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SPOCA AGM, Mass & Breakfast on 19 March

The annual SPOCA Mass and breakfast, followed by our 2017 Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 19 March from 9 am at Newman College. We hope many alumni can join these activities.

The minutes of the 2016 AGM are enclosed with this invitation mail-out for your information.

Your Committee would welcome the nomination and participation of new Committee Members from any year, but particularly from classmate alumni from the 1966 Reunion or from the 1967 Reunion being arranged for this year. Please contact Secretary Michael Head SJ or any other Committee member if you'd like to put forward your name.

Other key SPOCA dates for your 2017 diaries are: the Anzac Day Mass at Xavier College Chapel on Sunday 23 April; the Maytime Fair on Sat 6 May and the Annual Dinner at Greenacres Golf Club on Friday 13 Oct 2017.

Jesuit Partner School Programs Established

Following the SPOCA Appeal last year and talks at the Annual Dinner, many generous alumni have donated a total over \$10,000 to fund our support programs at the Jesuit Partner Schools. Perpetual SPOCA book prizes have been funded at both Victorian based colleges.

The first winner of the award at St Ignatius College Geelong was one of their graduates Ms Chelsea Quigley, who is studying Midwifery and carrying out an extended placement at an Indonesian Hospital. At Loyola College Watsonia, the first recipient was Ms Antonia Gazzano for her work in social justice programs and her 2017 role as college Co-Captain. They each received a certificate, a book voucher and a copy of "More Than a School".

Your Committee members will be working in 2017 to establish further possible programs of staff development and support for the colleges' Past Students Associations.

Eastern Hill Education Precinct (EHEP) and Uses for the SPC Tower

Initial meetings have been held with Australian Catholic University (St Patrick's Campus) and the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) who are interested in the EHEP concept and supportive of better use of the SPC Tower and its surrounds. The Tower is Heritage Victoria listed as part of the Cathedral site. Further discussions are being arranged with the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM).

ACU has refurbished the old Cathedral Hall (built in 1903) and is interested in SPC photographs (which are being provided) for inclusion in their display of the history of the hall and its use by St Patrick's and other colleges.

Your Committee is exploring the practicality of use of the Tower in a possible Education Museum with involved parties including CAM, ACU, CEO and the seven other colleges located there in the mid to late 1800s.

SPOCA Finances in Good Shape Thanks to Alumni Generosity

The Association finances will be tabled in detail as usual at the AGM. Patrician alumni are thanked for their generous responses during 2016 in donating over \$11,700 towards the work of Jesuit Mission throughout the region and \$10,200 for the Jesuit Partner School and other projects.

Your Association operated at a loss of \$2226 in 2016 due to one-time events. Firstly, a donation of \$1000 was made towards restoration of Weikert Cottage – the oldest building remaining from the Austrian Jesuits' work at Sevenhill. Secondly extra costs of \$930 were incurred in mailing a copy to all SPC alumni of the SPC story in the Companions Magazine edition celebrating the Irish Jesuit Sesquicentenary.

The Association remains in strong financial shape as similar opportunities are not expected in 2017 and net assets of over \$9000 continue to be held in SPOCA investment accounts.

2016 Alumni Obituaries

We remember with sadness the following SPC alumni who died during the year, leaving our SPOCA membership at 383 alumni at March 2017. Our prayers are with:

Joseph Anthony	Davis	1926-32
Fr John FX	Hennessy SAC	1930-37
Desmond	Harris	1931-33
John Patrick	Leonard	1932-38
Fr James	Muirhead SJ	1933, Staff 62-68
Basil	Blake	1937-40
Brian	O'Donovan	1937-40
Ian A	Stewart	1939-41
Fr Cyril	Blake	1940-48
Desmond Vincent	O'Toole	1941-46
William	Cannan	1942-45
John	Carew	1943-47
John Kevin	Campbell	1945-48
Noel	Carroll	1945-49
John	O'Donnell	1948-49
Denis Elliot	Mahon	1949-51
Graeme	Doyle	1949-55
Barry J	Woods	1950-59
Trevor Frank	Watson	1951
Fr John	Cowburn SJ	Staff 1951-53
Alan D	Stocks	1956
Fr Ross	McKenney	1957-62
Fr Justin Ernest	King SJ	Staff 1960-61 & 66
John	Omond	1960-66

2018 St Patrick's College Tour of Ireland

As one of the events to commemorate SPC closure fifty years earlier, your Committee is arranging a 10-day tour in September 2018 of places in Ireland relevant to the life of St Patrick, the Irish Jesuit Province or to Irish politics, history and scenery. The tour including airfares would cost around \$5000-6000 per person. More details to be advised.

If in principle you may be interested, please advise Fr Michael Head SJ, Kevin Lane or Jim Smith and you will be put on the tour contacts list.