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Dear Dr. Gupta:

Happy Thanksgiving!!

It is our pleasure to continue to bring out this newsletter. Please continue to send news you would like to see published and communicate to our extended MOCAAPI family. As always the news has to be pertinent to our membership and not partisan in any way. We sincerely hope to continue to earn your support.

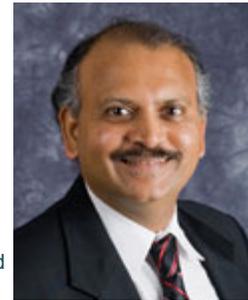
MOCAAPI Members win CMC elections

Dr. Sripad Dhawlikar becomes Chief of Medical Staff Drs Awani Kumar & Kutumba Pitta also elected

The Medical Staff at Community Medical Center had their elections for the Office Bearers for the years 2011 and 2012. In a hotly contested election **Dr. Sripad Dhawlikar** won over his opponent Dr. James L Pasquariello to become the Chief of Medical Staff. Dr. Dhawlikar currently serves as the Secretary of the Medical Staff and is a Past President of MOCAAPI. He is an orthopedic surgeon and is a partner at Ocean Orthopedics in Toms River.



Dr. Awani Kumar, who currently serves as the Treasurer got elected unopposed as the Vice-Chair for the coming two years. He too is a patron member of MOCAAPI. Dr. Kumar is a Pulmonologists with offices in Toms River.



Dr. Kutumba Pitta, also from Toms River got elected as the Secretary of the Medical Staff. He won over his opponent Dr. Zia in a narrow race. Dr. Pitta, who practices Physical Medicine & Rehab in Toms River, was recently honored for

25 years of service at Community Medical Center. He was serving on the Board of Trustees for the past three years.

The entire MOCAAPI family wishes to congratulate all the winners and wishes them good luck.



MOCAAPI Elections Announced

The current MOCAAPI Office Bearers complete their term on December 31st, 2010. As per our bylaws the new office bearers for the years 2011 and 2012 need to be elected during the Annual General Body Meeting on Friday December 17th, 2010.

The following positions would be available for your consideration and we encourage everybody to consider serving:

MOCAAPI Officers:

1. **President**
2. **Vice President**
3. **Secretary**

Vinod Sancheti, MD
S. K. Mate, MD

Board of Trustees
Vinod Sancheti, MD
S. Dhawlikar, MD
Naresh Shah, MD
Ashok Patel, MD
R. Mahapatro, MD

Executive Committee
Vinay Sikand, MD
Sandhya Patil, MD
Vijay Sankhla, MD
Bankim Shah, MD
Vikram Varma, MD
Vipul Lakhani, MD
Kirit Pandya, MD

4. Treasurer

Members at Large (total of 7 positions)

Board of Trustees (total of 3 positions)

Eligibility to run for a position:

(Please check [bylaws](#) for details)

1. Must be a Patron member eligible to vote
2. Must have attended at least 50% of all meetings in the years 2009 and 2010

Eligibility to Vote:

1. All active patron members as of April 1st, 2010 who are currently in good standing. We have a total of 98 patron members eligible to vote.
2. Annual members who paid for 2009 and also paid for 2010 by 04/01/2010. Only 2 members - Drs. Chitra Lahoti and Veera Gupta would qualify

So we have a total of 100 voting members for this election cycle.

A [list of patron members](#) is available on our website. Please note that # 22, 100 and 101 are not eligible for this election cycle.

In accordance with our Bylaws, the Board of Trustees have elected the following two members to serve on the Nomination Committee:

1. Sripad Dhawlikar, MD
2. Ramesh Mahapatro, MD

The deadline to receive all nominations is Friday, November 26th, 2010 by 5 PM

Please email your nominations to nomination@mocaapi.org

Dr. Mathew Kandathil named amongst Top Doctors

The Inside Jersey magazine has named [Dr. Mathew Kandathil](#) amongst the top Gastroenterologists in New Jersey. The October 2010 issue of the magazine lists all selected physicians by their specialty. The list is compiled annually by Castle Connolly Medical Ltd.

