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SA Friends of Vellore Annual General Meeting

4:30pm, Sun 6th November, 2016

Rosefield Uniting Church
2 Carlton St, Highgate

Speaker: Dr Joy Joshi

Dr Joy Joshi joined the Christian Medical College in 1971 and was the Head of Dental and Oral Maxillofacial Dept. He was instrumental in setting up and was the Founder Principal and Dean of the Christian Dental College (the first Christian Dental college in India).

He will be talking about the God's amazing plan of taking a 17 year old boy to be trained in Dentistry and then go on to setup the first Christian Dental College in India. This college has been instrumental in getting dental surgeons to work in various rural and urban Mission Hospitals across India. He will talk about his experiences to set up a Christian Dental College, the challenges, triumphs, lessons learnt and the manifold blessings.

**This promises to be an inspirational talk by Dr Joshi - don't miss it!
Supper will follow at the conclusion of the meeting. You are all welcome!**

Highlights of the SA Friends of Vellore Annual Dinner 2016

Dr. Renjy Nelson, President of SA Friends of Vellore

The annual South Australian Friends of Vellore dinner was held at the Fogolar Furlan Hall in Felixstow on the 27th of August 2016. Over 450 guests attended the dinner. As the guests arrived, they were treated to Hindustani melodies through the strings and beats of the harmonium, sitar and tabla, rendered by Mayuresh Kulkarni and his troupe. The evening started with a moment of silence to remember the victims and families affected by the devastating earthquake in Italy. Dr Alfred Cyril Roy and his wonderful family opened with Grace. This was followed by a sumptuous three-course dinner courtesy of Charminar group of restaurants. Guests were treated to three Indian dances, a classical Indian dance by the lithe and graceful Dr Geetha Sadagopan, and colourful and vibrant Bollywood and Bhangra folk dances by Fusion Beats and Rooh Punjab Dee respectively.

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Upcoming Events At A Glance

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The guest speaker for the evening, Dr Norman Swan, ABC radio presenter of the Health Report, delivered an eloquent speech on CMC. He spoke about how his brief experience in CMC Vellore left a lasting impression on his daughter and himself. He spoke about how CMC combined state of the art medicine, research and teaching as the "Harvard of Asia", with universal care to people of all social and financial standings. Dr Swan highlighted the counter cultural stand that Ida Scudder had taken to educate women and raise their social standing in India, which is now reflected in current social practice in Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Today the education of women is seen as a very significant factor to elevate the standard of living in societies all over the world. He also spoke about Dr Binayak Sen, a graduate from CMC who in the course of his work amongst tribals in North India, was unjustly imprisoned for a number of years before being released after appeals for his release from around the world. The Friends of Vellore would like to place on record its sincere gratitude to Dr Norman Swan.

The dinner concluded with an auction. The entertaining auctioneer, Dr Daryl Teague and the enthusiastic bidding by generous guests added to the success of the dinner. Combined with money generated through the raffle and the auction, a total of \$19,550 was raised through the dinner. The SA Friends of Vellore committee would like to, on behalf of the Christian Medical College and Hospital, thank each and every one of the guests for their generous contributions and for making the dinner a success.



A selection of wonderful photos from the SA Friends of Vellore Dinner 2016, with thanks to Prof Ian Olver.



CMC dedicates new Emergency Medical Facility at Katpadi Railway Station

The new CMC Emergency Medical Facility at Katpadi Railway Station was dedicated on 20th September, 2016. Medical Superintendent, Dr. C. E. Eapen, addressed the gathering at this ceremony and Director, Dr. Sunil Chandy gave an overview of the facility and assured that it would help patients commuting by train from different parts of the country.

An Emergency Team posted at the facility will provide first aid for train-travelling patients. The institution is grateful to Dr. Premila Lee and Team for accepting to post nurses round the clock and also for making the SOP for emergency medical care at this facility. The Emergency Medical Facility will function 24x7.

from CMC Newslines, Sept 26th, 2016



Tobacco Cessation Counselling Programme Reinforced

The problem of tobacco use in either the smoked or chewed form has reached epidemic proportions in India, which has the largest number of oral cancer cases in the world, in addition to many other tobacco-related diseases.

For the last 4 years, the Dental Department has been running a Tobacco Cessation Counselling Programme for all tobacco users attending the Dental 1 OPD. When patients decide to quit, they sign a commitment which is attested by their spouse or any other family member.



The main challenge faced by patients is to get through the first week after stopping the habit. For this reason, Dental Department has partnered with the Department of Lifestyle Medicine, to start a 5-day programme of daily counselling to help patients who are committed to quitting the habit.

Patients attending the programme have found the intensive counselling effective because of the personal interaction with counsellors that helps develop an informed and healthy lifestyle. Sessions include talks on nutrition, exercise and life motivation.

The Chaplaincy Department has also volunteered to help with the telephonic follow-up for review and continued encouragement of persons quitting the habit, especially Bengali speakers, who form the majority of participants.

from CMC Newslines Sept 12, 2016

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