

Vellore Ludhiana Committee of Canada

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Committee News

Dear Friends & Supporters,

This past year has been one of many “firsts” for the committee. These “firsts” include our 1st “year end” as a not-for-profit corporation and our 1st Annual Meeting, held on April 25th. The meeting was fittingly small but we had a good time reviewing our first year and celebrating the progress made over that time. We used technology to enable two of our members to attend from Saskatoon and welcomed three new members to the committee, Judith Jinkerson, Dr. Seema Sharma and Dr. John Axler.



*Attending members & officials L to R,
Judith Jinkerson, Gord Flanagan,
Judith Christiani, Dr. Pradeep Henry (video),
Doug Virgin, Dr. Vinita Sundaram (video),
Mary Skarsten, Dr. Seema Sharma, Rev. Bill Virgin*



Doug Virgin reporting on the past year

Our visiting guests who celebrated with us included, Dr. Ed Fish, former professor at CMC Ludhiana and Dr. Thomas Thurairatnam, of the CMC Vellore Global Medical Alumni.



Dr. Ed Fish & Doug V.



*Dr. Thomas Thurairatnam,
Judith J. & Gord F.*

“My work is for a King.” Dame Edith Brown, founder of CMC Ludhiana

Ludhiana News



William & Zelma Virgin Memorial Scholarship in Medicine:

We are more than pleased to announce that Amy Ida Singh is our 2015 recipient. Here is a short note of thanks from her, including a little about her background and goals.

"It was my parents desire and mine too; to become a doctor because where I live there is not a single Christian doctor who would understand the pain of the patient. They gave my name as Ida from Dr. Ida Sophia Scudder, and dedicated me to become a missionary doctor. They gave my first name as Amy from Amy Carmichael. It was totally by God's grace that I came to Ludhiana. It was the biggest miracle in my life getting through the entrance. It was in fact a series of miracles how God gave me a seat in CMC to study.

After completing my studies I'll do what God wants me to do. My parents are missionaries and till now God has been leading our family and fulfilling our needs. Please remember my family in your prayers financially and spiritually that God may fulfill his will through me & my family.

Thanking you, Amy Ida Singh"

It is so rewarding to be helping quality young people like Amy to reach their goals of serving others. May we never tire of doing this!

James Ashwin Memorial Scholarship in Physiology update:

With the blessing of the family of James Ashwin and, at the suggestion of the Director, Dr. Abraham Thomas and the Head of Physiology, Dr. Sheena Singh, we have been revising the terms of the James Ashwin Scholarship. In our November meetings in Ludhiana, we asked the question, "What is the best way to encourage the study of Physiology at the post grad level?" The answer seemed to be: "fund the research projects that postgraduate students must complete in order to attain their degree in Physiology." This provision would not only encourage students but, because research is the backbone of Physiology, it would raise the awareness and reputation of the Physiology department. This, in turn, would provide additional incentive to study there.

We are nearing the completion of this process and hope that we will soon have a qualifying recipient, possibly in 2015.

Helen Flanagan Memorial Scholarship in Nursing update:

Signing the new Memorandum of Agreement with CMC Ludhiana in November allowed us to proceed with creating the endowment fund for this scholarship. We anticipate that the fund will accrue enough interest over the coming year to begin awarding scholarships in 2016.

CMC Alumni Association of North America:

Dr. Arun Adlakha, President of the Ludhiana CMC Alumni Association of North America, has invited our Chair, Doug Virgin, to attend their Annual Meetings in Cleveland this August 13-15 and to give a brief talk on "Growing up at CMC Ludhiana in the 50's." This should be a great opportunity to connect with many of the CMCL alumni living in North America. Take note, all CMCL alumni reading this who have not registered!

Vellore News

The following are the recipients of our nursing scholarships for 2015 in Vellore. The College of Nursing have provided brief reports for each one to help us get to know them and how they are doing.

