

OLD PAULIANS' ASSOCIATION SEREMBAN

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Dear Members,

The Management Committee of the Old Paulians' Association has great pleasure in presenting to you the annual report outlining the activities for the period under review.

1. Annual General Meeting:

The Old Paulians' Association (OPA) held its Annual General Meeting on 29.3.2015 at St Paul's Institution (Secondary), Jalan Tan Sri Manickavasagam (Lobak), 70200 Seremban. Twenty-nine members were present.

The Management Committee elected for the year 2015 to 2017 is listed below:

| Position | Name | Remarks |
|---------------------|--|--|
| President | David Wee Toh Kiong | Returned unopposed |
| Vice President | Ng Yee Tim Prof. Dr Ganakumaran Subramaniam Steven Chan Weng Choy | Returned unopposed Returned unopposed Returned unopposed |
| Hon. Gen. Secretary | Lee Kok Keong | Returned unopposed |
| Hon. Treasurer | Dato' Lai See Ming | Returned unopposed |
| Committee Members | Capt. Adrian Abraham Sawarimutthu Rayappan Yam Kait Wah Daniel Chow Cheng Hoh Tan Kok Chin | Returned unopposed Returned unopposed Returned unopposed Elected unanimously Elected unanimously |
| Hon. Auditors | Michael Thong Kai Tung Yap Ooi Beng | Returned unopposed Returned unopposed |

2. Management Committee:

Twelve Management Committee meetings were held in since the AGM. The details of the attendance of each Committee member are as follows:

| Name | Attendance | Attendance (%) |
|-----------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| David Wee Toh Kiong | 12 of 12 | 100 |
| Ng Yee Tim | 11 of 12 | 92 |
| Prof. Dr. Ganakumaran Subramaniam | 10 of 12 | 85 |
| Steven Chan Weng Choy | 9 of 12 | 75 |
| Lee Kok Keong | 12 of 12 | 100 |
| Dato' Lai See Ming | 12 of 12 | 100 |
| Capt. Adrian Abraham | 6 of 12 | 50 |
| Sawarimutthu Rayappan | 12 of 12 | 100 |
| Yam Kait Wah | 10 of 12 | 85 |
| Daniel Chow Cheng Hoh | 9 of 12 | 75 |
| Tan Kok Chin | 10 of 12 | 85 |

Tan Sri Dato' Chan Choong Tak is the Patron and Advisor of the Association.

At the Annual General Meeting the respective Heads of St Paul's Institution, Primary (SPI Primary) and SPI Secondary Madam Wong Mei Peng and Ms Lucy Magaret Ratnam updated the members on important activities and achievements of the schools.

- 2.1 The following Sub Committees were formed after the Annual General Meeting 2015 and election of Office Bearers.

| Sub Committee | Head |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Lasallian Liaison & Recreation | Ng Yee Tim |
| Sports Committee | Steven Chan Weng Choy |
| School Support Committee | Prof. Dr Ganakumaran Subramaniam |
| Financial Sustainability Programme & Welfare | Yam Kait Wah |
| Technologies & Multimedia | Capt. Adrian Abraham |
| Archiving & Data Management | Tan Kok Chin |
| Building & Facilities | Daniel Chow Cheng Hoh |
| Membership Development | Sawarimutthu Rayappan |

3 Lasallian Liaison & Recreation Committee – Mr Ng Yee Tim

During the year, the following 3 trips were organised for the Association's members and their spouses.

| Date | Destination | Participants |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 3rd – 10th May 2015 | India/Kashmir/Golden | 22 participants. |
| 29th – 31st August 2015 | Betong | 30 participants. |
| 14th – 25th October 2015 | New Zealand | 17 participants |

The expenses for the above trips were borne by the members respectively.

The Association also sends representatives to annual dinners of other members, Malaysian Federation of Lasallians' Associations (MFOLSA) as well as to MFOLSA meetings regularly. Please refer to Note 12 for more information on MFOLSA.

