

OLD PAULIANS' ASSOCIATION
83rd Annual Report 2009

Dear Members,

Your Management Committee has great pleasure in presenting to you the 83rd Annual Report outlining the activities for the period under review.

- 83rd Annual General Meeting:** Time really flies and it is another year for your Executive Council to work harder. The AGM was held on 29.3.2009 at the alma mater (Secondary School), Mont La Salle, Lobak, Seremban with good attendance.

OPA President, Mr Ng Yee Tim, thanked St Paul's Institution (Secondary) Principal (Mdm Yap See Moi), Mr Chen Ah Keng (Headmaster), and members for attending the meeting. He hoped that the members would continue their support to the OPA and remarked that after presiding for a term, he is stepping down to make room for younger Paulians to lead the association. He had served OPA faithfully for more than 40 years in various capacities like Committee Member, Hon. Secretary, Vice President and eventually its President.

He conveyed his sincere gratitude and appreciation to the out-going committee for their assistance during his term. Before ending his address, he requested from the members present to wisely elect fellow Paulians who can serve as a dynamic and dedicated executive committee, charting newer directions for OPA in the next two years.

He also thanked Principal, Mdm Yap See Moi for hosting the meeting on the school premises. After the addresses of both Headmaster and Principal of the alma mater, an election was held to decide on the new executive committee.

The newly elected committee comprised:

Patron/Advisor:	Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Dato' Chan Choong Tak PSM, DSNS.
President:	Mr Hilary Santa Maria PMC.
Vice Presidents:	Mr Ng Yee Tim PMC, Mr David Wee Toh Kiong ANS, PMC, PJK & Mr Michael Yan Wai Pin PJK.
Hon. Gen. Secretary:	Mr Lee Kok Keong PJK.
Asst. Hon. Gen. Secretary:	Mr Swarimutthu Rayappan.
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr Lai See Ming KMN, ANS, PJK, CStJ.
Committee Members:	Mr Chooi Yew Tzen, Mr Francis Xavier David Singh, Mr Loh Yah Shang, Mr Christopher Wong Poh Keong & Mr Voon Chee Man.
Hon. Auditors:	Mr Thong Kai Tung & Mr Yap Ooi Beng

After the meeting, members took a group photograph to commemorate the occasion and spent some time at the photo exhibits displayed in St Paul's Institution (Secondary)'s new ECM Libra hall.

- Meetings:** Fourteen Ex-Co meetings were held in 2009.

Date/Name	22/4	20/5	24/6	22/7	5/8	12/8	19/8	26/8	2/9	17/9	18/11	16/12	20/1	23/2	%
Hilary Santa Maria	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	@	1	1	1	1	1	1	93%
Ng Yee Tim	@	1	1	@	1	1	1	1	1	1	@	1	1	1	79%
David Wee	1	1	@	1	1	@	1	1	1	@	1	@	@	1	64%
Michael Yan	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	@	0	86%
Lee Kok Keong	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
R. Sawarimutthu	1	1	@	@	1	@	@	@	1	1	@	@	1	1	50%
Lai See Ming	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Chooi Yew Tzen	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Francis X D Singh	1	1	@	1	0	1	1	1	1	@	1	@	@	1	64%
Christopher Wong	1	@	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	@	@	1	@	71%
Loh Yah Shang	1	1	1	1	1	1	@	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	93%
Voon Chee Man	1	1	1	1	1	@	1	1	1	@	1	1	@	@	71%

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 attend our meetings regularly. The Headmaster and Principal would update us on their school development 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 Lee Kok Keong)
- (d) Golf - Chairman (Mr David Wee Toh Kiong)
- (e) Games - Chairman (Mr Michael Yan Wai Pin)
- (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, 32 Life Members & 2 Ordinary Members were recruited.

The membership stands at:	Life Members	749
	Ordinary Members	210

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 are returned 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 83rd Annual Reunion Dinner- Theme "Make a Difference".**

The theme for this year's dinner was a call to all Paulians to "Make a Difference" by coming forward to guide, mentor and develop future leaders among the students in St Paul's.

