

# Canadian Hartleyite

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## 17th Hartleyite Nite and AGM on 19Th November 2005

17th Hartleyite Nite and Annual General Meeting will be held this time at Celebrations Banquet Hall, 174 Barkley Drive, North York, Scarborough, Ontario. The AGM is schedule to start at 6:30 pm. To keep up with Hartley traditions we will be starting the AGM on schedule. Members, who are in good standing, please see that you are there at least 15 minutes earlier for the AGM. Those who have not paid their subscription are kindly requested to pay by 6:15 pm, so that they could participate in the AGM.

Nominations for various posts should be made on prescribed forms, the secretary will send along with the notice of meeting. If you need more you could photocopy this form. Even those proposed at the AGM should do so by the filling up of the prescribed form. This will give the nominees time to give consideration to the fact whether they have time to spare for Hartley.

Annual General meeting will be followed by fellowship and dinner. The tickets for dinner are priced at CDN \$ 15.00 for each adult and CDN \$ 10.00 for teens. Children under 12 are free.

Tickets can be obtained from President Dr. Thangarooban, Tel 905 770 3350, Mr. K. Rajaratnam, Vice President, Tel 416 431 0987 or the convener Mr. V. Vijenthira Tel 416 429 7423. In addition tickets are available from any other committee member.

**PLEASE BOOK YOUR TICKETS EARLY AS THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE GATES**

You could book your tickets by phone or by e-mail and your tickets will be awaiting you at the gates. Please note that once you book your tickets and later decide not to come you have to pay for the tickets unless you cancel it one day earlier.

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### DIRECTION TO THE VENUE

Eastward on Eglinton: 1 Km past Don Valley Parkway, Rt. On Bermondsey and left on 1<sup>st</sup> signal light.

West on Eglinton: left on O'Conner Dr., pass Victoria Park, Berkely on right.

From USA: QEW Toronto, Gardener East, Don Valley Pky North, exit Eglinton East.

Those who got lost contact Vijenthira, mobile 416 877 8409.

A Landmark in the History of Hartley College, Point Pedro was the coming together of delegates of all the Past Pupils' Associations of Hartley College spread across the Globe to inaugurate the Hartley Trust that will Coordinate the efforts of all PPA's around the globe and that of other agencies to develop Hartley.

This took place at Hotel Galadari on 29th of July, 2002 under the chairmanship of the then President of Colombo branch, Mr. V. Jeyarajah. The covenant outlining the objective accepted at this meeting runs like this "The joint meeting of all branches of Hartley College Past Pupils' Association shall appoint seven members as independent trustees from among the Hartleyites in Sri Lanka, to receive, act, monitor and report on the flow of funds as entrusted by various branches in accordance with the wishes of the branches for the benefit of Hartley College Point Pedro"

Five trustees were elected to serve for a period of 3 years, namely Mr. Shan Shanmuganathan, Mr. Chella Pathmanathan and Mr. V. Rajanayagam from Colombo; Mr. D.R. Arumainayagam and Mr. V. Sriskandarajah from Jaffna. The presidents of Colombo branch and Point Pedro branch will also be members of the Trust. In addition, the Principal of Hartley College will be an Ex-officio member of the Trust.

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### Hartley Trust in its Second Term of Service

Three years have passed and during this period the constitution has been legally registered giving legal status to the Trust; thereby making the Trust the guardian, coordinator and executor for assets of Hartley.

On July 29th this year after the first term of three years new trustees took office with the consent of all branches of Hartley PPAs.

#### COLOMBO BASED MEMBERS

Mr. Shan Shanmuganathan (re elected)

Mr. Chella Pathmanathan (re elected)

Dr. Nithi Chinniah

#### JAFFNA BASED MEMBERS

Mr. M. Sivagnasundaram

Mr. V. Selvarajah

Presidents of Point Pedro and Colombo branch respectively:

Mr. K. Balasubramaniam

Mr. S. Balachandran

## Life Members Pass 150th mark

Mr. Rajaratnam, our Vice President who spearheads the drive for Hartleyites to become Life Members has given two more names.

