

OLD PAULIANS' ASSOCIATION 84th Annual Report 2010

Dear Members,

Your Management Committee has great pleasure in presenting to you the 84th Annual Report outlining the activities for the period under review.

1. 84th Annual General Meeting:

The AGM was held on 28.3.2010 at the alma mater (Primary School), Jalan Sungai Ujong, 70200 Seremban with good attendance. There were some new faces at the meeting.

2. Meetings: Thirteen Ex-Co meetings were held in 2010.

Date/Name	21/4	25/5	23/6	21/7	4/8	18/8	25/8	1/9	15/9	27/10	11/11	9/12	24/2	%
Hilary Santa Maria	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	@	@	85%
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	85%
Michael Yan	@	@	@	@	@	@	1	@	@	@	@	@	@	8%
Lee Kok Keong	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
R. Sawarimulthu	1	1	@	0	@	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	69%
Lai See Ming	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100%
Chooi Yew Tzen	@	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	85%
Francis X D Singh	1	@	@	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	@	@	1	54%
Christopher Wong	@	@	1	1	1	1	@	1	@	@	1	@	1	54%
Loh Yah Shang	@	@	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	@	1	62%
Voon Chee Man	@	1	@	0	0	1	0	0	@	@	0	@	@	15%
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/Ms Maria Teoh Wai Ching attended our meetings regularly. The Headmaster/Headmistress 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, 30 Life Members & 2 Ordinary Members were recruited.

The membership stands at: Life Members 782
 Ordinary Members 212

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 members whom you know have shifted, please do not hesitate to inform or email us of the changes because when we sent out the newsletters etc, some of them were returned to us.

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

5. OPA 84th Annual Reunion Dinner- Theme "Responding to the needs".

The theme for this year's dinner was a call to all Paulians to "Responding to the needs" by coming forward to lead, serve and sustain among the students in St Paul's Institution.

This year, the dinner was on 4th September 2010 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. We had a

tremendous response. We even had to reject a few late comers. We had 119 tables (max). No doubt the advent of networking, it has enabled everyone to 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. Thomas Lavin FSC (Bro. Visitor), Rev. Bro. Anthony Rogers FSC (Area Director), Rev. Bro. Felix Donohue FSC (Former Bro. Director of the Alma Mater), Rev. Bro. Ambrose Loke FSC, Rev. Bro. Michael Kum FSC, Rev. Bro. Matthew Liew FSC, Rev. Bro. Lucian Ng FSC, Rev. Bro. Andrew Loke FSC, other Presidents (Mr Adrian Tsen - OMA & 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:

(a) Presentation of Pledges/

Cheques by Individuals:		Year Groups	
Dato' Lee Tian Hock	- RM 100,000/=	1987	- RM 58,000/=
Tan Sri Dato' Chan Choong	- RM 30,000/=	1959	- RM 50,000/=
Dr Bob D. Samuel	- RM 10,000/=	1970	- RM 40,000/=
Mr Ng Yee Tim	- RM 10,000/=	1985	- RM 25,000/=
Mr Jaya Naidu	- RM 3,000/=	1966/68/69&71	- RM 3,785/=
Mr Wong Mun Yun	- RM 2,500/=		
Mrs Sally Yeoh b/f Mr Yap Wee Tong	- RM 500/=		
Total	- RM 156,000/=	Total	- RM 176,785/=

Grand Total: RM 332,785/=

The above mentioned presented cheques to the Secondary School Principal, Mdm. Yap See Moi at the dinner. The 1970 year group also presented a mock cheque of RM60,000/= under the name of Rev. Bro. Felix Donohue FSC Student Welfare Fund for needy Form 6 students.

(b) LCD shows of (i) the school future projects and (ii) various year groups' individual events.

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 PMC title from DYMM Yang Di Pertuan Besar of Negeri Sembilan this year. We had also placed special emphasis on the 25th Year & 50th Year Groups.

For the 50th Year Group (1960): Mr Edward Teo and some classmates occupied 1 table and the 25th Year Group (1985): Mr Shuken Dutt and classmates occupied 7 tables.

Other 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.

