

Stedfast



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MESSAGE from the PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Greetings and welcome to yet another edition of the Stedfast KL Newsletter.



It seems only like yesterday when the Stedfast Association of Kuala Lumpur was born back in 1995. From a small idea born from the passion of friends for the Boys' Brigade, it has today flourished into one big, happy family.

Ten years of existence is certainly an achievement for a non-profit organization whose main activities revolve around helping current Brigade members. We certainly have many reasons to give thanks to our Father for His grace and providence over all these years. Without His blessings, we would certainly be just a ship without a captain.

As this year is our 10th anniversary, a host of activities have been lined up to make this year a memorable one. Do join us as we come together for a time of fellowship and thanksgiving.

As we move ahead into the future, we hope that the Stedfast Association will continue to serve past, present and future Brigade members in whatever way we can. Here's to another 10 years, with Our Father as our Captain!

God Bless.

Danny Cheah

10th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING cum FELLOWSHIP DINNER

BE THERE and please do make an effort to attend as this is the time of the year where the various reports of the Association will be presented to all our members.

However, there will be no election of office-bearers as their current term will only expire next year. Members who want to raise any matters or to amend the Constitution are kindly requested to write to the Secretariat or email to "stedfastkl@yahoo.com"

A light fellowship dinner will be served (free-of-charge) after the AGM. Members are requested to confirm their attendance for AGM and dinner, as it will assist us to facilitate the necessary preparation.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members will also like to know that during the Annual General Meeting, we take the opportunity to collect subscription for the year. Members are encouraged to upgrade their membership to Life Member.

Programmes 2005

1st April	Friday	Stedfast Scholarship Commence
21st April	Thursday	Stedfast Scholarship Ends
23rd April	Saturday	Council Meeting & Annual General Meeting
7th May	Saturday	Stedfast Scholarship Interview
14th May	Saturday	Scholarship Awards
20th August	Saturday	Members' Nite
7th Oct.	Friday	8th Stedfast Golf Tournament

Highlights:

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Douglas & Florence Roy

The birthplace of Sir William Alexander Smith

SIR ALEX FERGUSON

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7th STEDFAST GOLF TOURNAMENT

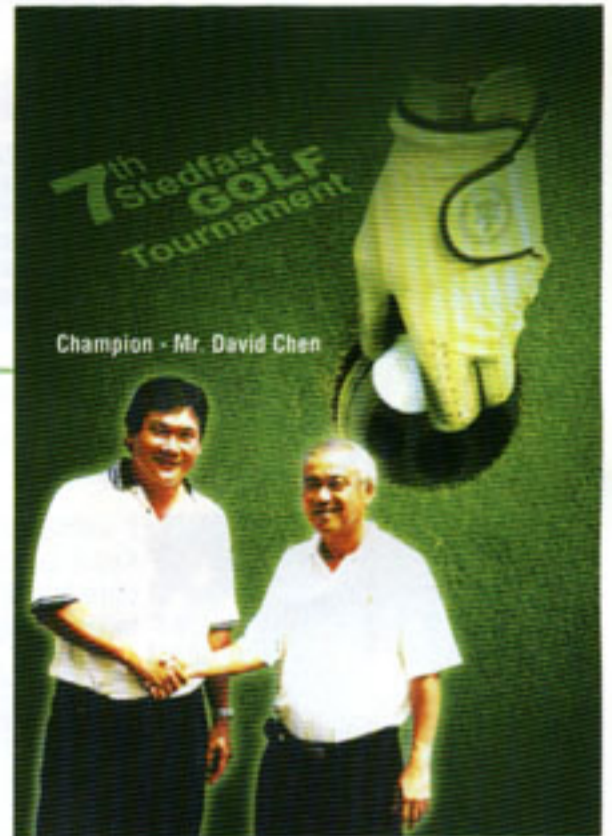
It can only get better..... the biggest participation ever.....

So, on Friday, 3rd September, 2004 more than 140 golfers participated in our 8th Stedfast Golf Tournament at the exclusive Templer Park Golf and Country Club.

