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(ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION)

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Rev. Fr. Benny Thomas handing over the gift to Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik



Rev. Fr. Benny Thomas handing over the gift to Mr. Prabhu Chawla



1st ALSOC Interactive series with Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik



2nd ALSOC Interactive series with Mr. Prabhu Chawla,  
L to R Fr. Peter Arockiam, Mr. Aditya Vikram Lodha



Fr. Benny Thomas inaugurating the Water Purification Plant



Water Purification Plant



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## **PRESIDENT EMERITUS**

Rev. Fr. A. Bruylants, S.J.

## **THE GOVERNING BODY**

Rev. Fr. Benny Thomas, S.J. (President)

Rev. Fr. Felix Raj, S.J.

Rev. Fr. Peter Arockiam, S.J.

Mr. Roopendra Narayan Roy

Mr. Sanjiv Goenka

Mr. Aditya Vikram Lodha (Hon. Secretary)

Rev. Fr. Boris D'Santos, S.J. Deceased (13.08.2014)

Rev. Fr. Noel D'Souza, S.J. - Till 21.08.2014

Mr. Deepak Khaitan - Till 21.08.2014

Dr. Zahid Gangjee - Till 21.08.2014

Mr. Sidharth Dudhoria - Till 21.08.2014

Mr. N. D. Mehta - Till 21.08.2014

Rev. Fr. Joseph Kulandai, S.J. - From 21.08.2014

Rev. Fr. Sebastian Nallail, S.J. - From 21.08.2014

Mr. Aditya Khaitan - From 21.08.2014

Mr. Siddhat Kaul - From 21.08.2014

Mr. Gaurav Swarup - From 21.08.2014

Mr. Joydeep Duttagupta - From 21.08.2014



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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2013-14

### Nominated Members

Mr. K. K. Bangur  
Mr. Abhrajit Mitra  
Mr. Gaurav Swarup  
Dr. Kunal Sarkar  
Dr. Sandip Chatterjee  
Mr. Shrivardhan Goenka  
Mr. Siddhanth Kaul  
Mr. Joydeep Datta Gupta  
Mr. Shashwat Goenka

### Ex-Officio Members

Mr. Kalyan Chowdhury  
Mr. Debanjan Mandal  
Mr. Adarsh Kanoria  
Mr. Sanjay Loiwal  
Mr. Ashutosh Bhagat  
Mr. Pradyumn Kajaria  
Mr. Vidur Kapoor  
Mr. Sanjay Hirjee

### Invitees

Mr. Yashwant Daga  
Mr. Nikhilesh Kumar Garg  
Mr. Mukund Kajaria  
Mr. Yash Nathany  
Mr. Vivek Jaiswal  
Mr. Jishnu Chowdhury  
Mr. Sidharth Parasrampur  
Mr. Amish Raja  
Mr. Sharat Singh  
Mr. Amit Banerjee  
Dr. Ananda Chanda  
Mr. Piyush Bhagat  
Mr. Shiv Kapoor  
Mr. Partho Paul  
Mr. Anirudh Kajaria  
Mr. Sanjay Bajoria  
Mr. Shankar Ramalingam  
Mr. Shankar Lal Singhal

## SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2013-14

Dear Friends,

Firstly, let us pay homage to the departed souls of Rev. Fr. M. Fohshow, S.J, (former Principal of School & President of Alsoc), Rev. Fr. Boris D'Santos, S.J. (Governing Body Member), Mr. Jim Brown & Mr. Abraham Valiyavettill (Ex-Teacher), Mr. Devaki Prasad Chakravarti (Class of 1971), Mr. Bashir Hoosein Gangjee, Mr. Daleep Kakkar & Pram P. Sharma (Class of 1960), Mr. Ranabeer Sen (Class of 1963) and Mr. Padam Mody (Class of 1971)-both Alsoc GB members. May God grant their souls everlasting peace.

Working together, the year was a period of consolidation. We have strengthened our commitment and worked towards the goal of making ALSOC a more inclusive, relevant and focussed body which along with the school is firmly committed to working towards strengthening our alma mater's journey to new heights of excellence, creating greater fellowship and making a greater and meaningful contribution. I am humbled and encouraged with the support received from all quarters to ALSOC and especially to the **Vision 2020** committee. The committee held its first meeting and the deliberation and support given by the Reverend Fathers led by Rev. Father Provincial who personally chaired the first meeting was truly inspiring and gives ALSOC a strategic and significant core to focus on making a meaningful difference in the years ahead.

