



La Salle College Old Boys' Association Newsletter

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Dear Fellow Old Boys,

New Year Greetings!

2007 was a year we Lasallians shall look back with pride and pleasure and I suspect I am not alone in thinking so. With the successful completion of our Diamond Jubilee celebrations, I am glad to have had the opportunities to organise, take part or otherwise witness many of these celebration events throughout the year starting with the School Improvement Program opening in spring and onto the "Touching Hearts" musical in summer. In early December, there was the 2007 Global Reunion and Homecoming of Lasallians with four days packed with activities including the welcome reception, the 75th Anniversary golf tournament, school visit to La Salle College and La Salle Primary School, thanksgiving mass, grave sweeping of the La Salle Brothers' graves at the Happy Valley Graveyard, the global conference, the global reunion soccer tournament and charity match and the reunion dinner. The highlight was naturally the Jubilee Gala Dinner, the grand finale of the 75th Anniversary celebrations, held on 8 December in the Grand Hall of the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

All events were well attended and received by returning and local Old Boys alike. The Jubilee Gala Dinner, an event jointly hosted by La Salle College and La Salle Primary School which was celebrating its 50th Anniversary, was attended by over 2,000 guests with Mr. John Tsang (68), a distinguished Old Boy and the Financial Secretary of Hong Kong SAR, as the guest of honour. Mr. Tsang gave an eloquent and often witty speech with "Lasallian characteristics" to rousing applause. Comprehensive reports on these events can be found in this Newsletter.

With the closing of the 75th Anniversary Celebration, I am happy to report that total donations from operating surplus of OBA and from Old Boys, through various donation drives and programs, have exceeded our target of HK\$3 million. Both the Old Campus Model and the Jubilee History Book enjoyed rave reviews and together generated the bulk of the donations. The OBA would like to thank all donors for their generosity and wholehearted support to the College. Read more about these two projects and how you can join in to support the school in our website: www.lscoba.com.

Let us fervently pray for another 75 years of great success for La Salle College.

An early "Kung Hei Fat Choi" to all!

Cheers,

Charles Chan (77)
President

LSCOBA Global Reunion 2007

Hong Kong – The Host

The highlight of the year long celebration of our Alma Mater 75th Anniversary ended with the Jubilee Gala Dinner on 8 December 2007 and the Global Reunion of Old Boys.

Discussion about a Global Reunion in Hong Kong for the Old Boys started a few years back. The North American LSCOBA chapters have organised annual gatherings for Old Boys around the world since 2002 in San Francisco. It started off as friendly soccer tournaments and the momentum picked up steadily with more Old Boys joining each year. With the 75th Anniversary in 2007, Hong Kong naturally became the host of the Global Reunion 2007.

The first ever “summit conference” was held in Toronto 2004. I attended the event as the President representing the Mother Chapter. The event was well organised and I fully enjoyed the fraternity atmosphere there.

Southern California and Edmonton Chapters played host in succeeding years. It was in Edmonton that the official name of the event “Global Reunion” was adopted. The Global Reunion 2007 would not only be a gathering for Old Boys, but also a home coming event for many Old Boys from near and far. The Global Reunion events would fall in the week of the Jubilee Gala Dinner from 6 December to 9 December 2007.

The Theme – “Building A Global Network – Sharing A Lasallian Mission”

Bro. Patrick once told us, "We are suffering from our own success."

This apparently does not make sense at first sight; however, if we put the Catholic faith and the mission of the Brothers in there, we will understand the dilemma that the Brothers are facing.

La Salle College is a famous school and as Lasallians we are all proud of her success.

Currently, many Catholic schools are under enormous pressure to reform their curricula to place a greater emphasis on practical education over values formation or classical schooling. A worrying trend is the lack of interest in projects with the poor and under-privileged in mind. Catholic schools catering to the global middle class found themselves under increasing pressure to pursue an elitist and secular path.

We believe as Old Boys, there are much more we can do to support the mission of the Brothers and the vision of St. John Baptist de La Salle. We believe that as Old Boys, we have the duty to safeguard this noble mission. We hope that the Old Boys are able to build a global network with a consistent vision and message to support the work of the Christian Brothers mission in this ever challenging and changing world.

The Global Reunion 2007 had a conference devoted to explore the building of a global Lasallian network in response to the education reform and challenges La Salle College and the Brothers are facing.

Day One

Reunion Golf Tournament

The kickoff event was a Reunion Golf Tournament on 6 December organised by our golf convenor – Mr. Roger Wong (75) at the famous Dongguan Mission Hills Golf Club.

A record breaking 63 participants attended the one-day event. For the first time in the history of the golf events organised by LSCOBA, La Salle College Golf Club sent a school team of 6 current students led by the teacher adviser Mr. Lai Cheong to take part in the opening event.

