

**OLD PAULIANS' ASSOCIATION**  
**82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Report 2008**

Dear Members,

Your Management Committee has great pleasure in presenting to you the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Report outlining the activities for the period under review.

1. **82<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting:** Time really flies and it is another year for your Executive Council to work harder. The AGM was held on 30.3.2008 at the alma mater. Although it was not an election year, the attendance was reasonably good. The meeting was held at St Paul's Primary School, Seremban.

After welcoming all those present at the meeting, Mr Ng Yee Tim (President), thanked the Principal (Mdm Yap See Moi), Mr Chen Ah Keng (Headmaster), and members who had sacrificed their Sunday morning and managed to turn up for the meeting. He hoped that the members would continue giving their support to the association. He informed them that two of our members won their 'Parliamentary' seats at the recent General Election. They were none other than Y.B. Anthony Loke Siew Fook and Y.B. John Fernandez. Before ending of his address, he thanked the Mr Chen Ah Keng for the use of the school premises for the meeting.

The members of the Management Committee are:

<b>Patron/Advisor:</b>	Y. Bhg. Tan Sri Dato' Chan Choong Tak, PSM, DSNS
<b>President:</b>	Mr Ng Yee Tim PMC.
<b>Vice Presidents:</b>	Mr David Wee Toh Kiong ANS, PMC, PJK Mr Hilary Santa Maria PMC Mr Michael Yan Wai Pin PJK
<b>Hon. Gen. Secretary:</b>	Mr Lee Kok Keong PJK
<b>Asst. Hon. Gen. Secretary:</b>	Ms Josephine Tan Siang Noy, PJK
<b>Hon. Treasurer:</b>	Mr Lai See Ming, KMN, ANS, AMN, PJK, CStJ.
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Mr Lee Kong Hooi. Mr Bernard John Kanny, PMC Mr Francis Singh Mr Paul Siau Mr Loh Yah Shang
<b>Hon. Auditors:</b>	Mr Michael Thong Kai Tung Mr Wong See Kai

2. **Meetings:** Fourteen Ex-Co meetings were held in 2008.

Date/Name	9/1	13/2	16/4	7/5	11/6	3/7	16/7	6/8	13/8	20/8	27/8	3/9	17/9	17/12	%
Ng Yee Tim	1	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	@	86%
Michael Yan	1	@	1	1	1	1	1	@	@	@	1	1	1	1	71%
Hilary Santa Maria	1	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	1	100%
Josephine Tan	1	1	@	1	@	@	@	@	@	1	@	@	@	@	29%
Lai See Ming	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Lee Kong Hooi	1	@	1	@	@	0	0	@	@	@	@	@	@	1	21%
Bernard Kanny	@	@	1	0	@	1	@	@	@	@	1	@	@	@	21%
Francis Singh	1	1	1	@	1	0	1	1	1	@	1	1	1	@	71%
Paul Siau	1	1	@	1	@	1	@	@	@	1	@	1	0	0	43%
Loh Yah Shang	1	1	@	1	@	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	@	1	79%
1 = present      @ = apologies      0 = absent															

For your information: Our Patron/Advisor, Tan Sri Dato' Chan Choong Tak, and both Heads of our Alma Mater, Mdm Yap See Moi and Mr Chen Ah Keng attended our meetings regularly. The Headmaster and Principal updated us with their school developments and activities.

3. **Sub-Committees:**
- (a) **Building Fund** - Chairman (Tan Sri Dato' Chan Choong Tak)
  - (b) **Social & Welfare** - Chairman (Mr Ng Yee Tim)
  - (c) **Scholastic Awards** - Chairman (Mr Hilary Santa Maria)
  - (d) **Golf** - Chairman (Mr David Wee Toh Kiong)
  - (e) **Games** - Chairman (Mr Lee Kong Hooi)
  - (f) **OPA Web-site** - Webmaster (Mr Lai See Ming)
  - (g) **Legal Bureau:** - Chairman (Mr Bernard John Kanny).
  - (h) **Membership:** - Ex-Co Members.

**4. Membership:** During the period under review, 9 Life Members were recruited.

The membership stands at:	Life Members	716
	Ordinary Members	208

We had reminded all ordinary members to submit their yearly subscriptions to avoid their names being taken off the register in compliance with the Constitution Rule 8.7. (In fact, we had taken off some of the names.)

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 (Ordinary)/ RM100.00 (Life). The Entrance Fee is RM 2.00.

