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## Southern California Chapter Spring Dinner

Stanley Wong (68)



The LSCOBAS- SC chapter held the annual Spring Dinner on February 16 at the Atlantic Seafood Restaurant to celebrate the Chinese New Year of the Pig. We had over 110 old Boys and family members attending, and had a great time reconnecting with old schoolmates and reminiscing the good old school days. We also had a spectacular lion dance, Kung Fu demonstrations, an exciting raffle drawing with over 40 prizes, karaoke singing and singing the LSC school song together. We all had a fun and memorable evening. The board wants to thank all those old boys who attended the event and the generous raffle prize donors. Hope to see you all again next year!!





# New York Joint School Spring Dinner and AGM

Daniel Souza (64)



On February 23, 2019 over 100 members of the Hong Kong Schools Alumni Alliance in New York, their families and friends, gathered together for a sumptuous Chinese banquet to celebrate the Spring Festival and ring in the Chinese New Year of the Pig. The venue this year was, by popular demand, the same as last year: Chatham Square Seafood restaurant at Chatham Square, New York. For the fourth year in a row, the event was spearheaded by the LSCOBAs East Coast Chapter with the support and participation of eight other Hong Kong schools' alumni associations in the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut Tri-state area.

The event owes its resounding success in large part to Event Chair, John Ng (LSC '65) and his team, while reps of other alumni associations also pitched in to make the evening run smoothly without a hitch.

So many door prizes were donated by members for the lucky draw that almost everyone won a prize. Adding to the excitement of the evening was the cash raffle which prompted some comments, in jest, that no Chinese New Year is properly celebrated without a bit of wagering for real cash.

In his welcoming remarks, President of LSCOBAs East Coast expressed appreciation on behalf of La Salle for everyone's efforts in putting the dinner together, and emphasized how special the occasion was that brought together so many friends, bonded together by their common Hong Kong experience.

The number of alliance attendees has grown year after year, occupying 11 tables this time. It was gratifying that this year saw the addition of alums from Good Hope School, Saint Claire's and Renaissance College. Among the guests were, to everyone's delight and pride, two freshmen undergraduates from Hong Kong now attending Yale and Wesleyan.

The evening began with a wine and beer reception followed by a ten-course Chinese dinner featuring traditional Cantonese favorites like roast suckling pig, fried crispy chicken, pan fried flounder, lobster fried rice and the obligatory New Year favorite, braised abalone with sea cucumber, mushroom and "fah choi" for good luck.

For the first time, this year, Grace was said before dinner, given by Maryknoll Sister Arlene Trant in flawless Cantonese that wowed everyone. Maryknoll alums were also thrilled by the attendance of Sister Jeanne Houlihan, Headmistress of Maryknoll Convent School in Hong Kong for 28 years before her retirement and relocation to New York.

Overall, a great time was had by all and everyone left well fed, in good spirits, and looking forward to future Alliance events like the picnic planned for this summer.



In alphabetical order, dinner participants hailed from:

- Good Hope School
- Hong Kong University
- La Salle College
- Maryknoll Convent
- Maryknoll Sisters
- Renaissance College
- Saint Claire's Girls'
- Saint Paul's Co-Ed
- Wah Yan College

## Toronto Chapter La Salle Day Dinner and AGM



## Vancouver Chapter AGM

Nick Domingo (63)



The Vancouver Chapter held its AGM on May 10, 2019 and Albert Manson was elected the new President. Picture above show Albert Manson with the Board of Directors and below with members who attended this meeting.



Here are the names of our new Executives and Directors:

### Executives:

President - Albert Manson (69), VP - Dominic Lau (62), VP - Tony Wong (69)

Hon. Treasurer - Harry Ching (68), IPP - Nick Domingo (63)

### Directors:

Tony Fung (64), Frank Chow (66), Philip Chan (69), Frankie Au (71)\*, Anthony Wu (73), Patrick Li (76)\*, Victor Leung (77), Ronald McSmith (77), Charles Choi (90)

\*DLS - De La Salle Secondary School, Fanling

# La Salle Texas and Louisiana Tour

Iolani and Nick Domingo (63)



This tour was not only interesting and rewarding but was also historically significant. It was the first time that the State Legislature of Louisiana, in recognition of the academic, athletic and social achievements of La Salle College of Hong Kong and her alumni, passed Resolution #34 to welcome the group of old boys in the tour. La Salle was one of only a handful of educational institutions to have received such an honour.



