

OLD PAULIANS' ASSOCIATION
80th Annual Report 2006/2007

Dear Members,

Your Management Committee has great pleasure in presenting to you the 80th 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 ANS, 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, KMN, ANS, PJK, CSJ.
Committee Members: Mr Michael Yan Wai Pin, PJK.
 Mr Hilary Santa Maria, PMC
 Mr Francis Singh
 Mr Paul Siau
 Mr R. Sawarimutthu
Hon. Auditors: Mr Michael Thong Kai Tung
 Mr Wong See Kai

2. **Meetings:** Thirteen Ex-Co meetings were held in 2006.

Date/Name	18/1	15/2	19/4	5-Mar	24/5	21/6	7-Dec	8-Sep	16/8	23/8	29/8	11/11	15/11	%
Chan Choong 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	92%
David Wee	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	92%
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	1	54%
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	92%
Hilary Santa Maria	1	@	1	@	1	@	0	@	1	0	0	1	1	46%
Francis Singh	1	0	1	@	@	@	1	@	1	1	1	1	1	62%
R. Sawarimutthu	1	1	1	1	1	1	@	@	1	0	@	0	1	62%
Paul Siau	1	1	0	@	@	0	0	@	0	0	1	0	1	31%
1 = present @ = apologies 0 = absent														

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 698
 Ordinary Members 298

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, there are many members who have not informed us of the changes. (When sending the newsletters etc, some of them kept returning to us.)

5. **OPA 80th Reunion Dinner.** Last year, we had the dinner on 2nd September 2006 at 7.30 p.m. at the Royal Adelphi Hotel, Seremban. The cost was at RM500/= for ten persons (RM50/= per pax). We hit a record of 123 tables. As we had used the maximum space available, we had to turn down many last callers. It showed that many old Paulians from far and near made it a point to attend this auspicious reunion dinner.

As in the past, we placed special emphasis on the 25th Year & 50th Year Groups. For the 25th Year group, there was a tremendous response. Under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Julian Leow, these Paulians took up 9 tables. There was even a poem recital dedicated to the teachers of the alma mater by them. As for the other group, it was a sad case as there was not a 'lead' representative to organise them. However, some of them did turn up and they were presented OPA T-shirts as souvenirs. 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 the change of addresses.

For entertainment, we had the 'Mardi Gras Fantasy Show' consisting of a magic show & dances. The School Rally was led by the President and music provided by Mr Francis Singh of the 'D Wizards Band'.

Mementos were presented to the following members.

Federal Award:	Datuk Tan Kim Leong	- PJN	Mr Lai See Ming	- KMN
State Award:	Dr Bob D. Samuel	- DNS	Mr David Wee Toh Kiong	- ANS
	Mr Jesu Maria Selvam	- ANS	Mr C. Palasingam	- PMC
	Dr Victor Loh Tee Kwang	- PJK	Mr Tang Jay Son	- PJK
	Mr Lachimpadi Narasingam	- PJK		

The **Tan Sri Dato' Chan Choong Tak Award** was also presented to Mas. Wong Cheok Hong, for being chosen as the 'best-all-round' student of the alma mater in the year. He received a watch and a replica of the award at the function.

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

PMR:

1. Miss Angeline Law Sek Peng	8As	Mr & Mrs Joseph Law Chai Lye
2. Mas Lai Yoong Hean	8As	Mr & Mrs Lai Yoke Beng
3. Mas Tham Shi Wei	7As + 1B	Mr & Mrs Tham Swee Loong
4. Miss Lai Poh Yee	7As	Mr & Mrs Lai Kai Sam
5. Miss Lee Kah Lian	7As	Mr & Mrs Lee Yuen Loy
6. Miss Soh Kah Mun	7As	Mr & Mrs Soh Siew Kin
7. Mas Iyngaran Ravindran	7As	Dr Premalatha Gopal Das
8. Mas Justin Lim Kian Yew	7As	Mr & Mrs Joseph Lim Chan San
9. Mas Lim Jun-Zhao	7As	Mr & Mrs Lim Chee Seng

SPM:

1. Miss Niwasini Ravindran	10A1s + 1A2	Dr Premalatha Gopal Das
2. Miss Cristabel Lee Jen Yi	10A1s + 1A2	Mr & Mrs Kevin Lee Yee Seng
3. Miss Lai Poh Wan	9A1s + 2A2	Mr & Mrs Lai Kai Sam
4. Miss Chong Pei Kay	8A1s + 3A2	Mr & Mrs Chong Kheng Fui

