

OLD PAULIANS' ASSOCIATION, SEREMBAN 85TH ANNUAL REPORT 2011

Dear Members,

Your Management Committee has great pleasure in presenting to you the annual report outlining the activities for the period under review.

1. 85th Annual General Meeting:

The AGM was held on 27.3.2011 at the St Paul's Institution (Secondary), Jalan Tan Sri Manickavasagam (Lobak), 70200 Seremban with a good attendance of 39 members. There were some new faces at the meeting.

2. Management Committee:

Thirteen Management Committee meetings were held in 2011.

Date/Name	7/4	19/5	16/6	7/7	21/7	4/8	15/8	24/8	14/9	10/11	15/12	31/1	16/2	%
Mr David Wee	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Mr Ng Yee Tim	1	@	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	@	1	@	77%
Dr. Ganakumaran S	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	@	1	1	92%
Mr Loh Yah Shang	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	@	1	1	92%
Mr Lee Kok Keong	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Mr Lim Book Kok	@	@	1	1	1	1	1	1	@	1	@	@	1	62%
Dato' Lai See Ming	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	@	1	1	92%
Mr Chooi Yew Tzen	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Capt Adrian Abraham	1	1	1	@	1	1	1	1	1	@	1	1	@	77%
Mr Christopher Wong	@	1	0	1	@	1	1	1	1	@	@	1	@	54%
Mr Santanasamy A	1	1	@	@	1	1	1	1	1	@	@	@	1	62%
Mr R. Sawarimutthu	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	85%

1 = present @ = apologies 0 = absent

For your information:

(a) Although Mr Francis Xavier David Singh was elected at the AGM, he resigned just before the first Management Committee Meeting. In his place, Mr Swarimutthu Rayappan was appointed by the Management Committee to replace him.

(b) Our Patron/Advisor, Tan Sri Dato' Chan Choong Tak, and the two Heads of our Alma Mater namely Ms Maria Teoh Wai Ching and Mdm Yap See Moi/Ms Lucy Magaret Ratnam attended our meetings regularly. The two Heads would update us on their school developments and activities.

3. Sub Committees:

At the first Management Committee Meeting, the following Committee Members were appointed to head the following Sub- Committees:

- (a) Finance & Welfare: Dato' Lai See Ming
- (b) Events & Functions: Mr Ng Yee Tim
- (c) School Affairs: Dr Ganakumaran Subramaniam
- (d) Golf: Mr David Wee Toh Kiong
- (e) Sports & Games: Mr Loh Yah Shang
- (f) New Media: Mr Danny Chooi Yew Tzen
- (g) Building & Facilities: Mr Christopher Wong Poh Keong
- (h) Membership, Constitution & Bye-Laws: Mr Lee Kok Keong

4. Membership:

During the period under review, 30 Life Members, 1 Ordinary Member & 1 Associate Member had joined the association. It was a record due to a strong 'come back' from the 'year groups' at our reunion dinner.

We had removed many Ordinary Members from our register because they had not submitted their yearly subscriptions in compliance with our Constitution Rule 8.7.

To avoid the hassle of paying their yearly subscriptions, we always encourage the old Paulians to become Life Members.

Information: A new proposal had been suggested to increase (i) Entrance Fees from RM2.00 to RM5.00 (ii) Ordinary Member's Fees from RM10.00 to RM30.00 (iii) Associate Member's Fees (La Sallian/SPI Staff) from RM6.00 to RM20.00 and (iv) Life Member's Fees of RM100.00 remains the same. This proposal would be tabled for approval at the coming AGM before forwarding to the Registrar of Societies for approval.

Change of Telephone/Mobile Numbers & Email/Home Addresses:

We will appreciate very much, if you or any member, whom you know, has shifted, please do not hesitate to inform or email us of the changes.

If you wish to know more of your alma mater, you can log into its website: <http://stpaulseremban.org> or into OPA's website: www.paulians.my. As the postal charges are getting higher, it will be best for all our members to log into our website for the latest information.

5. OPA's 85th Annual Reunion Dinner:

Theme "PAULIANS CAN! REACHING HIGHER, ACHIEVING MORE."

This year, the dinner was held on the 3rd September 2011(Saturday) at 7.30 p.m. at the Royale Bintang Hotel, Jalan Dato' A.S. Dawood, Seremban. As in the last few years, the cost was still RM600/= per table for 10 persons.

Due to the Hari Raya holidays, the Hotel Management had requested us to close the number of tables early because their food suppliers would not be able to provide the supplies during the period. We had no choice but to close at 112 tables without having to take the risk of unsold tables. We had a tremendous response from old Paulians. So much so, we had to put off the 'last minute' late comers for the dinner. The banquet hall was scene of 'green & white' as former students proudly displayed the school colours with their own designs.

