

# 北美風沙 The North American LaSallians FEBRUARY 2020

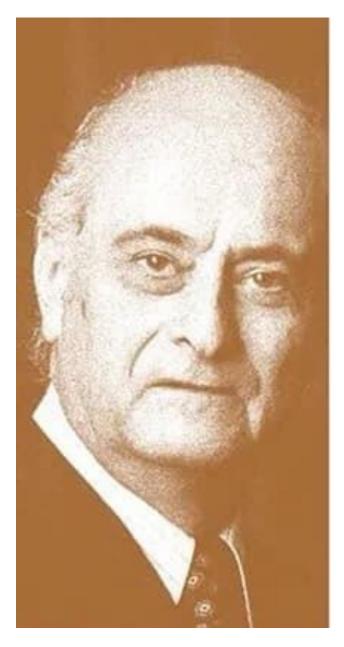




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## A De O Sales



On 13th January, we fondly remember one of La Salle College's most distinguished old boys on his 100th birthday. A De O Sales (沙利士) celebrates his centenary birthday today. Sales, fondly referred to as "Sonny" by his friends, is of Portuguese dissent and was born in 1920 in Canton. He and his family moved to Hong Kong when he was 8, and he studied in St Joseph's Branch School, located on Chatham Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, the forerunning of La Salle College.

In late 1931, Sales was one of the first students to enter La Salle College, the first Kowloon Catholic boys' school in Hong Kong. He studied in La Salle up to the senior forms, after which he furthered his studies in Macau and HK. Then in late 1941, war broke out against Japan and Sales relocated to Macau during the Japanese occupation.

He returned to HK and while running his family business and became active in the Club Lusitano Portuguese Club. He also founded the Hong Kong Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee. In 1957, Sales was appointed as to the Urban Council, where he then became the unofficial Chairman between 1973 to 1981.

Sales has been very supportive towards his alma mater through the years. He was the LSCOBA President between 1957-1960, and also championed many causes for the College, including lobbying for the British Army to return the original school campus to the Brothers, after it was "borrowed" by them for many years, since 1949.

Sales is unfortunately now permanently housed in hospital. On this special day of his birthday, we ask for old boys to offer your prayers and blessings to Sonny for a healthy and joyful year ahead, and may God bless Sonny and all his family and loved ones!

(article reprinted from La Salle College Old Boys' Association facebook page)

Comendador Arnaldo de Oliveria Sales was Chairman of the Urban Council between 1973 and 1981. During his time he was responsible for the building of many public swimming pools and sporting facilities that stand to this day. He also served as the longtime President of Hong Kong's Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee and brought international sporting recognition to Hong Kong as President of the Commonwealth Games Federation between 1994 and 1998. In the 1972 Munich Olympics as Charge d'affaires of the Hong Kong delegation, he demonstrated enormous bravery by confronting the armed Palestinian terrorists that were holding the Hong Kong, Uruguay and Israeli teams hostage. He managed to secure the Hong Kong team's release only after putting himself in great personal danger. Subsequently 11 members of the Israeli delegation and one German policemen were murdered and 5 of the terrorists killed in a raid by the German police.

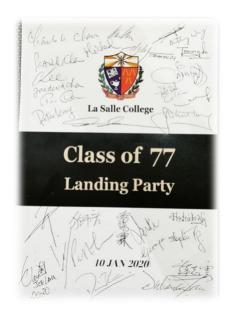


(source: Club Lusitano <a href="http://www.clublusitano.com/history/">http://www.clublusitano.com/history/</a>)

# Class of 1977 Landing Party

Victor Leung (77)





Acknowledging the fact that fellow classmates of our class year were born around the year of 1959 and that most of us have or would reach age 60 in the year of 2020, the Class of 1977 held a Landing Party (登陸大會) in January 10, 2020 as joint celebration of this important milestone in life. A total of 32 classmates turned out at the Landing Party including some from overseas.

The dinner was held at a restaurant owned and managed by a fellow 77er, where the entire restaurant was reserved for our special landing party. In addition to serving special gourmet meals, the party also included an all you can drink alcohol and non-alcohol beverages throughout the night. Different 77ers also brought along their favorite whiskey for this special occasion.

During the party fellow 77ers were sharing their La Salle experiences from P1 to Form 7 where many former teachers and classmates' names were mentioned, which had brought back many laughter and treasured memories during our La Salle school days.