5. Miss Tee Pei Hwa	7A1s + 3A2	Mr & Mrs Tee Kim Ming
6. Mas Tham Yee Quan	7A1s + 2A2	Mr & Mrs Tham Lai Ming
7. Miss Lai Yeng Yeng	6A1s + 2A2	Mr & Mrs Lai Yoke Beng
8. Mas Lim Jun-Su	5A1s + 5A2	Mr & Mrs Lim Chee Seng
9. Mas. Hui Yew Won	2A1s + 7A2	Mr & Mrs Hui Chee Kooi

STPM

Mas Lee Heng Fah	4As	Mr & Mrs Lee Yuen Loy
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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 2006 public examinations, you can ask for the scholastic forms some time in July/August 2007 or you can download the form from our web-site.

We would like to record our sincere thanks to Mdm Yap See Moi (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:	2005 - RM 6,280.00	Dinner Profits: RM 8,448.03	sen
“	2006 - RM 10,750.00	”	Deficit RM 2,405.69
			sen

The deficit came mainly from the number of invitations to celebrate the function with us.

6. OPA Education Trust Fund:

After disbursing some funds for the scholastic awards and subsidies to the alma mater, the amount stood at RM105139.64sen. at the end of 2006. However, your association did not go all out to raise funds. Some of its funds had been channeled to Social and Welfare activities.

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 4th to 10th August 2006. Although it was a carnival, we still found that a game or two were called off because of poor response. The results were:

Games	Winners	Games	Winners
Soccer	OPA	Badminton	OPA
Table Tennis	OPA	Volleyball	OPA
Hockey	SPI	Tennis	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.

OPA Golf Tournaments 2006

In conjunction with the annual reunion dinner on 2nd September 2006, the golf competition was held at the Seremban International Golf Course, Seremban. The BFD Trophy was held on 1.9.2006 at the Staffield Golf Club, Negeri Sembilan.

As in the past, we had many old Paulians, old La Sallians, De La Salle Brothers and guests from far and near across the country as well as from overseas. We had 88 participants of which the majority consisted of mostly old Paulians. Everyone had a wonderful and friendly time.

BFD Golf Trophy: There were 26 golfers in this third tournament. They played on the 'System 36 modified' and the Champion was Mr Robin Wan (38 pts) with Mr Phang Chee Leong (37 pts) as Runner-up in the tournament.

OPA Golf Tournament: Eighty-eight golfers participated in it. The weather was fine and the golfers had a good time especially the 'sing-along' session after the prize giving ceremony. The results were:

PRIZES WINNERS:

1. GROSS CHAMPION: Mr Low Seng Koon (76)
2. GROSS RUNNER-UP: Mr Siow Yoon Keong (80)
3. GROSS THIRD: Mr Jimmy Ng Chook (83)

1. NETT CHAMPION: Mr Phang Chee Leong (66)
2. NETT RUNNER-UP: Mr P. Paul Suppiah (68)
3. NETT THIRD: Mr Tham Keng Wah (69)

4. NETT 4TH: Mr Ranandra Choudhry (71) OCB
5. NETT 5TH: Mr Au Lek Chai (71) OCB
6. NETT 6TH: Dato' Dr P. Viyayasingam (71)
7. NETT 7TH: Mr Low Sow Fong (72)
8. NETT 8TH: Mr Kuah Beng Teck (73) OCB
9. NETT 9TH: Mr Wong Wai Seng (73) OCB
10. NETT 10TH: Mr Hilary Santa Maria (73) OCB
11. NETT 11TH: Mr Eugene Goh (73) OCB
12. NETT 12TH: Mr Ong Guan Chye (73)
13. NETT 13TH: Mr Michael Yan (74) OCB
14. NETT 14TH: Mr Foo Chan Ming (74) OCB
15. NETT 15TH: Mr V. Manimaran (74) OCB
16. NETT 16TH: Mr Chia Kwoon Meng (74) OCB

1. GUEST – NETT 1ST: Mr Chen Fook Keong (65)
2. GUEST – NETT 2ND: Mr Zainuddin Ahmad (68)
3. GUEST – NETT 3RD: Mr Alex S.N. Wong (70)
4. GUEST – NETT 4TH: Mr Vincent Wong (71) OCB
5. GUEST – NETT 5TH: Mr Michael Siow (71) OCB

1. SENIOR – NETT 1ST: Mr Philip John Siow (72)
2. SENIOR – NETT 2ND: Mr Foo Ah Hoong (76)
3. SENIOR – NETT 3RD: Mr Wong Kong Hock (79)

NOVELTY PRIZES:

- Longest Drive: Hole 11 - Mr Martin James Baptist (297M)
- NTP: Hole 18 - Mr Chia Kwoon Meng (2' 5")
- NTP: Hole 2 - Dato' Dr P. Viyayasingam (17' 2")
- NTP: Hole 15 - Mr Santhana Dass (2' 5")
- HOLE-IN-ONE: No Winners.

