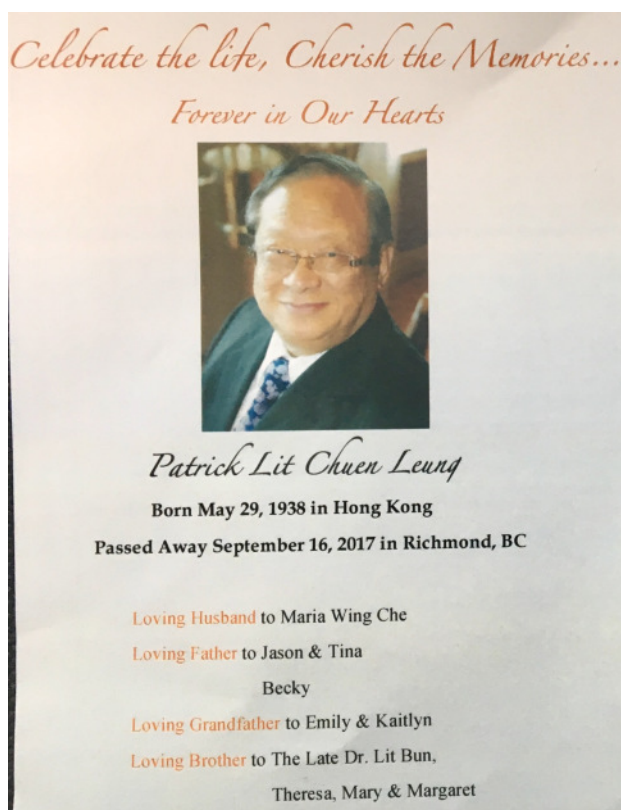




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Patrick Leung (1953) was a member of the Vancouver Chapter

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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)

### Global Reunion 2018

Date August 1 – 8, 2018  
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### Edmonton

#### Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date Nov 3, 2017 (first Friday of each month)  
Time noon  
Venue Urban China Restaurant 潮樓大酒樓  
Contact [billshwong@shaw.ca](mailto:billshwong@shaw.ca)

### Grey Cup Party

Date Sunday Nov 26, 2017  
Time 4:00 pm  
Venue To be announced  
Contact [billshwong@shaw.ca](mailto:billshwong@shaw.ca)

### Christmas Party

Date Saturday Dec 9, 2017  
Time 6:00 pm  
Venue To be announced  
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

#### New Year's Eve Dinner 2017

Date Sunday Dec 31, 2017  
Time 6:30 pm  
Venue Casa Deluz Banquet Hall  
1571 Sandhurst Circle Unit 107,  
Scarborough  
Cost 98.00



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## Chapter News

### Toronto Chapter

#### La Salle Old Boys Association (Toronto Chapter) 2017 Annual BBQ

Peter Chan (1972)



The last Sunday of every August is our chapter's annual BBQ. All the old boys, their families and friends are invited to this free annual event. August 27, 2017 is no exception and for the first time in many years, we had picked a new municipal park (Adams Park) this year and unexpectedly discovered a great location that offered a very exclusive area for our gathering. The weather was perfect, sunny but not hot. The organizing team gathered at Felix Leung's house at 8am, loaded up the truck with all the supplies and headed off to the site. We setup our very special, large custom built BBQ grill, lit the charcoal and raised our banner by 10 am. By 11am, the guests gradually arrived. At the peak of the arrivals we physically and accurately counted 165 unduplicated attendees. Including those that could have been missed during the counting we estimated that there must be close to 200 people at the BBQ. This number has been our guestimated norm every year and we are glad that it is now confirmed. It goes to tell that this annual BBQ has a consistent appeal to sustain such attendance year after year. The attraction was obvious, the sumptuous quality food including roasted pigs, marinated ribs, wings, beef short ribs, fish and meat balls, corn, yam etc. Among all the delicious food, we had again a special at the grill this year. We added to the menu the tiger prawns which were graciously sponsored by Danny Au-Yeung ('67). The highlight of the day was obviously the joined singing of our school song that reminded us of our roots and the friendship. Everyone enjoyed the food and sharing their own stories on a gorgeous Sunday and gone home with a full stomach.







