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Message From The Immediate Past President 2018-2019

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

A big thanks to all the attendees at the recently concluded 35th MAMCOAANA Convention in Chicago. It was wonderful to see so many people with family – reconnecting with their batchmates. It was cool that even the kids connected and formed new friendships.

I really appreciate the contributions of the CME Speakers and hope to see the MAMCOAANA family grow and attract a bigger audience next year.



Looking forward the 36th Convention under the leadership of Dr Rajesh Malik. Hope to see you all there with your families.

Warmest Regards,

Sunil Malkani (1989 Batch)

Message From The President 2019-2020

Dear Maulanians in North America

I am humbled by the trusted vote of confidence from all of you, to lead MAMCOAANA as your president for the year 2019-2020. We share a common goal to remain connected and involved in the mutual growth at personal and organizational level and I hope to further that for us, and our families.



I still vividly recall the month of November/December 1996, when I landed in JFK for my interviews for residency. I had no place to go in NY, and had no idea how I would manage once I landed at the airport. Alone and rather short on ideas and money, I was helped that day by a Maulanian who had come to airport to pick up some other person. Thereafter I met many Maulanians during the course of my residency who helped me at every step. After my residency, I had to go back to India because I couldn't find a J1-waiver in time, and again I was subsequently rescued by a Maulanian in processing my subsequent visa and work status to be in the United States. A senior Maulanian from Melbourne, Florida was one those so instrumental in my journey to work and live in this land of dreams called USA. I am sure many of us can relate to my struggles, experiences. And it is to you – the Maulanians out there – that I owe some of my story and achievements. Thank you!

After coming back to USA in October 2002, like so many of us, I got busy with just living my life, finding my place to place my roots, build a home, have a family and start a private practice.

I recall attending my very first MAMCOAANA in Philadelphia 2011, hosted by Dr Vikas Khurana, and his wife Dr. Ritu Khurana. Being able to meet so many people we knew and then a lot more that I met for first time was indescribable. It gave a sense of friendship, home and warmth that nothing can equal. Over the years it now feels like a family reunion that I love attending with my wife and daughters every year.

Becoming a lifetime member of MAMCOAANA seemed to seal this connection of family and friendship – a commitment from me to my MAMC brotherhood, and a commitment from MAMCOAANA to me for forever warmth.

I urge each one of you to consider becoming life members of MAMCOAANA. Your membership fee allows the organization to stay alive for future Maulanians so they may find a similar platform for themselves when they are ready to re-establish the bonds they left behind in their alma mater. As in the past few years, we are reducing life membership rates until the end of 2019 again.

I personally invite all Maulanians, with family, to the 36th annual convention in Hard Rock Hotel, Atlantic City in July 2020. Cyber connections aside, there is nothing quite like the old fashioned, yet never out of fashion, face to face interaction. We have come a long way from where we started 36 years ago as an organization, and with the hard work done by our predecessors; we have a sound framework to be able to enjoy the exceptional CME, great entertainment and the priceless 'gupshup' that is forever rejuvenating like nothing else is.

Life membership enrollments are open already. Stay tuned for updates and convention registrations for Atlantic City, NJ 2020, on mamcoaana.org

Rajesh Malik, MD (1990 Batch)

The Editor's Inky Notes

And I pull out another magical edition for everyone to enjoy. Sometimes I have wondered why do I do this? Why do I care to spend my time in a life already filled with 'no-time' towards MAMCOAANA and its whimsical magazine? ...And the answer has come to me at random times when I am not even necessarily doing anything with my alumni, its association or the magazine. I do this I think to relive a certain period of my very young days – a time that was steeped in the carefree joy and promise that only those years of one's youth bring. The alumni meeting, the chatter, the begging for articles for a magazine, its designing, then declaring to everyone that they must read it...it all brings a smile to my face, and I hope yours as you reminisce your good old days. Not to say that the present is bad, but only to emphasize that the years gone by are never forgotten ☺

Tarang Sharma, MD



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Minutes of GBM: MAMCOAANA 2019 Annual Convention

July 27, 2019 at Noon, Swissotel, Chicago

Life members/membership:

Dr Sunil Malkani mentioned that there were several new members to MAMCOAANA this year. He welcomed all new members to the organization. Motion made by Dr. Alok Maheshwari to extend discounted life membership rates again to Dec 31, 2019 this year, seconded by Dr. Vivek Mishra, agreed unanimously.

