



St. Patrick's College Jaffna

Alumni Association, Ontario, Canada

General Secretary's Report for the period 2014/2015

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 20th 2015 at The J.C.'s Banquet and Grill House, 1686 Ellesmere Road Toronto, Ontario M1H 2V5 in Toronto. The last Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday September 21st 2014 at the same venue as above, and the Present Committee was elected. Nine (9) committee meetings were held over the period in scope starting from September 2014 to September 2015. 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 or coordinated/facilitated by the current committee during the period in scope.

2. Children's Christmas Party

Our ninth annual Children's Christmas Party & Dinner was held on December 5th, 2014 at JC's Banquet & Grill House in Toronto. 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 children 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.

3. St. Patrick's Feast Mass & SPC Day Celebration

We would like to record our sincere thanks to all the members of our associations, fellow Patricians and well-wishers who attended the St. Patrick's feast celebration mass held on Sunday March 22nd, 2015 at Our Lady of Good Health (Tamil Parish) church in Scarborough. After the mass, people gathered in the parish hall for fellowship enjoying cake and other refreshments.

Our SPC Day Gala Dinner celebration was held on April 25th, 2015 at the Metropolitan Convention Centre in Toronto. This year's function had a multi-cultural dance show and audio-visual presentation with special focus on the activities of our Association. It is important to note that our committee members worked much harder with the help of donors and volunteers to keep the price affordable to everyone while providing a quality entertainment event to all Patricians & Friends attended this Gala Night. 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



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compromising the quality of the event. Our cost-conscious mindset but at the same time ensuring high quality service delivery was very much appreciated by the attendees. Thanks to all the Patricians, friends and well-wishers who continue to provide their full support for this important annual events organized by our Association.

4. St. Patrick's College Golden Brothers' Gathering

Our Golden Brothers' gathering for this year was held on May 29th, 2015 at JC's Banquet & Grill House 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 much needed transport services to seniors who attended this event.

5. SPC Vanni Students Scholarship Fund

As you are aware, the SPC Vanni Students Scholarship Fund was launched on June 2nd, 2012. The scholarship *has been covering* the expenses related to education including the boarding and lodging at SPC Jaffna for the two eligible students from the Vanni region. The last two years plus the next academic year expense amounts were remitted in September 2013, September 2014 and September 2015 respectively. We are also proud to convey that we were able to top up the Trust Fund with the revenue made through this year's SPC day celebrations and special donations from generous Patricians.

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.

6. Membership Drive

This year, we were able to significantly increase our membership to unprecedented levels. It should be noted and appreciated the tireless efforts of our members along with the President at the helm taking the initiative to boost our membership base. It is heartening to note that we were able to add over 80 members to our Alumni Association out of which closer to 15 have registered as life time members. This remarkable achievement is one of the great milestones of our journey towards forging a strong fraternity of Patrician spirit. Please visit our Patrician website for further details on membership information.



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7. 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 we have improved our communication method through the greater utilization of our revitalised website 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.

8. Closing Remarks

Committee Members of our Association 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 vibrant 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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