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More photos can be viewed from the link: [http://www.lscobator.org/index.php?page=gallery&g2\\_itemId=55385](http://www.lscobator.org/index.php?page=gallery&g2_itemId=55385)

## Friendly soccer game with CUHK alumni

Chris Fong (1994)

Hmm. More soccer fun games, this time in an indoor venue thanks to our CUHK alumni friends.





## Special Contribution

This 10-part series, contributed by William Lai (1961), is based on his trip to Israel and Jordan in 2016. There are many Biblical quotes in the article. William wishes to note that he uses King James Version for the quotes.

Our readers are also encouraged to express their views here in the Newsletter any time. Please send your contributions to [editors@lscobaedm.org](mailto:editors@lscobaedm.org). The Editorial Board of this Newsletter reserves the right to edit submissions to ensure quality and the right to make final decisions whether to publish any article or not to protect the integrity of this Newsletter.

Editors

### The Promised Land (Part 6 of 10)

William Lai (1961)

#### Capernaum and the Sea of Galilee

Having been run out of town from Nazareth, Jesus made a rather smart strategic move to headquarter his ministry in Capernaum on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Capernaum was ideally located for access to a large affluent population base in the settlements and communities dependent on the Sea of Galilee for their livelihoods, and for recruiting disciples.

*"And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast", and "From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:13;17). That evokes an image, that sometimes we see downtown, of some bearded, white-robed guy standing on the street corner holding up a cardboard sign that reads "REPENT! REPENT! THE END OF THE WORLD IS NEAR!"*

Anyway, Jesus recruited most of his disciples and performed some miracles in the Capernaum area.

He enrolled four disciples almost immediately. *"And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightaway left their nets, and followed him. And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him" (Matthew 4:18-22). Then later on, "And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him" (Matthew 9:9).*

We all know Jesus had twelve disciples. Can you name them all? Here is the list (Matthew 10:1-4; Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16; Acts 1:26)):

Peter (Simon), fisherman, had house in Capernaum

Andrew, fisherman

James, fisherman

John, fisherman

Matthew, tax collector

Bartholomew Nathanael, preacher with some noble heritage

James the Lesser, cousin or brother to Jesus?

Judas Iscariot, treasurer ?

Jude (Lebbeus Thaddeus), occupation unknown

Philip, fisherman

Simon the Zealot (Canaanite), fisherman?

Thomas, occupation unknown

Matthias, replacing Judas



Capernaum

As noted already, there were certain relations between and amongst these first disciples; some of them supposedly had family ties with Jesus. The gospels give separate and oftentimes confusing accounts of these relationships. But it can be noted that amongst





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the group were a few fishermen, a tax collector, and a businessman. Jesus, it appeared, had cornered the thriving fishing market in the area and had some financial and taxation expertise in his syndicate. Did he also have a liquor and wine business? And what did Mary Magdalen do?

Apart from recruitment, Jesus also did some “miracles” in Capernaum. He healed a Roman centurion’s servant of palsy by remote-control therapy without seeing the patient: *“And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour”* (Matthew 8:13).

Jesus cured Peter’s mother-in-law’s fever by touch therapy. *“And when Jesus was come into Peter’s house, he saw his wife’s mother laid, and sick of a fever. And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them”* (Matthew 8:14-15).

Then the news spread and soon Jesus was inundated with requests for treatment. *“When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick”* (Matthew 8:16).



Synagogue of Capernaum where Jesus used to preach

Peter's house

Apparently, Peter was quite an affluent fisherman when Jesus recruited him. Peter had a big house in Capernaum which is still being excavated.