A birthday party would be incomplete without a birthday cake. A specially decorated birthday cake bearing the La Salle school crest was ordered and circulated among the attendants. During the cakepassing moment, the group was also singing the school song for ..... when the old boys get together, we will always sign this song. A recap of the school song singing video is available here.

After the Landing Party, a small group of 77ers continued with their celebration with a short trip to Vietnam. The group purposely picked a landing craft (登陸艇) at the War Museum as group photo special backdrop for this very special occasion. As 1 HKD exchanges close to 3000 Vietnamese Dong, some had commented that they never held or paid so much cash for an average meal.







The class of 77 really had a wonderful time at this special Landing Party and side-trip. In addition to saying special thanks to the organizing committee, we are looking forward for our next group birthday party in a not too distance future.

# Vancouver Chapter Christmas Social-Karaoke Night

Victor Leung (77)



As part of a Christmas celebration, Vancouver Chapter hosted another successful karaoke dinner gathering in December 15, 2019. Similar to the previous karaoke gathering, the party was held at John Law's place and had attracted a total of 41 La Salle Boys, spouses and guests to this year's gathering.

Most of the foods were ordered by Patrick and Sally Li, and hot festive beverages were prepared by our hosts John and Irene Law.





Part of the main features of this Christmas Social was the group Christmas carol singing. The singing was led by Michael Remedios with piano music played by Nick Domingo. The Christmas carol singing was wrapped up with the singing of the La Salle School Song, followed by the resuming of the fun and casual karaoke singing, as well as ballroom dancing.











Vancouver Chapter was also delighted to have our new member, Fred Collaco, class of 1957 (Right of photo) joining us at this year's party. Fred has been living in Vancouver for a very long time but only recently discovered our chapter.

With good music, good food, and good wine, everyone was having a wonderful time that night. The party didn't end until well pass midnight. On behalf of Vancouver Chapter, the executive team would like to thank our host, Irene and John Law for their kind hospitality for allowing us to host the party at their house for the second time!

## Vancouver New Year Luncheon

Peter Choy (73)









This photo is welcoming Joey Taraves (73) to play ping pong at Richmond Oval, courtesy of Peter Ng(69). We are sons of La Salle everyone and no matter where we go!

# Toronoto New Year's Eve Dinner



The Toronto chapter has been hosting the annual New Year's Eve Dinner for a long time. This year, the event was held at the Markham Event Centre.

We were very happy with the elegant dining hall for reception and photo booth, extended dancing floor, and exceptionally good service. With over 410 old boys, family members and friends counting down, it was quite a blast!

See you all next year!

















# East Coast USA upcoming events

#### Chinese New Year Dinner & AGM - February 1

We are very pleased to be able to host the event at James Ng's (66) beautiful restaurant where we have conducted and celebrated many memorable events and occasions.

Saturday, February 1, 2020 (Sat)

Orchid Chinese Restaurant 730 Franklin Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530 (516)742-1116

AGM: 5:30 - 6:30 pm Dinner: 7:00 - 11:00 pm

\$45.00 per person \$20.00 per person (children under 18)

Menu:

Cantonese Special

Please confirm your attendance by January 23rd, 2020. Thank you and we hope to see you all at the event.

Joint School Spring Dinner Celebration – February 22

5th Year running, Hong Kong Schools Alumni Alliance (HKSAA) will continue a joint school Spring Celebration dinner in New York Chinatown in 2020. LSCOBA will again chair the event.

New Chatham Seafood Restaurant 6 Chatham Square New York, NY 10038

February 22, 2020 (Saturday)

Seafood menu with social hour starts at 5:30 p.m.

\$68.00 per person.

RSVP:

John Ng, Event Chair johnncng@gmail.com or hksaanyc@gmail.com (201) 452 5938

Daniel Souza (64) & Chris Tse (65)

John Ng (65)

## Southern California upcoming events

#### **Annual Spring Dinner (2020 Year of the Rat Spring Dinner)**

Date: February 8, 2020 (Saturday)

Time: 6-7pm Happy Hour; 7-10pm Dinner

Place: Tang Gong Seafood Restaurant (111 N Atlantic Blvd #350, Monterey Park, CA 91754)

Price: Adult: \$60, Student: \$30, Children under 10 free. Buy a table (10 settings/seats) for \$600.