Tan Sri Dato' Chan Choong Tak Award: This award was presented to the 'Best all round student in the school. Tan Sri Dato' Chan Choong Tak presented the award to this year's recipient, Mas. Chen Yun Shen. (A watch & a replica trophy) and a free life membership from the association.

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 2011.

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

2009:	Advertisements:	RM 10,700.00 sen	(Collection)
	Dinner	RM 5,832.55 sen	(Excess of income over expenditure)
2010:	Advertisements:	RM 8,350.00 sen	(Collection)
	Dinner	RM 6,114.16 sen	(Excess of income over expenditure)

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.

State Awards:

Congratulations to our members who were honoured by DYMM Yang Di Pertuan Besar of Negeri Sembilan.

The late Mr Joseph R. Menezes - Dato' Paduka Tuanku Jaafar which carries the title Dato'

Mr Jesu Maria Selvam - PMC

Mr Loh Saw Foong - DPSM - Datukship by the Chief Minister of Malacca.

OPA Scholastic Awards: These awards are given to members' children who excelled in their PMR, SPM & STPM examinations held in 2009. A sum of RM1,250/= was disbursed to the successful candidates. The recipients were also invited to the 84th Annual Reunion Dinner to receive their awards. They were:

STUDENTS' NAME		PARENTS
PMR:		
1. Miss Samantha Michele Theodore	7A	Mr & Mrs Desmond Theodore
2. Mas Daryl Luke Terry	7A	Mr & Mrs Terry Maykal
3. Mas Andrew Low Chern Hong	7A	Mr & Mrs Low Siak San
SPM:		
1. Mas. Justin Wee Teck Jin	10A+	Mr & Mrs David Wee Toh Kiong
2. Miss Carolyn Low Choi Foong	9A1 + 2A2	Mr & Mrs Low Siak San
3. Miss Simone Danelle Loh Sui Lyn	7A	Mr & Mrs Loh Yah Shang
4. Miss Larissa Anna Louis	2A+,4A, 2A-	Dr & Mrs Lionel Louis
A Levels/Foundation/Pre University		
1. Mas Daniel Low Chern Ming	4A	Mr & Mrs Low Siak San
2. Mas. Lau Wei Cheng	Cgpa 3.84	Mr & Mrs Lau Boon Fatt

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 RM111,879.19 sen at the end of 2010. However, your association did not go all out to raise funds. Some of its funds had been channeled to Social and Welfare activities.

Rev. Bro. Felix Donohue FSC Student Welfare Fund

At our reunion dinner, this fund was launched. The old Paulian, Mr K. M. Chia initiated it with a pledge of RM60,000/= over two years. However, other old Paulians who wish to contribute/donate towards this fund, may also do so by informing Rev. Bro. Felix Donohue FSC or the OPA. The fund is to help the students' parents in their children's tuition fees & purchase of reference books. Initially, the fund is to help Form 6 needy students with good grades. However, the school Principal & teachers had appealed to also award Form 5 needy students of which the donor had agreed to it. The administration of the fund is under the Old Paulians' Association namely the President, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary & Mr David Wee Toh Kiong. Upon the recommendations of the school Principal & teachers, the members above would meet and to disburse the funds to the selected recipients accordingly. The members and the Principal met the recipients: The donor was informed of the number of recipients. The disbursement of the funds to them (Lee Yuan Zhe - U6-1, Wong Swee Chuen U6-1, Low Jiong Xiong - U6-2, See Yan Ying -U6-4, Ong Min Yan -U6-4, Tang Pau Lian -U6-5, Liew Mun Kent & Mun Quang Yau - Form 5 Anselm) would be done in early January & June 2011.) A few selected others (waiting for their SPM results); would have to report to Lower 6 in the alma mater in 2011, to be given the 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).

Mr. David Wee Toh Kiong, our Vice President, is presently the NSBA President, a B.A.M. Vice President and also the Chairman of Badminton Development in B.A.M.

Mr. Vincent Lim is the NSBA Hon. Secretary and also a qualified B.A.C. Referee in badminton.

Mr. M. Gopinahan is holding the post of Vice President in the N.S.H.A.