This year, the dinner was on 5th September 2009 at 7.30 p.m. at the Royale Bintang Hotel, Jalan Dato A.S. Dawood, Seremban. As of last year, the cost was still at RM600/= per table for ten persons or RM60/= per person. In spite of the cost, we had a tremendous response. We had to reject a few late comers. We had 118 tables (max). No doubt the advent of the internet has enabled everyone to network and keep in touch with each other. The banquet hall was a sea of green and white as former students proudly displayed the school colours. The guests were; Rev. Fr. Christopher Lee (newly ordained Paulian priest), De La Salle brothers (Rev. Bro. Anthony Rogers FSC- representing Rev. Bro. Visitor and also the Area Director, Rev. Bro. Felix Donohue FSC -Former Bro. Director, Rev. Bro. Ambrose Loke FSC, Rev. Bro. Michael Kum FSC, Rev. Bro John D'cruz FSC), Tan Sri Datuk Dr Augustine S.H. Ong (MFOLSA President), other Presidents (Mr Jason Ong - XC-KL & Mr Ong Eng Khiam - SFA), & Committee Members of 4 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-S'ban), and ACS-OSA Seremban, old Paulians and their guests. The 'highlights' of the night were the performances by the students of our alma mater (a) SPI-Primary: a choir (b) SPI-Secondary: a Chinese & Multi Cultural Dances, a Hip Hop & Wushu performances.

There were also the presentations of Scholastic Awards and Souvenirs.

On behalf of the OPA, Mr Hilary Santa Maria presented (a) a plaque to Mr Jesu Maria Selvam for receiving the AMN title from DYMM Yang Di Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin this year and also a plaque to Mr Lim Kah Hee for receiving PJK title (2008) 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 25th Year & 50th Year Groups.

For the 50th Year Group: Dato' Tan Kim Chong and some classmates occupied 6 tables and they had invited their former teachers (Mrs Agnes Thambu, Mdm Agnes De Silva, Mdm P. Pushpam, Mr M. Joseph, Mr Leonard E. D'cruz, Mr J. R. Menezes, Mr Cyril Tilaka and Mr Chin Kong Foo) and they also presented an 'appreciation' plaque to each of them.

The 25th Year Group had about 40 old Paulians led by Mr M. Gopinathan. They presented a mock cheque of RM10,000/= to the Secondary School Principal, Mdm. Yap See Moi at the dinner. They had also presented a short LCD show of their activities. Earlier, they had also presented a computer set for the IT lab of the alma mater.

Year Groups:	1958 - 1 table	1959 - 7 tables	1961 - 3 tables
	1967 - 8 tables	1969 - 3 tables	1979 - 2 tables
	1980 - 14 tables	1984 - 7 tables	1988 - 1 table
	1994 - 1 table	1999 - 8 tables	

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

A surprise was in store for Mr Ng Yee Tim (past President) from OPA, Mr Hilary Santa Maria presented a gift & an 'appreciation' Certificate to him.

The function ended on a pleasant note for all, with promises to meet again at the next reunion dinner on the first Saturday of September 2010.

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

Advertisements:	2008 - RM 8,080.00 sen	Profit	RM 7,716.10 sen
	2009 - RM 10,700.00 sen	"	RM 5,832.55 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.

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

Federal/State Awards:

Congratulations to our member who was honoured by DYMM Yang Di Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin of Malaysia for his meritorious services to the country.

1. Mr Jesu Maria Selvam AMN

Congratulations also to our member who was honoured by HRH Yang Di Pertuan Besar of Negeri Sembilan for his meritorious services to the state.

1. Mr Lim Kah Hee PJK (2008)

OPA Scholastic Awards: These awards are given to members' children who excelled in their PMR, SPM & STPM examinations held in 2008. A sum of RM1,250/= was disbursed to the successful candidates. The recipients were also invited to the 82nd Annual Reunion Dinner to receive their awards. They were:

Students' NAME

PARENTS

PMR:

1. Miss Stephanie Mary Anne Vincent	7A	Dr & Mrs Vincent Celestine Jesu
2. Miss Soh Kah Yee	7A	Mr & Mrs Soh Stew Kin
3. Miss Wong Chin Shuan	7A	Mr & Mrs Wong Fui Min
4. Mas. Jason Wee Teck Ming	7A	Mr & Mrs David Wee Toh Kiong
5. Mas. Matthew J. Van Huizen	7A	Mr & Mrs Adrian M. Van Huizen

SPM:

1. Mas. Lau Weng Cheng	9A1+2A2	Mr & Mrs Lau Boon Fatt
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A Levels/Foundation/Pre University

1. Miss Angeline Law Sek Peng	4A	Mr & Mrs Joseph Law Chai Lye
2. Miss Mischelle Lim Ai-Ling	4A	Mjr (R) & Mrs Lim Hoong Hoom
3. Miss Tham Shi Wei	3A	Mdm Yap Kwee Chun
4. Mas. Priya Dharsan Subramaniam	3A+1B	Mr & Mrs Subramaniam Rathnam

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 RM108,359.25 sen. at the end of 2008. However, your association did not go all out to raise funds. Some of its funds had been channeled 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 Subramaniam Rathnam).

Annual Games Carnival (Young Paulians vs Old Paulians)

This year, the annual games' carnival was 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 Hockey and Tennis, the other games like Badminton, Football, Basketball, Volleyball and Table Tennis were played in the school. Last year, the young Paulians won 2 games and lost the 5 other remaining games to the older Paulians. However, this year the overall results still went to the older Paulians (SPI-2 games & OPA-5 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.

In future, the SPI-OPA Games Carnival will be held on the first Saturday of August every year.

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 Lawrence Tan for Soccer and Mr Subramaniam R. and Mr Lawrence Tan for Hockey. Any Paulian 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.

Late Ashvin Kumar Patel Hockey Trophy: This year the Year '80 & Year 84 group organised and sponsored a Challenge Trophy and prizes for this friendly hockey games in memory of the late Mr Ashvin Kumar Patel at the S2 Hockey Pitch on 13.9.2009. The game was played between Ashvin IX team and Ex-internationals team. The Ex-internationals team won 2 - 1 against the Ashvin IX Team.

NSHA Competition: This year, the NSHA gave RM500/= for active affiliates in the state. Our association participated in the NSHA 2nd Division League. However, the OPA Team did not fair well in this League and also in the 'Six-a-side' competition. The games were held at the Seremban 2 Hockey stadium.

Co-curriculum: Towards the end of the year, Mr Sim Moh Wee and Mr Aloysius Siow (Former Asst. Scout Leader & Troop Scribe) found out that the Scout Troop lacked active activities. When they first met, there were only about 18 active scouts from Form 1 - Form 5 on Saturdays. Many of the scouts did not have practical & 'hands-on' experience. So, they initiated a '3rd's Own Rover Crew Scout Fund' to help out the Scout Troop. Some former generous scouts donated money towards this fund. They also got former Scouters to 'kick start' the scout movement. From the fund, tents, utensils, ropes, 50 staves etc were bought to equipt the Scout Den. With the blessings of the school Principal & teachers-in-charge, they organised a training camp for 37 interested scouts at the De Lasalle Centre in Port Dickson last

December. On hearing of the camp, many former scouts visited and rendered their assistance to the scouts in the camp. The camp was a success and many of them were inspired to get more of their friends to join the scout troop. If you are interested to help the scout troop, please contact Mr Aloysius Siow 019-3603936 or me.

OPA Golf Tournament 2009

This year, Mr David Wee (Chairman) & his Golf Committee organised this competition game on the morning of 5th September 2009 at the Staffield Golf & Country Resort, Mantin. Although 70 had registered, the game teed off at 8.00 a.m. with 68 participants. This year, the weather was cool and fine for a good round of golf. The competition was intense and count-backs were necessary to determine the eventual winners.

At the prize presentation during lunch, the following were declared winners in their respective categories:

Gross Winner: Mr Eugene Goh (80)	Gross Runner-up: Mr Siow Yoon Keong (80)
Nett Winner: Mr Foo Hao Yoke (66)	Nett Runner-up: Mr Edmund Soon (68)
Senior Winner: Mr Soon Lin Sin (77)	Senior Runner-up: Mr Philip John Siow (83)
Guest Winner: Mr Chew Fook Kiong (69)	Guest Runner-up: Mr Ted Chia (71)

Nearest to Pin (Western 8): Mr Tan Foong Luen - 7 ft.
Nearest to Pin (Northern 4): Mr Siow Yoon Keong - 6 ft 4 ins.
Longest Drive (Northern 3): Mr Chew Fook Kiong 244 ft 7 ins.
Nearest to Line (Western 4): Mr Lee Kok Wai 2 ft 10 ins.