Treasurer Update:

- Dr. Bhushan Pandya and Dr. Ajay Goel gave the update. Dr. Pandya made everyone aware that Dr. Ashutosh Gupta has passed on the responsibility of the account to Dr. Goel.
- Merrill Lynch account was discussed by Dr. Goel. New membership dues go to this account. It is a conservative account and is used to run operating expenses of MAMCOAANA. It is also used to make up shortfalls in convention expenses, if any.
- The convention account is managed by Dr. Pandya.
- Drs. Pandya and Goel met with the financial advisor recently and will meet them periodically.

By-laws:

Dr. Malkani informs the GBM that the EC proposed changes in bylaws. Key material changes are to have a joint treasurer appointment for an initial term of 2yrs and the treasurer an initial term of 5yrs. Subsequent terms to be of 5yrs for each post with no term limits on re-elections. The purpose is to provide continuity to the treasurer's office over the next several years. Dr. Vivek Mishra made a motion to approve these terms, Dr. Alok Maheshwari seconds, agreed unanimously and the motion is passed. The updated by-laws as proposed and approved will be posted on the website shortly.

Education/projects:

Discussed with Dr. Tyagi by the EC initially and an update given to GBM, to coordinate with MAMC to have workshops in India and revive the guest lecture series. Final details and formalities have to be worked with the dean. Alok adds a small history - guest lecture series was started 3yrs ago in 2016 with guest lectures to be approved by the MAMCOAANA CME chair, and then India. The hope is to revive this and more. Dr. Malkani asked MAMCOAANA to stay tuned for more developments and updates on the website. Dr. Bhushan Pandya reminds everyone of bylaws which mention goals of MAMCOAANA. There is a liaison that could be appointed to be the point person to coordinate and initiate such educational series.

GBM was updated on Mamcoaana sponsored mission trips to provide voluntary patient care - 5k/ year budgeted. This was not used last year, but is available for use with approval of GBM, as directed by EC. Dr Vikas Khurana has a potential project in this regard to be discussed outside of GBM with the president.

Officers for 2019-2020:

Nominated by EC and approved unanimously by the GBM

A. Officers:

- a. President- Dr Rajesh Malik
- b. President Elect- Dr Ashish Dua
- c. Secretary- Dr Indranil Chakraborty
- d. Treasurer – Dr Bhushan Pandya (for 5 years term)
- e. Joint Treasurer- Dr Ajay Goel (for initial 2 years term)
- f. Immediate past president- Dr Sunil Malkani

B. Members at large: (Four members at large from active membership).

Dr. Nidhi Gupta, Dr. Ritu Munjal, Dr. Mini Gupta, Dr Ajay Rawal

C. Chairpersons of standing committees:

a. Bylaws Committee-

Chair: Dr Vivek Mishra

Members: Dr Vivek Mishra, Dr Alok Maheshwari

b. Membership Committee- to be filled by EC

c. Liaison Committee- to be filled by EC

d. Convention Committee- to be filled by EC

e. CME committee- Chair: Dr Bharti Khurana

f. Publication committee-

Chair: Dr Tarang Sharma

Members: Dr Alok Maheshwari, Dr Randeep Suneja, Dr Tarang Sharma

D. Honorary members: (They will be non-voting members)

a. Honorary Webmaster: Dr Nikhil Goyal

b. Other Honorary members: Dr Randeep Suneja, Dr Bobby Batra, Dr Vikas Khurana, Dr Reema Chugh

Dr Rajesh Malik takes over as the president. He addressed the GBM to invite everyone to Atlantic City July 30-Aug 2. He requests everyone to bring at least one new member with them.