During the year in the last meeting of Governing Body many senior members of the Governing Body retired and unanimously decided to nominate Mr. Gaurav Swarup, Mr. Aditya Khaitan, Mr. Siddhat Kaul and Mr. Joydeep Duttgupta as the new their place. In addition due to changes in the administration of the school it was decided to include the school's new vice principals Fr. Joseph Kulandai & Fr. Sebastian Nallail, S.J. as members of the Governing Body. All of us in the Governing Body have every confidence that we shall continue to receive the guidance and continued support of the retiring members who very graciously agreed to join the new Advisory Board being formed by us for ALSOC shortly. All of us in ALSOC have been veru fortunate to get the benefit of their outstanding leadership, contribution and self less service to the cause of ALSOC over many years and I along with team ALSOC am very grateful to each one of them for their immense contribution. They are and will continue to remain the pillars of our organisation.

The Co-Curricular Education Program (CCA) was extended to the Primary schoolboys in the year. With programmes as diverse as they are unprecedented: foreign languages, sports, public speaking, music, chess, martial arts, etc. this is the beginning. The response encourages us to plan for expansion to 15 verticals within 2014-15.

### THE ALSOC ORGANISATION

While ALSOC was re-born in 1976, it has been operating without interruption for the last 36 years. During these years various structural changes were made to suit the changing times. But the tradition of certain fundamentals have remained intact.

- i) The Reverend Fathers under the leadership of our President Fr. Benny Thomas, continue to lend necessary and much required support in the initiatives of ALSOC. Their words of wisdom and guidance give us necessary boost in our endeavor to reach further and larger goals to meet the ever growing expectations from ALSOC.
- ii) Our own old boys find the time and energy to lend full and unstinted support to ALSOC despite their busy work schedules. This is the life blood of ALSOC and I have been amazed and humbled to see the level of dedication and connect.

The Governing Body plays the role of giving the focus and strategic vision and direction for Alsoc. It plays the role of a reviewer, corrector and guide to ensure higher levels of performance for Alsoc.

The Executive Committee follows the directions of the Governing Body and lays the groundwork for executing the projects and plans mandated by the Governing Body. The Executive Committee is comprised entirely of ALSOC members nominated by the GB.

For every major activity of ALSOC, a Standing Committee is formed, each of which is led by a Convenor and may be supported by one or more Co-Convenors. The EC monitors and Co-ordinates the work of the Standing Committees.

For special projects adopted during the course of any year, or more, Non Standing Committees are formed, along with Conveners & Co-Conveners as may be required.

We feature here the Standing Committees for the year 2013-14 many of whom did an outstanding job during the year in taking ALSOC to new heights.

**2013-2014**

	<b>Standing Committees</b>		<b>Convener</b>	<b>Co-convener(s)</b>
1	Fund Raising	*	K. K. Bangur	Yashwant Daga
2	Programme – School	*	Pradyumn Kajaria Ashutosh Bhagat	Mukund Kajaria
3	Membership	*	Sanjay Hirjee	Yash Nathany
4	Programme - ALSOC	*	Adarsh Kanoria	- Sports : Amish Raja - Inter Alumni – Sharat Singh
5	Evening/Night School	*	Vidur Kapoor	Nikhilesh Kumar Garg
6	Senior Members	*	Kalyan Chowdhury	
7	Finance & Compliance	*	Sanjay Loiwal	Vivek Jaiswal
8	Regional Chapters	*	Gaurav Swarup	Shrivardhan Goenka
9	Youth	*	Shashwat Goenka	
10	Website/Communication/Brand	*	Joydeep Duttagupta	Siddhant Kaul Sidharth Parasrampuriah – Communication Amit Banerjee – Website
11	Legal Support	*	Debanjan Mandal	Jishnu Chowdhury
12	Debate		Dr. Kunal Sarkar	
13	Reunion		Anirudh Kajaria Partho Paul	
14	Building		Piyush Bhagat	Sanjay Bajoria
15	Alumni Network		Sidharth Dudhoria	Shankar Ramalingam
16	Archive		Amit Banerjee	Shankar Lal Singhal
17	Bagi School		Noomi Mehta	
18	Alsoc Clinic		Dr. A. Chanda	
19	Adopt a Boy Scheme		Shiv Kapur	

