

OLD PAULIANS' ASSOCIATION

79th Annual Report 2005/2006

Dear Members,

Your Management Committee has great pleasure in presenting to you the 79th Annual Report outlining the activities for the period under review.

1. The members of the Management Committee are:

President:	Y. Bhg. Tan Sri Dato' Chan Choong Tak, PSM, DSNS.
Vice Presidents:	Mr Ng Yee Tim PMC Mr David Wee Toh Kiong PMC, PJK Mr Vipin Patel, AMN, PPT, ANS, PMC, PJK
Hon. Gen. Secretary:	Mr Lee Kok Keong
Asst. Hon. Gen. Secretary:	Ms Josephine Tan Siang Noy, PJK
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr Lai See Ming, AMN, ANS, PJK, CStJ.
Committee Members:	Mr Michael Yan Wai Pin, PJK. Mr Hilary Santa Maria, PMC Mr Francis Singh Mr Paul Siao Mr R. Sawarimutthu
Hon. Auditors:	Mr Michael Thong Kai Tung Mr Wong See Kai

2. **Meetings:** Twelve Ex-Co meetings were held after the last BGM in 2005.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	%
Chan Choon Tak	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Ng Yee Tim	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Vipin Patel	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
David Wee	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Lee Kok Keong	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Josephine Tan	1	1	1	1	@	@	@	@	@	@	1	@	1	46%
Lai See Ming	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Michael Yan	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Hilary SM	1	@	1	@	@	1	1	1	1	1	@	1	@	62%
Francis Singh	1	1	1	1	@	1	@	@	1	1	@	1	A	62%
Paul Siao	1	@	1	1	@	@	@	@	1	1	A	1	1	54%
Sawarimutthu	1	1	1	1	1	1	@	1	1	1	1	1	1	92%

1 = Present

A = Absent

@ = Apologies

3. **Sub- Committees:**

(a) Building Fund	- Chairman (Tan Sri Dato' Chan Choong Tak)
(b) Scholastic Awards	- Chairman (Mr Vipin Patel)
(c) Games	- Chairman (Mr Michael Yan Wai Pin)
(d) Golf	- Chairman (Mr David Wee Toh Kiong)
(e) Social & Welfare	- Chairman (Mr Ng Yee Tim)
(f) OPA Web-site	- Webmaster (Mr Lai See Ming)

4. Membership: During the period under review, 18 Life Members and 3 Ordinary Members were recruited.

The membership stands at: Life Members 671
 Ordinary Members 129

We remind all ordinary members to submit their yearly subscriptions to avoid their names being taken off the register in compliance with the Constitution.

For your information, the annual subscription for an Ordinary Member (old Paulian) is RM10.00 & a Life Member is RM100.00. For an Associate Member (La Sallian/ SPI Staff), the annual subscription is RM6.00. The Entrance Fee is RM 2.00.

Change of Telephone Numbers/Addresses: In spite of our previous and numerous reminders, only a few members informed us of the changes. Where are the others? If you come across any of your friends (members) who have shifted, please inform them or get them to send their particulars to us. They can do so to our email address for updating.

The OPA email address is: opasban@tm.net.my. We are in the process of printing our Life Members' Directory. If YOU do not help us by updating your information, please do not blame us for any error.

5. OPA 79th Reunion Dinner.

Last year, we had the dinner on 3rd September 2005 at 7.30 p.m. at the Dewan Perbandaran Seremban, Seremban. The cost was very reasonable at RM240/= for eight persons (RM30/= per pax). We hit a record of 123 tables. It showed that many old Paulians from far and near made it a point to attend this auspicious reunion dinner. Earlier in the morning, they had also participated in the OPA Golf Tournament at the Seremban 3 'Paradise Valley Resort Golf Course. It was a very challenging course for many of them because many had lost many of their golf balls.

As in the past, we placed special emphasis on the 25th Year & 50th Year Groups. For these groups, it was a sad case as there were no 'lead' representatives to organise them. Other year groups had a better turned up in large numbers. It was indeed a joyous occasion for one and all.