Meeting adjourned.

Addendum: In the EC meeting held by conference call on Sept 17, 2019, the above slate of officers was confirmed. Dr. Alok Maheshwari was appointed as the Chair of Membership Committee by the current EC. Convention committee and Liaison Committee chairs will be appointed for this year if felt needed by the EC and on its behalf, by the president.

Welcome From The CME Chair

Dear Friends,

It is my great pleasure and honor to welcome you to the 35th Annual Convention of MAMCOAANA CME conference taking place on July 26-27, 2019, in Chicago, Illinois. The conference is accredited by the University of Arizona College of Medicine - Tucson to provide 8 hours of CME. The objective of this meeting is to present advances in the field of medicine and encourage physicians to apply new knowledge and strategies that will improve patient outcomes by discussing new trends and treatments. Based on your feedback, this year we have modified the program



to include pediatric topics in addition to extremely relevant discussions on advances in diabetes management, peritoneal dialysis, and endovascular interventions. Cutting edge topics such as biomedical device innovation, MR guided focused ultrasound, and physician wellness will also be discussed. Along with these outstanding didactic talks, for the first time in this convention we will be hosting a panel discussion that will feature renowned experts from oncology, surgery, pathology, and gastroenterology.

As always, we look forward to having several round table discussions that will give each attendee an opportunity for interactive discussion on sharing practical challenges and experiences with the experts in the field.

With this in mind, I have invited a fantastic group of speakers to share their expertise and knowledge with us. The meeting will also provide a good platform for exchange of ideas, mentorship, networking, and foster ties with our alma mater. I would like to thank our President and my MAMC batchmate, Dr. Sunil Malkani and our charismatic first lady, Dr. Manjari Gambhir, as well as the executive and convention committee members for planning a fantastic convention for us. I wish you a wonderful MAMCOAANA experience and an enjoyable stay in Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

Bharti Khurana, MD

The Dean Of MAMC Attends MAMCOAANA 2019

The 35th MAMCOAANA Convention in Chicago was graced by the presence of the 19th Dean of MAMC Professor Dr. Sanjay Tyagi. He was the keynote speaker in the well-attended CME session where he narrated the history and accomplishments of MAMC especially in the field of cardiology. Dr Tyagi himself did his post graduation at MAMC and subsequently also completed DM in Cardiology in 1985 at the GB Pant Hospital in MAMC and subsequently joined the faculty of Maulana Azad Medical College. He became the Dean of Maulana Azad Medical College in November 2018. He is currently also continuing his leadership role as the Director of GB Pant Institute Of Post Graduate Education and Research, Delhi.



Describing the rich history of our institution, he reminded everyone that Maulana Azad Medical College is named after the renowned freedom fighter, patriot and the first education minister of India - Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad. The foundation of MAMC was laid on October 24, 1959 by the home minister, Mr. GB Pant at the site of the old central jail. Prime Minister Nehru inaugurated the building on 26th February 1961. As a premier medical Institution in the nation, that is currently spread on 122 acres, the various constituents of MAMC Complex now include MAMC, LNJP Hospital, GB Pant Institute Of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research (GB Pant Hospital, Gurunanak Eye Centre, Maulana Azad Institute Of Dental Sciences). Celebrating its 60th anniversary recently, MAMC has now graduated 8806 medical students and 4592 postgraduates who are practicing medicine not only in all parts of India but all over the world. Almost 2000 maulanians call USA their home. Dr. Tyagi shared that based on numerous surveys; MAMC has repeatedly finished in the in top three medical colleges in the nation over the years. This statement was received with a warm and enthusiastic applause.