**Change of Telephone Numbers/Addresses:** If you or any member have shifted, please do not hesitate to inform or email us of the changes because when we send out the newsletters etc, some of them kept returning to us.

For those of you who wish to know more of your alma mater, you can log into its web-site: <http://stpaul.seremban.org> or into OPA's Website.

**5. OPA 82<sup>nd</sup> Reunion Dinner.**

This year, the dinner was on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at 7.30 p.m. at the Royale Bintang Hotel, Jalan Dato A.S. Dawood, Seremban. Being held in a hotel, the cost was a bit high at RM600/= per table for ten persons or RM60/= per person. We had 118 tables (max). We had to reject a few late comers. The guests were; Rev. Bro. Thomas Lavin FSC (Rev. Bro. Visitor), Rev. Bro. Dr Michael Jacques FSC (MFOLSA Advisor), Rev. Bro. Felix Donohue FSC (Former Bro. Director), De La Salle brothers (Rev. Bro. Lawrence Spitz FSC & Rev. Bro. Michael Kum FSC), Ms Ho Chee Kit & Mr John S. C. Loh (former MFOLSA Presidents), other Presidents (Mr Adrian Tsen - OMA & Mr Paul Loh Eng Wah - OGA), & Committee Members of 6 La Sallian Associations, present & former Principals/Heads of the alma mater, Chairmen of the Board of Governors/Managers/PTA, Mr Wong Mun Yun (oldest Paulian), Representatives from Old Georgians' Association (KGV), and ACS-OSA Seremban, old Paulians and their guests. The 'highlights' of the night were the performances by 2 instrumental bands, a Chinese Cultural Dance and a duet from the students of our Secondary school. There were also the presentations of Scholastic Awards and Souvenirs.

On behalf of the OPA, Mr Ng Yee Tim presented a momento plaque to Dato' Loh Kim Heong for receiving the DPTJ title this year from the Yang Di Pertuan Besar of Negeri Sembilan, HRH Tuanku Ja'afar Ibni Almarhum Tuanku Abdul Rahman.

We had also placed special emphasis on the 25<sup>th</sup> Year & 50<sup>th</sup> Year Groups.

For the 50<sup>th</sup> Year Group, Dato' Loh Kim Heong and a few classmates attended the function.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Year Group had a bigger number of about 40 old Paulians led by Mr Sum Chee Hong. Together with the OPA Ex-Co, they sang the School Rally. The night before this, this group had invited 6 former teachers (1 from Primary and the rest from the Secondary school) to their very own reunion dinner at Sea View Restaurant, Kemayan Square, Seremban. They presented souvenirs to their former teachers at their function. They had also invited the Secondary School Principal, Mdm. Yap See Moi. There was a 'on-the-spot' collection of funds for the School Computer Lab. They collected RM8,000/= and Mr Sum Chee Hong & Mr Yee Wai Hon donated RM1,000/= each to make it a total of RM10,000/=. This was presented to Mdm Yap See Moi at the OPA reunion Dinner on the following night.

The active 1980-Year Group led by Mr Simon Choo Chee Yuen presented a short LCD show of their activities. They also donated RM10,000/= to Mdm Yap See Moi for the I.T. Lab at the dinner function. These two year-groups had soccer amongst themselves on the morning & evening of 6.9.08 on the alma mater's school field.

Many other year-groups also attended the dinner too.

Year Groups:	1957 – 1 table	1958 – 1 table	1959 – 3 tables
	1963 – 5 tables	1967 – 6 tables	1969/70/71 – 16 tables
	1978 – 4 ½ tables	1980 – 12 tables	1983 – 5 tables
	1988 – 7 tables	1999 – 7 tables	2006 – 1 table (Youngest Group)

Here, we wish to apologise if your Year Group has not been mentioned above.

A surprise was in store for GSM/ADC Lee Kok Keong from his former King Scouts of 1969/70 & 71. Their leader, Justice Lee Siew Kin (Singapore) read a citation of his Group Scoutmaster's scouting guidance and memorable experiences when they were under him. At that time, there were 21 King Scouts (including one youngest) in one particular year. It was a record indeed. They also presented him a plaque & other gifts for his meritorious scouting services in the alma mater from 1961 – 2002. After the presentation, they with GSM Lee went back into the 'memory lane' by singing a number of 'scouting' melodies of their time including the Thai 'Loy Kratong' song taught to them by the late SM Joseph Leow.

Reminder: The Golf Tournament & Reunion Dinner will be held on every first Saturday of September. Please do keep this day in mind.

