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Dr Li Wa, The La Salle Old Boy who fights SARS

To endure, and to withstand the bludgeoning of circumstance In spite of all calamities, ill luck, misfortune or mischance

To rise above catastrophe and hold on in the teeth of Fate This is what the gods call courage This is that which makes men great

Dr Li Wa is a La Salle Old Boy. He is a typical La Salle all-rounder who represented the school in Interschool Athletic Meet. He excelled in discus, javelin, English debating competition and in academic performance. He was also the Chief Editor of the School Magazine in 1988-89.

Dr Li used to work in the Oncology Department of Prince of Wales Hospital. Life was plain sailing until one day he received a call for help from his boss -helping the doctors in the Prince of Wales Hospital who were infected with SARS.

He rose to the clarion call and joined the helping brigade. "Nobody will stand aside when he found his brothers and sisters falling ill. Now my colleagues in the Internal Medical Department have fallen ill, it's natural for me to go to the frontline to help them." That's what he told the reporter of Ming Pao weekly.

The Chief Editor talked to Dr Li recently over the phone about his life in Ward 8A of Prince of Wales Hospital. The following is an excerpt:

"Dr Li, were you transferred to the SARS ward or did you go there voluntarily?" I began the conversation.

"I was asked whether I wanted to go there to help because of the shortage of doctors at that time. I said yes, almost without giving second thought."

"Were you not afraid of SARS?" I asked

"I've got no time to be afraid. I have to attend to many Wards 8A, 8B and Wards on the 9th and 10th Floors. I have had my hands full. Fear? We felt we were at the bottom of the abyss when we found that our patients didn't respond to the treatment we used in the past." He said.

"How do you feel about yourself?"

"Myself? I feel peaceful and calm. We hold prayer meetings in the hospital and we feel that we are one and God is looking after us. So I feel peaceful. Though when I have worked overtime I sometimes feel dizzy, have sore throat and cough a little, the x-ray I took revealed that I'm okay."

"Were you well protected in the initial stage?" I was thinking of Mrs Tung's superwoman outfit.

"No, we were protected as much as we knew at first. N95 facemask, yes, glove, yes, eyeglass, shoe protection, no. In fact, we were pretty vulnerable. Thank God, we were not infected." Dr Li replied.

"Were you still working in the SARS Wards now?"

"Not any more. I was taken out for a few days to allow new doctors to learn how to deal with the disease. You know it is going to be a long, long battle. So we need to work on a rotation basis."

"What is the happiest moment in the wards?"

"When my colleagues and my patients recover, and when they respond to my treatment. That is my happiest moment?"

"What have you learnt from this SARS onslaught?"

"Well, things do not just happen. There must be a reason. To me, SARS might be a blessing in disguise. We have developed strong bonding in our ward. To other people, they may have learnt to reprioritize and ask themselves, 'What, to me, is more important in life?'"

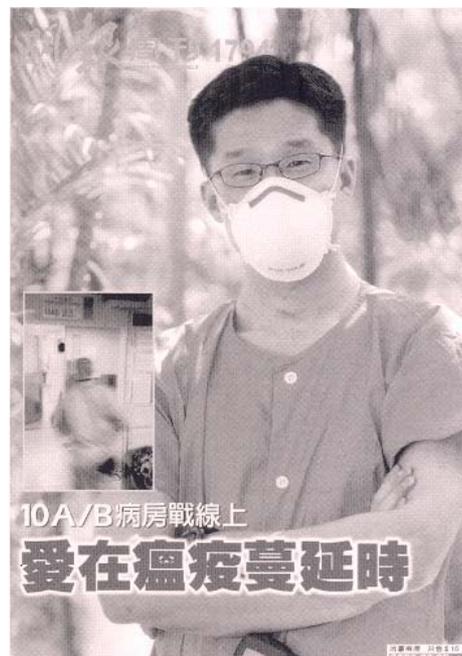
"Yes, SARS is a wake up call. Thank you for your time and come back to La Salle when you are free"

"I will. Thanks"

To Dr Li Wa and all those Old Boys in the medical professions who have helped to fight SARS

We are proud of you and we salute you

On the right is Dr. Li in the 29/3/2002 issue of Ming Pao Weekly



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Representing La Salle in the Interschool Athletic Meet 1989.

The First Social Service Activity by LSCOBA

Gerald Hung



The Chinese opera



The Chinese ensemble entertaining the audience



Brother Thomas Welcomes the senior citizens



Measuring blood pressure by the Red Cross

On 1st March 2003, the school, parents, teachers and students, the Caritas social workers and the Old Boys of La Salle jointly organized an Elderly Entertainment Day for 100 senior citizens. 100 seniors from Caritas and 12 private Homes for the Aged in Kowloon were invited.