Over the years, we have raised more than RM100,000 through this annual tournament which is the only fund raising project for the Association and for this Tournament we have managed to raise about RM20,000.00. The main bulk of the money raised will go towards providing financial assistance for needy members of the Boys' Brigade to further their tertiary studies, KL State Boys' Brigade projects, training and development purposes and our own programmes.

The winner, David Chen received a challenge trophy and a 29 inch flat screen television set for his effort. However, there were no winners for the hole-in-one to claim the RM15,000 Rolex watch which was on offer.

Again, we want to thank our Almighty God for his presence especially for the fine weather which were always threatening practically in all our Tournaments and to make our annual tournament a resounding success. Also, a BIG thank you to all those who have assisted in a special way especially, Mr. Soo Kim Wai, our President Mr. Danny Cheah, all those who have participated and advertised in our souvenir programme, sponsors, donors as well as our very own volunteers and members. Ribuan Terima Kasih!



STEDFAST FAMILY CAMP



Our Stedfast Family Camp which is now an annual event have always been enjoyable, fun and most important of all a time of fellowship and sharing with members, children and families alike.

So, on the morning of 11th November, 2004 and with about 65 members, friends and families, the majority of us met at KL Wesley to board the bus chartered and sponsored by the Association for our Annual two nights and three days Stedfast Camp. This time, the organizing committee chose Tekam Plantation Resort which is located approximately 216 kilometers from Kuala Lumpur and is nestled amidst the vast plantations of Malaysia fringing the oldest rainforest in the world, Taman Negara.

It was a perfect midway and a home away from home in every aspect of its natural features and surroundings. Many activities and programmes were organized for both the young and the "not so young". The agro-ecosystem offers one with an adventure of a plantation tour of oil palm, cocoa, coffee, rubber, coconut and many tropical fruits.

We encountered the mysteries of cave exploration and excitement of bearing witness to spectacular rock formation in the historical Kota Gelanggi Cave as well as been mesmerized by the variety of life forms which make up the ecosystem of these historical caves.

While the golfers participated in our Annual Golf Closed Tournament which was won by our President, Danny Cheah, the non-golfers enjoyed the flying fox activity. Food was in abundance throughout the camp but I am sure we all enjoyed the BBQ dinner and karaoke evening.

Last but not least, we must thank our excellent speaker, Mr. Paul Long for his time and effort in preparing and presenting simple, fun, appropriate and magical sharing throughout the three days. We want to thank God for having people like him for our Camp and also God's blessings to his family.

So, "Shalom, till we meet again" for the next Stedfast Family Camp, we must thank our good Lord for his abundance grace and blessings where friendship are renewed and developed amongst all present. Till we meet again..... to God be the Glory and Praise.



5th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF STEDFAST ASSOCIATIONS

Kia Ora!!!

Christchurch, the second largest city in New Zealand, the South Island's largest city, the world's aerial gateway to Antarctica, the beautiful Garden City of Christchurch was the venue for our 5th International Convention of Stedfast Associations from March 2nd to 6th, 2005. with the theme "Supporting the Youth of Our Nation".

Organised by Stedfast Association of New Zealand, more than 100 Stedfast members and families from United Kingdom, Australia, Malaysia, Singapore and New Zealand gathered together for a time of fellowship, sharing, renewing friendship which we have made from the last Convention and making new ones which we hope could be further enhanced through the means of modern information technology – emails.

The main venue for the Convention was Oxford Terrace Baptist Church and there were three keynote speakers, Mr. Graeme Pollock (Principal of Aranui High School), Sr. Sgt. Peter Hegarty (Officer-in-charge of Youth Offenders Section) and Mrs. Stephanie Redhead who all spoke on issue pertaining to youths.

The Welcome Dinner on the first day was officiated by Sir Michael Hardie-Boys who was the former Governor General Of New Zealand. Other interesting programmes were the Maori and Samoan presentation by the children of Rowley School, the Hangi meal, the visit to Waipara BB Camp Site and the Stedfast Band presentation at the Art Centre.

The formulation and affairs of Stedfast International were also discussed so that this international organization could be brought closer together and be properly organized on a global basis. Those present has unanimously requested London SA to be the next Convention host in the year 2008.

