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Dr. Legha Elected President



Dr. Sewa Legha was elected president of the Ludhiana Christian Medical College Board US during the recent Annual Meeting held in Houston, Texas. He comes with a great deal of experience and commitment for his alma mater. Back in the 80s he helped organize and get the Alumni Association in the US started. He also edited an early alumni newsletter. When the Ludhiana Christian Medical College was near collapse in the later 90s he took a break from his position as an oncologist at MD Anderson in Houston to help out. For several years he served as the Medical Consultant along with Dr. Charles Silas from California, who served as CMC Director. We are pleased that he has become the first member of the CMC alumni to serve as President of the Board.

Quasiquicentennial Celebration Junior World Congress—April 4-8, 2019

On the occasion of the quasiquicentennial (125years) celebration of Christian Medical College, Ludhiana we are organizing "Junior World Congress 2019" in collaboration with Asian Medical Students' Association, India (AMSAIndia). This is a medical conference for medical students at international level which will take place from 4th April to 8th April 2019 in Ludhiana at CMC. The theme of the conference is Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).

Our conference is expected to have 100 international and 300 national delegates (medical students). We will conduct various academic and cultural events like workshops, research paper presentations, Medical Model United Nation (MUN), cultural booth etc. We will also conduct various keynote lectures based on our theme such as heart disease, stroke, chronic kidney disease, cancer and mental health etc to propagate knowledge and inspire the future of tomorrow.

We cordially invite our Alumni to participate in this Congress and deliver keynote lectures. Your support would be a great encouragement to the young medical students from all over the world.

Thanking you
 Yours Sincerely
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Outreach in Papua New Guinea

For many years now the Ludhiana Christian Dental College has provided dental care in Liberia. Graduates have taken turns spending a year serving at the Ganta Methodist Hospital in Liberia. This international mission outreach has now been expanded to another underserved area of the world, Papua New Guinea. Assisted by Mr. Peter Poko, Dr. Camy Thomas (2007 batch) provides dental care to the Enga people in the highlands of Papua New Guinea.



Dr. Camy Thomas (batch 2007) in Papua New Guinea



The thatched hut in the picture is the medical center in the Bush where Dr. Camy provides dental camps to remote tribes. Most of her time is spent serving in the Kompam District Hospital in the Enga Province shown here to the right.

The Ludhiana Christian Dental College also provides mission outreach to many underserved areas in India. Some of those locations are: Khariar, Orissa; Tilda, M.P.; Talang; Mizoram Kerala; Nuapada; Urisa; Jharkhand; Miraj, Maharashtra; Mungeli, Chhatisgarh; Buxar, Bihar; Uttaranchal; Uttaranchal.



Thank You, Class of 1968—Sarai Project



From This



To This

The Class of 1968 decided that the best way to celebrate their 50th year reunion was to give back to their alma mater by giving a gift that will keep on giving. Class members donated \$74,413 to transform an old building on campus to a "Sarai", a place for the families of poor patients to lodge. They raised funds for the renovation and for an endowment fund for staffing, upkeep and maintenance.

Endowment Funds Increase and Grow—From 800,000 in 2012 to 2.2 Million Today

Endowment funds are like the Energizer Bunny. They are gifts that keep on giving. The first one was established in 1999 by Drs. S.A and Helga Nallathambi. In 2013 the Cherry Mathews Endowment Fund was established for a Chair in Neurology. Also in 2013, after Dr. Raj Mathews passed away, her family established the Drs. Daniel and Raj Mathews Investment Fund in her memory. In 2014 the Drs. Harish and Parveen Anand Investment Fund was established and continues to grow. In 2015 the Drs. Guralp S. Bhuller & Neena G. Singh Endowment Fund was established and has continued to receive funds for the Ophthalmology Department. After Rev. Dr. David Simon lost his wife, Mabreen, to cancer, his family opened the Mabreen Simon Endowment Fund for Cancer Research. The Mary Lou Duerksen Memorial Scholarship Fund was also established that same year. This past year the Drs. Jacob & Mary Danial Scholarship Endowment Fund was opened. Drs. Joy and Elizabeth Paul opened an investment fund for the purchase of a lithotripsy machine for the Urology Department. In 2017 Dr. Anand and Asha Panwalker established an endowment fund for student scholarships and board projects. Also in 2017 the Eggleston Trust Endowment Fund was established through alumni donations. And most recently an endowment fund was established through an estate gift from Dr. Bhagwant Gill. In the past six years the investment funds of the CMC US Board have grown from \$773,811 to over \$2.2 million. Endowment funds for the Ludhiana Christian Medical College may be established with a tax deductible donation of \$50,000 or more. The investment funds are kept in the United States with earnings from the funds sent to CMC.

Forrest Eggleston Lectureship Trust



Dr. Sewa Legha (CMC US Board President), Dr. Sarjit Gill (Trust President), Dr. Navneet Chaudhry (Secretary)

Under the leadership of Dr. Sarjit Gill, Trust President, the Forrest Eggleston Lectureship Trust has been established. Dr. Navneet Chaudhry has provided leadership in Ludhiana to recruit local trustees for India. Initially Dr. Gill set a goal of raising \$50,000 for the trust from US alumni. This goal was met and then exceeded. Later the trust has received an additional \$50,000 from the Eggleston Estate. The income from the Trust each year will fund a high quality medical lecture on the campus for students, faculty and the Ludhiana medical community.

The Inaugural Lecture for the Eggleston Trust will be held at the Ludhiana Christian Medical College on March 23, 2019. The oration will be delivered by Dr. C. Palanivelu, Founder of the Association of Minimally Invasive Surgeons of India (AMASI). He is a world-renowned laparoscopic surgeon.

