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May 2016

R. I. P.

Mr. Tsang Moi Chueng (曾梅祥) aka 梅祥叔, R.I.P.

Mr. Tsang Moi Cheung (曾梅祥) who had served at the office of La Salle College for more than 50 years before his retirement in the 90's, passed away on Friday 15th April, 2016. His funeral services will be held as follows:

Venue:

"Po Tak Hall" at 2/F, Po Fook Memorial Hall, 1 Yau On Street, Tai Wai, N.T. (nearby Tai Wai Train Station) 大圍寶福紀念館 2 樓"寶德堂"



Tel No.: 2606-9933

Website: www.pofookhill.com/en

I. Wake "守夜"

Date: 8 May (Sunday)

Time: 16:00-20:00

II. Funeral Service "大殮"

Date: 9 May (Monday)

Time: 10:00-12:00

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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 May 6, 2015 (first Friday of every month)
Time noon
Venue Urban China Restaurant 潮樓大酒樓
Contact 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

2016 AGM & LSD Dinner

Date 6:30 pm, May 15 2016
Venue Casa Delux Banquet Hall 豪門宴
1571 Sandhurst Circle Unit 107,
Scarborough
Cost: \$45/person, \$25/students,
Free for old boys over 80 years of age
Contact: Ambrose Cheung(70) :
amcheung@hotmail.com
Kevin Kwok (88):
kevinkwok26@gmail.com
Chris Fong (94):
shihangfong@yahoo.com

2016 Global Reunion

Date July 28 – 31, 2016
Time per event schedule
Venue Sheraton Parkway Hotel and Conference Center
Richmond Hill, ON
Cost visit <http://gr2016.lscobator.org>
Contact wong.philiphf@gmail.com

Vancouver

AGM

Date May 15 2016
Time AGM – 5:30 pm, Dinner - 6:30 pm
Venue Continental Seafood Restaurant
幸運海鮮酒家
11700 Cambie Rd, Richmond.
Cost \$25, \$40 (guest or spouse)



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Chapter News

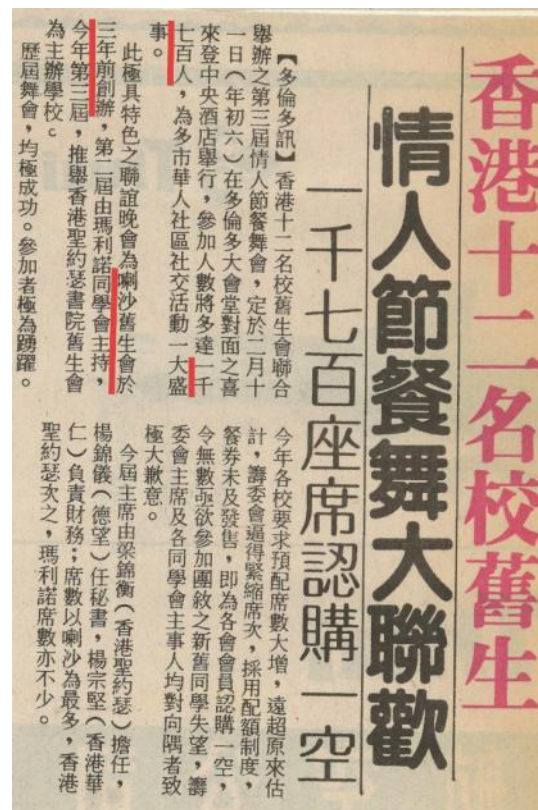
Toronto Chapter

Valentine's Ball 2016, then and now

Chris Fong (1994)

It was 30 years ago (1986) when La Salle Old Boys Association Toronto chapter, working with a few Hong Kong school alumni, organized the Valentine's Ball. As you can see from the newspaper clip, it was a blast back then!