Last but not least, my sincere appreciation to KL Stedfast for appointing me to be the representative at the Convention. God bless.



Standing L-R
Lee Boutery (President BS NZ)
Michael Yai (Secretary SA Kuala Lumpur)
Sitting L-R
Sir Michael Hardie-Boys (former Gov-Gen of NZ)
George Groombridge (President SA NZ)



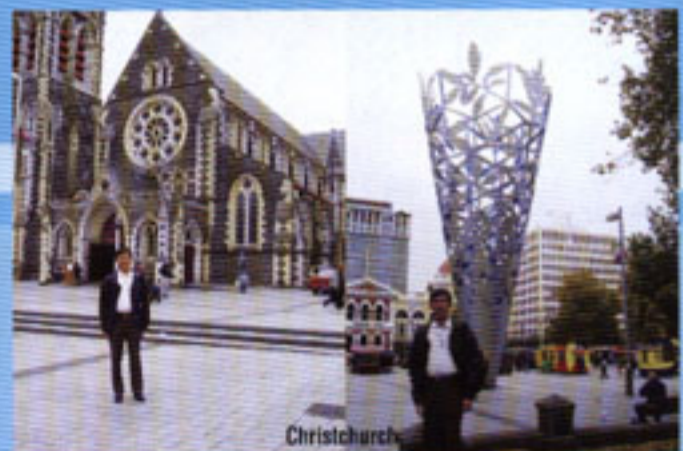
With brothers, Lee & Peter Adam (SA Queensland, Aus) & Sue Kin



Presenting our SA Ki haramere to David Marday



Maori Dance



Christchurch



Al Battalion Stedfast Christchurch Office



Public Display at City Hall



With Derek Ford (LY) & Peter Parkin (R) from UK



L-D David & Yvonne Marday, Flor & Sue Kin



Activities of BB campers

THANK YOU DOUGLAS & FLORENCE ROY

Who are they?? Well, they deserve special mention for their generosity and kindness for opening their home to be our host, my wife and me as well as for Henry Aik (Kuching SA Secretary).

They were the true ambassadors for SA New Zealand as well as for their country, and we really have the taste of the many nice and wonderful people we have met at the Convention, particularly Douglas and Florence Roy and not forgetting their sons Robert, David and his family (Ann, Christopher and Caitlin).

They made us feel so comfortable and at ease, and the time and effort that they have taken to organize so many things for us not only during the Convention but also after. Our decision not to travel to other parts of the South Island was also a wise decision as Florence took us to some interesting places like the Antartica and Akaroa.

Akaroa, a quaint colonial cottage (Maori and European settlements) and the two hour cruise from Lyttelton Harbour, we saw the world's smallest and rarest dolphins – the Hector's, NZ Fur seals, Penguins and what to me looks like the stunning, fascinating and breathtaking landscape location for the "Lord of the Rings" movie production.

"Ribuan Terima Kasih" (Thank you very much) Douglas and Florence Roy.

Shalom, till we meet again Take care and God bless.





PUTRAJAYA

Want to take a trip to Putrajaya?

What !!!! So far lah...



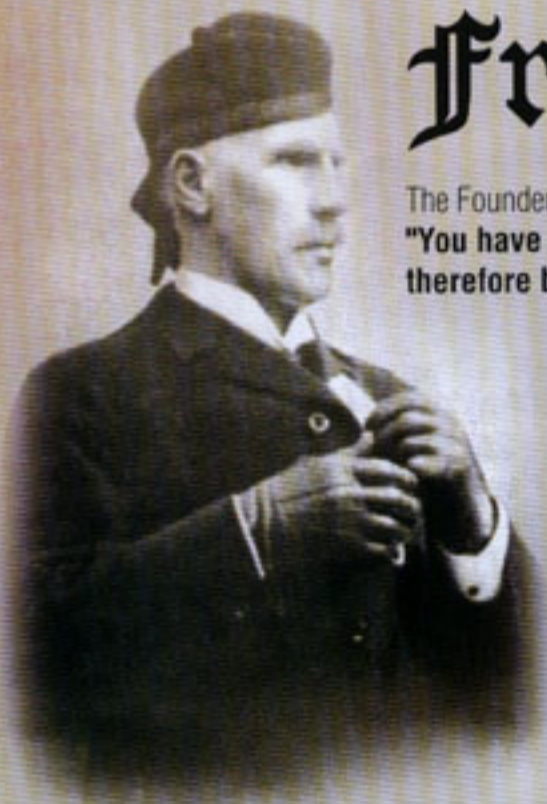
That's normally what people will say but I believe those who attended the Founder's Day Get-together did not regret going there. However, some got lost but managed to join us. What am I talking about here? Let's find out now...

