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## Message from the President



**WOW!**

*We are 5 years old...*

Persatuan Stedfast Kuala Lumpur has now entered into the new millennium.

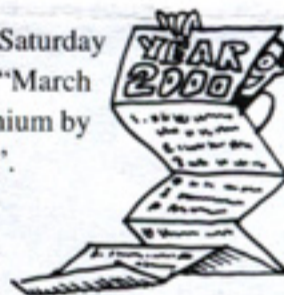
During the year, '99 that has passed, by the "Grace of God" we have succeeded in not only increased in strength and numbers, but also have had successful gatherings (viz Bukit Tinggi Outing, Founder's Day Dinner etc.). During these fellowships we witnessed the support of Former BB

members from all over Malaysia, down south from Singapore and even as far as United Kingdom, extending their hand of fellowship and brotherhood to Stedfast Association of Kuala Lumpur. In our planning during the ex-co retreat in P.D. a lot of interesting programme for year 2000 has been formulated. All our plans are useless if not for the support of all the members.

I therefore urged all members to turn up for our AGM to be held on Saturday 8th April 2000 at 6.30 p.m. in Menara Wesley, Kuala Lumpur, to "March on Stedfastly" your Association into this new and exciting millennium by giving us your support and inspire the new committee "Onwards".

*God Bless You All.*

**Danny Cheah** *President, Stedfast Association Kuala Lumpur*



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## Editorial Committee

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## Don't forget and it is a MUST!

*All the members have the right (and duty) to decide the future for the Association and this is the only occasion where business of the Association will be presented and discussed. In this respect, any member who feels they have any matter or amendment to the Constitution they wish to place on the Agenda, are kindly requested to*

*write to the Secretariat by Saturday, 18th March, 2000 at the latest.*

*Any member has the right to nominate another member for any official position in our Association. With the recent approval from the Registrar of Societies, the*

*of Officials will be for a term of two years. Members will also like to know that at the A.G.M., we take the opportunity to receive members' subscriptions for the year or you could submit your subscription to the Treasurer with the attached form provided.*

*Members could also upgrade their membership to become Life Members.*

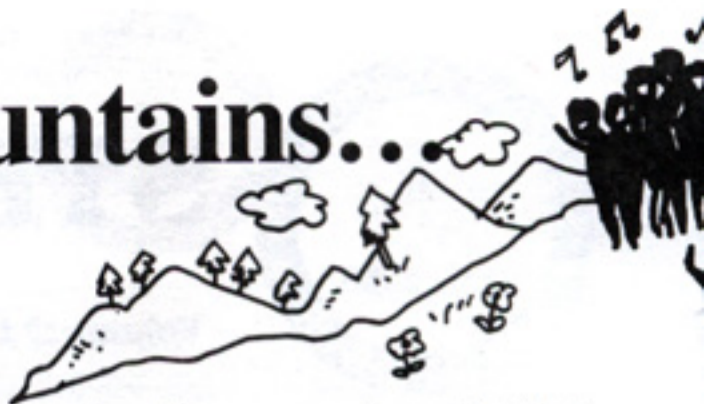
*All members attending the 5th Annual General Meeting are kindly informed that a light dinner will be served (free-of-charge) after the meeting BUT please inform the Secretariat of your attendance by Monday 3rd, April 2000, to*

**5th Annual General Meeting**  
**6.30pm, Saturday, 8th April, 2000**  
**Menara Wesley, Kuala Lumpur**





# Go, tell it on the Mountains...



We did just as the heading says – we went and brought the good news of the birth of Jesus Christ through carols and scriptures to the mountains.

It all began when we received an invitation through the Stedfast Association, Kuala Lumpur to do carolling up in Bukit Fraser. The idea was exciting as probably we would be the first organised group to proclaim the good news of the birth of Christ up there. To some of us, we looked forward to participating in the programme because it would definitely be carolling with a difference. It would also be like going carolling in a temperate country as the weather up there would be cool. However, we were unsure as to what form it would take.

Rehearsals commenced in mid-October, 1999 once a week on Sundays starting at 1.15 p.m. for an hour each time. We were particular happy to see families eagerly participating in each rehearsal and looking forward to sing at Bukit Fraser.

The long awaited day of 11 December, 1999 finally came. Some of us travel in our own cars while the rest went in a chartered bus. There were a few who did not make the trip because of the adverse publicity on land slips on some of our highlands at the time. For many of us, this was our first trip up at Bukit Fraser and much of the afternoon was spent in walking around the highland and taking in the fresh mountain air of Bukit Fraser. At 2.30 p.m., a shuttle bus took us to the Jerneh Golf Club, the venue for our presentation for our final rehearsal.