Dr Tyagi also elaborated that the MAMC complex is now one of the largest hospitals in the country with a total of 2800 beds, equipped with 47 operation theaters and boasts a faculty Of 479 physicians with a total of 810 residents, as well as one of the largest residency programs of India.

He proudly shared that the cardiology fellowship program (DM Cardiology) at MAMC / GB Pant has been repeatedly ranked the #1 program in the country even ahead of AIIMS for the last decade.



At the Gala Dinner at MAMCOAANA 2019, Dr Tyagi awarded certificates to the CME presenters and congratulated the President Dr. Sunil Malkani and CME Chair Dr. Bharti Khurana for organizing a great convention and an excellent CME. During his brief speech at the gala, he expressed pride in the great work all MAMC graduates were doing in serving their patients here in the US, their adopted homeland, far away from their mother land, yet still connected to their alma mater. He concluded by thanking everyone present for the warm reception he

received and the wonderful memories he was taking back home along with the beautiful friendships he had cultivated during his visit. He also invited all the MAMC Alumni in the US to continue the journey of learning by exchanging knowledge and skills with the faculty and students of MAMC by participating in conferences of the college and publishing in the MAMC Medical Journal.

- Randeep Suneja, MD

MAMCOAANA In Pictures: A Glimpse







Bird's Eye View: MAMCOAANA 2019

35th Annual Reunion kicked off at an awesome location at Swissotel Chicago with a view of the lake and river on Thursday evening July 25, 2019. Dear Dr. and Dr. (Mrs.) Malkani opened the house with lots of love and warmth. Great evening of Mehfil-e-MAMC with DJ and amateur performers entertaining the attendees as they arrived from all over the country. Songs from 1970 to 1990 and onwards, new and old vibes filled the air bringing the guzra zamaana back!

Diya, daughter of Dr. Chakraborty especially mesmerized the audience with inimitable performance of 'Piya tu ab to aaja' in a wonderful rendering getting a standing applause. Numerous sweet numbers by different aspiring singers followed this as people clapped, sang along and danced away to it all.

Friday morning started with great CME presentations to update all to current concepts about diabetes, colorectal cancer and pediatric endocrinology to name a few. Dr. Joseph from PGI Chandigarh shared updates regarding biomedical innovations happening there.

Following the CME, maulanians then followed a somewhat different schedule at a 'boat' on N Shore Beach on Lake Shore Drive. Good lunch of Mexican and Chinese cuisine, with chilled drinks, lemonade and more as people sunned themselves and chatted away. Wonderful live music with dholak and tabla was presented live to boot! After their khana peena, chatter and snooze people got all energetic and played rassa-khinchi (tug of war), jump rope, and other games. It was a lazy afternoon, full of bonding experiences for the attending alumni.

Had a nice sit down breakfast with Randeep Suneja on Saturday morning. The official Saturday started with four hours of continued CME with another slate of great speakers addressing many contemporary topics and new developments. Salute to Bharti Khurana for organizing a very high quality CME program.

The Dean Sahib told me about the much needed improvements happening to the rest rooms/toilets at the college campus. That will be fantastic. Not to have to smell in Path Block will be a great relief!!!! (I had to mention that!)

Evening Gala event Saturday evening. Social hour started at 630 pm, as people dressed up to the 'ashiqui' theme of shades of red. The evening was full of pyro technique performers, juggling, dancing by children, Maulanian couples, certificates presented by the Dean to the CME speakers, dinner and dancing.

Special mention was made by Dr. Ajay Goel for Dr. Ashutosh Gupta who did not attend MAMCOAANA for the first time in 35 years – but for what a reason – he had just become a voluntary donor of a kidney for the good of mankind. What a great contribution to continued spirit of life! Ashutosh had been felicitated by MAMCOAANA in 2015 in Houston. God bless Mama Jee!

Then dance and music into late night based on theme of Aashiqui from 80-90s. Great performances by all! And now I will stop. Ask you all to come to Atlantic City NJ for 36th MAMCOAANA at the Hard Rock Hotel, last Thursday of July 2020.

