



OSMANIAN

The Newsletter of the Osmania Gandhi Kakatiya Medical Alumni Association of America
A member organization of AAPI

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OSMANIA - GANDHI - KAKATIYA

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Greetings to all of you from Edison, New Jersey

On behalf of the executive committee of OGKMA (formerly OUMA) I wish you all a very Happy New year. The name change took place this year to identify all the 3 medical colleges clearly. For this year, executive committee identified 3 areas of improvements

1. Web site / Electronic database projects.
2. The Electronic Library project.
3. Membership

I am grateful to Uday Chintalapudi (President Elect) who has spent several hours updating the database and improving our new website OGKMA.ORG. Please visit the website frequently and give your input and suggestions. We want to make this an interactive website which will be able to connect all 3 medical colleges, hospitals and other organizations such as AAPI/AMA.

Dr. Govind Rao, chairman of the Osmania Medical Alumni Charitable Foundation (tax exempt 501-c) has been very actively involved in maintenance of the electronic libraries for the 3 medical colleges. I sincerely thank him for his work and ability to decrease the expenses. We all should help him in this endeavor. He has contributed several projects on his own including rebuilding of Neonatal unit in Niloufer hospital, Hyderabad. We should work collectively to strengthen the libraries by sending the journals to Medical colleges to maintain the accreditation of IMC. I remind you all that it is a very simple mechanism to mail the journals via US postal service. USPS provides free M-bags (resembling a sac) which can be used for sending books. It is convenient to send them every 3-4 months. If you can send the journals to our colleges it will cost you approximately \$15 each time.

Please contact:

Surender Rao, OMC: sankuraok@sbcglobal.net; Sudhaker Rao, GMC: dan-rao47@yahoo.com; Sridhar Rao, KMC: srpalluru@aol.com

Identify the journals you want to mail on a regular basis to prevent duplicates.

We have not been successful in increasing the membership this year. We need your help in spreading the word about our organization and encourage everyone to become a life member.

In addition to the above, under the umbrella of OGKMA, members of all 3 medical colleges have been working independently on individual projects.

1) OMC project: Dr Jagan Ailinani and Dr Anand Kishore are raising funds to renovate the library.

2) GMC project: Dr RD Kumar and Dr Sudhaker Rao are working to expand the scope of alumni education center where CME meetings and BLS/ACLS programs will be conducted.

3) KMC project: Dr Sridhar Rao and Dr Gopal Gade are working to organize Golden Jubilee Celebrations in 2008. Ground-breaking ceremony for the alumni education center took place on January 6th, 2007.

They all need our help, let us support the medical colleges and hospitals which gave us the education and earning power; sharing a small amount of money will go a long way to strengthen our colleges and hospitals. Donating money for specific items such as beds, ophthalmoscopes, and ECG machines will help patient care. Please donate unused equipment (as simple as scissors) in working condition to hospitals. Let us all work together.

**GETTING TOGETHER IS THE BEGINNING
WORKING TOGETHER IS AN ACHIEVEMENT
STAYING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS.....**

Henry Ford

Santhosh Kumar Cheela, MD
President, OGKMA

2005 Distinguished Alumni Honored in Houston



Vijay V. Yeldandi, MD

Dr. Vijay Yeldandi is a graduate of GMC (1980). He completed his Internal Medicine residency from Grant Hospital, Chicago and Fellowship in Infections Diseases from Loyola University in 1988. He had been Asst. Professor of Medicine at Rush Medical College followed by Loyola University, Chicago from 1989 to 2006. Since July '06 he has been Associate Professor of Medicine at Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University, Chicago. He received several awards including Intern of the Year, outstanding resident, Gold, Silver and Bronze Apple Awards from Loyola Univ. He has several publications in infectious diseases. He delivered several lectures/presentations under various banners including, Am. College of Chest Physicians, Loyola Univ., AAPI etc. He had been Principal Investigator and Co-investigator for several Investigation/Research projects. He is involved in several community activities such as increasing the public awareness of HIV/AIDS through SHARE, which is a non-profit organization promoting health care research in India.

**We apologize
for the wrong
picture in our
printed
newsletter**

Krishna Tripuraneni, MD

Dr. Krishna Tripuraneni was born in Vijayawada, AP. He completed medical school in 1980 from Osmania Medical College. He came to United States in 1982. He completed Internal Medicine residency from Hahnemann University, PA in 1989. He completed GI fellowship from University of Pittsburgh in 1991. After practicing in Moline, IL for five years, he moved to Florida in 1997. He donated about \$ 1,500,000 to the Boys & Girls Club of Palm Beach County, Florida to build a new facility in the honor of Krishna and Nirmala Tripuraneni. Boys & Girls Club offers several programs that promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence. Children can learn and grow-all while having fun. He is dedicated to promoting the welfare of children in their growing years.

