



MOCAAPI Newsletter

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American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin

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President

Anil K. Gupta, MD

Dear Dr. Gupta:

We appreciate you being a valued member of the MOCAAPI family. We have several exciting events coming up this summer and fall. Here is a quick update:

Charitable Golf Outing

July 7th, 2010

The 3rd Annual Charitable MOCAAPI Golf Outing was a huge success. More than 70 golfers played to raise money for the local charities supported by MOCAAPI. It was a record hot and humid day but the commitment of the sponsors and the players was very commendable and greatly appreciated.

Please [read full report](#) and enjoy the [pictures](#).



Summer Family Picnic

Sat Aug 14th Holmdel
Park

Come and enjoy an entire afternoon of outdoor fun, food and games with the entire family. This year's summer picnic has been



Picnic

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opened up to all physicians and their families from Monmouth and Ocean Counties. So feel free to invite even the non-Indian physician colleagues at your hospital or practice. We request that you register early as space may be limited. The registration is only \$ 25 per person age 18 and above. Kids under 18 are free. Please contact [Dr. Jay Mirchandani](#) for more details. You may also visit our [website](#) for details.



MOCAAPI Royal Gala

Shadowbrook, Shrewsbury Sunday, Oct. 10th

The Gala committee is working hard to prepare for the [Second Annual MOCAAPI Gala](#). After the sell out success last year we expect to be sold out soon. Invitations should reach you soon but you do not have to wait. The individual ticket prices are \$ 150 per person. Reservations are on a first come basis and requires pre-payment. Members only deadline expires July 31st.



This years Gala would support the [FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties](#). We need your support to beat the last year donation of \$ 7000 to this charity.

We have several exciting packages available for sponsors. We would also be publishing a souvenir journal this time. This is a great opportunity to advertise your business and show your support to our mission. Please click here for [details](#).

Resolutions Passed

General Body meeting 06/18/2010

After careful deliberation, the members approved the following resolutions at the General Body Meeting held at Mansion on the Plaza in Brick on June 18th, 2010:

1. Our bylaws do not prohibit physicians to be accompanied by spouses during MOCAAPI events. It is the responsibility of the sponsoring organization to inform MOCAAPI and all prospective attendees in writing before agreeing to sponsor any of our events, if the attendance would be restricted. Further, the sponsors would be responsible to monitor compliance to any applicable guidelines or policies that they might be subject to. Attendees agree to attend all events at their own discretion and responsibility. They are encouraged to verify with the sponsors if they feel that their attendance might be restricted. MOCAAPI can not assume any liability for the attendance or non-attendance of any members or non members during any events.
2. MOCAAPI as an organization would not endorse, promote or facilitate in any way one member over the other, if more than one members are contesting for any elected or non elected position, whether at MOCAAPI or at any other institution or organization.
3. It is agreed that Business Meetings of MOCAAPI, including Executive Committee and other Committee meeting, could be held at any location as approved by the Chair of the Committee or the majority of the Committee members. However at this time, General Body Meetings of the organization are prohibited to be held at any personal/private residence or office.
4. Members of MOCAAPI, from time to time, may notify the MOCAAPI President (or any designated officer) of important events affecting their lives or practices; the officer, at his discretion, may disseminate that information to other MOCAAPI members via e-mail or other means, as long as the contents are not malicious nor adversely affect the interests of other members. Similarly MOCAAPI may also send at its discretion any other information, social, cultural, professional, educational or of a charitable nature to its members, which is judged to be of interest to its members.
5. Members wishing to disseminate information about promoting their practice or any other activity are encouraged to consider advertising on our website for a fee. Members may also request MOCAAPI to broadcast promotional information by paying a mutually agreeable fee for that purpose. MOCAAPI Officers reserve the right to approve or reject all such requests with or without any reason.

Patron Membership of AAPI

\$ 100 for young physicians

AAPI has extended the offer to sign-up for Patron Membership for \$ 100 for Residents, Fellows and Physicians who are less than 5 years after training until October 31st, 2010. You would need to be nominated by an existing patron AAPI member to get this discounted rate. Please call AAPI at 630-990-2277 for questions or visit the www.aapiusa.org for details.

Supporting Local Charities

Toms River Police Foundation

MOCAAPI is proud to donate \$ 1000 to support our local law enforcement. Please [read on](#) for more details.

Ocean of Love

This is a charity which helps children with cancers in Ocean County.

SEPTA

Special Education PTA



TR Police Foundation

If there is a local charity you would like MOCAAPI to support, please send in your suggestions to [Dr. Akshay Patel](#), Chair of Charitable committee for consideration.

Health Screening Fairs

Free Screening offered

As last year we would be having two Free Medical Health Screening Fairs this summer- one in Monmouth and the other in Ocean county.

Shark River Park, Neptune
July 11th, Sunday 11 AM to 1 PM
[Read More](#)
[Download flyer](#)

North Dover Elementary School
Church Road, Toms River
July 31st, Saturday 9 AM to 1 PM

[Read More](#)
[Download flyer](#)

Please contact [Akshay Patel, MD](#) or [Jayesh Parikh, MD](#) if you wish to be a volunteer.

New patron Members

Dr. Richard Deworsop, MD

Psychiatry
1163 Route 37 W Ste C1
Toms River, NJ 08755
732-244-4807



Deworsop

Dr. Jai Mirchandani, MD

Gastroenterology
Gastroenterologists of Ocean County, PA
477 Lakehurst Road
Toms River, NJ 08755
732-349-4422



Mirchandani

Indian American Scientist murdered

AAPI condemns the heinous crime

Dr. Divyendu Sinha, a 49-year old scientist, was severely beaten by five assailants while walking with his family in Old Bridge, New Jersey. He later died of a head injury from the assault. Numerous charges were brought against five teenagers, all under the age of 18, including murder and aggravated assault. Please [read the report](#) from Star Ledger. MOCAAPI reached out to AAPI to address the issue with the authorities. Please [read the press release](#) and the [letter](#) sent to Governor Chris Christie.

Community News

Dr. Anil Gupta elected Regional



Director

Dr. Anil Gupta from Toms River was elected the Regional Director of the AAPI Mid-Atlantic II Region 10 which includes NJ and PA. Until now NY, NJ and PA were all part of the same region. Because of large number of members in this region and to give them better representation in the Executive Committee, the Mid Atlantic Region was split into I and II. Dr. Sherwan Bagla was appointed the Regional Director for the Mid-Atlantic I (which covers NY) and Dr. Gupta takes over Mid-Atlantic II region.



Obituary

Dr. Awani Kumar's mother passed away

It is with great sorrow that we inform you that Dr. Awani Kumar's mother passed away in Bihar, India on June 20th. The entire MOCAAPI family expresses its condolences to Awani and joins him and his family in prayers during this difficult time.

Articles of Interest

[Comparison of Pulmonary Function in immigrant versus US born Asian Indians](#)

[Reference Values for Pulmonary Function in Asian Indians living in the United States](#)

[Indian Americans and the cardio-metabolic syndrome](#)

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

Sincerely,

Anil K. Gupta, MD
President, MOCAAPI

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