Dr. Kandathil (or Dr. Mathew as he is popularly known) has been in practice in Lakewood since 1982 and is currently Chief of Gastroenterology and a past Chairman of Internal Medicine at Kimball Medical Center. He is a graduate of Grant Medical College, Mumbai. He completed his Internal Medicine Residency at Worcester City Hospital, UMass Medical School, Worcester, MA and his Gastroenterology Fellowship at Yale- New Haven Hospital, CT. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology. He is a past president of the Lakewood Rotary Club. He resides in Brick with his wife Bina and their daughter Anju and son Josh.



The entire MOCAAPI family is proud of his recognition and congratulates him and his family for this honor.

Scholarships for High School Students

MOCAAPI has partnered with Community Medical Center and the Medical Staff of CMC to give away six scholarships of \$ 2,000 each to High school students from Toms River in the year 2011. The details and criteria are being worked out.

Welcome New MOCAAPI Patron Members

Dr. Shefali Gandhi, DO

Neurology
Monmouth Ocean Neurology
1944 Corlies Avenue
Neptune, NJ 07753



Dr. Arun Singh, DO

Emergency Medicine
Community Medical Center
99 Route 37 West
Emergency Department
Toms River, NJ 08755



Dr. Chetna Singh, MD

Emergency Medicine
Community Medical Center
99 Route 37 West
Emergency Department
Toms River, NJ 08755



Patron Membership of AAPI

Reduced to \$ 250 for MOCAAPI Patrons

For a limited time up to June 25th, 2011, the patron membership of AAPI is available at \$ 250 for patrons of MOCAAPI or any other AAPI Alumni or specialty organization. Please take advantage of this offer ASAP if you are not a AAPI patron. A [list of MOCAAPI patrons](#) who would qualify is on the mocaapi website.

Please [download the form](#) and check the AAPI website for [details](#). Please call AAPI at 630-990-2277

Upcoming Events

Annual General Meeting Friday, December 17th, 2010

Mansion on the Plaza, Brick, NJ
Please note quoram is needed to elect Office Bearers for 2011 & 2012

Please check our [calendar](#) for details

Upcoming AAPI Events

[AAPI Indo-US Healthcare Summit](#)

[AAPI 29th Annual Convention - New York City](#)

Get Involved

MOCAAPI needs your services

This is your community and your family. There are multiple ways you can get involved to build our community:

- Become a member. Membership is only \$ 500 for Life or \$ 100 per calendar year
- Participate in MOCAAPI events

- Volunteer and help organizing our events, either as a team participant or the team leader
- Promote our mission and events to other physicians
- Be a sponsor for our events or help connect us with potential sponsors
- Volunteer to take leadership role in MOCAAPI
- Make suggestions for continued improvement
- Suggest local charities that we could help support

Dr. Anil Gupta for AAPI Treasurer

After serving MOCAAPI for several years, Dr. Anil Gupta, MOCAAPI President, has announced his candidacy to run for AAPI Treasurer. The elections are usually very hotly contested and are decided by mail-in ballots in March 2011. He currently serves AAPI as the Regional Director of Mid-Atlantic II region which includes the states of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He has served as the Chair of Information Technology Committee in 2008-09 where he was recognized by an outstanding service award by then President Dr. Sanku Rao for leading the redesign of the National AAPI website.



If you are not a AAPI patron member, please consider to join AAPI by Jan 31st, 2011 for you to be able to vote in this election.

Obituary

Dr. Kirit Pandya's mom passed away

Dr. Kirit Pandya's mom passed away on Nov 14th of old age. A prayer meeting is scheduled to honor her memories and for friends and families to support Kirit Bhai.

Holiday Inn Edison East Woodbridge
3050 Woodbridge Ave
Edison, NJ 08837
(732) 661-1000

Sunday November 28th, 2010
Time 11 am to 2 pm

We look forward to hearing your comments and suggestions. Please continue to send in information you would like to see in this news letter. If you would like to help putting this together please write back to us. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Anil K. Gupta, MD
President, MOCAAPI

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