\* Standing Committee

## Secretary's Review of the Activities of 2013-14

### 1. A CONTRIBUTING ALSOC:

(1.1) **CO-CURRICULAR EDUCATION PROGRAM (CCA):** ALSOC, with the active support from the school, started CCA from January 2013 with Mr. Ashutosh Bhagat & Mr. Pradhuma Kajaria in charge who have been extraordinarily dedicated in making this a reality. The purpose is to promote all round personality development through exposure to a variety of skill areas, including sports (basketball, soccer, table tennis), languages (German, French), communication (debate/public speaking), music (drums, keyboards), chess and martial arts/self defense (Taekwondo). With active support from Vice Principal of Primary School we started CCA at the Primary School from January 2014 and currently over 500 students are benefiting from this important initiative.

(1.2) **ALSOCLINIC:** For over 35 years our free medical clinic has been attending to marginalized families in the locality. Dr. Shivaji Ghosh and ALSOC member Dr. Sayandip Ghosh render their valuable services free of cost. Free medicines are also given to deserving cases. ALSOCLINIC has become a role model to other Jesuit alumni institutions. ALSOC has also extended support to Nav Jeevan Clinic at Tiljala, run by Sisters of the Cross, by arranging a lady gynaecologist, plus a visiting ALSOC doctor. Sister Lizzy of Nav Jeevan was deeply appreciative of the sincere service of ALSOC doctors.

(1.3) **ST. XAVIER'S EVENING SCHOOL (TITLI):** Since 1995 St. Xavier's Evening School (earlier named Titli) has provided free education to poor students. Under the guidance of Fr. Benny Thomas (Principal, SXCS) and Fr. Boris D'Santos & Fr. Peter Arockiam, (Vice-Principals, SXCS) this project is looked after by Mr. Dipen Datta, with back office support by Bishnu Jaiswal from the ALSOC office. Free tiffin for students is provided daily. Apart from salary and PF, ALSOC reimburses Titli teachers transport and tiffin allowance. Teaching in English is compulsory and every endeavour is made to ensure that the students qualify for the admission procedures of St. Xavier's Night School for further studies. Evening School boys participated in various school events like Rabindra Jayanti, Independence & Republic Days, Teacher's Day, Children's Day, School Sports and Christmas Programme. They also participated in the American Independence Day Programme organized by the U. S. Consulate and in Shishu Mela, organized by NSS (National Social Service) of St. Xavier's College.

(1.4) **BAGI SCHOOL PROJECT:** Our financial support continues to Bagi Pouribala Bar Pravabati Mondal Balika Vidyalaya (Bagi School). As the name suggests, this is an all girl's school in a remote village in South 24 Parganas for scheduled castes/tribes. The school provides a window of opportunity to the local girls.

Fr. A. Bruylants, President Emeritus of ALSOC, had recommended the project and inspired us to spread our wings beyond our portals.

(1.5) **BOOKS AND PRIZES:** ALSOC donated a sum of Rs. 50,000/- to the St. Xavier's Collegiate School towards the cost of awards at the Annual Prize Distribution ceremony.

### 2. A SUPPORTIVE ALSOC:

(2.1) **ADOPT-A-BOY SCHEME:** ALSOC started the Adopt-a-Boy Scheme to support financially stricken students of the School to allow them to complete their school education. Assistance is given under strict confidentiality as recommended by the Principal. The scheme began in 1989 and is now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year currently under Convener Mr. Shiv Kapoor.

One notable source of funds has been the family of our late beloved Rev. Fr. Camille Bouche; they have promised continuous support for this scheme. We have now named it the "Rev. Fr. Camille Bouche Adopt-A-Boy Scheme".

#### (2.2) STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME:

(a) The **Irish Student Exchange Programme** began in 1995. This year too, a group of 15 boys led by teachers Mr. Somnath Dhar and Mr. Sudip Chatterjee visited Belvedere College, Dublin on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013. A Bon Voyage programme was organized at Xavier Hall.

Reciprocally 15 students and 3 teachers from Belvedere College, Dublin visited Kolkata from 16<sup>th</sup>

November, 2013 to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2013. They were warmly welcomed through an Inauguration Programme conducted by the students and teachers of our School.

ALSOC had organized a sightseeing tour for the group. A farewell function was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013 at Xavier Hall, and was attended by Reverend Fathers, the Irish delegates, students and parents of the next batch for Dublin and a host of ALSOC members with their spouses. The evening featured Indian song and music performances by students of both schools. Mementoes were exchanged and dinner served.

