

**SAVANNE TAMIL BENEVOLENT SOCIETY(Regd. No 387)
AMMA TOOKAY KOVIL AND MARIAMEN KOVIL
CAMP DIABLE**



6th April 2018

Dear Devotees, Wellwishers, Sponsors and Faithful followers

Message of the president to all presenting the vision and objectives for period 2018/2019

As you may already be aware, since November 2017, a new Managing Committee has been elected at the Savanne Tamil Benevolent Society. The Committee, then entrusted the duties of president on me to lead the dynamic team which I accepted with much humility. I have a special thought today for my father who guided me since my childhood for religious and social service.

At the very outset, I wish to congratulate all elected members of the new committee for their dedication and commitment to serve without fear or favor to a noble cause. Secondly, I wish to place on record the efforts and state of affairs accomplished by the previous committee under the chairmanship of Paramasiva Chengan(Dana). They set the standard so high that we need to maintain and improve continuously for a sound management.

Indeed, I was supposed to address a personal message since the New Year but unfortunately could not make it. However, with the coming of various new major activities, we find it necessary to, at least, present to you a few objectives of the team and at the same time announce to you one major religious activity we are embarking soon.

Paalcoudam ammen and thimidee at tookay temple for the first time

In fact, there are major activities we wish to invite you together with your family, friends and relatives. Firstly, we are organizing after consultation with our priest **Paalcoudam Ammen and Thimidee at Tookay temple on Sunday the 13th of May 2018 with the Codi Ettrum on the 4th of May 2018**. We are aware of the huge task awaiting us and with the blessings of Amma Parashakti and your support we have no doubt that it is achievable.

Unity and Teamwork

Some reforms and new initiatives have largely been discussed in our meetings. I can assure all of you that all members have unanimously expressed their commitment and support in our endeavors. I am in office for nearly three months now and I can assure you that we are set to meet all challenges since all committee members have shown me time and again their amazing potential with determination and loads of positive attitude. On my side I am prepared to leave no stone unturned, go the extra mile to boost further the self esteem of the team because it said that when we believe in ourselves, we can accomplish miracles.

I sincerely wish to have the necessary energy and capacity to translate our vision into reality, be above all an inspiration to the younger generation. My determination to succeed is so strong that I am prepared to face failures and any obstacles whatsoever on my way. I am prepared to get knocked down, because this will motivate me further to rise up and continue. My elders have always taught me that failure builds character and is a definite source of knowledge because according to me the more we are confident, the more we gain the confidence of others.

Up to now, we have already had the Thimidee at Mariamen Kovil, the new year events including Christmas Day where in addition to the usual distribution of sarees, we have started to distribute christmas gifts to all children and launched a blood donation campaign. We also had the Thaiposam Cavadee at the Siva Soopramanien Kovil and the Maha Shivaratree festival at Tookay Temple followed by the great night of Siva Peruman. Lastly, we had in collaboration with

Shiv Yog movement in the presence and blessings of Babajee, Guru had the mantra chanted with the participation of hundreds of people. All events had an astounding success due to the efforts of one and all. The women wings and the young wings contributed a lot to the success. We brought some changes, like for example serving Mahaprasadam and refreshments outside the temple yard maintaining all facilities. It was indeed not perfect but it contributed a lot in keeping the temple yard as a place for peaceful meditation and prayers.

Objectives of the Managing Committee

We have still lots of challenges remaining. We have a few problems to address and new activities to materialize. Below are certain of our priorities, to name a few:

1. Setting up of Codi maram, appropriate Yaga Salai and Thikuli place at Tookay temple to prepare for Thimidee
2. Construction of a house at Mariamen Kovil for Priest
3. Recruitment of a new Sivacharya(priest)
4. Design and Build a multipurpose hall at the backside of Tookay temple
5. Implementing reforms to our existing constitution and regulations, e.g family survey to identify the needy.
6. Design and formatting of an appropriate web site, establishing a strong logo for Amma Tookay
7. Enhance our communications tools using effectively existing social medias
8. Producing or supporting our people to produce quality cultural and social activities
9. Reforming the day to day running of Tookay Temple by reviewing the jobs description of all employees with a proper payroll system
10. Recruiting effective and high caliber cadres to lead our organization to excellence.(a Human Resource consultant has been recruited to implement and advise)
11. Establishing a powerful Credit Union to support our people in their future projects
12. Enhance the security of all our temples and assets
13. Consolidate our Unity against all odds and maintaining strong teamwork mentality
14. To acknowledge both the commitment of the organization to the member and the importance of his or her support
15. To organize annual pilgrimage in collaboration with Air Mauritius or other airlines for our people to India at a cost effective price.
16. Find out how to improve our tamil palli through parents and other resource persons.

My daily prayer is to ensure that we are offering a quality service and I am prepared to sometimes step back and think about what I would want to hear if I were a simple member. Last but not least, I have also learnt that the best way to get started is to quit talking and begin to work. I invite you to participate actively in all our activities. I seize this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy and prosperous Tamil New YEAR, plenty of success, good health and successful spiritual path ahead.

MAY AMMA TOOKAY BLESS YOU ALL

Yours Faithfully



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