

La Salle College Old Boys' Association Newsletter

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LSCOBA Overseas Chapters

Paul Law

It has been brought up many times in the past that we should strengthen the Old Boys network around the globe. We are indeed very international and we have Old Boys in every corner of the five continents. Many Old Boys have commented that we have not fully utilized this excellent network. In response to these comments, the LSCOBA's committee is determined to address this particular issue in the coming year.

Initial contacts have already been made with all of the overseas chapters. We have invited each chapter to nominate one representative to form a project sub-committee to address this issue. We are currently in the process of drafting the objectives and agenda for the project. Broadly speaking, we would like to improve on the following areas:

1. Improve the communication channels amongst all the overseas chapters and the base in Hong Kong. Having an effective and complete database is cornerstone to this objective. Of course the development of the LSCOBA website is a giant contribution to this objective. This objective specifically addresses the communication needs amongst all the old boys in various chapters and in Hong Kong.
2. We are also looking for ways to leverage our overseas network to provide some assistance to current students going overseas to study. Initially this may just be limited to having our overseas old boys providing some guidance and friendly contacts to these students. In the longer term we would like to leverage this network to increase the School's presence and reputation in the top-rated overseas universities.
3. Organize specific events and co-operate on projects basis. An example of this is the fund raising exercise for the La Salle Primary School Redevelopment fund.

We have just commenced this process at this stage. Once we have some concrete deliverables we will of course let you know. In the meantime, please make use of the following contact information in relation to our overseas chapters:

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"Operation Smile China Medical Mission"

*** Dr Peter Pang**

Cleft lip is a congenital anomaly with the failure of the normal development of upper lip. This results in a "missing part" of the child face. In Hong Kong, we rarely see one as all of them are repaired before the age of 3 months. In China, unfortunately there are many children, who are born with this facial deformity, do not have access to corrective surgery. Quite a number of them are abandoned by their families, or at least are condemned to a life of isolation. They not only experience emotional rejection, they are also cripple in speech and having difficulty in eating.

Established in the United States in 1982, Operation Smile International (OSI) is a private non-profit voluntary organization that provides free reconstructive surgery to this group of children and young adults in various developing countries. Operation Smile China Medical Mission (OSCMM) was established in Hong Kong in 1982, providing free mission to China. It is also a private non-profit voluntary organization arranging joint mission and fund raising for the OSI. We consist of Plastic surgeons, pediatric surgeons, dental surgeons, pediatricians, anesthesiologists' nurses and speech therapists. In the past 10 years, we jointly organized 25 missions to various parts in China Including Hangzhou, Meizhou, Shantou, Nanchang, Nanjing, Lanzhou, Kunming, Qingdao etc. Nearly 4000 children and young adults were operated for their facial deformity.

Having joined the OSCMM for a year and a half, I worked as a plastic surgeon in "changing" the faces for about 60 children in 3 missions. It is a great experience in servicing our people with the skill we learnt. Because of the lack of time and resources, 70% of the comers were not offered operations. Perhaps this is the most powerful energy in "beating" the team to work 14 hours per day, hoping to help as many children as possible. Though there are still millions of cleft children in China, we believe one addition operation we performed, one addition child's smiling face restored. The most memorable case I encountered was a 40-year-old man who had lived with his abnormal face for the past 40 years. After the operation, he just burst into tears and thanked me for my work, as now he could have a chance to meet a girl!

During the missions in various parts in China, we successfully encourage a number of surgeons and nurses in various big cities to join us. This helps in the spreading and strengthening of the Operation Smile team and ultimately, restore more smiling faces.