On October 23, 2005. Kuala Lumpur Stedfast organised a get-together dinner at Kelab Tasik Putrajaya (KTP) which is located opposite the Prime Minister's Office.

About 45 members and friends attended. At 4.00pm all gathered at KL Wesley and started their journey by bus heading towards Putrajaya. Some came on their own car. After 40 minutes journey, they finally arrived at Kelab Tasik Putrajaya to pick up the "Putrajaya Tour Guide". The tour started from KTP and headed towards the Government Offices, passing thru one of the most expensive bridge in Putrajaya. We also passed the Millenium Tower after which we headed towards Alamanda - a shopping complex. We spent about one hour at Alamanda... window shopping ... eating... watching

At about 6.30pm, we got back to the bus and continued our journey back to KTP. At 7.00pm, we started our buffet dinner. We had "Sharkfin Soup, Baby Lobster, Abalone" on our menu - Well! it was just a dream for some. Anyway, we just had a simple buffet dinner and lots of "chattings" which brought back old memories. The night was still young at about 9.15pm and we decided to take a trip the Putrajaya Shangrila. This is where we saw the beautiful Putrajaya by night from the Swimming Pool area. At about 10.00pm, we decided to go back to Kuala Lumpur.

Submitted by Alfred Ong



From the Archives

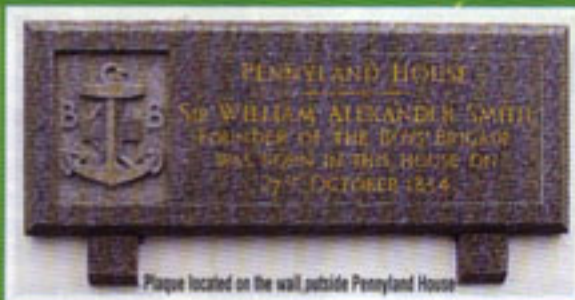
The Founder of The Boys' Brigade: Sir William Smith.

"You have only one life to live on earth, therefore be determined by God's help to make your life a success."



THURSO

the birthplace of Sir William Alexander Smith



The 150th Anniversary (1854 - 2004) of the birth of the Boys' Brigade Founder was held at the BB Museum in Thurso with a wreath laying ceremony at Pennyland House.

Sir William Alexander Smith was born on 27th October, 1854 at Pennyland House, Thurso, Caithness, Scotland. He moved to Glasgow as a teenager following the death of his father and he was active in the 1st Lanark Rifle Volunteers.

Sir William founded The Boys' Brigade in Glasgow on 4th October, 1883 and has been acknowledged as an originator of modern work among young people. His legacy has stood the test of time and many of his training and leadership methods are still used to this day.

The object, "The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys' and the promotion of habits of Reverence, Discipline, Self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness has remained the same, apart from the addition of the word "Obedience" in 1893. The design for the crest was the familiar anchor on which was inscribed the motto "Sure and Stedfast", taken from Hebrews 6:19 "which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both Sure and Stedfast". The Biblical spelling of "Stedfast" has been retained.

The words and the symbol were to become emblematic in many features of the work of The Boys' Brigade as highlighted in the organisation's most popular hymn "We have an anchor that keeps the soul, Stedfast and Sure while the billows roll.....".

ALEX FERGUSON - A BB MEMBER!

DO YOU KNOW.....??? Sir Alex Ferguson, Manager of Manchester United FC, was a member of the 129th Glasgow Boys' Brigade Company. He still takes a keen interest and is involved in the work of the Boys' Brigade Companies and Districts throughout United Kingdom.

