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Beloved Professor Remembered



Dr. Beryl Howie was a very talented and capable person who had a great influence on a tremendous number of people, professionally and personally. It flowed from her experience of coming to know Jesus as a student, and from her commitment to serve him throughout her life. She formed a wide circle of loyal friendships, which included her students, and continued to follow them up in her prayers and with great interest over many years. She had great vitality and love for life, nourished by her daily walk with God and her never-failing trust in Him through all circumstances. It was in response to a clear call of God that she came to Ludhiana. At CMC, in light of the needs of village India and of the calling of the Christian Hospitals to serve the poor, she was committed to training students how to provide quality care even though resources might be meager, using clinical acumen and sound grasp of contemporary knowledge. She tried to act with integrity, and her chief concern was to follow the truth where it led, rather than be caught in party spirit and loyalties - which required courage! Her patients knew that she loved them and would do everything she could for them, and they loved her for it. We are so grateful to God for Beryl, and for the way we have all been enriched through her experience of His love in her life.

-David Troughton, New Zealand, Friends of Ludhiana

Students Remember Dr. Howie

(We heard from many students; here is a sampling.)

She was the most loved teacher during my student days. She had an uncanny ability to remember patients and family members names whether it was in the hospital or CHAURA BAZAAR. Her bike rides to the "Dai Hattaa" in the middle of the night were legendary. I still remember going to her apartment one evening where she was playing her record player with a 35 mm LP, a novelty in the days of 78 mm records in India. And the music was the New Zealand marching band at the 1972 Munich Olympics. I am indeed honored to have been one of her students. I will be delighted to support her cause at CMC. — Dr. Anil Chhabra

I am really sorry to hear the news. Even though it makes me sad that she is no longer with us, I am proud to have known her! She was an awesome teacher and a super human being who taught a lot of us what dedication was. She set an example which was hard to follow !!! —Dr. Savira Sidhu

I am sorry to hear of passing away of Dr. Howie. I knew her as she was my teacher in Obstetrics. She was a great teacher and hard worker. She treated us fairly. She would come flying on her bicycle for an emergency when called in the middle of the night. I sure have fond memories and some jovial ones as she said certain words in Hindi or Punjabi which ended up sounding hilarious. All of us who crossed paths with Dr. Howie will always remember her with great respect and affection. May GOD rest her soul in peace. We thank you for letting us know about her passing. —Dr. Ranjit Dhaliwal

I was very much saddened to hear the news of the passing away of Prof. Howie. I was her student and was very much impressed by her professional ethics. She was a dedicated doctor with great integrity. She treated all her patients with great concern irrespective of their financial means. She treated a poor woman from a village and a rich private patient with equal concern and ability. May she be at peace. With my sincere prayers for her -- Dr. Ranjeet Grover

Dr Howie was one of my finest teachers at CMC Ludhiana. Of course she lived a good life all the way to 88 years. Not a bad score for healthy living. —Dr. Sewa Legha

Los Angeles Alumni Gathering



(Pictured left to right) Dr Navdee Loomba, Geeta Loomba, Dr Madhu John, Sally Marble, Dr Mohan Sidhu, Dr Ajanta Naidu, Dr Joy Paul, Dr Madhu Bhogal, Dr Rabinder Bhogal, Dr Elizabeth Paul, Gurpreet Sidhu, Mintu Thind, Dr Surinder Thind, Deepu Alex, Dr Jisha Joshua and Baby John (picture taken by Max Marble)

Our thanks to Dr. Joy and Dr. Elizabeth Paul for hosting an Alumni gathering in their home on the occasion of a visit by Max Marble, the new US CMC Executive Director, and his wife Sally. The Pauls served a delightful meal, Max provided a 15 minute CMC update using projected pictures and video clips, and Dr. Elizabeth shared information about the Beryl Howie Memorial Laparoscopic Set fund raising project. She also shared information about the 2013 alumni reunion in India. Naturally there was a lot of reminiscing and joyful laughter.

2013 Alumni Reunion in India

Usually held somewhere in the United States, this year's CMC Alumni Reunion will be held in India. The six day tour of Kerala will include guided tours of historic sites, relaxation on beautiful sandy beaches, ocean view sunsets, travel through hilly tea plantations, a day floating on a houseboat, lots of time to visit and much more. For all of the information go to the new CMC Alumni Association website at <http://cmcnaa.org>.

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Dr. Howie Memorial Gift Fund

In memory of Dr. Howie we are raising \$55,000 to purchase a laparoscopic set for the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department that she started at Ludhiana CMC. Members of our US Ludhiana Board have already personally given \$17,945 for this project. Please send your contributions to Ludhiana CMC, PO Box 1327, Columbia, MO 65205.

Dr. Goyal Will Provide Laparoscopic Services and Training



Dr. Sunita Goyal, Professor and Head of the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department at Ludhiana CMC, wasn't herself a student of Dr. Beryl Howie. She was part of the Batch of 79, and Dr. Howie left Ludhiana in 1981, when she was a second year student. But they did meet, and of course she knew her by reputation. Dr. Howie was behind the construction in 1982 of the whole block which houses the

OB/GYN department, and it bears her name today. So it is with personal as well as professional satisfaction that Dr. Goyal looks forward to using a laparoscopic set given in her memory.