- Vimal Sodhi, MD

Editor's Note: Dr. Sodhi submits a summary without fail, every year, even before he departs from the conclusion of MAMCOAANA! I love to publish the largely unedited version of his notations of MAMCOAANA, so dutifully and promptly submitted each time, in his own flavor. Thank you Dr. Sodhi!

Dr DDS Kulpati: Memories Of An Incredible Mentor and an Excellent Clinician.

I have wonderful memories of doing my House job in Medicine at LNJP Hospital under Dr DDS Kulpati in the first half of 1984 when he was the Professor Of Medicine at MAMC . I remember him as a very dedicated teacher whose passion for teaching was exemplary . I vividly remember his emphasis on mastering clinical skills which he firmly believed were fundamentally important in becoming a good physician. He engaged his students very well in the learning process and expected nothing short of excellence , a characteristic he himself exhibited as a great role model. His respect for patients reflected in his kindness and compassion towards them.

He joined the faculty of MAMC after finishing his Postgraduate (MD) in Medicine at the prestigious AIIMS. He later became the Head Of The Department Of Medicine Of MAMC and subsequently went into Private Practice and was the Head Of Pulmonary Medicine At Sir Ganga Ram Hospital .

Dr Kulpati was an eminent Pulmonologist in New Delhi and was practicing at Ganga Ram and South Delhi until he recently passed away . He is widely acclaimed for his pioneering work in the diagnosis of smear negative pulmonary tuberculosis by fiber optic bronchoscopy. In the past two decades , he became a highly regarded expert on Air Pollution .



Dr Kulpati also served as the president of National College Of Chest Physicians of India from 2002-2003.

Although it has been more than 35 years , I still have very fond memories of Dr Kulpati doing rounds with my colleagues Dr Rajiv Verma and Dr Sohail Raoff in the medicine wards of LNJP Hospital. He had a commanding personality and was always sharply dressed in his well tailored attire with stylish glasses exuding confidence . His legacy will be remembered in the enormous impact he had on thousands of medical students and young physicians during his several decades of academic career .

Let us celebrate his life reflected in his love of medicine and teaching by sharing our knowledge and skills with our students and colleagues.

We are so Blessed to be Maulanians !!!

- Randeep Suneja, MD

Golgappe With Dr. Arun Kakar

It was raining really hard...cats, dogs and monkeys! We were already late for the Association of Indian Physicians' dinner. Some streets were starting to partially flood. The venue, American Sign Museum, was in an unfamiliar part of downtown. We were glad to see valet available as we did not have an umbrella in the car.

As we entered the museum we were greeted by the usual folks at the reception desk followed by pharmaceutical industry booths and display, some familiar, some not. After making stops at the usual spots and thanking the people for supporting us, we entered the main event area. The smiles and chatter multiplied and we felt at home like any other desi event. Greeting each other, cracking jokes and giving hugs we moved through the crowd.

Suddenly an old familiar face caught my eye. "Dr Kakar! Is that Dr. Kakar?", I said to myself. I gleefully walked towards him and other Maulanians that were standing next to him. His son, whom I had met a year before at Karva chauth celebration at my house, looked at me and said, " Sachdeva Saab! Here is my dad. I had promised you that I would bring him when he comes to Cincinnati". I then touched his feet as is customary in our culture and he with his beaming smile and "Arey nahin yaar" hugged me.

The Selfies and pictures when shared on social media, ignited the Maulanian spirit and excitement amongst old students of his, especially Tarang and Pankaj and the idea of "Golgappe & Grand Rounds with Prof Arun K Kakar" was conceived. As one put it, "Wouldn't it be nice to have a reunion with our surgery professor and relive the old days of surgery wards"? He graciously accepted the invitation and planning for a fun filled afternoon started. Although excitement was palpable, Video teasers and flyers drummed up the enthusiasm even more.