Sir Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager and former Scotland manager, credited his love of football and his understanding of leadership to his time with the Christian uniformed youth organisation that was formed in Glasgow more than 100 years ago. The Govan-born former apprentice toolworker told of the invaluable lessons he learned while a member of the 129th Glasgow Company.

Sir Alex, took time out from Old Trafford recently to pay a visit to Glasgow in his capacity as Honorary Boys' Brigade Vice-President was the star attraction at a ceremony at Glasgow Central Station to dedicate and name a Strathclyde Passenger Transport (SPT) Class 320 train "Sir William A Smith" on Wednesday, 27th October, 2004 to mark the 150th birthday of the founder of The Boys' Brigade. He also inspected the

Sir Alex Ferguson said: "As a former member of the Boys' Brigade I am delighted to be able to name a train after the founder, Sir William A Smith. The Boys' Brigade is a working institution and it does a great job in shaping the lives of young men. It is a great honour for the Boys' Brigade to have its founder commemorated in this way."

Sir Alex played his first football match for his brigade team in Glasgow while still at school. The 62-year-old manager said the skills he learned in the BB gave him the grounding he needed not just in his successful playing career, which included a spell with Rangers, ... but also his high-profile life as a manager. He is one of the most successful football managers in the world and he owes it all to his time with the Boys' Brigade.

Sir Alex began forging a reputation in football management by guiding Aberdeen to European Cup Winners' Cup honours in 1983, beating one of the elite names of world football, Real Madrid. It remains the last European trophy won by a Scottish team.

After waving the train from its platform, Sir Alex chatted with members of a local brigade before signing autographs. John Neil, president of the Boys' Brigade and former secretary of the Glasgow



Scholarship Awards 2005

The schedule/dates for application to Stedfast Kuala Lumpur Scholarship is listed below and we urged all applicants to follow the dates and guidelines as set forth to avoid disqualification.

1st April	Friday	Stedfast Scholarship Begins
21st April	Thursday	Stedfast Scholarship Ends
7th May	Saturday	Stedfast Scholarship Interview
14th May	Saturday	Scholarship Awards

Please take note that only current members of Boys' Brigade, Stedfast members and their families are eligible to apply. The application forms are obtainable from your Captains or could be downloaded from our website www.stedfastkl.org.my or www.mybbkul.org

The closing date is 21st April, 2005.



“Ask Not What You Can Get **BUT** What You Can Do”



On reading a newspaper article late last year, the EXCO were “moved” to do something for the family of Sylvia Hyams, a 74-year-old woman who has a back problem, chest pains and survived a stroke.

It was not so much for Sylvia herself that we were concerned about BUT rather her love for her adopted children Peter, who has cerebral palsy, blind, suffering from bronchitis and asthma, and needs the nebuliser every three hours if he gets frequent asthma attacks, and Charlene, a Down syndrome child. They were both abandoned children when they were very young. Peter is now about 20 years old and Charlene is 16 years.



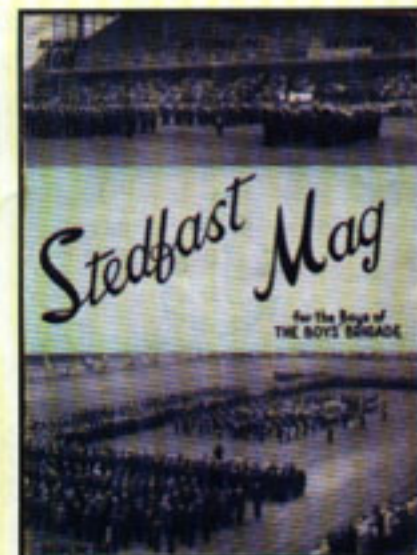
So, one Sunday afternoon headed by our sub-committee Chairman, Tan Geok Soon and our Vice-President, Cheong Sing Yuen and his family we went to the home of the Hyams. We spent some time with them, praying and singing with them. Before we left, we gave an immediate cash donation of RM1,000.00 on behalf of the Association and the family has since been getting a monthly food support from Stedfast Kuala Lumpur.



Our Stedfast Guests from Inverness, Scotland



Harry & Christine Gow



Stedfast Mag printed in Dublin 1962
(library of Florence Roy)