



# St. Aloysius' Anglo-Indian High School VISAKHAPATNAM – 530 001

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## Vote of Thanks

I would like take this opportunity to thank one and all who contributed for the success of the Teachers' Day function at St. Aloysius's Anglo - Indian High School, Visakhapatnam on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

The Alumni of 1987 & 1988 have collectively set the tone that Aloysians haven't forgotten their good old school days and the teachers, who sweated in shaping their future. Even though it took us almost 20 years to get back to the school, going by the saying "better late than never", and more over we paid our tribute to the teachers in a fitting way.

It was well recognized by all the teachers as a noble gesture by all of us. I would say credit should go to Y. S. David, a lone crusader from the batch of 1987 who came up with this idea and the entire venture was his brain child.

I still remember the long phone conversation we had in the beginning of this year about how to pursue this proposal and when we identified two Aloysians, in BVV Satyanarayana and PSN Rajesh, at our disposal to get the first feelers of the school management on our agenda. These two blokes paid their first visit to Mr. Jonathan and Mr. Henry in the month of Feb. and gave us a first hand report on "Facts of our School"(which I will be sharing with y'all shortly), from that very day it's an ongoing saga.

A lot of discussions and accomplishments were done behind the screens, offlines from the Aloysian yahoo group. It will be a gross injustice if we don't recognize the people who strived for the success of this event and applaud them. Let me make a special mention about a few Aloysians who contributed immensely for the success of this event.



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**L. Bala Raju(1987)**: An established shrink and the new entrepreneur on the block, whom every one of us can count on for help any time and of any kind and not to mention an ardent Aloysian and a good human. He's our contact point in European continent and came up with the nifty idea for using the "Aloysian", his private domain, for the teachers' day updates, he and his wife, Pallavi, did timely updates to the website as we made every inch by inch progress towards this event.

In the wee hours of the morning(GMT) of Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, he even took time out to call at the venue, Grand Bay, and addressed the teachers on behalf of all the NRI Aloysians.

**N.Naga Raju(1988)** : Dodging from the eyes of his tyrant boss at work and volunteering to follow up with folks by shooting hundreds of emails and making calls for their participation.

For folks who don't know him in person, I need to make this special note about him here, as Dr. M. S. Sastry(1988) rightly quoted recently, "*When ever I think of beautiful handwriting I think of Naga Raju*".

This dude's manuscripts are archived by teachers for future reference.

**P Satya Srinivas aka PS (1987)**: In spite of being stuck with immigration hassles at Bombay on his way from Netherlands, he flew to Vizag in time and extended his helping hand and was the lone NRI representative from 1987 batch. In fact the award for the highest donor goes to him.

**M Balasubramanyam(1988)**: Our elite school captain who never lost his magical touch of leadership, who stole the show by anchoring the function admirably. A person with gifted linguistic skills, who is at our beck and call. He's the one who came up with those resounding words for the teachers' day invite. In spite of his prior engagements and commitments he flew all the way from Delhi to be there at the function and most importantly even though his 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary being on 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. he did take time out to participate in the dress rehearsal before the D- Day.

Although we lost contact with him after we graduated from school and after 20 yrs. he joined the fold just in time. I should thank Varri Sridhar(1988) for passing on his contact details.



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**S Stanley Prasan(1988)**: A wanna be billionaire, rightly placed in the heart of the city of billionaires, Moscow, and can't utter a word in Russian, has put a good use to his mother tongue by lashing people back in India to come forward and take the responsibility in this venture. It worked like a charm, a lot of people dragged themselves into this event and we even collected a quite a good sum in INR, which we didn't even account for in our proposed budget initially.

**M Ravi Chandra(1988)**: We were in a lot of dilemma what protocols we need to follow to appease an IAS officer in an event like this. But he stood by us and extended his full co-operation when it matters the most. Who, in spite of his hectic schedules has put the school first and his profession later. Even though we bestowed him with the title "Chief Guest", he never gave us an impression that he's one. That in itself signifies his humble nature. It was a good sight to see him mingle with all our classmates in spite of his stature. For the record he's the highest contributor from the batch of 1988.