Annual Games Carnival (Young Paulians vs Old Paulians)

This year, though we had mentioned that it would be held on the first Saturday of August; it was held on the second one because the first was the School Jogathon to raise money for the Building Fund. 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 Squash, Hockey &, Tennis; the other games like Badminton, Football, Basketball, Volleyball, and Table Tennis were played in the secondary school. This year, with the revival of the squash game, the young Paulians won it and lost the 7 other remaining games to the older Paulians, The overall results still went to the older Paulians (Overall result: SPI-1 & OPA-7).

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 and games sponsorship (qualified coaches' coaching students for both Primary & Secondary) in the alma mater, we hope that the students will excel and bring back its past glories. Any old 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.

For your information: The Paulians Sports (3 games - Hockey, Badminton & Basketball) Development Fund was initiated & donated by a donor (old Paulian) from the Year '85. The coaches were paid from the fund donated by him. The OPA only disburse the funds to the coaches upon the recommendations from the school Headmistress & Principal. Most of the games had started mid last year and the coaches were paid accordingly.

Some of the hockey trainees (exposure) together with the old Paulians participated in local state games. The games were held at the Seremban 2 Hockey stadium.

Six-A-Side: Results

Group C	Tampin Seniors vs OPA	(2 - 0)
	OPA vs Police	(1 - 0)
	OPA vs Arterlery	(0 - 1)

NSHA League:

Group B	NS- U14 vs OPA	(2 - 0)
	OPA vs IPRM	(3 - 2)
	OPA vs Kelab Hoki Gemencheh	(0 - 6)

Group Champions: Kelab Hoki Gemencheh

Group Runners-up: NS- U14

The badminton trainees participated in the friendly Inter Lasallian games between St Francis Institution (Malacca).

8. Co-curriculum

Since the revival of the Scout movement of the school, the scouts' enrolment had increased tremendously especially on Saturdays. The Rover Crew members are Old Paulians/former scouts. They are registered with the Boy Scouts Headquarters of Malaysia. The members are Rover Crew Leader, Mr Lee Kok Keong and his former scouts like Mr Aloysius Siow (Treasurer), Mr Sim Kok Ping (Asst. Treasurer), Mr Lim Boon Kok (Scribe), Mr Roy Tan (Asst. Scribe), Mr Kong Seng Quee, Mr Richard Fong, Mr Andrew Douglas Foo, Mr S. Ravivarma, Mr Constantine K. K. Tham and a few others ran the training programme along with the teachers and the assistant Scout Leaders. On available Saturdays, the scout programmes were carried out. There were also training camps (Mid year & Year-end) both in the school as well outdoors like in Ulu Bendul. The objective of the Rover Crew on a short-term basis; is to motivate the teachers and also train them and the senior scouts so that they would be independent in the near future.

9. OPA Golf Tournament 2010

This year, Mr David Wee (Chairman) & his Golf Committee organised this competition game on the morning of 4th September 2010 at the Staffield Golf & Country Resort, Mantin. It had a tremendous response with registered 80 participants. The game teed off at 8.00 a.m. with 79 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 Low Seng Koon (76)	Gross Runner-up:	Mr Siow Yoon Keong (80)
Nett Winner:	Mr Christopher Goh (69)	Nett Runner-up:	Mr Wong Wee Choon (68)
Senior Winner:	Mr Soon Lin Sin (83)	Senior Runner-up:	Dato' Singham (75)
Guest Winner:	Mr Jimmy Yap (68)	Guest Runner-up:	Mr Selva (71) OCB
Nearest to Pin (Southern 2):	Mr Teja Singh - 10 ft.		
Nearest to Pin (Western 8):	Mr Manimaran - 8 ft.		
Longest Drive (Southern 6):	Mr Santhana Dass - 233 m.		
Nearest to Line (Western 4):	Mr Chew Hon Choy - 11 ins.		

Once again, the Organising Committee would like to thank all sponsors/donors especially YB Dato' 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 all the 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 the golf tournament, made the day for all of us.

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

10. Social & Welfare

At the reunion dinner, your association gave RM1,200/= from the Education Trust Fund as scholastic awards to the nine 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 **Ms Maria Teoh Wai Ching (Primary) at 06-7637405 or Mdm Yap See Moi (Secondary) at 06-7612931**.