2006 Distinguished Alumnus Honored in Las Vegas



Hanimireddy Lakireddy, MD

Dr. Lakireddy was Born in Velvadam, AP in a farming family. He lost his mother at age 6 and was raised by his grandmother. In spite of being born in a relatively uneducated family, he worked hard and joined medical school. After graduating from KMC in 1966, he practiced in Mylawaram until 1978.before migrating to US. He completed Internal Medicine from Bronx, New York in 1982 and Cardiology Fellowship in 1985 from St. Vincent's, Connecticut. Then he moved to Merced, CA where he was the first practicing cardiologist. He donated \$1 million to Univ. of California, Merced towards Dr. Lakireddy

Auditorium. He donated \$100,000 to Merced Comm. College towards their Health Sciences Program. He sponsors a scholarship at the Merced High School. He was awarded "Philanthropist of the year" by the Merced Community. He spent more than Rs. 6 crores rebuilding govt. schools in Velvadam and Mylawaram towns. He sponsors an annual prize distribution and talent show at these schools. He built a sports complex in Mylawaram. He donated Rs. 1 crore each to KMC and Kakatiya University. He runs a pension program in Velvadam, where he promised that "as long as I live, not a single person will go hungry". The goal of his philanthropy is to promote and preach the virtue of education.

Selection Criteria for Distinguished Physician Awards: Please visit the alumni website: "www.ogkma.org"

OMACF 2006 Report

(Osmania Medical Alumni Charitable Trust)

1. OMC, GMC, KMC Electronic Libraries: These are being utilized to the maximum extent. The expenses to run are about \$9,000 per year. Contributions are needed to run them without interruption.
2. GMC Alumni Education Center Project. Please visit www.gmcglobal.org for detailed information.
3. KMC Golden Jubilee Project This project has taken a good momentum and received so far about \$220,000 in contributions. The big contributors are a) Dr. Hanimireddy Lakkireddy (\$100,000) and Dr. Garipally Laxmipathy (\$30,000)
4. OMC Library Project: Headed by Dr. Jagan Ailinani and Dr. Anand Kishore has been working hard and so far collected about \$57,000. The goal of the project is \$250,000.
5. Osmania General Hospital Project: Dr. Govind Rao and Jyothi C. Rao renovated MM3 and MM4 wards spending about \$50,000 under the umbrella of Neena Rao Charitable Corporation. Postop ward was renovated by Drs. Swatantra & Srinivas Mitta spending \$25,000.
6. Niloufer Hospital Project: Dr. Govind C. Rao and Jyothi C. Rao spent more than \$250,000 under the umbrella of Neena Rao Charitable Corp. for construction and renovation of Pediatric ICU, OT Complex, Conference Hall and Library. Library is being maintained by Sweekar Foundation.

Please support OMACF for charitable projects. Donations are Tax Deductible

Dr. Govind Rao, Chairman, OMACF

The New Site Where Everything is Happening

www.ogkma.org



Website Report

One of the major achievements of this year has been the development of the new and improved website which is very user friendly. After the name change of our organization from “ouma” to “OGKMA” the name of the website has been changed to “WWW.OGKMA.ORG” from ouma.org. The home page is very appealing with links to all the major websites of interest to our alumni, including all three hospitals, medical colleges and their alumni associations. There is also a link to the NTR University of Health Sciences. In addition we added links to all the major professional organizations such as AAPI and AMA. All the information about the organization including articles of incorporation, bylaws and history are included making them easily accessible to anybody in India, USA or anywhere in the world for immediate reference. One of the main goals of the website was to have an online directory of all the Osmania, Gandhi and Kakatiya alumni. The first phase of the directory is now available on the website. In the second phase, the directory is going to be more interactive, where the members can log into the directory to obtain more detailed information about the other members or to update their own profile. The fu-

ture projects of the website are to generate electronic newsletters and communicate electronically with all the alumni members on a regular basis without much financial burden on the organization. The website is also an important resource for looking into the past, present and future activities and events of the organization. The present and future events can be viewed in the left lower corner of the home page and the past events can be viewed under “events gallery” where the photos and details of the events are posted. There is space for advertisement in the right lower corner of the home page, the money generated from which can be used for the maintenance of the website. I sincerely thank all the executive committee and all the alumni members for their full support which made this project a great success. I would like to extend special thanks to Dr. Ravinder Surakanti and Dr. Jagan Ailinani who worked very hard in providing us with a very comprehensive directory in 2003, the information from which is used as the foundation for the website.

