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La Salle Primary School 60 years 60 words

Dear old boys of LSPS, come join our 60th Diamond Jubilee Celebrations by sharing your fond memories at LSPS. Please click [here](#) for details! Brought to you by LSPS.

Class of 78 Reunion

The Class of 1978 will celebrate their 40th Anniversary this Fall. Please mark your calendar for this once every 5 year Homecoming Celebration as follows:

Date: October 13, 2018
Venue: [Craigengower Cricket Club, Causeway Bay](#)
Ticket Price: \$ 1000 per person
Other Details: TBA

To help us better plan for this important event, we would appreciate if you could confirm your attendance by return email or join our Facebook page:

"LSC class of 1978 - 40th Anniversary Reunion 2018" and click 'Going'.

For additional information, please contact Hubert Chak at +852-9830-9288.

About this newsletter

This newsletter is aimed at providing an electronic platform for communication among La Salle College old boys residing in North America. It shall not be used as a tool to promote any personal agenda. The editorial board therefore reserves the right to review and edit all submissions to ensure that contents are appropriate, and reject any submission that we see not in line with the objective of this newsletter. Please send all your communications to editors@lscobaedm.org.

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Upcoming events

Toronto

Joint School Table Tennis Tournament

Date: Saturday July 14, 2018
Venue: Pan Am Centre, Markham (16 Main St)
Contact: Kevin Kwok kevinkwok26@gmail.com
John Keung jkeungchina@hotmail.com

Brother Thomas Golf Tournament

Date: Sunday July 15, 2018
Time: tee time 1:30 pm
Venue: Station Creek Golf Club (south course)
Dinner at Casa Deluz
1571 Sandhurst Circle, Scarborough
Cost: \$120 (dinner, green fee, power cart)
\$40 (dinner only)
Contact: Chris Fong 647-2245134
John Yeung 647-2828238

Annual BBQ

Date: Sunday August 28, 2018
Time: 11:00 am
Venue: Adams Park area A
2 Rozell Road, Scarborough
Cost: free
RSVP: klkalmk@hotmail.com

Vancouver

Annual BBQ

Date: Saturday August 11, 2018
Cost: \$10
Venue: Macau Club, Richmond
RSVP: Nick Domingo at ndomingo@telus.net

New York

Annual BBQ

Date: Saturday July 14, 2018
Venue: 111 Gallows Hill Road, Redding, CT
RSVP: info@nylacoba.org



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LSCOPA SF New Cabinet (Effective: April 2018)

Written By: Ambrose Lee '98

Outgoing Presidential Message written by Andrew Sien '63

Incoming Presidential Message written by Homer Yau '85



Dear LaSallian,

The LSCOPA San Francisco Chapter is happy to introduce our new cabinet. We look forward to bring you fun gatherings and bond our brotherhood with La Salle Spirit!

President : *Homer Yau '85*

Vice President : *David Tong '01*

Secretary : *Ambrose Lee '98*

Treasurer : *Franco Chan '10*

Sports Director : *Chris Ngai '78*

Immediate Past President (IPP) : *Andrew Sien '63*

Committee :

George Law '66

Ephrem Fung '76

Fulcan Fong '82

Derek Choy '93

Kelvin Chan '94

Kar Vincent Lee '01



Outgoing Officers:



Andrew Sien '63 (President 2011 – 2018)

Andrew is a dedicated and hardworking President. In his 7 years of presidency, Andrew has committed to serve the chapter and has organized various gatherings for us. He will continue to serve as our Immediate Past President (IPP) after stepping down from his presidency. Thank you Andrew!



Derek Choy '93 (Vice President 1998 – 2018)

Derek has served as our Vice President for 20 years!! Under his leadership and relentless support, our chapter has blossomed. He will continue to serve in our committee after stepping down from the Vice-presidency. Thank you Derek!

Incoming Officers:



President Homer Yau '85

Our incoming President, Homer Yau '85 has been serving our chapter since 1998 and is proud to take up this challenging opportunity as our incoming President.



