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A CANDID VIEW OF THE SPC ALUMNAI ASSOCIATION (2012-2013)



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It is my honour and privilege to lead such a dedicated, knowledgeable and intelligent group of men for the past two years. I had a preconceived notion that my Alma Mater produces such type of individuals. In my personal life this is one of many incidents that cemented that belief.

This era started just after our 25th year gala event. That gala event piloted by the President and the chairman of the committee down to all committee members put in a herculean effort that surpassed all jamborees we ever had. There was bound to be a hangover after such a massive, energy sapping endeavour. But the Patrician understanding, tolerance and respect for human dignity triumphed in the end. Our organization came up much stronger and dedicated scarcely handicapped. To prove the above point the following events were undertaken and conducted by the committee successfully. In the year 2012, our college participated in the all schools carol service conducted by the Sri Lankan Schools carols services, organized the children's X'mas party both in December 2012 and 2013.

It is to be noted that the next generation of Patricians and their off springs stepped up to the plate to lift their Alma Mater's flag sky-high. The same feat was repeated in the year 2013 with unfailing efficiency.

"St Patrick's Day", the flagship event for all Patricians was conducted both in 2012 and 2013 with pomp and pageantry. The Patrician well-oiled machine went into action with its typical superlative organizational skill. This event now attracts both our brothers and sisters from colleges and schools not only from the Northern Province of Sri Lanka but throughout that island. Patricians, true to their international fraternity mesh seamlessly with other communities to make their stamp globally.

Another important hallmark we as Patricians cherish is we recognize experience, the importance of nourishing the future generation and the spreading of our mantra of "Fidet et Labore". (Faith & Labour). These are paramount importance for continuity of our



esteemed fraternity. The “Golden Alumni” event every year without fail and the establishment of the “Vanni Fund” plus the revamping of our website (www.spcalumni.org) show our continued commitment to these very important aspects. As I close my narration let me thank each and every-one who gave their valuable time and funds during this tenure and previously.

My grateful thanks go out to each and every committee member who selflessly gave their best. Without your cooperation and advice I will not be able to lead this organization to such a lofty pedestal. I thank my dear wife for sticking with me during both high and low. I would also request our committee members to convey their thanks to their spouses and family.

LONG LIVE ST PATRICK’S COLLEGE

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL

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