151 Mr. J.M. Rajaratnam Tel # 201 666 9153

152 Mr. Pragas Tel # 416 382 0868

We would appreciate if more of our members would join this year. It would help the member so that he need not pay every year. Those who would like to become Life Members contact our vice President Mr. K. Rajaratnam, Tel # 416 431 0987.

## News from Hartley

### NEW PRINCIPAL TAKES OVER

Mr. V. Pathmanathan retired this year around July after a short period of about three years. He is an old boy of Hartley and in spite of the ailments of his wife he kept Hartley on the Map. During his tenure of office Hartley won

many medals in sports, PT and the results too were not allowed to go down. Past pupils Association of Canada & USA thank him for his services and hope that even in retirement he will contribute his time to Hartley when needed.

The new Principal Mr. N. Theivendrarajah, also an old boy of Hartley between the years 1970 to 1978 has taken over as Principal. He hails from Karaveddy, and a student of Mr. Gunaseelan, the outgoing vice principal of Hartley. He was working in Dehiowatta as a class III officer. It was said that though he was holding the post of Asst. Director of Education at Dehiowatta, he saw to it that his children studied at his old school. We welcome him and look forward to his cooperation in the developmental effort of the Trust.

### AN ICON OF HARTLEY MR. N. GUNASEELAN RETIRES

Mr. Gunaseelan who has been serving Hartley in various capacities has retired recently. He was Principal for a short time, and then he served in the capacity of Deputy Principal under three Principals. In addition, he was a popular science & Maths teacher. Even though he was deputy, as an old boy he saw to it that traditions of Hartley built by Principals like Late Mr. Pooranampillai and the now retired Principal, Mr. P. Balasingam were maintained. In short, it is not an exaggeration if we say that his influence was seen in the curriculum, development of school, discipline, sports, liaison with the Trust and dealings with the parents and public. All of us who are old boys of Hartley will be missing a devoted son of Hartley. Past Pupils Association of Canada & USA wish him a fruitful retired life and pray that he sets aside at least a little part of his time to help his Alma mater.

### SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND SET UP BY CADADA & USA BRANCH

The following are the scholarships awarded on the results of the 2004 advanced level Examination.

Scholarship awarded in memory of the late Mr. S.T. Samuel, vice Principal of Hartley, for the best performance in Biological Science - Mas. Vijeyakumar Visahan

Scholarship awarded in memory of the late Mr. S.T.Samuel for the best performance in the Arts field - Mr. Ponnudurai Sathees.

Scholarship awarded in memory of the late Mr. R.M. Gunaratnam, deputy Principal of Hartley, for the best performance in Physical science - Mr. Shanmuganathan Thananjayan

Scholarship awarded in memory of the late Mr. W.N.S. Samuel, Principal of Hartley, for the best performance in the field of Commerce - Mr. Sivasothy Sivathason.

Awards for the best performers in the field of sports for the year 2004, in memory of the late Mr. P. Ehamparam, long standing Prefect of Games and Principal of Hartley:

Cricket - Balendran Senthuran

Cricket - Kulendran Rajkumar

Athletics - Thavathurairajah Sujeevan

Soccer - Thanabalasingam Sinthujan

### GCE AL RESULTS PUBLISHED IN 2005

M - Maths

B - Biology

C - Commerce

A - Arts

T - total

	M	B	C	A	T
# Applied	130	37	87	43	297
# sat	123	31	68	40	262
# qualified					
For University	72	18	30	28	148
% qualified					
For university	59	58	44	70	57

## Analysis of results

3A	04
2AB	10
A2B	12
A2C	03
A2S	01
ABC	05
3B	04
2BC	11

## LIBRARY AND THE BUILDING HOUSING 12 CLASS ROOMS COMPLETED

A moderate Library that was being built with ADB aid to replace the 100 years old former library that was destroyed by armed forces is now ready for opening. The two story building housing the 12 class rooms also built with foreign aid is ready. But this needs furniture. Provincial Ministry of Education for North and East has agreed to provide the furniture.