At about 7.30 p.m. with choir members and musicians smartly dressed in dark suits we were ready to "Go, Tell It On the Mountains." The programme started with a few carols

performed by some members of the Boys' Brigade on brass instruments followed by entry of the 60 odd choir members with the theme song of "Go, tell It On The Mountains". The audience was enthralled by the 45 minutes presentation of Christmas carols and songs and the reading of scriptures relating the birth of Jesus Christ. The choir and musicians were than invited to join the audience to a sumptuous Christmas dinner which include Japanese tempura, Californian rolls, satay, roast lamb, turkey and laksa. This was followed by a jam session with members of



The host, Dato' Andrew Kam (on the right) and Dato' William Kam on his left

The BB Brass Band rehearsing up on the mo



The GREAT Choir



"General" William Lee singing a solo, backed by Derrick





our band leading in a let-your-hair-down time of oldies.

It was indeed a time well spent at Bukit Fraser and everyone of us enjoyed himself or herself. Will this be done again for the year 2000? Let's see whether we will get another invitation. Our sincere appreciation to Mr. & Mrs. Michael Yei for making all the arrangements and to Datuk & Datin Andrew Kam for hosting the programme. Above all, we want to thank God for a safe journey and for giving us a good time.

by Andy Chan



# 11th Methodist Fellowship Golf Tournament

Submitted by Cpl. Loh Veng Hoong

**In conjunction with our 45th Anniversary Celebration,** Persatuan Stedfast consented to 1st KL Boys' Brigade request to organise the 11th Methodist Fellowship Golf tournament on 5th November '99 at the Templer Park Country Club. The club is located in the vicinity of the popular Templer Park. It is a cool, quiet place – away from the hustle and bustle of city life. On that morning, we gathered at the Youth Center at 6.30 a.m. Surprisingly, only 7 boys turned up to assist in the project. Four officers came along too. We reached the park at about 7.20 a.m.

While there, we greeted the participants as they arrived for the game and upon registration, they were invited for breakfast. The games started at about 8.00 a.m. and while the game was on, we were treated to a sumptuous buffet breakfast. We then proceeded to assist in packing the 'goodies bag' and arranging the various hampers and prizes.

Later in the day, Sir Robinson took us for a tour around the club and the golf course. At the golf equipment shop we were shown the different golf clubs – driver, iron, and putter. There were also changing rooms where golfers kept their stuff and took their baths. The interesting part of the tour was when we took a 'buggy' ride on the course and watched the golfers at their games and were briefed on the art of golfing, i.e. the strokes, etc. We also took some photographs along the way.

Around 1.30 p.m., we were back to work as the golfers had finished their games. Some of us were stationed at the counter to give away the goodies bags while others were at the entrance of the dining area to usher the participants for lunch. The prizes and hampers were given to the winners during lunch. By late afternoon, the event was over and only then did we have our 'not-so-excellent leftover' lunch but it did its main duty – it filled up our empty stomachs! No longer hungry, we were naturally able to put on our happy smiles for the group photo before we began our journey back to the Youth Center.

## Organising Committee of the Golf Tournament

- Chairman : Mr. Gary Liew
- Secretary : Mr. Robinson Pan
- Committee : Mr. Michael Yei  
Mr. Matthew Lew  
Mr. Donald Kee
- Ex-officio : Mr. Cheong Sing Yuen



Templer Park Country Club's "Security Guards"



Winner of the Bishop Emeritus Datuk Dr. Denis C. Dutton Challenge Trophy for the 11th Methodist Fellowship Golf Tournament 1999:  
**Mr. Tiger Yap**



Golfers with the scenic background of the club



## Letter from



Dear Michael,

Thank you for your letter and many programmes received. I regret I was not able to reply to your letter earlier as we were away in New York. First of all I want to congratulate you and committee of Persatuan Stedfast for thinking ahead in setting up the Association. The aims of the Association are good. I hope B.B. boys elsewhere should set up similar Associations. I know for certain former BB 'Boys' like to have similar set-up. It is interesting to note ex-BB 'boys' in 1st Penang Coy are involved in the leadership of Trinity Methodist Church Penang, such as as Chairman, Lay Leader, Secretary, Treasurer etc. Hence the BB should be the training ground for the Church.

