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SA Friends of Vellore, Annual General Meeting

7pm, Fri 19th October, 2018
Rosefield Uniting Church
2 Carlton St, Highgate

Speaker: Dr Rohit Joshi, Medical Oncologist

Supper will follow at the conclusion of the meeting. You are all welcome!

2018 Annual
General
Meeting

From the SA
FOV President

Annual Dinner
Photos

From the President SA Friends of Vellore

The Annual Friends of Vellore Dinner was held on the 25th of Aug this year. Approximately 400 guests attended the evening and were treated to a colourful evening. We are grateful to the Overseas Christian Fellowship for giving up their time to help with waiting and Fish Head Restaurant for catering a delicious dinner. Well-choreographed dances by the dancers of Bangladesh Puja and Cultural Society of South Australia (BPCSSA), Mudra Dance Academy and lovely kids from Apsara Dance School made the evening a colourful one.

Dr John Victor Peter, the current director of CMC, was our guest this year. He was accompanied by Dr Jayanthi Peter. He spoke about the challenges facing CMC and the progress made so far. He outlined his vision for CMC which included completion of the new hospitals at Kannigapuram and Chittoor, increasing the support to peripheral mission hospitals and other developing countries in Asia and Africa through distance education, courses at CMC and staff visiting sites.

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Upcoming Events At A Glance

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Dr Daryl Teague, in his entertaining style, conducted a successful auction. Raffle ticket sales were the highest so far.

Guests contributed generously to two projects this year, an infusion pump for the labour room of RUHSA (Rural Unit for Health and Social Affairs) and a communication tool based on signs and gestures (Makaton) for those who cannot speak which originated in the UK and will be facilitated by two speech therapists from the UK. The intention is to additionally make a digital version with animations and this will be distributed free of cost to anyone who is likely to benefit from it. Nearly \$7,000 was donated towards the projects and overall a net amount of over \$34,700.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 7pm, Friday, October 19th at The Rosefield Uniting Church, 2 Carlton Street, Highgate. Dr Rohit Joshi, Medical Oncologist Lyell McEwen Hospital will be the speaker for the evening. We invite you to attend the AGM.

Dr Renjy Nelson
President SA Friends of Vellore

The Summer of 1918

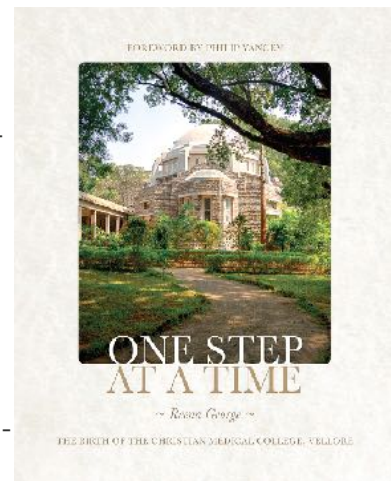
*Excerpt from 'One Step at a Time' by Dr. Reena George.
The book is an illustrated history of the origins of medical education
at the Christian Medical College, Vellore.*

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- Anna Kugler, 1918

Towards the end of the First World War, on 12 August 1918, a British military doctor of the Madras Presidency was going to speak at the inauguration of a medical school in South India. Suspecting correctly that the little school in rented buildings did not possess a skeleton for anatomy classes, Col. Reginal Bryson decided to take one with him. The skeleton, decorously boxed, travelled by train from Madras to Vellore, where it became the teacher of anatomy for fourteen girls. The school's professor of anatomy was also its principal, Dr. Ida Sophia Scudder. The school had only two medical teachers.

Four years later, when the girls graduated, the professor of anatomy had become the professor of gynaecology. The beautifully planned graduation ceremony was held under a tent, since the school had little in the way of buildings. Present at the ceremony was Dr. Anna Kugler, the first woman medical missionary in South India. She wrote a little booklet to commemorate the occasion. Self-effacing, Dr. Kugler did not include her full name in the booklet. The final lines read:



Epilogue

We look forward to the time when all young women of the Madras Presidency preparing for the profession of medicine will seek enrolment in the Medical School at Vellore. This little booklet is written that the students of the future will be able to know something of the ambitions and aspirations of the First Class of Students and be stimulated thereby to such noble efforts that women of India will bless the day that saw the establishment of the Vellore School of Medicine for Women.

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Why did Dr. Kugler have such aspirations for a fledgling institution? What happened to the school in the four decades that followed? We will seek answers in the lives and voices of those who enabled the birth of that medical college.

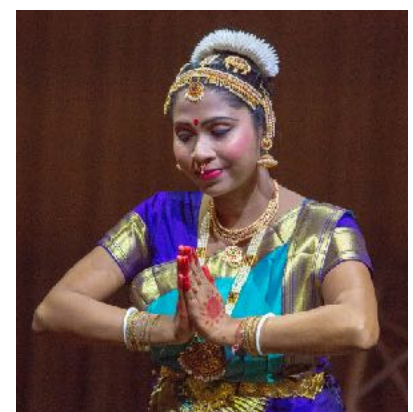
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