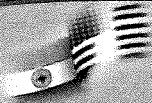




Osmania Gandhi Kakatiya Medical  
Alumni Association of America  
A Member Organization of AAPI



*Dear Alumni:*

It is just over six months since I took over as President of our Alumni Association. The office bearers and executive committee members conduct business by monthly teleconferences and e-mail. We do have a very good website, OGGMA.ORG, which you should visit to keep abreast of the activities of the organization and activities of the three colleges. I will take you through the important activities of them over the last three years.

We had an enjoyable 2008 Alumni meeting and cruise to the Bahamas from October 9-13, it was well attended with 4 hours of CME credits. The cruise and meeting were organized by Dr. Uday Chintalapudi and Dr. P. B. Rao.

#### **Gandhi Medical College:**

The construction of the Gandhi Medical College Alumni Center was completed in 2007. They have excellent video conferencing facilities. The center is being put to good use.

#### **Kakatiya Medical College:**

The Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Kakatiya Medical College were held in January of this year. The alumni, under the leadership of Dr. Sridhar Rao and Dr. Gopal Reddy Gade, has collected over \$750,000 and opened the auditorium, which is the first phase of the Educational Center. They plan to collect an additional \$400,000 to complete the project. Please donate generously to this cause. I attended the Golden Jubilee Celebrations along with many alumni from here. The CME activities and entertainment programs were excellent.

#### **Osmania Medical College:**

The Electronic Library Project: Dr. Jagan Ailinani and a library committee was formed in 2007 to expand the electronic library and renovate the existing library facilities, as the students and the faculty expressed an urgent need to do so. The library committee to date have collected just over \$200,000. The electronic library with 32 computer stations is completed and functioning. Almost everyone at the medical college expressed their heartfelt thanks for completing this project in such a short time.

The local alumni in Hyderabad have also committed themselves to collecting funds for completion of additional work on the renovation of the reading room and old library. This project and library maintenance, needs an additional \$100,000, which the committee hopes to collect this year through the generosity of the alumni.

The electronic libraries at Gandhi and Kakatiya though small, are functioning well. The cost of maintaining these libraries is accomplished through the charitable foundation by the funds collected from the respective alumni.

#### **CME Activities:**

Are being conducted at all the institutions by our visiting physicians. The college principals and faculty are encouraging and cooperating fully in organizing these activities. You can contact the college directly or go through our Alumni Association so that we can put you in touch with the people arranging the seminars and lectures.

#### **Charitable Foundation:**

Dr. Govind Rao, chairman of the foundation, has done a wonderful job. Every donated dollar is accounted for. Separate accounts are maintained for all the college funds.

There are more than 5,000 OGGMA alumni in America but our membership is just over 500. I would urge you to become a patron member (\$350) and show your support for this organization. It would be of great help if you could persuade and recruit your classmates to become members.

Numbers matter in any organization if it is to be a forceful voice in formulating health care policy by government and dealing with other organizations. Asian Indian physicians are a very successful and well-settled group in this country. I request your help in a small way by joining the association to help us carry out the charitable and CME activities here and in India, at the same time helping to improve the facilities of our respective medical colleges. I hope you will make an extra effort to attend the OGGMA annual meeting in Washington D.C. in September and the AAPI annual convention in June in Orlando, Florida.

If you have any questions or suggestions, you can contact me and the office bearers by e-mail or phone.

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