We had extended our invitations to former retired teachers/Headmasters/Principal of the alma mater. Here, we would like to apologise for those who were inadvertently left out due to lack of communications and their whereabouts due to change of addresses.

For entertainment, we had the 'Wizards Band' led by Mr Francis Singh.

Mementos were presented to the following old Paulians.

Mr Lee Kiam Ong	- AMN	Dr Peter Yeow Beng Geok	- PMC
Dato' Chan Onn Fatt	- DSNS	Dato' Lee Tian Hock	- SPTJ
Mr Loh Kim Heong	- DNS	Mr Vincent Lim Woon Chen	- PJK
Mdm. Wong Mei Peng	- PJK		

The **Tan Sri Dato' Chan Choong Tak Award** was also presented to the 'best-all-round' student of the alma mater, Mas.Lee Heng Fah, for the year.

OPA Scholastic Awards were to given members' children who had excelled in the 2004 PMR, SPM, STPM & A Levels examinations.

STUDENTS' NAME

PARENTS

PMR

1. Miss Chong Ann Jil	8As	Mr & Mrs Chong Kheng Fui
2. Miss Michelle Lim Ai-Ling	7As	Major (Rtd) & Mrs Colin Lim Hoong Hoom
3. Miss Jennifer Wee Su Chin	7As	Mr & Mrs David Wee Toh Kiong
4. Miss Wong Peh Hwa	8As	Mr & Mrs Wong Pung Keng

SPM:

1. Miss Christine Tee Mei Quin	10As	Mr & Mrs Simon Tee Ah Bah
2. Miss Josephine Wee May Chin	11As	Mr & Mrs David Wee Toh Kiong
3. Miss Tan Ching Yeng	7As	Mr & Mrs Tan Kok Chin

A Levels

1. Miss Lai Huiyin	4As	Mr & Mrs Lai See Ming
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Our sincere congratulations to the above recipients for their excellent performance in the public examinations.

* If your child/children did well in the 2005 public examinations, you can ask for the scholastic forms some time in July/August 2006 or you can down load the form from our web-site.

We would like to record our sincere thanks to Mr Yap Ooi Beng (Principal of SPI-Secondary), Ms Jeyadhevi d/o Subramaniam (Headmistress of SPI-Primary), our faithful old Paulians, friends, prefects, advertisers and sponsors who had helped us in one way or another to make our function a success. In our collection of advertisements and donations for the souvenir programme, your committee did not really go all out this time.

Advertisements:	2004 - RM 5,250.00	Dinner Profits:	RM 4,456.35 sen.
	2005 - RM 6,280.00	Dinner Profits:	RM 8,448.03 sen

6. OPA Education Trust Fund:

After disbursing some funds for the scholastic awards and subsidies to the alma mater, the amount stood at RM87,163.23 sen. at the end of 2004. In 2005, your association did not go all out to raise funds. However, we received RM550 in donations towards the ETF. With interest derived from its FD and a top up from our main account, we have a RM100.000/= in the ETF.

Subsidies of RM800.00 were also given to SPI (Sec) students taking the SPM (RM100/= each) & STPM (RM150/= each) examinations etc.

A sum of RM1,150.00 was disbursed to OPA Scholastic Awardees.

7. Sports & Games:

For your information, your association is affiliated to the N.S. Badminton Association, Persatuan Badminton Daerah Seremban (represented by Mr Lee Kok Keong) and the N.S. Hockey Association (represented by Mr Lawrence Tan & Mr Vipin Patel).

Competitions: We did not send a team to participate in the NSHA competition.

Annual Games Carnival (Young Paulians vs Old Paulians)

The Games were held from the 28th to 29th July 2005. Although it was a carnival, we still found that a game or two were called off because of poor response. The results were:

<u>Games</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Winners</u>
Soccer	SPI	Badminton	OPA
Table Tennis	OPA	Volleyball	OPA
Hockey	OPA		

If you have missed any of these games and are interested to participate in future, kindly inform the Games Chairman or the Hon. Secretary.