Once again, the Organising Committee would like to thank all sponsors/donors especially YB Datuk Siow Chen Pin, Mr Steven Chan, Mr Siow Yoon Keong, Mr Chris Loo {Lady Americana (M) Sdn. Bhd.}, Mr Leonard Au, Messers. Guinness Anchor Bhd. and participants.

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 RM1,250/= from the Education Trust Fund as scholastic awards to the ten members' children for their excellent achievements in the PMR, SPM and A level/Foundation/Pre University 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).

Besides the above, we also disbursed a sum of RM2779.52 to the Secondary school for part sponsorship in the South Zone {LaSalle P.J., LaSalle, Klang, St Andrew Institution, Muar, St Francis Institution (Secondary & Primary), Malacca and our Alma Mater (Secondary & Primary) LaSallian Staff games held on 11.7.2009 in the alma mater and also subsidies to the Staff who attended the LaSalle Education Seminar in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. A sum of RM500/= was also given to the Prefects who attended the LaSalle Leadership camp held on 17.2.09 in Ipoh. A donation of RM300/= was also given to the LaSalle Educators' Centre, Ipoh for their training programmes.

9. Malaysian Federation of La Sallian Associations

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On 4th November 2009 (Sunday), the MFOLSA had its Biennial Delegates' Conference at the La Salle Hall, Petaling Jaya.

It will be organising a Convention and dinner on 20.3.2010 at the Equatorial Hotel, Malacca. It would tie in with the visit of Bro. Superior General from Rome who would be giving the 'key note' address at the convention. The theme of the convention is 'The Lasallian Commitment to Transformative Education in Asia: Sharing Experiences and Drawing Insights.'

The MFOLSA has regular meetings at least every two months and at present, more meetings were held because of organising the Convention & Dinner as stated above. Please try to attend this auspicious function. For your information - The cost for Convention is RM100/= and the Dinner is also RM100/= at the Equatorial Hotel, Malacca. If you are keen in participating in these events, please contact us or the Organisers.

For your information, the MFOLSA's objectives are:

- i) To keep former students of La Sallian educational institutions in Malaysia in close touch with one another.
- ii) To bring into being and to promote a feeling of friendship and unity among the members of the Member Associations.
- iii) To safeguard the interest and to assist in the development and progress of La Sallian educational institutions.
- iv) To assist in the progress and development of Member Associations and to ensure that they adhere to the aims and ideals of the Federation.
- v) To render mutual assistance and work for the welfare of Member Associations and their members.

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

The Malaysian Lasallian Education Assembly: There are four zones i.e. North, Central, South & East Malaysia. Together with SFA -Malacca, St Andrew Alumni -Muar and OPA-Seremban, we are in the southern zone.

La Sallian Local Assembly (South Zone) Committee:

La Salle Brothers:	Rev. Bro. Ambrose Loke FSC & Rev. Bro. Michael Kum FSC.
Chairman:	Mr Chin Thue Fook (St Andrew Alumni- Muar)
Vice Chairman:	Dr Eugene Nicholas (St Francis Assn. - Malacca)
Secretary:	Ms Vivienne Cheng (SFA - Malacca)
Treasurer:	Mdm Yap See Moi (SPI Secondary)
OPA Representatives:	Mr Ng Yee Tim & Mr Hilary Santa Maria.
St Andrew Alumni Representatives:	Mr Tay Khan Seng & Mr Wee Seng Hock.
SFA Representative:	Mr Tan Hoon Keong.

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 a reminder to all our members especially those overseas ones, please log into our web-site for latest news and information. Please do send us your email addresses for updating.

11. **Obituary.**

Condolences to: (a) Mr Ng Yee Tim (demise of his beloved Mother-in-law) (b) Mr Bernard Poi, Mr Vincent Lim & Mr David Wee (demises of their beloved mothers) (c) the families of Mr Roney Too Ah Lake, Mr Clarence Rajasingam, Mr Anthony Khong Chye Loong & Mr V. Mahesan (their demises) (d) De Lasalle Brothers (demise of Rev. Bro. Datuk Lawrence Spitzig FSC & Rev. Bro. Cassian Pappu FSC).

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.

Lee Kok Keong
Hon. Gen. Secretary