



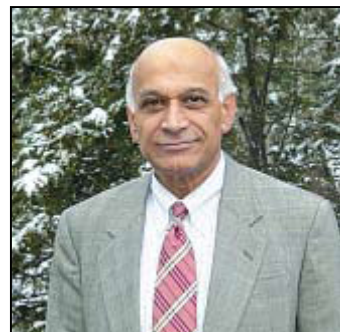
INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

Message from the President: Dr. Nasir Khan

October, 2009

The 31st Annual Meeting of the Indian Medical Association of New England (IMANE) will be held on **Sat., Nov. 21, 2009**, at the **Newton Marriott Hotel**. You will receive a formal invitation shortly to this last major event that I am organizing in my year as President.

We are very excited and privileged that we will have **His Excellency Deval L. Patrick, Governor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts** to join us as our **Distinguished Guest** for cocktails and dinner.



We live in an era where a reasoned voice can lead to greater political influence with those who set the priorities that affect us every day – whether within a municipality, the state, nationally or internationally. Hearing from the Chief Executive of any major organization can be enlightening. However, nothing is as rewarding as hearing directly from the Governor, the top elected official in our state, on the current economic crisis and its effect on all of us, and having a chance to share our concerns with him in return.

This year, the format of the meeting will be more streamlined than past events. The business meeting will be focused and brief. The speakers after cocktail hour will be minimal. I will present a review of the past year, followed by Governor Patrick. Then President-Elect Geeta Trivedi will offer concluding remarks.

We will also be enjoying a nice Indian meal catered by the Bombay Club/Masala Art with buffet stations. This will be followed by music and entertainment, which is currently being finalized. There will also be ample time for socializing, renewing old acquaintanceships and meeting new friends.

In addition, we will be honored by the presence of representatives of various organizations with whom we've developed alliances.

I sincerely hope that all members of IMANE and their guests will join us for this gala event. Please respond promptly to the invitation to secure your place.

Nasir A. Khan, MD
President, IMANE

WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

I will be sending out a questionnaire about IMANE online. I would like you to respond to this so that your voice can be heard. This will be helpful to guide next year's officers on their efforts in leading our organization to continued success.

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NEWS BRIEFS

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□ **Akshaya Patra**—I and several other IMANE members were on the Host Committee in preparation for the **Annual Gala** of the **Akshaya Patra Foundation, USA**, held at the Burlington Marriott on Oct. 4, 2009. This nonprofit, NGO organization celebrated their 1,000,000 nutritional school lunches distributed to deserving children in India.

□ **Evening Outs**—There was a good attendance at the **Last Evening Out** on Oct. 20, 2009 at 60 State Street, Boston. This event was sponsored by the **McCarren Bhaumik Group of Janney, Montgomery Scott, LLC**. There was an enlightened discussion on Retirement Options, including Financial Planning, Estate and Retirement Planning, among other topics.

The **Final Evening Out** is planned to be held at the office of Dr. Sahdev Passey in Worcester on Nov. 16, 2009, under the sponsorship of Glaxo Smith Kline. The new DPH regulations effective July 1, 2009, requires that pharmaceutical companies can only sponsor meals for physicians in hospitals or doctor's office settings not to exceed \$50 per person. This means no more lavish meals in nice restaurants in Massachusetts for us!

□ **Lokvani Media Coverage**—This electronic cultural newspaper ran two stories on IMANE in October. On Oct. 1, 2009, there was a nice story on the **IMANE Women's Forum**, which meets periodically and is currently led by Drs. *Manju Sheth* and *Deepa Jhaveri*, with *Dr. Mohani Malhotra* as Moderator.

On Oct. 15, 2009, Lokvani also ran an article about our two free health clinics staffed by IMANE volunteers. The **Waltham New Hope Clinic**, run by Dr. Richard Daley, celebrated its 10th anniversary in October. The **Worcester Free Clinic**, held in Shrewsbury, is run by Dr. Sahdev Passey and recently celebrated its 200th weekly consecutive session. These endeavors and their volunteers deserve the highest praise.

The Next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. at the MMS Headquarters.

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Profile: Tejaswini Shah, MD Nominating Committee Chair

Dr. Tejaswini Shah graduated from Seth GS Medical College, Bombay, in 1963 and came to the United States after completing an internship at KEM Hospital, Bombay. She completed her residency and fellowship in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at New York University Medical Center, NY, in 1970. Her experience includes serving as Clinical Professor at Boston University Medical Center and Director of the Dept. of Rehab Medicine at Lynn-Union Hospital. She was appointed by Governor Dukakis to the Allied Health Board for eight years. Currently she has a private practice in Rehabilitation medicine and is a medical consultant at the Social Security Administration and Mass Pro.



Dr. Shah is one of the founding members of IMANE, was President in 1993 and New England representative for AAPI. She has also been active in a number of other community organizations.

She has four children and two grandchildren and lives in Burlington, Mass.

Profile: Swaran Goswami, MD EC Member at Large

Dr. Swaran Goswami graduated from Bangalore Medical College in 1969 and completed a Senior Rotating Internship in Chennai. After her marriage, she relocated to Pittsburgh, PA, before settling in Boston in 1973. She completed one year of pathology residency, followed by three years of anesthesiology residency before deciding she preferred the direct interaction with patients in a primary care capacity. Therefore, she decided to focus her attention on this area.



She became Medical Director of Employee Health at New England Life Insurance Company for 23 years until it closed after a merger with MetLife. Dr. Goswami now works in the JFK Building with Federal Employee Health and Mass. Rehabilitation Commission, adjudicating disability claims and as a consultant with several physical therapy clinics.

Dr. Goswami lives in Jamaica Plain, Boston. She has one son who is an anesthesiologist at Cooley Dickinson Hospital, North Hampton, and one daughter who manages a retail store in the Prudential Center and who enjoys yoga.