具，同 Tiger, Bunny 一起行山。在天堂，記得同其他狗狗玩，開開心心，有時間陪下爸爸行街，聽音樂，亦請回家探我。很久未哭了，哭完舒服了一點"

<sup>11</sup> The late Dr Au Ting-Wang (區庭宏醫生) was also a physician HKU MB BS '52 and an OB of Class '42.

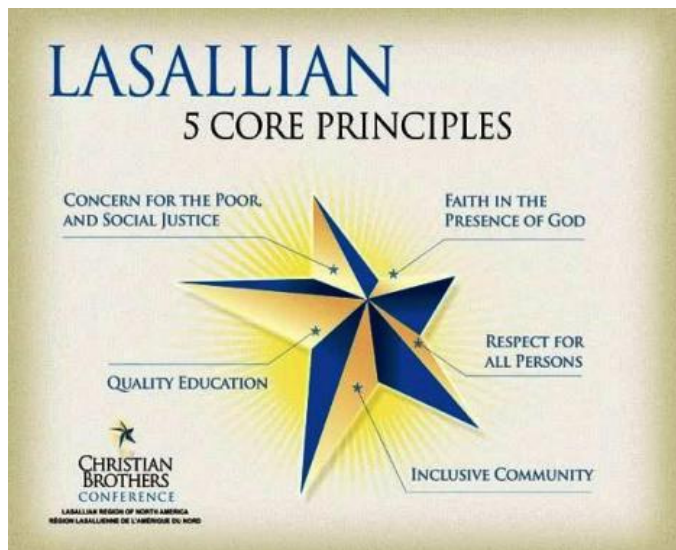




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Reflections by the entire Lasallian Community.



The Duet still goes on in their evangelization. Gary decided to stay in the Hospital even after he had resigned. Con, before he left, went on with his heavy commitments in the World Global Emergency Medicine in 2016<sup>12</sup> and also cofounded the Apricot Project (杏壇動力)<sup>13</sup>, a forum to preach modern A&E Medicine across the borders of HK & Mainland, and even the whole of Asia. The ingenuity of the semantic combination of "杏壇" and "杏林" demonstrates the vision and mission of this platform being admirable and innovative.<sup>14</sup> It's an initiative to promote A&E Medicine in this part of the world, largely on a self-financing basis in the absence of public funding. (Con has sponsored some of the training programs even before he left the Hospital). Here, we see all the constructs of the Lasallian Spirit - Faith, Zeal and Community. Likewise, all the five Core Principles of the Lasallian Spirit are actualized.

Now that the seeds have been sown, it's time to ask: "What will be the future of A&E Medicine like in a modern China, say 50 years from now?" A nation where the sick and suffering be well taken care of, and the healthcare workers-patients relation is in harmony? We have good reasons to be optimistic, but much of the onus now lies with both the Central and Local Governments.



In closing, we dedicate the theme: "My Heart Will Go On"<sup>15</sup> to all Lasallian healthcare workers, and also Brother Steve Hogan. In his six years as our Principal he has likewise sown many seeds in our Community.

<sup>12</sup> <http://www.gemhkusz.com/w/en?action=speakers>

<sup>13</sup> Apricot Altar (杏壇) was where Confucius lectured and pertains to Education and Apricot Grove (杏林) (pertains to the place of practice of a fabled philanthropic medical doctor (董奉))

<sup>14</sup> <http://apricot.org.hk/index.php>

<sup>15</sup> Hayley Westenra, a NZ diva and philanthropist in her own right performed at the BJ Int'l Film Festival. Note the many symbolic relations of this dedication. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RqWfUrvYT3Y>



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## 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>

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

For pre- and post-Reunion bus tours, you may visit the Tour East webpage at <https://zh.toureast.com/northamerica>

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:

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