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# Vellore News

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## SA FOV Annual General Meeting, 2012

**3pm, Sun, 28th October 2012**  
Rosefield Uniting Church  
2 Carlton St, Highgate

**Speaker:** Drs Ravi & Grace Korula

Drs Ravi & Grace Korula have retired from Vellore recently. Dr Ravi Korula was Principal of the Medical College, Professor & Head of Orthopaedics. Dr Grace Korula was Professor & Head of Anaesthesia. They are in Australia on holiday and have graciously agreed to speak at our AGM.

**Afternoon tea provided. ALL WELCOME!**

SA FOV Annual  
General Meeting

Dinner Report

CMCH's  
New Director

## SA Friends of Vellore Annual Dinner 2012

The Friends of Vellore dinner 2012 was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2012 at the Fogolar Furlan Hall, Felixstow. The dinner was attended by close to 400 guests who graciously donated their time to the cause. The evening started with a welcome address by Dr Anil Roy, President of SA Friends of Vellore followed by the College anthem rendered by faculty and alumni of CMC. Mr Peter Kirk was honoured for his exemplary contribution to the committee and on the occasion of being conferred the order of Australia.

The guests were entertained by three semi-classical and Bollywood dances performed by Inspiration Dance Group, students from

### Upcoming Events At A Glance

**3pm, Sun, 28rd Oct, 2012**

SA FOV Annual General Meeting  
Rosefield Uniting Church,  
Highgate

**Sat, 24th August, 2013**

SA FOV Annual Dinner

the Adelaide Indian Cultural Society and Vemel Reshman with Virginia Silvestri. We were served a three course dinner comprising of delicious Indian cuisine courtesy The British India Restaurant.

The highlight of the evening was an inspiring talk by Dr Annapoorna Nori, a public health physician based in Adelaide whose work largely involves promoting aboriginal health. She was awarded the 'Telstra Business Woman of the Year' award in 2009 in the White Pages "Community and Government" category for her work in this field. She spoke on how her training in CMC had a great influence on her work in Australia.

The raffle draw and the auction conducted by Dr Daryl Teague in his usual entertaining fashion together with the spirited bids and generous donations by the guests marked the culmination of an entertaining and inspiring evening. The Friends of Vellore Committee takes this opportunity to thank all the sponsors who contributed generously to this dinner.

*Dr Renjy Nelson, Vice-President, SA Friends of Vellore*

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**Judy Schroder 7-2-1929 ~ 5-9-2012**

Sadly, long-standing member of the SA Friends of Vellore, Judy Schroder, passed away early September.

Judy had actively supported CMC Vellore for over 50 years including, and importantly, the very early days of SA FOV. Other charities she supported included: Victoria League for Commonwealth friendship, Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, YWCA and 5MBS community radio. She was committed to academia and teaching and gave 40 years of service to the University of Adelaide, School of Medicine, lecturing in Histology and Anatomy.



Judy will be sorely missed by the SA FOV committee members and we thank God for her life and service.

*Rest in Peace*

My dear Friends,

Let me begin by addressing you, the members of the CMC community as 'Friends'. It took me sometime debating how to address such a large community so diverse in age, profession, and intellectual interests. Friendship I realise is the fabric that binds us all in the journey we are in together. So Friends, good morning and good day to all of you.

The Christian Medical College, Vellore, to which we belong, is a hundred and twelve yearsold. It is said that the life span of any organization with its original vision is around forty years. The fact that CMC has outlived this statistic by a factor of three and continues to preserve its vision and mission with the same fervour, tells us that there is someone greater than all of us who is in-charge of this institution. It is God our Father. I believe that God lives in our midst, building us, nurturing us, even suffering with us and taking us forward. Praise God for His interest and involvement in this institution. To Him be all the Honour and Glory.



Existence through the last century has been no mean feat. It means that CMC has lived through two World Wars, successfully transitioned from foreign to indigenous governance both at federal and institutional levels, and the pangs of partition. CMC has been a part of the history and evolution of medicine at least in this part of the world. It grew from a one bed clinic to a 2600 bedded healthcare cosmos weathering all uncertainties and challenges along the way. Myriads of men and women have been empowered by knowledge and skill. Millions have received healing. CMC Vellore has commissioned thousands of medical, nursing and paramedical graduates into the wider world with a mission for service and excellence, all 'seeking to be witnesses in the healing ministry in the spirit of Christ' and, the journey continues.

It is to run a small part of this relay that I have been commissioned. I am receiving the baton from Dr. Suranjan Bhattacharji who has ably led CMC Vellore for the last five years and leaves a blazing trail of leadership. He has worked hard to leave a plentiful harvest in the vineyard. I stand in awe of his commitment and love for the institution. In accepting the stewardship of this institution, I have promised to continue running the race for you and along with you. I feel I have been handed a crystal crucible - the rich legacy of CMC, which I, nay we, need to hold cautiously and hand it over to successive generations.

It is towards this goal that I wish to seek your solidarity and support - from everyone - doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, engineers, managers, secretarial and office staff, students, housekeepers, attendants. We are travellers together. In our sojourn, there will be ups and downs, joys and sorrows, victory and defeat, dejection and jubilation, **but we will be in it together**. And Like He did for His children in Israel, I have no doubt that God will split the Red Sea when needed, hit the rock of Horeb when our rivers run dry, and make us stand on the mount of Zion when our race is run.

I want to thank God for many things. For the privilege of being part of CMC. For the opportunity to lead. I want to thank God for all of us. We are God's people. We are chosen. Not because we were born the best, but because His

strength can be made perfect even through our weaknesses. I want to thank God for the large number of people worldwide who have been in prayer for our institution. I want to thank God for the inheritance our leaders have left behind. To cherish and to nourish. For the Glory of God and for the extension of His Kingdom.

Pray for me, my dear friends, that I will remain faithful to this Calling. Pray for us as a team that in our collective thinking, planning and doing, we will bring honour to our institution and glory to God. God bless CMC. God bless you all.

Sunil T. Chandy

from CMC Newslines, Sept 24, 2012

<b>FRIENDS OF VELLORE – SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH</b>		
<b>STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS</b>		
<b>FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012</b>		
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Opening Balance 1 July	745	661
<b>Add Receipts</b>		
Support Fund		
• General	23495	33575
• Health Education Project	-	600
• Oncology Project	100	-
• Helping Hands Project	2449	1530
• Person to Person Project	1040	1337
• Gift in memory of Kelvin Carr	-	1000
General Fund Donations	-	-
Annual Dinner net proceeds	12681	10321
	<u>39765</u>	<u>48363</u>
	<u>40510</u>	<u>49024</u>
<b>Less Payments</b>		
Transfers to Brisbane		
-Support Fund		
• General	23495	33575
• Oncology	100	-
• Helping Hands Project	2449	1530
• Health Education	-	600
• Person to Person Project	1040	1337
• Gifts in memory of Kelvin Carr	-	1000
-General Fund		
• Ida Scudder Centenary Endowment Fund	7036	6300
• Person to Person Project	5645	3707
Newsletter Costs	332	231
	<u>40097</u>	<u>48280</u>
	413	744
Bank Interest	2	1
Closing Balance 30 June	<u>\$415</u>	<u>\$745</u>

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