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Life Given in Mission Service



Dr. Shane Sam Mathew (2010 batch) was serving at the Ganta Methodist Hospital in Liberia when he was trapped in his apartment during a fire. The Ludhiana CMC Hospital Chapel was filled to capacity for a memorial service during which faculty and students shared their memo-

ries and expressed their loss. The message was delivered by one of his professors, Dr. George Koshy, who also serves as Vice President of the Dental College. For seven years now a



part of the mission outreach program of the Ludhiana Christian Medical College has been to provide fully trained Dental College graduates to serve 6 months at a time in Liberia, where dental care is practically nonexistent. Along with treating patients the train dental practitioners.

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Obstetrics and Gynecology Department 50th Anniversary



The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology was started by missionary Beryl Howie in 1967. She was lauded again and again by her students and members of the current faculty and administration as the Ludhiana Christian Medical College celebrated fifty years of postgraduate Ob/Gyn education. Thirty-four alumni from India and abroad attended the celebrations.

On Sunday morning the 50th anniversary celebration began with a worship service held in the packed assembly hall. The service was planned by the Fellowship Department (Chaplain's Office) and led by members of the Ob Gyn faculty and students. Special music was shared and returning alumnus Dr. Pushpa Singh, who has always worked in mission hospitals, shared the morning message. Following the worship service breakfast was served to all in attendance.

During the opening formal celebration Director Dr. Abraham Thomas remembered the work of Dr. Beryl Howie, Dr. Dorothy Barbo and Dr. Murrel along with previous heads of the department. Alumnus, Dr. Lakhbir Dhaliwal, paid a rich tribute to Dr. Beryl Howie after which her picture was garlanded by Dr. Abraham Thomas and Dr. Sunita Goyal, current head of



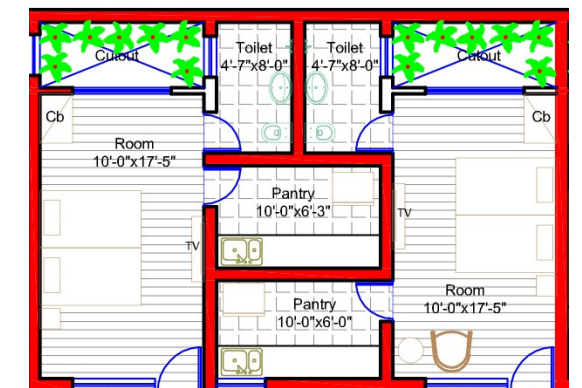
Dr. T K Cherian, Dr. Abraham Thomas (CMC Director), Dr. Lakhbir, Dr. Aruna Dhar, Dr Subash Singla, Dr. Sunita Goyal (Head of O, Dr. Tejinder Singh

Class of 1968 Project



To celebrate their 50th anniversary which will take place next year the Class (batch) of 1968 has chosen to celebrate by giving back to their alma mater. Behind the hospital there is an old carriage house which is no longer used except for storage. For their class project they are paying for the complete renovation of the building in order to provide rooms for the families of poor patients who must stay in Ludhiana for a period of time. The new unit will provide a reception/office area and 10 living units. Each unit will have a bedroom/living area, a pantry, a bathroom and a small green space for a patio. The drawing below shows two of the living units. There will be ten living units all in a row.

In the US Dr. Gurpal Bhuller is spear heading the fund raising for the project after first making a very generous donation of cash and the sale of stock. The estimated total cost of the project is \$55,000 of which Dr. Bhuller has raised \$44,000 thus far. The building will be dedicated during the Founder's Day activities in March 2018.

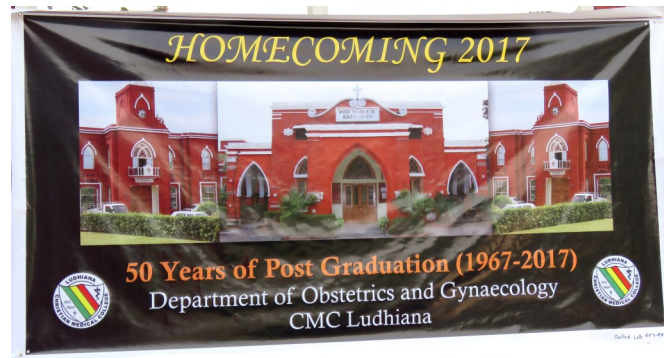


Floor Plan for Two Living Units

Those Attending the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department



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Faculty and Students dance during cultural presentation.

the Ob/Gyn Department. Dr. Aruna Dhar, former Head of the Department, was also felicitated by Dr. Abraham Thomas. The formal opening celebration concluded with a "Walk Down Memory Lane" slide presentation.

