



# St. Patrick's College Jaffna

Alumni Association, Ontario, Canada

General Secretary's Report for the period 2013/2014

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## 1. Introduction

As General Secretary of St. Patrick's College Jaffna Alumni Association, Ontario, Canada, I'm pleased to present General Secretary's Report in the AGM today on September 21<sup>st</sup> 2014 at The Blue Danube Restaurant, 1686 Ellesmere Road Toronto, Ontario M1H 2V5 hall in Toronto. The last Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup> 2013 at the TESOC Hall 1160 Birchmount Road, and the Present Committee was elected. Fifteen committee meetings were held over the period in scope starting from September 2013 to September 2014. I would like to record our sincere thanks to the committee members and their spouses for their kind hospitality and fellowship in hosting the meetings at their residences.

The following events and activities were either organized and/or coordinated by the current committee during the period in scope.

## 2. All Schools' Carol Service

The annual All Schools' carol service was held on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 evening at Dorset Park Baptist Church, 1428, Kennedy Road, Scarborough. Like in the past years our school St. Patrick's College Jaffna was represented by children of the members of our alumni association. Our sincere thanks to all the parents and children who participated in this event. Our special thanks to all committee members and fellow Patricians for coordinating and enriching our participation in this joyous community event.

## 3. Children's Christmas Party

Our eighth annual Children's Christmas Party & Dinner was held on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at New Jasmin Banquet Hall in Markham. Children's carol singing and Santa brought the spirit of the season to the hearts and minds of the extended Patrician family assembled in the hall. Gifts were distributed to the kids by Santa and everyone enjoyed this Christmas party. Thanks to the donors, committee members and their family members who worked very hard with dedication and made this event very enjoyable and memorable.

## 4. St. Patrick's Feast Mass & SPC Day Celebration

Thanks to all the members of our associations and fellow Patricians who attended the St. Patrick's feast celebration mass held on Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 at Our Lady of Good Health (Tamil Parish) church in Scarborough. After the mass, people gathered in the parish hall for fellowship enjoying cake along with other refreshments.



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Our SPC Day Gala Dinner celebration was held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 at New Jasmin Banquet Hall in Markham. This year's event had a multi-cultural dance show as entertainment as well as variety of food and drinks. It is important to note that our committee members worked hard with the help of donors and volunteers to keep the price affordable to everyone while providing a quality entertainment event to all patricians attended. The concerted efforts of the committee members as well the generous support of Patricians and well-wishers enabled us to keep the ticket for this gala night at a very reasonable price without compromising the quality of the event. Our cost-conscious but at the same time high quality service delivery was very much appreciated by the attendees. Thanks to all the Patricians and well-wishers who gave us their full support at this important function.

## **5. St. Patrick's College Golden Brothers' Gathering**

Our Goldne Brothers' gathering for this year was held on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Our Lady of Good Health Church Hall in Scarborough. Several golden brothers joined the event. Speeches, Karaoke singing and dancing made the evening joyful and another event to remember in our extended Patrician family journey. Thanks to all Patricians who provided transport facilities to seniors who attended this event.

## **6. SPC Vanni Students Scholarship Fund – in full swing**

As you are aware, the SPC Vanni Students Scholarship Fund was launched on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. The scholarship will cover the expenses related to education including the boarding and lodging at SPC Jaffna for the two eligible students from the Vanni region. The first year expense was remitted in September 2013 and the second year deposit was made on September 15<sup>th</sup> 2014. We are also proud to convey that we were able to top up the Vanni trust fund coffers with the revenue made through this year's SPC day celebrations. Again, I would like to record our sincere thanks to all our patrons who attend our functions without fail. This also proves the fact that every revenue-generation event organized by our Alumni Association help us to help our Alma Mater. Please see our Treasurer's report for further details.

## **7. SPC Annual Prize Giving Sponsorship**

This year, we were able to establish a prize giving sponsorship by OBA Toronto. The prize will be given to a college student who excels in the area of Biology at the annual prize giving event on behalf of OBA Toronto. A one-time disbursement was transferred to the School's bank account and the interest earned from the capital will cover the prize annually. Please see our Treasure's report for further details.



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## 8. Communication

All efforts were taken to communicate effectively with members of our alumni association and past Patricians living in the Greater Toronto Area and around the globe with regards to various events organized by our association during the period in scope. Email and telephone have been the primary means of communication among committee members as well as members of our association.

It is imperative to note that this year we have improved our communication method through the launching of our revitalised website [www.spcalumni.org](http://www.spcalumni.org). We have been regularly updating the website to inform upcoming events and also to publish interesting articles & touching tributes written by fellow patricians. Our intention is to make this website a sought-after resource centre. We look forward to your continued support and encouragement.

Communication with other SPC alumni associations around the globe has been primarily through email. All are encouraged to visit our website for regular updates with regards to events and activities organized or coordinated by our Alumni Association.

## 9. Closing Remarks

SPC Jaffna AA Ontario Committee Members have strived to achieve our vision of promoting fellowship among past Patricians living in Canada and help our noble college in Jaffna in every meaningful way. We need the continued support of the members of the extended Patrician family to make our alumni association stronger and more relevant to serve the present needs of our Alma Mater in Jaffna.

My special thanks to fellow committee members for their remarkable Patrician spirit. As members of the great Patrician family – we take great pride in serving our Alma Mater in every possible way. Volunteerism and embracing diversity of thoughts and ideas are some of the great Patrician values. These values call us to act and our actions will shape and mould the present into a future of which we can all be proud. It's been a pleasure serving as the General Secretary for the past year.

Thank you,

Anton Sathy Jeyanathan  
General Secretary  
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