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New Principal

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ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SUPERVISOR

The Supervisor and the Incorporated Management Committee of La Salle College are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. TONG Wun Sing as the new principal of the College with effect from 1 September 2016. Mr. Tong is currently a Vice Principal of the College.

In 1984 Mr. Tong graduated from the University of Hong Kong with a Bachelor of Arts in Chinese History and History (First Class Honours). In 1987, he obtained a Master of Philosophy in Chinese History and in 2002 a Master of Education with distinction in Chinese Language Education, both at the University of Hong Kong.

Mr. Tong joined La Salle College in September 1984 as a teacher of Chinese Language and Chinese History. In 1995 he was promoted to the post of Panel Head of Chinese and in September 2006 was promoted to the position of Vice Principal.

On behalf of the Hong Kong Lasallian Family, I wish to congratulate Mr. Tong on his appointment as Principal. We assure him of our full support and prayers as he prepares to lead La Salle in these challenging times.

Bro. Patrick Tierney

Supervisor

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About this newsletter

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Toronto	Felix Leung (1985), Kevin Kwok (1988), Jimmy Chang (1966)
Vancouver	Nick Domingo (1963), Richard Choo (1977)

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 Sep 2, 2016 (first Friday of each month)
Time noon
Venue Urban China Restaurant 潮樓大酒樓
Contact billshwong@shaw.ca

Summer BBQ / Golf (cancelled)

~~Date Saturday Sep 3, 2016~~
~~Time 12:30 pm (golf), 5:30 pm (BBQ)~~
~~Venue Legends Golf and Country Club~~
~~53541 Range Rd 232, Sherwood Park~~
~~Cost BBQ - \$30 per person~~
~~Green fee - \$58 / \$48 (senior 60+)~~
~~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

San Francisco

Golf Outing

Date Saturday Sep 10, 2016
Time noon
Venue Peninsula Golf & Country Club,
San Mateo, CA
Details <http://www.facebook.com/lscobasf>

Bi-monthly Lunch

Date Saturday Oct 1, 2016
Time 1 p.m.
Place T B A
Details <http://www.facebook.com/lscobasf>

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 vlfun@shaw.ca by every Friday



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Chapter News

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

August 2016 Dim Sum Luncheon

Reported by George Law 1966

Photo Credit: Homer Yau 1985, George Law 1966



[Upper] Shing Chi-Kok 1963; Philip Leung 1964; Franco Chan 2010; Homer Yau 1985; Barry Ding 1981; George Law 1966; Alvin Lam 1990;
[Lower] Andrew Sien 1963; John Leung 1978; Fulcan Fong 1982; Derek Choy 1993; George Lau 1967; Chris Ngai 1977;

Our bi-monthly dim sum gathering was held at the ABC Seafood restaurant in Foster City. We had a total attendance of 14 people. There were four new faces, namely Shing Chi-Kok (1963) from nearby Los Altos; Alvin Lam from S.F. (he left LSPS in 1985) and the visiting Barry Ding (1981) from LSCOBAS Shanghai Chapter. Barry came with his son Wesley, who had finished a 3-week summer program at Stanford.

We all had a nice time.

We talked about the recent Global Reunion in Toronto. Actually, four of those present at this luncheon were in Toronto (Andrew Sien 1966; George Law 1966; George Lau 1967; Homer Yau 1985).

Our annual golf outing is being planned for mid-September, in addition to a possible BBQ/picnic in the Fall. Stay tuned!



Yours in La Salle,

LSCOBASF Bay Area Chapter

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Global Reunion 2016

Toronto Global Reunion (GR2016)

Philip Wong (1967)

The Toronto Chapter was honoured to have successfully hosted the biennial Global Reunion at the Richmond Hill Sheraton Parkway Hotel and Conference Centre from July 28 to 31.

With strong support from Hong Kong and other North America chapters (Vancouver, Edmonton, New York and U.S. East Coast, San Francisco Bay Area, and Southern California), we attracted 171 old boys to register for the event. The Gala Dinner on July 31 possibly had the largest gathering of LaSallians outside Hong Kong - a total of 350+ old boys including families and friends.

The Global Reunion began on the evening of Thursday July 28 with a "State of the College" presentation by Brother Steve Hogan, our current Principal and Guest of Honour. He provided a succinct account of the secondary school educational system in Hong Kong and the challenges facing La Salle College as a Government Aided school. About 80 old boys attended his presentation and came away with a better understanding of what is happening to our alma mater.