** Dr Peter Pang was invited by the chief Editor to write something about OSCMM after he had successfully helped a young boy to come to Hong Kong and done a plastic surgery here. His good deeds were reported in Oriental Daily*

LSCOBA Christmas Ball 2000



LSCOBA Christmas Ball 2000 Lasallians group Photo



Bro Thomas presenting prize to a winner



Old Boys, Parent Teacher Association beautiful ladies, Bra Thomas and our President



*l to r
Mr Wilfred Ng; Mr William Tong; President LSCOBA, Mr Nicholas Ng; Chairman La Salle Foundation, Mrs Pau, Principal LSPS(PM) Mr
Pau, Mr David Hsu, Mr Peter Chiu and Mr Joseph Chung, Vice Principals of LSC.*



The upbeat and charming singer; Jessica Chow

The Christmas Ball 2000 is in its eleventh year running and has been established as an annual calendar event for the LSC old boys to congregate and dine and to enjoy and merry with their old classmates for an evening long occasion.

The Christmas Ball 2000 Organizing Committee was chaired by Mr Steve Hu with supportings from Mr Wilfred Ng, Mr David Hsu, Mr Stephen Ting, Mr David Mong, Mr Stephen Kwan, Mr Sammy Leung, Mr Larry Lee and Mr Raymond Chung who all contributed much effort to make the Christmas Ball 2000 a success. This success is not only in terms of the logistics magnitude, but also the broader profile of old boys of the younger category. It is truly an objective for future Christmas Ball to consider and hallmark for.

The Christmas Ball 2000 commenced at 7pm at the grand Hyatt, Grand Ballroom on 23rd December 2000. There were 340 guests of whom the old boys were all glittering in black blazers and grey trousers knotted in nostalgic LSC's old boys tie. An occasion created just for the 2000 Christmas Ball theme. A Group shot was taken by our student supporter Mr Larry Lee and projected onto the large screen for all to see. Redemption for the reserved photo is now available at the College office. Please call Tommy for your pick-up.

Our Rev Bro Thomas Lavin, Principal and Supervisor of La Salle College and our Mr William Tong, President of the La Salle College Old Boys Association made their inaugural opening speeches for the Ball 2000, welcoming all for an evening of enjoyment and fostering the Lasallian spirit.

Mr Sammy Leung, veteran DJ and our new generation of younger old boys, was the Master of Ceremonies added much galore and fun to the evening.

Mr Nicholas Ng, Chairman of the La Salle Foundation, reported on the La Salle Primary School redevelopment project and the progress so far of the intended fund raising for the HK\$35m so required. The result so far is remarkably on target.

The climaxing events were a Latin Dance performed by David and Katherine for that exuberant, vitality and style.

The final Guest Entertainers were Danny Summers and Jessica Chow expounding the evening with lots of music, percussion and fun with the rhythm of dance running into the midnight hours. An evening truly worth remembering.

The Christmas Ball has always been an annual calendar event for the LSCOBAs and shall continue for the ensuing years. The next Christmas Ball 2001, being the twelfth in succession, is scheduled once again at the Grand Hyatt on 21 st December 2001. Please support.

By
Christmas Ball 2000
Organizing Committee

Class of 75 Reunion



Group Photo of Class 75



all 1915 but brothers (l to r) Chan Ka Ming; Chan Ka Yeung; Ngan Wing Kay; Ngan Hir Kay; Chan Kit Hang; Chan Kit Ming



Chan Ka Ming, Royer Wong, Chan Fall; Chan Kit Ming and '75 Lasillians

About 50 old boys from the Class of 75 gathered on January 13, 2001 for a reunion dinner. After the event, one of the old boys Sampson Chan wrote a long message to his former classmates, telling us his strong emotions resulting from this get-together. With Sampson's permission, we are pleased to share this candid and passionate message with La Salle old boys and current students.

Dear Friends and La Salle Old Boys: I feel like I am the happiest guy on earth for a second time since my marriage to Joanne Chan 20 years ago. Nothing can compare to the sensation and excitement of seeing all of us back together at the reunion dinner on January 13, 2001. My special trip from Los Angeles to Hong Kong was well worth the value which money alone could not buy. I noticed that we might look a little bit matured over the years, but the main characteristics and personalities (especially the voice tones) remained the same. After all, we are always the way we are, and we are friends always. We are the La Salle Old Boys Class of 1975.