4 Sports Committee – Mr Steven Chan Weng Choy

4.1 The Association is affiliated to the Negeri Sembilan Badminton Association, Persatuan Badminton Daerah Seremban (represented by Mr Lee Kok Keong) and the Negeri Sembilan Hockey Association (represented by Mr Subramaniam Ratnam).

4.2 The Paulian Sports Fund (sponsored by an anonymous donor from the Class of 1985) continues to support the development of Badminton, Basketball and Hockey in SPI Primary and SPI Secondary. The Paulian Sports Fund is released by the sponsor in tranches for the Association to manage. The Association would in turn disburse the fund to the two schools based on claims.

4.3 The schools use the funding to hire qualified and experienced coaches to raise the standard of these 3 sports and improve school performance in the games.

4.4 The coaches currently under this development program are:

| Sport | Coaches |
|--------------|--|
| Badminton | Lee Nam Yew (SPI Secondary) |
| Badminton | Loh Yah Shang (SPI Secondary centralised training) |
| Badminton | Francis Siow (SPI Primary & Secondary) |
| Badminton | Leslie Lee (SPI Primary & Secondary) |
| Badminton | Gregory Siow (SPI Primary & Secondary) |
| Basketball | Has Choon Hon (SPI Primary) |
| Hockey | Subramaniam Ratham (SPI Secondary) |
| Hockey | Lawrence Tan Kim San (SPI Secondary) |
| Hockey | Prasath s/o K. Sivagunaan (SPI Primary) |

The fund was also used to pay for the venue rentals, purchase of sports equipments i.e. shuttlecocks and transportation for school players attending training and competitions.

4.5 Badminton Report

| School | Venue | Day | Time |
|---------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| SPI Primary | School Hall | Mondays & Wednesdays | 2.30 – 4.30 pm |
| ” | ” | Saturdays | 9.00 am – 12 noon |
| ” | ” | School Holidays | 9.00 am – 12 noon |
| SPI Secondary | “ | Tuesday | 2.30 – 4.30 pm (Forms 1 & 2) |
| ” | ” | Thursdays | 2.30 – 4.30 pm (Forms 3,4 & 5) |
| ” | ” | Fridays | 8.30 – 10.30 am (PM Forms 1&2) |
| Elite Squad | ” | Mondays/Fridays | 2.30 – 4.30 pm/6.00 – 8.00 pm |

Tournaments

- i) MSSD Championship (Primary school)
 - Singles:
 - V. Sharwin lost in semi-finals
 - Moses Roy & J. Thiban lost in 3rd round
 - Doubles:
 - V. Sharwin & Moses Roy emerged Champions
 - J. Thiban & Bavesh Rao lost in the quarter final
- ii) NSBA Tournament (Primary school)
 - Under 14 Singles J. Thiban (Lost 3th round) & V. Sharwin (4th round)
 - Doubles J. Thiban & V. Sharwin (lost in 3rd round)
 - Under 11 Muhd Nazhan (lost in the finals)
 - Adam Fikri (lost in semi-final)
- iii) Class Tournament: The championship was held in May. All players were issued with certificates and prizes were awarded to the top 3 players in each form.
- (iv) NSBA Tournament: The trainees participated under the OPA Banner in the Under 16 Mixed Team event in November 2015.

4.6 Hockey Report

| School | Venue | Day | Time |
|---------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| SPI Secondary | School Field | Tuesdays & Thursdays | 8.00 – 10.30 am |
| ” | Seremban 2 | Tuesdays & Thursdays | 4.00 – 6.30 pm |
| ” | Seremban 2 | Saturdays | (Morning & Afternoon Boys) |