Annamma Mathews Gupta Family Nursing Scholarship



Ms. Sheela V.

Ms. Sheela is a pleasant and hardworking student in the II year Diploma Nursing course. She has good academic performance in both theory and practicals during year I. Sheela is active in extracurricular activities and also takes up responsibilities. She is the class representative for her year, a member of the choir at hospital chapel, enjoys reading in her leisure time and has participated in Bible quiz. Your generosity has been a blessing to her.

Vellore Ludhiana Committee of Canada Nursing Scholarship



Ms. Suganya S.

Ms. Suganya is a calm, quiet and pleasant student doing II year Diploma Nursing. During year I, she scored average grades in her academic performance in theory subjects and above average in her practicals. She participates actively in extracurricular activities and enjoys cooking and reading books in her leisure time. Suganya leads a simple life. She is regular in attending church and also participates actively in religious activities. She is blessed by your valuable gift.

Gladys Hamilton Nursing Scholarship: We have the same two recipients as last year. They have successfully completed their 1st year and are now in the 2nd year programme.



Ms. Banu K.

Banu is a calm, pleasant and polite student doing the II year Diploma Nursing course. During year I, her academic performance in theory subjects was average but was above average in her practicals. She wishes to improve her academic performance in year II. She is active in field and track events conducted during the college sports meet, winning prizes and has successfully participated in many other competitions. She willingly takes up responsibility in class and is the sports committee representative for her class. Your contribution to Banu and her family has helped them to become a blessing to many.



Mr. Jayapal A.

Mr. Jayapal is a serene yet active, hardworking student in the II year Diploma Nursing course. His academic performance is good and he shows interest in learning. He scored above average grades in both theory and in practicals during year I. His hobbies include reading books and participating in sports activities. As an enthusiastic athlete, he has participated in and won field and track prizes during the college sports meet. He is a responsible person who is entrusted with being the assistant class representative. Your valuable contribution has boosted his knowledge and skill and has also helped the family.

In Closing

Breaking News:

We just received word that the new videos showing the history and work of CMC Vellore have been completed and are due to be released on June 25. Hugh Skeil tells us that they are excellent productions and we will be receiving them some time this month.

The videos are edited into segments that range anywhere from 90 seconds to 14 minutes to make them highly adaptable to almost any context. We will be happy to make them available to all who can make use of them, either by arranging a presentation for you or by providing you with a copy to use as suits you best. Let us know if you would like to arrange a showing or obtain a copy.

More transitions:

We are excited to let you know that you can now follow us on Facebook as well as on our web page. Go to: www.facebook.com/www.cmchospitals.ca. You don't have to be a Facebook member.

Our current projects at CMC Ludhiana:

The William and Zelma Virgin Memorial Scholarship
The James Ashwin Memorial Scholarship in Physiology
The Vellore Ludhiana Committee Scholarship in Nursing
The Helen Flanagan Memorial Scholarship in Nursing
The Good Samaritan Fund

Please note, if you wish to email us, our email address has changed to: info@cmchospitals.ca.

Looking Ahead:

Now that we have most of the transitional tasks done or at least well underway, we are looking forward to putting our energies into increasing and expanding the help we are able to provide both CMC Ludhiana and Vellore.

Discussions from our visit in November of last year provided a number of excellent possibilities for new projects to adopt. Also, there are still a number of our scholarships that would provide greatly enhanced assistance to students if we are able to increase the size of the endowment funds.

We would appreciate your thoughts and prayers as we, considering our size and resources, determine new projects we can effectively support in a meaningful way. We look forward to returning to a focus on helping the CMC's now that organizational restructuring is nearly complete!

Our current projects at CMC Vellore:

The Anna Gupta Family Nursing Scholarship
The Vellore Ludhiana Committee Nursing Scholarship
The Gladys Hamilton Nursing Scholarship
The Development Office Emergency Fund
The PTP Fund

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

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