Once again, the Organising Committee would like to thank all sponsors/donors and participants in the previous competitions

8. Social & Welfare

At the previous reunion dinner, your association gave RM1150/= as scholastic awards to eighteen members' children for their excellent achievements in the PMR, SPM or the STPM examinations. Early in the year, your association had given subsidies (RM800/=) to needy students of the alma mater for their public examination fees. Now that the Education Ministry will be doing away with the examination fees, we will look into helping the poor and needy students in other ways too. If you wish to do your part, you can always call up the school heads Ms Jeyadhevi Subramaniam (Primary) at 06-7637405 or Mdm Yap See Moi (Secondary) at 06-7612931).

Besides these, your association gave subsidies to the following: (a) Prefects' Board – RM700/= for a motivational course in Port Dickson (ii) 2 students (Miss Leenavathy Reveindran & Mas. Rupan Reveindran) RM500/= for a Teakwondo Korea Open Competition 2006 and a donation to the Novitiate Building in Bangalore (a training place for young aspirants to become mission brothers and also a rehabilitation centre for traumatized families and orphans). Your association also gave a donation to N. S. Veteran Hockey Club.

Travels: This year, together with Mr Ng Yee Tim (Social & Welfare Chairman), 5 members with their spouses instead of 16 went on a 12 days' 'Silk Road - China' trip from 11th to 22nd of September 2006. Although it was quite tiring, it was an enjoyable trip (Just imagine: Plane, train and coach rides for the whole journey. Travelling daily by coaches most of the time and spending each night in a new city. We got to see the deserts, lakes, vineyards and ways of life of the people there.) Following that, a few of them went on a 6 days' Philippines trip and Chiangmai by Air Asia. If you wish the OPA group for future trips, please get in touch with Mr Ng Yee Tim.

Social Visit: Just before the Hari Raya, led by the President and a few Ex-Co members, we paid a second courtesy call to Tn. Hj Gamma Khan (former committee member & teacher) who had a stroke some time ago. He looked very much better than the last visit.

9. Malaysian Federation of La Sallian Associations

Your association has successfully put the Federation into a firm position. It has remedied the problems incurred by the former committee. It has got the new MFOLSA Constitution approved by the Registrar of Societies. At the 13th Biennial Delegates' Conference held on 9.7.2006 held at the De La Salle Hall, Petaling, a new Management Committee was elected. The new President is Ms Ho Chee Kit (President of XC-KL), Vice Presidents (all other Presidents of the Member Associations), Hon. Secretary – Mr Mahendran Kutty (Hon. Secretary of FC-KL), Hon. Treasurer – Ms Josephine Tan Siang Noy (OPA Hon. Assistant Secretary). The 6 Committee Members are: Mr Fabian Pereira (OGA, FT & S'gor), Mr Jeffrey S. K. Low (OLAK), Mr James Sia (SFA), Mr Chan Ying Wei (OMA), Mr Peter Sinniah (OBA LaSalle, Bricksfield) & John Ang (SMIAA KL) and 2 Hon. Auditors, Mr. Lim Hock Thiam (XCKL) and Dr Jim Lai Chee Chuen (SMIAA KL).

For your information: (a) MFOLSA meetings are held every two months in La Salle Provincialate in Petaling Jaya. (b) The MFOLSA would be planning a 'Convention cum Dinner' for its member associations on 4.8.2007 in Kuala Lumpur. (c) The OPA was given the task of organising trips for MFOLSA members like visiting La Sallians' Associations in Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan etc.

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):

Since getting our own web-site, Mr Lai See Ming (Our webmaster) 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 are contemplating of not posting newsletters etc to you (overseas members) in future. However, we will post them to you if you do not have any email addresses. As a reminder to all our members especially overseas ones, please log in our web-site for latest news and information. Please do send us your email addresses for updating.

11. Obituary.

Condolences were given to Mr Loh Kim Heong on the demise of his beloved wife on 25.7.2006. Condolences were also given to Rev. Bro. Peter Foo FSC (demised of his beloved father, Mr John Foo Khim Sen) and Rev. Bro. Matthew Liew FSC (demised of his beloved sister, Ms Lucy Liew Yoon Nyong).

12. Conclusion:

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.

Compiled by Lee Kok Keong
Hon. Gen. Secretary