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SA Friends of Vellore, Annual General Meeting

7pm, Fri 8th Nov 2019
Rosefield Uniting Church, 2 Carlton St, Highgate

*Speaker: Dr Linda McCarthy, Consultant,
Southern Adelaide Health Local Network*

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

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2019 Annual
General
Meeting

From the SA
FOV President

Photos from
the recent FOV
dinner!

From the President SA Friends of Vellore

The 2019 Friends of Vellore Dinner was held on Saturday, September 14th. There were nearly 350 guests at the dinner. Associate Professor Gordon Thomas, director of the Department of Paediatric Surgery, Westmead Hospital, Sydney was our guest speaker for the evening. He spoke about the incredible story of determination, collaboration and planning which culminated in the separation of conjoined twins in a small mission hospital in North India by staff in the mission hospital in Padhar, India, CMC Vellore and Westmead, Sydney. It was a demonstration of the commitment of the various staff from two continents to enable this complex surgery to be performed at an unlikely venue (delivering tertiary care in the bush) with careful planning and goodwill. He expressed his gratitude to CMC for imbuing in him the values that enable him to practice medicine in its purest form. The institution's strong focus on 'culture of service' and high percentage of charitable work stems from its motto even as the Son of Man came 'Not to be ministered unto, but to minister' and to give his life as a ransom for many and taught us that 'Whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave'.

Two medical students, Rohan Jacob and Adil Isaac gave a colourful overview of their trip to CMC Vellore as part of an elective. *...contd next page*

Upcoming Events At A Glance

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Dr Daryl Teague conducted the auction in his characteristic style. This year we raised money towards Kothagiri Mission Fellowship (KMF) Hospital. This 50-bedded hospital located in the Nilgiri Hills in South India was started by two missionaries who converted a cowshed into a dispensary in 1937. Struggling to keep up with demand, CMC entered into an MOU with the KMF Trust to assist in its running. We raised money for a variety of needs by this hospital in the form of surgical instruments, an otoscope, digital BP apparatus, stretcher, crash cart, interferential therapy unit for physiotherapy, infusion pump, oxygen concentrator, BiPap machine and monitors with a total value of \$12,000. We raised a total of \$11,450 through generous contributions by our guests. This amount will be supplemented by a contribution by the Australian FOV. Net money raised from the dinner was \$50,500.

Our guests were treated to a delicious three course dinner courtesy of Charminar group of Restaurants and vibrant, colourful Indian dances by Dr Geetha Sadhagopan's troupe and Temple of Fine Arts. Nitya Ranjan and her team of volunteers from the Overseas Christian Fellowship did a fabulous job waiting on our guests. I'm grateful to our caterers, OCF volunteers and dancers for making it an enjoyable evening. I'm also grateful to the managers of John DiFede Centre for a great venue.

On behalf of the Friends of Vellore Committee, I would like to thank our sponsors, raffle and auction donors and all our generous guests for making this a successful evening.

The SA FOV AGM will be held at 7pm on 08/11/2019 at the Rosefield Uniting Church, Highgate. Dr Mohan Rao will be our guest speaker. We look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Dr Renjy Nelson, President SA Friends of Vellore



Creating social awareness among school children



Suicide is a pressing problem faced by our country, especially within the age group of sixteen to twenty five. The Medical Nursing team along with Medicine Unit-V organised an educational programme on 18th July, 2019 for class 6 to 10 students in the Thorapadi Government High School. Around four hundred to five hundred students and twelve teachers participated in the programme which was on the theme 'Suicide Prevention and Stress Management'. The team engaged students with a lively role play based on the theme and a session on "learning

tips". Posters were displayed and first aid management on seizures, wounds, fever and snake bite was shown as a practical demonstration by the nursing students. The students were encouraged to place any burning questions they had in a "question box". Those questions led to a fruitful discussion on topics such as coping with studies and interpersonal relationships etc. It was a satisfying experience for those involved. The team is immensely grateful to Dr. Ramya I, Head, Medicine Unit-V and Mrs. Angeline Jeya Rani, Nurse Manager, E ward who were instrumental in organising the programme.



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Thanks to Santosh Poonnose for these wonderful photos from the recent Friends of Vellore Dinner 2019.



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