The World Conference on Friday July 29 was well attended by over 80 old boys. Brother Steve gave a summary of his "State of the College" presentation to benefit those who could not be present the night before. Lester Huang (1977), chairman of La Salle Foundation, provided an account of the current donations to LSF and how they benefit the school. The conference attendees were then broken up into 3 discussion groups to explore the following themes: (1) How LSCOA relates to Overseas Old Boys; (2) Non-financial support to LSC by Overseas Old Boys and (3) Challenges & Issues Faced by Overseas Chapters. The Group discussions were led capably by Leonard Chu (1983, Hong Kong), Victor Leung (1977, Vancouver) and Philip Lo (1997, New York) respectively.



The groups then reported on the discussion outcomes and action plans were formulated for future improvements. Revival of the World Conference in the format of discussion groups (previously practiced in Edmonton 2006, New York 2008 and Vancouver 2012) was well received by the participants.

July 30 (Saturday) was reserved for play: soccer tournament in the morning and golf tournament in the afternoon.



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The soccer tournament took place at the Bayview Reservoir Play Fields. About 80 participants took part for several hours of active play to keep the Global Reunion soccer tradition alive. Below is the group photo of the soccer players:



About 40 old boys and guests teed-off on a sunny afternoon at the Clublink Station Creek Golf Club in Stouffville. By consensus of all the participating chapters, the Global Reunion golf tournament is now named Brother Steve Global Reunion Golf Tournament to honour him and keep his legacy alive for future gatherings. This year's winner, and the first winner, of the Brother Steve Cup is Leonard Chu (1983), Immediate Past President of the HKLSOBA. Brother Steve presented the cup to Leonard at the Gala Dinner on Sunday night.



The Global Reunion Gala Dinner, as already mentioned, was well attended by 350+ old boys, their families and friends. The grand decor of Premier Ballroom and Convention Centre provided a perfect backdrop to this joyous gathering.

We made two special presentations at the Gala Dinner. The first was to Brother Steve, who will soon depart from LSC to become the Principal of Oakhill College in Sydney, Australia. The old boys thanked him for his leadership and hard work at La Salle College over the past 6 years. He has left his mark on La Salle College and surely will be sorely missed.

A most uncommon tribute gift to Brother Steve came from the New York Chapter who procured a genuine NY street sign with "Brother Steve's Way" on it. Beltrao Baptista (1977) made this presentation to Brother Steve.

Many of us were touched by the remarks made by Brother Steve at the Gala Dinner when he told us, "My personal guiding principles are from the prophet Micah, who lived between 600 and 700 B.C. during the Period of Spring and Autumn in China, the prophet in the Middle East wrote these words: Act with justice, love tenderly with mercy, and walk humbly with your God." Brother Steve told us that these guiding principles had been with him when he took the vow to become a La Salle brother.

Our second presentation was to Calvin Chan (1971) who tirelessly acts as editor of the monthly NA LSCOBA Newsletter, *The North American LaSallians*, since February 2009. This newsletter is aimed at providing an electronic platform for communication among





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La Salle old boys residing in North America. We thanked Calvin for his hard work and on time publishing of the monthly newsletter.

We were honoured with the presence of many former teachers at the Gala Dinner including Mr. Joseph Yu, Mr. Randy Woo, Mr. Shum Mow Kee, Mr. Lawrence Leung, Mr. Peter Fan, Ms. Alice Sitt and Mr. John Au. Current teachers were also acknowledged, including Mr. Simon Yu, Discipline Master at LSPS, and Ms. Teresa Leung; Yvonne Tang and Geraldine Chan are staff members at LSPS.

The highlight of the evening was taking the group photo of all old boys present and the impromptu singing of our school song, being sung a second time that evening - this proves that La Salle is indeed "something more."

Throughout the four days, many individual class reunion dinners, lunches and gatherings took place. We observed the reunion of classmates that have not seen each other for decades and Global Reunion Toronto 2016 provided them this great opportunity to meet again and renew their friendship.

Global Reunion Toronto 2016 involved almost 18 months of planning and preparation. As the Chapter President and Chair of the Organizing Committee, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the support provided by the Board of Directors and Advisors, in particular, the hardworking Organizing Committee which included: Jimmy Chang (1966), Felix Leung (1985), John Yeung (1973), Peter Chan (1972), Francis Yeung (1971), Stephen Leung (1963), Kevin Kwok (1988) and Chris Fong (1994).

I would like to thank the Person(s)-in Charge assigned for the following events:

GR World Conference	Jimmy Chang (1966), Peter Lai (1967) and Victor Leung (1977)
Golf Tournament	John Yeung (1973)
Gala Dinner	Peter Chan (1972) and Felix Leung (1985)
Soccer Tournament	Kevin Kwok (1988)
GR Registration Package	Felix Leung (1985)
Program Book	Paul Wong (1973), William Chan (1969) and Michael L.F. Yuen (1974)
Badminton Drop-in	Paul Khoo (1971)
Table Tennis Drop-in	Eric Yu (1980) and John Chow (1978)
Webmaster	Calvin Chan (1971), Edmonton Chapter

In closing and on a personal note, this global reunion provided me with the opportunity to re-connect with a classmate that I have not seen for 50 years. We lost contact after leaving LSC as he emigrated to the US and I to Canada. I managed to track him down and after several e-mail exchanges, he decided to come to the global reunion and was so happy to come back to the La Salle circle. I think this represents the essence of the Global Reunion - renewal of friendship and reconnection with our beloved La Salle College.