## ENGLISH MEDIUM EDUCATION AT HARTLEY

English Medium Education had been introduced in 2003 and there are 3 divisions, one each in Grades 6, 7 and 8 functioning now.

## FIFTEEN MILLION PROMISED FOR NEW AUDITORIUM

Mr. Thiyagalingam, an old boy of Hartley, Provincial secretary to the Ministry of Education, when he came as the Chief Guest for the Prize day has consented to allocate 15 million Government funds for the construction of the Auditorium over a period of 2 years at the land purchased with the help of UK, Colombo and Australia branches.

## PROPERTY ADJOINING THE GROUNDS RELEASED BY ARMY

Through the efforts of the Trust, the property purchased with funds from UK branch and occupied by Armed forces,

has now been released and currently being used to store the sports material. Members will be aware that the Hostel has been destroyed by the artillery fire during the armed conflict period.

## News from HCPPA Canada &amp; USA

## ANNUAL CRICKET ENCOUNTER ON CANADA DAY

The annual cricket encounter between Hartley and Jaffna Hindu old boys was held at the Sunnybrooke cricket grounds on Canada day.

Hartley batting first totalled 176 runs for the loss of 9 wickets in the 50 over match. Jaffna Hindu was all out for 153 for 39 overs and Hartley won by 23 runs.

The best all round performer was Sasi of Jaffna Hindu. The man of the match was Hartley's V. Mohan. The best bowler and best batsmen were V. Manoharan and V. Mohan respectively, of Hartley. The best fielder was Niroshan of Jaffna Hindu.

## KALAI VILZA DRAWS GOOD CROWD

The Kalai Vilza jointly organized by Hartley and Methodist past pupils drew a large crowd unlike earlier ones. One notable feature this year was that the event started on time. It ended within a reasonable time of about 3 hours. Our congratulations go to conveners Mr. V. Vijenthira and Subothini Sureshkumar.

## ANNUAL PICNIC AT ROSE LORD PARK

This is also a joint event with Methodist and Hartley.

Mr. T. Thiruchelvam, the convener took extra pains to make this event enjoyable. There were many who donated both cash and food and the notable feature was the traditional Jaffna KOOL which went off like hot cake!

## COMMITTEE DECIDES TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF MR

## NAVARUBAKANTH AT MORATUWA UNIVERSITY

After ascertaining the records from Hartley Principal the Committee decided to support Mr. Navarubakanth's balance education of about 3 years at Moratuwa University from the Nadaraja fund set up for this purpose. Due to the fact the various processes took time, an immediate remittance of Rs 25 000.00 was made. At a meeting of Trust chairman, secretary and Mr. M. Atputhanathan in Colombo with Mr. Navarubakanth it was decided to pay him Rs 3 000.00 monthly to supplement the money that he will be getting from University for the duration of his study.

## PAST TEACHER OF HARTLEY SAVED BY THE WELL FROM TSUNAMI JOINS US IN CANADA

Mr. S. Sathyaseelan, English teacher at Hartley was thrown into a well; but the swelling waters of the well as a result of Tsunami brought him to the surface. His two children thrown into barbed wire were also saved. As a devoted Hartley teacher he has joined as a member of HCPPA Canada & USA branch. We welcome him into our midst.

Report by Mr. Rajaratnam

## News from other PPAs

## AGM COLOMBO BRANCH

Annual General meeting and Lunch was held at Taj Samudra Hotel on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August. The meeting started at 9 AM and ended by 2 PM. Mr. S. Balachandran, sitting President was re-elected President ( Tel # home 2576228, Mobile 0773171947). Mr. Thiruneelakandan former treasurer was elected secretary ( Tel Home # 2524918. Mobile 0777784880)

Mr. Atputhanathan who was invited as a guest gave a brief account of the activities of Canada & USA branch and he also urged the new office bearers to coordinate with the Trust to make the development efforts more efficient. Mr. San Shanmuganathan, Chairman of the Trust, gave a brief account of the activities of the Trust and their future plans for the school.