Looking over the brochures, you have a wonderful programme. Golfing has established a new interest here. There are golf courses everywhere, managed by various Shire Councils. You pay only a nominal course fee to play. I remember when I was Secretary for Youth within the Ministry of Youth & Sport, we started the Subang Airport Golf Course and brought out Japanese experts to plan & build the course.

It is good to know of the brass band you have started. In Australia, almost every big Secondary Schools have brass band, BB is slowly losing attraction here. I remember the first Merdeka Parade,

I got the BB band to play. The organisers were impressed, since then at every Youth Day Parade, the BB band was invited to play.

Looking through my photo album, I enclose the first 1st KL Coy Group photo, the 4 English men were BB officers in UK. I can't remember their names. I recognise Tung Kam Seng. Andy Chan's name sounds familiar. Please convey warm greetings to BB and Persatuan Stedfast 'Boys'.

Thanks a lot for remembering me. Please keep me in touch from time to time. I was recently in Singapore and Penang. One day I shall drop in in KL. My wife Siew-Lan was the President of GLB (now GB) Council for several years. Incidentally we helped to start the P.J. Trinity Methodist Church.

With warm regards,

Onn-Soo Khoo J.P.

Photo taken in the 1950s



Thank you

Editor:

About 45 years ago in 1954, two men with a vision, started the 1st Kuala Lumpur Boys' Brigade Company under the sponsorship of Wesley Methodist Church, Kuala Lumpur. They were Mr. R.A. Allen and Mr. Khoo Onn Soo who would be very proud of the Company today.

Incidentally, Mr. Khoo Onn Soo was also the second Captain of the inaugural BB Company in Malaya i.e. the 1st Penang Company, serving as Captain from 1951 to 1954 taking over the captaincy from Mr. Geh Hun Kheng, the man who is remembered as the first BB Captain in Malaya, now Malaysia.

We also want to thank Mr. Tung Kam Seng and Mr. James Khoo for providing the address of Mr. Khoo Onn Soo.

## Treasure Hunt



Winners of the Stedfast Motoring Treasure Hunt, Mr. Terence Yap and his crew members, which was held on 11th December, 1999 from Wesley Methodist Church, Kuala Lumpur to Fraser's Hill. This event was organised by Mr. James Khoo and Mr. Danny Cheah.

## Your Football Team at the Kuala Lumpur Boys' Brigade Battalion Games







# A Night to Remember

Indeed, it was a night to remember – the night of 2nd October 1999 at the Grand Ballroom of the Park Royal Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

It was the biggest event so far for the Stedfast Association of Kuala Lumpur where 500 former Brigadiers and their families, friends and supporters gathered to remember the Founder of the Boys' Brigade, Sir William Alexander Smith. Ever since the formation of the Association 4 years ago, Founder's Day has been observed and celebrated annually and this year's gathering is the biggest and by far, the most grand affair.

The guests-of-honour were Bishop of the Methodist Church in Malaysia, Bishop Dr. Peter Chio and his beloved wife who were ushered into the Grand Ballroom to the sound of fanfare by the 1st Kuala Lumpur Coy. Boys' Brigade at 8.00 p.m. Other guests invited included Mr. David Boler, President of National Evangelical Christian Fellowship, Rev. Dr. Hermen Shastri, General Secretary of the Council of Churches, Malaysia and representatives from the Singapore Stedfast Association including its President, Mr. C.B. Yeow.

After grace, said by Stedfast Committee Member, Mr. Yeoh Seng Kooi, dinner was served to the accompaniment of brass band music provided by members of the 1st Kuala Lumpur Coy. Boys' Brigade followed by welcome speeches from the Organising Chairman, Mr. Michael Yei and President of the Association, Mr. Danny Cheah. In his address, Bishop Dr. Peter Chio praised the foresight of Sir William A. Smith in the founding of the Boys' Brigade and the unceasing efforts and commitment of officers of the Boys' Brigade worldwide in the development of boys.

The highlight of the evening was an evangelistic musical presentation by a Singapore based Christian group who call themselves the "IN-TRANSIT". Guests were enthralled by their 'a capella' style of harmonious singing.

It was truly a night to remember. Our sincere appreciation and thanks to the Organising Committee for a job well done. The experience learnt from this event will help us in organising a grander Founder's Day next year as we thank God and celebrate the Association's 5th Anniversary in the year 2000.