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Jul 31, 2016 @Gala Dinner, Global Reunion, Toronto 2016

Brother Steve, President Philip, Organizing Committee, Teachers, Fellow Old Boys, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It's a great pleasure and honor to be here joining the Reunion Gala Dinner tonight. Though this is the first time for me to join the Global Reunion outside of Hong Kong, I am sure this is one of the very best as I have personally witnessed and experienced how professional it has been organized and run in the past few days. You guys have done a marvelous job! May I suggest a round of applause to the Toronto Chapter and the Organizing Committee?

Indeed, I'm deeply impressed with and actually touched by the passions of the old boys here, in particular from those senior z-hings, for what they have done to uphold the La Salle spirits and heritages even though they may have left school for decades. Thank you!

When I prepared what I need to say tonight, I realized that I don't really have to say much. For one thing I know, we, the Lasallian, have the common value that we cheer together, we fight together, and we share the tears and laugh no matter where we are and where we go. And most importantly, we all shed the same blood that we shall do whatever it takes to safeguard the best interest of the Alma Mater. So without saying much, let's do something together! Give me an L.....S.....C.

Thank you.

Roger Lee

President, LSCOPA 2016-2017



It was a great pleasure to participate in the La Salle College Old Boys' Global Reunion 2016 held in Toronto, Canada in July. It is also the first time that I join such a huge reunion event after my graduation from the Alma Mater 18 years ago. This Global Reunion has given me a chance to meet a lot of C hings, especially those staying in the North America. Their passions to stay in touch with the school, supporting each other and upholding the La Salle Spirit have truly made me feel the bonding and fraternity among the La Salle Old Boys' Community.

During the conference section of the Global Reunion, I joined a group discussion on how LSCOPA relates to Overseas Old Boys. From what we discussed, I understand there is a need to somehow merge the LSCOPA member master database with those of the overseas chapters. As a LSCOPA committee member and the one who is in charge of the website and systems, I will use the best of my IT knowledge to help solve the problem together

with the overseas chapters. As always and if I am capable of, I will try my best to serve the needs of the La Salle College Old Boys' Community and our Alma Mater no matter what capacity I will take in the future.

Last but not least, I would like to thank and congratulate the LSCOPA Toronto Chapter and the Organizing Committee for the organization of such a successful and huge event. I believe enormous efforts and resources had been pulled in to make this happened. Hats off to all the C hings involved once again. Stay well and we shall meet again soon.

Gilbert Fung (1998)

LSCOPA Committee Member



Our strong bond is even stronger

Richard Choo (1977)

Global Reunion Toronto 2016 was the highlight event of this summer for close to 200 old boys from all over the world. Many flew more than 10,000 kilometres to take part in this reunion while I drove 4,500 kilometres from Vancouver. Modes of transportation differed but we all came with the same purpose: to meet former classmates and to hear the latest news about our school.

Over 4 days of activities, many old friendships were rekindled and perhaps even more new friendships made. Each old boy's personal network hopefully is even larger now than before.

The reunion went extremely smoothly and it was a huge success. In fact, a colleague of mine in Vancouver who attended Queen's College in Hong Kong asked me with great interest about our reunion, and he said that he admired how the event was so well planned and with such grand style. I hate to boast but I agree with him.

The sense of belonging to an exceptionally special body which is the La Salle College is what makes us old boys click. It is the basis and source of strength of our Lasallian bond and heritage.

I did not have enough time to say hi to each and every old boy or shake his hand but just by sitting there, by "being there" as Brother Steve put it, with this group, you could feel that unique bonding.

All old boys share a common background which they are so proud of. And all old boys share a common belief that they must do whatever they can to hold her flag aloft high so that her fame may grow.

I must also mention that, unlike many special guests of honour who may only stay one day for an event, Brother Steve used his own vacation time to stay for the entire duration of the reunion to explain in detail to the old boys about the newest developments at La Salle College and in the field of education in Hong Kong. His commitment really showed how much he cared about the overseas chapters of the Old Boys' Association.

Through Global Reunion Toronto 2016, I firmly believe that our strong bond has just gotten stronger!

Brother Steve's Personal Guiding Principles

Anthony Luk (1966)

Many would agree that Brother Steve gave the best speech of a LSC principal. He gently introduced Micah 6:8 as his guiding principles:

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God.

Brother Steve repeated the principles as "act justly, love tenderly, and be comfortable with God." He encouraged us to transform individuals, to build strong characters, and to make a better world.