Fellow Maulanians drove hundreds of miles, interrupted their schedule, altered their plans to be together and meet Professor Kakar and make Memorial day 2019 at truly memorable one!

Finally the day arrived. Friends and fellow Maulanians started trickling in. Smiles, Hugs and vernacular greetings like, "Arey tum to bilkul nahin badle!" followed. Chatter, giggles and laughter abound. Then the moment of pure joy arrived, when Dr Kakar and family walked in. Former students, present colleagues greeted and hugged each other. The tradition of touching the feet of one's guru survived our Americanization. Maulanian camaraderie is infectious and it was visible in the mingling of diverse age groups of physicians who share the unbreakable bond to their Alma Mater. Gol Gappe, Gup Shup and lunch followed.

Now it was time to sit down, have chai and go down the memory lane. Dr Kakar shared his journey. Fifty five years ago he joined MAMC. He, like many of us, was expected to become a doctor. His elder cousin brother had become an engineer, so medical route was expected and obvious choice. " Ek beta doctor, ek beta engineer", as his grandfather would say.

He had won the National Scholarship and did not have to worry about medical college expenses. Looking back he fondly remembered his teachers, who treated him like family and always keeping student's best interest in mind, but did not shy away from making critical observations. Teachers of that era were accomplished, dedicated, admired and well read. He thinks that they do not

make them anymore. After finishing his MBBS, he wanted to become a cardiologist and that too only under the famous Dr Padmavati. As fate would have it, Dr Padmavati thought that Arun should pursue surgery. So he decided to be a surgery resident under the best surgery professor of his time, Dr Nair.

Dr Kakar has a distinct inimitable style and swagger. So we decided to give him a taste of his own medicine! He was tested and teased with a special edition of "Household Instrument viva" and "Musical Diagnosis". And then it was time to say goodbyes but with a promise of future tete e tete over Gol Gappe and Aam Panna! Long live MAMC and Maulanian spirit.

- Manish Sachdeva MD



Once Upon A Time In Cincinnati

It was Sunday morning, I woke up to a sense of urgency as if it were a work day. I did have to make hospital rounds, as I do everyday, but I usually do not get stressed looking at the clock. It was 855 AM. I had to be at a memorial service at 10 AM. I had been at a ghazal night the evening before and came to know of the memorial service being planned for today.

A few days earlier, a mentally ill person went on a shooting rampage at the Fifth-Third Center in downtown Cincinnati and killed three people. I had seen the news alert on my phone and I will be honest it was disturbing as it was so close to home. Still I was able to put it off, reminding myself that these kinds of things happen in downtown areas. Then the names of victims started to come out and one name "Pruthvi Raj Kandepi stood out. Indian name, I thought to myself. At that time I realized I had so many friends who worked downtown at UC, P&G and others and any of those could not have been affected too. More information started to trickle in on different WhatsApp groups. Some people blamed the guns, others blamed the system. Suddenly it started to seem much closer and not just out somewhere downtown.

By the time I got out of bed and had my morning tea, it was already 910 AM and I started to feel irritated at being rushed on a Sunday. If only I had not stayed past midnight at the Ghazal concert, If only I had woken up an hour earlier. As I kept going through the daily morning chores, these thoughts keep crossing my head. My wife asked me, "You are going, right?". I looked at her and complained, "I am so late. I don't know what to wear? I will be late for the hospital rounds. I have to iron my shirt. Do I have a black suit." Hoping she will say, you don't have to go. But she did not say anything like that. She went to the kitchen to make breakfast and I continued with getting ready. In my heart, I wanted to go too. It just seemed to be the right thing to do.

