

The Stedfast Association of The Boys' Brigade in Singapore



Annual Report April 2008 to March 2009

ABOUT THE STEDFAST ASSOCIATION

The STEDFAST ASSOCIATION was started in London in Centenary Year 1983. It was designed to allow ex-BB members to keep links to the Movement. Associations are now operating in many parts of the world. The first International gathering was held in Singapore in 1990.

THE STEDFAST ASSOCIATION OF THE BOYS' BRIGADE IN SINGAPORE

The Stedfast Association, Singapore (SA) began as the Sure & Stedfast Club in 1935 when it was decided to have a club cater for old Boys of The Boys' Brigade who have left the organization upon reaching the age limit. It was the brainchild of Mr. James M Fraser, the then Battalion President, who recognised the potentials of individual old Boys whose hearts were still burning strong for the Brigade work.

The Stedfast Club was only officially registered as a society in Singapore on 7 July 1969. It was at the 1983 BB Centennial Celebration in UK, that the name of The Stedfast Association was adopted to bear the common identity among all BB alumni organizations worldwide. Thus, the name of the Club was changed to The Stedfast Association.



MISSION

The Mission is to foster fellowship and advance Christ's Kingdom among former BB members and provide Service to The Boys' Brigade (BB), Stedfast Association (SA) and the Community.

OBJECT

The Object of the Stedfast Association of The Boys' Brigade in Singapore shall be to further the Object of The Boys' Brigade;

To foster the spirit of comradeship among members and between past and present members of the Brigade and to render service to others.

BB OBJECT

The Advancement of Christ's kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self-respect and all that tend towards a true Christian Manliness.

GOALS

- To establish SA Branches in all active BB Companies and Churches where Old Boys worship and congregate.
- Identify, train and develop young leaders from BB Officers and BB Boys graduating from the Brigade to share with the top leadership of the Stedfast Association so that it can meet the needs of members from all age groups.
- To work closely as one body with the Brigade sharing resources to reach out to younger BB discharged Boys. Matching the interests of mature Old Boys to assist Brigade work.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow SA Members.

Thank you for your kind support during the past year.

For the year 2007, it has been an exciting year with new blood coming on board to lead the SA into a new chapter. The Lord must have heard our plea for more labour to help to harvest the large field which the BB has sown over the last 77 years in Singapore.

For fellowship, we have decided to discontinue the evening session and embarked on a luncheon fellowship on the last Friday of each month. Speakers had been lined up, if not we just get together to eat and share our experience over the old BB days. Response has been quite encouraging and the attendees varied from 10 to 25. We hope that as many of you can join us in order to foster the spirit of "Mighty Band of Brothers".

On the social side, we held our usual bowling tournament which fostered many new friendships amongst officers who were not BB Boys, and the current SA members. In August we went to KL to take part in the 1st Regional SA Games hosted by the KL SA. It was a resounding success and certainly brought us closer to our Malaysian BB brothers.

Our Annual Dinner, held at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce Hall was a success as we had the company of the BB Asia EXCO, and also members of the Girls' Brigade. We realized that we should not be isolated and should share our resources with, not only our brother and sister organization here but also around the region.

At the Dinner, we embarked on collecting old clothing for the Philippines and also passed the hat around to collect funds for helping our regional and local BB organizations.

On the service side, we embarked on helping the BB Sharity Gift Box by rounding up old Boys to help in the deliveries. It was heartening to see many old boys bringing their families to help in this worthy cause.

In the ensuing year, we must not lose our momentum as we look forward to harness our younger brood to keep the BB and the SA flag flying as we must not forget our goal of promoting Christ Kingdom.

Our usual activity will continue. The highlight of this year is the SA International Convention in Belfast, Northern Ireland. We hope that you will join us to enjoy the land where "Irish Eyes are smiling".

My sincere thanks to all of you, especially those who have sacrifice time and money to help us in our cause.

God Bless you and your family,

To God be the Glory,

Stedfastly Yours,

Ong Eng Tong, President



40TH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



(from the photo)

1. Mr Ong Eng Tong, President
2. Rev Fred Tan, Chaplain
3. Mr Peter Foo, Vice-President
4. Mr Peter Chan, Vice-President
5. Mr Edwin Lim, Secretary
6. Mr Lawrence Teo, Asst Secretary
7. Dr Philip Tan, Treasurer
8. Mr Eric Cheang, Committee Member
9. Mr Freddie Lee, Committee Member
10. Mr Ivan Koh, Committee Member
11. Mr Stanley Wong, Committee Member
12. Mr Raymond Kwok, Committee Member
13. Mr Robin Eng, Committee Member
14. Mr Victor Aw, Committee Member
15. Rev Dr George Wan, Co-opted Member
16. Mr Johnson Lee, Co-opted Member
17. Mr Steven Lee, Co-opted Member

