

Message from the President

Dear Members:

I wish to express my appreciation and sincere thanks to all the members for their confidence in electing us as the committee of management. I realize that we have an enormous task ahead of us in view of the standard set by the past President, Mr. Manuel A. Sebastiampillai and the outgoing committee of management. I take this opportunity to congratulate the outgoing committee of management for a job well done.

However, I have confidence and vibrant enthusiasm in taking our Association to the next level, not because of my vision, but mainly because of the enthusiasm, dedication and devotion of all the members of the committee of management and each and every one of you.

On behalf of the committee of management, I can assure you that our association, not only will continue the traditions, but also accomplish new tasks with your approval and support.

In September 2001, our Association was able to, with the effort of the outgoing committee of management, collect and send \$6,140.00 to our school funds. This is remarkable indeed! May I, as your President, take the liberty to set a target during the tenure of the current committee of management? May we please work together towards collecting \$10,000.00 for our school funds!! I am confident that you will consider this amount as a realistically achievable task and help do it. I am also happy to announce that a unanimous decision was taken at the annual general meeting to donate \$500.00 to Rev. Thaninayagam's memorial building fund. This amount was handed over to Fr. Amudhan who is the Principal of Thaninayagam Adigal Institute of Journalism, Trichy, India. Thaninayagam Adigal is a Patrician and he is one of the eminent Tamil Scholars of the past century.

An old student association is for meeting old friends, reminiscing the past and most importantly for laughter and fun. An example was set by the Reunion 2001, held in our City, Toronto. This remarkable feat showed us the value of friendship and the joy and happiness of meeting old friends. St. Patrick's College Alumni Association of Ontario is very proud of the organizers and on behalf of our Association I wish to thank and congratulate Ferdi, John and Sathi. I would like to urge all our members to follow the example set by the reunion 2001 and participate wholeheartedly in all the activities of our association and have fun.

We will, regularly, keep in touch with you. I would kindly urge every one of you to contact our Secretary, Antony Luckshman and update the personal information; more particularly, providing your email address would help us communicate with you efficiently and effectively.

Your comments, constructive criticism and positive suggestions are welcome. Remember the committee of management is elected by members to initiate and carry out the aspirations of the members.

“Let action be the key word”; and by this, let us establish lasting friendship among us and create useful objectives for our Association, and deliver them.

May God bless.

Yours Sincerely,

Manuel Jesudasan, Barrister & Solicitor
President.