Driving to the Memorial service place, I was not thinking much. I was just busy finishing my egg sandwich and hot tea, that my wife had made, like everyday she would give me as she kissed goodbye. I reached my destination and parked my car and started walking towards the main entrance. It was drizzling, enough to form shiny mist on my black tie. As I entered the ceremony hall, I saw unfamiliar faces. The service had already started as I was late by 10 minutes. People were lighting candles in the front corner where a portrait of deceased Pruthvi stood, smiling. I stood at the back for a few minutes and then decided to sit down. People walked up to the enlarged photograph of Pruthvi, lit a candle and then offered condolences and hugs to the friends standing adjacent to the picture.

I felt so annoyed by the repetitive clicking of the lighter as each new person lit the candle. I felt angry at the thought of the ritualistic lighting of the candle, as if there is nothing more we can do when somebody dies of senseless gun violence. So out of defiance I just sat there and did not light the candle. As the ceremony progressed my anger grew. The Mayor offered his thoughts and prayers and so did the CEO of the company where Pruthvi worked. Are these politicians here so they can get votes, or they are here because they feel about the issue and have joined politics to find a solution, I began to wonder.

Then the friends started talking about Pruthvi and I started relating to him as if he was somebody I would have been friends with. They described his easy going attitude towards life, camaraderie, friendship and zest for life. The struggles he had been through, his brotherly fights with his sister, just a regular guy minding his own business before the gun violence snatched him from his parents', his sister's, his friends' lives. "He liked to cook", they said. He would cook and invite friends over and they would talk and talk. And I could relate to that bonding over a meal. Several years ago, while doing residency, I had experienced the same. I shared an apartment with a fellow resident. I could cook and when we got a weekend off or sometimes even at a moment's notice we would gather and share meals together and just talk.

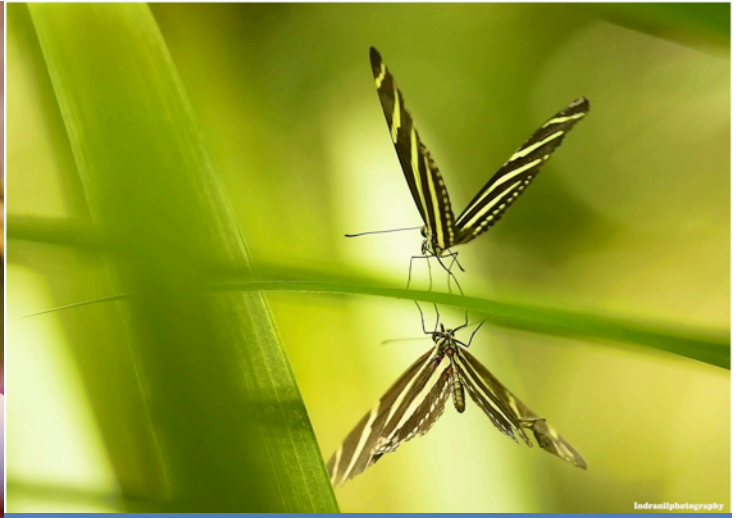
As I sat there, I thought how this guy had touched lives even after his death. So many people who did not know him were here and felt tickled by stories of his friendship, charity and brotherhood. I felt humbled and honored to be able to come and share into the life of Pruthvi Raj Kadupe.

I decided to spend more time with my family and friends. Tell them how much I love them everyday. Give to others and celebrate our common bond of humanity. We are all together in this journey around the sun and through space.

(Reflecting on the one year anniversary of the senseless killing of Pruthvi Raj Kandepi on Sept 06, 2018). The author is a physician in Cincinnati, Ohio

- Manish Sachdeva MD

A Thing Of Beauty...



Editor's Note: I have to brag about the keen photography skills of my batchmate – Dr. Indranil Chakraborty (we of the 1990 batch) – ‘stole’ these photos from his posts on facebook! Some other shutter-whizzes that I know are our own immediate past president Dr. Sunil Malkani, as well as Dr. Ajay Rawal, both from the 1989 batch. And I am sure there are more! Your contributions would be welcome ☺

MAMCOAANA 2020



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