**IF YOU CAN DREAM IT
YOU CAN DO IT**

Walt Disney

Uday Chintalapudi, MD
President-elect, OGKMA

Treasurer/Secretary Report

Balances as of 01/31/07:

Certificate of Deposit	\$ 104,036.45
Checking Account	\$ 27,066.80
Total Assets	\$ 131,703.25

Hyma Kandula, MD
Secretary, OGKMA

Anand Kishore, MD
Treasurer, OGKMA

Mark Your Calendars

- 1) 2006-2007 OGKMA Annual Meeting - Friday May 11th, 2007 at Philadelphia, during the AAPI convention. Please visit “www.ogkma.org” for details.
- 2) 2007-2008 OGKMA Annual Meeting- October 6th, 2007 at Atlanta, GA. Details will be posted on the website “www.ogkma.org”.

OGKMA Call for Nominations

Distinguished Alumni Nominations are invited for the following categories for the year 2007-2008. Deadline for submission is March 30th, 2007 (Postmarked):

Categories: Academic/Research Work
Philanthropic Services

-You may send your nominations to Jagan Ailinani (Chair) at ajagan@mchsi.com, Vijay Yeldandi at miidridirector@hotmail.com, Sridhar Rao at spulluru@aol.com. Please include a copy of the CV.

Executive Committee Member Nominations are invited for the following positions for the year 2007-2008. Deadline for submission is March 30th, 2007 (Postmarked):

President Elect
Secretary
Treasurer
College Representatives for Osmania, Gandhi and Kakatiya
1 Board of Trustee

- The immediate past president will automatically be a member of the Board of Trustee.

- Elections will be held during the OGKMA **General Body Meeting** in Philadelphia on **Friday May 11, 2007**

- You may send your nominations to Gopal Gade(Chair) at: gopalrg@pacbell.net, Santhosh Cheela at cheelamd@yahoo.com, Rojan Samudrala at samudrala@aol.com.

OGKMA Event Gallery (Also visit WWW. OGKMA.ORG)



OGKMA Annual Meeting, Las Vegas– CME session
April 15, 2006



Las Vegas Annual Meet - CME session
April 15, 2006



Las Vegas Annual Meet - Reception
April 14, 2006

OSMANIA ACTIVITIES



MM4 - Before Renovation
June 27, 2005



MM4 – After Renovation
December 11, 2005



Postop Ward - After Renovation



Niloufer-Pediatric ICU construction

GANDHI ACTIVITIES



Gandhi Alumni Educn. Ctr
Construction



AEC Inauguration by Hon. Min. Rosiah
January 5, 2006



Honoring of Teachers, Hotel Viceroy, Hyd'bad
January 5, 2006



1981 batch donated Rs.1 lakh worth books in
memory of their deceased classmates Jan 3, 06



GMC Global First Annual Meeting held
at Chicago, IL - December 2, 2006



GMC Global First Annual Meet
Evening Dinner & Dance-Dec 2, 2006

KAKATIYA ACTIVITIES



Ground Breaking Ceremony of Kakatiya Golden Jubilee Blocks, Alumni Education Center and Girls Hostel January 6, 2007



Osmanian Membership Application / Database Corrections Form OGKMA 2006-07



Osmania Gandhi Kakatiya Medical Alumni Association of America

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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI _____

Spouse Name: _____ MD? Yes / No. _____ If yes, complete a separate application form.

Home Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Home Fax: _____

Office Phone: _____ Office Fax: _____

E Mail (Required): _____

Medical College: ___ OSMANIA ___ GANDHI ___ KAKATIYA ___ Yr. Graduated(Final MBBS)

Specialty: _____

Private Practice: YES / NO Academic YES / NO If Yes, enclose CV _____

Univesity Affiliation _____

Resident / Fellow (Circle One) at _____

Comments _____

Dues

Life Membership --- Individual ... \$ 500

Life Membership --- Joint ... \$ 750

Member-in-training --- Annual ... \$ 10

Please Check

Already a Life Member & Correct my address info. as above _____

Joining as New Life Member _____ Individual / _____ Joint

Joining as new Annual member-in-training _____ Resident / _____ Fellow

Check # _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Make check payable to 'OUMA' and mail it to:

Anand Kishore, MD

Treasurer, OGKMA (Previously OUMA)

2900 Lamb Circle #320

Christiansberg, VA 24073

Ph: (540) 633-1162 Email: Anandk5@aol.com

Note: All alumni of Osmania, Gandhi & Kakatiya (previously OU now NTRHSU) are eligible to apply for Membership.

ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE PROCESSED