An International Team with 17 Old Boys from various overseas chapters including Edmonton, San Francisco, Shanghai, Singapore, Southern California, Toronto and Vancouver also took part. The Old Boy Parents Team had 11 Old Boys whose son(s) attended or is/are still attending La Salle. The remaining 28 Old Boys formed the Hong Kong Team.



Day One

Welcome Reception – Happy Hour

That very evening, Hong Kong welcomed Old Boys at the Impessa Bar – Commissioner's Club at the Scout Association on Austin Road. We all enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of meeting each other with a drink in our hands. Bro. Thomas also came to greet everybody there. A welcome package was prepared by the organising committee especially for overseas Old Boys coming home.



Day Two

Meeting Students and Staff

A formal welcome for the Old Boys was held by the Brothers, the school authorities, staff and the student leaders in La Salle College. Old Boys were briefed about the current student life by the President of the Student Association – Mr. Henry Keung (07) and his cabinet. The Clubs Coordinating Board, the Class Representatives Board, the Discipline Board, the Publications Board, the Secretariat and the Financial Committee took turns to introduce the work of the Student Association.



Day Two

School Tour of La Salle College and La Salle Primary School

Many Old Boys had an interesting afternoon exploring the two school campuses. All of them were amazed by the new annexes of the College and the facilities of the Primary School. They received a surprise treat in the Primary School with the boys performing Chinese Music for them!



Homecoming Mass in LSC Chapel

This was a truly Homecoming Mass, as we were graced by the attendance of two elderly Old Boy priests who studied in La Salle before the war and now retired in India. Fr. Benito de Sousa (30s) and Fr. Jovita de Sousa (30s), themselves blood brothers, concelebrated the mass together with the main celebrant Fr. Dominic Lui (89) and Fr. Baptista Marciano (58) in the school chapel.

Fr. Baptista offered a lively homily very close to the heart of every Lasallian. He reminded all Lasallians to relook at the mission of the Brothers, and to support the mission as best as they can.

Day Two

Homecoming Concert

This time it was the college students giving the Old Boys a glimpse of their musical talents.

Over 600 Old Boys, parents and students came to the concert. In the concert, Bro. Thomas, as supervisor, presented certificates to cultural team members and Mr. K C Ng (70), chairman of the Cultural Promotion Board. He also encouraged parents and Old Boys to support our school's cultural development. Mr. Ernie Corpus (74) and Mr. Lam Sheung Chi (04) played and sang for us. At the end of the concert, Old Boys of the school gathered at the stage and sang the song "Brilliant Years" together to mark the past 75 brilliant years of La Salle College. Everyone was clapping hands and singing along, and the whole auditorium was electrified with the Lasallian spirit.



Day Three

Soccer Tournament Day One

A hallmark of every Old Boy's reunion gathering is the soccer game.

Four teams gathered in the school field to compete for the 75th Anniversary Soccer Cup:

- Team A - Staff & PTA United
- Team B - Mango & Carriana
- Team C - LSCOBA
- Team D - North America United

Bro. Patrick, Bro. Thomas and Mr. T P Cheung came for the kick off ceremony. Mr. T P Cheung also served as our chief coach of the soccer tournament.



Day Three

Grave Sweeping in Happy Valley

This visit was to St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery where the Hong Kong Christian Brothers have a mausoleum containing the remains of Brothers dating from the late-1800s. Bro. Thomas came with us and we offered our prayers and flowers to the deceased, followed by Old Boys sharing their memories of the late Brothers. Special prayers were also offered to Fr. James Lea, our former chaplain and teacher, who now rest in the same cemetery.



Soccer Tournament Final and Senior Old Boys Soccer Game

The four teams continued their play against each other for the second day. In the end, Team Mango & Carriana emerged as the champion of the 75th Anniversary Cup with the highest score.

The tournament was followed by a friendly game between veteran Old Boys. The Forties Team played against The Rest Of The World Team and saw many legendary players gathered for a fun game. Mr. Peter Tse (Class of 53 and former teacher) and Mr. Hilton Chong-Leen (37) came and cheered for the Old Boys. Mr. T P Cheung was the commentator of the game and after all these years, he continued to be critical of the players' performance. Hearing TP's comments was as entertaining as watching the games!

Day Four



Day Four

Global Reunion World Conference 2007

This year, the global reunion conference discussed topics related to our theme: Building A Global Network - Sharing A Lasallian Mission.

Topic 1
Education Reform and La Salle College
Moderator: Mr. Andrew Yung (74)

The Principal and 3 Vice Principals came and shared with Old Boys the challenges facing the future development of La Salle College.