The highlight of the tour, on the tails of extreme weather warnings, was the visit to the Capital Building of Louisiana. Senator Conrad Appel personally met our group and gave us a private tour of the building, including the Senate and Congress chambers. Senator Appel also made reservation at Parrain's Seafood Restaurant in Baton Rouge and joined us for lunch. We sampled local delicacies such as alligator, charbroiled oysters and other delicious main dishes.

In Resolution #34, not only was La Salle College recognized but all the La Sallians in the group, Nick Domingo (Class of '63, President of the Vancouver Chapter and retired IT manager and professional musician); Christopher Cheung (Class

of '64, a semi-retired pharmacist from Monterey Park, California); Louis Chan (Class of '65, a dentist from Edmonton, Alberta); Weddy Chan (Class of '79, General Manager of a trading company in Hong Kong); Andrew Szeto (Class of '79, an IT professional from Old Bridge, New Jersey) were all individually recognized in the Resolution. La Salle College as well as all the LaSallians in the tour now go down in the history books.

On the second day of the tour, our group visited the site in Dallas where President John F. Kennedy was assassinated on November 22, 1963. We visited a few architecturally significant buildings designed by world-renowned architect I.M. Pei, such as the Dallas City Hall, the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Centre. Louis Kong (79), a La Salle alumni and a renowned architect, made the commentaries come alive as he talked about the significance of each building. We also visited the Fountain Place, a 60-storey late-modernist skyscraper. Designed by award-winning architects Pei Cobb Freed & Partners, it was so named for the 172 dancing fountains in the plaza with a fully automated water show as the centerpiece. The fountains at Bellagio in Las Vegas and the Dubai Fountain followed this masterpiece.



During our visit to the Kimbell Art Museum in Fort Worth, Texas, designed by renowned architect Louis I. Kahn, we had the pleasure of an hour-long talk and tour by a museum curator, with insightful further explanations by Louis Kong. We gained a rich understanding of the use of light, design and structures of columns, colours, and the relationship of Kimbell with the expansion of the museum, designed by Renzo Piano and completed in 2013.

On the third day of our tour, we visited the Alamo in San Antonio and later in the afternoon did the “River Walk”, along the banks of San Antonio River where shops and restaurants lined the canal.

In Houston we visited NASA and before arriving in New Orleans, Louisiana, we visited the Oak Alley Plantation.

Finally . . . New Orleans, where we walked through French Quarter, Bourbon Street, Jackson Square, Piazza d’Italia where a masterpiece of a waterfall was donated by the Italian community (mostly from Sicily) to the city. We visited the St. Louis Cathedral named after King of France. We motored down St. Charles Avenue, the chief Mardi Gras Parade route, bordered by beautiful mansions on both sides of the avenue.





We were grateful for the private tour of “The Pink Lady”, a Queen Anne-style mansion at the corner of St. Charles and Nashville Avenues. It was originally designed by Canadian architect Louis Lambert in 1898 with the exterior renovated by architect Louis Livaudais in 1891. The last renovations and restoration were done in 2008 by architect and owner Louis Kong. The house was featured in many publications and has been cited as “a contributing building to the Uptown New Orleans Historic District”. It is included on the National Register of Historic Places by the US Department of the Interior, together with its twin next door, “The Blue Lady”.

The tour was not just a walk through history and a maze of architectural masterpieces, it was a joyful tour, with many laughs and talks and fun . . . and most of all . . . the feasting. Parrain’s in Baton Rouge was excellent with fresh and local seafood. The iconic St. Charles Tavern in New Orleans had the best and

freshest catfish you will eat (owner Adam and his chef for 26 years posed for a photograph with us). Not to forget Drago’s raw and charbroiled oysters and a “must-go” Commander’s Palace in New Orleans where we had our farewell dinner.



We had such a wonderful time that we want a repeat. A New Orleans Gourmet Tour is being planned for 2020. Nick and Louis will be working out the details for this tour. Stay tuned.

## Class of 74 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Wilson Wai (74)

John Jean (76)

The class of 74 will be celebrating their 45<sup>th</sup> graduation reunion this year on November 2, 2019. Wilson Wai, a 74er, composed a very nice video on the invitation and sourcing pictures on our old campus. Highly recommend to view it even if you are not a 74er. Wilson gave us the permission to repost the [video](#) in this newsletter, but asked not to share out in any social media. If having problem to access the link, copy and paste this link into your browser <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bLZC2SqaZf-CV8AZUrUYT3A3xhKrHBGp>.