We heartily recognize the hard work put in by Mr. Shankar Lal Singhal and his team in making this program a success over the past few years.

(b) **Chinese Exchange Programme** had started in 2010; the delegates from Shida Fuzong School, Kunning, China arrived at St. Xavier's Collegiate School, Kolkata for the Student Exchange Programme. The delegates included students, teachers and the Vice-Principal of the School. They were warmly welcomed on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 through an inaugural programme held at Xavier Hall under the leadership of Mr. Shankar Lal Singhal; the entertainment programme included live band performance followed by a dinner at the school gym. On the following day, the delegates went around the city, attended classes in our School, and visited Mother House, Science City, St. Paul's Cathedral, Victoria Memorial, Indian Museum, Zoo, Launch ride to Belur Matt and Tajpore. The farewell programme was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2013 at Xavier Hall hosted by ALSOC, followed with an entertainment programme and dinner at the gym. In this programme all reverend Fathers along with the Vice- Principal, Teachers and Students of Shida Fuzong School were also present.

### 3. A CONTINUING ALSOC:

**MEMBERSHIP:** During the year under review, we enroll more Xaverians as Alsoc members, 137 Life Members have been enrolled during the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

### 4. A RESPONSIVE ALSOC:

(4.1) **WEB SITE & I.T:** Under the guidance of Mr. Joydeep Dutta Gupta and Mr. Amit Banerjee, the existing domain [www.alsoc.org](http://www.alsoc.org) is now linked to the new ALSOC domain [www.alsoc.in](http://www.alsoc.in) which was launched by Rev. Fr. Benny Thomas, Principal and President, ALSOC in the Open House Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2014. This website has advanced features such as making payments online, groups and forums, self service features for updating member records. The core features of the website are slowly becoming operational and the new features will be ready in the next two months. This will hopefully change the way ALSOC communicates and operates, giving us the foundation on which to build the future and perhaps an even larger and more vibrant organization.

(4.2) **INAUGURATION OF INDOOR GAMES ROOM:** The indoor games centre was inaugurated by Fr. George Ponodath (Rector) on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2013. Fr. Benny Thomas, Fr. Peter Arockiam and Fr. Bruylants, Mr. Sidharth Dudhoria, Dr. Zahid Gangjee, Mr. Noomi Mehta and many Alsoc members was also present. The total cost of renovation was Rs. 8 lacs (approx.). This has been very well received and ALSOC is currently examining how it could offer similar facilities in the Primary School also.

(4.3) **INAUGURATION OF WATER PURIFICATION PLANT:** At the request from school, Alsoc installed a new water filtering plant at the senior school. Both cold and normal filtered water for students and staff is available. The plant was inaugurated by Fr. Benny Thomas on 03<sup>rd</sup> March, 2014, many Alsoc members were also present during the inauguration. The students now have access to fresh filtered water.

### 5. A STRONGER ALSOC:

(5.1) **ALSOC CHAPTER:** As there are many Xaverians residing all over the world. There are plans to reorganize ALSOC's Regional Chapters in 2014-2015 once the new Website is fully operational.

(a) **ALSOC INTERNATIONAL MEET:** An International meet was held at New York on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014. Rev. Fr. Benny Thomas, President of Alsoc meet Alsoc members over dinner held at Bombay Palace in Manhattan. Mr. Sourabh Banerji kindly made all necessary arrangements and all had a nostalgic evening recounting their time in school and sharing plans for the future.



**(5.2) PASSING OUT CEREMONY:** The 14<sup>th</sup> Passing-Out Ceremony for the Batch of 2014 was held at the Primary School on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2014 under the leadership of Mr. Bhairav Parikh, Fr. Benny Thomas, S.J., Fr. Boris D'Santos S.J., Fr. Peter Arockiam S.J., and Mr. Aditya Vikram Lodha, were the distinguished dignitaries on the dais. Also Award & this year for the first time, two Best Speaker awards were given to student of class 12. Fr. Benny Thomas, S.J. addressed the gathering with his inspiring words to the students of Class 12, their families and Also members.

Mr. Andrew Singh & Mr. Charles Benedict, Ex-Teachers of St. Xavier's School received the Teacher's Award given by Fr. Benny Thomas & Fr. Boris D'Santos.