This year, La Salle worked hand in hand with other 5 hosting alumni, namely St Joseph College, St Francis Canossian, Paulinians, Wah Yan HK and Wah Yan Kowloon. Over 440 friends from the joint school community attended the Valentine's Ball held at Le Parc Banquet Hall on February 14, 2016. Kevin Kwok (88) was the emcee while Chris Fong (94) was the floor manager and one of the guest performers.





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2016 Louis Pomeroy Memorial Mah Jong Tournament and Dinner

Kevin Kwok (1988)

The Toronto Chapter 2016 Louis Pomeroy Memorial Mah Jong Tournament and Dinner was held on 20 March, 2016, at Emperor Fine Chinese Cuisine (君臨天下高級粵菜), with more than 32 MJ players at 8 competing tables and 2 non-competing tables, and a total of 100 old boys and guests for dinner. It was an exciting and joyous occasion indeed; we even recruited 7 new members, namely David Wu (1968), Anthony Sien (1969), Raymond Lee (2009), Henry Chan (2012), Justin Wong (2012), Christopher Koo (2012), Alex Tsoi (2016) to join our local LaSallian community. Above all, it is our honor to have retired teachers, Joseph Yu (1961), Lawrence Leung and former staff, Yvonne Ng to join our dinner.

After a fierce and keen competition lasting the entire afternoon, the Louis Pomeroy Memorial Trophy was presented by our chapter president, Philip Wong (1967), Danny Au Yeung (1967) and Louis' son, Tony Pomeroy (1971), to the highest scoring participants in 3 divisions.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to our organizer/referee, Danny Au Yeung (1967), who secured the nice venue/food and spent the whole day to maintain the best atmosphere of the tournament. Danny even prepared more than 30 gifts for lucky draw on top of those prepared by chapter president, Philip Wong (1967) and Tony Pomeroy (1971). According to the feedback of the guests of 1 particular table, all the guests managed to get 1 lucky draw prize. A heartfelt "thank you" to Danny, Philip and Tony from all of us



Overall Championship Winner: Sam Cheung (1971)



All Time Winner Championship: Joseph Yu (1961)



Division 1 Championship: Vincent Chan (Guests)



Division 2 Championship: Stephen Yung (1961)



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Division 3 Championship: Stlina Kwok (Keeper of Kevin Kwok, 1988)



Background of Louis Pomeroy Memorial Mah Jong Tournament

At the February 2011 Board meeting, the Chapter directors voted unanimously to henceforth name the chapter's annual spring mahjong tournament the Louis Pomeroy Memorial Trophy Mahjong Tournament in honor and memory of Louis Pomeroy (1941), who left us peacefully on February 1, 2011. Louis was one of the most senior old boys of the Toronto Chapter, and a very loyal one, too. He served as 1st V.P. on the LSCOPA(HK) Committee in the mid 1960's, and was an incumbent director (2009-2011) of the Toronto Chapter., The mahjong tournament was his favorite chapter event



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San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

April 2016 Dim Sum Luncheon

Reported by Ambrose Lee (1998)



LSCOBASF Dim Sum Lunch Gathering April 2016

Derek Choy '93; Kelvin Hui '15 Philip Leung '64; Ephrem Fung '76; Andrew Sien '63; Ambrose Lee '98; Fulcan Fong '82

On April 16th, 7 of us gathered at ABC Seafood Restaurant in Foster City for lunch.

Unlike a big event such as the Spring Dinner with 90 LaSallians, a small gathering allows us to have comprehensive conversation with one another. Our bonding of the LaSallian brotherhood, together with delicious dim sum and Chinese dishes, created this enjoyable afternoon.

It goes without saying that it will certainly be much merrier if you had come and joined us!

We will see you next time!

Yours in La Salle,

LSCOBASF (Bay Area) Chapter

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East Coast USA Chapter

Spring Dinner & AGM

Simon Willis (1983)

The cold weather wasn't enough to keep the old boys away from our traditional Spring Party. With over 50 attendants to celebrate the Year of the Monkey on February 13, we also held our AGM during the event as well. With the help of technology, we sing our school song by looking down onto the smart phone. Again the food and serves was excellent headed by Mr. James Ng (1966). Seeing more young members coming to the party gave us a boost of energy and confidence for the task ahead.



