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In this Inaugural ATMGUSA Newsletter, we wish you and your families a wonderful Navaratri. As summer turns to fall, ATMGUSA is excited to share what the group has been up to. It's been a busy summer! The organization has been re-named and energized by enthusiastic new members collaborating with wise seasoned veterans. This summer's highlights are a sign of even greater things to come. We like hearing about our members. Please share any exciting achievements or community service projects. It may be featured in our next newsletter! We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at one of our future events.



## President's Message



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### Different name, but Same Vision!

It's an honor and a privilege to serve the Association of Telugu Medical Graduates of USA (ATMGUSA) which represents over 8000 physicians and dentists of Telugu origin practicing in this great country. The name has been recently changed from APMGUSA (Andhra Pradesh Medical Graduates of USA), formed initially in 2004 by prominent Telugu doctors, to make the organization more language and culture based rather than geography based. However, the vision remains the same; to serve the people of Telugu states and to share ideas of different alumni organizations from this region.

All doctors from Telugu origin, be it from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka or even those graduated from USA are automatically members of this organization. The association also serves as a platform for those who are aspiring to be leaders in various medical organizations.

This newsletter is intended to disseminate information regarding various alumni associations and to recognize members for their unique contributions.

We are planning a Telugu event the first week of July, 2018 in Columbus, Ohio coordinated with the national AAPI convention. We encourage everyone to be a member of national AAPI to have bigger voice.

I wish you and your family a very happy and healthy Navaratri season.

Sincerely,

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### Remembering Dr. Achutha Reddy

ATMGUSA expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Achutha Reddy. Originally from Nalgonda district in Telangana, Dr. Reddy graduated from Osmania Medical College in 1986. He later moved to the US, where he completed his residency in psychiatry from the University of Kansas Medical School in Wichita, where he then stayed on to practice Psychiatry. He was known for his “unlimited energy” and willingness to give every patient his best effort. He specialized in a comprehensive, holistic approach to his patients. He was a “compassionate man, that was kind and loving to anyone he met” said Psychotherapist Brenda Trammel of Holistic Psychiatric Services. On September 13<sup>th</sup>, he was tragically murdered by a former patient. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his dear family. Dr. Reddy’s death is a heartbreaking loss to his family, friends, the mental health field and our Telugu community.

A memorial fund for Mental Health will be set up in his honor.

## Alumni Association News

The Kurnool Medical College Alumni of North America (**KMC-ANA**), one of the earliest Telugu medical alumni associations in the United States, conducted a Retreat on August 5, 2017 in Big Sky Resort, Montana. The Retreat was well attended by the KMC alumni and was graced by dignitaries, such as **Drs. Dattatreyadi Nori, V. K. Raju, Surender Reddy Neravetla** and **Malireddy S. Reddy**, who delivered CME lectures and keynote addresses. **Drs. Sadasiva T. Reddy** (Chairman of the BoD), **Anupama D. Voodarla**, (Secretary) and **Bellamkonda Kishore** (President) addressed the delegates and presented the current status of the KMC-ANA and future challenges both in the USA and in Kurnool.



Under the leadership of the outgoing President **Dr. Srivasa Chebrolu** and incoming President **Dr. Sujeeth**

Punnam, the 32nd convention of Osmania Gandhi Kakatiya Medical & Telangana Medical Alumni Association of America (**OGKTMA**) took place on September 15-16th, 2017 at the Westin Galleria Dallas, TX. OGKTMA is working with Telangana government to equip 108 ambulances with AEDs by December 2017. *Tax deductible donations are being accepted with goal to complete funding in October.*

## Upcoming Events

Global Health Summit: Dec 28-31, 2017  
Kolkata, India

ATA/NATA/TATA: July 2018  
Philadelphia, PA

AAPI: July 4-8, 2018,  
Columbus, OH

GMCANA: Sept 2018

AMCANA: Sept 2018

OGKTMA: Oct 2018

KMCANA: July 2018

## Talat Aziz Tour

San Antonio, TX—October 6<sup>th</sup>

Houston, TX—October 7<sup>th</sup>

Fresno, CA—October 8<sup>th</sup>

Huntsville, AL—October 13<sup>th</sup>

Tampa, FL—October 14<sup>th</sup>

Augusta, GA—October 15<sup>th</sup>

Columbus, OH—October 20<sup>th</sup>

Chicago, IL—October 21<sup>st</sup>

St. Louis, MO—October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Ft. Lauderdale, FL—October 27<sup>th</sup>

Atlanta, GA—October 28<sup>th</sup>

New York, NY—October 29th

**GMCANA** sponsored a white coat ceremony for the GMC Guntur 2017 Freshers. In addition to a white coat, each student received a letter of hearty congratulations with priceless pearls of wisdom.

## AAPI News

AAPI hosted a very successful **leadership summit** in NYC on August 19<sup>th</sup>. The meeting including team building activities in addition to highlighting goals for this year. At the conclusion of the meeting, the **Consul General of India, Sandeep Chakravorty** addressed the group. AAPI members participated in the India Day Parade on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Hurricane **Harvey** devastated the Houston area with its historic flooding. In response, AAPI setup the **Hurricane Harvey Fund**. The fund has raised over \$40,000. Your tax deductible donations can be made either by check payable to: American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (Harvey Relief Fund) or online through AAPI website ([www.aapiusa.org](http://www.aapiusa.org))

The **Talat Aziz Musical Program** will be touring from October 6th to 28th. See sidebar for all dates. The proceeds from the program will be split between the **Lymphoma and Leukemia Society** and the **AAPI Hurricane Relief Fund**.

Hurricane Irma left over 500 Medical students of Indian origin, who were studying in the island nation of St. Martin, devastated and homeless. They had to be evacuated to Chicago due to the extensive damage the island nation. They were hosted in a "make shift shelter " at a Convention Center near Naperville, IL. AAPI/ATMGUSA, coordinated by **Dr. Suresh Reddy**, helped obtain basic toiletries/necessities as well as providing emotional support.

## Member Profile: Dr.Vemuri Murthy

ATMGUSA is excited to congratulate **Dr. Vemuri Murthy** on being inaugurated the 169th President of the Chicago Medical Society (CMS). He is an alumnus of Guntur Medical College, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, and Rush Medical Center. The Chicago Medical Society is one of the largest county medical societies in the nation, representing approximately 17,000 physicians offering their services to about 5 million people.

Dr. Murthy is an anesthesiologist and resuscitation expert who founded the CMS Community CPR project SMILE (Saving More Illinois Lives through Education)

which increased awareness of sudden cardiac arrests and CPR



education throughout the greater Chicago communities. A past Chairman of the Anesthesiology @ West Suburban Medical Center in Oak Park, Illinois and past President of the Indian American Medical Association, Illinois (IAMAIL), Dr.

Murthy has been a veteran volunteer of the American Heart Association and is a member of the International Committee. Dr. Murthy is a "Champion of Global Health" and has received national and international awards for his contributions involving resuscitation and public health education.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Murthy encouraged more active physician participation in organized medicine through the Medical Societies. He also urged young physicians and medical students to become engaged. Congratulations Dr. Murthy. ATMGUSA is proud of your achievements!