Mr. Nathany read out the citation for the recipient of the Debarya Datta Memorial Award for "Complete Xaverian" Award. Mr. Samiran Sen of Class XII received the Complete Xaverian Award comprising of Rs. 11,001/- and a Gold Medal. The award was given by Mr. Dipen Datta (Member), Fr. Benny Thomas gave the citation to the Complete Xaverian and Mr. Aditya Vikram Lodha gave a cheque for Rs. 11,001/-.

Fr. Peter Arockiam handed over the Best Speaker awards to Mr. Shourya Dasgupta and Mr. Anish Kanoria for this year.

The programme was well organized and attended by teachers and students. During the programme, many students from this batch became Life members. After the programme, everybody joined for a high tea with DJ music which was arranged in the gym area.

**(5.3) ALCRICKET:** This year ALCRICKET was organized on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 at St. Xavier's Collegiate School, Gymnasium, under the leadership of Mr. Amish Raja. This event was inaugurated by the President, Fr. Benny Thomas SJ. After father & son tournament, all had snacks, following which the prizes were distributed. It was a superb tournament for friendship and brotherhood and reinforced the close bond between the teachers, students and members of Also.

**(5.4) INTERALUMNI CRICKET:** This year Inter Alumni Cricket Tournament was organized on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 at St. Xavier's Collegiate School, under the leadership of Mr. Sharat Singh. Eight teams from eight city schools walked into the cricket grounds sporting their school colours- Birla (Hindi) High School, Calcutta Boys' School, La Martiniere for Boys, Don Bosco School (Park Circus), St. James' School, The Frank Anthony Public School, Hartley Public School and St. Xavier's Collegiate School(Also). The tournament was inaugurated by the President, Fr. Benny Thomas. Inter Alumni Cricket Tournament '14 was won by St. Xavier's School (Also) defeating Frank Antony School. After the game, all were served snacks, followed by the prizes distribution. It was a superb tournament for friendship and brotherhood and reinforced the close bond between the alumni of other schools.

**(5.5) ALSOCER:** The 18<sup>th</sup> Also Soccer was held on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 under the leadership of Mr. Amish Raja. Fr. George Ponodath, S.J, Rector of the school, Fr. Benny Thomas, S.J. Principal of the school and President of Also inaugurated the tournament by kicking off the ball. It was played under floodlights. 12 teams of 8 players each participated in this 5-a-side tournament. Fr. Benny Thomas handed over the trophies to the winning team of Mr. Pradeep Guhathakurta and runner up team of Mr. Vishnu. This event ended around 8 p.m. followed by refreshments.

**(5.6) INTERALUMNIMEET:** (i) The First **Inter Alumni Soccer** organized by Calcutta Boys' School on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2013, 8 schools namely Birla High, Calcutta Boys, La Martiniere, St. James School, Don Bosco School and Frank Anthony School participated in this event. Also won the tournament beating La Martiniere School in the finals.

(ii) **Inter Alumni Debate** organized by La Martiniere Alumni on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013. Also participated and was runners – up.

(iii) Frank Anthony School organized **Inter Alumni Table Tennis and Volleyball** on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2014. Also participated in both the events.

**(5.7) SIT & DRAW AND ESSAY COMPETITION:** Rev. Fr. Andre Wavreil Memorial Sit & Draw and Essay competition for the school boys was held at the St. Xavier's School (Primary) premises on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2014 under the leadership of Mr. Satyam Goenka. Rev. Fr. Boris D'Santos, Vice Principal of the School was the

Chief Guest and Mr. Aditya Vikram Lodha, Hon. Secretary were also present. Around 250 school boys took part in these competitions. The whole program was covered by Telegraph and partially sponsored by ITC.

**(5.8) ALSOC DAY:** The guidance, inspiration and mentorship of the departed souls of various Rev. Fathers who had built, shaped and guided Alsoc are remembered on Alsoc Day, falling on 10<sup>th</sup> November. This day also happens to be Rev. Fr. Camille Bouche's birthday. To commemorate the memory of and pay homage to Rev. Fr. Camille Bouche in a meaningful way, **Free Health Check up Camp** was organized by Alsoc at St. Xavier's School Gym under the leadership of Mr. Kalyan Chowdhury and Dr. Kunal Sarkar. The camp was supported by Medica Superspecialty Hospital. About 120 people including Rev. Fathers, Alsoc members, members from old age home, school staff, Titli/Evening school children and their parents came for check up. Under guidance of Rev. Fr. Boris D'Santos, the School choir rendered a song in homage to Rev. Fr. Bouche and other departed Fathers.