(Not in picture)

18. Mr Tan Kok Heng (Brigade President), Ex-officio
19. Mr Tye Yew Meng (Brigade Secretary), Ex-officio

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr Ong Eng Tong (Chairman)
Mr Peter Foo, PBM
Mr Peter Chan
Mr Edwin Lim
Mr Lawrence Teo
Dr Philip Tan
Mr Freddie Lee (Co-opted)
Mr Ivan Koh (Co-opted)

PAST PRESIDENTS

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| 1969 – 1974 | Mr S P Chua |
| 1975 | Mr Lee Liat Cheng, PBM |
| 1976 – 1983 | Mr Tan Hoay Gie, JP BBM |
| 1984 – 1990 | Mr Arthur Lim Beng Lock |
| 1991 – 1993 | Mr Lee Liat Cheng, PBM |
| 1994 – 1999 | Mr Yeow Chee Beng |
| 2000 onwards | Mr Ong Eng Tong |

MEMBERSHIP

As at March 2009, our membership strength is 544. There was an increase of 53 members since August 2007. The following is the break down.

| Date | Hon Members | Life Members | Ordinary Members | Associate Members | Uncontactable Members | Grand Total |
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| March 2009 | 3 | 396 | 60 | 14 | 71 | 544 |

SA BRANCHES

4 new SA Branches were set up since the last Annual General Meeting. They are 13th SA Branch, 39th SA Branch, 66th SA Branch and BMC SA Branch. Therefore, the association has a total of 10 Branches.

- 1st SA Branch – Mr Ng Kum Chuen, Chairman
- 5th SA Branch – Mr Ronald Chan, Chairman
- 12th SA Branch – Mr Ong Ai Teik, Chairman
- 13th SA Branch – Mr Robin Eng, Chairman
- 25th SA Branch – Mr Peter Chan, Chairman
- 26th SA Branch – Mr William Wong, Chairman
- 39th SA Branch – Mr Raymond Kwok, Chairman
- 49th SA Branch – Dr Tay Kee Guan, Chairman
- 66th SA Branch – Mr Kelvin Wang, Chairman
- BMC SA Branch – Mr Clement Chen, Chairman (Bedok Methodist Church)



SA MAILING LIST

Email has been a platform where we update members and friends of SA about our events and activities regularly. It was started in 2007 and we are pleased to have 328 contacts in our mailing list.

EVENTS

SA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PLANNING RETREAT



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The SA Management Committee had a planning retreat on 12 July 2008 at FRIENDS Restaurant at Jelita Shopping Centre.

Mr Peter Foo, Vice-President with assisted by 3 facilitators (Dr Philip Tan, Mr Eric Cheang & Mr Raymond Kwok brainstormed, reviewed and discussed SA vision, mission and SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats).

BB FOUNDER'S DAY THANKSGIVING DINNER & STEDFAST GRANT INAUGURAL PRESENTATION CEREMONY

Each year, The Stedfast Association organizes The Boys' Brigade Founder's Day Thanksgiving Dinner to commemorate the founding of The Boys' Brigade by our Founder, Sir William Alexander Smith in 1883 in Scotland. We gave thanks to God for the blessings on The Boys' Brigade ministry in Singapore since 1930.

The dinner was held in Singapore Expo Foyer 1 (Bliss Garden Restaurant) with more than 400 diners. The Guest-of-Honour was The Most Rev Dr John Chew, Bishop of Singapore and BB Honorary Vice-President (Lay).

Stedfast Association set up an assistance scheme - STEDFAST GRANT in 2008 to assists needy and deserving BB Boys. During the dinner, 9 awardees (from the BB Juniors, Seniors and Primers Programme) received their \$300 cash grant and \$100 grocery voucher from the Guest-of-Honour.

All proceeds from the sales of dinner this year will go to support the Stedfast Grant for the following year.

SERVICE PROGRAMME

The Service Programmes Committee seeks to encourage former BB members to serve and provide resources to –

- Association
- Brigade
- Nation

SA OLD CLOTHING COLLECTION

From 20 to 23 January 2009, we had an Old Clothing Collection Drive at BB Headquarter, 105 Ganges Avenue.

We have invited BB Companies to encourage their Boys to donate their family old clothing at one of their parade.

We have collected 4 cartons of clothing. Mr Steven Lee of Bedok Methodist Church helped us to sea freight these collection to Philippines. We thanked BB Shop for their kind assistance during the drive.