The guests were: Rev. Bro. Anthony Rogers FSC (LEAD Area Director) and other La Salle Brothers, Tan Sri Augustine S.H. Ong (MFOLSA President) and a few of the Lasallian Associations' Presidents & Committee members. Besides these, former & present Principals & Headmaster/Headmistresses, Chairmen of the Boards of Governors/Managers, PTAs of the alma mater. There were also representatives from Old Georgians' Association, ACS-OSA of Seremban and not forgetting the oldest Paulian, Mr Wong Mun Yun, old Paulians and their guests.

The 'highlights' of the night were:

- (a) Presentation of plaques to the recipients of (i) State Awards (ii) Outstanding Paulian Commendation Awards (iii) OPA Scholastic Awards.
- (b) The LCD presentations of (i) the future projects and (ii) various Year Groups' individual events.

Rev. Bro. Anthony Rogers presented the plaques to the following:

Dato' Lai See Ming - DBNS
Datuk Loh Saw Foong - DPSPM
Mr Choo Chee Yuen - ANS
Dr Chin Woon Hee - PMC
Mr Foong Mong San - PJK

Besides these, there was also the 'Outstanding Paulian Commendation Award' to: Tan Sri Dato' Chan Choong Tak, Mr Ng Yee Tim and Mr Hilary Santa Maria. Every year, we place special emphasis on the 25th Year group and the 50th Year group. This year, the 25th Year group and the 50th Year group were led by Mr Rodney Lin and Mr Ng Yee Tim respectively.

The function ended on a pleasant note with promises to meet again the following year.

We would like to record our sincere thanks to our sponsors/donors/ advertisers, Mdm Yap See Moi (Principal - SPI Secondary), Ms Maria Teoh Wai Ching (Headmistress - SPI Primary), our faithful old Paulians, friends, school prefects who had helped us in one way or another to make our function a great success.

OPA Scholastic Awards: These awards were given to members' children who had excelled in their PMR, SPM & STPM Examinations held in 2010. The recipients were also invited to the dinner to receive their awards. The awards were presented by Mrs Janet Wee (President's wife).

Students

PMR

1. Miss Yap Ee Ling
2. Miss Joycelyn Chong Sze Em

7A & 1B
7A

Parents

Mr & Mrs Gary Yap Soon Keong
Mr & Mrs Edwin Chong Weng Hong

SPM

1. Mas. Justin Wee Teck Meng
2. Miss Stephanie Mary Anne
3. Miss Soh Kah Yee
4. Miss Jassmine Chong Sze Lyn
5. Miss Cassandra Marie-Ann Peter

10A+
10A+
8A & 1B
4A+, 4A & 1A-
7A

Mr & Mrs David Wee Toh Kiong
Dr & Mrs Vincent Celestine Jesu
Mr & Mrs Soh Siew Kin
Mr & Mrs Edwin Chong Weng Hong
Mr & Mrs Peter Thavanayagam

6. OPA Education Trust Fund:

After disbursing some funds for the Scholastic awards and subsidies to the alma mater, the amount stood at RM114,344.56 sen at the end of 2011. Though your association did not go all out to raise funds for itself except for the alma mater, some of its funds had been channelled to Social and Welfare activities.

7. BFD Student Welfare Fund:

At our reunion dinner in 2010, this fund was initiated by an old Paulian, Mr K.M. Chia, with a pledge of RM60,000/= over 2 years. However, other old Paulians and well-wishers who wish to contribute or donate towards this Fund; may do so by informing Rev. Bro. Felix Donohue FSC or the OPA.

For your information i.e. Mr Gary Yap Soon Keong gave a donation of RM1,300/= towards this Fund.

This fund is to help the students' parents in their children's tuition fees and purchase of reference books. Initially, the fund is to help the Form 6 needy students with good grades. However, this year a Form 5 student was awarded after the appeals and recommendations from the school Principal and teachers. The funds were disbursed to the recipients in early January and June 2011.

Upper 6: Lee Yuan Zhe, Wong Swee Chuen, Low Jiong Xiong, See Yan Ying, Ong Min Yan & Tang Pau Lian.

Lower 6: Ng Wei Jie, Edwin Phang Chee Wynn, Pang Chin Wee, Baldesh Singh a/l Joginder Singh, Low Zhen Cong & Lie Mun Kent.

Form 5: Mun Quang Yau.

On 9th January 2012, the following **Upper 6** students were given the awards at the school assembly: Toh Yee Chie, Choon Ching Er, Pang Chin Wee, Choon Vi Vien, Lio Leek Yin, Yee Li Yue and Cai Yan Yin. The parents of the recipients were also present at the presentation.

8. Sports & Games:

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).