GLOBAL REUNION TORONTO 2016

TORONTO GR2016 WEB-SITE HAS BEEN LAUNCHED

The GR2016 organizing committee is pleased to announce that the reunion web-site has been launched and now ready for information sharing, event registration and direct payments on-line. Much thanks to the hard work of our web-master, Calvin Chan (1971) from Edmonton. The GR2016 web-site address is: <http://gr2016.lscobator.org>

Room booking for the conference hotel - Sheraton Parkway Hotel can be made under Travel – Lodging via the hotel web-site link. For Best Western Parkway Hotel (located in the same complex), please call the toll-free number 1-800-668-0101 and mention "LSOBA – Global Reunion" to receive the special group rate (C\$99 + HST). Please book your hotel within the GR web-site otherwise our room guarantee to the hotel will not be recognized.

For any related questions, please send your questions under the "Contact Us" tab and direct your specific questions as needed.

We look forward to see many of you in Toronto from July 28 to July 31.

Philip Wong (1967)
President, Toronto Chapter



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Class of 76

40th Reunion at Arizona

Peter Jew (1976)

The moment finally arrived after months of preparation. On this day of February 19, 2016, fifteen people converged and met in Arizona to start a 6-day event to commemorate the Class of 76 40th anniversary, as an adjunct to the main reunion in Hong Kong in November. Is it realistic to expect people to give up a week of their vacation just to meet some old classmates? How are we going to entertain the spouses who are also coming? Can we make everyone happy? There is a lot at stake here. If we can pull this off, it will forever change how we look at future reunions.

We could not have asked for better weather; forecasts called for sunny sky, no rain, 20% humidity and day time high temperature of 88F, or about 31C, for the duration of the reunion. Upon arrival, people met at Peter's house for a BBQ dinner to unwind and re-acquaint with each other. The highlight of the evening was the discovery of two old year books from 1972 (Form 2) and 1974 (Form 4) at the house. Everyone just dived in, looked up old friends and reminisced the good times. Those dormant brain cells from the La Salle days were awoken after 40 years of hibernation. Yes, those were the good old days!



Canyon Lake Pontoon Boat

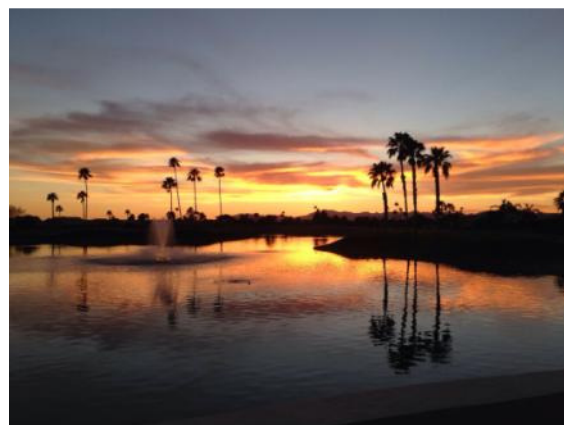


Our Captain – Peter Jew

The first activity was a boat cruise on Canyon Lake in the Tonto National Forest. The drive there took us on Apache Trail, a narrow and winding curvy 5-mile stretch of road snaking through the mountains. This was the first time for many to experience a desert landscape. Canyon Lake is filled with unusual rock formations and scenic red rock canyon walls sprinkled with desert flora. We docked the pontoon boat around noon in a secluded area and had a picnic. The setting was serene; gone were the city traffic noises and replaced by sounds of wildlife. It was a perfect venue to start off our reunion.



