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HAPPY NEW YEAR

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I want to thank the executive committee very much for electing me as president for the coming year. It is an honor and a privilege to be president of a prestigious organization. I want to wish all of our members a very happy and prosperous *New Year*. I want to thank Dr. Jayesh Shah for doing such a great job as the president of TIPS last year. He was always available and played a great role as chairman of IMG (international Medical Graduate) section at TMA level. He is a young kid on the block and has very good computer skills. He is making my job a lot harder. I am a simple country doctor from Victoria, TX. We have all seen the ups and downs of life during the last five years, started out with 9/11, stock market crash, terrorism, prolonged Iraq war and lately Katrina, but things are again looking good and it seems we are going to have good times again. I look forward to another good year at local TIPS, AAPI, TMA and AMA level. Every year physicians of Indian origin are getting stronger at TMA and AMA level. Thanks to our leaders like Dr. Vijay Koli and Dr. Rajam Ramamurthy. Some of you are wondering what we are trying to achieve at TIPS level, I also wondered during the last five years the same thing, now I am convinced, that TIPS has achieved the following things: One, we have stronger voice at TMA level. Second, we have stronger voice at AMA level. Third, we have strong leadership at AAPI level and lastly, we are recognized as a charitable organization. In addition TIPS is another source of good CME hours. Above all it is a great meeting to meet other Indian physicians from different areas in Texas and to make new friends and get to know each other families.

This coming year, we will work on those areas and strengthen our image in society so that our future generations will be proud what our forefathers did to build a great image of physicians of Indian origin in American society. Any suggestions from any members are always welcome. Please feel free to call me anytime.

With regards
Yogesh Dhingra, MD

News Brief From Meeting In Victoria November 2005



Figure legend: Dr. Dakshesh Shah and his wife Namrita flanking Honorable Consul General of India to US Gavai (grey kafni on the left and Dr. Dhingra, in coming president on the left). On the right side Dr. Jayesh Shah, immediate past president of TIPS with Honorable Gavai.

The meeting in Victoria was a grand success with many dignitaries present from Victoria and the US and Honorable Gavai, Consul General of India posted in Houston to promote trade, and culture between the two top most democracies in the world. Special thanks to Dr. Dhaksheh Parekh and his family. There were about 100 people. TIPS got a lot of visibility and was pictured in a positive light with regards to charitable works. It was a little sad to see that Indian Physicians were not well represented as the dignitaries. The food was spectacular and so were the surroundings.

New Executive Members were elected as follows:

Dr. Yogesh Dhingra will serve as President. (Victoria, pediatrician)

As Dr. Meera Gangadharan resigned the Vice President's office will be open for next year. Dr. Jai-shree Jagirdar, (SA, pathologist) the current treasurer, will move to the position of Vice President. Dr Robina Poonawala (Austin) will serve as Secretary. Dr. Manju Sachdev was elected as the Treasurer. Victoria, pediatrician) Dr. Meenaxshi Parikh (Victoria, pediatrician) and Dr Nirupama Patel (Alice, pediatrician) were elected as members. Dr. Shyla Chikkamuniappa will represent the fellow/resident member (SA, pathologist)

Other News: Important

We now have TIPS Webpage for the first time where you can look up the membership, edit your latest contact information, read the latest newsletter, get information about upcoming AAPI events and renew the membership on line. The e-mail address is support@www.tipssw.org. In the future we are planning to be paperless. We would appreciate your comments if you would prefer to receive the newsletter via e-e-mail or via regular mail.

Treasurer's Report

Accounts: Savings Account: \$28,983.61. Checking Account: \$4298/-. In addition, received \$100/- for 4 year subscription from Dr. Arastu, via Rajam Rammamurthy. Since it was an old cheque we could not cash it.

TIPS SW CHAPTER

You are cordially invited with your family to attend Tips SW Chapter Meeting in
San Antonio.

Agenda:

- 4.00 - 5.00 pm Executive Committee Meeting
- 5.00 - 6.00 pm Social Hour
- 6.00 - 7.00 pm Guest Speaker: **Fernando Guerra, MD, MPH, Director,**
San Antonio Metropolitan Health District
Topic: "Health Needs of Bexar County."
- 7.00 - 7.05 pm **Dr. Dianna Burns,**
Bexar County Medical Society President, 2006
Topic: "Activities of the Society."
- 7.05 - 7.10 pm **Dr. Vijay Koli,**
AAPI President, 2006
Topic: "Activities of AAPI (American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin)"
- 7.15 - 9.00 pm Dinner and Entertainment

Where: Madras Pavilion
8085 Callaghan Road
San Antonio, TX, 78230
Tele: 210- 375-7766

When: **Saturday, February 18th, 2006**

Please RSVP to Jaishree Jagirdar at 210-567-4034;

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Directions to Madras Pavilion

From I 10E take Medical Drive exit, make a U-turn, make a left on Callaghan Rd, go to the Grand View Complex where the restaurant is. From I 10W, exit at Callaghan Rd and do as above, From 410 exit at I 10 W take Medical Drive and do as above. Phone: 210-375-7766



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- Life Membership \$500
- Resident/Fellow one year Membership \$20/Year
- Medical Student one year Membership \$10/year

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