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SPOCA 2017 Annual Dinner on 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.

The toast to the College and keynote speech will be given by Dr John Ballard, Vice Chancellor of ACU St Patrick's Campus who will brief us on the ACU story and plans and its links (via use of Cathedral Hall and their Knox Centre in our former playground) to SPC. Response to the toast will be given by Mr Ted Rule (SPC 1960-64)

Why not contact your year group and set-up a table? Book early as usual to avoid missing out. Booking details are in the attached flyer

Support Provided to Alumni Working with Indigenous Communities

Thanks to all who have responded to our request for books and support for the reading program works of Kevin Brophy (SPC 1960-67) and his wife at JPP Mulan School in Balgo WA and for Fr Maurice Heading SJ (SPC 1957-65) works with the Daly Nauiya Community, the NT Aboriginal Pastoral Council and liturgies in Indigenous Languages.

JPP Mulan have acknowledged SPOCA in their recent newsletter, thanking its members for around \$1000 donations of books so far. A further \$500 each from your donations is currently being sent to both Kevin and Maurice to assist their programs. If any alumni would like to offer further support, please contact Gavin Wayland (on 03 9859-8699) or Vin Martin to arrange.

Support for Jesuit Mission Ongoing

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. So far in 2017 around \$4000 has been forwarded from you to them. A flyer detailing how tax-deductible donations can be made to Jesuit Mission is attached for your consideration. Thank you for your continued generosity to these needed, effective and efficient programs.

Enjoyable 1967 Classmates Reunion Held

A group of 25 alumni from the cohort of 75 who were with the 1967 matriculating class of 35 students at some time along their journey, met on Saturday 2 September (the AFL Bye-Week!) in Richmond.

They enjoyed each others' stories, the memorabilia on display and a slide-show of their student day activities and achievements. Several met again for the first time in nearly 50 years and have re-joined the SPOCA contacts list.

Our thanks go to Kevin Lane, Vin Martin and John O'Loughlin for arranging an enjoyable and successful event.

Strengthening Links with SICG, LCW & ACU

St Ignatius College Geelong (a Jesuit Partner School) is being helped and is acknowledging the memory of SPC through the annual SPOCA book prize, twenty titled historical SPC images to be displayed in class home-rooms and in recent articles in their newsletters. Paul Buttigieg is also working with them on possible recognition of the character and impacts of Fr John Drury SJ.

Similarly, Loyola College Watsonia has recognised SPC in their last yearbook and through a SPOCA book prize. Murray Cullinan & Michael Nolan are now working with them, seeking interactions with the LCWOC Association.

With ACU St Patrick's Campus, Kevin Lane has arranged for titled SPC images to be provided for use in their historical displays at Cathedral Hall and the Knox Centre. SPOCA is also seeking involvement in their Open Day and St Patrick's Day initiatives. Work is also continuing with Cathedral authorities on the Eastern Hill Education Precinct concept and maintenance of the SPC Tower.

SPOCA in Australian Union of Jesuit Alumni

Following an invitation for Gavin Wayland & Jim Smith to participate in a meeting of AUJA in Sydney of seven Jesuit Alumni associations, SPOCA has formally agreed to re-join the Union. The AUJA aims include to communicate, network, share resources between Associations and to support the works of the Australian Jesuit Province.

2018 SPC Tour of Ireland – Places Filling

The Tour from 9 to 19 May 2018 will focus on the life of St Patrick, the Jesuits in Ireland and on Irish political and literary events. The travel route will cover Dublin, Belfast, Derry, Galway, Limerick, Waterford and the countryside in between. Early registrants for the tour have paid their deposits and 4-star accommodations for 30 people have been reserved. The attached flyer provides further details.

If you wish to join the group, please advise Fr Michael Head SJ or Jim Smith to reserve your place. Remaining places will shortly be offered to other Jesuit Alumni Association members.

Major Event to Mark 50 Years since Closure

Planning for a 2018 family event near the SPC site with broad alumni appeal is being planned by Murray Cullinan, Kevin Lane & Fr Michael Head. The school's last day (28 Nov) could be a focus. Please provide the organisers with any suggestions you have and stay tuned for more details.

Recent Alumni Obituaries

We remember with sadness the following SPC alumni who have died recently: **Brian Michael Murphy** (54-56); **Desmond Chettle Coyne** (35-36); and **James Barlow** (43-45). Our prayers are for them and with their families.