Our reunion brought back a lot of good memories which are still echoing in my head across the Pacific. From the times we started in our new school(s) either the Primary or College, and through graduations, the passionate moments of learning new environments, struggling between homeworks and family, lukewarm daily commute, copying homeworks, passing/cheating mid-term or final exams, interclass or inter school track meets, winning soccer matches, individual or group fighting, and to some handsome boys, dating after schools, etc., all come back to me play like in a movie. I feel very fortunate that I had such a great opportunity to attend the same school and class with all of you together and I always treasure our friendships.

To update you on my biography. I left Hong Kong in 1975. As soon as I finished Form V of C.C. Tung's class, I went to Ontario, Canada with my brother Dale Chan Kit Ming. I graduated from University of Western Ontario, London, Canada in 1979 with a B.A. degree in Mathematics. Later I went to Los Angeles and joined the rest of my other brothers and sisters. A year later, I met my wife, married and settled down there till now. I have a 10-year old daughter Michelle and a 8-year old son Brian. Currently, we are residing in San Marino, California. .

I have been working in the real estate investment, development, brokerage and management all my life. Ten years ago, I studied part time and later full time to earn a juris Doctor degree which enabled me to write and pass the State Bar of California. I practice business and real estate law in the same office of the management building. On the community services and charities, I am serving as the new president of Lincoln Heights Chamber of Commerce, board member of Lincoln Heights Optimist Club, board member of the Los Angeles Police Historical Society, and board member of Business Improvement District in Lincoln Heights.

I take great pride for being one of the La Salle Old Boys and only learn to appreciate the status after encountering countless of lifelong challenges and experiences. The education and training which I received from both the Primary and College set the standard and vision to accomplish for what I have achieved today. I am trying very hard to provide my two children a similar efforts of what my beloved father and mother did for me 36 years ago, is to go for the best education and put your children in the best primary and high school like the LA SALLE!

I wish all of you the best of life and have a prosperous and very, very Happy New Year! With love across the Pacific Ocean and around the world,

My Participation in the UNCRC- Child Ambassador's Scheme

Tsui Wuan Man 4C

A Form 4 La Salle boy has been chosen to be one of the 'Child Ambassadors of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child' Recently he went to Switzerland with 9 others to discuss the current situation of Children rights in HK The chief editor invited him to write about the Child Ambassador's scheme so that Old Boys could share with him.

Mission Launch Ceremony

On 13 January 2001, there was a grand mission launch ceremony to earmark our readiness to commence the mission at the Governor House. Apart from the usual speeches and presentations, the "Palm Print" ceremony was the most spectacular as it demonstrated our unity and commitment to promote children's rights in Hong Kong.

Trip to Switzerland (20-27 January 2001)

To carry out our mission, we visited a number of organizations, including:

- *The United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child;
- *Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China at Geneva;
- *Pestalozzi Children's Village Foundation in Trogen;
- *Children's Parliament of the town of Lucerne;
- *Pro Juventute; and
- *Swiss Committee for UNICEF.

Sampson Chan Kit Hang January 21, 2001



Group Picture with Mr Lan Woon Kong, Secretary for Home Affairs, Tsui Wuan-man is the tallest boy on the extreme left



Tsui Wuan-man and family, friends and Mr Peter Chiu VP of LSC at the Mission Launch Ceremony on 13/1/01 at the old Governor House.

Our ambassadorial adventures were packed with formal meetings and discussions, delightful music, relaxing games, sightseeing laughter, as well as serious reflections. Among all the activities, I find the following three visits most impressive.