After breaking for breakfast, an informal celebration gave each returning alumni member an opportunity to share memories and receive a memento of appreciation. A delicious lunch followed.



In the evening a gala cultural celebration and dinner was held downtown at the Park Plaza Hotel. The fifty years of the department were well celebrated as the institution looks forward to the next fifty years.

Thank you to Dr. Dorothy Barbo



Dr. Dorothy Barbo joined the new Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Ludhiana Christian Medical College one year after the department was established. She served in Ludhiana for four years and helped get the new department going. In his remarks during the 50th anniversary celebration Director Dr. Abraham Thomas, who received some of his instruction as her student, thanked her for her dedicated service in India.

During her four years in Ludhiana, Dr. Barbo served as Associate Professor and Chief of Gynecologic Oncology and Family Planning.

She was born and raised in Wisconsin and became an obstetrician and gynecologist during a time when most women were encouraged to go into nursing. She was the first woman to become President of the Christian Medical and Dental Associations.

Dr. Barbo dedicated 20 years of her life to teaching students while in practice at the Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, then as an educator at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. She taught more than 4,000 students and helped train more than 200 doctors in residence.

She has served on the Ludhiana Christian Medical College Board in the United States for more than 25 years and served as President of the Board for 8 years. In 2002 she was the recipient of the distinguished Servant of Christ Award from the Christian Medical & Dental Associations.

We are thankful for the way in which in retirement Dr. Barbo has dedicated so much of her time, energy, and prayer life to Ludhiana CMC.

Ross Hostel Beautification Project



A project is underway to beautify the men's Ross Hostel complex. The project has been spearheaded and is being paid for by the generous donations of Drs. Harish (1965 Batch) and Parveen (1967 Batch) Anand from New Orleans. The idea came to Dr. Anand after visiting campus last year. The project will take a month or two to complete. Ludhiana CMC US Board Executive Director Max Marble took the above picture during the first week of clean up. The picture was taken in the back yard of the complex. The project includes the removal of some trees and the planting of new ones. It also includes a redesign of some of the garden areas and a new water harvesting system. The estimated cost of the project is \$15,000, which will come from \$85,000 that the Anands have donated to the Ludhiana CMC US Board.

Dr. Sirish Chandra (1967 Batch), who owns a private clinic in Ludhiana, has graciously offered to serve as the project manager. He has hired the landscaper and goes to Ross Hostel several times a week to see how the work is progressing.

The new white building shown below is the almost completed Ross Hostel Annex as seen from standing beside the original Ross Hostel building pictured on the right. The dining and recreational building on the left was added to the original hostel later.



Brachytherapy Unit Dedicated



Dr. Abraham Thomas, shown standing behind the new brachytherapy unit, dedicated the new installation during the Governing Body meeting at the Ludhiana Christian Medical College in September.

The United States Ludhiana CMC Board had planned to raise the full \$160,000 needed for the unit. We want to thank Mrs. Julia Goodell and Dr. Sewa Legha for their commitment to raise these funds. However, the Friends of Ludhiana in the UK ended up paying the lion's share for the unit. We want to thank all of the donors who helped to make this medical equipment possible.

Dr. Pamela Jeyaraj, Professor and Head of the Department of Radiation Oncology, and colleague Dr. Jaineet Patil are delighted that they will have use of brachytherapy for the treatment of cervical cancer. Early detection in many countries makes the cancer easily treated with surgery. However, in India many patients do not come to the hospital until Stage 3 and 4 when surgery is not feasible. In these cases brachytherapy is essential.



Dr. Jaineet Patil & Dr. Pamela Jeyaraj

FISH Lab Has Been Purchased

It is a joy to let you know that we have sent CMC the funds necessary to purchase the FISH Lab for the Pathology Department, which is our 2017 project. You may remember that when the UK came up with most of the funds necessary to purchase the brachytherapy unit we were able to redirect some of our brachytherapy funds to the FISH project. Along with other funds donated for the FISH project our 2017 project is complete. I am so very thankful to the good Lord and to faithful donors.

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