Topic 2
Building A Global Lasallian Network
Moderator: Mr. Peter Lai (67)

Old Boys discussed the building of a global network to support La Salle College in delivering one of the best education for young people in Hong Kong.



Day Four

Global Reunion Dinner

Old Boys and their families coming back from afar met with their local buddies and enjoyed a Chinese dinner at Kum Tao Heen in the Scout Association Commissioner's Club. This was also a time for the various chapters to exchange news and souvenirs.

Our Principal Mr. Wong Yen Kit, Vice Principals Mr. Joseph Chung and Ms. Cecilia Tang attended the dinner with more than 15 retired teachers. Among them:

1. Mr. Henry Lau
2. Mr. Chiu Siu Lai (from Toronto)
3. Mr. Shum Mou Kei
4. Mr. Yik Kwan
5. Mr. Peter Lee Four Kwok
6. Mr. Peter Cheung (from Vancouver)
7. Mr. Albert Loong
8. Mr. T P Cheung
9. Mr. Lawrence Chan
10. Dr. Walter Wou
11. Mr. Ho Ching Hin
12. Mr. Lau Gon Ting Edmand(from Toronto)
13. Mr. Ng Yat Hei (from Sydney)
14. Mr. Woo Ho Wai
15. Mr. Robert Cheng
16. Mr. John Au
17. Mr. Frederick Lam
18. Mr. Y Y Kan



All chapters agreed to have the Global Reunion 2008 in New Jersey – New York. Mr. Peter Lai (67), current president of the New York/East Coast Chapter accepted the Global Reunion Flag and introduced the preliminary program for 4 - 6 July 2008.



Day Five

Optional "Past Present and Future" Tour (by Dr. Gordon Fong (76))



The final event of the Global Reunion saw a participation of 17 Old Boys, including 12 from the USA, Canada and Australia. After looking in awe at some of the most expensive properties in Hong Kong at the West Kowloon board walk, the group enjoyed a refreshing coffee break in the bohemian Cyberport garden. At the Lung Cheung Road Lookout, the acrobatic aircraft flybys was sadly missed from the view of the tall buildings that have sprung up besides La Salle College. The tour continued on to Tseung Kwan O Lookout with the daunting sight of the highest residential density in Hong Kong. Lunch was yum cha at the Hong Kong Science Park which had the benefit of our veteran Old Boy Mr. Pau Shiu Hung at the helm. Our fellow Old Boys then marveled at the phenomenal growth of Shenzhen and the Mainland at the historic Lok Ma Chau Lookout. The group then passed through Tin Shui Wai with its recent West Side Story to arrive at the Hong Kong Wetland Park where the sunset served as backdrop for the group photo. It was then time for roast duck dinner at Sham Tseng followed by dessert in the café next door. The tour ended for everyone but 4 Old Boys who dropped off at the Avenue of Stars besides the New World Centre to catch a clear sight of the Victoria in full night time glory complete with the spectacular evening laser show.

A vote of thanks

I want to thank everyone for participating in the first ever Global Reunion held in Hong Kong.

Special thanks to the Christian Brothers especially Bro. Patrick, Bro. Thomas and Bro. Alphonsus as our Patrons.

To the school authority and the staff for supporting the whole event and letting us use the school facilities.

Our sponsors: Mr. John Ma (85) and Mr. Sunny Cheung (85).

We hope that all of you have enjoyed the Home Coming program.

I am sure that there are lots of things we have overlooked, missed or forgotten.

The organising committee wishes all Old Boys good luck, good health and for those living overseas an enjoyable homecoming journey. Please bring home the sweet memories of our brotherly love, joy, laughter and fun.

I also wish to thank everyone in the organising committee for your hard work, dedication and perseverance. It takes a strong team to accomplish this formidable task.

Until we meet again.

We are sons of La Salle everyone.

Dr. Bernard Kong (76)

Convenor

La Salle College Old Boys' Association Global Reunion 2007 Organising Committee

Jubilee Gala Dinner



The long awaited Jubilee Gala Dinner, jointly hosted by La Salle College and La Salle Primary School, was held on 8 December 2007 in the Grand Hall of the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre with over 2,000 guests attending, of which there are over 1,000 Old Boys and a large contingency representing all nine overseas chapters. The Guest of Honour was Mr. John Tsang (68), a distinguished Old Boy and the Hong Kong SAR's Financial Secretary, who gave an informative and very entertaining speech about his Lasallian experience and what it was like to be a "La Salle Boy" to a receptive audience. There were performances by students from both Primary School and College and of course, Old Boys including the masterful MC by Mr. Sammy Leung (91), the ever witty and checky standup solo by Mr. Philip Chan (65), the excellent piano recital by Mr. Ernie Corpus (74) and finally the magnificent vocal by Mr. Simon Lee (64). It was a memorable evening to meet some long lost schoolmates, to re-acquaint old friendship, to reminisce about the good old college days or just to immerse oneself in the La Salle spirit.