Competitions

- a) NSHA ‘Six-a-side - 3rd Placing
 - UNITEN ‘Six-a-side’ (Bukit Jalil, KL) - Quarter final
 - SUKIM 2015 (Johore) - 3rd Placing
(SPI players -Hemadevan, Hishen & Chia Han Seng) represented the NS Team.
 - N.S. League
 - ‘i Mas’ National Competition (Ipoh, Perak)
(Nor Azhan Badrun & Mohd Hafiz Najmi) represented the NS Team.
 - MSSD Seremban U18 - Champions
 - SPTS – Kuala Pilah - Runners-up
 - Pesta Hoki USM, Penang
- b) Two U16 SPI players (Nor Azhan Badrun & Mohd Hafiz Najmi) represented the NS Team.
- c) SPI U18 team emerged as Seremban 1 champions. In addition, 11 of our players represented Seremban 1 district and emerged Runners-up.
- d) Besides this, our hockey players took part in the NSHA League where 20 of our represented OPA Seniors and OPA Juniors.
- e) OPA Veteran won the ‘Fair-play’ Cup.

4.7 **OPA Golf Tournament.**

The Golf Tournament which has been held annually on the first Saturday of September since 1973, the same day as our Annual Reunion Dinner. It was held on 5th September 2015 at Seremban International Golf Club, Paroi.

There were 21 flights (82 golfers) this year with entries coming from as far as Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand.

The winners were:

| Name | Winners |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Chew Joo Keith | Gross Winner |
| Michael Yan Wai Pin | Gross Runner-up |
| Low Seng Koon | Nett Winner |
| Gunselan | Nett Runner-up |
| Raghibir Singh | Senior Winner |
| Sashi Subramaniam | Guest Winner |
| James Subramaniam | Guest Runner-up |
| Michael Yan Wai Pin | Nearest to the Pin |
| Robin Wan | Nearest to the Line |
| Chia Kuan Cheong | Longest Drive |

4.8 **Annual Games Series (SPI (Secondary) vs OPA)**

Overall Challenge Trophy donated by Mr Ng Yee Tim.

| Game | Won By | Results |
|-------------------|--------|----------------|
| Badminton | OPA | OPA 4, SPI 3 |
| Basketball | SPI | OPA 45, SPI 60 |
| Football | OPA | OPA 3, SPI 2 |
| Hockey | SPI | OPA 2, SPI 6 |
| Squash | OPA | OPA 4, SPI 3 |
| Table Tennis | OPA | OPA 4, SPI 1 |
| Volleyball | SPI | OPA 0, SPI 2 |
| Overall Champions | OPA | OPA 4, SPI 3 |

5. **School Support Committee – Prof. Dr Ganakumaran Subramaniam**

5.1 The Committee serves the following purposes:

- a) Facilitates and supports St John's Ambulance Brigade and Scouts development activities.
- b) Acts as liaison for generous Old Paulians who wish to make contributions to the schools. This includes contributions to Brother James Macken fund, Brother Felix Donohue fund and school development projects for both schools.
- c) Looks for and offers both schools opportunities for staff and student development activities.
- d) Provides feedback to school management, regarding matters related to stakeholders' perceptions and needs.
- e) Provides support and advice to both schools regarding issues related to the school ethos, cultures and iconic practices.
- f) Monitors and supports on matters related school management, staffing and students related matters.
- g) Assists the Board of Governors and Board of Managers to identify suitable candidates to replace retiring or outgoing heads of both schools.
- h) Initiated the Paulian Homecoming Breakfast at SPI Primary in conjunction with the OPA Annual Reunion Dinner last year.
- i) Helps to monitor the sports development programme funded by an Old Paulian for Hockey, Badminton and Basketball in both SPI Primary and Secondary.
- j) Organised the "Paulian Knight" Event in SPI primary to honour Tan Sri Chan Choong Tak and Most Rev. Father Julian Leow, Archbishop of Kuala Lumpur for their outstanding contribution in bring honour to the alumni and the alma mater. The event witnessed the unveiling of the St. John Baptiste De Lasalle by the Archbishop and the opening of the Tan Sri Chan Choong Tak Learning Centre in SPI primary.