At the last AGM, Mr Francis Siow brought to the attention of the members of the past glories of our old Paulians and that of our alma mater. On that note, a few meetings were held with our members of the various games to promote and develop the games in the alma mater. For starters the following members had volunteered their services in this programme. They are: Mr Francis Siow (Badminton), Mr Lawrence Tan (Soccer & Hockey) and Mr Mariano Herera (Table Tennis).

For the Badminton programme, Mr Francis Siow had obtained a sponsorship from Mr Paul Siau of Eagle Ranch Resort, Port Dickson. With the assistance of Mr Lee Kok Keong and Mr Gary Siow, they had successfully completed the first phase of the programme for the Primary school over a few weeks. They had a competition amongst the different standards (from Standard 1 to Standard 6). Prizes were given to the winners and also a donation (Collected from the competitions) of RM500.00 & a few dozens of shuttlecocks to the school for its continuation of the programme. The Headmistress and the Sports Secretary of the school were very supportive and pleased with the programme. It would continue in the following year. As the programme was held in October, we had difficulty in getting a good response from the Secondary school. The reason for the poor response was mainly due to the closeness of the school and public examinations. Here, we hope to start this programme early in 2006.

YONEX-NSBA TEAM COMPETITION 2005

The competition was organised by the Negeri Sembilan Badminton Association. It was held from 6th – 11th January 2006 at the Ma Hwa Hall, Seremban. The OPA Team participated in this competition and lost out in the preliminary rounds.

OPA Golf Tournaments 2005

In conjunction with the annual reunion dinner on 3rd September 2005, the golf competition was held at the Seremban 3 'Paradise Valley Resort' Golf Course, Seremban.

As in the past, we had many old Paulians, old La Sallians, De La Salle Mission Brothers and guests from far and

near across the country as well as from overseas. We had 86 participants of which the majority consisted of mostly old Paulians. Everyone had a wonderful and friendly time.

OPA Golf Competition Results:

GROSS CHAMPION: Mr Tan Foong Luen (78)
GROSS RUNNER-UP: Mr Low Seng Koon (79)
GROSS THIRD: Mr Ng Chook (81)

NETT CHAMPION: Mr R Manimaran (63)
NETT RUNNER-UP: Mr Loh Saw Foong (66)
NETT THIRD: Mr Wong Wai Seng (69)
NETT 4TH: Mr Michael Chin (69)
NETT 5TH: Mr David Samuel Paul (71)
NETT 6TH: Mr Kavin (71)
NETT 7TH: Dr Vijayasinham (72)
NETT 8TH: Mr Krishnamurthi (73)
NETT 9TH: Mr Henry Yap (73)
NETT 10TH: Mr Jesse James (73)
NETT 11TH: Mr William Lazaroo (73)
NETT 12TH: Mr Nicholas Lechumanan (73)

GUEST – 1ST: Mr Albert Sim (64)
GUEST – 2ND: Mr Brian Alexis Naidu (69)
GUEST – 3RD: Mr John Hue (70)
GUEST – 4TH: Major Gen. (Rtd) Dota' Mohd Isa (71)

SENIOR – 1ST: Mr M. Joseph (83)
SENIOR – 2ND: Mr Philip John Siow (83)
SENIOR – 3RD: Rev. Bro. Felix Donahue FSC (83)

NOVELTY PRIZES:

1. Hole-in-On:

Hole 4: Putter (Nil)
Hole 6: *Return Flight to Kunming, China. (4 pax) – Kurnia Insurance (Nil)*
Hole 11: Lady Americana Bed Set (Nil)
Hole 15: (Nil)

2. Nearest the Pin:

Hole 4 -Mr Foo Chin Yew (6'2")
Hole 15 -Mr Low Seng Koon (10')

3. Longest Drive:

Hole 12 - Mr Ronnie Tan (270M)

4. Nearest the Line:

Hole 12 -Mr Albert Goh (on line)

5. 'Eagle' prize

- Major Gen. (Rtd) Dota' Mohd Isa

SPECIAL PRIZES:

1. **Youngest Paulian** -Mas. Leonard Yap (14 years old)
2. **Oldest Paulian** -Mr Michael Chen (79 years old)
3. **First Entrant** -Mr Low Tuck Seng
4. **Special Guest** -Rev. Bro. Felix Donahue FSC

LUCKY PRIZES: For those who did not succeed in winning any of the above prizes, many were lucky to win prizes from the lucky draw. So ... somehow everyone is a winner.