In our collection of advertisements and donations for the souvenir programme, your committee did not really go all out this time.

Advertisements:	2007 - RM 10,250.00	Sen	Profit	RM 4,754.72	sen.
	2008 - RM 8,080.00	"	"	RM 7,716.10	sen

We would like to record our sincere thanks to Mdm Yap See Moi (Principal of SPI-Secondary), Mr Chen Ah Keng (Headmaster 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.

**Federal/State Awards:**

Congratulations to our members who were honoured by HRH Yang Di Pertuan Besar of Negeri Sembilan for their meritorious services to the state.

1. Dato' Loh Kim Heong – **DPTJ** (Darjah Paduka Tuanku Ja'afar).
2. Mr Sudhir Rajan Sen Gupta – **JP** (Jaksa Pendamai).

**OPA Scholastic Awards:** These awards are given to members' children who had excelled in their PMR, SPM & STPM examinations held in 2007. The successful candidates were invited to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Reunion Dinner to receive their awards as shown below.

**Students' NAME**

**PARENTS**

**PMR:**

- |                             |    |                              |
|-----------------------------|----|------------------------------|
| 1. Miss. Karyn Choo Jia Yen | 7A | Mr & Mrs Choo Chee Yuen      |
| 2. Mas. Justin Wee Teck Jin | 7A | Mr & Mrs David Wee Toh Kiong |

**SPM:**

- |                               |         |                                |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Mas. Daniel Low Chern Ming | 12A1    | Mr & Mrs Low Siak San          |
| 2. Mas. Iyagalan Ravindran    | 11A1    | Datin Dr.Premalatha Gopal      |
| 3. Miss Lee Kah Lian          | 10A1    | Mr & Mrs Lee Yuen Loy          |
| 4. Mas. Lai Yoong Hean        | 9A1+2A2 | Mjr. (Rtd) & Mrs Lai Yoke Beng |
| 5. Miss Lai Poh Yee           | 9A1+1A2 | Mr & Mrs Lai Kai Sam           |
| 6. Miss Tan Jen Jen           | 8A1+2A2 | Mr & Mrs Tan Ban Meng          |
| 7. Miss Angeline Law Sek Peng | 7A1+4A2 | Mr & Mrs Joseph Law Chai Lye   |
| 8. Mas. Priya Dharsan S.      | 7A1+2A2 | Mr & Mrs Subramaniam Rathnam   |
| 9. Miss Tham Shi Wei          | 6A1+3A2 | Mdm Yap Kwee Chun              |
| 10. Miss Soh Kah Mun          | 4A1+3A2 | Mr & Mrs Soh Siew Kin          |

**A Levels**

- |                              |    |                           |
|------------------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 1. Miss Niwasini Ravindran   | 4A | Datin Dr.Premalatha Gopal |
| 2. Miss Cristabel Lee Jen Ji | 3A | Mr & Mrs Lee Yee Seng     |

Our sincere congratulations to the above recipients for their excellent performance in the public examinations.

6. **OPA Education Trust Fund:**

After disbursing some funds for the scholastic awards and subsidies to the alma mater, the amount stood at RM107,916.43 sen. at the end of 2008. However, your association did not go all out to raise funds. Some of its funds had been channelled to Social and Welfare activities.

(The families of the late Mr Roney Too Ah Lake and Mr Yap Wui Thong donated RM1,000/= each towards our Education Trust Fund.)

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 Lee Kong Hooi).

Annual Games Carnival (Young Paulians vs Old Paulians)

This year, the annual games' carnival was mainly held in the secondary school. Both young and old Paulians had a good fellowship and tea before the start of a few games. Other than Badminton, Hockey and Tennis, the other games like Soccer, Volleyball and Table Tennis were played in the school. Last year, the young Paulians won most of the games mainly Soccer, Volleyball, Table Tennis and Badminton. However, there was a turn around when the older Paulians won most of the games this year namely; badminton, hockey, tennis, soccer and table tennis. The young Paulians won the remaining two i.e. basketball and volleyball. Many a time, we were faced with a shortage of old Paulians playing in some of the games. We had to use a few of the young Paulians to be in our team in certain games. So, if you are still actively playing games and keen to join the carnival; just give a 'tinkle' to the Games Chairman or the Hon. Secretary. The alma mater would normally arrange the games' schedule because of the school's activities. The games would be held a few weeks just before our annual reunion dinner.