The Dinner also afforded an opportunity for the OBA to unveil the Old Campus Model, a gift from the association to the College to commemorate its Diamond Jubilee. Hot off the press was also the Jubilee History Book, aptly named "Sons of La Salle Everyone", which is the definitive history book of La Salle College and Primary School. Authored by Mr. Mark Huang (85), our very own resident historian and Vice President, and published by the OBA, the first copy autographed by the Brothers was auctioned off to raise funds for the Jubilee Fund. Mr. Eddie Lee (69), the successful bidder, was kind enough to offer this special copy back to the College for its heritage collection. We thank you Eddie and the sponsors of this book, Mr. Nelson Lee (58), the 17th Scout Group, the Class of 77, 79 and 82, for all your generosity. We would also like to thank all those sponsors of the Old Campus Model for their support. The two projects generated about HK\$2 million for the Jubilee Fund. You can read more about these in related articles in this newsletter.

See you all in 2012 for our 80th Anniversary!

Charles Chan (77)
President



LSC CAREERS WEEK 2007

Date: 8 -16 October 2007

Time: 12:00 – 13:00

Venue: Multi-Media Learning Centre, LSC



Jointly organised by LSCOBA and the Careers Team of LSC, this week long program was held in the school during lunch hours and aimed to help the upper form students in planning their future studies and careers. We invited 12 Old Boys from various professions to share their career experience and advice with our student brothers. In addition to the more traditional professions, this year we added sessions for Actuary, Pharmacy & Information Technology, which were well received by the audience. Over 500 boys attended the program with keen interest. Some even stayed behind to have further discussion with the speakers. We would like to thank the following Old Boys (in the order of the program) for their time and effort in making this program a success:

Actuary – Eugene Mak (93)

Medicine – Henry Kwok (84)

Pharmacy – Winham Lok (79)

Human Resources – Frankie Lam (78)

Journalism – Edgar So (85)

Banking – Tony Wang (78)

Accounting – Alan Lui (79)

Civil Servant (AO) – Kennon Tam (98)

Information Technology – Bernard Lee (83) and Leonard Chu (83)

Legal – Samuel Chan (83) and Stephen Ng (93)

Coordinators – Cecilia Tang (Careers Mistress), Florence Chow (Assistant Careers Mistress), Philip Yeung (93) and Stanley Shum (79)



Stanley Shum (79)
Student Affairs Subcommittee



LSPS Golden Jubilee Carnival

LSCOBA participated in the La Salle Primary School Golden Jubilee Carnival held on 16 December 2007 by operating a Big Teeth game booth, bringing lots of fun and gifts to the primary boys. It was also a good occasion to meet with many Old Boy parents. We would like to thank Lung Cheong International Holdings Ltd for sponsoring the gift items that helped to attract long queues of patrons to our booth throughout the day.

Stanley Shum (79)
Student Affairs Subcommittee



Mentorship Program

The Young Members' Section Task Force and the Alumni Development Subcommittee of the LSCOBA have jointly organised the Mentorship Program ("the Program") this year for the benefits of young members ("YMs") studying at university. The Program will run from early November 2007 to June 2008. The main objective of the Program is to provide a platform for the YMs to meet and learn from our senior Old Boys in their own professions.

La Salle is something more; we are so proud that we have many Old Boys who are the leaders in various professions and they are all very happy to share their experiences. On the other hand, the YMs are all eager to learn, but there was no channel to bring the two parties together. We saw the need and thus devised this Program after much planning.

As this is the first year, we started with the Legal and Medical professions as a pilot program. We will expand to include more professions in the future if this proves successful.

professions, please email me at ericchow2000@lscoba.com and I shall forward your questions to the Mentors.

Activities: There are three large group gatherings, namely the Opening Dinner in last November (see below), the Lunar New Year BBQ in February and the Closing Dinner in June. In between these three functions, the Mentors and Mentees will decide on how and when they are going to meet up. We will ask for feedbacks and follow up with them from time to time.

Opening Dinner

The kick-off event of the Program was the Opening dinner, which was held at Eaton Hotel, Kowloon on Friday, 2 November 2007. More than 60 Lasallians attended the dinner. The Mentors and Mentees were all very excited to meet each other, especially for the Mentees, who were all dressed up smartly and arrived at the venue very early, hoping to prepare themselves before meeting their Mentors.



Mentors: We are pleased to have a group of Old Boy lawyers and Old Boy doctors as Mentors. Senior Mentors with more working experiences are deliberately partnered with less experienced junior Mentors to look after a small group of Mentees together.