Commemorative Shirt



Sunset at Country Club

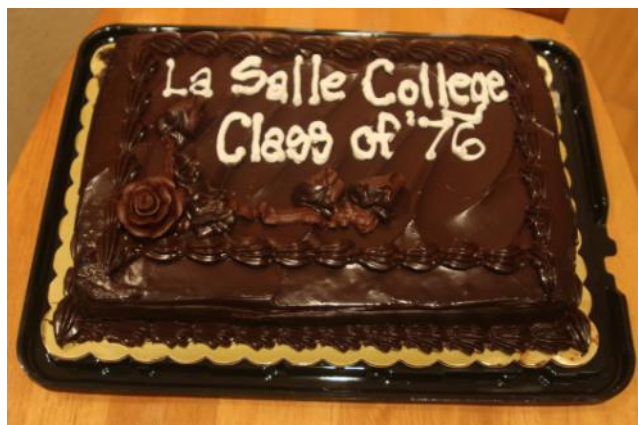
The gala dinner was held at the Sun Lakes Golf & Country club that evening. The sunset view from the patio was just amazing. Despite our small group size, we were all very grateful that the Country Club gave us a private room for our function. All the



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classmates wore a special commemorative shirt and we sang the La Salle school song. After dinner, we went over to Peter's house again for wine tasting and enjoyed a special cake for the reunion. It was a great day! Most chose to sleep in Sunday morning but two managed to wake up early to play a round of golf. A few went to Taliesin West Museum, previous home to the famous American architect Frank Lloyd Wright. The rest of us woke up late morning and then went fruit picking. This turned out to be the most talked about event. The grapefruits were the size of a small cantaloupe. Lemons were the size of a small coconut. We were all kids again cheering each other picking the best looking fruits. Who would have guessed that this could be so much fun!



Commemorative Dessert



Gala Dinner

We were greeted with these giant tall palm trees, along with perfectly manicured shrubs and blooming flower beds, at the entrance to the Tempe Marketplace. Could this be the entrance to Pearly Gates? There was a sea of bougainvilleas just outside Bar Louie Restaurant welcoming us with their vivid red blossoms. Not to be outdone, the nearby oleanders were proudly competing with their pink and white flowers. With a perfect blue sky and tall palm trees as a backdrop, we felt really lucky that we were able to wear shorts in February and enjoyed our lunch sitting outside. Conversations were lively and spirit was high. It did not take long for most of us to start seeing Saint Peter waving at us from a distance. We must have been in heaven!

Several people attended a NBA game between Phoenix and San Antonio in the afternoon while others strolled around Old Town Scottsdale, an area full of great shopping, art galleries, cafes and restaurants. There was so much to do but not enough time!



The lemon



Saguaro Lake Brunch

We rented a 15-passenger van and towed the luggage behind in a trailer going to the Grand Canyon. It was rowdy but people were having a great time; just like the old days when we traveled together at La Salle Primary. We first stopped at Saguaro Lake and had a brunch at the lakeside restaurant. The food was typical American burgers but the setting was just out of this world. We were seated in the patio perched high up overlooking the lake. There were mountains all around us sprinkled with Saguaro Cactus, ones that only grow in Arizona and nowhere else in the world. Life was good.

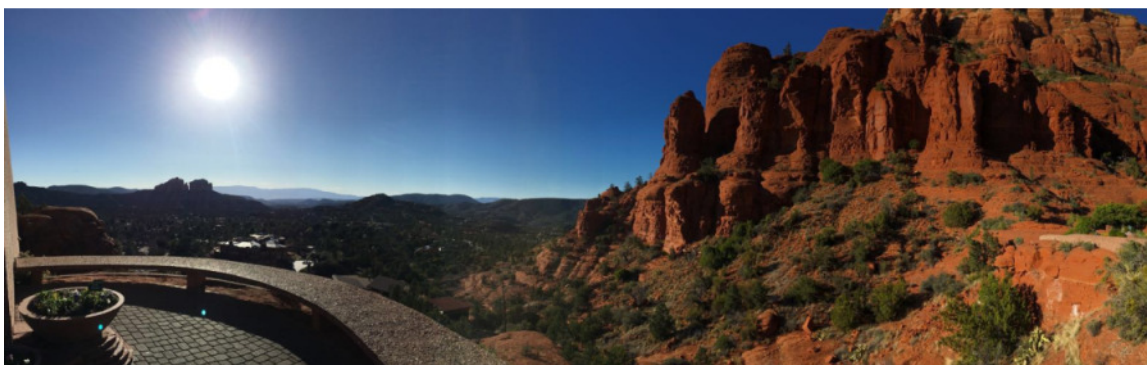
We took the scenic route instead of the interstate going to Sedona. The path took us through the Tonto National Forest, Mogollon Rim and Coconino National Forest. As we climbed in elevation from about 1,000 feet to 5,000 feet, we were greeted with cooler