5.2 SPI Primary is governed by the Board of Managers consisting of:

| Name | Representing |
|---|-----------------------|
| Prof. Dr Ganakumaran Subramaniam (Chairman) | |
| Bro. Felix Donohue | La Salle Brothers |
| Bro. Ambrose Loke | La Salle Brothers |
| Bro. Andrew Loke | La Salle Brothers |
| Ir. Thomas Thanboe | Ministry of Education |
| Dato Jayadhevi Subramaniam | Ministry of Education |
| Michael Yan Wai Pin | Ministry of Education |
| David Wee Toh Kiong | OPA |
| Ng Yee Tim | OPA |
| Lee Kok Keong | OPA |
| Dr Mahadevan Deva Tata | PTA |
| Wong Mei Peng (Secretary) | SPI Primary |
| Santhanasamy Amaladas (Ho. Treasurer) | SPI Primary |
| Gayathiry Siwaraja (Assistant Secretary) | SPI Primary |

5.3 SPI Secondary is governed by the Board of Governors consisting of:

| Name | Representing |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Dr Bob D. Samuel (Chairman) | |
| Bro. Felix Donohue | La Salle Brothers |
| Bro. Ambrose Loke | La Salle Brothers |
| Bro. Andrew Loke | La Salle Brothers |
| Tan Sri Dato' Chan Choong Tak | Ministry of Education |
| Ir. Thomas Thanboe | Ministry of Education |
| Prof. Dr Ganakumaran Subramaniam | Ministry of Education |
| Mr Devasagayam Ayakkanu | PTA |
| Mr Madhavan Simmasaiam | PTA |
| Mr Stephen Francis | PTA |
| David Wee Toh Kiong | OPA |
| Dato' Lai See Ming | OPA |
| Lee Kok Keong | OPA |
| Lucy Magaret Ratnam (Secretary) | SPI Secondary |
| Ms Helen Paul (Asst. Secretary) | SPI Secondary |
| Mdm. Wee Seok Cheng (Hon. Treasurer) | SPI Secondary |

6 Financial Sustainability Programme & Welfare – Mr Yam Kait Wah

6.1 **OPA Scholastic Awards:** These awards were given during the Annual Reunion Dinner to members' children who had excelled in their SPM, STPM & 'A' Level Examinations held in 2014. However, in 2015, these awards were given at the Annual General Meeting held in SPI Secondary.

The recipients were:

Examination: SPM

Students

Fong Kah Zhen

Suvarnisha s/o Krishnan Mohan

7A+, #A

3A+,5A,1A-,1B+

Parents' Name

Mr & Mrs Richard Fong Kim Shung

Mr & Mrs N. Krishnan Mohan

Some members' children might have missed out these awards in 2015. They can apply for them in 2016. Since the abolishment of the Form 3 PMR, the Management Committee has extended the scholastic awards to primary school students scoring straight A's in the UPSR.

Besides this, it would also award 'mementos' to members' children who graduate with university degrees from 2016.

6.2 **BJM Student Welfare Fund:**

This BJM Welfare Fund was initiated by Prof. Dr Ganakumaran Subramaniam in 2012 in memory of the late Bro. James Macken FSC. This fund is to help the students' in the primary school pay school fees, tuition fees and purchase of reference books.

The 10 recipients for the 2015 awards were:

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Gajendran Arnold s/o Selva Kumar | Muhammad Irfan bin Mohamed Razi |
| Kruenah De Silva Sunil | Kavin Kingsley Dominic |
| Avery Hui Wai Lun | Sri Kumar s/o K. Saravanan |
| Jason Isaac s/o Phillip | Thong Chee San |
| Matan s/o Balasegaran | Sugintharan s/o Mahendran |

6.3 **BFD Student Welfare Fund:**

This fund was initiated by the Class of 1970 in 2010. However, since then other old Paulians and well-wishers have also contributed towards this Fund. New donors are also welcomed. They may do so by contacting Bro. Felix Donohue FSC or the OPA. This fund is used Form 6 students with their tuition fees and to purchase of reference books. The recipients are selected based on the recommendations of the school Principal & teachers. The funds were disbursed to the following recipients in 2015.

