

**ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE JAFFNA
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ONTARIO – CANADA**

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 2002/2003

1. GENERAL

The committee of management of St. Patrick's College Jaffna Alumni Association Ontario – Canada is pleased to present to you this report and statement of accounts. The last AGM was held on 22nd of September 2002, at Eastown Banquet Hall & Restaurant, 2648 Eglinton Avenue East, Scarborough, Ontario. The elected committee was able to hold 6 Committee meetings with quorum. Out of 16 Committee Members three committee members Mr. Raymond Rajabalan, Mr. Julius James and Mr. Robert Stanislaus did not participate in any of the committee meetings due to personal reasons.

2. MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. Secretary reports that during the period under review membership records were as follows:

Out of 314 listed members in the file 65 are seniors and rest is ordinary members. We were able to collect membership fees from only 50 members. We invite all the members present here today to help to collect annual membership fees from past SPC students if possible.

3. COMMUNICATION

To keep the members informed about the OBA and it's activities "PATRICIAN'S NEWSLETTER" was mailed to members in November 2002. Communication via newsletter is expensive. Our current treasurer has volunteered to register and maintain a website in his expense to communicate current & upcoming events. Our Current web address is <http://spcalumni.org>. Some of your current home and E-mail addresses are out of date. Please provide your new Home/E-mail address to the new secretary before you leave.

Revd. Fr. Joe Sunnystan Bursar informed committee members through E-mail that our donation of \$10,000 Canadian, which is equivalent to SLR 599,778.00, was well appreciated. It was decided by the building committee to construct first the administration section and some classrooms of the LONG BLOCK. Total cost of stage 1 was 5.85 million Sri Lankan Rupees. The Estimated cost of the three storey building at that time (October 2002) was 30 million Sri Lankan Rupees (SLR). Recently the Irish Government has come forward to support part of the building project.

Our past students Mr. Ranjan Ferdinand and Mr. Joe Aloysius website is very informative. We are updated on a regular basis with academic and sports of our old school. If you require updated information please visit their webpage at: <http://members.allstream.net/~alloysius/>

4. SOCIAL EVENTS REPORTS

- We organized a very successful Christmas dinner dance on 14th of December 2002. This was held at Commander Blvd. Community centre. It was well attended by over 200 Patricians and friends.
- St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance was celebrated on 15th of March 2003 at Clairport Banquet Hall. We are glad this celebration attracted more than 200 Patricians and their families.

- St. Patrick's day mass was celebrated on 16th of March 2003 at Maria Gorati Church, Scarborough. Rev. Fr. Patrick Gnanapragasam celebrated the mass.
- Our senior's party was held on June 14th at Embassy Restaurant as scheduled in our calendar of events. It was well attended by 30 members. Once again special thanks to Mr. X. R Francis for his support to make this event a success.
- Our summer picnic with our sister school HFC was cancelled due to SARS epidemic.
- We also organized three memorial masses for two of our late teachers & Bishop.

5. FUND RAISING

We had a major fund raising project of "SPC Building Fund raffle" sales. We had a net profit of \$1,980.00. Executive Committee members approved to remit \$1,500.00 towards the building fund. We also received addition personal donation of \$70.00 from past students. In total \$1,570.00 will be remitted towards building fund. Once again we want to thank our sponsors Roch Brothers Food Market, GNS Party Rentals, and Elem Rehabilitation centre. Executive Committee also approved, if \$1,000.00 owed from Sunflower is received will be donated towards Maria Gorati church building fund.

Our committee was proud to stage the 2nd Natkonamalai on 16th August 2003. We are pleased to state 90% of the artists were children of the old boys of St. Patrick. We wish this kind of project will be continued and encouraged by the entire Patricians.

6. SPORTS AND OTHER EVENTS

Committee is glad to inform that we together with young Patricians were able to organize sports events. We also contributed \$605.00 for sports events registration and food etc. We also presented medals at our annual St. Patrick's Day dinner dance to sportsmen who were champions in 2002. The committee regrets to inform that we did not get any support in return from these sportsmen in funds raising events or any other activities. It was decided by the committee in their 6th Committee Meeting that no further financial support would be provided towards sports events.

We also participated in the 11th Annual Sri Lankan Schools and College Carol services.

7. CONCLUSION

Your Committee of Management tried hard to achieve whatever that they could do, to keep the organization active and raising fund for our school. We thank all our members for their support during their time. We encourage young Patrician to join the new committee and continue to grow further and achieve more.

Thank you,

John Edirmanasinghe
Hony. Gen Secretary