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2017 Alumni Association Reunion - Orlando, Florida



Alumni Reunion News

The 2017 Ludhiana CMC Alumni Reunion was held in Orlando, Florida, at the Arnold Palmer Bay Hill Club in July. Coming from across the country, CMC graduates, spouses and in some cases children started visiting and catching up with each other as soon as they met. For some it was their first time to attend an alumni reunion. Others had hardly missed one since the first one held in 1982.

The reunion, which received rave reviews, was organized by local coordinators Dr. Gaurav Malhotra and Dr. Pravesh Bansal, and alumni president, Dr. Meenakshi Singh. The reunion was planned with continuing education in mind as well as fine dining and quality time for visiting. For entertainment all were enthralled by the acrobatics of the world famous Cirque du Soleil. During free time on much of Friday there was golfing, tennis, yoga, swimming and more.



Dr. Gaurav Malhotra, Dr. Meenakshi Singh (President), Dr. Parvesh Bansal

Saturday was the day to get down to business. It was packed with activity. During the morning Continuing Medical Education time, 5 lectures were presented on the latest medical practices and research by experts in their fields of medicine. The title of Dr. Veena Antony's lecture was

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From Dr. Sarjit Gill F. C. Eggleston Endowed Lectureship

At the recent alumni meeting in Orlando, a beautiful memorial service was held celebrating the life of this great man, Dr. F. C. Eggleston. Max Marble has described highlights of the meeting in this newsletter and put together a video on the internet. I invite you to view the video. It is quite beautiful and we are indebted to Max for putting it together - a labor of love.



At the meeting it was decided to have a permanent memorial for Dr. Eggleston in the form of an annual endowed lectureship. To this end, it was decided to raise a sum of \$50,000. I realize it is a large amount, but knowing the number of lives he touched the world over, I think it will be easy to achieve this goal.

In the coming weeks I will be reaching out to many of you individually here in the US, India, and rest of the world.

**Your tax deductible contribution can be made to:
 Eggleston Endowment Fund, PO Box 1327, Columbia,
 MO 65205**

*Sincerely,
 Sarjit Gill*

Forrest C. Eggleston Endowed Lectureship



Spearheaded by Dr. Sarjit Gill, our Ludhiana Christian Medical College alumni and friends are in the process of raising funds to endow a Lectureship in Surgery for all future students and faculty. Income from the endowed lectureship will be used every year to invite experts in their fields of surgery to share the latest surgical procedures. Dr. Sargit Gill, one of the surgeons trained by Dr. Eggleston, is heading up the drive to make sure that Dr. Eggleston, who passed away last year will be remembered for starting the Surgery Department at the Ludhiana Christian Medical College as a world class training institution acknowledged widely across India.

Send tax deductible donations for the Eggleston Lectureship to:

**Eggleston Endowment Fund
 Ludhiana CMC US
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"The Place of Cold Water" By Anand Panwalker (1962 Batch)

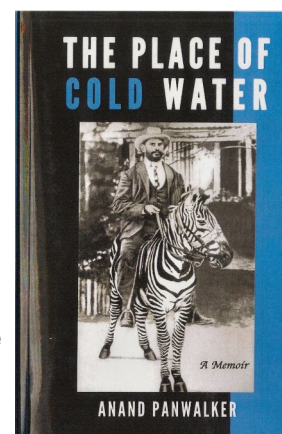


Author Anand Panwalker

Storyline from the back cover: This is the tale of an Indian immigrant family in British Kenya. A bittersweet story of resilience and courage amidst tumultuous local and global upheavals and deep divisions based on skin color, caste, and religion; of a dysfunctional and broken family seeking safety, acceptance and human dignity in a permanent home where they could live as valued citizens;

of the triumph of the human spirit against overwhelming odds.

Ultimately, it is a love story, expressing the author's love for his family and friends; for Kenya, the land of his birth; for India, the land of his ancestors; and for the United States, a nation that gave him shelter, hope, courage, and citizenship. A noble nation, that permits new beginnings, allowing former enemies to break bread together and to leave the rancor of old history behind them.



(Currently available at Amazon.com)

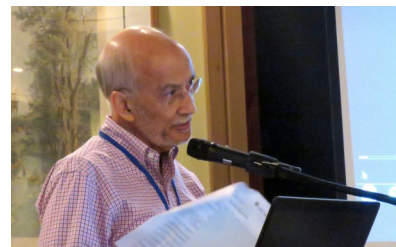
2017 Annual Reunion Continued

"Personalized, Predictive Medicine Hits the Spot". "Incisionless Cardiac Surgery" was related by Dr. Brijeshwar Anini. Dr. George Simon spoke about "Metastatic Non Small Cell Lung Cancer." And finally, "What can be done with Cutting Edge Plastic Surgery" presented by Dr. Rakesh Khazanchi amazed everyone. The CME lectures were presented to a full house and comments were heard widely that it was one of the best they had attended.



Ogra Antony Maini Simon Khazanchi

The annual business meeting, led by president Dr. Meenakshi Singh, was definitely the most animated time of the weekend. Amid discussion about finances and where to hold the next reunion, votes were taken and decisions were made. It was decided that next year's Alumni Reunion will be held in Houston, Texas. Dr. George Simon volunteered to organize the weekend.



