

POST DIAMOND JUBILEE GMCGA MEETINGS

Nineth Annual Meeting, Orlando

The 9th Annual GMCGA Meeting was held in Orlando during the AAPI Convention. Approximately 35-40 people attended the meeting and most were GMCians, with few invited and a few graduates from OMC and KMC. Minutes of the 2014 annual team meeting were presented by Sudhakar Rao, seconded by K. P Sharma, and were unanimously approved.

Sharma Prabhakar, President of the GMCGA updated the members present of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and of the deliberations of the Dallas Retreat of the executive committee of the GMCGA with the redefined mission, vision and goals of the GMCGA. The Diamond Jubilee Souvenirs were circulated among the members present.

Pratap Reddy, President of the GMCAA updated on the activities at the AEC, 4th floor construction and solar panel of the AEC, planned improvements for the boys and girls hostels, scholarships and gold medal initiatives. He reiterated on establishing collaborations between GMC and GMCGA and GMCAA, in terms of exchange programs, visiting professorships and research programs. He also informed that in a detailed report that BLS, ACLS Programs have been reinstated and running as planned.

Murali gave updates on the treasurer's report and outlined several projects including Roshni projects for hospice care, shelter and meals programs for the patients and their attendants, swatch Bharathi to clean the premises.

Ravinder Surakanti presented Rural Health project and the concept was discussed in great detail.

The annual meeting included an open forum discussion to get input and feedback from the members.

Two invited speakers, Dr. Bharat Barai gave his perspective on fundraising activity in his alumni association, and Dr. Thakore Patel presented on his rural health project and how it could be adopted for the rural health project Ravinder Surakanti is envisioning

Finally, Dr. Suresh Reddy, the newly elected Treasurer of the AAPI and a KMCian, gave brief introduction of himself and his goals and aspirations at the AAPI governance and requested support of the OGKMA and GMCGA, and his desire to get involved in the AAPI governance and sought support from all of us.

- Submitted by Sudhaker D. Rao

Regional Meeting, Dayton

During the annual meeting of GMCGA in Orlando it was decided that we will hold a series of regional meetings in different parts of the country to enhance membership and publicize the activities of our organization. The first meeting was organized in Dayton, OH on August 8, 2015. Sixteen members including the spouses attended the meeting. GMCGA was represented by our President, Prabhakar Sharma and the treasurer Murali Krishna. In addition the past treasurer Koppolu Sharma and the president-elect Ravinder Surakanti were present. The local members who attended included Alok Agrawal, Sangeetha Agrawal, Dr. and Mrs. Ramaswamy, Dr. and Mrs. Sarangapani, Vijay Rao, and BVN Reddy.

Prabhakar conducted the introductions, Murali presented the activities of GMCGA. Alok presented the activities that their family was involved during their recent visit to Hyderabad.

Ravinder presented the Rural Health Project. There was very fruitful discussion of various aspects of our activities.

- Submitted by Murali