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mountain air and a very noticeable change in vegetation. It is hard to believe that there is this huge 1.8 million acres of ponderosa pine forest in the middle of the Arizona desert.



Sedona

Regarded by Native Americans as sacred, Sedona continues to be recognized as a place of healing and spiritual renewal. There is an array of red sandstone formations in the area. The mountains appear to glow in brilliant orange and red when illuminated by the sun at dawn and then at dusk again. The highlight of the afternoon was a visit to the Holy Cross Chapel. In addition to the religious significance, the site also gives the best vantage point offering breathtaking views of the area.



Holy Cross Chapel

Cucina Rustica is a great fine dining restaurant just outside Sedona serving rustic Tuscany cuisine. The food was just amazing; especially desserts. They also know how to make people feel extra special. This is a place where people would drive hours to take their love ones for those memorable occasions like anniversaries, birthdays or proposal for marriage. Even though it was a Monday evening, we felt lucky to have a confirmed reservation for such a large group. They treated us like royalties. A private room draped in heavy curtains, period Italian furniture and religious artifacts was set aside just for our group. In addition, they assigned four people to wait on us making sure nothing was left to chances. It was a great experience and the food was fantastic. When it came time to leave, there was really no point in getting depressed looking at the bill and ruined the evening; we can worry about how to pay for it later.

Oak Creek Canyon is often described as a smaller cousin of the Grand Canyon. It has been recognized as one of the Top 5 Most Scenic Drives in America by Rand McNally. Oak Creek Canyon is a breathtaking stretch of beauty on a winding road that climbs 4,500 feet from Sedona to the top of the Mogollon Rim. The canyon opens to the foliage of oaks interspersed with evergreen pines with the incredible backdrop of red-faced rocks and cliffs in the distance. The scenic drive was a good prelude to the Grand Canyon.

We all have heard of and seen photos of the Grand Canyon. Nevertheless, nothing could really prepare us for that sense of awe and



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humbling sensation when we first arrived. Good thing we all have digital cameras as there were unlimited opportunities for picture taking. We heard a loud scream for help and noticed that Kwok-Wai felt over the edge of the canyon. Ephrem was nearby and sprung to action quickly for the rescue but struggling to hold on. As we ran to join the rescue, their desperate plea can now be heard more clearly: bring a camera quick and take some photos. It is easy to understand now why our spouses complain that we men are just so immature. We all had a good laugh.



The Gangs at Grand Canyon

The drive back to the city was relatively quick and uneventful Wednesday afternoon. Some people were leaving that evening; three going back to Hong Kong and two taking the red eye back to Kentucky. We had an excellent meal at Zinc Bistro; a very nice French restaurant in North Scottsdale. The décor was chic and *très parisienne*! The experience would have been even more authentic had the waitress been able to speak French. Oh well, *c'est la vie*. It was a great way to wrap up this fantastic week before saying goodbye, or should we say *au revoir*.



Mr. and Mrs.

There was really no need to take a formal survey and ask for feedback. People already inquired about when are we going to do it again and where we may be going. We had worried about the spouses but several came forward thanking us profusely for one of their best vacations ever. It wasn't difficult to figure out the highlights of our reunion. We certainly visited a lot of great locales and dined at some of the best restaurants. Nevertheless, the opportunity to shamelessly act childish and relive our innocent youth with old friends is just priceless. Should we plan for another extended reunion like this? The spouses will see to it that we do.