Dr Sewa Legha Leads Eggleston Tribute

Following the business meeting Dr. Sewa Legha coordinated a tribute to Dr. Forrest Eggleston who served at CMC for thirty-two years. Dr. Eggleston started the Surgery Department at CMC and trained over a hundred

surgeons who are now serving in India and around the world. A number of people got up to share stories and memories. Among them were Dr. Joy Paul, Dr. Feroze Yusufji, Dr. Krishan Chandar, Dr. Meera Luthra (from Delhi), Dr. P L Ogra, Dr. Chittur Ananthakrishnan and Dr. Brijeshwar Manini. Dr. Sewa Legha told about the fundraiser for the Eggleston Endowed Lectureship that Dr. Sarjit Gill is heading up. Dr. and Mrs. Eggleston's son, Robert, was an invited guest who thanked everyone for the fine tribute for his parents.

The afternoon's program ended with a time of remembrance. The names of all alumni and faculty members who had passed away since the last reunion were read with opportunities given for sharing memories. A temple bell rang after each person was remembered.

That evening everyone dressed up for the closing gala event. After a group picture, taken with a drone, all got on board to go to Tabala, a fine Indian restaurant with a banquet hall. After hors d'oeuvres, and before the main course, diners were entertained with Panjabi dancers. This was followed by the singing of the incredibly talented Malhotra family. After dinner the dancing did not stop until the last dance was announced at 11:30 PM. The evening will be hard to top.

All too soon it was time to pack and head for home. People left remarking about what a good time they had, as they started looking forward to next year, in Houston



Poonam and Arjun Malhotra Entertained the Diners with Songs



Yusufji and Ananthakrishnan Take to the Golf Course



Friday's Fine Dinning and Fun at the Ethiopian Restaurant



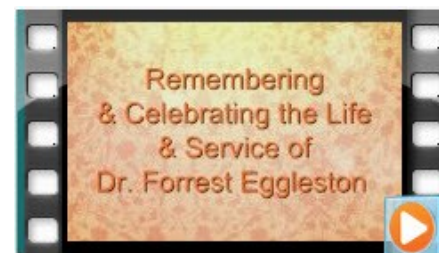
Saturday Evening's Fine Dinning at the Tabala Restaurant

In Memorial

Each year during the annual Alumni Reunion time is set aside to remember alumni, faculty, staff and students who passed away during the year. After each name is read stories and memories are shared by those present and then a temple bell sounds before moving on to the next name. These are the persons who were remembered this year. If you know of others not remembered let us know and we will remember their lives and service next year.

- Dr. Sarita Dua (1960 Batch)
- Forrest C. Eggleston
Head of Surgery and CMC Director
- Dr. Rajesh Chakravarti
Professor, Dept. of Radiodiagnosis
- Dr. Lajpat Rai Marwah (1961 Batch)
- Dr. Prerit Thomas Jacob (2003 Batch)
- Dr. Jatinder Chandra Saha
Professor, Dept of Anatomy
- Dr. R C Joshi (1953 Batch)
- Dr. K M Mathai (1953 Batch)
- Dr. Preetum Christopher Gideon (1955 Batch)
- Dr. Gurnam Singh Chadha (1958 Batch)
- Dr. Sukhwinder Singh (Deepa) (1989 Batch)
- Mrs. Joan Constable
- Mrs. Marjorie Hill
- Dr. Hans Klokke
Professor & Chief of Dept of Dermatology
- Dr. Harmohinder Bhatia (1965 Batch)

Eggleston Tribute Video



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Use the url above to view the Eggleston Tribute video shown during the Alumni Reunion. It has also been viewed over 1600 times on FaceBook. The video includes tributes to Dr. Eggleston from Dr. Abraham Thomas (CMC Director), Dr. Pyara Chauhan, Dr. Sewa Legha, Dr. Krishan Chandar, Dr. Parminder Sethi, Dr. PL Ogra, Dr. Ernest Chander, Ms. Reena Mathai Luke, Dr. Joyn K Vettath, Dr. Mohan Verghese, Dr. Navneet Choudhary, Dr. Kim J. Mammen and Dr. Sunil Singh. The video also conveys the intrigal part that Mrs. Barbara Eggleston played not only in Forrest's life but in the Ludhiana community.

**MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND
2018 ALUMNI REUNION AND MEETING
OCTOBER 4-7, HOUSTON, TEXAS**

CMC Celebrates Independence Day August 15, 2017



The 71st Independence Day was celebrated at Christian Medical College & Hospital, Ludhiana with patriotic spirit. The Program started with prayers and thanksgiving service for the country at the College Chapel, followed by Flag hoisting, March past and cultural events. The Chief Guest, Dr. Abraham G Thomas, Director, CMC Ludhiana was welcomed by Dr. Abi M Thomas, Principal Christian Dental College (CDC).



Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest Dr. Abraham G Thomas emphasized the sacrifice given by the freedom fighters which led to the freedom of the nation. He said that by having such dedication, commitment and unity we can help this nation grow, whose strength lies in its diversity. He also talked about the missionaries like Dr. Edith Brown (Founder, CMC Ludhiana), who left the comfort of her country and came to serve in India, and we too must be inspired to go and serve our people and nation.

Dr. William Bhatti, Mrs.(Prof.) Reena Jaiurus, Mrs.(Prof) Ponnama Singh, Dr. Tejinder Singh, Dr. Rajneesh Calton and Dr. Sandeep Saini were the dignitaries present among others on the administrative team, staff and students to mark the occasion. During the occasion Mr. KT Verghese, Consultant Maintenance Officer, was honoured for his service to the institution since 1973.

Patriotic songs, dances and a skit were presented by the students of five colleges of CMC, i.e., Medical, Dental, Nursing, Physiotherapy and IAHS (Institute of Allied Health Sciences). The Vice-Principal, CDC – Dr. George Koshy thanked everyone for the help extended.

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