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BB CARES

Partnering with The Boys' Brigade, 42J Singapore Company, we hosted a Volunteer Welfare Organisation – APSN Centre for Adults for BB CARES Highlight Event on 19 July 2008.

It was a air, land and sea experience where the group had a ride on the DHL Hot Air Balloon, Hippo Bus Tour to Chinatown and Little India and Hippo River Cruise along Singapore River.

The event ended with a performance and lunch reception at the Malay Heritage Centre. The Guest-of-Honour was Mr Peter Tay, BB Honorary Vice-President.

BB SHARITY GIFT BOX 2008 CAR FLAG OFF

SA rallied more than 100 vehicles were rallied for the BB Sharity Gift Box 2008 Car Flag Off on 13 December at the carpark of ACS Barker Road Campus. More than 50% of the participants were members from the public. They comprised SAFRA Motorcar Club, Honda CRV Club, Nanyang Primary School, SMRT Chrysler Cabs.

Mr Ong Eng Tong, SA President flagged off the to commence food hampers delivery to the recipients under the Public Assistance Scheme.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

The Social Programme Committee seeks to promote social interaction and fellowship with the member's former Company and the wider BB fraternity through –

- Recreational and Enrichment activities
- Cultural and Arts activities

STEDFAST GOLF

Chaired by Mr Choo Gim Kang, BB Honorary Vice-President, the Stedfast Golf was held at Sembawang Country Club on 30 September 2008. There were 13 flights (48 balls).

The event was ended with a dinner and prize presentation in the country club. The Champion was Mr Ng Hock Ching with a score of 42.

STEDFAST BOWLING LEAGUE

From 15 September to 27 October 2008 (on every Monday night), 9 teams with a minimum of 4 bowlers per team bowled a series of 3 games at Civil Service Club (Tessensohn) – Planet Bowl. There was a good fellowship among the bowlers and their families.

An Individual Fun Bowling Competition was organized on 3 November 2008 to mark the end of the bowling league with prize presentation and dinner buffet.

We thanked Mr Stanley Wong, who chaired and organized the events.

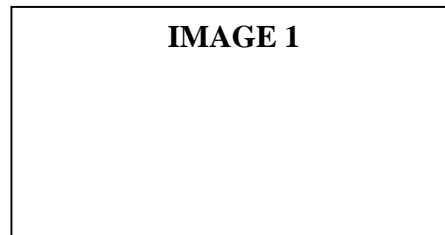
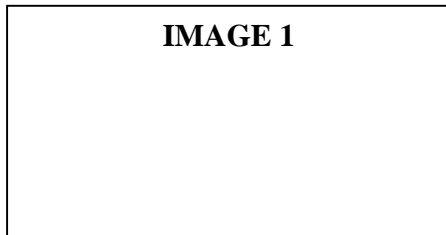
SPIRITUAL LIFE PROGRAMME

Objectives

- **L** - To **L**ive in Christ
- **I** – To **I**nculcate biblical values in market place
- **F** – To promote **F**ellowship among SA Members and BB Officers
- **E** – To **E**vangelise – to share the gospel in the market place

STEDFAST FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

A monthly fellowship held on last Friday at BB Headquarter. A speaker was invited to speak on topics related to *Life / Social & Financial / Family / Emotions* issues



30 May 2008 – “Estate Planning –Wealth Transfer by Mr Peter Foo, SA Vice-President & BB Hon Vice-President

27 June 2008 – “Singapore Oil Industry” by Mr Ong Eng Tong, SA President & Veteran Oil Consultant

25 July 2008 – “We-sharecare Society For Children & Youth (Singapore)” by Mr Raymond Cheong, Founder & CEO of We-sharecare Society For Children & Youth (Singapore)

29 August 2008 – “What Are You Living For?” by Rev Dr George Wan, Retired Methodist Pastor & SA Spiritual Life Committee Chairman

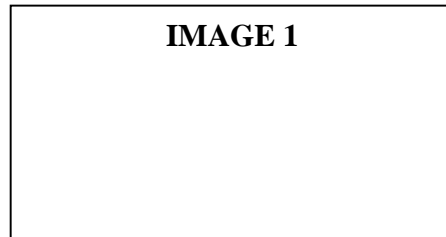
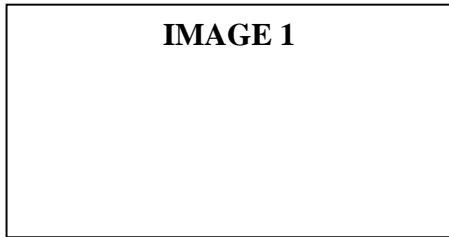
26 September 2008 – “How to Handle Anger & Stress” by Dr Thio Su Mien, Senior Executive Director of TSMP Law Corporation and Head Intercessor of Healing Rooms.

