



### President's Report by Dr. Pazhani Sundaram

Presented at the General Body Meeting on January 27, 2007

*Dear Connecticut tamil friends,*

*Vanakkam. I am proud to stand before you with a list of accomplishments in 2006. First of all let me thank each and every one of you for electing me unanimously to be your president and extending your support towards every single function/gathering we conducted.*

*In April 2006, we celebrated the tamil new year 'viya' varudam which brought in a lot of local talents from juniors, adults and seniors.*

*In July, young girls from CTTS participated in the annual Fetna Conference and performed a Bhrathanatyam, in Sony Studios, Manhattan, NY. A customized coaching was arranged by CTTS for this program.*

*We had a busy August this year. We had a summer Bharathanatyam dance camp conducted by Narthaki Natraj from*

*Chennai for the third year in a row. About 20 students from all levels participated. Then, we held our annual summer picnic at Mixville Park in Cheshire. We had a good turn out for this and people had fun. On August 15<sup>th</sup> CTTS participated in the Independence Day Flag hoisting at our Capitol Building, and the subsequent cultural celebrations jointly held by IAOGH in Hartford. We also raised funds and year marked it for educational fund. We are currently supporting three students going to Engg college.*

*In October, we celebrated our Deepavali in a grand manner at Newington High School. This turned out to be a memorable and highly acknowledged event of the year. As a result of the positive cash flow we are pleased to provide today's pongal program and dinner free of cost to members of CTTS. CTTS also supported and participated in the 'Annual Walkathan' organized by Milan. This is a fund raiser to feed the needy people of greater Hartford.*

*We had formed various committees to plan and perform the different functions in rotation. Minutes of periodic meetings are available upon request from the Secretary.*

*Many first timers have been initiated:*

- 1. I would like to focus on the historic achievement of raising record level of funds for our sangam. Thanks to the teamwork from my fellow committee members who worked hard to make the SPB concert a great success. Our team also brought in appreciable amount of funds through sponsors.*
- 2. Due to increasing financial obligations, an internal auditor from the committee and an external auditor from the community were chosen to verify the accounts from the treasurer. In addition, a joint treasurer function was assigned to one of the EC members to help the treasurer.*
- 3. We have initiated a tamil lecture series and invited Prof. Gnanasambandan and Prof Arivoli both from Chennai. We plan to continue to invite scholars for this event in the future.*