RSVP: By February 1 by email to Thomas Tsui (tsuisk@hotmail.com) or on the Facebook event page

https://www.facebook.com/events/1036293176716042/

Payment: Please mail check payable to LSCOBA-SC to 1191 Huntington Dr #248, Duarte, CA 91010

(attn: Thomas Tsui)

# 2020 La Salle College Summer Party

Dear Old Boys,

We are pleased to inform you that a summer party for the La Salle College Old Boys and their families and friends will be held in the City of New Orleans, USA from July 9 to July 13, 2020. This party will provide a golden opportunity for you to meet all your classmates before the next global reunion in 2022.

The party's standard 5-day/4-night package includes hotel accommodation, transportation to all planned events in the City of the Big Easy, and also provides plenty of free time for your own social arrangements as well as playing a round of golf with your classmates. There are also post-party options that include (a) 3-day/2-night extended stay in New Orleans and (b) 6-day/5 night Carnival cruise to Western Caribbean from the Port of New Orleans.

The program brings you the best quality at the most reasonable cost while still provides considerable free time for private arrangements, therefore, it is an excellent opportunity for reunions of families and friends as well. However, to maintain the overall cost-effectiveness of the program, the maximum number of participants is set to be 70, so please kindly reach out and coordinate with your classmates and register at your earliest convenience.

To register, please email the following information to Peter Lai at <a href="laip888@gmail.com">laip888@gmail.com</a> and he will email a registration package to you. If you plan to share a room with your classmate, let us know his name.

**Full Name** 

**Email Address** 

Class of (xxxx)

**Phone Contact** 

Name of Roommate (if applicable)

	July 9 - 13, 2020	July 13-15, 2020		July 13-18, 2020
	Standard Package	"Freedom" Option	"Tour" Option	Cruise Package
Activities	\$735.00	\$235.00	\$340.00	\$75.00
Hotel Indigo (hotel tax included)	•	•	•	
Extra night at Hotel Indigo before cruise				•
Welcome Dinner at Hoshun *	•	1		
Steamboat Natchez Tour (w/lunch) *	•			
Jackson Square Visit	•			
Kick Off Dinner (location TBD) *	•	4		
Houmas House Plantation Tour (w/lunch) *	•			
Grand Dinner (location TBD) *	•			
La Salle College Golf Outing (optional)	•			
Destrehan Plantation / Airboat Swamp Tour *		Ī	•	
Saint Joseph Abbey Tour *		•	•	
Farewell Dinner at Trey Yuen Cuisine of China *		•	•	
(*) 10% Sale Tax & 18-20% Tips are included	•	•	•	
(*) Transportation (Tax & tips are included)	•	•	•	

Registration and Payment Milestones	January	February	March	April
Registration:	By January 31			
Non-refundable Deposit (\$100.00):		By February 21		
Full Payment:			By March 27	
Last Call:			2.0	Prior to April 17

Since New Orleans is a small but popular city for tourists, advanced reservations for restaurants and events are critical, therefore, please kindly make your registration by January 31 and a non-refundable \$100 deposit per person by February 21, so we can secure our party reservations accordingly. If you have questions, please feel free to email or contact Peter at (609) 731-6880, and we look forward to receive your feedback and registration.

Best Regards, Louis Kong (79) – <u>louisk499@gmail.com</u> Peter Lai (67) – <u>laip888@gmail.com</u>

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The Chief editors appreciate Johnny Hui (81), Peter Choy (73), Louis Kong (79) and Peter Lai (67) for their contribution to this issue.

### **Upcoming events**

#### **Toronto**

Joint School Celebration of Chinese New Year 2020

Date: February 23, 2020

Venue: NKS Banquet Hall 帝豪名宴

New Kennedy Square, 8360 Kennedy Road

1:00 pm Mahjong Competition

(no extra charge, pre-registration required)

6:00 pm Reception 7:00 pm Dinner Cost: \$60

Contact: Kevin Kwok (647 928 5880)

Louis Pomeroy Mahjong Tournament/Spring Dinner

Date: March 15, 2020 (Sunday)

Venue: NKS Banquet Hall 帝豪名宴

New Kennedy Square, 8360 Kennedy Road \$55.00 (Full event); \$50.00 (Dinner only)

Contact: Tony Pomeroy (416) 725 3170

Danny Au Yeung (647) 388 2020 Kevin Kwok (647) 928 5880

#### East Coast / New York (USA)

See announcements above

#### Edmonton

Cost:

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date: First Friday of each month @11:30 am

Venue: Beijing Beijing Restaurant Contact: billshwong@shaw.ca

#### Southern California

See announcements above

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