We also subsidized a sum of RM1000/= for a few of the Primary & Secondary school teachers who attended the

MFOLSA Convention cum dinner in Malacca.. For the LaSallian Staff games, your association also contributed RM400= held in the school. A few members also attended the farewell dinner for Mr Chen Ah Keng organized by the staff of the school.

Besides the above, your association gave a farewell (retiring Headmaster - Mr Chen Ah Keng) and a welcoming (new Headmistress - Ms Maria Teoh Wai Ching) dinner.

On a social trip to Japan organised by Mr Ng Yee Tim, a few paulians and their wives had a fellowship and exchange of souvenirs to the Japanese LaSallians.

11. Malaysian Federation of La Sallian Associations (MFOLSA)

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The MFOLSA Committee are:

President:	Tan Sri Augustine Ong (FC-KL)
Vice Presidents:	All Presidents of the various Old LaSallians' Associations.
Hon. Secretary:	Mr G. Nanda Goban (PASA-Teluk Intan)
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr Hardeep Singh (OGA-FT/Sel)
Committee Members:	Ms Ho Chee Kit (OXA), Ms Josephine Tan (OPA) Mr Peter Sinniah (OBA-Brickfields), 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)

The MFOLSA had several meetings and 'talks' at its headquarters. It organized the Convention & Dinner on 20.3.2010 at the Equatorial Hotel, in Malacca. The Brother Superior General - Rev. Bro. Alvaro Rodriguez Echeverria FSC, Brother Visitor - Rev. Bro. Thomas Lavin FSC, Area Director - Rev. Bro. Anthony Rogers FSC, Mission brothers and several La Sallians from Singapore, Japan, Hong Kong, Philippines, Thailand and Malaysia were there.

Rev. Bro. Alvaro Rodrigues Echeverria FSC gave the keynote address.

Rev. Bro. Anthony Rogers FSC spoke on "Lasallian Education in Malaysia and Challenges for Lasallians Today".

On the topic "Asian Perspective: Sharing Experience & Drawing Insights"; several representatives gave their views. They were: Mr Michael S'ng Beng Hock (Board of Governor -St Joseph's International, Singapore), Mr Henry Atayde (President of De La Salle Alumni Association, Philippines), Dr Mongkol Tanjapatkul (President of La Salle Alumni Foundation of Thailand), Mr Hidetoshi Kuroki (President of Tokyo La Salle Alumni Association, Japan) & Mr Nicholas W. F. Ng (Member of LaSallian Education Council, Hong Kong). The other topic was "Way forward for Lasallian Alumni Associations".

The convention agreed to accept the following resolutions:

1. That the concept of trust schools which will offer more independent control by trustees; be pursued by selected La Salle Schools and that the Lasallian Brothers and Alumni will constitute the trustees. Proposed by Tan Sri Dato' Chan Choong Tak (OPA)
2. That a Lasallian Academy be created to train teachers. Proposed by Mr G. Nanda Goban.
3. That MFOLSA be charged to study, initiate and execute the process necessary to deliver the above resolutions as well as the ideas expanded in the papers of Rev. Bro. Anthony Rogers FSC and Mr Wilson Tay into reality. Proposed by Mr John Loh (OXA).
4. That a Pacific Asia Association of Lasallian Alumni Organisations is formed and Rev. Bro. Thomas Lavin FSC be given the mandate to appoint the pro-tem committee to bring the Association into being. Proposed by Mr G. Nanda Goban (PASA).

12. 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 do log into our web-site for latest news and information. If you have an email address or had changed it, please send it to us for updating.

13. Obituary

Condolences to: (a) Families of the late Dato' Joseph R. Menezes, the late Mr Mariano George Herrera & the late Mr Granville Sta Maria, (b) Mr Douglas & Steven Chan (demise of their beloved father), (c) Mr Joseph Law Chye Lye (demise of his beloved mother), (d) Mr Stephen Ho Bok Jong (demise of his beloved mother), & (e) Mr Terry Maykal (demise of his beloved father).

14. 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.