

# MOCAAPI Newsletter

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Dear Dr. Gupta:

Happy Holidays!

It is that time of the year again for us to sit down and reflect and appreciate all that life has given us- the love and joy of knowing friends, family, colleagues and fellow members of our extended MOCAAPI family.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you all for letting me serve as your President. I have truly enjoyed the experience. I am confident that we would continue to progress and prosper as a group. Please accept my warmest wishes for you and your family on this festive occasion and let me be one of the first ones to wish you all a very very happy New Year.

## **Welcome New Officers**

### **Dr. Sumul Raval elected President for 2011 & 2012**

Dr. Sripad Dhawlikar, the Chair of the Nomination Committee, announced the New Officers of MOCAAPI for the upcoming two years:

#### **President**

Dr. Sumul Raval, MD

#### **Vice President**

Dr. Dharam Mann, MD

#### **Secretary**

Dr. Tarun Bhandari, MD

#### **Treasurer**

Dr. Vikram Varma, MD

#### **Chair, Board of Trustees**

Sripad Dhawlikar, MD



The MOCAAPI family appreciates their commitment and wishes them good luck.

## **MOCAAPI Donates \$ 15,000 to FoodBank**

MOCAAPI presented a check of \$ 15,000 to the FoodBank as part of their ongoing commitment to help our communities. This is a second year in a row that they supported this wonderful charity [Read More](#)

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### **President**

Anil K. Gupta, MD

### **Vice President**

Jayesh Parikh, MD

### **Secretary**

Sumul Raval, MD

### **Treasurer**

Tarun Bhandari, MD

### **Past Presidents**

S. Dhawlikar, MD

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



### Phase-II of the MOCAAPI Website launched

The much awaited phase-II upgrade of the MOCAAPI website [www.mocaapi.org](http://www.mocaapi.org) was completed last week. We invite you to explore some of the added features:

- Ability for members to log in and update their profiles. Please read the [FAQ](#) to learn about how to login
- Home page adds images of all members picked randomly with each refresh
- Online [members directory](#)
- Redesigned [Life Members](#) listing. Each entry is linked to the specific member's profile. Listing is sortable by the years
- Dynamic listing of Officers and Committees
- Online member management capabilities for administrators

Please update your profiles and control what information you would like to display about yourselves to the public and to logged in members.

### Treasurer's Report

MOCAAPI continues to be financially strong. Dr. Gupta presented a summary of the accounts during the last MOCAAPI meeting on December 17th at the Mansion on the Plaza in Brick.

#### **Patron Funds**

This comprises of the Life Membership dues paid by all members to date. This has grown to \$ 48,400 with a total of 104 Life members.

#### **Charitable Funds**

The two Golf outings in 2009 and 2010 added a net of \$ 27,424 to our charitable account. A modest \$ 1,625 was spent on the health fairs and \$ 1,500 was used in donations.

#### **Operating Funds**

Gala 2009 and 2010 added a net of \$ 45,849 to our operating account. Out of this a total of \$ 22,000 was donated to FoodBank. The two picnics made a modest loss of \$ 1,002. The website redesign costs were partially offset by the web ads. All in all we added \$ 24,276 to the operating account.

## 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.

## Membership Update

### 37 New Members

We added a total of 37 new Life Members to MOCAAPI during the years 2009 and 2010 taking our total count to 104. This represents about 25-30% of all estimated American-Indian Physicians in Monmouth & Ocean Counties. This is much better than any other physician organization. Thank you all.

## 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 AAPI Events

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[AAPI Indo-US Healthcare Summit](#)

[AAPI 29th Annual Convention - New York City June 22-26, 2011](#)

[AAPI CME Family Cruise to Alaska July 31st-Aug 7th, 2011](#)

## 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.

Please [download profile](#) and visit his [website](#) for details.

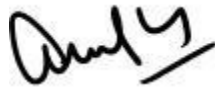
## Obituary

### Dr. Azad Bhatt's mom passed away

It is with great regret that we inform that Dr. Azad Bhatt's mother, Mrs. Jasumati Bhatt passed away on Dec 2nd. A Geetanjali /Shradhanjali prayer service was held on December 18th at the Hindu Temple in Berlin, NJ. The entire MOCAAPI family stands with the Bhatt family to support them during this difficult time.

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  
Regional Director, AAPI

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