Vice President : David Tong '01

David has joined our chapter since his graduation from La Salle. He serves in our committee since his Berkeley graduation in 2005.



New committee : Kar Vincent Lee '01

After his graduation, Kar had been working in Korea in the past few years. He recently returned to the Bay Area and decided to serve as our committee member. Welcome back Kar!

Outgoing Presidential Message

Congratulate Homer Yau and David Tong on being our new President and Vice President of San Francisco Chapter. We admire their contribution. And with Ambrose Lee remains as Secretary and Franco Chan as Treasurer, we have confidence that our Chapter will continue to grow prosperously. I also welcome Vincent to our Committee.

I was appointed as the President in June 2011. During my incumbent seven years, I was lucky to have a team of energetic committees. We were able to accomplish our commitments. We also maintained an effective communication among members and welcomed new members, especially those who came to Bay Area for further education. I deeply express my appreciation to all committees.

Derek Choy, our outgoing Vice President, has been in that position for twenty years. Now, we have a rising star, David Tong. David has been in our committee for a long time and is competent to be our incoming Vice President. With his 20 years of experience as our Vice President, Derek will be our valuable asset to assist our incoming President and Vice. Thank you Derek for your contribution to our chapter for the past twenty years and continue to serve as our valuable committee member.



***Andrew Sien '63
LSCOA SF Chapter President 2011 -2018***



Incoming Presidential Message

Dear fellow Old Boys,

It is my honor and privilege to become the President of La Salle College Old Boy Association ("LSCOBAS") San Francisco Bay Area Chapter.

I have been serving the chapter since 1998. I am very proud to be a LaSallian. And now, I take up this challenging opportunity to serve our SF Bay Area Old Boys.

Throughout these years, our committees have been working closely to bring our Old Boys together. We organized events: Annual Spring Dinner, Picnic, Badminton, Hiking, etc..... In the future, we hope to bring more activities to you. We also encourage and welcome Old Boys to join us as committee, to serve with us.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to see you in our events.

We are here to serve, as we are "La Salle family".

One of our goals is to foster the "La Salle Spirit",

"I may not be the best, but I will do my best".



Homer Yau '85
President
LSCOBAS SF Chapter

Together, we look forward to bring you fun gatherings and bond our brotherhood with La Salle Spirit.

LSCOBASF (Bay Area) Chapter

Our official Facebook webpage: www.facebook.com/lscobasf



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La Salle Day Dinner (May 15, 2018) in Toronto

Robert Chow (1959)

From Chris Fong, the editor: The almightiness of the first generation La Salle campus is always admired and missed by generations of old boys. Robert Chow (59, with the microphone) had some stories to tell during our annual La Salle Day Dinner. There is a little bit of historian in me and I was fascinated. This story must be shared among old boys across North America.



This battle from 1949 to 1959 was well known and well documented. It is an important chapter in the history of The LaSalle College. But, the information in the story I am going to tell you was information that was hidden for nearly sixty (60) years. It was ultimately published in Gateway #55 (Jan. 2015 issue) after the editors verified the information was authentic. The official historian of LaSalle, Mark Huang (85), had no knowledge of this information. He came to listen to the story for the first time at The LaSalle Great Hall in Oct. 2016. And he had this comment: "Thank-you for sharing with us your story with regards to working with Major Wall MP, in our school's struggle to gain back the campus. The articles you sent to me have been passed to Brother Patrick, and will be an important testimony to the school's history and your important role in this chapter".



The 2nd World War ended in 1945. If Chiang Kai Shek had sent his troops to re-claim rightful ownership of Hong Kong from the Japs, before the British did, Hong Kong could be a very different city today. So the British continued to rule Hong Kong as a British colony. In 1949, the British soldiers stationed in Hong Kong decided that they needed an Army hospital for the soldiers. They looked around and decided that La Salle College was the only building suitable for their use. So, The Governor of Hong Kong was ordered to make requisition for La Salle College. The initial term was for two years so that the Army could build their new hospital. However, at the end of the two year term, not only did the Army not build a new hospital, they also refused to honour their commitment of returning the college to The LaSalle Brothers.