Number of Legal Mentors: 8 senior Mentors and 9 junior Mentors

Number of Medical Mentors: 11 senior Mentors and 6 junior Mentors

Mentees: A total of 42 YMs who are current university students in Hong Kong are admitted as Mentees.

Number of Legal Mentees: 25 law school students

Number of Medical Mentees: 17 medical school students

Owing to the fact that most of the program activities will be held in Hong Kong, we regret that overseas YMs were not accommodated at this time. However, we will plan on covering these YMs if there is a strong demand. Nevertheless, overseas YMs studying Medicine or Law are more than welcome to join our gatherings if they happen to be in Hong Kong at the time. For overseas YMs who need any help or advice in relation to the legal and medical

Some of them had even prepared a list of questions to ask their Mentors as if they were interviewing a VIP.

After a short speech by our President, Charles Chan (77), the Mentors and Mentees were introduced to each other. They were then assigned in small groups and blended in unexpectedly well very quickly. As soon as the discussion started, it was interesting and somewhat surprising to note that the Mentors themselves were the ones who asked most of the questions. They were very eager to know how their young counterparts were doing, as well as to share their own experiences and 'tips'. On the other hand, the Mentees would not let the Mentors go home easily and responded with even more difficult questions. The dinner did not finish until 12:30 am, when the manager of the hotel 'invited' us to go home.

It was delightful to see that both the Mentors and Mentees enjoyed meeting each other and we all look forward to the next gathering on **16 February 2008**. Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the Mentors, who have sacrificed your very limited leisure time to help in this Mentorship Program. Thank you very much!

Eric Chow (00)
Young Members' Section Task Force

Class of 1983 – 25th Anniversary Reunion Dinner

A total of 70 Old Boys from the Class of 1983 gathered at the Kowloon Tsai Home Owners' Association for our 25th Anniversary Reunion Dinner on 15 December 2007. 12 Old Boys returned from Mainland China, Japan, Singapore and the USA to celebrate this special occasion. Amazingly, it was the first time that some classmates had seen each other in 25 years!

The restaurant generously allowed us to occupy the entire main area of the restaurant even though we only booked seven out of nine available tables. Clearly it was a wise decision on their part because we would have drove away other patrons anyway with the noise we generated!

We all had a great time reminiscing about our LSC days and renewing friendships with food, drinks, laughter. Suggestions were made for more frequent gatherings for golf, tennis, wine tasting and fine dining events. The contact list for the Class of 1983 will be maintained online until the end of 2008 as we continue the drive to seek out all of our old classmates.

All the Old Boys were keen to contribute to our Alma Mater and we collected a total of HK\$16,848.40 (audited and certified by Anthony Kam) for donation to the LSC Jubilee Fund in the name of "Class of 83" as a sponsor of the Old Campus Model.

We had 24 copies of "Sons of La Salle Everyone", the history book of LSC and LSPS by Mark Huang. These were quickly snatched up with many noting that "HK\$380 is a steal for such a fabulous book". David Toong was the highest bidder for the auctioned copy of this historic book with signatures of all 70 Old Boys contributing towards our donation to the LSC Jubilee Fund.

Paul Leung, Steve Mok and Felix Wang did a great job at the reception – meeting, greeting and "recognizing" many old classmates. Jimmy Yam efficiently organised the professional photo taking for the event and the photos were available in less than 24 hours. Caesar To generously provided us with wine at a substantially discounted price and we "only" managed to finish 32 bottles for the evening.

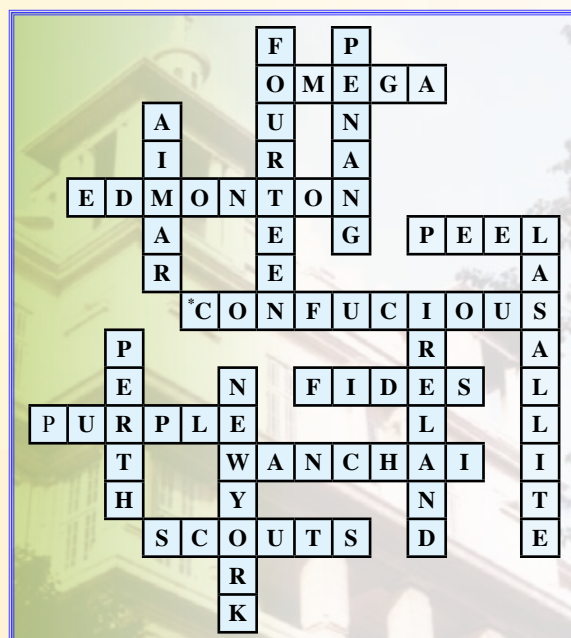
And finally, Andy Lee, our head boy and the MC for the night, led us through the school song which was the highlight of the evening. Our song and three cheers must have shaken up the entire Kowloon Tong neighborhood. I returned to the restaurant the following night and the staff expressed that they were amazed to see how united we were after 25 years. They were particularly surprised, though impressed, to see us proudly singing our school song. My reply was simple - when the Old Boys get together, "we" will always sing this song.

