

ANNUAL REPORT 2002

1. GENERAL

The committee of management of St. Patrick's College Jaffna Alumni Association Ontario- Canada is pleased to present to you the annual report for 2002. During the period under review, our association achieved greater heights. Not only were we able to raise Cdn\$10,000 for our college, which was the highest ever fund raising in the history of our association, we also very successfully organized and held, "Naatkona Mallai", a cultural show in Tamil.

2. COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The outstanding achievements during this year can be attributed to the highly committed and motivated committee of management. They dedicated enormous amount of time and effort to make all the activities of our association a great success. During the period under review, eight committee meetings were held, all with quorum.

3. MEMBERSHIP

During the period under review membership records were as follows;

a)	Number of Life Members	03
b)	Number of Paid Members for 2002	70
c)	Number of senior members	64

There is a vast room for improvement in the area of membership. There are many more patricians living in Ontario. Members of the association should encourage other Patricians known to them to join the association and help our Alma Mater.

4. COMMUNICATION

Efforts were made to improve communication among members of our association, with our college and with other Alumni Associations of our College.

- Our Annual News Letter, "Patrician.ca", was sent out in November 2001, to inform the members about the planned activities for the year.
- Regular communication with the members was maintained via email, informing them of the activities and other important events concerning our Alma Mater.
- Through our website, www.SPCAlumni.org, activities and achievements of our association was communicated locally and internationally.

Regular communication was maintained with our Alma Mater via email. We appreciate the effort made by the College Management to update us on regular intervals. Bursar of our College, Rev Fr. Sunniston attended the First Committee Meeting while he was in Canada. In that meeting, Fr Sunniston brought to the notice of the Committee, the current plight of our college, and requested increased support. The committee pledged to raise Cdn\$10,000, which we were able to fulfill.

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FUND RAISING

During various events and activities carried out during this year, especially by organizing the cultural event "Naatkona Mallai", we were able to raise and send Cdn\$10,000 to our College. This indeed was a great achievement, the highest ever fund raising in the history of our association. We hope that the incoming Committee of Management will continue to maintain Fund Raising as the highest priority.

6. EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

During the period under review the following events were organized

"Naatkona Mallai"

As a response to the suggestions made by members in the last AGM that our association should also organize events in Tamil, and as the main fund raising project, "Naatkona Mallai" was organized and held on the 3rd of August 2002. This event was a tremendous success. More than 500 people attended the show. Quality of the programs was positively reviewed by the Canadian Tamil media. Rt. Rev. Dr Thomas Savundranayagam, Bishop of Jaffna, Head of our College and Patron of our Association was the chief guest of the event. Apart from the amount of funds raised by this event, the amount of awareness and goodwill generated for our association among the Canadian Tamil Community was the biggest outcome of this event.

Christmas Dinner Dance

Christmas Dinner Dance was held on the 8th of December 2001 at Commander Park RC, Scarborough. 221 Patricians & friends attended the event. This event helped us to raise close to Cdn\$2,000.

St Patrick's Day Celebrations & Dinner Dance

St Patrick's Day celebrations were held on the 16th of March 2002 at Claireport Place Banquet and Conference Centre. This event was very well attended with 314 patricians and friends. The quality of the venue, food and the event was well appreciated by the guests. St. Patrick's Day mass was celebrated on the 17th of March 2002 at Our Lady of Good Health.

Senior's Get-together

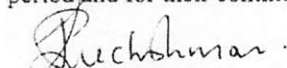
Our senior members get-together was held on the 31st of May 2002 at Royal Queen Banquet Hall, Scarborough. More than 50 senior patricians and their spouses attended the event. Senior patricians greatly appreciated the opportunity given to meet their fellow patricians and share old memories.

Other Events

Our association also participated in the Jaffna Schools Sports Association Festival of Sports and the Annual Sri Lankan Schools and Colleges Carol services. Our Association also held a memorial service for our late Rector Rev Fr John Francis.

7. CONCLUSION

The Committee of Management wish to thank all the members for their encouragement and support extended during this period and for their continued support.



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