



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS OF INDIAN ORIGIN (ARKANSAS)

INDIAN PHYSICIANS DEDICATED TO THE NATURAL STATE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear AAPI family,

It is with great pleasure that I greet you all as president of AAPI! I have had the pleasure of meeting and knowing many of you. For those whom I haven't met, please allow me to introduce myself. I am a General Internist and Associate Professor at UAMS. I consider myself a native Arkansan, although I was born in Alabama to immigrant parents hailing from Hyderabad, India. I went to medical school right here at UAMS and completed my residency at Brown University in Rhode Island. I am married to a wonderful man and have two fantastic children who constantly keep me entertained.

I was drawn to AAPI because of the certain core values: 1) service to our community – local, national and international; 2) importance of relationship-building with one another and our fellow Americans and Arkansans; 3) education of our members and of the community at large.

It is with these core values in mind that I ask your help in furthering our vision. Despite being in our infancy, we, as an organization have made major strides. We have created medical school service-based scholarships. We continue to offer financial assistance to several local and Southeast Asian charitable organizations. More than ever, we are viewed as a strong organizational force and have gained the respect and attention of our local and state politicians.

My vision for this year is to continue on this path of excellence laid out so elegantly by my predecessors. We had laid the foundation to create a sustainable service-based relationship with a charitable hospital in India. We will expand our scholarships to reward leadership in our high school students and continue to donate to charitable organizations across the state and at home in India. I want to see AAPI's membership grow and for us to become an even stronger, more cohesive organization.

I encourage you to call me with any questions or concerns, and I look forward to hearing your ideas!

My very best,

Sara Ghori Tariq, MD
President, AAPI Arkansas

CHARITY & SCHOLARSHIP BENEFICIARIES

Medical Students
High School Students
Arkansas Rice Depot
Salvation Army (Sai Center)
Little Rock Compassion Center
UAMS Cancer Home
Chimmek Samaj, Nepal
Rashrothana Parishat, India

MEDICAL TALKS at TAJ

March 26th, Tuesday
Saad Usmani, MD
Multiple Myeloma

May 21st, Tuesday
Hany A. Elbeshbeshy, M.D
Hepatitis C Screening

TAX ISSUES AND FILING

AAPI Arkansas recommends
Mrs. Rohini S Shah, CPA
109 Brighton Ct,
North Little Rock, AR 72116
501-307-6446

SPRING MEETING

Saturday, April 13th

Venue: Temple B'Nai Israel
3700 N Rodney Parham Rd
Little Rock

Registration Starts: 3:30 PM

Chief Guest:
Congressman Tom Cotton
Member,
US House of Representatives

Dinner:
Flavors of Memphis
South and North Indian Fusion

Entertainment:
DJ Rehan and Dhol Player

Scholarship Awards and
Charitable Distributions

Over the past year several AAPI members and well wishers have contributed generously to AAPI's charitable causes, due to their kindness we have been able to undertake several projects that reflect our mission. We thank them for their contribution to these efforts.

Rajesh Chokhani (VP, Welspun USA)
Thomas Rao (Chairman, ILS USA)
Neelima and Aravind Rao
Kanchan and Govinda Lohani
Jaya and Balan Nair
Neelima and BK Singh
Jisha and Ladly Abraham
Smitha and James Thomas
Marah and Senthil Raghavan
Supriya and Kedar Jambhekar
Roopa and Rohan Samant
Sushma and Puru Thapa
Sara and Shariq Tariq
Malini and Bijay Nair
Roopa and Srini Ramaswamy
Tulika and Tarun Pandey
Sowmya and Naveen Patil
Usha and Dinesh Mittal
Anita and Manish Joshi
Shimsha and Naveen Kumar

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