Leonard Chu (83)



La Salle Crossword Trivia Answer

The La Salle Crossword Trivia is pre-empted for this issue. Below is the correct answer to the La Salle Crossword Trivia in the last issue. Alexander Cheung (82) and Willie Woo (85) each won a set of solid brass school badge buttons for sending in the correct answer.



***Note:** The correct spelling of the answer should be Confucius.

Inside the LSCOBA

In this issue, our inside look at the operations of LSCOBA continues with the Finance Subcommittee and the Student Affairs Subcommittee.

Finance Subcommittee



The Finance Subcommittee is one of the major monitoring functions within LSCOBA and comprises of Old Boys who are experienced finance professionals. Besides supervising the day-to-day accounting functions of the OBA, we review all budgets and results submitted by all the other Subcommittees, evaluate any significant deviations and make recommendations to the executive committee for remedial actions. With regard to the assets and funds donated to LSCOBA, we also has the key responsibility of making sure that these resources are put to the best use to generate reasonable return for the OBA's long term interest.

Automated information system is a major tool we use to provide timely information to facilitate execution of our tasks. Leveraging the latest technological advancement in management information systems, LSCOBA has recently installed an up-to-date accounting software to streamline the daily bookkeeping tasks and provide timely management information to the executive committee. This automation project has just started. In order to implement a reliable and user friendly information system, a lot of fine-tuning and up-keeping processes has to be done. We would like to invite LSCOBA members who are well-versed in financial/MIS management and willing to contribute to our Alma Mater to join the Subcommittee. Interested members can contact Nicole Lee at 2336-2985.

Dennis Lam (77)
Convenor, Finance Subcommittee

Student Affairs Subcommittee



The Student Affairs Subcommittee serves to organise or assist in student related activities, which can be initiated by the school, by the LSCOBA or by the students themselves. In many such activities, Old Boys can directly meet with the students to offer help or guidance so that the tradition of Old Boys supporting our student brothers is upheld.

Each year, we have projects that require the participation of Old Boys from different professional backgrounds. As reported in this issue of newsletter, Old Boys are invited to be speakers for the Careers Week, which has become an annual program to advise the upper form students in planning their studies and careers. Another program to be held towards the end of the school year is the Interview Workshop, which aims to help the Form 7 students in preparing for their university admission interviews. We need Old Boys, acting as interviewers, to assess the students' performance at mock interviews and advise them on how to improve their communication skills. For Old Boys working in the universities, either in teaching or administrative capacities, your help in the upcoming workshop will be invaluable.

This year, we will collaborate with the school's Careers Team on a new project. To prepare for the new 334 curriculum, we would like to arrange short-term job placements for the upper form students during the summer holidays. If you would like to help in this project or know companies that can offer such placements, please kindly let us know.

There are also other activities that Old Boys can mix with the students in a casual way. By paying visits to the Form 6 Orientation Camp or performing at the school concert or help running a game booth at the Family Fun Day, Old Boys' presence as part of the Lasallian family will also exhibit our support to the school.

You can help us by participating in any of the above mentioned activities or join any OBA function so that we can meet and pull more resources together to support our Alma Mater. Please contact Nicole Lee at 2336-2985 if you are interested to help.

Stanley Shum (79)
Convenor, Student Affairs Subcommittee

"Sons of La Salle Everyone" School History Book

The LSCOBA is very pleased to announce the arrival of the first ever comprehensive book on the history of La Salle College and Primary School, first launched during the Jubilee Gala Dinner in December 2007.

This book is the result of more than eight years of very in-depth research by a team of Old Boys led by Mark Huang (85), Vice President of the OBA.

Here are a few highlights:

Read about the forerunner of La Salle College, St. Joseph's Branch School, which was run between 1917 and 1931 in Tsim Sha Tsui.

Learn about how Germany's attack on Poland in 1939 directly affected the operations of La Salle College; and how the Japanese attack abruptly terminated school in December 1941.

Learn about our honourable La Salle World War II War Dead.

Join the research team to flip through previously classified Government records and read about the real reasons behind the British Military occupation of La Salle College between 1949 and 1959.

Learn about why and how the Brothers decided in the 1970s to demolish the Dome, and to erect the Quad, including the full redevelopment process.

See how La Salle Primary School started off as a small four classroom block in 1938, and developed to today's state-of-the-art Primary School for 1,600 boys.

Plus many never published before photos of the school buildings and school life.