The games' carnival was held mainly to foster fellowship and the 'Paulian Spirit' amongst the students, teachers & the old Paulians. Before the start of the carnival, both Young & Old Paulians and teachers had a good light refreshment & fellowship. Other than the Squash, Hockey & Tennis games, the others like Badminton, Soccer, Table Tennis, Basketball & Volleyball, were played in the Secondary school. With the revival of the Squash game, the young Paulians won it and also most of the other games. So.. if you are still actively playing and keen to join in the carnival, just give us a 'tinkle' either to the Games Chairman or the Hon. Secretary.

In future, the Games' Carnival would be held on the first Saturday of August.

With the new facilities and games sponsorship, qualified coaches did the coaching of the students in both Primary & Secondary schools. There were improvements in the games. Here, we sincerely hope that the students will excel better and bring back its past glories. Any old Paulian who is keen in coaching our young Paulians, please do give the Headmistress & Principal of our alma mater or us a call or send an email. The alma mater will be most appreciative of your sacrifice and devotion to improve our players.

For your information: As mentioned before, the 'Paulian Sports Development Fund' was sponsored by an old Paulian (Class '85). The fund was for Hockey, Badminton & Basketball and was mainly used for the payments of coaches and the rental of van (ferrying the players from the school to the S2 Hockey Pitch). The OPA only

disburses the payments to the coaches accordingly upon the recommendation of the school Headmistress (primary) and Principal (Secondary).

Some of the school hockey players (for exposure) together with the old Paulians participated in the local hockey competitions.

NSHA Six-a-side Competition: OPA sent two teams to compete in this competition.

Results: OPA lost Tampin 'C' (0-3) OPA drew Politeknik P.D. (1-1)
OPA won NSCA (2-0) OPA lost Immigration 'B' (0-5)

The badminton trainees & soccer players participated in the friendly Inter Lasallian games between St Francis Institution (Malacca), St Andrew's Institution (Muar) and La Salle Petaling Jaya. The games were held in the alma mater.

Badminton:	<u>U15</u>	<u>U18</u>
Champions	La Salle P.J.	La Salle P.J.
Runners-up	SPI Seremban	SFI Malacca
3rd Placing	SFI	SAI Muar
4th Placing	SAI Muar	SPI

Soccer:

Champions SPI

Golf Tournament:

Under the Chairmanship of Mr David Wee Toh Kiong and his Committee, the tournament was held on 3rd September 2011 at the Paradise Valley Golf Resort, Seremban 3. Due to the stretch of Hari Raya holidays, there was a poor response of only 43 participants but we still went with the tournament on that beautiful day for a round of golf.

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

Gross Winner: Mr Low Seng Koon	(80) OCB	Gross Runner-up: Mr Manamaran	(80)
Nett Winner: Mr Santhana Dass A.	(68)	Nett Runner-up: Mr Low Tuck Seng	(69)
Senior Winner: Mr Michael Yan Wai Pin	(84)	Senior Runner-up: Dato' Dr Singham	(92)
Guest Winner: Mr Chew Fook Kiong	(74)	Guest Runner-up: Mr Alex Wong	(75)

Nearest to the Pin A: Mr Edmund Soon - 5ft.
Nearest to the Pin B: Dr Raghbir Singh - 9ft. 1 in.
Nearest to the Line: Mr Martin Baptist - 8 ft.
Longest Drive: Mr Santhana Dass A. - 236 m.

Once again, the Organising Committee would like to thank all sponsors, donors especially Dato' Peter Lai Nyit Fee, Mr Steven Chan Weng Choy, Mr Siow Yoon Keong, Mr Chris Loo of Lady Americana (M) Sdn. Bhd., Mr Leonard Au, Messer. Guinness Anchor Bhd. and all participants. Last but not least, we greatly missed our beloved Guest of Honour, Rev. Bro. Felix Donohue FSC, who had to return to see his sick sister in Ireland during that time.

9. Malaysian Federation of Lasallians' Associations:

For the information of new members: This MFOLSA has been formed many years ago. It has 19 old La Sallians' Associations in its fold. It has held several meetings and 'talks' at its headquarters, La Salle Hall, Jalan Chantek (Section 5), Petaling Jaya. Presently, the committee members are:

Advisor: Rev. Bro. Anthony Rogers FSC (LEAD Area Director) replacing the late Datuk Rev. Bro. Michael Jacques FSC .

President: Tan Sri Augustine S.H. Ong (FC-KL)

Vice Presidents: All Presidents of old Lasallians' Associations in Malaysia.

Hon . Secretary: Mr G. Nanda Gorban (PASA - Taiping)

Hon. Treasurer: Mr Hardeep Singh (OGA - FT/Sel)

Committee Members: Ms Ho Chee Kit (OXA-Penang), Ms Josephine Tan Siang Noy (OPA), Mr James Sia (FC-KL), Mr Mahendran Kutty (SFA) & Mr Alphonso Nathan (OXA).