Around 100 students from La Sallian Youth Movement, CYC, Red Cross, Interact Club, the Photography Team, and the Student's Association planned and organized the various events of the day.

It began with a series of Chinese operas sung by our student's parents. They were followed by a welcoming speech of Bro Thomas, the Principal of La Salle. Then our students led a series of games which thrilled the seniors. There were 6 Body Check-up station to offer blood-pressure measurement and general health advice. To top off the day's event gift packs were distributed to the seniors. Then the senior citizens were taken safely home by the hired buses.

Thanks should be given to all working members, to Tak Gor and his canteen staff, to the AVA technician, to the staff for preparing the venue, and everybody who threw their weight behind the project.

Since it is joyful to give than to receive, we hope to organize similar service events on a regular basis so that students have an opportunity to broaden their civic awareness and to experience the joy of helping other people.

N T WALK March 2, 2003



Some of the Old Boy participants

At 9:30a.m. on March 2, 2003, large crowds of Hong Kong citizens were present at the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shatin Racecourse. Among them were some La Salle Old Boys who also took part in the 2003 New Territories Walk which is supported by the Community Chest. All donations generated by this Walk will be channeled to enhance and improve the "services for the Disabled". The lively opening ceremony included cheers by the guests from all walks of life to the participants and a call-over of individual team including LSCOBA who was complimented for taking part and financially supported the needy.

The route runs from Shatin Racecourse, passes through the Hong Kong sports Institute, along Shing Mun River Promenade and ends at Shatin Park. Total distance is approximately 6 km. We furthered our joyous conversation along the walk at a Chinese Tea House.

We would like to thank all the Old Boys, their family, friends and colleagues for taking part in this meaningful event.

London Reunion Lunch -- 2 February, 2003



The legend, for the photo (from left to right): Mr Pau Shiu Hung (1960), Mr Steve Law (1976), Dr Brian Ho (1973), Dr Christopher Liu (1977), George Liu (son).

A gathering of La Salle Old Boys was held on 2nd February, 2003 (Day 2 of the "Year of the RAM") at the Phoenix Palace Restaurant in Marylebone, London Nw 1, The United Kingdom.

Thirty-eight Old Boys, spouses, partners, friends and family attended the occasion. One-third were currently university students in the UK. Jacques Truong came from Paris to Join us. Mr & Mrs Shiu Hung PAU kindly spoke to us and showed us brochures and videos from the new La Salle Primary and the HR Science Park. Both of them are cornerstones of the La Salle Family:

Mrs Pau's maiden name is Miss Elizabeth Chan. She started teaching in La Salle Primary School in 1967 and was class mistress of 1 D from 1967 to 1987. Subsequently, she was class teacher of 5E and 6E in alternate years until she became headmistress of La Salle Primary P. M. School in 2000. In September 2002, Mr Francis Fung retired from the AM school and the AM and PM schools merged to become a 36- class school. Since inception, Mrs Pau has been Head of the whole-day Primary School.

Mr Pau Shiu-hung graduated from La Salle College Form 5 in 1960. He is a member of the La Salle Foundation and has been instrumental in maintaining the infra-structure and the College and the development of the newly built Primary School. He has recently retired from the post of Director of Architectural Services of the HKSAR Government and is currently on holiday. He has been offered a position as, Project Director for the Hong Kong Science Park Corporation- equivalent to the Deputy CEO of the Corporation in charge of the planning and development of the Phases 2 & 3 of the Science Park. .

UK Convenor-Brian Ho

A Big Thank You!

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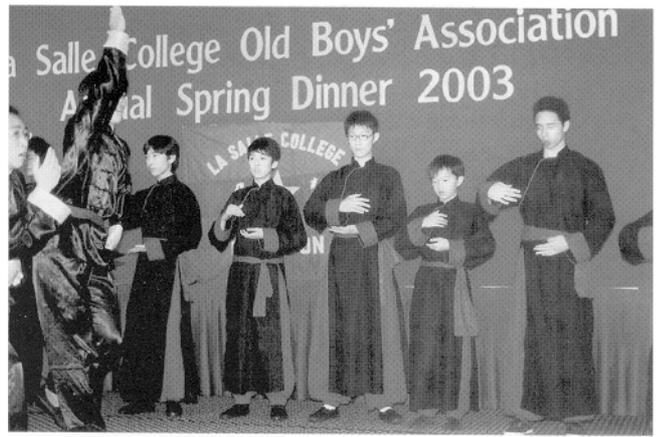
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Annual Spring Dinner at Hotel Miramar 14/3/2003



