

SPC Day Speech 2008 – By President John Edirimanasinghe

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of St. Patrick's college alumni association, I would like to welcome you all to our Shamrock Nite 2008. Tonight will be filled with Fun Dancing, Thrilling Prizes, Great Friends, Delicious Food and Music to keep you going all night. I hope you're ready to have a GREAT time!

We have many reasons to be proud of our association. The past 6 months were full of excitement, joy and commitments. I am very proud to say that our present committee and association is sailing smoothly towards new Endeavors and Accomplishments. The commitment of all our members is outstanding. The time and effort made by the members of our association to work in unison to help our Alma Mater, can never go without recognition and applaud. Thank you all.

I have made it my focus as a president to raise the standard of the events held throughout the year. I hope to invigorate and strengthen the bonds of our association. This year will bring about Change for the Better. By actively making improvements, working towards higher standards and aiming for greater goals we will change and move in a forward direction. One of these improvements was to have a LIVE band as part of tonight's festivities. I am sure that you will enjoy their entertainment and that they will keep us dancing till the wee hours of the morning.

We have stayed true to our Catholic traditions and in honor of St. Patrick's feast, two "Eucharistic Celebrations" have been held. On the 9th we had a Tamil mass at St. Joseph and Our Lady of good health and this morning we had an English mass at St. Aidan's church. Our intention in having two masses was to accommodate all our members and their needs. Both masses were well attended by the past students of St. Patrick's College Jaffna. For those of you who attended both masses. I am sure St. Patrick had a talk with St. Peter and that you are now on the fast track to heaven.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all you generous people who are present here today. Your continued support has helped us in making our dream come true. We cannot achieve our goals with out you! Special Thanks to those who have traveled long distance namely Melican Bastianpillai from Minnesota USA, and Mary and Nesan from Kingston Ontario for being present here with us tonight.

Special thanks to my son Dimitri and my wife Dharmini for helping me to design and edit the magazine and for the decor you see here tonight.

Ladies and Gentlemen the night is young and the weather is cold, so let's move our feet and turn up the heat. Welcome once again to Shamrock Night 2008.

Thank you and Enjoy!