

# **NORTH AMERICAN P.A.U. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**Activities and Accounts from February 2004 to November 2004**

## **ACTIVITIES**

### **1. Annual Family Get-together**

Annual family get-together of North American P.A.U. Alumni Association, Toronto Chapter, was held on Saturday, 21 February 2004 at National Banquet Hall, Mississauga, Ontario. Over 65 families attended the function. Children and family members of PAU alumni presented cultural programme including songs, poems and *gidha*. Dr. Balwinder Dhaliwal was Master of Ceremonies. The cultural programme was followed by dinner and dance.

It was announced in the last annual function that in future, annual picnic will be held in the third week of July and annual dinner in the third week of November every year and, therefore, the next annual function will be held in November 2005. However, a number of alumni called us and wanted to hold this function in November 2004 because many new alumni families had joined us this year. As a result, we have two family get-together functions this year.

### **2. Picnic at Glen Haffy Conservation Area**

We organized our picnic on 18 July 2004 at Glen Haffy Conservation Area on Airport Road, 10 km north of Caledon East, Ont. Despite inclement weather and heavy rain, it was attended by nearly 50 families of P.A.U. alumni. As usual, races and games were held for the children and adults. A tug-of-war game between ladies and children was extremely enjoyable. Barbequed and catered food was liked by all. At the closing, children and winners of various events were presented medals by our senior alumni.

### **3. Visits by P.A.U. Scientists**

Like the previous years, several P.A.U. scientists visited Canada during the period under report and were invited to meet P.A.U. alumni. These scientists included Dr. Dilbagh Grewal, Dr. Kuldip Sidhu and Dr. Kiran Sidhu from Australia, Dr. A.P. Singh, editor of Progressive Farming, Dr. Jagdev Singh, Professor in the Department of Language & Journalism, P.A.U. and Professor Surjit Patar, a distinguished Punjabi Poet and Professor at P.A.U. also visited Toronto.

#### **4. Publication of a Souvenir**

As you will notice from the report of accounts that despite contribution of several alumni to a reserve fund, our accounts are again in deficit. Therefore, it was decided to publish a souvenir with paid advertisements of alumni businessmen to collect extra funds and make up the deficit. You have the copies of this souvenir available at the registration desk.

#### **5. The new Sub-Committee for organizing next functions**

We had always requested for the support and active involvement of P.A.U. alumni for the organization of our activities. Several active alumni have joined us in doing so in the recent past which include Ranjit Singh, Tehal Singh Brar, Tejinder Bedi, Jagtar Shergill, Paramjit Birdi, Palvinder Gill, etc.

In a meeting of organizing committee held on 6 November 2004, it was decided that a new sub-committee will organize our functions for a year. Ravi Sodhi will be in-charge of this sub-committee with Harjit Dhaliwal, Tehal Brar and Sukhdev Sekhon as other members. All alumni are requested to give them all the help and support in doing so.

*Suggestions from alumni to improve the functioning of our association are always welcome.*

### **ACCOUNTS**

#### **1. Annual Function at National Banquet Hall, 21 February 2004**

##### **Funds collected:**

Collection through dinner tickets:	\$3,618.00
Contribution by son of Dr. Lal Singh Brar	\$ 500.00
<b>Total funds collected:</b>	<b>\$4,118.00</b>

**Expenses:**

Payment to National Banquet Hall:	\$3,575.00
D.J. charges:	\$ 300.00
Bar tender:	\$ 100.00
Liquor & beer:	\$ 901.80
Tickets, gift certificates, etc.:	\$ 355.25
Liquor license:	\$ 25.00
<b>Total expenses:</b>	<b>\$5,257.05</b>

**Balance:** (\$1,139.05)

**2. Picnic at Glen Haffy Conservation Area, 18 July 2004**

**Funds collected:** \$1,595.00

**Expenses:**

Food and soft drinks:	\$ 636.81
Meat and snacks:	\$ 760.00
Medals	\$ 316.25
Park registration	\$ 90.95
<b>Total expenses:</b>	<b>\$1,804.01</b>

**Balance:** (\$ 209.01)

**3. Other Expenses (2003-2004):**

Dr. Lal Singh Brar welcome & honour	\$ 245.75
Dr. Hrcharan Dhaliwal welcome & honour	\$ 378.00
Dr. Jagdev Gill welcome & honour	\$ 278.75

**Total other expenses** \$ 902.50

**Total deficit (annual function, picnic, other expenses):** (\$2,250.56)

**Balance forward from previous year** \$2,132.49

**Total deficit at the end of reporting period** (\$ 118.07)