Lower 6:

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Man Kai Xian | Choo Shen Liang | Yong Ting En |
| Ooi Qi Wen | Lee Yi Jun | Tee Han Shen |
| Chua Ling Ling | Hazel Cheah Kam Ying | Vivian Chin Enrou |
| Charis Naomi d/o Edmund | | |

Upper 6:

| | | |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Justin Chan Guan Wei | Tong Zheng Jue | Chen Yee Being |
| Tew Aik Kai | Lim Zi Lin | Loh Kar Min |
| Lau Weng Hong | Lee Jun Wei | Wong Long Sheng |

In 2016, besides these awards, the Management Committee launch a Form 6 textbook loan scheme which will be managed by the school.

7 **Technologies & Multimedia - Capt. Adrian Abraham**

In 2015, Capt. Adrian Abraham assumed this portfolio. However, due to the latter's job commitment, Dato' Lai See Ming has graciously support the website duties while Mr Yam Kait Wah has overseen the OPA Facebook page updates.

8 **Archiving & Data Management – Mr Tan Kok Chin**

Mr Tan Kok Chin has been collecting relevant documents pertaining to OPA which will be achieved in the website.

9 **Building & Facilities - Mr Daniel Chow Cheng Hoh**

The ground and first floor of the OPA building have been rented out.

10 **Membership Development – Mr Sawarimutthu Rayappan**

10.1 The Association recruited 35 (2014: 28) new Life Members since the last AGM. The new members were mainly recruited during the Annual Dinner on 5th September 2015.

The Association had also removed many Ordinary Members from its register upon expiry of their subscriptions in compliance with the Association's Constitution Rule 8.6. Ordinary Membership subscriptions are for a period of one year only and is open to all former Paulians. Kindly update the Association of any changes in member's address and other pertinent details.

10.2 Associate Membership is open to serving teachers and former teachers of SI Primary and SPI Secondary or former students of other Lasallian Schools in compliance with the Association's Constitution Rule 5.2.

11. **OPA's 89th Annual Reunion Dinner.**

11.1 It was held at the Regent Hall because of the increasing demand from old Paulians to participate in the annual reunion event. In 2015 the dinner catered for a record-breaking 173 tables. Approximately 1750 people attended the dinner.

11.2 The 25th Year Group (Class of 1990) celebrated their Reunion Dinner with us. However, the 50th Year Group (Class of 1965) were represented by a smaller number.

- 11.3 The guests for the night included:
- i) Most Reverend Julian Leow Beng Kim (Archbishop of Kuala Lumpur)
 - ii) Bro. Anthony Rogers (Bro. Director, De La Salle Brothers, Malaysia)
 - iii) Bro. Felix Donohue (Former Director of the alma mater)
 - iv) Other La Salle Brothers
 - v) Mr Michael Simon (MFOLSA President)
 - vi) Representatives of other Lasallian Associations
 - vii) Present and Former Heads of SPI Primary and SPI Secondary
 - viii) Representatives of the Boards of Managers and Board of Governors of the two schools
 - ix) Representatives of the PTAs of the two schools
 - x) Representatives from ACS-OSA, KGV-OGA of Seremban
 - xi) Mr & Mrs Maha Sinnathamby

11. Four Plaques were presented to congratulate the following Award Recipients:

| Award | Recipients |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| State Awards - DBNS | Dato' Edwin S. Abraham |
| - ANS | Dr (Mr) Mahadevan Dewa Tata |
| Tokoh Guru Negeri Sembilan' | Ms Jeyadhevi Subraman |
| Tan Sri Dato Chan Choong Tak Award | Koo Er Jie – Pre-University 2 |

12 Malaysian Federation of Lasallian Associations (MFOLSA)

12.1 The MFOLSA was launched in 1976 by 5 Alumni Associations, namely the Old Xaverians' Association (Penang), Old Georgians' Association (Taiping), Old Paulians' Association (Seremban), Sacred Heart Old Students' Association (Sibu) and St Joseph's Old Boys' Association (Kuching).