Read about all of the above and lots more in 240 packed

pages of La Salle College and La Salle Primary School history in "*Sons of La Salle Everyone - A History of La Salle College and Primary School, 1932 - 2007*", on sale now.

You can now buy your copy by contacting the OBA's Administrator, Nicole Lee at oba_secretary@lscoba.com or 2336-2985, or pick up a copy at the next OBA functions. Local (Hong Kong) mail orders can also be arranged. See <http://www.lscoba.com/lscoba/souvenirs.html> for ordering details.

For Old Boys from overseas' chapters, please contact your chapter's coordinator to place your orders. The Hong Kong LSCOBA will arrange consolidated shipments to the overseas' chapters after receiving the consolidated orders. Overseas chapter coordinators are:

- East Coast, USA: Peter Lai
- Edmonton Chapter: Calvin Chan
- San Francisco Bay Area: Derek Choy
- Singapore: Francis Kwong
- Southern California: Charles Tsang
- Toronto: Jimmy Chang
- Vancouver: Raymond Wong

For other chapters and locations, please contact your chapter officers, or contact the OBA Administrator, Nicole Lee (contact details above).

The book is hard-covered and is priced at HK\$380.

Own a piece of history. Get your copy now.

Mark Huang (85)
Vice President



Chinese Valentines' Poolside BBQ Party

I am pleased to announce that a Chinese Valentines' Poolside BBQ Party (元宵晚會) will be held on 22 February 2008 (Friday). It will be a good chance to meet your fellow Lasallians, their families and friends during the festive Chinese New Year.

Date: Friday, 22 February 2008 (農曆年初十六)

Time: 19:00 – 23:00

Venue: United Services Recreation Club (USRC)

1 Gascoigne Road, King's Park, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Fees: HK\$300 (including BBQ dinner and drinks)

All LSCOBA members are welcome to bring along their families, girlfriends (or girlfriends-to-be), friends, relatives, neighbours etc. to share the fun on this special day in a cozy and romantic ambience! Lantern riddles (燈謎) and special games will also be held. Enroll now to avoid disappointment!

Please fill out and return the Reply Slip to us along with your cheque or LSCOBA credit card payment instruction by post. For enquires, please contact me at ericchow2000@lscoba.com or 9675-7514.

See you all there.

Eric Chow (00)
Recreation Subcommittee

Year of the Rat Chinese Valentines' Poolside BBQ Party

(元宵晚會)

Reply slip

To: LSCOBA
C/O La Salle College
18 La Salle Road, Kowloon,
Hong Kong

(Please tick)

- I _____ (English full name) of _____ (OBA membership no.) would like to join the Year of the Rat Chinese Valentines' Poolside BBQ Party on 22nd February 2008.
- I would like to bring along _____ guests to the Year of Rats Chinese Valentines' Poolside BBQ Party.
- I enclose a cheque (cheque # _____) totalling HK\$ _____ for full payment of the fees. Please direct debit my LSCOBA Visa Card (card holder name: _____; card # _____; expiry date (MM/YY) _____) totalling HK\$ _____.

For reconfirmation, my contact details are _____ (telephone) and _____ (e-mail).

Notes:

- 1 Please complete the application form and send it to LSCOBA at the address above OR email it to ericchow2000@lscoba.com **on or before Wednesday, 6 February 2008.**
- 2 All cheques should be made payable to "La Salle College Old Boys' Association Limited".
- 3 For inquiries, please contact Eric Chow (2000) at ericchow2000@lscoba.com or (852) 9675-7514.

Old Campus Model

To commemorate the 75th Anniversary of La Salle College, the OBA commissioned a group of Old Boy architects as consultants to work with expert model builders to construct a model of the Old School Building and Campus as a gift to the school from the Old Boys.

A year in the making, this detailed model was meticulously constructed from the few remaining original architectural and construction drawings (most were lost during the war), re-surveyed floor plans of the old campus done by the British Army during their occupation of LSC as a military hospital (which we were fortunate enough to discover) and rare photos of the building taken over the years. The school's management body has agreed to have the model prominently placed in school as a permanent centerpiece fixture. Below are three photos of the completed model which was unveiled during the Jubilee Gala Dinner.

To encourage wider participation, we are seeking sponsorship from Old Boys or La Salle College affiliated groups (eg. class years, 17th Scout Group, St. John Ambulance, Observers' Club etc.) for just HK\$10,000 each. All sponsors can have their names inscribed onto a plaque to be placed with the model. Every single dollar

received will go directly into the Jubilee Fund. Please fill out the enclosed sponsorship form and send back to us with your payment.

Act now to grasp this excellent chance to support our beloved Alma Mater and be part of its glorious history at the same time.

