

**St Patrick's College Jaffna
Alumni Association Ontario- Canada**

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 2006/07

1. GENERAL

The Committee of Management (COM) of St. Patrick's College Jaffna Alumni Association Ontario- Canada is pleased to present to you this report and the Statement of Accounts. The last Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on October 15th 2006, on which date the present Committee was re-elected. During the period under review your COM held six meetings with quorum. COM thanks all the committee members and their families for hosting the meetings at their residences. The various activities carried out by the COM are listed below.

2. Sri Lankan All Schools Carol Service

As in the previous years we took part in this annual event. The carol service was held on December 2, 2006 at the Bridletowne Park Tamil Christian Church. Our special thanks to Raymond Santiago and Gilroy Ponniah for their efforts and all those who took part in the carols.

3. Christmas Dinner/Dance

The annual Christmas Dinner/Dance was held on December 16, 2006 at Swaqt Banquet Hall. The event was well attended as it was catered mainly to kids. There were kids carol singing which was a well received. Gifts were distributed to kids by Santa and everyone enjoyed the event. The committee thanks Gilroy Ponniah and Anton Xavier for their efforts in training the kids for the carols singing.

4. St. Patrick's Day Celebrations

St. Patrick's Day celebrations were held on March 17, 2007 at Swagat Banquet Hall. The Coppertones Police Band played at the event this year. All members enjoyed the evening with dances and fine food. The Most Valuable Patrician Award was presented during the dinner to Raymond Santiago for his unwavering support to the Alumni Association. As part of the celebrations a mass was also held at St. Joseph's & Our Lady of Good Health church on March 18, 2007. Rev. Fr. Peter Gitendran said mass and refreshments were served after mass in the church hall.

5. Senior's Party

The annual senior's Party was held on June 2, 2007 at 3380 Eglinton Avenue East, Condominium Hall. The seniors enjoyed the evening by taking part in singing and quiz competition. Mr. R.L.Xavier and Emmauel Tiruchelvam entertained the audience with songs. Our thanks to Mr. Albert Santiapillai for informing the seniors and Mr. Reginold Nicholapillai for arranging the hall for the party.

6. Welcome Dinner to Rector Rev. Fr. Justin Gnanapragasam

The committee hosted a dinner in honour of Rector Rev. Fr. Justin Gnanapragasam who was visiting Toronto. The dinner was held on April 12, 2007 at a restaurant. During the dinner the president presented him with a cheque for \$2,000, the balance from the fundraising raffle draw held on October 1, 2006. The first instalment \$5,300 out of the collection was sent in October 2006.

7. Jaffna Schools Sports Meet

The annual sports meet held by Jaffna Schools Sports Association was held on August 5, 2007 at Sir John MacDonald Collegiate. We participated in this event this year. This is in line with our commitment to promote sports activities among members. Teams representing the College in the under 13 and 15 age groups took part in the soccer tournament while a six-a-side softball cricket team took part in the adults division. We thank to Kingsley Sebastiampillai for his efforts in coordinating the teams.

8. Membership

The collection of membership dues and updating of membership register is still the challenge which has not been met satisfactorily.

9. Funerals

The committee also records the passing away of two prominent Patricians, J. J. Philips (Philip Master) and Augustine Jeyanathan. The committee members attended their funerals and placed wreaths on behalf of the association.

10. Communication

All efforts were taken to communicate with members regarding various events undertaken by the COM. Conscious efforts were made to post oncoming events and photographs of events held on our website www.spcalumni.org. The seniors


were contacted by mail regarding the get-together. Press notices were also inserted in announcing the events organized by the COM. The updating of the members list and the e-mail addresses is a task to be undertaken to improve communication with our members.

11. Conclusion

During the year Mr. Angelo Swampillai and Mr. Ajith Pillainayagam resigned from the committee due to other commitments. Mr. Alfred Sarvanathan was invited to join the committee to fill the vacancy. Your Committee of Management has strived to achieve the goal of promoting fellowship and sports activities amongst its members and help our Alma Mater in all possible ways. Our best wishes to the new committee to continue and grow further and achieve more.

Your COM wishes to thank sincerely all members for their enthusiasm and support during the tenure of our office. On a personal note I wish to thank all Committee members for their cooperation and not forgetting their spouses for their understanding and hospitality.

Thank you



Britto Antonipillai
Gen. Secretary
On behalf of Committee of Management