



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS OF INDIAN ORIGIN (ARKANSAS)

INDIAN PHYSICIANS DEDICATED TO THE NATURAL STATE

An Appeal To Members/Friends

Dear Friends:

We are excited about our upcoming Fall Meeting/5th anniversary celebration on October 5th 2013 at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Little Rock. As part of this commemoration, we are planning to release a member resource directory that would contain information of all Indian American physicians in Arkansas.

All information collected for the directory will be exclusively used for this purpose and for updating our database. The information will not be disclosed to commercial entities for circulation or promotion of

their products. **We respect your privacy and the trust imposed on us by sharing this information.**

Please respond to the email sent to you earlier requesting this information so that we can have the directory published on schedule. Have a great and safe summer season.

Sincerely,
Appathurai Balamurugan, M.D.
Secretary, AAPI Arkansas

THE PARUMALA PROJECT

Please refer to page 2 to view Dr. Simon Abrahams' letter to AAPI members.

MEDICAL TALKS at TAJ at 6:30 PM

1520 Market St. Little Rock, AR 72211
(501) 520-4900

June 25th, Tuesday
Gerry San Pedro, MD
Importance of Earlier Diagnosis & Management of Patients with COPD

July 24th, Wednesday
Harjyot Soyal, M.D.
Assistant Professor, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine
University of Columbia, Missouri
Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension

Aug 21st, Tuesday
Dwight Chrisman, M.D.
Non Valvular Atrial Fibrillation

FALL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

We are organizing a cultural program for the upcoming AAPI Arkansas Fall meeting scheduled on October 5, 2013.

We are asking parents, students or others who are interested to participate in this program

Due to the time limitations not all entries would be accepted and performances are expected to be of professional level. In order to be fair and to have maximum participation, no solo entries would be accepted. We have divided the whole program into three basic categories: children, student, and adult programs.

Please call or email me by July 25 to let us know about your program, number of participants and duration of your program. A stage of the size 16 feet by 20 or 24 feet and 2 feet tall will be available.

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TO: Members of AAPI AR

FROM: Simon Abraham, M.D.

June 11, 2013

Dear Friends,

Most of the members of our organization have known that we have been working on a venture known as The Parumala Project. The central idea was for AAPI to form a partnership with a rural hospital in India. Twenty-two months have gone into this effort and all of us need to be aware of what we have achieved.

You will be happy to know the deal is done:

We have a letter from the administration and staff of Parumala Hospital to say they would be delighted to collaborate with us.

I visited the hospital once in August 2011 and twice in December 2012. Dr. Ladly Abraham visited the hospital in December 2012. He toured the facility, met with all the doctors and heads of all departments and then he wrote a resounding letter of affirmation.

The executive committee of AAPI met and unanimously passed a resolution to form a partnership with Parumala Hospital. A letter of intent to form a partnership with Parumala Hospital was sent February 2013. At the last meeting of AAPI at Little Rock, Dr Ladly met with the past and present presidents of AAPI. Dr. Ladly and Dr. Sara Tariq discussed our plans with the AAPI membership. One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) is available to fund the project. What remains to be done is the formation of a foundation to manage the funds on a long term and self-sustaining basis.

I am much more ambitious for our group than what we have done so far. There is nothing we cannot achieve if we stand together as one. This project will succeed - Parumala is an excellent hospital. No one will welcome us with the same warmth and enthusiasm, as the staff of Parumala Hospital will. Moreover, those of us who want to be a part of this venture are doing so for reasons beside ourselves. This is an altruistic venture. We are just giving back a little for the abundant blessings we have already received. Those who visit Kerala will want to go back again because Kerala is a beautiful state. In time others will emulate us, and the flickering candle we now light, if fostered with care, will illuminate the lives of a whole country. That is the dream.

I am well aware that we are a small, insignificant puny group living in a state that is not high on the totem pole of wealth or influence. Don't be discouraged. It is okay. On the wall behind me there is a picture of a man, he is puny, definitely does not look like a hero, a prince or a general. Looks like a man of meager means, just like us. His initials are below the wooden picture frame 'M. K. G.'. He brought an empire to its knees and liberated not just a subcontinent but others as well.

Sincerely,

Simon Abraham, M.D.
Mountain Home, AR