31 October 2008 – “How to Live With Jealousy & Hatred” by Dr William Wan, Managing Director of Talentplus and Board Member of Helping Hands.

January 2009 – “Investment Talk” by Mr Anthony Hoe, Manager of Philips GEMS.

February 2009 – “How to Live with Fear & Anxiety” by Dr Douglas Kong, President of Association for Group and Individual Psychotherapy.

SA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 08/09 DEDICATION SERVICE

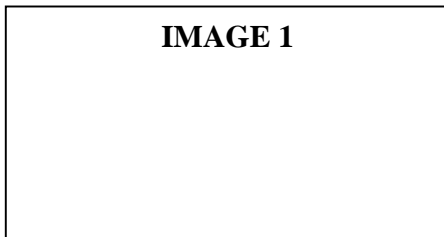


For the first time, the SA Management Committee Dedication Service was held together with the BB Officers Enrolment Service & BB Week Prize Presentation in BB Headquarter – Fraser Hall on 30 June 2008.

SA Chaplain Rev Fred Tan conducted the service in the presence of the new enrolled BB Officers and BB Captains & Officers.

We would like to thank Mr Tye Yew Meng, Brigade Secretary for his kind invitation to include SA in BB's major function.

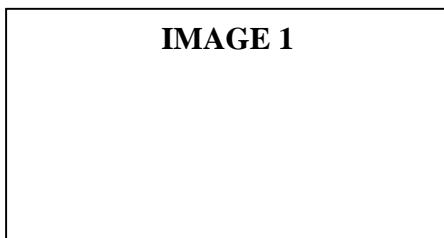
SA CHRISTMAS PARTY



It was held at the birthplace of The Boys' Brigade in Singapore - Prinsep Street Presbyterian Church on 20 December 2008. Those present sung their all-time favourite carols. A message highlighting the true meaning of Christmas was followed by feasting on a sumptuous dinner spread.

We thank the organizing committee from 1st SA Branch for the planning and organising this event.

SA CHRISTMAS CAROLING & VISITATION



The SA Management Committee visited Dr Robert C K Loh (former member 2nd Singapore Company & former President of National Council of Social Service), Mr Tan Henry Tan Hoay Gie (SA Honorary Member & BB Honorary Vice-President) and Mr SP Chua (SA Honorary Member & BB Honorary President) on 27 December 2008.

SA STANDING & SUB COMMITTEES

Service Programme Committee

Mr Steven Lee, Chairman
Mr Eric Cheang
Mr Peter Chan
Mr Ramasamy
Mr Richard Tan
Mr Lawrence Teo (Secretariat)

Social Programme Committee

Mr Johnson Lee, Chairman
Mr Robin Eng
Mr Stanley Wong
Mr Victor Aw
Mr Lawrence Teo (Secretariat)

Spiritual Life Committee

Rev Dr George Wan, Chairman
Rev Fred Tan
Mr Chin Kang Jun
Mr Peter Chan
Mr Peter Foo
Mr Raymond Kwok
Mr Edwin Lim (Secretariat)

SA Golf Sub -Committee

Mr Choo Gim Kang, Chairman
Mr Sam Tan, Advisor
Mr Edwin Lim
Mr Ivan Koh
Mr Ong Eng Tong
Mr Ong Teong Hoon
Mr Raymond Kwok

SA Bowling League Sub -Committee

Mr Stanley Wong, Chairman
Mr Ivan Koh
Mr Lawrence Teo
Mr Robin Eng
Mr Thomas Choo
Mr Victor Aw

Membership Committee

Mr Raymond Kwok, Chairman
Mr Robin Eng
Mr Peter Chan
Mr Peter Foo
Mr Wilson Tan
Mr Edwin Lim (Secretariat)

BB Founder's Day Thanksgiving Dinner Committee

Mr Ivan Koh, Chairman
Dr Philip Tan
Mr Eric Cheang
Mr Johnson Lee
Mr Stephen Hoe, BB Rep
Mr William Wong, BB Rep
Mr Edwin Lim (Secretariat)

Stedfast Grant Pro-Tem Committee

Mr Edwin Lim, SA Secretary
Mr Albert Wong
Mr Derrick Ho
Mr Ivan Koh
Mr Justin Zhou
Mr Peter Chan
Mr Peter Yeo Toon Joo
Mr Wesley Cheong
Ms Wang Yen Peng