Jimmy Chang (1966)

Anthony already reported on Brother Steve's personal guiding principles. I just want to add the following supplemental observation.

When Brother Steve introduced his personal guiding principles at the end of his speech, his actual words were something like:

My personal guiding principles are from the prophet Micah, who lived around the 6th and 7th century B.C.. During the Period of Spring and Autumn in China, the prophet in the Middle East wrote these words: "Act with justice, love tenderly with mercy, and walk humbly with God."

Coincidentally, the last line in the refrain of the recessional hymn (*We Are Called* by David Haas) sung at mass that morning was: "We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God."

Through the close contact with Brother Steve during his 5 days of stay in Toronto, I have to attest that Brother Steve is the most humble person I have ever met. La Salle is truly blessed to have Brother Steve as a principal, albeit just for 6 years.



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A night with the teachers

Kevin Kwok (1988), Chris Fong (1994)

Global Reunion 由 2000 年代起，由北美洲各舊生會分會輪流主辦，至今已超過十年，多倫多分會亦是第二次主辦。四日三夜的官方活動經已圓滿結束。

今次盛會承蒙各方支持，然而最難得的，是有一班跨年代的教職員光臨。比較年長的計有 Sum Mow Kee, John King-Sing Au (1957), Peter Fan (1965), 及長居多倫多的 Lau Kon Ting, Joseph Yu (1961) 和 Lawrence Leung。當中幾位的公子也是居於多倫多的舊生。Alice Sitt 則為八九十年代舊生所熟悉。小學部也熱鬧，已退休的有校務處的 Yvonne Ng 和 Geraldine Chan, Lucia Au Yeung 老師，還有現仍任職的 Teresa Leung。

小學體育老師 Simon Yu 從八十年代任職至今，一眾年輕舊生在足球場上見到余 sir，時光登時倒流，興奮之情溢於言表，那份情懷不亞於十多年前在 LA 見到張 sir。足球在喇沙仔心中何其重要！腳縱不聽使喚，胸中豪情猶在。歲月在余 sir 臉上和頭頂不留痕跡，其公子負笈美國，已修畢博士學位呢！

Randy Woo Ho Wai 老師亦抽空從香港出席。難得老師肯動身，家人放心，兩星期以來各方舊生拉着胡 sir 促膝長談，盛情款待不計其數，讓他老人家睡午覺也沒有時間呢！

這些大型校友活動，沒有幾位有份量的人物壓場是不行的。往日春風化雨，今日濟濟一堂，多倫多校友天大面子，不論老中青本地外地校友都很高興，聽 Peter Choy (1973) 飯後唱那首歌就知道了。中國人尊師念舊，富人情味，在每一位參加的校友臉上一一流露。大家都說集體回憶，他們早已成為我們心中的 legend。



Front row middle four, L-R: Woo Ho Wai, Lau Kon Ting, Joseph Yu, Lawrence Leung





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Soccer Game

The soccer game on Saturday morning was attended by about 80 players, spectators and family members. LSPS physical education teacher, Mr. Simon Yu, was joined by his students to play against the Canadian team, and then the Canadian team played against the North American team. The last game ended at around noon, followed by dim sum attended by ~40 people, courtesy of the Toronto chapter.

The fun was shared by 5-minute players, die hard players and humorous soccer critics. Soccer players ranged from K.K. Wong and Peter Chan from the class of 62 (yep - they put on their boots for real!), to three current LSPS students. Lack of skills, speed and endurance was no barrier to having fun. There were no shortage of sweat, mud, and instant sharing on social media. We were blessed that the local prevailing heat wave did not hit us that morning.

Some of the players were no strangers, being veterans who had taken the time and effort to attend many GR soccer tournaments since its inception in the early 2000s. During the GR Gala Dinner, the host took the opportunity to express appreciation to Simon Yu sir and veterans John Li (1966), Peter Lai (1967), Alan Chow (1984), Willie Woo (1985), Johnson Chao (1995), Thomas Tsui (1995) and Robin Siu (2000), among others.

As Brother Thomas said during GR Edmonton 2006, "We were strangers to each other, then players, and then become buddies."

Kevin Kwok (1988), Chris Fong (1994)



Roger Lee (1985), current LSOBA President, and current LSPS teacher Simon Yu



Class Reunion



class 87, class 88, class 90s



Simon Yu and his students



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class 87 and friends



class 66



class 77



class 70



Class 85



Class 67

All the photos taken at GR2016 have been uploaded to the Toronto Chapter web-site. Please follow the link below to view them:

http://www.lscobator.org/index.php?page=gallery&g2_itemId=42375

This newsletter continues to solicit for contributions (pictures and write-ups) related to Global Reunion Toronto 2016. Please send yours to editors@lscobaedm.org.