#### MR. K. MATHIVANAN DONATES ABOUT ONE MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CANTEEN

Mr. K. Mathivanan, Vice President of Colombo branch has agreed to finance the construction of Canteen for Hartley for the tune of about one Million. This was announced by the chairman of the Trust.

### HCPPA (NSW) AUSTRALIA

HCPPA (NSW) had its annual general meeting and dinner on Saturday 6th August. A beautiful souvenir was produced and a notable feature was an article on the past history of Hartley. Their chief guests were Mr. K. Selvarajah and Dr. David Gunaratnam. Mr. Charles Somasundaram (Tel 9894 9861) was re-elected as president for the year 2005-2006. Mr. K. Paskarajothy was elected the secretary (Tel 9638 1380)

### NEWS OF TSUNAMI RELIEF

We reported in our earlier editions, the relief work undertaken by Hartleyites by personally going to the affected areas and spending their valuable time and money.

We are glad to report on another such service by another of our member Rev. Dr. Dharmarajah from USA. Members will remember him as the guest of honour few years back at our AGM

He took the initiative to visit Vadamardchy along with his mission people. On their visit to the three worst affected areas in Vadamardchy, Munai, Kudathanai and Amban, he found that the surviving members of the families were staying in makeshift camps and they have no means of starting their life. He found that they needed a means of transport. This resulted in his team purchasing immediately 375 bicycles, one for each family, so that they can be mobile and try to re-start their lives.

#### COLOMBO BRANCH HELPS TSUNAMI AFFECTED STUDENTS OF HARTLEY

Two students who were affected by Tsunami Mas. Mahendran Thilakson (Grade 6), and Mas. Sivagnam Sakthivel were given by Colombo branch an initial payment of Rs 25 000/- each and a monthly payment of Rs 1000/- from June 2005 onwards.

#### TRUST CHAIRMAN ARRANGES DONATION OF WATER PURIFICATION UNIT TO HARTLEY

Trust chairman Mr. Shan Shanmuganathan has arranged with an NGO for the donation of water purification unit to Hartley.

We reported earlier that there was 4 feet of water in Hartley. One of the consequences was that the well water on which the college depends became unsuitable not only for drinking but also for laboratory work. Trust also has arranged for the replacement of the motor and water pump which were damaged.

### NEWS ABOUT HARTLEY TRUST

#### HCPPA CANADA & USA THANKS THE OUTGOING THREE MEMBERS OF THE TRUST.

President Dr. A. Thangarooban has sent individual letters thanking the three outgoing members of the Trust Mr. V. Rajanayagam, Mr. D.R.Arumainayagam and Mr. V.

Sriskandarajah. The following is the text of the message

“I write this to express our sincere gratitude to you for serving as a member of HCPPA Trust for the past three years. We are well aware that you have done this at great inconvenience to yourself.

We have been successful in creating an efficient body that is responsible for the management of the various funds and the efficient and coordinated handling of the projects. Your willingness to participate in the administration of the Trust contributed in no small measure towards it

HCPPA Canada & USA thank you and your family all the best in coming years.”

#### A JOINT EFFORT BY ALL GLOBAL BRANCHES THROUGH THE TRUST

At the request of the Trust, Rs 74 000/- was contributed ( Canada Rs 30 000, NSW branch and Victoria branch Rs 44 000) for the Hartley PT squad to participate in the National event. Colombo branch contributed for the Chess team to participate in the National event. UK branch contributed to jerseys for the PT squad.

This shows that coordination through the Trust can effectively smoothen the help towards Hartley.

### Editorial

Newsletter of HCPPA Canada and USA is published three times a year, April, September and December. We strive to bring to you the news of the college and its branches and in particular news of our branch. These newsletters can also be a document that can be referred to for past news. Any one who would like to get past copies are welcome to contact the editor. I hope that members will contribute any news that they are aware of. There are few members who pass on the news that they know, but we would like more to participate so that all of us can be kept informed of what is happening among the Hartleyites spread across the globe.

There may be omissions or sometime mistakes in the Newsletter. If any member notices it please inform the editor so that corrections can be inserted in following issue.

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