Peter's statue in Capernaum, commemorating Jesus saying to Peter *“...thou art Peter, and upon this rock I shall build my church”* (Matthew 16:18). Also note Sea of Galilee in background, near where Jesus allegedly walked on water.





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Jesus went on to do more healings in the course of his travels. Miracles aside, it has been suggested in some literature that Jesus was a very talented natural-born therapist, particularly in what we now know as hypnotherapy. He was apparently the Dr Phil of his day. Dr Phil has the benefit of electronic mass media exposure. Without that technology, Jesus took his therapy show on the road in person.



Hail storm at the Sea of Galilee – this tempest settled down without divine intervention

Jesus' ministry took him all over the Sea of Galilee region. It was, of course, impossible for a tour to visit all of the spots where Jesus set foot. But we did go to a few significant ones.

But before we left the Capernaum area, we did experience what Jesus and his disciples once experienced in the Sea of Galilee, which really is a big lake, known also as Lake Tiberia. A big rain storm was brewing while we were inside Capernaum. Then we had a hail storm while the tour was at a lunch stop. The weather pattern along the coast can be ferocious at times.

*"And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves : but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea ; and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!" (Matthew 8:23-27).*

For us, Jesus was not around to calm the waters. But the storm did die down after about half an hour. One could see the storm clouds moving in and one could have yelled at the sky or "rebuked the winds" just before the end of the storm, and in effect performed the same miracle that Jesus did.

The weather was so volatile that if you wait for a while the "great calm" will return without further



Sailing the Sea of Galilee



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ado.

It was also around this area that Jesus was supposed to have walked on water (Matthew 14:22-32; Mark 6:47-51; John 6:19-21). A cynic would say that Jesus walked on water because he couldn't swim. The exact location of Jesus' stroll on liquid was never identified. Some propose that he was actually walking on a protruded sand bar whose top was just submerged below the water surface due to a temporary surge.

To gain a sense of the kind of ship that Jesus was walking on water toward and was trying to prevent it from capsizing from the storm, one can visit the "Jesus Boat" exhibit in the Yigal Allon Museum in Kibbutz Ginossar just a few kilometres south of Capernaum. The boat, found in 1986, is supposed to be dated to the first century and is believed to be the same type but not necessarily the same one that Jesus and his disciples used. You can also go on a boat ride in the Sea of Galilee in a replica boat, pretending you are Jesus or one of his disciples.



View from Sea of Galilee: left – Capernaum; right – Magdala, hometown of Mary Magdalene.



Jesus Boat

*to be continued...*





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A tribute page has been set up at <http://www.lscobaedm.org>.

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Yip Kim Hung (葉劍雄), Ralph (1962) on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. May his soul rest in peace.

Besides being the President of the Vancouver Chapter (2013 – 2015), Ralph was also a founding member of the Edmonton Chapter and was president (1994 -1996). In his high school years, Ralph was very active in football and was a captain in the A-grade team that defeated Wah Yan. He was also an organiser and captain of the Cathay Pacific Airways football team for years. Ralph will be remembered for his enthusiasm and support of both the Edmonton and Vancouver Chapters.

Rest in Peace Ralph.

The Vancouver Board of Directors

### A Tribute to Ralph Yip

I am extremely disheartened to learn the passing of Ralph Yip, Edmonton Chapter's founding director and honorary president. He was very active and supportive in all activities and functions of our chapter since 1978, and very generous and kind to the members. A great LaSallian! We will miss him dearly.

Apart from La Salle involvements with Ralph, I also played soccer with him in the city's open league in 1976. He was very active in the soccer community. In 1985, along with many old boys, Ralph played in the La Salle College Soccer team that participated in the league games organized by the Edmonton Chinese Soccer Association. He was the captain and played in the team for many years. He was a great soccer player who played the game with one hundred percent enthusiasm. The soccer community in Edmonton will mourn for his passing.

My deepest condolences to Ralph's family.

May his soul rest in peace.

With heavy heart,

Bill Wong

Current President  
Edmonton Chapter