**Emandhi Prasad**: When Satyanaryana was in despair and fighting a lone battle all the way in his preparations for the event and was about to crumble with the work overload, a savior in the form of Emandhi Prasad from the batch of 1985 has come forward, voluntarily and offered his services after hearing about this event through word of mouth and was there till the very end even after the function is over by helping us with distributing press reports to all the news agencies along with Satyanaryana.

Hats off to his spirit and pro-activeness, a true Aloysian indeed. I personally got the opportunity to convey my sincere thanks to him over the phone on behalf of our batches.

**S Ahmed Ali(1988)**: Donned a new role as SAP – CRM consultant based in Hyderabad, he was instrumental in getting Mr. K.B Sharma(Telugu Teacher) to the occasion by paying visits to his house in Hyderabad and prevailing upon him to attend the function along with his family and also personally made their travel arrangements to vizag. He's our contact point in the capital city and spent most of his time sending SMS messages and making calls to make Aloysians around aware of the function. He had to forgo two working days as loss of pay and had been to vizag on September 4<sup>th</sup> to mobilize the mass media to cover the event extensively.



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**B.V.V. Satyanarayana(1988)**:: A little known and timid back at school, has earned the nick name, “SPY” , for his secretive nature and was jestingly called as mole amongst the students. Even though we were not fully aware of his organizing capabilities, but went by the hard grind he’s gone through by serving the Indian Navy for almost two decades now, we put our entire faith in him and imposed this task and he didn’t let us down as a matter of fact he did a commendable job and surprised everyone of us. In this whole exercise we discovered his hidden talent, which I guess even he’s not aware of it till date. A event of this extent wouldn’t have been possible had we not found this person based in Vizag to accomplish majority of the tasks single handedly. He had to take a weekdays of time off from work leading to the event day to get all things done just in time by running from pillar to post. Had this programme gone for a few more days beyond September 5<sup>th</sup>, there is a good chance he would end up consulting a divorce lawyer in town.

**Mr. Henry Cooper** An elder member of an Aloysian family, along with his younger siblings, Harry and Freddie. He had been the guiding light for us all the way through. A proactive persona and an able tutor, his teachings on “Human Wants” as part of commerce subject are still fresh in my mind. His want for a “St. Aloysius Alumni Association” is unlimited. He penned the by laws for the alumni many years ago and due to lack of support they ended up in his closet and gathered dust. When the batches of 87 & 88 knocked on his door with the this proposal, he’s all elated and grabbed this opportunity with both hands to express himself on the importance and need to have an Alumni and doing something for the upliftment of the school and restore it’s lost glory. He kindly accommodated all our proposals and suggestions and never let the teacher – student relationship come in between.

Not to mention he and his wife has spent a lot of time digging the albums of school for all the important pictures and contributed immensely for the content of the website. He paid numerous visits to the office of In-chi Technologies, the firm we contracted for the website development, and worked with them to complete the website just in time.



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Apart from the above, I thank, PSN Rajesh, J.Srikanth, Irfan Khan, TNV Prasad, GVS Sheaker, M.M. Haq, M Ravi Shanker, E. Srinivas Rao, V.R.Gupta from 88 batch and Ram Brahmam, Lalith, Shaukath, K Chandersheaker from the 87 batch, Kalyan Varada, V.Venkatesh, Satya, from the junior batches for their time and help.

If I've missed anyone above, I have done so for a reason, just to cut down on your reading time or else I've would love to write a thesis on all these wonderful people around us. I sincerely thank one and all from the bottom of my heart.

The good part of this whole process is we established new connections or rather I would say reestablished lost connections with our fellow Aloysians.

All in all it's a collective effort, I thank all the donors who generously contributed and their unconditional support and showing complete faith in us by giving us free will to conduct this programme. Hope we have done a decent job.

What's more heartening is that when ever I convey my thanks to the fellow Aloysians for their efforts, I get a reply, **"Hey! It's My School Too"**, that's the spirit which got us going all the way to accomplish this Herculean task.

I conclude with the spirited slogan from the school days.

**"Hip- Hip Hurray!!"**

Good Day!!

Best Regards,  
S. S. Radhakrishna(1988)