## Tong Sir Visiting Toronto



From left to right:  
Wilfred Yu (86), Ken Wong (90), Tong Sir, Michael Lam (87), Kevin Kwok (88), Chris Fong (94).

## Woo Sir Visiting Vancouver



## From Supermoon to Photography Club

Victor Leung (77')



*Whenever the full moon happens to be at its closest distance from the Earth along its elliptical orbit, it yields a larger than normal full-moon commonly known as the Supermoon. Another interesting phenomenon is the Blood Wolf Moon, which only happens during a lunar eclipse when the moon turns into a copper orange colour as the Earth blocks the light from the sun during peak lunar eclipse. A rare sighting happened on January 20, 2019 when both Supermoon coincided with a full lunar eclipse resulting in what was described as a Super Blood Wolf Moon.*

As an avid amateur photographer, I tried to capture an image of the Super Blood Wolf Moon that evening. Those who are into photography would realize that it is not easy to capture a night sky image. The photographer must switch from the fully-automatic camera mode to full-manual mode, and manually adjust the aperture, shutter speed, exposure time, and image focus to capture the night moon image. Like many other modern-day amateur photographers, I have been spoiled with the advancement in automatic camera technology and have almost forgotten the fundamentals of photography, a skill that I acquired back in my La Salle school days when I was a member of the Photography Club.

Having to switch back to full manual mode photography helped me to recall some of my fond photo-taking memories back in the La Salle days during the 70s, when I was first exposed to photography and darkroom photo development. For those unfamiliar with the La Salle Photography Club, our club had a small darkroom dashing underneath the curved stairway facing Boundary Street. As a member of the Photography Club, I was taught by my 師兄 both the basic skills of photography as well as various darkroom skills.

Back in the 70s there were no automatic cameras and every setting of the camera had to be adjusted manually. Taking photos at the time could be expensive, from both the cost of the film and the subsequent photo development cost. Photography Club helped relieved some of that cost concerns for its members. Bulk films were purchased at discount prices then loaded into recycled film cartridges for members. After filming, the negatives could be developed and enlarged into final photographs at the club's darkroom. Instead of using a modern-day software such as Photoshop, we were taught different darkroom tricks on photo manipulation including blocking sections of photo area during development and overlapping multiple images into a single photo via darkroom techniques. It was actually exciting each time when one witnessed the final photo image emerging on the photo paper in the developing tray in the darkroom.

Back in those days, only black and white photos were handled at the Photography Club. Colour photo development was just too expensive and out of the league for us budget conscientious students. Who would have predicted that it would be the exact opposite 40 years later when black and white photo development becomes far more expensive than colour photos! With the continuing advance in technology, no one can be certain what photography would be like in the future....

La Salle has many different social clubs; Photography Club was just one of them. It would be nice if others can submit articles sharing their experiences of their favorite social clubs. **Please feel free to submit your articles or share your favorite photos to readers of this newsletter.**