With the new facilities in the alma mater, a few old Paulians with the "Paulians' spirits" had come forward to coach the students to excel and bring back its past glories. They are: Mr Francis Siow, Mr Low Yah Shang & Mr Lee Nam Yew for Badminton, Mr Adian Van Huizen, Mr Augustine Francis & Mr Lawrence Tan for Soccer and Mr Godfrey Joseph and Mr Lawrence Tan for Hockey. Any one of you who is keen in coaching the other games, please give a phone call to the heads of the alma mater. Both Heads of our alma mater (Primary & Secondary) will be most appreciative and supportive in these programmes.

**Affiliations:** Your association is affiliated to NSHA, NSBA and PBDS.

**NSHA Competition:** This year, the NSHA had given RM600/= to the association as an incentive for participating in the NSHA competitions. However, the OPA Team did not fair well in the NSHA League 2008 and also in the 'Six-a-side' competition. The games were held at the Seremban 2 Hockey stadium.

**NSBA Team Competitions:** Your association participated in this competition and the team did not do well in it.

**PBDS Competition:** For this competition, it is also a team event and also to encourage youth development. Each team would have boys and girls playing in this event. The old Paulians' Team consisted of 6 young Paulians and 4 girls, did not fare well in this competition.

**Chef-de-mission:** The late Datuk Ho Koh Chye (an old Paulian) led the Malaysian athletes to the Beijing Olympics this year and so is Mr Chua Ah Tok who led the Malaysian athletes to the Commonwealth Youth Games in June.

#### **OPA Golf Tournament 2008**

This year, Mr David Wee (Chairman) & his Golf Committee organised this prestigious game on the morning of 6<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at the Paradise Valley Golf & Country Resort, Seremban 3. Although 72 registered to play but only 69 (49 Paulians, 15 Guests & 5 Seniors) turned up for the competition. The game teed off at 8.00 a.m. When it started, the weather was cool and fine with a bit drizzle here and there. Then it started to pour. However, due to the wet & rainy conditions, the Organisers had to abandon the competition around 11.30 a.m. There were no winners. Then, the sponsors & organisers decided and agreed to give away all the prizes in a 'lucky' draw. This is the first time in the history of OPA Golf since its revival in the late eighties (1999), this had happened.

**Fifth Bro. Felix Donohue Golf Trophy:** Originally the Paulians in Singapore are supposed to organise this competition in Singapore or Johore Baru. However, they requested the OPA to do the logistic and they would look into the funds for the competition.

This year, it was held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2008 (Friday) at Staffield Golf & Country resort, Mantin. The weather was not so good but the game ended in spite of the wet conditions. There were 47 participants.

Tee-off: 1.00 p.m.	Mode of Play: Stableford System	- 36
Category A: Paulians	Champion: Mr Chia Kwoon Meng	- 36
	Runner-up: Mr Chia Kwan Cheong	- 35
Category B: Guests	Champion: Mr Kamaraj	- 31
	Runner-up: Mr See Keng Tay	- 29

Once again, the Organising Committee would like to thank all sponsors/donors especially Mr Steven Chan, Mr Tee Choon Yeow, Mr Siow Yoon Keong, Mr Chris Loo (Lady Americana (M) Sdn. Bhd.), Mr Kevin Lee (C. K. Vin Design), Mr Soon Lin Sin (PureGen Infinity Filtration Technology) and participants in all previous competitions.

Last but not least, we must not forget the presence of the 'Guest of Honour' who is none other than Rev. Bro. Felix Donohue FSC. His kind presence at both golf tournaments, made the day for all of us.

So ... guys, if you had missed the above golf tournaments and fellowship, try to make an effort to participate in the future.

#### **8. Social & Welfare**

At the reunion dinner, your association gave RM2,000/= from the Education Trust Fund as scholastic awards to the fourteen members' children for their excellent achievements in the PMR, SPM and A Levels examinations. Previously, your association used to give subsidies to needy students of the alma mater for their public examination fees. Now that the Education Ministry is doing away with the examination fees, we will look into helping the poor and needy students in other ways. If you wish to do your part, you can always call up the school heads Mr Chen Ah Keng (Primary) at 06-7637405 or Mdm Yap See Moi (Secondary) at 06-7612931).

**OPA Tours:** Mr Ng Yee Tim led a group of 10 old Paulians & their wives to Taiwan in the month of May and 23 old Paulians & their family members for a cruise to Thailand in the month of November 2008,. As mentioned before, if you are keen in joining in any OPA organised tours; please inform him of your interest by giving him your phone number. So ... when there is a tour, he will call you to see whether you are interested in it.