Dr. Eggleston was a beloved professor at CMC for 32 years. He started the Department of Surgery and also served as Director for several years. He and his wife Barbara were Presbyterian missionaries from Pennsylvania. We have a video about Dr. Eggleston's service at CMC which includes testimonies from many of his students. You can find the video on our website at www.folus.org.



Estate Gift: Children's Crisis Fund, \$251,000



We are so very thankful that Dr. Baghwant Gill remembered CMC and the needs of people in India in her estate planning. This Spring the

CMC US Board received \$251,000 from her estate, designated for a Children's Crisis Fund. It is likely that the income from this large donation will be used at CMC each year forever, for children in some kind of crisis. The CMC US Board, working closely with Director William Bhatti, will decide just how to use these funds. The picture shows a visit by Max Marble with Dr. Baghwant Gill in her New York Bronx apartment in 2013. Dr. Gill passed away February 3, 2014. She attended CMC and later served on the faculty.

New CMC US Board Member



Dr. Lee Feierabend was elected to serve on the CMC US Board during the recent Annual Meeting in Houston. Although he trained as a Reconstructive Surgeon (with plans to follow in his father's footsteps) he put his skills to use as an emergency room doctor. He currently is retired in Washington, DC. His father and mother served as medical missionaries in Tilda, M.P. from 1954 to 1963, Ludhiana Christian Medical School from 1967 to 1986, Kabul from 1987 to 1992, and retired in Madison, Wisconsin. Lee attended Woodstock School while his parents were in India and then worked at Herbertpur Christian Hospital for a year in 1968. It is a joy to welcome Lee to the CMC US Board.

In his new role as president of the Alumni Association, Dr. Harvinder Bedi will also serve on the CMC US Board. Dr. Bedi is a practicing neonatologist serving in Houston.

Dr. William Bhatti Attends CMC US Board



It was a joy to have Dr. William Bhatti and his wife Dr. Kavita Bhatti as guests for the annual meeting of the CMC US Board and the first part of the Alumni Meeting. We want to thank Mrs. Sue Sarin for donating the funds for the travel and expenses for the Bhattis.

Marble Retirement



A note from Max: I will be retiring at the end of this year in order to devote myself to the care of my wife Sally, who has colorectal cancer. This will be the last newsletter that I will be writing to share news about CMC and our US Alumni with you.

After serving for 40 years as an active clergy member of the Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church I retired in order to begin serving as the executive director of the Ludhiana Christian Medical College Board US. Sally and I have always served as a team and we have both enjoyed getting to know many of you and getting acquainted with the students, faculty, staff, patients and the campus in Ludhiana.

We have been so very impressed with the commitment of the US alumni, churches and friends. Over the past six years we have seen donations increase by almost 200%. We are encouraged that our US supporters are concerned about the health of the poor in India. CMC is the only hospital in the city that has such a commitment. The commitment of serving the poor is what brought Dr. Edith Brown to India over 100 years ago. The commitment continues. Praise God!

Houston Alumni Meeting/Reunion

The 2018 North American Alumni Association Meeting/Reunion was held in Houston, Texas, at the Marriott Marquis Hotel. After a mostly free day on Friday they all headed by bus to Galveston for a sunset dinner cruise in Galveston Bay. We are thankful for the hard work in organizing the meeting by the planning committee. The planning committee included: Dr. George Simon, Dr. Harvinder Bedi, Dr. Swarnjit Singh and Dr. Sewa Legha. Their efforts produced one of the best attended meetings to date. The meat of the meeting took place Saturday morning with a number of Continuing Medical Educational presentations by highly qualified persons. Presentations were given by:

- Dr. Rajneesh Calton, M.D., D.M. – Recent Trends in Cardiac Care
- Dr. George Abraham, M.D.I, F.A.C.P. – Going Viral with Viral Hepatitis
- Dr. C. M. Mathew, M. D., D. M. – What's New in Nephrology
- Dr. Nalini Calton, M.D. – Milestones in Pathology at CMC
- Dr. Navdeep Samra, M.D. – Red Cell Transfusions: Do we have all the answers?
- Dr. Rakesh Lall, M.D. 00 Knowledge, Attitude, and Barriers Towards Prescription of Opioid Analgesics

During the annual business meeting Dr. Harvinder Bedi was elected president of the Alumni Association. Dr. Gaurav Malhotra, Dr. Swarnjit Singh and Dr. Veena Antony will continue serving as vice-president, treasurer and secretary, respectively.

Of course meeting old friends and making new ones is always the best thing about reunions and this year was no exception. All in all it was an extremely well put together and well run meeting/reunion.

Personal Note from Max Marble: We regret very much that Sally and I were not able to attend the meeting this year. We really missed seeing so many of our CMC alumni friends. I usually take a lot of pictures and always have produced a highlights video of the meeting. Sadly I was not able to do so this year. However, I am delighted that some of you have sent pictures to share. For sharing pictures, thank you to: Dr. Gupta, Dr. Harvinder Singh, Dr. Lila Chery, Dr. Meenakshi Singh, Navdeep Samra and Dr. Navneet Chaudhry.

2019 Alumni Meeting/Reunion in Chicago Aug 29-Sept 1, 2019



The hosts for the 2019 Alumni Meeting/Reunion, Dr. Navtej Purewal and Dr. Pardeep Sethi, are happy to announce the dates and location. The Alumni Meeting/Reunion will be held at the Hyatt Hotel in the heart of downtown Chicago, in August. **The arrival date will be Thursday, August 29, 2019, and the departure date will be Sunday, September 1, 2019.** More information will be forthcoming as plans progress

Shared Photos from Houston