The laparoscopic set currently in use is an old one, is not complete, and has to be used from the surgery department. Demand for gynecological laparoscopic surgery is high, and a new, complete set will be of great benefit to the OB/GYN department, where 1200 -1500 babies are currently delivered each year. With the aid of the new set, Dr. Goyal foresees being better able to meet the demand for quality patient care.

Our thanks go out to those who have already contributed to the new set, and to those who will help in the future as we continue to work towards the goal of its purchase.

By Sally Marble

Ludhiana CMC US Board Started by Pioneering Gynecologist

Nine persons were in attendance at that first meeting of what has become known as the Ludhiana Christian Medical College Board USA, Inc. and Dr. Howard A. Kelly of Baltimore was elected president. Dr. Howard Atwood Kelly was the pioneering American gynecologist credited with establishing gynecology as a true specialty. He was one of the "Big Four" founding professors of Johns Hopkins Hospital, and was first professor of gynecology and obstetrics at Johns Hopkins University and gynecological surgeon at Johns Hopkins Hospital. During his 30 years at Johns Hopkins, he invented a number of medical devices, including an air cystoscope, the widely used Kelly clamp, the



Kelly speculum, and innovative pads for drainage from the operating table. He created new surgical approaches to women's diseases, such as what became known as Kelly's stitch, and defined what became known as Kelly's sign. He also pioneered in the use of radium to treat cancer. During the final

quarter of his life, Dr. Kelly devoted himself to his private clinic and his many public and religious interests, among which was Ludhiana CMC. Those present at the Ludhiana CMC US Board May 2011 meeting were reminded once again of the giant footsteps of those who have gone before in the work and mission of Ludhiana CMC.

Written by Sally Marble using information : 1. Obstetrics and Gynecology in America: A History, 2. University of Pennsylvania Archives, 3. Wikipedia.



OB Block Bears Dr. Beryl Howie's Name

Dr. Navneet Chaudhry Honored



Dr. Navneet Kumar Chaudhry, Professor and Head of Surgery at the Ludhiana Christian Medical College, was honored as a visiting Professor in Liver and Pancreatic Surgery at the University Hospital of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. The medical center at the university is one of the top 10 medical schools in the US.

Alumni Generosity

After a generous donation in May 2012 of \$10,000 to complete the purchase of an EMG machine for the Neurology Department, Dr. Cherry Mathew has made a further donation of \$25,000 to endow a Distinguished Chair in Neurology. This generous gift will keep supporting the Neurology Department forever since only the interest from the donation will be used for equipment, conferences and other needs of the Neurology Department.

Thank You to All Donors

We continually thank God for your donations that help to make the educational and healing ministry in Ludhiana possible. Unlike the new emerging "for profit hospitals", Ludhiana CMC turns no one away. Extending Christ's healing ministry to the poorest of the poor is central to its mission. You may send your donations to Ludhiana CMC, PO Box 1327, Columbia, MO 65205.

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Dr. Abraham Thomas Receives International Recognition



The Ludhiana Christian Medical College and its Director, Dr. Thomas, have just been recognized by the American College of Surgeons as achieving one of 5 worldwide milestones in the advancement of surgery during the decade of the 90's.

The recognition cites: "Abraham Thomas, MD, a plastic surgeon, conducted the first full-face replant operation on a nine-year-old Sandeep Kaur, whose face and

scalp were pulled off when her hair was caught in a thresher. Sandeep was brought to the Christian Medical College and Hospital in Ludhiana, India, where Dr. Thomas, an experienced microsurgeon, spent 10 hours sewing on Sandeep's face and scalp. The operation was successful, although she was left with some muscle damage as well as scarring around the perimeter where the facial skin was sutured back on."

Nurse Sandeep currently serves as a registered staff nurse on Ward 5 of the Ludhiana Christian Medical College. She continues to benefit from Dr. Thomas' expertise, having undergone several plastic surgeries since. The most recent was just last month.

This milestone appears in the recently posted timeline in the advancement of surgery during the past 120 years. The timeline may be view by going to: <http://timeline.facs.org>

As Director of the US Board of the Ludhiana Christian Medical College, I could not be any more proud. I have posted a video about this recognition on our US Ludhiana CMC website at <http://folus.org>

We also posted the video on FaceBook and received a lot of good responses from Ludhiana CMC students and friends. Here is a sampling:

Leena Rajan: "proud to say that I had a chance to work under him"

Niranjan Andy: "We are so proud of you Sir!!"

Vineet Kumar Verma: "Proud 2 have a teacher like u sir"

Veena Baksh: "Proud to say I studied in CMC Ludhiana, God bless you sir, you still look same as 15 yrs ago."

Dr. Prashant Kumar Prasad: "Felicitate ! God's blessings , ovation from CDC ..:) Proud to be a part of your presence sir!"

Governing Body Members Entertained

The Ludhiana CMC Governing Body met in March and on the first evening was entertained by students from all of the colleges. US Executive Director Max Marble has edited a video collage of the performance, which may be viewed on our website at folus.org



Students Perform for the Governing Body Members

New CT Scanner Dedicated

Members of the Ludhiana Christian Medical College Governing Body took a break from their meetings to dedicate the newly installed CT Scanner. It is a state of the art scanner able to perform 128 slices per 0.4 sec and is the only scanner of its kind in the State of Punjab.



Governing Body Chairperson Dr. Gyani Cut the Ribbon for the New CT Scanner Dedication