**(5.9) ALL INDIA ALSOC OPEN QUIZ:** The All India Alsoc Open Quiz was held on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2013 at Xavier Hall, under the leadership of Mr. Shankar Ramalingam. More than 25 teams participated in the Quiz. The Quiz Master was Mr. Goutam Ghose. Approx. 200 people attended the event and it was successful. The hall was packed to capacity. Fr. Benny Thomas, S.J. presented mementoes to the teams. The quiz ended with a high tea, which was attended by Jesuit Fathers, team members, teachers and Alsoc members.

**(5.10) ALSOC FAMILY QUIZ:** The Alsoc family Quiz was held on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 at Loyola Hall, under the leadership of Mr. Shankar Ramalingam. 10 teams participated in the Quiz. The Quiz Masters were Mr. Kinshuk Bhattacharya and RJ Ms. Ruthline Saha. Mr. Sugato Mookherjee's team was the winner. Fr. Benny Thomas, S.J. presented mementoes to the winning teams. The quiz ended with a High Tea, attended by Jesuit Fathers, Team members, Teachers and Alsoc members with their spouses.

**(5.11) DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES:** The First Distinguished Lecture Series was held on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2013 at St. Xavier's (Auditorium) under the leadership of Mr. Adarsh Kanoria & Mr. Vidur Kapoor. Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam was welcomed by Rev. Fr. Jeyaraj Veluswamy – Provincial, Rev. Fr. George Ponodath – Rector, Rev. Fr. Benny Thomas – Principal & President of Alsoc, Rev. Fr. Boris D'Santos – Vice Principal, Rev. Fr. Peter Arockiam – Vice Principal and Mr. Aditya Vikram Lodha – Hon. Secretary of Alsoc. Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam the Guest Speaker for this series who addressed the gathering and also had a very interesting interactive session with the student audience. Dr. Kalam sharing some very inspiring anecdotes from his life, made the students repeat an oath **“they would grow up to be good citizens of the country”**. Dr. Kalam then answered a number of questions asked by the students. Thereafter Dr. Kalam obliged the school by autographing books written by him and handed over a copy to Rev. Fr. Benny Thomas, Principal. Some students presented Dr. Kalam his portrait, which he autographed. Incidentally the said portrait is displayed in the Alsoc office. The whole event was a grand success. Besides approximately 500 School students, members along with their spouses, Jesuit Priests, Teachers and Staff of St. Xavier's School also attended the event. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by the Hon. Secretary. Our grateful thanks go to Vidur Kapur and Adarsh Kanoria for the outstanding work done in executing this programme.

**(5.12) SELECTION FOR ALSOC INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE DEBATE:** The Debate was held on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 at the Xavier Hall. For the first time selection for the preliminary round was held under the Convenorship of Mr. Shankar Ramalingam. The motion of the debate was **“In the opinion of the house politics pollutes education”**. Approx. 150 people attended the event. Dr. Sandip Chatterjee was the moderator of this Debate. Presidency College, India Institute of Management, Kolkata and St. Xavier's Collegiate School were finally selected for the debate.

**(5.13) ALSOC INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE DEBATE:** Alsoc Challenge Debate was held on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 at the St. Xavier's auditorium & for the first time in history all the different University came on the stage together. Under the Convenorship of Dr. Kunal Sarkar, the participants were Oxford University (UK), Cambridge University (UK), Harvard University (USA), Yale University (USA), St. Stephen's College (Delhi), Presidency College, India Institute of Management, Kolkata and St. Xavier's Collegiate School. The motion of the debate was **“higher education is essentially an exercise in elitism”**. The entire event was extensively covered by The Telegraph. Approx. 500 people attended the event. Dr. Sugato Bose, Prof. in Harvard University was the moderator of this Debate. Yale University (USA) won the debate. Mr. Aditya Vikram Lodha (Hon. Secretary) thanked Dr. Kunal Sarkar and Dr. Sandip Chatterjee for their support in organizing this looked forward event.

**(5.14) ANNUAL REUNION:** The 36<sup>th</sup> Reunion (REUNITED) was held on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2013 at St. Xavier's Collegiate School ground under the leadership of Mr. Partho Paul & Mr. Anirudh Kajaria. The gathering

witnessed WALK OF LIFE (with) 3D Mapping Show. Many old boys had gathered on the ground and enjoyed meeting their batchmates. The entertainment programme depicted Rev. Fathers and members of the walk of life show, Jesuit priests walking down the corridors as the history of the school also included 3D mapping highlighting well known celebrities. Approximately 1000 members along with their spouses, Jesuit Priests, teachers and staff of SXCS participated in this reunion dinner. Food stalls were also set up. This Reunion was a grand success and generated fellowship.