# 喇沙泳隊

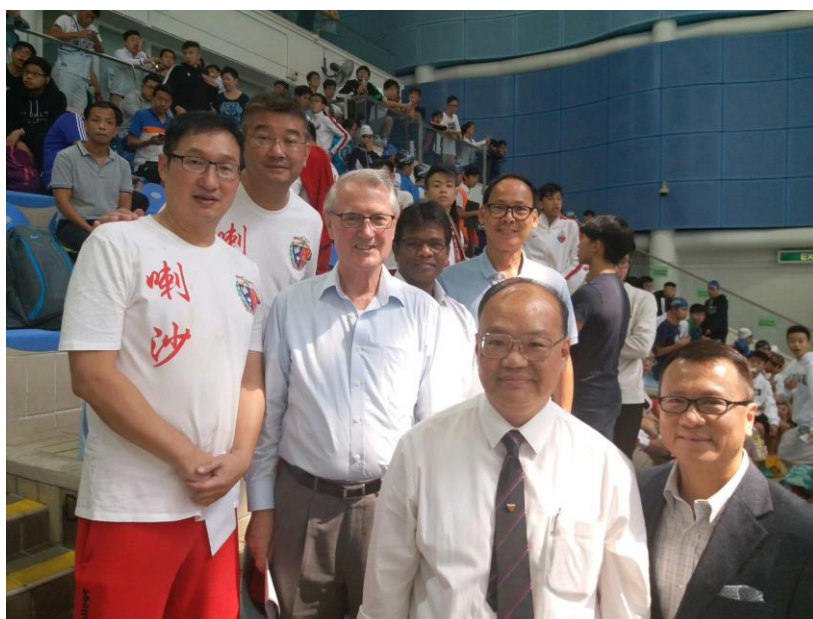
每一年學期開始，學界第一項比賽項目，大家知道是那一項呢？答案是游泳。

十月初每間學校要把各項游泳項目出賽學生名單落實及呈上。我們必須九月份內，每周兩次練習中，做好各項賽事的時間測試 (time trial)。出賽名單事關重大，一分一秒都是關鍵。

當運動員的當然要操練。喇沙泳隊成員，平日多數跟隨香港各大泳會或港隊/港隊青年軍操練。

一將功成。奪魁的同學當然贏盡掌聲，但是有許多沒有得獎的泳隊成員及教練，都一樣辛勞。多年後經歷各運動員的努力不懈，心中十分感動，只能用一句說話形容：La Salle is something more.

Bruce Kwan (79)



## 出賽名單 爭分關鍵



殊不知，原來喇沙泳隊有個賽後傳統

林浩賢在泳壇戰績彪炳，曾在學界水運會連奪三金，是A Grade其中一位焦點人物，談及泳隊獲取佳績的秘訣，身為隊長的林浩賢認真回答：

「出賽的隊員名單有利爭取佳績，是高度機密，現階段不打算公開。」另一名泳隊隊長程郁浚說



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彼此的推動力。」

兄弟情成推動力



泳隊的三位導師，分別為（左起）侯阮昌、羅鳳原和關璇康

Above and right: Media coverage of LSC Swimming Team

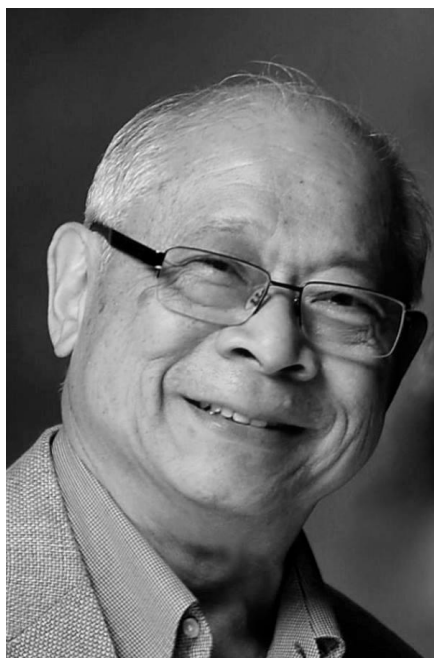


當日訪問的三位導師侯阮昌、羅鳳原和關璇康,都是喇沙舊生。導師羅鳳原，人稱「Paul Sir」，大合照時有隊員忘記帶運動上衣，Paul Sir毫不猶豫，九秒九脫去自己的上衣，借給同學穿上拍照，惹來隊內一片歡呼聲：「Paul Sir身型好Fit、好正呀！」看到眼前這群鬼馬可愛的隊員，難怪Paul Sir樂於回母校出一分力。

由暑假時每星期一節練習，增至現時每星期兩節，



# Remembering Dennis K. H. Chow



Dennis Chow Koon Hung was born in Hong Kong. He grew up with his parents, older sister and two younger brothers. He studied at La Salle College where he developed many important friendships that he maintained throughout his life. He was a proud Member and Past President of the La Salle Old Boys Association - participating in the Hong Kong and Toronto Chapters. He cherished his involvement with the 17<sup>th</sup> Kowloon Group of the Scout Association in Hong Kong - an experience he shared with his very dear friends, and he was honoured to be a Queen's Scout. Dennis married Cora in 1973 and enjoyed over 45 years of a beautiful marriage. He worked at Tai Lin Radio Ltd for over 40 years, building long-lasting friendships with his co-workers and with colleagues in the Hong Kong electronics industry. He was living in Markham, Ontario, Canada. He was baptized in 2019 and was blessed to be a member of the St. Agnes Tsao Kouying Parish. He is deeply loved by his wife Cora, his daughter and son-in-law Renee and Joshua, his son and daughter-in-law Elton and Karen, and his grandchildren Alex and Jocelyn.

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