



Foundation Newsletter

A WORD FROM THE FOUNDATION

This year, the Foundation resumes publication of its newly-designed Newsletter to inform the *Lycée Rochambeau* community. The Lycée's website already provides a wealth of information, and this Newsletter will present the most important initiatives on a regular basis.

The 2004-2005 school year started with two major events. First, the signing of a Convention between the Foundation and France to ensure the latter's sustainable support to teaching quality in our school.



Second, the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the construction of the new high school building and the new gymnasium. The new buildings will be ready for our students at the start of the 2005-2006 school year,



These achievements result from the tremendous efforts of the Works and Buildings and Finance Committees, *inter alia*. Our committees are made up of Board members, but are open to any member of the school community willing to help with their time or special expertise.

Future challenges for our school community are to balance the budget and to make the requisite efforts, especially through fundraising, to keep tuition fees at an acceptable level.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND ONGOING PROJECTS

Master Plan:

The master plan for the construction of a new high school building and for the improvement of the Forest Road campus, which has been in the making for several years, has entered its operational phase. After obtaining the building permits and signing the loan documents, the construction site was officially opened on November 29, with a *Groundbreaking Ceremony*. A status report on construction work is presented regularly on the Lycée's website. In the meantime, the Foundation is examining issues regarding our primary school facilities (renewal of the Rollingwood lease; option on the Alta Vista building; search for a new site to replace Rollingwood, etc.). Facilities maintenance work continues at Rollingwood.

Reorganizing management and redefining tasks

To facilitate the Board's shift from a management role to a supervisory role, a Managing Director position was created and entrusted to Kate Walsh. Ms. Walsh will help the Principal manage the school in its American environment, and will especially ensure effective implementation of the Master Plan. She is also responsible for development and communication. Furthermore, two competent higher education advisors are now available to our students: Ms. Fabienne Pol for France and Europe, and Ms. Leah Williams for North America.

CHALLENGES AND OBJECTIVES

Fundraising. Coordination of the various fundraising activities ('prestige' operations such as the annual Gala Dinner, *ad hoc* initiatives carried out by parents, as well as other initiatives to finance various aspects of the Master Plan) will need to be reinforced. Therefore, the Fundraising Committee has invited the Parents' Association and the Alumni Association to participate in its activities.

Humanitarian assistance. Because of the school community's emotion after the Tsunami disaster, the Foundation has decided to support joint efforts with the Lycée in Colombo to rebuild a school in Sri Lanka. The Foundation has committed to doubling all amounts collected in this regard. This action has a pedagogical impact on our students as it seeks to foster long-term solidarity.

MANY THANKS...

- The Foundation wishes to thank everybody who helped turn our Groundbreaking Ceremony into an unforgettable event: the French Embassy, school management, students, teachers, musicians, parents, etc.
- The Foundation welcomes the parents who spearheaded the sale of Sally Foster gift wrap, raising the significant amount of \$7000; it also thanks PARE for other fundraising initiatives and for their role in sharing information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Gala Evening: May 5
- School Fair: June 11

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www.rochambeau.org

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- The Foundation wishes to thank the parents who cared to attend the open Board Meeting held on December 13, 2004.