The MFOLSA, with its headquarters at La Salle Provincialate, Jalan Chantek, Petaling Jaya has grown in size and now comprises 19 Alumni Associations.

12.2 The objectives of the MFOLSA are:

- i) To keep former students of Lasallian Institutions in Malaysia in close touch with one another.
- ii) To bring into being and to promote a spirit of friendship and unity among the members of the member Associations.
- iii) To safeguard the interest and to assist in the development of Lasallian Educational Institutions.
- v) To render mutual assistance and to work for the welfare of member Associations.

12.3 The following are the elected Executive Committee of MFOLSA after its Annual General Meeting on 9th August 2014.

| Position | Name |
|------------------------|--|
| Advisor | Bro. Anthony Rogers |
| President | Michael Simon (SJAA, KL) |
| Deputy President | Joseph Lau (OGA, Taiping) |
| Vice Presidents | All Presidents of Lasallians' Associations in Malaysia |
| Hon. Secretary | Josephine Tan Siang Noy (OPA, Seremban) |
| Hon. Treasurer | Lim Hock Thiam (XC-KL) |
| Committee Members | Ho Chee Kit (OXA, Penang) |
| | Mahendran Kutty (FC-KL) |
| | P. Podimhattia (OXA, Penang) |
| | Don Darrel (La Salle OBA< Sentul, KL) |
| | Dhevan Nair (La Salle OBA< Bricksfield, KL) |
| Hon. Auditors | Siew Kan Weng (OXA, Penang) |
| | Lau Se Kong (St Andreans' Association, Muar) |
| Sub Committees | |
| Education | Patrick Augustin (OLA, PJ) |
| Social & Sports | James Sia (FC-KL) |
| Communication & PR | Mahendran Kutty (FC-KL) |
| Welfare & Fund Raising | Michael Simon (SJAA, KL) |
| Awards & Honours | Joseph Lau (OGA, Taiping) |
| Special Projects | Lim Hock Thiam (XC-KL) |

12.4 MFOLSA Meeting

Most of its meetings were held at the La Salle Provincialate, Petaling Jaya. At times, they are held on the following day of its alumni Associations' Annual Dinners.

12.5 MFOLSA Raffles Draw (Fund raising)

The MFOLSA organised a raffles draw to raise fund for its activities in 2015. It had raised RM66,176.33 SEN. After the raffles sales, the MFOLSA returned to the associations 20% of the sales done by them. The OPA sold the highest number of tickets and for its effort, the association received RM4,820 (20% of its sales).

13 Obituary

13.1 The OPA offers its sincere condolences to Old Paulians and their families for the loss of their loved ones:

- Mr Wong Siew Loong
- Tn. Hj. Gamma Khan

13.2 Sincere condolences also expressed to:

- Mr Lim Kian Onn on the demise of his beloved mother.
- Datuk Benny Hoe Tze Fook on the demise of his beloved father.
- Datuk Seri Roger Tan Chai Wha on the demise of his beloved mother.
- Mr Chua Ah Tok on the demise of his beloved spouse.
- on the demise of the spouse the late Mr Ashvin Patel.

14 Important Announcement

14.1 With effect from 2016, OPA Scholastic Awards will not be presented at the AGM but will be given out on a date and venue decided by the Management Committee. Members are advised to check for the announcement on the OPA's Website <http://paulians.my/>

14.2 If your child has performed well in the UPSR (Straight A's), SPM (Minimum 7A), STPM (CGPA 3.5) please submit your application for the OPA's Scholastic Award to the Hon. Secretary before 30th April 2016. The application form can be downloaded from the Association's website.

15 Conclusion

On behalf of the Association, the Management Committee expresses its sincere appreciation to those who have in one way or another contributed towards the OPA throughout the year of this report.