Charles Chan (77)
President



LSC Old Campus Model Sponsorship

I / We, _____ (full name),
 OBA Membership # _____ (optional),
 of Form 5 Graduation Year (actual or anticipated) _____ or of _____ Chapter
 would like to be a sponsor of the LSC Old Campus Model.

Payment (*please tick as appropriate*)

1. Enclosed is a cheque (cheque # _____) of HK\$10,000.-; or
2. Enclosed is a money order of HK\$10,000.-; or
3. Please charge the full amount of HK\$10,000.- to my LSCOBA VISA Card,
 Number _____, expiry date ____/____

For reconfirmation of bookings, my contact details are, (telephone) _____,
 (fax) _____ and (e-mail address) _____.

Name of sponsor to be inscribed onto the plaque of model. For uniformity, we suggest the following format: surname, given name (class year):

_____, _____ (_____) (subject to approval)

 Signature of Applicant (*same as used on LSCOBA Credit Card, if applicable*)

Notes

1. All cheques and money orders should be made payable to "LSC Jubilee Fund".
2. Please send your Booking Form and Cheque / Money Order to: "LSC Old Campus Model Sponsorship c/o Ms. Nicole Lee, LSCOBA La Salle College 18 La Salle Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong"
3. For inquiries, please send an e-mail to secretary@lscoba.com or call Ms. Nicole Lee at (852) 2336-2985 during office hours. For faxes, please use: (852) 2336 2586.

Class Coordinators' Meeting


On 15 October 2008, a Class Coordinators' meeting was held in the Old Boys Room attended by 15 Class Coordinators, four Office Bearers and a few Committee members. It was an informal gathering to give the Committee members and the Class Coordinators the opportunity to get to know each other or re-acquaint their connections. It was also the first chance to "test drive" the newly renovated OB Room. Issues which concerned the work of Class Coordinators were discussed including the recruitment and appointment of Class Coordinators, communications with the Committee and the progress of the 75th Anniversary celebrations, the

Global Reunion, the Jubilee Dinner and the donation drives for the Jubilee Fund. To improve efficiency, it was decided that the number of Class Coordinators for each class year should be increased to three, of which one to be appointed as the Key Coordinator. Those who are interested in becoming the Class Coordinator of their class year can contact the Committee at committee@lscoba.com.

Charles Chan (77)
 President




Lasallian News



The wedding bells tolled for Andrew Hung (86) and Sheryl Wong on 8 December 2007. The couple was married at the Rosary Church in Tsim Sha Tsui and the wedding banquet was held the same evening. Andrew was a core member of the LSC swimming team and can still be regularly sighted in the vicinity of the LSC swimming pool. Andrew is a practicing certified public accountant and Sheryl is working for her family business.




John Ma (85), B.B.S., tied the knot with Carmen Choi on 27 December 2007. The ceremony was held at the Chung Chi College Chapel of the Chinese University of Hong Kong and the wedding banquet followed three days later. John is a keen soccer player and a member of the Mango & Carrianna Team which has achieved good results in the LSCOPA soccer league over the years. Both John and Carmen are senior executives in their respective family businesses as well as various charitable organisations.



Andrew To (83) was re-elected as district councillor of the Wong Tai Sin District Council for a four-year term beginning January 2008. Andrew was elected with 2,825 votes against 1,851 votes for his competitor in the Chuk Yuen North Constituency. This is Andrew's fourth re-election to the office since he first won the election in 1991 as the youngest elected member of the then District Board. A professional politician, Andrew is also the Secretary General of the League of Social Democrats (Hong Kong) and a political and soccer program host at a local on-line radio station.



Dr. Philip Chiu (87), Associate Professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) Faculty of Medicine, is part of the CUHK Gastrointestinal Research Group which won the 2007 State Scientific and Technological Progress Award (SSTPA) second-class award for its achievement and innovation in the treatment of peptic ulcer bleeding. The award was conferred on the project "Innovative non-surgical treatments of peptic ulcer bleeding" carried out by Dr. Chiu and his team under the leadership of CUHK Professor Sung Jao-yiu. The SSTPA is a highly prestigious award in the science and technology fields on the Mainland given to citizens and organizations for outstanding contributions to scientific and technological progress.



Dr. Joseph Lee (87) was elected as member to The Council of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (HKPU) for a two-year term starting January 2008. Dr. Lee won 280 votes from a total of 1,450 eligible voters and against the 191 and 104 votes received by his two competitors. The Council, with a membership of 29, is the supreme governing and executive body of the University and Dr. Lee will occupy one of only two seats open for election by eligible staff members. Dr. Lee is an Associate Professor with the HKPU Department of Applied Mathematics and also an elected departmental representative in the HKPU Senate, which is the supreme academic governance body of the University.

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