Meeting with the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child

In a 45-minute meeting with the committee, we discussed the current situation of children's rights in Hong Kong; mainly about our concern on the establishment of a child commission, which is proposed to be a child-related governmental organization, in Hong Kong. We suggested that it could be used to monitor the implementation of UNCRE in Hong Kong, to better coordinate the child-related non- governmental organizations, and to enforce the measures that are protecting children's rights.

We received much appreciation and support from the Committee, and were reminded to put more emphasis on the study of the structure and organization of the child commission.

It was an invaluable experience to have dressed up in formal suits to meet the Committee at the age of 15.

Visit to the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China

We shared current situations of children's rights and other related issues in both China and Hong Kong with its officials. Moreover, we attended a concert held at the Palais des Nations, the European headquarters of United Nations, hosted by the Permanent Mission. Sitting in a magnificent hall with other guests, we enjoyed the concert very much. It was a great evening.

Meeting with Representatives of the Children's Parliament of the Town of Lucerne, Switzerland

We had a meeting with the Presidents, Vice-President, and 2 other members of the Children's Parliament of the Town of Lucerne, Switzerland. The Parliament is a child-related governmental organization, which is similar to the child commission we have been proposing. The members of the Parliament, including committee members, must be in the age group of 8-15. The Parliament has political rights, and often submits reports or proposals, concerning the government's policies in relation to children's rights.

This visit allowed us to learn the structure and organization of the Children's Parliament, which should serve as a good reference model. It was a fruitful meeting full of constructive ideas for our future work.

All in all, our trip to Switzerland fulfilled its set objectives. We have learnt relevant philosophies and practices of children's rights from various organizations there. Each organization has its own mission, history and characteristics. I am sure what we have learnt from the visits will certainly assist our future work on the Scheme.



Tsui and friends in Switzerland

Spring Dinner 2001 March 13, 2001

Grand Ball Room, Hotel Nikko Reception 6:30 pm Dinner 7:30pm

Chan Ka Ming

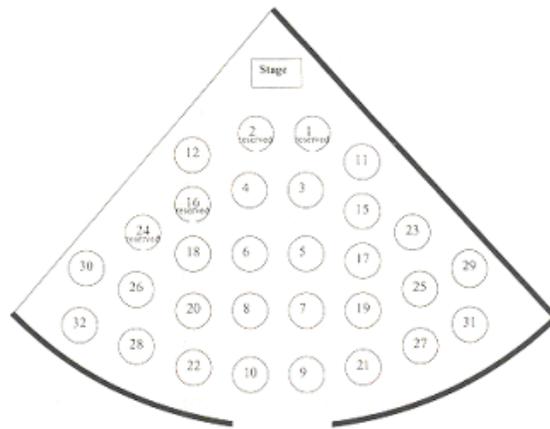
With the advent of the Internet, La Salle old boys are networking more easily and therefore more frequently. Many large-scale class reunions have been successfully arranged through the Iscoba.com chatboard and through email distribution lists.

We are pleased to invite you to the largest alumni gathering of the year, the annual Spring Dinner organised by the La Salle College Old Boy's Association. The Spring Dinner has always been well attended by old boys from different generations and will be graced by distinguished guests as well as La Salle College staff. Current students representing the Student Association and the elite LSC Athletic Team will also be invited.

Spring Dinner 2001 will be held on the 13th of March (Tuesday), the same day with the Wanchai Athletic Meet. The venue will be the Grand Ball Room, Hotel Nikko at 72 Mody Road, TST East, Public parking is readily available in the surrounding area. The price for the event is \$380 per head or \$4,560 per table of 12 (inclusive of unlimited soft drinks and beer, free corkage will be provided for self brought in wine).

Please check Iscoba.com for more information, and make your booking as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

LSCOBA Spring Dinner 2001 Seating Plan Grand Ballroom Hotel Nikko



My Participation in the UNCRC - Child Ambassador's Scheme

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RIP

A very senior Old Boy, Patrick Thomas Heffernan George passed away on 4 July 2000. May his soul rest in peace.