Hon. Auditors: Mr Lim Hock Thiam (FC-KL) & Mr Chan Ying Wei (OMA Ipoh)

At its meeting on 16.4.2011, the following items were discussed and held accordingly:

- i) Five La Sallians' alumni (SXI-KL, SMI-KL,SGT-KL, SFI-KL & SA-KL) in the Klang valley, Selangor had taken the task of promoting the La Sallian Fellowship by rotation. They organised garden parties, talks etc. After the official launching of LEAD in Singapore on 15.5.11, the SXI-KL organised a 'soft' one at the La Salle Hall, Petaling Jaya on 21.5.2011. It was well attended by many La Sallians.
- ii) Rev. Bro. Edmundo L. Fernandez FSC replaced Rev. Bro. Thomas Lavin FSC as the Bro.Visitor - Designate of the La Sallian East Asia District and the sector Head of Malaysia is Rev. Bro. Anthony Rogers FSC. Rev. Bro. Thomas Lavin FSC would be the Auxillary Visitor for LEAD based in Hong Kong.
- iii) The MFOLSA had also proposed to Malaysian Lasallian Education Council to organise a Lasallian Education Forum/Seminar on the future of Lasallian Education in Malaysia e.g. (a) Board of Governors (b) Privatization of Mission schools.
- iv) On 10.5.11, it organised an 'appreciation dinner' for Rev. Bro. Thomas Lavin FSC and Rev. Bro. Felix Donohue FSC (80th Birthday) at the Lake Club, Kuala Lumpur.

On 16th July 2011, in conjunction of the official visit of Rev. Bro. Edmundo L. Fernandez FSC, it organised a one-day seminar on "New Lasallian Education Initiatives in Malaysia" at the La Salle Hall, Petaling Jaya. It was well attended by many old Lasallians.

Seminar Moderator: Dr Tarciscius Chin.

- i) Dr Gankumaran Subramaniam (Presenter) spoke on 'Trust' school - Exploring Possibilities for Lasallians schools.
- ii) Datuk Nelson K. (Presenter) From Regent International School, Klang spoke on "Private & Independent Schools - Challenges for the future."
- iii) Mr Chan Kok Keong (Presenter) from Perak Lasallian Education Council spoke on "Lasallian Centres for the Sixth Form Education".
- iv) Mr Christopher Lee (Presenter) from La Salle Learning Centre, Penang spoke on "La Salle Learning Centres - Community based & school based".

Being a new Bro. Visitor, Rev. Bro. Edmundo L. Fernandez, paid official visits to all Lasallian Schools in Malaysia. His visits ended in Singapore for the official launching of LEAD on 15.5.11. The Paulians of both Primary & Secondary schools gave him a tremendous warm welcome. He commended the warm response of the students & the close rapport of the teachers. Later in the evening, the OPA Management Committee gave him a dinner.

On 16th October 2011, the MFOLSA President, Tan Sri Augustine S.H. Ong and 19 old Malaysian Lasallians attended the 'Lasallian World Congress' in Manila, Philippines. The congress was organised by UMAEL and it ended on 30th October 2011. The congress and activities were superb and we were well taken of by the Organisers' hospitalities. We visited many De La Salle colleges and universities in Manila and the outskirts districts of Manila.

10. Constitution

The Sub Committee met over the amendments to it. The amendments were put forward and discussed at a Management Committee Meeting. Upon going through the amendments, the Committee fully endorsed them to be tabled at the Annual General Meeting for members' approval before forwarding them to the Registrar of Societies for his endorsement and approval.

11. OPA Website (www.paulians.my), Email (opa@paulians.my),fb (/opamembers), twitter/fliker (/opaseremban).

Since Mr Danny Chooi Yew Tzen had taken over the 'new media', he had done a good job by updating it. If you have not gone into it, it's high time you do so, to find out more of your association as well as your alma mater. If you have any interesting articles and relevant photos that you wish to share with our members, please email them to us.

As a reminder to all our members especially the Overseas' members, please log into our Website for the latest news and information.

12. Obituary:

Our sincere condolences to:

- (a) Families of the late Datuk Rev. Bro. Michael Jacques FSC (MFOLSA Advisor), Rev. Bro. James Macken FSC (Former & longest serving Bro. Director of SPI Sec who passed away in Ireland), Dr Eugene Nicholas, Mr M. Joseph, Mr Peter Van Huizen, Mr Law Fung Keong, Mr Kok Cho Sing.
- (b) Mr Gary Yap Soon Keong (demise of his beloved mother)
- (c) Mr Andrew Douglas C. M. Foo (demise of his beloved father)
- (d) and last but not least to our late caretaker, Mdm Hue Wan Ching, who had taken care of our club premises over 40 years.

12. Conclusion:

Lastly, on behalf of the association, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all those who had assisted us in one way or another throughout the years.



Lee Kok Keong
Hon. Gen. Secretary