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News Brief From Meeting In San Antonio - February 2006

The meeting was hosted at the new and exclusive Indian Restaurant, Madras Pavilion which excels in both north Indian and south Indian cuisine. Although the weather was not favorable, the room was full with many new faces. There were approximately twenty new physicians with their families with a total of 60 people. Members attended the meeting from as far as Alice and Victoria, Texas. The format was slightly different because we had a guest speaker rather than a sponsored speaker. Dr Dhingra our current president of TIPS SW welcomed all the members.

Our guest speaker was Dr. Fernando Guerra who is Director of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District. He has a long track record for serving the underserved in San Antonio. He talked about the health needs of San Antonio. This information was intended to raise the awareness of local medical societies and serve as opportunities for serving our community. There were three major areas that stood out. The first was the low rate of child immunization, which was probably the lowest in the country in certain districts of the county and the country. He noted that some of the private hospitals were not immunizing babies post delivery, thus losing an opportunity to immunize infants who would probably then be lost to follow up. Each one of us can look into our individual practices and ensure that the hospitals are compulsive in immunizing their neonates at the first available opportunity. Another problem was teen pregnancies, which starts a viscous down hill spiral. The low socioeconomic status of the local majority Hispanic community also impacts on the health as other key factors which are prevalent in this population such as obesity, hypertension and diabetes. When Dr. Guerra was asked about what TIPS SW Chapter could offer to the local county, it was inferred that the Indian Physicians could volunteer in one of the health district's many clinics. Of note, the major hospitals serving this community are not centered in the neediest areas but are situated in the more affluent areas. A request was made to itemize the health statistics of the Asian Indians in the county. Currently they are lumped with the white population or included in the "Other" category which does not help the Asian communities to focus on the health issues which may be affecting their people. We are very grateful to Dr. Guerra for speaking on Saturday evening with us despite his busy schedule.

News Brief From Meeting In San Antonio February 2006



The president of AAPI and the First lady Dr. s Vijay and Malati Koli deeply involved in the culinary aspect of the meeting.



Dr Guerra giving his talk on the health needs of Bexar County. All attendees big and small are listening attentively

Dr. Diana Burns, President of Bexar County Medical Society highlighted activities of the society. One of the major concerns that the society is facing is that P.A.'s are filling many MD's shoes in small walk in clinics sprouting in large grocery stores such as Wal-Mart and HEB. This is unfortunate and infringes on the privileges of the M.D.s, in addition to offering less than professional care.

Dr. Koli, current president of AAPI highlighted the activities of AAPI during his presidency 2005-2006. Many new projects were undertaken, including AAPI's visit to Pakistan soon after the earthquake with significant donations made. AAPI was also heavily involved with relief efforts for Sunami in India and Hurricane Katrina in the US.

Treasurer's Report

Starting January of this year there was a balance of \$2, 268/- in the checking account. The CD is untouched at 28, 000. The S.A. TIPS meeting in February cost \$1,186/-, and the web access cost the society \$550/-, newsletter for first quarter of 2006 cost \$250.00 \$250 are going towards promoting the TIPS SW Chapter ad in the AAPI souvenir book. The rest of the money (\$750/-) for the AAPI ad will be defrayed by several TIPS members. The current balance is \$741/- Another \$250 will be spent in sending out the 2nd newsletter for 2006.

Dues collected so far: \$190/-. If you have not sent in your dues kindly do so

TIPS SW Chapter Meeting in Austin on Mother's Day.

Every member should make a diligent attempt to attend the upcoming fun filled exciting TIPSSW meeting planned with a lot of thought. The next TIPS SW Chapter meeting is going to be in Austin on Mother's Day, May 14th at 12 pm. What better way to enjoy Mother's Day than with your family in the company of friends?

Guest Speaker: Dr. Gagneja

Topic: "Capsule Endoscopy."

Where: Omni in Austin

Hotel Downtown, 700 San Jacinto at 8th Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Tele: (512) 476-3700, Fax: (512) 397-4888

When: **Sunday May 14th, 2006**

Looking forward to seeing you'll in Houston on May 6th and in Austin on May 14th. Vote of thanks for the strong support of past president Dr. Jayesh Shah and thanks to other members of our local community for all the ancillary support for the website. Special thanks to Mr. Ramajoolukuntula and his wife Rama.

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