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SPOCA AGM and 2017 Committee

The annual SPOCA Mass and breakfast, followed by our 2017 Annual General Meeting was held on 19 March at Newman College, attended by around 20 Old Patricians.

The SPOCA officers were re-elected unopposed and those present welcomed Vin Martin (SPC 1960-68) as a new Committee member. The resignation of long serving Committeeman Tony Gaynor (SPC 1950-53) was accepted with regret but his generous offer to continue as Assistant Secretary (Obituaries) was taken-up.

Kevin Brophy (SPC 1960-67) briefed the meeting of his work with his wife Andrea on reading programs for indigenous primary school students in the remote community in the East Kimberley WA. Those present voted to raise funds or books to support the program. See below and the attached flyer for details.

Committee focus in 2017 is again on fellowship of alumni, on custodianship of the SPC memorabilia & story, and on support for the works of the Australian Jesuit Province.

Growing Interest in SPC History

Over the last several months, groups including Kevin Lane, Paul Buttigieg, Gavin Wayland and John O'Loughlin have met with ACU – St Patrick's Campus, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM) and St Ignatius College Geelong (SICG) canvassing their interest in recognising SPC history.

ACU is interested in displaying photographs of SPC usage of the (recently renovated) Cathedral Hall in their entrance display of the hall's history. SPOCA is offering twenty suitable photographs but would welcome any that you may have of concerts, dances, exams or other events.

CAM & ACU are interested in displaying SPC memorabilia and photographs in the foyer of the much-used Knox Centre building located in the middle of our school playground.

SICG has requested and the Committee has agreed to loan twelve specific photographs or items of memorabilia for display in their college boardroom, main lobby and class home rooms. SICG is also considering possible ways of recognising the character of Fr John Drury SJ and his impact on the lives of SPC students.

Contact is now planned with City of Melbourne and the National Trust seeking to arrange commemorative footpath plaques to be installed at the locations of the seven Eastern Hill precinct colleges (including SPC) of the mid/late 1800s.

Appeal for Alumni Working with Indigenous Communities at Mulan/Balgo and Daly River

Old Patricians are invited to consider supporting the works of alumni Kevin Brophy (SPC 1960-67) and Fr Maurice Heading SJ (SPC 1957-65). The flyer accompanying this newsletter gives details of their work with WA & NT indigenous communities and requests donations of books or cash for these programs.

Vin Martin has kindly offered to coordinate this collection and can be contacted on 0457 222 231 if there is any further clarification you would like.

Continued Support for Jesuit Mission

Meanwhile, Treasurer Gavin Wayland is also coordinating the usual support for the works of Jesuit Mission in India, Myanmar, Timor-Leste, Cambodia and elsewhere that comes through SPOCA. A flyer detailing how tax-deductible donations can be made to Jesuit Mission is attached for your consideration prior to the financial year end. It's great for our alumni to be able to support these efficient and needed works of the Australian Jesuit Province.

1967 Classmates 50 Year Reunion: Sat 2 September

A reunion is being organised from 12.30pm on 2 Sept at Spread Eagle Hotel, Richmond for all who journeyed with the matriculating class of 1967. Please refer to the accompanying flyer and contact Kevin Lane, Vin Martin or John O'Loughlin if you are interested or would like to help.

May 2018 St Patrick's College Tour of Ireland

We are delighted to advise that 50 years after the closure of the college, bookings are now open for a ten-day SPC Tour of Ireland from 9-19 May 2018. The tour will explore highlights of in the life of St Patrick, the Jesuits in Ireland and Irish political and literary events. The travel route will cover Dublin, Belfast, Derry, Galway, Limerick, Waterford and the country sides in between.

An itinerary of activities, hotels and Aurora Travel (the selected travel agent) support services accompanies this newsletter. We currently are aware of ten confirmed participants and others interested. Hopeful the firmer details will encourage many more.

As outlined in the Tour Itinerary brochure, for 20-persons, the cost will be \$3450 per head (excl flights). Aurora Travel can also assist you if required with flight bookings and with any pre/post tour arrangements you may be considering.

If you are interested or have tour suggestions, please contact Jim Smith or Fr Michael Head SJ who will put in touch with the tour organiser and add your name to the list for tour communications and planning.

Annual Dinner: Friday 13 October

The SPOCA Annual Dinner for 2017 will be held at Greenacres Golf Club on Friday 13 October and is being arranged by Gavin Wayland and his usual helpers. Why not contact your year group and set-up a table? Book early as usual to avoid missing out!

Recent Patrician Deaths

We remember and pray for the souls of the following SPC alumni who died since our February newsletter:

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| Francis S (Jim) | Cahir | 1936-39, President 1981-83 |
| Fr Kevin | King SJ | 1939-46, Staff 1961 |
| Ian Thomas | Clancy | 1941-46 |
| Geoffrey Francis | Hedger | 1948-52 |