The cute raffle draw winners



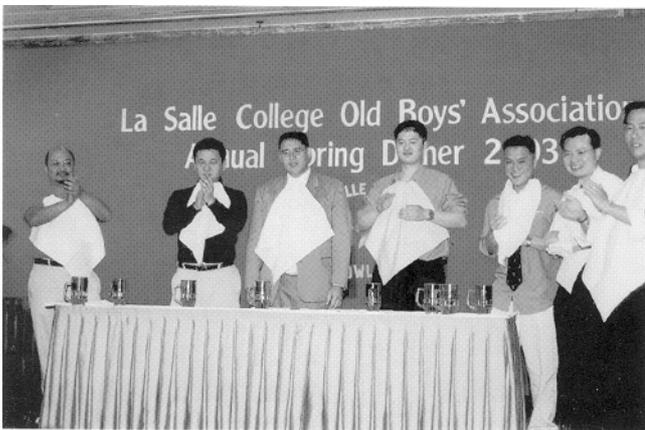
It's Kung Fu Dancing



Bro Thomas, Bro Alphonsus, and the Class of 63 and friends



Gerald Huang, Clement Chan, Henry Leung and friends



Beer Drinking Competition 1: preparation



Bro Mark giving out prizes to the year of 93 -the year of highest participation. Sitting down are Philip Yeung and Patrick Lam -Convenor of Spring Dinner:



Beer Drinking Competition 2: bottoms up - Lester Huang hits the table first.



We won the Overall Champion again (459:421) and Champions in B (159:114) & C (161:122) grades in the Interschool Athletic Meet at Wanchai this year: The Athletes are cheering at the top of their voices.

LSCOBA 2003 Spring Golf Tournament

After seeking the views from the La Salle golfers, it has been decided that our golfers' gathering will be held as usual, but it will be the 1st time that such event is held in Hong Kong to ease the concern of some Old Boys. Details of the next golf tournament of LSCOBA are as follows: Date: 30 May 2003 (Friday)

Venue: The Hong Kong Golf Club, Fanling, New Territories (New Course)

Time: Tee-times start from 12:01 p.m. onwards but exact details will be announced later Price: HK\$1, 1 00 per person (HK\$200 for HKGC members) includes: * Green fee and trolley * Snacks & drinks * Prizes

* Note: Caddies are optional and the cost is HK\$275 for senior caddie, HK\$220 for regular caddie and HK\$165 for bag carrier to be paid by the player (Note: strictly no tips)

Vacancies: 40 LSCOBA members on a first-come-first-served basis Deadline: 14 May 2003 (Wednesday)

Remarks: * No entry will be accepted unless accompanied with full payment.

* Prizes will be awarded to the winners with the best total score, most Stableford points, Best Front-9, Best Back-9 as well as winners for the longest-drive and nearest-pin.

* All participants are required to make its own transportation arrangement. The organizers will try to assist those not driving on the day.

* Proper attires (no T-shirts, jeans, etc.) are required at the club premises at all times. * Use of mobile phones is prohibited within the club premises and on the golf course. * All itineraries and prices are subject to change without prior notice.

* LSCOBA reserves the right to cancel the event at its sole discretion in which event a full refund will be made.

* LSCOBA and the organizers shall not be responsible for any death, disease, personal injury, loss or damage whatsoever to any person howsoever arising in connection with this event.

* For further enquiries, please contact Roger Wong (Tel: 2230 3522, Fax: 28992996, email: rogerksw@prestongates.com.hk)

The Past President Dinner on 29/4/2003



Mr Michael Sze starts the ball rolling by welcoming everybody



Nicholas Ng, Chairman of L S Foundation receiving a Cheque of \$220,000 from William Van President of LSCOBA -donation for the Teachers' Room in LSPS.



Bro Thomas thanks the DBA for their support and talks about the school Improvement Project (SIP) of La Salle



Dr Tang, Nicholas Ng, A. de. O. Sales



Wilfred Ng, Vice President of LSCOBA, Peter Chiu V.P. of LSC



Dr Lawrence Chan, Michael Sze and Alex Wong

The Past President Dinner was held in the Golden Bauhinia Restaurant at Convention and Exhibition Centre on 29 April 2003. This was a return Dinner organized by Mr William Tong on behalf of the Past Presidents. It was a unique get-together when Past Presidents talked about almost every thing under the sun with the current committee in a casual atmosphere. Past Presidents like A de O. Sales, Hilton Chong-leen, Dr Lawrence Chan, Sam Chen, Dr Peter Tang, Joseph Lee, Dennis Chow, Lester Huang played host to the Committee members and Bro Thomas was the guest of the evening.