



INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

July, 2009

Message from the President: Dr. Nasir Khan

I recently had the opportunity to attend two successful events over the past month, the AAPI Annual Convention and IMANE's Evening Out. Here are some highlights (on this page and the next) from these activities. I would also like to remind everyone about the upcoming IMANE Summer Picnic.

□ AAPI Annual Convention

The 27th Annual Convention of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin was held at the Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel in Orlando, Fl. June 10 - 14, 2009. I attended, along with Dr. Sahdev Passey, Dr. Geeta & Raj Trivedi, Dr. Chander & Onaly Kapasi & Dr. Seema Arora. Dr. Passey was the Speaker at one of the Governing Body Sessions.



In my opinion, the high point for us was the awarding of the **Most Distinguished AAPI Service Award for 2008 to Dr. Chander Kapasi**. I, and others, wrote letters of support for her, and the award was very well deserved.

It was also a pleasure for me to reconnect with the AAPI leadership, who expressed fond memories of our Joint IMANE/AAPI Governing Body Meeting in April 2009.



The new leadership of AAPI as of June 2009 is:

- President – Dr. Vinod Shah, Maryland
- President Elect – Dr. Ajeet Singhvi, California
- Vice-President – Dr. Sunita Kanumury, New Jersey
- Secretary – Dr. Narendra Kumar, Michigan
- Past President – Dr. Sanku Rao, Oklahoma
- Chair, Board of Trustees – Sanat Gandhi, Wisconsin

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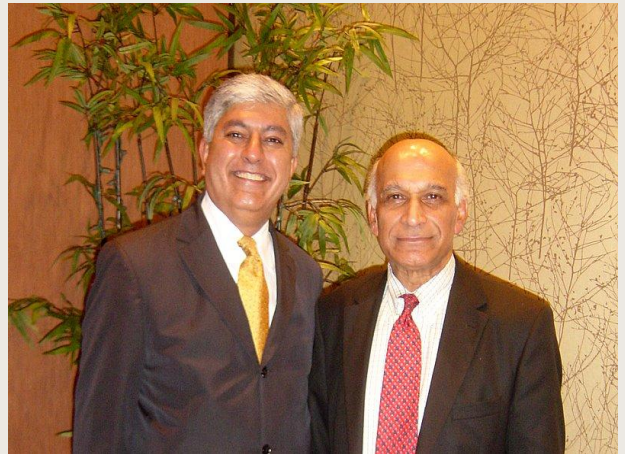
Don't Forget the IMANE Summer Picnic at Steep Hill Beach, Sat. July 11, 2009!

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□ IMANE EVENING OUT

Our recent **Evening Out** was held at the highly acclaimed Blue Ginger Restaurant in Wellesley on June 25, 2009. It was very well attended and the speaker was **Dr. Prakash Masand**, Consulting Professor of Psychiatry & Behavioral Health Sciences at Duke University Medical Center. He gave a very stimulating talk on "Clinical Challenges in the Treatment of Bipolar Manic and Mixed Episodes." It was clear why Dr. Masand, a very well-regarded, well published and a distinguished researcher, was twice voted Teacher of the Year in the Dept. of Psychiatry at SUNY, Syracuse. We are grateful for Pfizer's sponsorship for the event.



□ IMANE SUMMER PICNIC

This year, we will be having our first **Summer Picnic on Sat., July 11, 2009, at the Steep Hill Beach at Castle Hill, Ipswich.**

This beautiful site is owned by the Trustees of Reservations, a nonprofit organization whose main mission is to preserve open space for conservation and recreation.

We will have an outdoor barbecue lunch, vegetarian and non-vegetarian, with a tent available for inclement weather. All IMANE members, their families, especially children, and their guests are welcome. The flyer with details has been sent by email and regular mail. We would like advance registration by fax. Call Lynda Layer at 781-434-7317 with questions. There will be no talks and no sponsorships, just R & R!



□ APPNA FUNDRAISER

The **Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America, the Massachusetts Chapter**, and Dr. Fauzia Wali Khan, Chapter President, called me to seek IMANE support for a fundraiser for refugees from the SWAT Valley in Pakistan, who have been displaced by the Taliban. APPNA plans to sponsor a musical event on Sat. July 18, 2009. IMANE and APPNA had a joint fundraiser in support of refugees following the Kashmir Earthquake. I do not have any further details yet.

□ RECENT PUBLICITY

The AAPI Journal of June 2009 had an article and photos by me on the Joint IMANE/AAPI Governing Body Meeting in April 2009 in Boston at the Renaissance Hotel. The June 2009 issue of *India New England* also had a Letter to the Editor by me on the same event.

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Profile: Dr. Sameer Kapasi, Co-Representative, IMANE YPS

Dr. Sameer Kapasi is Co-Representative with his wife Dr. Sajani Shah of the IMANE Young Physicians Society.

Dr. Kapasi graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a BA in Philosophy/Pre-Med with a focus in biomedical ethics. He subsequently obtained an MA in Medical Science from Boston University School of Medicine and graduated with an MD from St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada, West Indies.

Following an internship at Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, NY, he is now a Resident in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Tufts Medical Center.

Dr. Kapasi has several publications and has lectured locally. He lives in Boston with his wife and recently became a father.

Profile: Dr. Sajani Shah, Co-Representative, IMANE YPS

Dr. Sajani Shah received her BA in Psychology and BS in Biology from Albany University, NY, and graduated with an MD from St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada, West Indies. She interned in General Surgery at Downstate University, SUNY Health Science Center, Brooklyn, NY, where she also completed her General Surgical Residency. She followed with a Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Surgery at Tufts Medical Center.



Dr. Shah is currently in the Minimally Invasive Surgery & Trauma Department of Tufts Medical Center, where she is an Assistant Professor of Surgery. She is also the Surgery Clinical Clerkship Director of Medical Students.

Dr. Shah has received several honors and awards and has made several presentations and has published her research experience in Bariatric Surgery. She is also Co-Representative of IMANGE YPS with her husband, Dr. Sameer Kapasi. She and her husband live in Boston and she recently became a mother.