BB logo on ice-carving



"IN-TRANSIT" from Singapore performing at the dinner



The BB Band in attendance led by Mr. Yeap Meng Hon



Our guest of honour, Bishop Dr. Peter Chio & Mrs Chio



As a token of appreciation Mr. Danny Cheah (President) presented a trophy to former president, Mr. Tung Kam Seng



A Souvenir to Mr. C.B. Yeow, President of Stedfast Association Singapore



A happy moment



VIP table being served



Guests browsing through some of the books on display



# News in Brief



## Programmes for Year 2000

- April 8th (6.30pm) - 5th Annual General Meeting
- May 18th - Family Day
- June 18th - Thanksgiving Service and Tea party for less privileged
- July 21st - 3rd Stedfast Golf Tournament
- August 31st to September 2nd - Family Camp
- October 7th - Founder's Day Dinner

## Ten-pin Bowling

Ten-pin bowling will be held on every 1st Sunday of each month at Endah Bowl, Endah Parade, Seri Petaling at 2.30 p.m. at a special discounted rate. Bring your families!



## Archery

The sport of Archery helps you to train and develop your discipline, focus and self-control characteristics. This sport will be introduced to Stedfast members every 2nd Saturday of each month at M.B.S., K.L. School field at 4.00 p.m.



## Badminton

Badminton is already in progress and members are invited to join in the badminton session every Thursday from 7.30 to 10.00pm at the Methodist Boys' Secondary School Hall, Kuala Lumpur.

**Mr. Paul W. Juby**, International Secretary, Stedfast Association of Yarmouth, UK visited us with his wife. He was on his way home after climbing Mount Kinabalu to raise fund for BB Thailand. KL Stedfast hosted them for lunch and exchange news on the development of Stedfast KL and Stedfast UK.

## Scholarship Awards

Persatuan Stedfast Trust Fund now renamed to Human Resource and Social Development was launched in mid-1998. The Association has set aside resources for training and development of members of the Boys' Brigade, assisting needy Boys and Officers to further their studies and provide assistance for any leadership or officer training so that with enhanced skills they will be better able to lead their companies.

Barely, one and half years old, we are proud to say that we have been able to assist deserving young people in their education, supporting local BB Companies and Battalion in their projects and assist in specific medical needs. A total sum of of RM47,244.00 have been approved for the following:



## Scholarship Funds Awarded as at 31st December, 1999

YEAR 1998	AMOUNT (RM)	TOTAL (RM)
1. Wong Kien Lee	1840.00	
2. Ho Yew Tuck	1500.00	
3. Lo Kuan Che	2200.00	
4. Jeremy Ong	2000.00	
5. K.L.Battalion (B.B.)	800.00	8340.00
<b>YEAR 1999</b>		
1. Ng Yee Khai	2380.00	
2. Subita Karasu	1800.00	
3. Wong Kien Onn	524.00	
4. Gerard Francis Lopez	3500.00	
5. Wong Mun Heng	2300.00	
6. Lo Kuan Che	800.00	
7. Phoon Kon Foong	3000.00	
8. BB Projects	5000.00	
9. Crisis Relief Services (JE)	3000.00	
10. KL Battalion (B.B.)	1000.00	
11. Methodist Education Foundation	1500.00	
12. Wesley Methodist Church	500.00	
13. Mimi and Mary Fund	13,600.00	38,904.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>47,244.00</b>



Danny Cheah, President and Bishop Dr. Peter Chio with the scholarship recipients : (L-R) Lo Kuan Che, Gerard Francis Lopez, Ng Yee Khai, Subita Karasu & Wong Mun

- New members approved by the Executive Committee from June to December 1999:*
- Life Members**
- Rev. Dr. Hermen Shastri
  - Dato' Vincent Ho Seng Kung
  - Mr. Kuan Jia Shyang
  - Mr Kelvin Tan Thi Jue
  - Mr. William Foo Kwai Wah
  - Mr. Lawrence Toh Khok Liang
  - Mr. Leong Cheng Hoong
  - Mr. Wong Chee Kong
  - Mr. Eddie Chong Chee Chung
  - Mr. Cheong Sing Yuen
- Ordinary Members**
- Mr. Wong Kien Hoe
  - Mr. Edwin C. Dutton
  - Mr. Ho Shu Chiang
  - Mr. Cheong Kim Chooi
  - Mr. William Choy Mun Wing
  - Mr. Ng Yee Khai
  - Mr. Jeffrey Koit Kong Seng
  - Mr. Pan Yau Seng
  - Mr Johnny Lim Yeow Keong
  - Mr. Cheng Lee Voon
  - Mr. Choong Kwai Onn
- Associate Members**
- Mr. Soo Kim Wai
  - Mr. Paul Long Chay Boo
  - Ms. Annie Yew Ming Keow
  - Mr. Leong Moi Fong