For the next five years, Brother Cassin and Brother Felix used all their means at their disposal and engaged the 'whose who' in Hong Kong to press the government to return the school to The La Salle Brothers. But, the government just ignored all the criticisms. The criticisms were so loud that even Rome could hear. His Holiness expressed concern. So, Brother Cassin wrote a strong-worded letter to The Governor demanding immediate de-requisition. He signed the letter, but, before it was dispatched, Brother Cassin died. So Brother Felix was left alone to carry on the battle. Brother Felix had no confidence that he would succeed because so many people had tried and failed. He was afraid that they would not get the buildings back until 1997. As he was pacing back and forth in his office, scratching his head, not knowing what to do, he suddenly remembered he had a friend in England, Major Patrick Wall. He also suddenly became aware of one of the students (herein after referred to as 17 NER) was going to London in the summer. So, Brother Felix summoned 17 NER to his office and told him of the situation and difficulties they had and instructed him to see his friend, Major Wall for help.

17 NER went to London in August 1957 and he met Major Patrick Wall, Commissioner for The Sea Scouts in London and Member of Parliament in Sutton Coldfield, where thousands of Scouts from all over the world gathered to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Scout movement founded by Lord Baden Powell of Gilwell. Notwithstanding his busy schedule, he invited 17 NER to his home in London for lunch. After lunch, they sat down to chat. 17 NER told the Major that the school requisitioned by The Government of Hong Kong was intended for temporary use only. In addition, the school had fallen into a state of disrepair. It was hut-like, there was no air conditioning, extremely hot in the summer, cold in the winter, and some leaking rooms on rainy days. He told The Major, in no uncertain terms, that The British Army was not fair to The La Salle Brothers, the parents, and to the students. The army had no right to requisite private property since the World War was over. And even if they had the right, they should honour their commitment and return the building to The Brothers. 17 NER asked The Major for help. The Major paid full attention to what was said and promised he would do what he could to have the buildings de-requisitioned.

A year later, The Major wrote to 17 NER, telling him that he had asked many questions and had pressed the Government for an answer in The Lower Chamber. But, the Government did not give any definite answer. However, he felt that something would happen soon. A few months later in early 1959, good news came. The British government decided to de-requisite the LaSalle buildings. To his regret, 17 NER left Hong Kong in August 1959, he had never seen the magnificent La Salle buildings after de-requisition.

The 17 NER was me, Robert L.K. Y. Chow. Most of the people, if not all, involved in this battle are now historical. 17 NER could be the last surviving person in this battle. This story was told in the LSCOPA Toronto Chapter, in the dinner meeting on May 15, 2018.



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Overseas Hong Kong Scouts 17ers homecoming for the 80th anniversary in Hong Kong



Ambrose Cheung (69), Robert Chow (59), Jack Chiu (70), Oswald Lim (53), Kevin Kwok (88)



Robert Chow (59) giving a speech on the front row



Headmaster Mr W S Tong



Jack Chiu (70) and Jason Ng (Commissioner of Training, Kowloon District)



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Pau Shiu Hung (62), ex Chief Commissioner of Scouts HK



Robert Chow (59) and Brother Patrick



Kevin Kwok (88) with the younger generations



Ambrose Cheung (69) with Roger Lee (85), HKOBA President 2016-18



Joseph Seto (88), Ambrose Cheung (69), Kevin Kwok (88)



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For the soccer fanatics

So the new editor team has taken over officially. There have been no rotten eggs in our mailboxes so far. Thank you for being civil.



And after each issue is done we feel like...





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So here we go. A little while ago our brothers in Toronto had some casual game with Wah Yan brothers.





Do you know these people?

Henry Wong (68) of Toronto chapter would like to reconnect with them. If you happen to know them, please email us!

- Au Tik Sang 歐迪生 (67)
- Chan Ka Ming 陳嘉明 (67)
- Chan Ka Lab 陳嘉立 (67)
- Mui Chun Wah 梅進華 (unknown)
- Yam Tak Yan Francis 任德仁 (70)