Once again, the Organising Committee would like to thank all sponsors/donors (especially those who never fail us in their yearly sponsorship and contributions) and participants in the above golf competition. To the winners "SYABAS!" and to the others "Better sharpen your skills for the next tournament!"

Inaugural Golf Malaysia Mega Air Missions Hills Championship 22nd to 26th November 2005 in Shenzhen, China.

Many of you might not know of the above competition organised by Golf Malaysia & Mega Air. For your information, our member, Mr Michael Yan with a handicap of 12 participated in it and he came out a winner. He was the Champion in 'A' Division. (Read more about it in our web-site.)

8. Social & Welfare:

- (a) Novitiate Building in Bangalore, India- An appeal for a donation to build the Novitiate through Rev. Bro. Cassian Pappu FSC which is for the training of young aspirants who wish to become mission brothers and also a rehabilitation centre for traumatized families and orphans in the worst hit area of Nagapatinan in Tamil Nadu, India, your association made a donation of RM500.00.
- (b) ACS (Primary) Computer Lab – Your association gave a token donation to the school for this project.
- (c) Tan Sri Dato' Chan Choong Tak, Mr Ng Yee Tim and Mr Lee Kok Keong paid a social visit to Mr Arthur Tam who was quite ill at one time.
- (d) A China tour was organised in November 2005 and a few members took the trip.
- (e) The OPA Badminton Team had a friendly game with the Malacca High School Staff & friends in Malacca.

9. Malaysian Federation of La Sallian Associations:

Since 5/9/2004, the OPA took over the management of the Federation. A few meetings were held over a new constitution and the members also had a meeting with Ms Yin Kam Yoke (Secretary of the Malayan Christian Schools' Council) and Mr Gooi Hoe Hun (Political Secretary of Dato' Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik of the Ministry of Energy, Water and Communications). The later meeting was to forward a memorandum on the 'needs' of the mission schools in the country to Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein (Education Minister) and his ministry's attention.

We had forwarded to the Registrar of Societies in Shah Alam, Selangor the new constitution for approval. Upon its approval, we will call for a BGM to appoint the new office-bearers to manage the Federation.

La Sallian Associations' Dinner Functions: Every year each La Sallian Association in the Federation organises its own reunion dinner during the year and invitations are extended to member associations. Our representatives had attended most of the functions.

10. OPA Web-site (<http://opa.seremban.org>) & Email (opasban@tm.net.my):

As mentioned in the past, our sincere thanks went to Mr Wong Pak Lok for setting the OPA web-site for us. Since then, our webmaster is none other than Mr Lai See Ming. He has been doing a wonderful job by updating it. If you have not gone into it, you should do so to find out more. If you have any interesting and relevant photos, articles that you wish to share with our members; please email them to us. He will pick them up from there. As the postal costs have gone up, we may not be sending newsletters etc to you (overseas members) in future. As a reminder to all our members especially overseas ones, please log in our web-site for latest news and information.

11. Obituary: Many older old Paulians will remember Dr Chong Kim Choy (one of the pioneer members of our association) and Dato' Chan Onn Fatt. Their demises were greatly felt by the members.

Condolences were also conveyed to the families of Mr Lee Yew Ming (demise of his wife), Mr Loh Yah Shang Mr Lim Chee Kong, Mr Danny, Mr William, Mr Thomas & Mr Richard Leong and Mr Yap Ooi Beng (demise of their fathers) and Mr Michael Yap Kuan Fah (demise of his mother).

12. Conclusion: Before we conclude, we like to congratulate YB Datuk Dr S. Vijayaratnam on his appointment as Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Plantation Industries & Commodities (recent Cabinet Reshuffle) by our Prime Minister.

Lastly, behalf of the association, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all those who have assisted the Old Paulians' Association in one way or another.

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Hon. Gen. Secretary