**(5.15) ALSOC INTERACTIVE SERIES:** ALSOC launched its Interactive Series during the year and the First Interactive Series was held on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 at Xavier Hall under the leadership of Mr. Vidur Kapoor and welcomed Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik a writer, an inspirational speaker with an extremely successful television show called the Business Sutras. Dr. Pattanaik sharing his views on belief, behavior and its impact on business, this series also had a very interesting interactive session with the members. Dr. Pattanaik then answered a number of questions asked by the members. Thereafter Dr. Pattanaik signed books. The event was a grand success.

**6. INVESTMENT:** During the year under report, our Societas collected **Rs. 6,67,300/-** from new Life Members. The Societas has now prudently invested in secured fixed deposits with banks. The total investment for the year was **Rs. 3,20,70,974/-** as compared to **Rs. 2,68,36,670/-** in the previous year.

**7. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE:** The Societas has made during the year under report a surplus of income over expenditure of **Rs. 2,62,207/-** (previous year **Rs. 7,44,748/-**). The various new initiatives and projects led to a lower surplus but this would be remedied in the coming year. The Societas had made expenditure of **Rs. 73,555/-** towards adopt-a-boy scheme, **Rs. 66,354/-** towards Complete Xaverian Award, and **Rs. 90,969/-** towards Evening School, among others, from the respective earmarked funds.

Before concluding my report, I would like to place on record my appreciation to Reverend Fathers, my colleagues on the Governing Body, our Executive Committee and all who constitute Team ALSOC who contributed significantly in keeping Alsoc moving ahead on the right path. My sincere thanks to our dedicated full time team of Bishnu Jaiswal and our Managing Member Mr. Dipen Datta who cope with ever increasing activities and responsibilities and are the backbone of all that we conceive and execute.

I would hope that with the new structure now in place and the new website almost operational we would now accelerate the process of change in the current year to help ALSOC make an even more meaningful difference and contribution, allow participation irrespective of location, augment and accelerate our efforts to work towards taking our alma mater to greater heights and increase interaction and fellowship amongst our members and their families. We would launch new formats, regional chapters, projects, knowledge events and many other projects in the current year and all of us in Team ALSOC count on your valuable support, inputs and active participation to take ALSOC to greater heights in the years ahead.

My sincerest thanks to all of you

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21st August, 2014

  
**Aditya Vikram Lodha**  
Hon. Secretary

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(ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION)



## ST. XAVIER'S EVENING SCHOOL (TITLI)

Members may be aware that AlsoC runs a school for underprivileged children at the SXCS premises. To fund this, **St. Xavier's Evening School Endowment Fund** has been instituted through which scholarships are given to the most promising boy leaving **Titli** - funding his school education. In tune with the AlsoC vision it is AlsoC's endeavour to provide basic education and vocational training to all children of Titli, imparting a fair chance to have a bright future. Members are requested to contribute generously towards the Endowment Fund.

## Adopt-A-Boy Scheme

This is unique and humane scheme to facilitate financial aid for those who find it difficult to continue their schooling due to constraints. Many a budding Xaverian's dream gets nipped in the bud as they fall victim to economic stringency. That's where AlsoC steps in to give them a hand up and put them back on course to finish school and become a proud Xaverian.

Members who feel the tug in their hearts for these boys are urged to donate handsomely to this scheme.



## Xaverians Alsoclinic Needs you!

You are needed to enthusiastically **participate** and obtain much needed resources including funds for our lofty goals and offering preventive vaccines to make all those who come to St. Xavier's School part of a **disease-free environment**



SXCS Gate



Dr. Abdul Kalam being welcomed by Rev. Fathers, ALSOC official & Students.



Dr. Abdul Kalam with L to R Fr. Boris D'Santos, Fr. George Ponodath, Fr. Jayaraj Veluswamy, Fr. Benny Thomas, Mr. Aditya Vikram Lodha & Fr. Peter Arockiam



Dr. Abdul Kalam addressing ALSOC Members' students of SXCS



Dr. Abdul Kalam being greeted by Fr. Boris D'Santos



Dr. Abdul Kalam signing autograph